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RESPONSE TO CLARIFICATION AND AMENDMENT ONE

Request for Bids-Small Works (One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country: *The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia*

Name of Project: *Horn of Africa - Groundwater for Resilience Project*

Contract Title: *Civil Works, Supply and Installation of Pipes and Fittings, Design Review, Supply and Installation of Electromechanical Equipment for Qaxe RPS (Arero Woreda) in Borena Zone, Oromia National Regional State*

Grant No.: *IDA-E0120*

RFB Reference No.: *ET-MOWE - PIT-573767-CW-RFB*

With reference to the above-mentioned bid announcement, clarification requests have been received, and the following amendments are hereby made to the bidding document:

1. **Bidder's Request:** *''We kindly request your good office to extend the bid submission date by additional 15 days''*

   MoWE's Response: The request for an extension of the bid submission deadline has been duly reviewed. However, no substantive justification warranting such an extension was provided. Following careful consideration, the Ministry confirms that a **total bid preparation period of thirty-three (33) days** has been granted to all prospective bidders, which exceeds the standard minimum period of twenty-eight (28) days applicable to National Competitive Bidding procedures.

   The Ministry considers the time provided to be adequate and reasonable, taking into account the nature, scope, and complexity of the procurement requirements. Furthermore, this procurement constitutes a **critical component of the project implementation schedule**, and any further extension would adversely affect subsequent procurement activities, including bid opening, evaluation, contract award, contract finalization, and commencement of the works.

   In addition, maintaining the established submission deadline is necessary to ensure the **fair, transparent, consistent, and equitable treatment of all prospective bidders**. Accordingly, the request for an extension of the bid submission deadline is **not accepted**, and the **deadline for bid submission shall remain unchanged as stipulated in the Bidding Document and subsequent amendments**.

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2. **Bidder's Request:** '' We have observed that, as per the bid qualification Criteria, a joint Venture is applicable; however, in the bid data sheet it is stated as not applicable. Therefore, we kindly request you to officially clarify the above-mentioned issue regarding the Joint Venture Requirement''

   MoWE's Response: In the bidding document issued bid data sheet ITB 4.1 the existing clause states **Bidders are not allowed to participate in Joint Venture.** This ITB 4.1 clause has been replaced with: **Maximum number of members in the Joint Venture (JV) shall be: Two (2).**

3. **Bidder's Request: 4.2 (a)Specific Construction & Contract Management Experience**

   Minimum Number and Value of Similar Contract: A minimum number of *2* similar contracts specified below that have been satisfactorily and completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor between **1st January 2021** and bid submission deadline:

   Two (2) contracts & a value of ***Qaxe RPS Rural Pipe System -:ETB 160,000,000 or 2 contracts each value greater than or equal to ETB 80,000,000.***

   In this regard, we kindly request clarification on whether a bidder with two successfully completed similar contracts value at ETB150,000,000and ETB15,000,000,respectively ,with a combined value of ETB165,000,000,would satisfy the qualification requirement, considering that the combined value exceedsETB160,000,000.

   MoWE's Response: 4.2 (a)Specific Construction & Contract Management Experience

   .....Two (2) contracts & a value of Qaxe RPS Rural Pipe System -:ETB 160,000,000 or 2 contracts each value greater than or equal to ETB 80,000,000.

   This has been replaced with

   Qaxe RPS Rural Pipe System -: One (1) contracts a value of ETB 160,000,000 or 2 contracts each value greater than or equal to ETB 80,000,000.

   Further,a bidder who has successfully executed two contracts of a similar nature, valued at ETB 150,000,000 and ETB 15,000,000, respectively, with a cumulative value of ETB 165,000,000, shall be considered compliant with the qualification requirement, since the total value exceeds the minimum required amount of ETB 160,000,000.

4. **Acceptability of Urban or Town Water Supply projects as similar experience**

   The Tender document specifies

   '*The similarity of the contracts shall be based on the following: Rural Pipe Water Supply System: Construction (Civil work, Pipe supply and laying, electromechanical supply and installation and water points construction'*

   We kindly request clarification on whether successfully completed urban or town water supply projects involving comparable civil works, pipe supply and laying, electromechanical supply and installation, and Water Point Construction would be accepted as similar contracts for qualification purposes or whether previous experience must specifically involve rural pipe water supply systems.

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MoWE's Response: Successfully completed urban or town water supply projects involving comparable civil works, pipe supply and laying, electromechanical supply and installation, and Water Point Construction is acceptable as similar contracts.

5. The addresses for further clarification are:

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