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23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024

**To All Bidders**

**NAIROBI WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT**

**CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR WESTERN NAIROBI WATER TRANSMISSION  
SYSTEM AND SEWERAGE NETWORKS; IPC NO. AWWDA/AFD/NWSP/W-  
2A/2023**

**RE: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS NO.1 ON THE ISSUED  
PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENT**

Reference is made to the ongoing procurement of works for the Construction Works for Western Nairobi Water Transmission System and Sewerage Networks. IPC NO. AWWDA/AFD/NWSP/W-2A/2023.

Pursuant to Section I - Instruction to Applicants (ITA), Clause 7.1, please find attached responses to clarifications as sought on the prequalification document.

All bidders are further notified that the prequalification document submission deadline has been extended from **4<sup>th</sup> September 2024** to **18<sup>th</sup> September 2024** at 12:00pm East African Time.



**ENG. BONNIE NYANDWARO,  
FOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.**

Encl.

**ATHI WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AWWDA)**

**Project Name: NAIROBI WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT**

**Credit No.1135**

**CONTRACT NAME - CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR WESTERN NAIROBI WATER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND SEWERAGE NETWORKS**

**IFB No: AWWDA/AFD/NWSP/W-2A/2023**

**RESPONSES TO CLARIFICATIONS**

NO.	TENDER DOC.	DESCRIPTION	BID CLARIFICATION REQUESTED	RESPONSE
1.	Prequalification Document – Part 1: Pre-qualification Procedures	Section III – Evaluation and Pre-qualification Criteria – Form EXP 4.1 General Construction Experience. Pg. 1-17	We would like to confirm whether it is acceptable to submit general experience documents from earlier years, beyond the specified experience under construction contracts in the role of prime contractor, joint venture (JV) member, subcontractor, or management contractor, for the last five (5) years starting from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019. Specifically, can we include relevant general experience from before 2019 to demonstrate our capability?	<b><i>Form EXP – 4.1 – The Applicant must provide general experience for the last 5 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.</i></b>  <b><i>Therefore, Only experiences completed from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 till application submission deadline will be considered.</i></b>

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2.	Prequalification Document – Part 1: Pre-qualification Procedures	Section III – Evaluation and Pre-qualification Criteria – Form EXP 4.2 (a) Specific Construction & Contract Management Experience. Pg 1-17	Additionally, we seek clarification on the submission of specific experience documents for the period before 1st January 2017. The tender documents specify that bidders should have satisfactorily and substantially completed a minimum number of similar contracts between 1st January 2017 and the application submission deadline. Can we include specific experience from earlier years to meet this requirement?	<b><i>Form EXP – 4.2(a) outlines that the applicant must a minimum of 2no. similar contracts that have been satisfactory or substantially completed between 1st January 2017 till submission deadline.</i></b>  <b><i>Therefore, only substantially and satisfactory completed contracts (with supporting evidence as outlined in Form Exp – 4.2 (a)) from 1st January 2017 will be considered.</i></b>
3.	Prequalification Document – Part 1: Pre-qualification Procedures	Section III – Evaluation and Pre-qualification Criteria – Form EXP 4.2 (b) Experience – Requirement No. 4 – Experience in Trenchless Crossing. Pg 1-20	Furthermore, we would like to inquire if trenchless technology projects completed outside East Africa can be considered valid under the criteria specified for experience in trenchless crossing. Our understanding is that the requirement includes two (2) contracts involving trenchless crossing works with a minimum internal diameter of 600 mm and above, and a minimum length of 50 in and above, using methods such as pipe jacking, micro tunneling (using a boring machine), pipe ramming, or horizontal auger boring in an African	<b><i>In line with Form EXP – 4.2 (b), Trenchless crossing works done in any African country will be considered for this criteria.</i></b>

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			country. We request confirmation on whether projects completed outside East Africa, but within Africa, and in compliance with these specifications, will be considered eligible.	
4.	Prequalification Document – Part 1: Pre-qualification Procedures	Section III – Evaluation and Pre-qualification Criteria – Form EXP 4.2 (b) Experience – Requirement No.1-3 Pg 1-18 to 1-19	<p><b>Criteria 4.2 (b) – Sub-Items 1 to 3</b></p> <p>The Applicant shall demonstrate, for each sub-item, that it has 3 minimum construction experiences in African countries, with at least one of those experiences carried out within a limited number of Eastern African countries (namely Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Sudan, South Sudan and Ethiopia). We do believe that some other Eastern African countries, such as Mozambique and Zambia, offer similar conditions that the ones targeted in the proposed Eastern African countries, in particular.</p> <p>1. The use of different pipe material (steel and ductile iron)</p>	<i>The list of acceptable Eastern African countries is extended to Mozambique, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Somalia for this criteria/ Sub-Items.</i>

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			<p>2. The logistical challenges associated to a construction project</p> <p>3. The size &amp; density of urban centers</p> <p>As such, we would like you to consider to extend the list of acceptable Eastern African countries.</p>	
5.	Pre-qualification Document – Part 1: Pre-qualification Procedures	Section III – Evaluation and Pre-qualification Criteria – Form EXP 4.2 (b) Experience – Requirement No.4 Pg 1-20	<p><b>Criteria 4.2 (b) – Sub-Item 4</b></p> <p>The Applicant shall demonstrate that it has 2 minimum construction experiences in African countries. However, no experience is requested in Eastern African countries. Do you confirm that our understanding is correct?</p>	<i>Refer to clarification no. 3</i>
6.	Prequalification Document – Part 1: Pre-qualification Procedures	Section III – Evaluation and Pre-qualification Criteria – Form EXP 4.2 (a) Specific Construction & Contract	<p><b>Criteria 4.2 (a)</b></p> <p>The Applicant shall demonstrate that it has 2 similar contracts that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or subcontractor between 1st January 2017 and application</p>	<p><b>Criteria 4.2 (a) is changed by adding the following:</b></p> <p><b><i>“All of the Contracts must have been carried out within an African Country”.</i></b></p>

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		Management Experience. Pg 1-17	submission deadline, each of minimum value of 1,700,000,000.00 Kshs.  Surprisingly, and contrary to the criteria 4.2 (b), those experiences are not limited to African countries and none of those shall have been carried out in Eastern African countries. Do you confirm that our understanding is correct?	
7.	Prequalification Document – Part 1: Pre-qualification Procedures	Section III – Evaluation and Pre-qualification Criteria – Form EXP – ESHS – Criteria 5.3 – Similar Experience. Pg 1-22	<b>Criteria 5.3</b> The Applicant shall demonstrate that it has 2 minimum construction experiences in developing & emerging countries.  Surprisingly, and contrary to the criteria 4.2 (b), those experiences are not limited to African countries and none of those shall have been carried out in Eastern African countries. Do you confirm that our understanding is correct?	<b>Criteria 5.3 is changed by adding the following:</b>  <b><i>“All of the Contracts must have been carried out within an African Country”.</i></b>

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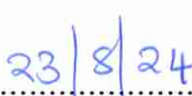
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8	Prequalification Document – Part 1: Pre-qualification Procedures	Section III – Evaluation and Pre-qualification Criteria – Criteria 6.1 – Similar Experience. Pg 1-23	<p><b>Criteria 6.1</b></p> <p>The Applicant shall demonstrate that it has 2 minimum construction experiences in an area with a similar security risk requiring the implementation of a security plan.</p> <p>Surprisingly, and contrary to the criteria 4.2 (b), those experiences are not limited to African countries and none of those shall have been carried out in Eastern African countries. Do you confirm that our understanding is correct?</p>	<p><b>Criteria 6.1 is changed by adding the following:</b></p> <p><b><i>“All of the Contracts must have been carried out within an African Country”.</i></b></p>
9	-	General	In the light of the above and the ongoing summer holidays period in Europe, we kindly request you to consider an extension of time of the submission deadline of at least 4 weeks.	<b><i>An extension of Time is granted and the new deadline for Application submission is 18th September 2024, 12.00 pm East African Time.</i></b>

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10	-	General	In order to obtain all the requirements and complete our perfect qualification documents for your further assessment, we humbly request for an extension of one month to submit the qualification documents, that is the final submission will be submitted on 4th October, 2024	<i>Refer to clarification no. 9.</i>
11	Prequalification Document – Part 1: Pre-qualification Procedures	Section III – Evaluation and Pre-qualification Criteria – Form EXP 4.2 (b) Experience – Requirement No.1-3 Pg 1-18 to 1-19	We kindly request your clarification that if we could use projects experience executed outside of Africa to meet the qualification requirements in section 4.2 (b) of Specific Experience: "Three (3) Contracts involving construction of ... and in an African country. At least one of the Contracts must have been carried out within the following Eastern African countries Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Sudan, South Sudan or Ethiopia."	<i>The list of acceptable Eastern African countries is extended to Mozambique, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Somalia.</i>

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