

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Contractors' Pre-qualification

Lot 1 : Building/General Contractors Grade I, II & III

Lot 2 : Building/General Contractors Grade IV & V

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Description: Building & General Contractors' Pre-qualification of GC/BC Grade I to Grade V for Construction of Works in Two City Administrations and All Regional States in Ethiopia

The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) is among the UN Agencies which is mandated to serve people in need by expanding the ability of the United Nations, governments and other partners to manage Projects, Infrastructure and Procurement in a sustainable and efficient manner. Within these three core areas of expertise, UNOPS provides its partners with advisory, implementation and transactional services, with projects ranging from building schools and hospitals to procuring goods and services and training local personnel. UNOPS works closely with governments and communities to ensure increased economic, social and environmental sustainability for the projects we support, with a focus on developing national capacity.

UNOPS Ethiopia Multi Country Office (EMCO) as part of achieving its mission was created covering the three Horn of Africa countries (Ethiopia, Sudan and Republic of Djibouti). UNOPS has supported the Government of Ethiopia, UN organizations and other development partners such as IGAD, KOICA since 2009. Based in Addis Ababa, our team offers a broad range of Project Management (PM), Procurement and Infrastructure Development, and Advisory Services, focusing on health, agriculture, social, humanitarian and economic sectors.

This prequalification practice is planning to prequalify contractors for incoming projects. The Contractor shall execute and complete construction and/or renovation works of buildings including site work facilities such as fencing, pavement, security and power houses, water reservoirs, septic tanks and ancillary buildings all necessary for the intended operations. The construction and/or renovation works shall be conducted in accordance with the UNOPS Contract Conditions for works and the design documents developed by UNOPS and to be communicated to the qualified Contractors in the second stage of procurement process with the release of an Invitation to Bid /Request for Proposals for a specific project.

Deadline date for submission of EOI: September 30, 2021

Posting date: September 5, 2021

1 Objectives and Scope

UNOPS Ethiopia Multi Country Office (EMCO) plans to engage with Ethiopian government and other non-governmental partners including international donors for the construction of infrastructural projects to be carried out in Two City Administrations and All Regional States in Ethiopia. In order to prepare for upcoming construction project engagements, EMCO would like to prequalify Ethiopian Registered Construction Contractors that fall under the Category of General/Building contractors of Grade one to five. A pre-qualification will be valid for a maximum of two years.

Prequalified contractors may be engaged and complete construction and/or renovation works of various types of buildings, bridges, dams (ranges from earth-fill dams to Concrete Dams), and roads (ranges from earthen roads to Bituminous roads). The civil works may also include site work facilities such as fencing, pavement, security and powerhouses, water reservoirs, septic tanks and ancillary buildings all necessary for the intended operations. The construction and/or renovation works shall be conducted in accordance with the UNOPS Contract Conditions for works and the design documents developed by UNOPS. This will be communicated to the prequalified Contractors in the second stage of procurement process with the release of an Invitation to Bid (ITB), Request for Proposals (RFP) and/or Request for Quotation (RFQ) for a specific project, which EMCO will be engaged with its partners.

2 Expected Procurement Components

The Contractor shall provide Contractor's documents specified in this prequalification document, and all the Contractor's personnel, materials, consumables, and other things and services, whether of a temporary or permanent nature, required in and for the execution, completion and remedying of defects in the works. Among others, the said construction and/or renovation works may include:

2.1 Renovation Works

- Demolishing work of partition block walls, dismantling of door-window frames and glazing, careful removal of floor tiles and screeding, removal of the ceiling decorations, equipment, removal of utilities such as cables, socket, switch and light points, sanitary fixtures, water pipes and drainage lines etc. pursuant to drawings ear-marked for demolition purposes, and cart-away all surplus materials as would be directed during the renovation work.
- Re-construction of partition block walls pursuant to Architectural Drawings.
- Installation of door-window frames and the glazing work pursuant to schedules on drawings.
- Finishing works that include plastering and painting, floor tiling and screeding, wall and ceiling decorations, waterproof finishing, etc.
- Installation of roof trusses, and roof sheeting including gutters and downpipes with proper connection to manholes on the ground.
- Installation of electrical power cables, telephone and data lines, provision of fixtures such as light points, switches, power sockets, telephone/data points and distribution boards.
- Water supply lines to all the wet rooms and utility points and connection from source including the fixtures such as the Water Closet, Hand wash, sink, shower, hand-bidets, urinals. The task may also include installation of pumps, ground water reservoirs and elevated water tanks.
- Installation of sewage drainage line from all wet rooms to the septic tanks and soakaway pits.
- Installation of mechanical items such as elevators as necessary, split-type air conditioning systems, exhaust pipe lines, extract fans, oxygen pipe lines, etc.

2.2 New Construction Works

- Setting out works from existing benchmarks, fixing levels, alignments, grids, boundaries including topographic map of the existing landscape.

- Earthwork: Excavation to the levels indicated on drawings, backfilling and cart-away of surplus material.
- Foundation works of the buildings made of masonry foundation and/or reinforced concrete footings as per structural working drawings.
- Reinforced concrete framework that would include columns, beams, slab, shear walls, retaining walls, etc. all as per structural working drawings.
- Roofing work made concrete roof slab or steel truss covered with sheeting and all the necessary gutters, downpipes, waterproofing and insulation materials as detailed on structural working drawings.
- Construction of internal and external block walls provided with heat insulations as necessary and shown on drawings and specifications.
- Installation of door-window frames and the glazing work pursuant to schedules on drawings.
- Finishing works that include plastering and painting, floor tiling and screeding, wall and ceiling decorations, waterproof finishing, etc.
- Installation of electrical power cables, telephone and data lines, provision of fixtures such as light points, switches, power sockets, telephone/data points and distribution boards.
- Water supply lines to all the wet rooms and utility points and connection from source including the fixtures such as the Water Closet, Hand wash, sink, shower, hand-bidets, urinals. The task may also include installation of pumps, ground water reservoirs and elevated water tanks.
- Installation of sewage drainage line from all wet rooms to the septic tanks and soakaway pits;
- Installation of mechanical items such as elevators as necessary, split-type air conditioning systems, exhaust pipe lines, extract fans, etc.
- Site works: Concrete pavement and curb-stones, walkways, stormwater drainage lines, landscaping, site electrical and plumbing works, fencing works, pump house and water reservoir, septic tanks and soakaway pits, etc.

2.3 Construction Site Location

Addis Ababa and cities of the Regional States in Ethiopia.

2.4 General Work Conditions

Contractors must demonstrate their ability of working under the following circumstances:

- The timelines for the execution and completion of the construction and/or renovation work of the projects are very tight.
- Some of the sites are remote with extreme weather conditions such as high temperature and low rainfall (contractors will be allowed to visit the site in the second stage of the procurement process, with the release of an ITB/RFP for a specific project.).
- The Contractor, at some of the sites, may be required to work under a limited working space while adhering to good safety and security practices. Some of the adjacent buildings may be under construction, and heavy vehicle and pedestrian traffic may exist in the area.

3 Special Procurement Conditions and Additional Information

UNOPS will use a two (2) stage national open competitive bidding as described below.

- The First Stage is the pre-qualification of contractors, wherein UNOPS will assess applicants against predetermined criteria and only Contractors which meet the established criteria will be invited to upcoming tenders in Addis Ababa, Dire Dawa City Administration and/or all the eleven Regional States in Ethiopia.
- The Second Stage is the issuance of Invitation to Bid (ITB) to all Pre-qualified/Shortlisted Contractors which have met the stated criteria set out in this Invitation for Prequalification (IFP).

UNOPS invites contractors capable of providing the stated construction services in above category(s) to submit their expression of interest.

In order to be considered as potential contractors, interested contractors should submit their Expression of Interest stating their organization, key personnel & owned machineries status as per the attached returnable form in this document.

The Expression of Interest and accompanying documents must be received by UNOPS no later than **September 30, 2021 03:00 pm in the afternoon** at the secured email address shown below:

etoh.procurement@unops.org.

Please indicate Ref. No.: Offline EoIPQ/ETH/2021/001 on all submissions at the subject line of your email.

This call for Expression of Interest does not constitute a solicitation. UNOPS reserves the right to change or cancel the requirement at any time during the EOI and/or solicitation process. UNOPS also reserves the right to require compliance with additional conditions as and when issuing the final solicitation documents. Submitting a reply to a call for EOI does not automatically guarantee receipt of the solicitation documents when issued. Invitations to bid or requests for proposals and any subsequent purchase order or contract will be issued in accordance with the rules and procedures of UNOPS.

4 UNOPS Contact Information for Request of Clarification

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