

Upgrading of John Garang Memorial University of Science and Technology, Bor, Jonglei State, South Sudan

ITB Case No. UNOPS/SSOC/84027/ITB/WORKS/2012-133

Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Inspection at John Garang Memorial University of Science & Technology, Bor Campus, on 23rd October 2012

Present

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| 1. Steve Whisenant | Chief of Party, JGMUST |
| 2. John Kok | Liberty Engineering & Construction |
| 3. Amanuel Fessehaye | Upper Nile Construction |
| 4. Muluken Ayale | Amen Investment Group |
| 5. Garang Agou | Daeco Construction Company |
| 6. George Kamau | Project Engineer, UNOPS |
| 7. Rula Abu Nimre | Procurement Officer, UNOPS |

Meeting commenced at 10:30 am

- Mr. George Kamau welcomed all present at the pre – bid meeting for the Upgrading of John Garang Memorial University of Science and Technology and requested each present member to introduce himself / herself before giving a brief introduction of the Project.
- Ms. Rula Abu Nimre then took the bidders through a detailed PowerPoint presentation of the ITB and explained all the requirements for them to submit responsive bids. These included:
 - the bid submission dates, format of submission,
 - legibility,
 - bid security requirements,
 - evaluation criteria to be used,
 - requirements for each returnable bid schedules, as per the ITB.
- Important information to assist bidders in pricing was also shared as below:
 - Accessibility - the proposed project site is accessible by all vehicles via Juba-Bor road during dry season from November to May, and relatively by light and heavy commercial vehicles in the rainy season from June to October.
 - Materials availability - water for construction is available from the nearby Nile river, locally sourced river sand is also available in large quantities 10km from Bor towards Juba, gravel/murram is obtainable from near Mangala (about 150km from Bor), along Juba-Bor road, all other manufactured construction materials can be obtained from Bor or Juba and beyond.
 - Soil characteristics - the soil type at the site is sandy clayey with high shrinkage levels; varying in volume in dry and wet seasons.
 - Labour availability - there is a readily available unskilled labour, and small number of semi-skilled and skilled labour in the County.
 - Security - the area is safe especially within the town, which is the project site.
- The bidders were notified that in order to maximize ownership and potential for the project, the existing resources including local labour should be put to best use; including on-job trained personnel with skills in welding, fabrication and masonry where applicable, provision of transport services where need be, as well as providing sand.
- Thereafter, a joint site inspection was undertaken where the University administration led by the Deputy Principal, Dr. Akuach, indicated the location of the proposed structures that are to be in line with the overall Campus site layout.

Questions	Answers
Please explain the amount for the South Sudanese ownership in case of a Joint Venture?	As stated in the ITB, there should be a legal evidence of minimum 51% shareholding from local South Sudanese Company in case of Joint Venture.
Based on the bushy conditions on the proposed site, is there provision for site clearing in the BoQ?	Yes, there is provision for clearing and grubbing of bushes, but trees will not be uprooted but will be protected, in case of any.
What is the site layout plan like for the buildings?	The main building is the laboratory; others including the generator shed, toilets and water supply system will be sited in relation to the lab, and all these will be required to fit into the existing overall Campus layout plan.

- The meeting/site inspection ended at 12.00 noon with a vote of thanks to the representatives of the Construction Company.

Nothing in these minutes shall be understood as a waiver of the immunities and privileges of the United Nations of which UNOPS is an integral part.