



November 5, 2012

Response to request for clarification during the Pre-Bid Meeting

**Invitation to Bid for the Construction and Improvement of 4.0 km
Road from Bakhtiaran to Deh Yahya under the Project for Rehabilitation of Small Irrigation
Facilities and Village Accessibility in Dehsabz Area, Kabul Province (Lot 6)**

**Project: 00082994 – Kabul Irrigation Project
UNOPS/AGOC/ITB/035/012 Lot 6**

A Pre-Bid Meeting for the above referenced tender was held in the UNOPS AGOC Conference room on November 4, 2012 at 11:00am Kabul time.

During the Meeting the bidders were explained the terminologies of the bidding document and provided an overview of the bidding documents, including how to prepare the bids, how to submit, where to submit and how to complete the Proposal Submission Form and other returnable forms/schedules.

The below clarifications were requested by the bidders and responses were provided during the pre-bid conference.

Q1: Where can we find the duration of the project to be completed?

Answer: Under Returnable Bid Schedule 5, Bidders Preliminary Programme it is clearly mentioned that the work is expected to be within 18 (Eighteen) months.

Q2: On the BoQ we couldn't find the quantity for items 202 (1) 202 (2) and 202 (3)?

Answer: Since the quantity has not been mentioned, the contractors can provide their price as Lump Sum.

Q3: As the majority of Afghan local Companies would not be able to provide Audited Financial Report for the last 3 years, does our bank balance for the last 3 or more years will suffice instead of Audited Financial Report?

Answer: No, as mentioned in Returnable Bid Schedule 8, in order to find out a company's average annual construction turnover for the last 3 years, the audited report is required for the past 3 years to calculate the average annual turnover, Cumulative work capabilities or capacity to undertake the work under current workload etc.

Q4: As a JV Partner with a foreign Company can we submit our proposal to UNOPS?

Answer: One of the companies must be registered with Afghan Government and must have a valid AISA Registration License and indeed they can submit their offers.

Q5: It's mentioned in Returnable Bid Schedule 5 that the work shall be completed within 18 months, does that include or should we consider winter season, since the work to be stopped during winter?

Answer: The duration of 18 Months is a Gross period and companies are expected to complete the project as early as they offer for example a company may offer 16 month or 15 months and they should consider winter seasons and other factors which cause stoppage or interrupt the pace of construction work.

Q6: On the BoQ it is requested to provide unit price for RCC, also BOQ has quantity of the steel mentioned separately. Usually the RCC must have cost of concrete and steel included, than what for is steel mentioned separately.

Answer: Please refer to the design drawings for clear understanding of the items of works, as far as RCC and steel are concerned please consider that steel component for RCC will be paid separately.

Q7: Can a company withdraw their Offer/Bid if they decide?

Answer: Yes, any company can withdraw their Offers/Bids before the deadline of the ITB.

Q8: If a company Sub-Contracted a project of USD 8,000,000 or above of similar nature, would it be acceptable to UNOPS as similar contract?

Answer: Yes, if the nature and type of the construction will be the same, it will be considered as similar contract.

Q9: Where can we find the construction Penalties, Defect Notification Period, etc.?

Answer: On the UNOPS Measured Price Construction Contract (Schedule 1) all of the terms and conditions about construction penalties are available like, Defect Notification Period, Delays, Damages, Retention Money, and Arbitration etc.

Q10: What is Returnable Bid Schedule 13 saying Source of Naturally Occurring Material?

Answer: Companies are obliged to provide UNOPS with their Source of Naturally Occurring Materials that shows from where a company can provide their construction materials like gravel wearing course, aggregates, steel reinforcing bars, and Portland cement. The source must be approved by the Project Manager prior to the delivery of these materials on site/and or their incorporation into the works.

Q11: On the BoQ the last part some items are showing zero quantity?

Answer: Companies are not obliged provide a price for these items. The prices for Items 203 (2) and 203 (3) are considered to be already included in other respective items of the BoQ such as backfilling, etc. The Item 402 (2) is not required.

Q12: If we establish a site office does UNOPS provide security protection/allowance or companies are responsible for their security?

Answer: The contractors are responsible for providing their own site office; the cost for such office must be covered by the margins of their profit in the different unit rates of the BoQ.

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