



**GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
WATER & SEWERAGE CORPORATION
WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION OF WATER
TRANSMISSION/DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, SAN SALVADOR**

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas (GOCB) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US\$28.5 million towards the cost of the Water Supply Improvement Project (the Project) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under this contract. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of GOCB and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOCB shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Project is being implemented by the Water & Sewerage Corporation (WSC).

WSC now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Construction of Water Transmission/Distribution Systems, San Salvador. The Scope of Works is as follows:

The supply and installation of New Water Mains from Cockburn Town to the communities of Fernandez Bay, Long Bay, Sugar Loaf and Sandy Point inclusive of the supply and installation of, 11,125 m (36,500 feet) of 100 mm (4-inch) PVC mains; 3,597 m (11,800 feet) of 50 mm (2-inch) PVC mains; and 160 service laterals.

Consideration will be limited to firms or joint ventures of firms, which are legally incorporated or otherwise, organised in, and have their principal place of business in an eligible country and are either:

- (a) more than 50% beneficially owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an eligible country, or by a body corporate or bodies corporate meeting these requirements; or
- (b) owned or controlled by the Government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country and otherwise meets the eligibility requirements of the CDB Guidelines for Procurement (2006).

All countries are eligible.

Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract if the bid is accepted. Tender and qualification information are to be submitted in the English Language on the prescribed forms inserted in the Bid Documents. Submissions that do not provide the information required, or do not demonstrate the prospective contractor's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Qualification requirements include, inter alia:

- (a) an average annual turnover (defined as certified payments received for works in progress or completed) within the last 5 years of at least one million United States dollars (USD1.0 mn);
- (b) a demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand United States dollars (USD150,000); and
- (c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least two (2) assignments of a nature, scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last ten (10) years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete).

Bidding Documents may be obtained by eligible bidders from the first address below, as of Tuesday August 9, 2016 at 10:00 hrs Bahamas time, for a non-refundable fee equivalent to One Hundred United States Dollars plus VAT 7.5%. Requests may be made by written application including email. Written applications must be clearly marked: **“Request for Bidding Documents for the Construction of Water Transmission/Distribution Systems, San Salvador”**. Written requests must also include the name, address and contact information of the bidder for which Bidding Documents are being requested. Payment should be by wire transfer, bank draft or bank guaranteed cheque made payable to: **Water & Sewerage Corporation**.

Information to pay by wire transfer can be obtained from the first address below.

Applicants who request that documents be forwarded to them must submit an account number from a local courier agent that accepts freight collect charges. Documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will GOCB or WSC or their authorised agent be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so transmitted.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **“Bid for the Construction of Water Transmission/Distribution Systems, San Salvador”**, must be received at the second address below not later than **12:00 hrs Bahamas time** on Friday, September 16, 2016. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the second address below in the presence of bidders representatives who choose to attend. Qualification information only must be simultaneously submitted to the third address below. All bids must be accompanied by a completed Form of Bid Securing Declaration.

GOCB/WSC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for GOCB/WSC action. GOCB/WSC will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

1.	Address for Correspondence	2.	Address for Bid Submission and Bid Opening
	The Project Coordinator Water Supply Improvement Project Water & Sewerage Corporation #87 Thompson Blvd Nassau, New Providence <u>COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS</u>		The Office of the General Manager Attn: Internal Control and Compliance Division Water Supply Improvement Project Water & Sewerage Corporation #87 Thompson Blvd Nassau, New Providence <u>COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS</u>

	Tel: (242) 302-5548 Fax: (242) 302-5547 E-mail: wccdbproject@wsc.com.bs		
3.	Address for Completed Qualification Information Only		
	Procurement Officer Caribbean Development Bank P.O. Box 408, Wildey St. Michael <u>BARBADOS, W.I.</u> , BB 11000 Tel: (246) 431-1600 Fax: (246) 426-7269 Email: procurement@caribank.org		