RFP 039/2020 – TRANSACTION ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE NEW ROCHE BOIS PUMPING STATION AND BAIE DU BOMBEAU WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

BIDDERS BRIEFING SESSION NO.2 (INTERNATIONAL) HELD ON 04 MARCH 2020 @ 13:00 (SOUTH AFRICAN TIME) VIA SKYPE

It should be noted that both technical and procurement presentations (presented at the briefing session No.1 held at the DBSA offices on 25 February 2020) were presented to the international bidders.

QUESTIONS ASKED AND RESPONSES GIVEN DURING THE BRIEFING SESSION

1. What is the timeline and budget for the project?

The project will be done in accordance with the BOT Projects Act of Mauritius. The DBSA and the WMA would like this project to be done as quickly as possible. However, typically these types of projects can take a year or even longer, depending on the specialist studies that may be required. What is required as part of the process is for bidders to provide proposals which will include scheduling that indicates what will be required to complete the study, to what level and within what timelines. Bidders may NOT give two scenarios with two price offers. Only ONE price offer should be submitted. It should be noted that what is required at this stage is a preliminary design, not a detailed design, to a depth that will enable WMA to be aware of what factors they should look out for when appointing the preferred bidder to (conduct detailed) design, build and operate the plant.

Unfortunately, the budget earmarked for the Feasibility Study cannot be shared.

2. What is the truck volume vs what is being quoted?

There have been studies that have been done and WMA also conducts their own measurements. While the information will be provided to the appointed bidder, we are requiring the bidder to do their own verification of the information that will be provided by the WMA.

3. Who will be the key stakeholders in this project?

WMA will be the counterparty in terms of the Feasibility Study. The WMA, under the aegis of the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities, will be the primary contact. The appointed bidder will be doing the study on their behalf. However, as part of the facility that DBSA is managing (on behalf of the SADC PPDF), the DBSA will form part of the project steering committee and act as an advisor to WMA throughout the entire project to ensure that all the factors that need to be considered to establish the project’s bankability are indeed considered during the feasibility study.

Other stakeholders are the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, BOT Projects Unit, Ministry of Environment among others.
4. What are the key deliverables and metrics to measure the success of this project?

The feasibility study will be undertaken in terms of the BOT legislation in Mauritius. A measure of success is a bankable feasibility study that will be able to tell us how best to address the problem of untreated effluent going into the sea – a feasibility study that informs us what is required in terms of wastewater treatment. The detailed deliverables are also included in the terms of reference and should there be further questions, they can be sent in writing.

5. Where should further queries be sent?

Queries should be sent to the following email addresses: scmqueries@dbsa.org, vusik4@dbsa.org and fikilem@dbsa.org

6. Do you require both pricing and technical proposal to be reaching the DBSA before 23 March 2020?

Yes. By 11h00 South African Time. Anything that reaches the DBSA from 11h01 onwards will be disqualified. The proposals should be submitted at the same time, but in separate envelopes clearly marked as TECHNICAL PROPOSALS (Original and Copies) and the FINANCIAL PROPOSAL with label “DO NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.”

7. Please clarify the number of copies for the functional and pricing proposals?

For the pricing proposal, one envelope can be submitted. For the functional proposal, we require one original and three copies. The pricing envelope will only be opened after the functional evaluation.

8. Will the South African currency be used?

No. The currency that will be used is the US Dollar as stipulated in the terms of reference. The pricing schedule has been included in the terms of reference.