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Date: 24/02/2025

Clarification No. (5)

Project:	Water Security and Resilience Program (SoP1)
Contract Title:	Construction of Water Transmission Pipelines between Salem and
	Al Jalameh and Main Booster Pump Station
RFB No.:	PWA/WSRP/W01/RFB
Invitation No.:	PWA/WB/2024/018-CTD

Reference is made to the BDS, Section I – Instruction to Bidders (ITB), Clause 7. Clarification of Bidding Document.

Questions and Responses:

Q.1 As per ITB 11.2, it is required to include letter of bid in the technical part, and as per ITB 114 it is stated that " the Technical part shall not include information related to bid price". AS long as, the letter of bid will include the bid total amount, so the above mentioned ITB's are most likely contradicted, please clarify?

A. No contradiction. The contents of the technical part and the financial part are clear in ITBs 11.2 and IT11.3. The bid price and priced bill of quantities should be submitted with the financial part. The form of the Letter of Bid- Technical Part includes a general statement that the submitted Bid is in two parts (Technical Part and Financial Part). Moreover, the Letter of Bid_Technical Part does not include the bid price and discount as in the letter of Bid- Financial Part.

Therefore, the Technical Part shall not include any information related to the Bid price in accordance with ITB 11.4.

Q.2 As per the BDS, ITB 40.1, the cost weight is 0.7 Please clarify if this weight for the lowest price or for all prices regardless of the value?

A. The cost weight is for the lowest of all Evaluated Bid Costs among responsive Bids in accordance with the below formula for calculating the Evaluated Bid Score (Combined Financial and Technical) available in the RFB (Evaluation of Bids- Section III Evaluation and Qualification).

4. Combined Evaluation

The Employer will evaluate and compare the Bids that have been determined to be substantially responsive.

An Evaluated Bid Score (B) will be calculated for each responsive Bid using the following formula, which permits a comprehensive assessment of the evaluated cost and the technical merits of each Bid:

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$$B \equiv \frac{Clow}{C} * X * 100 + \frac{T}{Thigh} * (1 - X) * 100$$

Where:

C = Evaluated Bid Cost

 C_{low} = the lowest of all Evaluated Bid Costs among responsive Bids

T = the total Technical Score awarded to the Bid

 T_{high} = the Technical Score achieved by the Bid that was scored best among all responsive Bids

X = weight for Cost as specified **in the BDS**

The Bid with the best evaluated Bid Score (B) among responsive Bids shall be the Most Advantageous Bid provided the Bidder is qualified to perform the Contract.

Q.3 Due to slow response from equipment [Pumps] and materials [Pipes and Valves] venders, we are kindly requesting to extend the deadline submission of packages 1 & 2 as follow:

Package one submission date: March 19/3/2025

Package two submission date: March 20/3/2025

A. Regarding package one, No change to the deadline of the bid submission date, just to remind that the RFB of this package was issued on Nov. 27 2024, and the bid submission has been extended for (2) weeks to (March 10, 2025).

Q. 4 Refer to Volume - Section 2 – Bid Data sheet(BDS), ITB 11.2 g -point 8:

8. Bank statement specifying the financial amounts transferred from the Employer or the main contractor to the bidder's account that show the volume of participation in total contract amount for evaluating criterion 4.2 (a).

Please note that we will submit Completion Certificate stamped & signed by the "employer/ main contractor" showing the final project amount. Please advise?

A. All the supporting documents listed in ITB 11.2 (g) shall be submitted.