

INVITATION TO BID

**Sewage Networks Rehabilitation in Qamishli
Syria**



United Nations Development Programme
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Section 1. Letter of Invitation

Damascus, Syria
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Sewage Networks Rehabilitation in Qamishli **Reference: UNDP-SYR-UNDP-ITB-049-17**

Dear Mr. /Ms.:

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hereby invites you to submit a Bid to this Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the above-referenced subject.

This ITB includes the following documents:

- Section 1 – This Letter of Invitation
- Section 2 – Instructions to Bidders (including Data Sheet)
- Section 3 – Scope of Works
- Section 4 – Bid Submission Form
- Section 5 – Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder
- Section 6 – Technical Bid Form
- Section 7 – Price Schedule Form
- Section 8 – Form for Performance Security
- Section 9 – Contract to be Signed, including General Terms and Conditions

Your offer, comprising of a Technical Bid and Price Schedule, together in a sealed envelope, should be submitted in accordance with Section 2.

You are kindly requested to submit an acknowledgment letter to UNDP to the following address:

United Nations Development Programme
Hanan.al-ali@undp.org
Hanan Al Ali; Procurement Associate
cc: syria.procurement@undp.org

The letter should be received by UNDP no later than **13 March 2017**. The same letter should advise whether your company intends to submit a Bid. If that is not the case, UNDP would appreciate your indicating the reason, for our records.

If you have received this ITB through a direct invitation by UNDP, transferring this invitation to another firm requires notifying UNDP accordingly.

Should you require any clarification, kindly communicate with the contact person identified in the

attached Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this ITB.

UNDP looks forward to receiving your Bid and thanks you in advance for your interest in UNDP procurement opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

Mirvat Hammoud; Head of Procurement Unit

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mirvat Hammoud', written in a cursive style.

Section 2: Instruction to Bidders

Definitions

- a) *"Bid"* refers to the Bidder's response to the Invitation to Bid, including the Bid Submission Form, Technical Bid and Price Schedule and all other documentation attached thereto as required by the ITB.
- b) *"Bidder"* refers to any legal entity that may submit, or has submitted, a Bid for the supply of goods and provision of related services requested by UNDP.
- c) *"Contract"* refers to the legal instrument that will be signed by and between the UNDP and the successful Bidder, all the attached documents thereto, including the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) and the Appendices.
- d) *"Country"* refers to the country indicated in the Data Sheet.
- e) *"Data Sheet"* refers to such part of the Instructions to Bidders used to reflect conditions of the tendering process that are specific for the requirements of the ITB.
- f) *"Day"* refers to calendar day.
- g) *"Goods"* refer to any tangible product, commodity, article, material, wares, equipment, assets or merchandise that UNDP requires under this ITB.
- h) *"Government"* refers to the Government of the country where the goods and related services provided/rendered specified under the Contract will be delivered or undertaken.
- i) *"Instructions to Bidders"* refers to the complete set of documents which provides Bidders with all information needed and procedures to be followed in the course of preparing their Bid
- j) *"ITB"* refers to the Invitation to Bid consisting of instructions and references prepared by UNDP for purposes of selecting the best supplier or service provider to fulfil the requirement indicated in the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications.
- k) *"LOI"* (Section 1 of the ITB) refers to the Letter of Invitation sent by UNDP to Bidders.
- l) *"Material Deviation"* refers to any contents or characteristics of the bid that is significantly different from an essential aspect or requirement of the ITB, and (i) substantially alters the scope and quality of the requirements; (ii) limits the rights of UNDP and/or the obligations of the offeror; and (iii) adversely impacts the fairness and principles of the procurement process, such as those that compromise the competitive position of other offerors.
- m) *"Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications"* refers to the document included in this ITB as Section 3 which lists the goods required by UNDP, their specifications, the related services,

activities, tasks to be performed, and other information pertinent to UNDP's receipt and acceptance of the goods.

- n) "*Services*" refers to the entire scope of tasks related or ancillary to the completion or delivery of the goods required by UNDP under the ITB.
- o) "*Supplemental Information to the ITB*" refers to a written communication issued by UNDP to prospective Bidders containing clarifications, responses to queries received from prospective Bidders, or changes to be made in the ITB, at any time after the release of the ITB but before the deadline for the submission of Bid.

A. GENERAL

1. UNDP hereby solicits Bids as a response to this Invitation to Bid (ITB). Bidders must strictly adhere to all the requirements of this ITB. No changes, substitutions or other alterations to the rules and provisions stipulated in this ITB may be made or assumed unless it is instructed or approved in writing by UNDP in the form of Supplemental Information to the ITB.
2. Submission of a Bid shall be deemed as an acknowledgement by the Bidder that all obligations stipulated by this ITB will be met and, unless specified otherwise, the Bidder has read, understood and agreed to all the instructions in this ITB.
3. Any Bid submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of any Bid by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this ITB.
4. UNDP implements a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical practices, and obstruction. UNDP is committed to preventing, identifying and addressing all acts of fraud and corrupt practices against UNDP as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. (See [http://www.undp.org/about/transparencydocs/UNDP Anti Fraud Policy English FINAL june 2011.pdf](http://www.undp.org/about/transparencydocs/UNDP_Anti_Fraud_Policy_English_FINAL_june_2011.pdf) and http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/procurement_protest/ for full description of the policies)
5. In responding to this ITB, UNDP requires all Bidders to conduct themselves in a professional, objective and impartial manner, and they must at all times hold UNDP's interests paramount. Bidders must strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without consideration for future work. All Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Without limitation on the generality of the above, Bidders, and any of their affiliates, shall be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this solicitation process, if they:

- 5.1 **Are, or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged UNDP to provide services for the preparation of the design, Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications, cost analysis/estimation,**

and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods and related services in this selection process;

- 5.2 Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the goods and related services requested under this ITB; or**
- 5.3 Are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of, UNDP.**

In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of what is potentially a conflict of interest, Bidders must disclose the condition to UNDP and seek UNDP's confirmation on whether or not such conflict exists.

6. Similarly, the following must be disclosed in the Bid:

- 6.1 Bidders who are owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, or key personnel who are family of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving the goods and related services under this ITB; and
- 6.4 Others that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices.

Failure of such disclosure may result in the rejection of the Bid.

- 7. The eligibility of Bidders that are wholly or partly owned by the Government shall be subject to UNDP's further evaluation and review of various factors such as being registered as an independent entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate, access to information in relation to this ITB, and others that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders, and the eventual rejection of the Bid.
- 8. All Bidders must adhere to the UNDP Supplier Code of Conduct, which may be found at this link: <http://web.ng.undp.org/procurement/undp-supplier-code-of-conduct.pdf>

B. CONTENTS OF BID

9. Sections of Bid

Bidders are required to complete, sign and submit the following documents:

- 9.1 Bid Submission Cover Letter Form (see ITB Section 4);
- 9.2 Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder (see ITB Section 5);
- 9.3 Technical Bid (see prescribed form in ITB Section 6);
- 9.4 Price Schedule (see prescribed form in ITB Section 7);
- 9.5 Bid Security, if applicable (if required and as stated in the DS nos. 9-11, see prescribed Form in ITB Section 8);
- 9.6 Any attachments and/or appendices to the Bid (including all those specified under the **Data Sheet**)

10. Clarification of Bid

- 10.1 Bidders may request clarification of any of the ITB documents no later than the number of days indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 16) prior to the Bid submission date. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing via courier or through electronic means to the UNDP address indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 17). UNDP will respond in writing, transmitted by electronic means and will transmit copies of the response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) to all Bidders who have provided confirmation of their intention to submit a Bid.
- 10.2 UNDP shall endeavor to provide such responses to clarifications in an expeditious manner, but any delay in such response shall not cause an obligation on the part of UNDP to extend the submission date of the Bid, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.

11. Amendment of Bid

- 11.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Bid, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a Bidder, modify the ITB in the form of a Supplemental Information to the ITB. All prospective Bidders will be notified in writing of all changes/amendments and additional instructions through Supplemental Information to the ITB and through the method specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS No. 18).
- 11.2 In order to afford prospective Bidders reasonable time to consider the amendments in preparing their Bid, UNDP may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for submission of Bid, if the nature of the amendment to the ITB justifies such an extension.

C. PREPARATION OF BID

12. Cost

The Bidder shall bear any and all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the Bid, regardless of whether its Bid was selected or not. UNDP shall in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.

13. Language

The Bid, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the Bidder and UNDP, shall be written in the language (s) specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS No. 4). Any printed literature furnished by the Bidder written in a language other than the language indicated in the **Data Sheet**, must be accompanied by a translation in the preferred language indicated in the **Data Sheet**. For purposes of interpretation of the Bid, and in the event of discrepancy or inconsistency in meaning, the version translated into the preferred language shall govern. Upon conclusion of a contract, the language of the contract shall govern the relationship between the contractor and UNDP.

14. Bid Submission Form

The Bidder shall submit the Bid Submission Form using the form provided in Section 4 of this ITB.

15. Technical Bid Format and Content

Unless otherwise stated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 28), the Bidder shall structure the Technical Bid as follows:

- 15.1 Expertise of Firm/Organization – this section should provide details regarding management structure of the organization, organizational capability/resources, and experience of organization/firm, the list of projects/contracts (both completed and on-going, both domestic and international) which are related or similar in nature to the requirements of the ITB, manufacturing capacity of plant if Bidder is a manufacturer, authorization from the manufacturer of the goods if Bidder is not a manufacturer, and proof of financial stability and adequacy of resources to complete the delivery of goods and provision of related services required by the ITB (see ITB Clause 18 and DS No. 26 for further details). The same shall apply to any other entity participating in the ITB as a Joint Venture or Consortium.
- 15.2 Technical Specifications and Implementation Plan – this section should demonstrate the Bidder's response to the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications by identifying the specific components proposed; how each of the requirements shall be met point by point; providing a detailed specification and description of the goods required, plans and drawings where needed; the essential performance characteristics, identifying the works/portions of the work that will be subcontracted; a list of the major subcontractors, and demonstrating how the bid meets or exceeds the requirements, while ensuring appropriateness of the bid to the local conditions and the rest of the project operating environment during the entire life of the goods provided. Details of technical bid must be laid out and supported by an Implementation Timetable, including Transportation and Delivery Schedule where needed, that is within the duration of the contract as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS noS. 29 and 30).

Bidders must be fully aware that the goods and related services that UNDP require may be transferred, immediately or eventually, by UNDP to the Government partners, or to an entity nominated by the latter, in accordance with UNDP's policies and procedures. All bidders are therefore required to submit the following in their bids:

- a) A statement of whether any import or export licences are required in respect of the goods to be purchased or services to be rendered, including any restrictions in the country of origin, use or dual use nature of the goods or services, including any disposition to end users;
- b) Confirmation that the Bidder has obtained license of this nature in the past, and have an expectation of obtaining all the necessary licenses, should their bid be rendered the most responsive; and
- c) Complete documentation, information and declaration of any goods classified or may be classified as "Dangerous Goods".

- 15.3 Management Structure and Key Personnel – This section should include the comprehensive curriculum vitae (CVs) of key personnel that will be assigned to support the implementation of the technical bid, clearly defining their roles and responsibilities. CVs should establish competence and demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the requirements of this ITB.

In complying with this section, the Bidder assures and confirms to UNDP that the personnel being nominated are available to fulfil the demands of the Contract during its stated full term. If any of the key personnel later becomes unavailable, except for unavoidable reasons such as death or medical incapacity, among other possibilities, UNDP reserves the right to render the Bid non-responsive. Any deliberate substitution of personnel arising from unavoidable reasons, including delay in the implementation of the project of programme through no fault of the Bidder, shall be made only with UNDP's acceptance of the justification for substitution, and UNDP's approval of the qualification of the replacement who shall be either of equal or superior credentials as the one being replaced.

- 15.4 Where the **Data Sheet** requires the submission of the Bid Security, the Bid Security shall be included along with the Technical Bid. The Bid Security may be forfeited by UNDP, and reject the Bid, in the event of any or any combination of the following conditions:

- a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Bid Validity specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 11), or;
- b) If the Bid Security amount is found to be less than what is required by UNDP as indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 9), or;
- c) In the case the successful Bidder fails:
 - i. to sign the Contract after UNDP has awarded it;
 - ii. to comply with UNDP's variation of requirement, as per ITB Clause 35; or
 - iii. to furnish Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may require as a condition to rendering effective the contract that may be awarded to the Bidder.

16. Price Schedule

The Price Schedule shall be prepared using the attached standard form (Section 7). It shall list all major cost components associated with the goods and related services, and the detailed breakdown of such costs. All goods and services described in the Technical Bid must be priced separately on a one-to-one correspondence. Any output and activities described in the Technical Bid but not priced in the Price Schedule, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of the items or activities, as well as in the final total price of the bid.

17. Currencies

All prices shall be quoted in the currency indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 15). However, where Bids are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all Bid:

- 17.1 UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Bid into the UNDP preferred currency, in

- accordance with the prevailing UN operational rate of exchange on the last day of submission of Bid; and
- 17.2 In the event that the Bid found to be the most responsive to the ITB requirement is quoted in another currency different from the preferred currency as per **Data Sheet** (DS no. 15), then UNDP shall reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of UNDP's preference, using the conversion method specified above.

18. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder

- 18.1 The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligible and qualified vendor, using the forms provided under Section 5, Bidder Information Forms. In order to award a contract to a Bidder, its qualifications must be documented to UNDP's satisfactions. These include, but are not limited to the following:
- a) That, in the case of a Bidder offering to supply goods under the Contract which the Bidder did not manufacture or otherwise produce, the Bidder has been duly authorized by the goods' manufacturer or producer to supply the goods in the country of final destination;
 - b) That the Bidder has the financial, technical, and production capability necessary to perform the Contract; and
 - c) That, to the best of the Bidder's knowledge, it is not included in the UN 1267 List or the UN Ineligibility List, nor in any and all of UNDP's list of suspended and removed vendors.
- 18.2 Bids submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected by UNDP if they are found to have any of the following:
- a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or
 - b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or
 - c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this ITB; or
 - d) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the Bid of, another Bidder regarding this ITB process;
 - e) they are subcontractors to each other's bid, or a subcontractor to one bid also submits another Bid under its name as lead Bidder; or
 - f) an expert proposed to be in the bid of one Bidder participates in more than one Bid received for this ITB process. This condition does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Bid.

19. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association

If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a joint venture, consortium or association at the time of the submission of the Bid, they shall confirm in their Bid that : (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the joint venture jointly and severally, and this shall be duly evidenced by a duly notarized Agreement among the legal entities, which shall be submitted along with the Bid; and (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between UNDP

and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all entities that comprise the joint venture.

After the bid has been submitted to UNDP, the lead entity identified to represent the joint venture shall not be altered without the prior written consent of UNDP. Furthermore, neither the lead entity nor the member entities of the joint venture can:

- a) Submit another Bid, either in its own capacity; nor
- b) As a lead entity or a member entity for another joint venture submitting another Bid.

The description of the organization of the joint venture/consortium/association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the ITB, both in the bid and in the Joint Venture Agreement. All entities that comprise the joint venture shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by UNDP.

Where a joint venture is presenting its track record and experience in a similar undertaking as those required in the ITB, it should present such information in the following manner:

- a) Those that were undertaken together by the joint venture; and
- b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the joint venture expected to be involved in the performance of the services defined in the ITB.

Previous contracts completed by individual experts working privately but who are permanently or were temporarily associated with any of the member firms cannot be claimed as the experience of the joint venture or those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual experts themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.

If the Bid of a joint venture is determined by UNDP as the most responsive Bid that offers the best value for money, UNDP shall award the contract to the joint venture, in the name of its designated lead entity, who shall sign the contract for and on behalf of all the member entities.

20. Alternative Bid

Unless otherwise specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS nos. 5 and 6), alternative bid shall not be considered. Where the conditions for its acceptance are met, or justifications are clearly established, UNDP reserves the right to award a contract based on an alternative bid.

21. Validity Period

- 21.1 Bid shall remain valid for the period specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 8), commencing on the submission deadline date also indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 21). A Bid valid for a shorter period shall be immediately rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.
- 21.2 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the Bid validity period, UNDP may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their Bid. The request and the responses shall be made in writing, and shall be considered integral to the Bid.

22. Bidder's Conference

When appropriate, a Bidder's conference will be conducted at the date, time and location specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 7). All Bidders are encouraged to attend. Non-attendance, however, shall not result in disqualification of an interested Bidder. Minutes of the Bidder's conference will be either posted on the UNDP website, or disseminated to the individual firms who have registered or expressed interest with the contract, whether or not they attended the conference. No verbal statement made during the conference shall modify the terms and conditions of the ITB unless such statement is specifically written in the Minutes of the Conference, or issued/posted as an amendment in the form of a Supplemental Information to the ITB.

D. SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF BID

23. Submission

23.1 The Technical Bid and the Price Schedule must be submitted together and sealed together in one and the same envelope, delivered either personally, by courier, or by electronic method of transmission. If submission will not be done by electronic means, the Technical Bid and Price Schedule must be sealed together in an envelope whose external side must :

- a) Bear the name of the Bidder;
- b) Be addressed to UNDP as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no.20); and
- c) Bear a warning not to open before the time and date for Bid opening as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 24).

If the envelope is not sealed nor labeled as required, the Bidder shall assume the responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of Bid due to improper sealing and labeling by the Bidder.

23.2 Bidders must submit their Bid in the manner specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS nos. 22 and 23). When the Bid is expected to be in transit for more than 24 hours, the Bidder must ensure that sufficient lead time has been provided in order to comply with UNDP's deadline for submission. UNDP shall indicate for its record that the official date and time of receiving the Bid is the actual date and time when the said Bid has physically arrived at the UNDP premises indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 20).

23.3 Bidders submitting Bid by mail or by hand shall enclose the original and each copy of the Bid, in separate sealed envelopes, duly marking each of the envelopes as "Original Bid" and the others as "Copy of Bid". The two envelopes, consisting of original and copies, shall then be sealed in an outer envelope. The number of copies required shall be as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 19). In the event of any discrepancy between the contents of the "Original Bid" and the "Copy of Bid", the contents of the original shall govern. The original version of the Bid shall be signed or initialed by the Bidder or person(s) duly authorized to commit the Bidder on every page. The authorization shall be communicated through a document evidencing such authorization issued by the highest official of the firm, or a

Power of Attorney, accompanying the Bid.

- 23.4 Bidders must be aware that the mere act of submission of a Bid, in and of itself, implies that the Bidder accepts the General Contract Terms and Conditions of UNDP as attached hereto as Section 11.

24. Deadline for Submission of Bid and Late Bids

Bid must be received by UNDP at the address and no later than the date and time specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 20 and 21).

UNDP shall not consider any Bid that arrives after the deadline for submission of Bid. Any Bid received by UNDP after the deadline for submission of Bid shall be declared late, rejected, and returned unopened to the Bidder.

25. Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Bid

- 25.1 Bidders are expected to have sole responsibility for taking steps to carefully examine in detail the full consistency of its Bid to the requirements of the ITB, keeping in mind that material deficiencies in providing information requested by UNDP, or lack clarity in the description of goods and related services to be provided, may result in the rejection of the Bid. The Bidder shall assume any responsibility regarding erroneous interpretations or conclusions made by the Bidder in the course of understanding the ITB out of the set of information furnished by UNDP.
- 25.2 A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Bid after it has been submitted by sending a written notice in accordance with ITB Clause 23, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (or a Power of Attorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Bid must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be received by UNDP prior to the deadline for submission and submitted in accordance with ITB Clause 23 (except that withdrawal notices do not require copies). The respective envelopes shall be clearly marked "WITHDRAWAL," "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION".
- 25.3 Bid requested to be withdrawn shall be returned unopened to the Bidders.
- 25.4 No Bid may be withdrawn, substituted, or modified in the interval between the deadline for submission of Bid and the expiration of the period of Bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Submission Form or any extension thereof.

26. Bid Opening

UNDP will open the Bid in the presence of an ad-hoc committee formed by UNDP of at least two (2) members. If electronic submission is permitted, any specific electronic Bid opening procedures shall be as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 23).

The Bidders' names, modifications, withdrawals, the condition of the envelope labels/seals, the

number of folders/files and all other such other details as UNDP may consider appropriate, will be announced at the opening. No Bid shall be rejected at the opening stage, except for late submission, for which the Bid shall be returned unopened to the Bidder.

27. Confidentiality

Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of Bid, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award.

Any effort by a Bidder to influence UNDP in the examination, evaluation and comparison of the Bid or contract award decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its Bid.

In the event that a Bidder is unsuccessful, the Bidder may seek a meeting with UNDP for a debriefing. The purpose of the debriefing is discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the Bidder's submission, in order to assist the Bidder in improving the bid presented to UNDP. The content of other bid and how they compare to the Bidder's submission shall not be discussed.

E. EVALUATION OF BID

28. Preliminary Examination of Bid

UNDP shall examine the Bid to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, whether or not the Bidder is in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 Committee's list of terrorists and terrorist financiers, and in UNDP's list of suspended and removed vendors, and whether the Bid are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP may reject any Bid at this stage.

29. Evaluation of Bid

29.1 UNDP shall examine the Bid to confirm that all terms and conditions under the UNDP General Terms and Conditions and Special Conditions have been accepted by the Bidder without any deviation or reservation.

29.2 The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Bids on the basis of their responsiveness to the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications and other documentation provided, applying the procedure indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS No. 25). Absolutely no changes may be made by UNDP in the criteria after all Bids have been received.

29.1 UNDP reserves the right to undertake a post-qualification exercise, aimed at determining, to its satisfaction the validity of the information provided by the Bidder. Such post-qualification shall be fully documented and, among those that may be listed in the **Data Sheet** (DS No.33), may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the following :

- a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of the information provided by the

- bidder on the legal, technical and financial documents submitted;
- b) Validation of extent of compliance to the ITB requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team;
 - c) Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the bidder, or any other entity that may have done business with the bidder;
 - d) Inquiry and reference checking with other previous clients on the quality of performance on on-going or previous contracts completed;
 - e) Physical inspection of the bidder's plant, factory, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the bidder;
 - f) Testing and sampling of completed goods similar to the requirements of UNDP, where available; and
 - g) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.

30. Clarification of Bid

To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of bids, UNDP may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder to clarify its Bid.

UNDP's request for clarification and the Bidder's response shall be in writing. Notwithstanding the written communication, no change in the prices or substance of the Bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of any arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the Bid, in accordance with ITB Clause 35.

Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Bid, which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the Bid.

31. Responsiveness of Bid

UNDP's determination of a Bid's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the Bid itself.

A substantially responsive Bid is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the ITB without material deviation, reservation, or omission.

If a Bid is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.

32. Nonconformities, Reparable Errors and Omissions

32.3 Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Bid that, in the opinion of UNDP, do not constitute a material deviation.

32.4 Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, UNDP may request the Bidder to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the Bid related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Bid. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Bid.

32.5 Provided that the Bid is substantially responsive, UNDP shall correct arithmetical errors as follows:

- a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of UNDP there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price, in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected;
- b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and
- c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail subject to the above.

32.6 If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Bid shall be rejected.

F. AWARD OF CONTRACT

33. Right to Accept, Reject, or Render Non-Responsive Any or All Bid

- 33.1 UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to render any or all of the Bids as non-responsive, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to award of contract, without incurring any liability, or obligation to inform the affected Bidder(s) of the grounds for UNDP's action. Furthermore, UNDP is not obligated to award the contract to the lowest price offer.
- 33.2 UNDP shall also verify, and immediately reject their respective Bid, if the Bidders are found to appear in the UN's Consolidated List of Individuals and Entities with Association to Terrorist Organizations, in the List of Vendors Suspended or Removed from the UN Secretariat Procurement Division Vendor Roster, the UN Ineligibility List, and other such lists that as may be established or recognized by UNDP policy on Vendor Sanctions. (See http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/procurement_protest/)

34. Award Criteria

Prior to expiration of the period of Bid validity, UNDP shall award the contract to the qualified and eligible Bidder that is found to be responsive to the requirements of the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specification, and has offered the lowest price (See DS No. 32).

35. Right to Vary Requirements at the Time of Award

At the time of award of Contract, UNDP reserves the right to vary the quantity of the goods and/or related services, by up to a maximum twenty five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.

36. Contract Signature

Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to UNDP.

Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the requirement of ITB Section F.3 and this provision shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, and forfeiture of the Bid Security if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Bidder with the second highest rated Bid, or call for new Bid.

37. Performance Security

A performance security, if required, shall be provided in the amount and form provided in Section 9 and by the deadline indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 14), as applicable. Where a Performance Security will be required, the submission of the said document, and the confirmation of its acceptance by UNDP, shall be a condition for the effectivity of the Contract that will be signed by and between the successful Bidder and UNDP.

38. Bank Guarantee for Advanced Payment

Except when the interests of UNDP so require, it is the UNDP's preference to make no advanced payment(s) on contracts (i.e., payments without having received any outputs). In the event that the Bidder requires an advanced payment upon contract signature, and if such request is duly accepted by UNDP, and the said advanced payment exceeds 20% of the total Bid price, or exceed the amount of USD 30,000, UNDP shall require the Bidder to submit a Bank Guarantee in the same amount as the advanced payment. A bank guarantee for advanced payment shall be furnished in the form provided in Section 10.

39. Vendor Protest

UNDP's vendor protest procedure provides an opportunity for appeal to those persons or firms not awarded a purchase order or contract through a competitive procurement process. In the event that a Bidder believes that it was not treated fairly, the following link provides further details regarding UNDP vendor protest procedures:
<http://www.undp.org/procurement/protest.shtml>

Instructions to Bidders

DATA SHEET

The following data for the supply of goods and related services shall complement / supplement the provisions in the Instruction to Bidders. In the case of a conflict between the Instruction to Bidders and the Data Sheet, the provisions in the Data Sheet shall prevail.

DS No.	Cross Ref. to Instructions	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1		Project Title:	Basic and Social Services & Infrastructure restore – SYR10-00094474
2		Title of Goods/Services/Work Required:	<p>Lot. 1: Sewage Networks Rehabilitation Qamishli:</p> <p>صيانة خطوط الصرف الصحي واستبدال القساطل المهترئة في خماسي حي طي شرقي وهلالية</p> <p>Lot. 2: Sanitary Disposal of the Sewage Water Running from (Nassibin) and for the Runner Line of the Western Quarter beside Al-Nabi Saleh Mosque and Mousa Bin Nuseir School.</p> <p>تصريف المياه الأسنة القادمة من (نصيبين) وخط المصبب للحي الغربي بجانب جامع النبي صالح ومدرسة موسى بن نصير</p>
3		Country:	Syria
4	C.13	Language of the Bid:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
5	C.20	Conditions for Submitting Bid for Parts or sub-parts of the Total Requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allowed per lot
6	C.20	Conditions for Submitting Alternative Bid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shall not be considered
7	C.22	A pre-Bid conference will be held on:	<p>A site visit is scheduled to the sites of works in Qamishli, on 15 March 2017, at 10:30 am.</p> <p>Interested bidders should confirm their attendance including the names of their representatives by email on or before 14 March 2017 to the following contact details:</p>

			Contact Name: 1- Mr. Mahmoud Hadid Mobile: 0932310005 Email: mahmoud.hadid70@gmail.com
8	C.21.1	Period of Bid Validity commencing on the submission date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 120 days for each lot
9	B.9.5 C.15.4 b)	Bid Security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required
10	B.9.5	Acceptable forms of Bid Security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
11	B.9.5 C.15.4 a)	Validity of Bid Security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
12		Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not allowed
13		Liquidated Damages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Will be imposed under the following conditions: Percentage of contract price per day of delay: 0.5% Max. no. of days of delay: 20 days Next course of action: Termination of Contract
14	F.37	Performance Security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required Amount: 10% of Contract Value Form: See Enclosed Section 9 – Form for Performance Security, or Certified Check
15	C.17 C.17.2	Preferred Currency of Bid and Method for Currency conversion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars (US\$) However, for local suppliers' payments will be in Syrian Pounds at the prevailing UN exchange rate at the date of the invoice <i>Reference date for determining UN Operational Exchange Rate: of the date of deadline of the tender</i>
16	B.10.1	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	Six (6) working days before the submission date.
17	B.10.1	Contact Details for submitting	Focal Person in UNDP: Procurement Unit

		clarifications/questions ¹	Address: Damascus, Mezzeh, West Villas, Ghazawi St. 8 Fax No. : +963 11 611 45 41 E-mail address dedicated for this purpose: Hanan.al-ali@undp.org CC: syria.procurement@undp.org
18	B.11.1	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the ITB and responses/clarifications to queries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct communication to prospective Bidders by email and posting on the following websites: - www.facebook.com/UNDP.Syria - http://www.sy.undp.org/content/syria/en/home/operations/procurement/ - http://procurement-notice.undp.org/ - www.ungm.org
19	D.23.3	No. of copies of Bid that must be submitted	Original : One Copies: One (1) soft copy of your offer on CD/DVD Submissions must be identical and include all required documents. In the event of any discrepancies the "original proposal" submitted in hard copy shall govern.
20	D.23.1 b) D.23.2 D.24	Bid submission address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>By Courier / Hand Delivery:</u> Mezzeh, West Villas Ghazzawi Street #8 Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic Tel: +963 11 612 9811 Att. Walid Okla, Procurement Associate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>By Electronic submission:</u> Syria.bids@undp.org with subject: UNDP-SYR-ITB-025-17
21	C.21.1 D.24	Deadline of Bid Submission	Date and Time: March 22, 2017 4:00 PM Damascus Local Time

¹ This contact person and address is officially designated by UNDP. If inquiries are sent to other person/s or address/es, even if they are UNDP staff, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond nor can UNDP confirm that the query was officially received.

22	D.23.2	Manner of Submitting Bid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courier/Hand Delivery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic submission of Bid
23	D.23.2 D.26	Conditions and Procedures for electronic submission and opening, if allowed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Official Address for e-submission: Syria.bids@udnp.org <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Format : PDF files only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Max. File Size per transmission: [5 MB] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Max. No. of transmission: [4] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory subject of email: UNDP-SYR-ITB-049-17 and the Lot no. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time Zone to be Recognized: [Damascus, Syria]
24	D.23.1 c)	Date, time and venue for public opening of Bid	Date and Time: March 23, 2017 1:00 PM Venue : UNDP Syria Country Office
25		Evaluation method to be used in selecting the most responsive Bid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Discretionary "Pass/Fail" Criteria on the Technical Requirements for each Lot ; and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowest price offer of technically qualified/responsive Bid for each Lot
26	C.15.1	Required Documents that must be Submitted to Establish Qualification of Bidders (In "Certified True Copy" form only)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bid Submission Form (Section 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section (6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Price Schedule Form (Section 7) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company Profile, which should <u>not</u> exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Registration of the business, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document if Bidder is not a corporation; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Latest Audited Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) including Auditor's Report for the past three (3) years; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement including the Bidder's Quick Ratios for the past 3 years; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement of Satisfactory Performance from the Top Three (3) Clients in terms of Contract Value and related to similar nature and complexity to our project; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time schedule in compliance with the deadlines set in the ITB. Detailed work plan including the project timeline and duration for the main activities, as well as method statements for the excavation and

			<p>concrete works. The proposal shall be clear and comprehensive;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In case of subcontracting, the bidder should submit the company profile, experience and team composition of the designated subcontractor;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of ongoing Contracts in which the Offeror is presently engaged, with contact details of clients and current percentage completion of each on-going project as well as the end date of each contract;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List and value of projects performed for the last 3 years with similar nature and complexity, plus client's contact details who may be contacted for further information on those contracts;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical description of materials, supply and equipment in line with or exceed the requirements of performance and size of the ITB (for all components and/or requirements);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of proposed equipment;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proof that the contractor owns or will rent the proposed equipment;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Team Composition and Task Assignments (design and implementation);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CVs of the Key Staff (engineers, supervisors);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guarantees: The complete works shall be tested, commissioned and handed over complete and in perfect operating condition and shall be covered under a defects liability (parts and labor) for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of commissioning, including any possible hidden defect.</p>
27		Other documents that may be Submitted to Establish Eligibility	Not Applicable
28	C.15	Structure of the Technical Bid and List of Documents to be Submitted	See Section 2 - Instructions to Bidders, Clause 15
29	C.15.2	Latest Expected date for commencement of Contract	Upon Contract Signature
30	C.15.2	Maximum Expected duration of contract	45 days

31		UNDP will award the contract to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One or more than one Bidder, depending on the following factors:
32 (a)	F.34	Criteria for the Award and Evaluation of Bid	<p><u>Award Criteria</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-discretionary "Pass" or "Fail" rating on the detailed contents of the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications for each lot</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compliance on the following qualification requirements for each lot</p> <p><u>Bid Evaluation Criteria</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full compliance of Bid to the Scope of Works and Technical Requirements and Standards;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full acceptance of the Contract General Terms and Conditions;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The applicant vendor is required to be an engineer and/or a contractor who has engineers appointed to implement the contract, registered at the Engineering Syndicate and a practitioner of the profession, preferably to have obtained a degree of consultant engineer or a practitioner of the profession, or a contractor. The vendor must present a document of authentication from the Engineering Syndicate and the concerned authorities.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed resources, manpower, machinery and equipment etc. to perform the required works in a proper, safe and timely manner;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demonstrated ability to possess or to be able to rent of needed equipment:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal based on a survey of the project environment and data input properly used in the preparation of the proposal;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At least 3 years of experience in similar works; at least 2 similar or in construction projects.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submission of audited balance sheets, or rather financial statements acceptable to UNDP, for the last 3 (three) years to demonstrate the current soundness of the applicant's financial position and its prospective long term profitability.</p>
33	E.29	Post qualification Actions	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of the information provided by the bidder on the legal, technical and financial documents submitted;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Validation of extent of compliance to the ITB requirements and evaluation criteria based on what</p>

			has so far been found by the evaluation team; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inquiry and reference checking with other previous clients on the quality of performance on on-going or previous Contracts completed.
34		Conditions for Determining Contract Effectivity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDP's receipt of Performance Bond <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signature of Contract (s) by UNDP and the selected contractor(s)
35		Other Information Related to the ITB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The liability insurance shall be taken out by the Contractor. Any limitation of liability under the Contract should not be less than 2 times the Contract price, and which should remain valid for the entire Contract duration, including the defect liability period

Section 3a: Scope of Works

Annex. 1:

Scope of Works for Lot1

Annex. 2:

Bill of Quantities for Lot1

Annex. 3:

Scope of Works for Lot2

Annex. 3:

Bill of Quantities for Lot2

Section 3b: Related Services

Further to the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications in the preceding Table, Bidders are requested to take note of the following additional requirements, conditions, and related services pertaining to the fulfillment of the requirements:

Delivery Term [INCOTERMS 2010]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAP
Exact Address of Delivery/Installation Location	<p>Lot. 1: Sewage Networks Rehabilitation Qamishli:</p> <p>صيانة خطوط الصرف الصحي واستبدال القساطل المهترئة في خماسي حي طي شرقي وهلالية</p> <p>Lot. 2: Sanitary Disposal of the Sewage Water Running from (Nassibin) and for the Runner Line of the Western Quarter beside Al-Nabi Saleh Mosque and Mousa Bin Nuseir School.</p> <p>تصريف المياه الأسنة القادمة من (نصيبين) وخط المصبب للحي الغربي بجانب جامع النبي صالح ومدرسة موسى بن نصير</p>
Mode of Transport Preferred	No Preferred Mode of Transport
UNDP Preferred Freight Forwarder, if any	Not Applicable
Distribution of shipping documents (<i>if using freight forwarder</i>)	Not Applicable
Delivery Date	30 days from contract signature date
Customs, if needed, clearing shall be done by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor in coordination with UNDP
Ex factory / Pre-shipment inspection	Not Applicable
Inspection upon delivery	Refer to Section 3a – Scope of Works
Installation Requirements	Refer to Section 3a – Scope of Works
Testing Requirements	Refer to Section 3a – Scope of Works
Scope of Training on Operation and Maintenance	Refer to Section 3a – Scope of Works
Commissioning	Refer to Section 3a – Scope of Works
Technical Support Requirements	Refer to Section 3a – Scope of Works
Payment Terms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in two installments of 50% each: 1 st installment within 30 days from delivery and acceptance of 50%

	2 nd installment within 30 days upon UNDP's acceptance of the works delivered as specified and receipt of invoice and submission of a detailed final report.
Conditions for Release of Payment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successful Completion of Requested Works <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDP Acceptance
After-sale services required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defects liability (materials and labour) for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of commissioning, including any possible hidden defect. All main components shall also have an individual warranty of defects in materials and workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Support if needed
All documentations, including catalogs, instructions and operating manuals, shall be in this language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English

Section 4: Bid Submission Form²

(This should be written in the Letterhead of the Bidder. Except for indicated fields, no changes may be made in this template.)

Insert: Location
Insert: Date

To: UNDP- Procurement Unit

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, hereby offer to supply the works and related services required for the Provision of Civil Works to undertake the Sewage Networks Rehabilitation in Qamishli for Lot #..... [insert the lot(s) number] in accordance with your Invitation to Bid dated March 9, 2017. We are hereby submitting our Bid, which includes the Technical Bid and Price Schedule.

We hereby declare that:

- a) All the information and statements made in this Bid are true and we accept that any misrepresentation contained in it may lead to our disqualification;
- b) We are currently not on the removed or suspended vendor list of the UN or other such lists of other UN agencies, nor are we associated with, any company or individual appearing on the 1267/1989 list of the UN Security Council;
- c) We have no outstanding bankruptcy or pending litigation or any legal action that could impair our operation as a going concern; and
- d) We do not employ, nor anticipate employing, any person who is or was recently employed by the UN or UNDP.

We confirm that we have read, understood and hereby fully accept the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications describing the duties and responsibilities required of us in this ITB, and the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP's Standard Contract for this ITB.

We agree to abide by this Bid for **120 days**.

We undertake, if our Bid is accepted, to initiate the supply of goods and provision of related services not later than the date indicated in the Data Sheet.

We fully understand and recognize that UNDP is not bound to accept this Bid, that we shall bear all costs associated with its preparation and submission, and that UNDP will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the evaluation.

We remain,

² No deletion or modification may be made in this form. Any such deletion or modification may lead to the rejection of the Bid.

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [*In full and initials*]: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Contact Details: _____

[Please mark this letter with your corporate seal, if available]

Section 5: Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder

Bidder Information Form³

Date: *[insert date (as day, month and year) of Bid Submission]*

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1. Bidder's Legal Name <i>[insert Bidder's legal name]</i>		
2. In case of Joint Venture (JV), legal name of each party: <i>[insert legal name of each party in JV]</i>		
3. Actual or intended Country/ies of Registration/Operation: <i>[insert actual or intended Country of Registration]</i>		
4. Year of Registration in its Location: <i>[insert Bidder's year of registration]</i>		
5. Countries of Operation	6. No. of staff in each Country	7. Years of Operation in each Country
8. Legal Address/es in Country/ies of Registration/Operation: <i>[insert Bidder's legal address in country of registration]</i>		
9. Value and Description of Top three (3) Biggest Contract for the past five (5) years		
10. Latest Credit Rating (Score and Source, if any)		
11. Brief description of litigation history (disputes, arbitration, claims, etc.), indicating current status and outcomes, if already resolved.		
12. Bidder's Authorized Representative Information Name: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's name]</i> Address: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's Address]</i> Telephone/Fax numbers: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's telephone/fax numbers]</i> Email Address: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's email address]</i>		
13. Are you in the UNPD List 1267.1989 or UN Ineligibility List ? <input type="checkbox"/> YES or <input type="checkbox"/> NO		

³ The Bidder shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions. Apart from providing additional information, no alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.

14. Attached are copies of original documents of:

- ☐ All eligibility document requirements listed in the Data Sheet
- ☐ If Joint Venture/Consortium – copy of the Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement or Letter of Intent to form a JV/Consortium, or Registration of JV/Consortium, if registered
- ☐ If case of Government corporation or Government-owned/controlled entity, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with commercial law.

Joint Venture Partner Information Form (if Registered)⁴

Date: *[insert date (as day, month and year) of Bid Submission]*

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1. Bidder's Legal Name: <i>[insert Bidder's legal name]</i>		
2. JV's Party legal name: <i>[insert JV's Party legal name]</i>		
3. JV's Party Country of Registration: <i>[insert JV's Party country of registration]</i>		
4. Year of Registration: <i>[insert Party's year of registration]</i>		
5. Countries of Operation	6. No. of staff in each Country	7. Years of Operation in each Country
8. Legal Address/es in Country/ies of Registration/Operation: <i>[insert Party's legal address in country of registration]</i>		
9. Value and Description of Top three (3) Biggest Contract for the past five (5) years		
10. Latest Credit Rating (if any) :Click here to enter text.		
1. Brief description of litigation history (disputes, arbitration, claims, etc.), indicating current status and outcomes, if already resolved. Click here to enter text.		
13. JV's Party Authorized Representative Information Name: <i>[insert name of JV's Party authorized representative]</i> Address: <i>[insert address of JV's Party authorized representative]</i> Telephone/Fax numbers: <i>[insert telephone/fax numbers of JV's Party authorized representative]</i> Email Address: <i>[insert email address of JV's Party authorized representative]</i>		
14. Attached are copies of original documents of: <i>[check the box(es) of the attached original documents]</i> <input type="checkbox"/> All eligibility document requirements listed in the Data Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation or Registration of firm named in 2. <input type="checkbox"/> In case of government owned entity, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with commercial law.		

⁴ The Bidder shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions. Apart from providing additional information, No alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.

Section 6: Technical Bid Form⁵

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Reference: UNDP-SYR-ITB-049-17

Name of Bidding Organization / Firm:	
Country of Registration:	
Name of Contact Person for this Bid:	
Address:	
Phone / Fax:	
Email:	

SECTION 1: EXPERTISE OF FIRM/ ORGANISATION

This section should fully explain the Bidder's resources in terms of personnel and facilities necessary for the performance of this requirement.

1.1 Brief Description of Bidder as an Entity: Provide a brief description of the organization / firm submitting the Bid, its legal mandates/authorized business activities, the year and country of incorporation, and approximate annual budget, etc. Include reference to reputation, or any history of litigation and arbitration in which the organisation / firm has been involved that could adversely affect or impact the delivery of goods and/or performance of related services, indicating the status/result of such litigation/arbitration.

1.2. Financial Capacity: Based on the latest Audited Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) describe the financial capacity (liquidity, stand-by credit lines, etc.) of the bidder to engage into the contract. Include any indication of credit rating, industry rating, etc.

1.3. Track Record and Experiences: Provide the following information regarding corporate experience within at least the last five (5) years which are related or relevant to those required for this Contract.

Name of project	Client	Contract Value	Period of activity	Types of activities undertaken	Status or Date Completed	References Contact Details (Name, Phone, Email)

⁵ Technical Bids not submitted in this format may be rejected.

SECTION 2 - SCOPE OF SUPPLY, TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS, AND RELATED SERVICES

This section should demonstrate the Bidder's responsiveness to the specification by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, as specified, point by point; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed; and demonstrating how the proposed bid meets or exceeds the specifications.

2.1. Scope of Supply: Please provide a detailed description of the goods to be supplied, indicating clearly how they comply with the technical specifications required by the ITB (see below table); describe how the organisation/firm will supply the goods and any related services, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions and project environment.

Item No.	Description/ Specification of Goods	Source/ Manufacturer	Country of Origin	Qty	Quality Certificate/ Export Licences, etc. (indicate all that applies and if attached)

A supporting document with full details may be annexed to this section

2.2. Technical Quality Assurance Mechanisms: The bid shall also include details of the Bidder's internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms, all the appropriate quality certificates, export licenses and other documents attesting to the superiority of the quality of the goods and technologies to be supplied.

2.3. Reporting and Monitoring: Please provide a brief description of the mechanisms proposed for this project for reporting to the UNDP and partners, including a reporting schedule.

2.4. Subcontracting: Explain whether any work would be subcontracted, to whom, how much percentage of the work, the rationale for such, and the roles of the proposed sub-contractors. Special attention should be given to providing a clear picture of the role of each entity and how everyone will function as a team.

2.5. Risks / Mitigation Measures: Please describe the potential risks for the implementation of this project that may impact achievement and timely completion of expected results as well as their quality. Describe measures that will be put in place to mitigate these risks.

2.6 Implementation Timelines: The Bidder shall submit a Gantt Chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.

2.7. Partnerships (Optional): Explain any partnerships with local, international or other organizations that are planned for the implementation of the project. Special attention should be given to providing a clear picture of the role of each entity and how everyone will function as a team. Letters of commitment from partners and an indication of whether some or all have successfully worked together on other previous projects is encouraged.

2.8. Anti-Corruption Strategy (Optional): Define the anti-corruption strategy that will be applied in this project to prevent the misuse of funds. Describe the financial controls that will be put in place.

2.9 Statement of Full Disclosure: This is intended to disclose any potential conflict in accordance with the definition of “conflict” under Section 4 of this document, if any.

2.10 Other: Any other comments or information regarding the bid and its implementation.

SECTION 3: PERSONNEL

3.1 Management Structure: Describe the overall management approach toward planning and implementing the contract. Include an organization chart for the management of the contract, if awarded.

3.2 Staff Time Allocation: Provide a spreadsheet will be included to show the activities of each personnel involved in the implementation of the contract. Where the expertise of the personnel is critical to the success of the contract, UNDP will not allow substitution of personnel whose qualifications had been reviewed and accepted during the bid evaluation. (If substitution of such a personnel is unavoidable, substitution or replacement will be subject to the approval of UNDP. No increase in costs will be considered as a result of any substitution).

3.3 Qualifications of Key Personnel. Provide the CVs for key personnel (Team Leader, Managerial and general staff) that will be provided to support the implementation of this project. CVs should demonstrate qualifications in area of expertise relevant to the Contract. Please use the format below:

Name:		
Role in Contract Implementation:		
Nationality:		
Contact information:		
Countries of Relevant Work Experience:		
Language Skills:		
Education and other Qualifications:		
Summary of Experience: <i>Highlight experience in the region and on similar projects.</i>		
Relevant Experience (From most recent):		
Period: From – To	Name of activity/ Project/ funding organisation, if applicable:	Job Title and Activities undertaken/Description of actual role performed:
<i>e.g. June 2010-January 2011</i>		
<i>Etc.</i>		
<i>Etc.</i>		
References (minimum of 3):	<i>Name Designation Organization Contact Information – Address; Phone; Email; etc.</i>	
Declaration:		
<p>I confirm my intention to serve in the stated position and present availability to serve for the term of the proposed contract. I also understand that any wilful misstatement described above may lead to my disqualification, before or during my engagement.</p>		
<hr/> Signature of the Nominated Team Leader/Member		<hr/> Date Signed

Section 7: Price Schedule Form

The Bidder is required to prepare the Price Schedule as indicated in the Instruction to Bidders for each lot.

Please use the template attached in annex 5 to submit your financial offer.

Section 8: FORM FOR PERFORMANCE SECURITY⁶

(This must be finalized using the official letterhead of the Issuing Bank. Except for indicated fields, no changes may be made in this template.)

To: UNDP
UNDP-SYR-ITB-049-17

WHEREAS *[name and address of Contractor]* (hereinafter called "the Contractor") has undertaken, in pursuance of Contract No. Click to enter dated Click to enter , to deliver the goods and execute related services Click here to enter text. (hereinafter called "the Contract"):

AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by you in the said Contract that the Contractor shall furnish you with a Bank Guarantee by a recognized bank for the sum specified therein as security for compliance with his obligations in accordance with the Contract:

AND WHEREAS we have agreed to give the Contractor such a Bank Guarantee:

NOW THEREFORE we hereby affirm that we are the Guarantor and responsible to you, on behalf of the Contractor, up to a total of *[amount of guarantee]* *[in words and numbers]*, such sum being payable in the types and proportions of currencies in which the Contract Price is payable, and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of *[amount of guarantee as aforesaid]* without your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand for the sum specified therein.

This guarantee shall be valid until a date 30 days from the date of issue by UNDP of a certificate of satisfactory performance and full completion of services by the Contractor.

SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THE GUARANTOR BANK

Date

Name of Bank

Address

from the final product.

⁶ If the RFP requires the submission of a Performance Security, which shall be made a condition to the signing and effectivity of the contract, the Performance Security that the Bidder's Bank will issue shall use the contents of this template

Section 9: Contract

MODEL CONTRACT FOR WORKS

Date _____

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref.: _____/_____/_____ [INSERT PROJECT NUMBER AND TITLE]

The United Nations Development Programme (hereinafter referred to as "UNDP"), wishes to engage your company, duly incorporated under the Laws of _____ [INSERT NAME OF THE COUNTRY] (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor") in order to perform _____ [INSERT SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE WORKS] (hereinafter referred to as the "Works"), in accordance with the following Contract:

1. Contract Documents

- 1.1 This Contract is subject to the UNDP General Conditions for Civil Works, _____ [INSERT REVISION NUMBER AND DATE FROM THE CONTRACTS DOCUMENTS LIBRARY], attached hereto as Annex I. The provisions of such Annex shall control the interpretation of this Contract and in no way shall be deemed to have been derogated by the contents of this letter and any other Annexes, unless otherwise expressly stated under section 4 of this letter, entitled "Special Conditions".
- 1.2 The Contractor and UNDP also agree to be bound by the provisions contained in the following documents, which shall take precedence over one another in case of conflict in the following order:
 - a) this letter;
 - b) the Scope of Works and BOQs [ref.dated.....], attached hereto as Annex II;
 - c) the Contractor's Tender _____ [IF THE CONTRACT IS ON THE BASIS OF UNIT PRICE, INSERT: including the Priced Bill of Quantities] [ref....., dated], as clarified by the agreed minutes of the negotiation meeting⁷ [dated.....], not attached hereto but known to and in the possession of both parties.
- 1.3 All the above shall form the Contract between the Contractor and UNDP, superseding the contents of any other negotiations and/or agreements, whether oral or in writing, pertaining to the subject of this Contract.

[INSERT NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONTRACTOR]

⁷ If there are updates to the technical proposal or correspondence exchanged in clarification of certain aspects, reference them too, provided that they are acceptable to UNDP. Otherwise, aspects which resolution is pending should be dealt with in this letter itself or in the Technical Specifications/Drawings, as appropriate.

2. Obligations of the Contractor

- 2.1 The Contractor shall commence work within ____ [INSERT NUMBER OF DAYS] days from the date on which he shall have been given access to the Site and received the notice to commence from the Engineer, and shall perform and substantially complete the Works by ../../.... [INSERT DATE], in accordance with the Contract. The Contractor shall provide all materials, supplies, labour and other services necessary to that end.
- 2.2 The Contractor shall submit to the Engineer the Programme of Work referred to in Clause 13 of the General Conditions by ../../.... [INSERT DATE].
- 2.3 The Contractor represents and warrants the accuracy of any information or data provided to UNDP for the purpose of entering into this Contract, as well as the quality of the Works foreseen under this Contract in accordance with the highest industrial and professional standards.

OPTION 1 (FIXED PRICE)

3. Price and Payment⁸

- 3.1 In full consideration of the complete and satisfactory performance of the Works under this Contract, UNDP shall pay the Contractor a fixed contract price of _____ [INSERT CURRENCY & AMOUNT IN FIGURES AND WORDS].
- 3.2 The price of this Contract is not subject to any adjustment or revision because of price or currency fluctuations or the actual costs incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract.
- 3.3 Invoices shall be submitted by the Contractor to the Engineer upon achievement of the corresponding milestones and for the following amounts:

<u>MILESTONE</u> ⁹	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Upon signature of Contract/../....
...../../....
Upon substantial completion of Works/../....
Upon final completion of Works/../....

⁸ This version of section 3 is to be used for fixed price contracts. Fixed price contracts should normally be used when it is possible to estimate with reasonable accuracy the costs of the activities which are the subject of the Contract.

⁹ In the case of advance payments, the amount should not exceed 15%.

OPTION 2 (COST REIMBURSEMENT)

3. Price and payment

- 3.1 The total estimated price of the Contract is contained in the Bill of Quantities and amounts to _____ **[INSERT CURRENCY & AMOUNT IN FIGURES AND WORDS]**.
- 3.2 The final price of the Contract will be determined on the basis of the actual quantities of work and materials utilized in the complete and satisfactory performance of the Works as certified by the Engineer and the unit prices contained in the Contractor's financial proposal. Such unit prices are fixed and are not subject to any variation whatsoever.
- 3.3 If the Contractor foresees that the final price of the Contract may exceed the total estimated price contained in 3.1 above, he shall so inform the Engineer without delay, in order for UNDP to decide, at its discretion, to increase the estimated price of the Contract as a result of a larger quantity of work/material or to reduce the quantity of work to be performed or materials to be used. UNDP shall not be responsible for payment of any amount in excess of that stipulated in 3.1 above unless this latter amount has been increased by means of a written amendment of this Contract in accordance with its paragraph 8 below.
- 3.4 The Contractor shall submit an invoice for _____ **[INSERT AMOUNT AND CURRENCY OF THE ADVANCE PAYMENT IN FIGURES & WORDS]** upon signature of this Contract by both parties, invoices for the work performed and materials utilized every _____ **[INSERT PERIOD OF TIME OR MILESTONES]** and a final invoice within 30 days from the issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion by the Engineer.¹⁰

[THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES ARE COMMON TO OPTIONS 1 & 2 AND MUST BE NUMBERED ACCORDING TO THE OPTION CHOSEN FOR ARTICLE 3]

- 3.@ UNDP shall effect payment of the invoices after receipt of the certificate of payment issued by the Engineer, approving the amount contained in the invoice. The Engineer may make corrections to that amount, in which case UNDP may effect payment for the amount so corrected. The Engineer may also withhold invoices if the work is not performed at any time in accordance with the terms of the Contract or if the necessary insurance policies or performance security are not valid and/or in order. The Engineer shall process the invoices submitted by the Contractor within 15 days of their receipt.
- 3.@ Payments effected by UNDP to the Contractor shall be deemed neither to relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Contract nor as acceptance by UNDP of the Contractor's performance of the Works.
- 3.@ Payment of the final invoice shall be effected by UNDP after issuance of the Certificate of Final Completion by the Engineer.

¹⁰ In the case of advance payments, the amount should not exceed 15%.

4. Special conditions¹¹

- 4.1 The advance payment to be made upon signature of the contract by both parties is contingent upon receipt and acceptance by UNDP of a bank guarantee ¹²for the full amount of the advance payment issued by a Bank and in a form acceptable to UNDP.¹³
- 4.2 The amounts of the payments referred to under section 3.6 above shall be subject to a deduction of _____ **[INSERT PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE THAT THE ADVANCE REPRESENTS]** % (... percent) of the amount accepted for payment until the cumulative amount of the deductions so effected shall equal the amount of the advance payment.¹⁴ Should the cumulative amount of the deductions so made be lower than the amount of the advance payment after the date of substantial completion of the Works, UNDP may deduct the amount equal to the difference between the advance payment and the cumulative deductions from the payments due after substantial completion or may recover such amount from the bank guarantee referred to in 4.1 above.
- 4.3 The Performance **[SELECT BOND/GUARANTEE]** referred to in Clause 10 of the General Conditions shall be submitted by the Contractor for an amount of _____ **[INSERT -PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL ESTIMATED OR FIXED PRICE OF THE CONTRACT IN THE CASE OF A GUARANTEE AND 30% IN THE CASE OF A BOND]**.¹⁵
- 4.4 **[THE USE OF THIS CLAUSE REQUIRES APPROVAL BY THE PROJECT DIRECTOR/UNDP PROGRAMME OFFICER]** The Contractor may submit invoices for materials and plant stored at the Site, provided they are necessary and adequate for the performance of the Works and they are protected from weather conditions and duly insured as per the instructions of the Engineer.
- 4.5 The liability insurance referred to in Clause 23 of the General Conditions shall be taken out by the Contractor for an amount of..... **[CONSULT THE ENGINEER FOR APPROPRIATE AMOUNT]**.
- 4.6 According to Clause 45 of the General Conditions, the liquidated damages for delay shall be _____ **[INSERT PERCENTAGE]** of the price of the Contract per week of delay, up to a maximum of 10% of the final price of the Contract.

5. Submission of invoices

¹¹ Under this Section, the Programme Officer may propose special clauses in order to adapt the model contract to the specific situation. In this sample clause 4, several clauses of common use are given. If they are not required, they should be deleted.

¹² If the legislation of the Country of the Contractor forbids the use of bank guarantees, a bond may be accepted.

¹³ This clause must be used when an advance payment of \$50,000 or more is granted to the Consultant.

¹⁴ This clause must be used when an advance payment is granted (whatever the amount) in a cost reimbursement contract.

¹⁵ The reason for the distinction between a 10% bank guarantee and a 30% performance bond is that bank guarantees are generally unconditional and can be called directly without proof of nonperformance, whereas most performance bonds are conditional and require some proof of nonperformance. There are usually additional costs and time delays incurred with cashing a performance bond and so a higher percentage is requested to cover the extra work involved. Some banks outside of the U.S. may call certain guarantee instruments, "performance bonds or guarantees" although they may only be conditional guarantees. It is important to review the text of the instrument to determine whether it is a conditional or unconditional guarantee.

5.1 One original and one copy of every invoice shall be submitted by mail by the Contractor for each payment under the Contract to the Engineer's address specified in clause 8.2.

5.2 Invoices submitted by fax shall not be accepted by UNDP.

6. Time and manner of payment

6.1 Invoices shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of their receipt and acceptance by UNDP.

6.2 All payments shall be made by UNDP to the following Bank account of the Contractor:

_____ [NAME OF THE BANK]

_____ [ACCOUNT NUMBER]

_____ [ADDRESS OF THE BANK]

7. Modifications

7.1 Any modification to this Contract shall require an amendment in writing between both parties duly signed by the authorized representatives of the Contractor and UNDP.

Notifications

8.1 For the purpose of notifications under the Contract, the addresses of UNDP and the Contractor are as follows:

For the UNDP:

Ross Mountain
UNDP Resident Representative
United Nations Development Programme

Arab African International Bank Building
Riad El Solh Street
Nejmeh, Beirut 2011 5211, Lebanon
Tel: +961 1 962 500
Fax: +961 1 962 491

CONTRACT Ref. _____/_____/_____ [INSERT CONTRACT REFERENCE & NUMBER]

For the Contractor:

Insert Name, Address and Telex,
Fax and Cable Numbers]

- 8.2 For the purposes of communications with the Engineer, the address of the Engineer shall be as follows:

Insert Name, Address and Telex,
Fax and Cable Numbers of the Engineer]

OR

- 8.2 UNDP shall communicate as soon as possible to the Contractor after the signature of the Contract, the address of the Engineer for the purposes of communication with the Engineer under the Contract.

If the above terms and conditions meet with your agreement as typed in this letter and in the Contract Documents, please initial every page of this letter and its attachments and return to this office one original of this Contract, duly signed and dated.

Yours sincerely,

[INSERT NAME OF RR or Bureau/Division Director]

For Insert name of the company/organization]

Agreed and Accepted:

Signature _____

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT FOR CIVIL WORKS

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Appendix I: Format of Performance Security

1. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of the Contract Documents the words and expressions below shall have the following meanings:

- a) "Employer" means the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- b) "Contractor" means the person whose tender has been accepted and with whom the Contract has been entered into.
- c) "Engineer" means the person whose services have been engaged by UNDP to administer the Contract as provided therein, as will be notified in writing to the Contractor.
- d) "Contract" means the written agreement between the Employer and the Contractor, to which these General Conditions are annexed.
- e) "The Works" means the works to be executed and completed under the Contract.
- f) "Temporary Works" shall include items to be constructed which are not intended to be permanent and form part of the Works.
- g) "Drawings" and "Specifications" mean the Drawings and Specifications referred to in the Contract and any modification thereof or addition thereto furnished by the Engineer or submitted by the Contractor and approved in writing by the Engineer in accordance with the Contract.
- h) "Bill of Quantities" is the document in which the Contractor indicates the cost of the Works, on the basis of the foreseen quantities of items of work and the fixed unit prices applicable to them.
- i) "Contract Price" means the sum agreed in the Contract as payable to the Contractor for the execution and completion of the Works and for remedying of any defects therein in accordance with the Contract.
- j) "Site" means the land and other places on, under, in or through which the Works or Temporary Works are to be constructed.

2. SINGULAR AND PLURAL

Words importing persons or parties shall include firms or companies and words importing the singular only shall also include the plural and vice versa where the context requires.

3. HEADINGS OR NOTES

The headings or notes in the Contract Documents shall not be deemed to be part thereof or be taken into consideration in their interpretation.

4. LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS

The Contractor and the sub-contractor(s), if any, shall have the status of an independent contractor vis-à-vis the Employer. The Contract Documents shall not be construed to create any contractual relationship of any kind between the Engineer and the Contractor, but the Engineer shall, in the exercise of his duties and powers under the Contract, be entitled to performance by the Contractor of its obligations, and to enforcement thereof. Nothing contained in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual relationship between the Employer or the Engineer and any subcontractor(s) of the Contractor.

5. GENERAL DUTIES/POWERS OF ENGINEER

- a) The Engineer shall provide administration of Contract as provided in the Contract Documents. In particular, he shall perform the functions hereinafter described.
- b) The Engineer shall be the Employer's representative vis-à-vis the Contractor during construction and until final payment is due. The Engineer shall advise and consult with the Employer. The Employer's instructions to the Contractor shall be forwarded through the Engineer. The Engineer shall have authority to act on behalf of the Employer only to the extent provided in the Contract Documents as they may be amended in writing in accordance with the Contract. The duties, responsibilities and limitations of authority of the Engineer as the Employer's representative during construction as set forth in the Contract shall not be modified or extended without the written consent of the Employer, the Contractor and the Engineer.
- c) The Engineer shall visit the Site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction to familiarize himself generally with the progress and quality of the Works and to determine in general if the Works are proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents. On the basis of his on-site observations as an Engineer, he shall keep the Employer informed of the progress of the Works.
- d) The Engineer shall not be responsible for and will not have control or charge of construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Works or the Temporary Works. The Engineer shall not be responsible for or have control or charge over the acts or omissions of the Contractor (including the Contractor's failure to carry out the Works in accordance with the Contract) and of Sub-contractors or any of their agents or employees, or any other persons performing services for the Works, except if such acts or omissions are caused by the Engineer's failure to perform his functions in accordance with the contract between the Employer and the Engineer.
- e) The Engineer shall at all times have access to the Works wherever and whether in preparation or progress. The Contractor shall provide facilities for such access so that the Engineer may perform his functions under the Contract.
- f) Based on the Engineer's observations and an evaluation of the documentation submitted by the Contractor together with the invoices, the Engineer shall determine the amounts owed to the Contractor and shall issue Certificates for Payment as appropriate.