

## **Department of Works and Engineering**

Your Ref: Our Ref: 50/203

27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## To all interested bidders

The Government of Bermuda, as represented by the Ministry of Public Works, Department of Works and Engineering, Water and Wastewater section (hereafter known as "Ministry") seeks tender responses from technically and financially experienced water producers or other firms from which the Ministry intents to select one contractor to build, own and operate (BOO) a potable water plant that best fit the Ministry's needs.

The plant location is St. Georges Water Treatment Plant Building, 15 Somner Lane, St. Georges, Bermuda (See Appendix B – Site Availability Drawing). The Ministry is seeking a maximum water production volume of 160,000 imperial gallons per day. The plant should operate on-demand as required by the Ministry based on rainfall and demand on the water distribution system. The Ministry requires a guaranteed supply quantity of 65,000 imperial gallons per month of Potable Drinking Water to the standards set out in Appendix A for the duration of the contract. The successful bidder will build own and operate a water treatment plant, whether as an individual or a private company, is responsible for the technical, commercial and financial operation of the plant.

The Ministry seeks to sign an agreement with the successful bidder for three (3) years with an option to extend the service period up to two (2) years renewable each twelve (12) months. Under the agreement the contractor is required to achieve the commercial operation within three (3) months after approval and signing of the agreement with the Ministry.

The RFP contains the Ministry's preferred form of a BOO agreement. This model agreement is designed to provide bidders with guidance on specific terms and general concepts that will be important in developing proposals in response to this RFP. The model agreement is not an offer or commitment capable of being accepted to form a binding agreement. The terms of the final contract will be negotiated between the Ministry and the successful bidder of the RFP. Bidders should comment on any issues, areas of concern or objections to the purchase agreement, if any, in their tender. The Ministry reserves the right not to enter into any agreement based on the tenders received.

Bidders interested in responding to this Request for Tenders (RFT) must submit *four (4) hard copies (one (1) marked original and three (3) marked duplicate copies) and one (1) copy on a CD (in Word or PDF format)*]. Written tender responses to the enclosed RFT must be received no later than February 15, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. AST, at the Ministry of Public Works, located at 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, General Post Office Building, 56 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda. Late submissions will not be accepted.

All communication with the Ministry regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. J Tarik Christopher, at <u>tjchristopher@gov.bm</u>. Any other contact with Ministry staff regarding this RFP is prohibited and may be grounds for disqualifications. Throughout the RFP process, the Ministry will distribute the questions that were submitted in writing to the Mr J Tarik Christopher along with the answers to those questions. The answers will be provided to all by posting them with the related procurement notice on the Government portal. The Ministry reserves the right to amend or modify this RFP throughout the process.

The Ministry shall hold a pre-bid meeting and information session on February 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. AST at the entrance of the St. Georges Water Treatment plant, located on 15 Somner Lane, St. Georges, Bermuda.

## Notice of Intent to Bid

Each interested party shall submit notice of their intent to bid by email with "Notice of Intent to bid for the RFT for Build, Own, Operation Plant for Potable Water" in the subject line to tjchristopher@gov.bm no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in the RFP Schedule.

We look forward with interest to your participation in this RFP process.

Sincerely,

Mr. Yves Lortie Chief Engineer Enclosures