

Ref.: DA/2-4/2014/T23/14-3

 Date: December 03, 2014

Circular No. (1)

Reference: SEZAD Tender No. (23-2014) "Construction of Main Road Improvements at Duqm Centre"

Date of Collection of Tender Documents:
03/11/2014

Submission date: 16/12/2014

Subject: Replies to Bidders' Queries

Replace in Addendum 2, Section titled: 'Replies to Bidders Queries (7 pages)' **with** this Circular No. (1).

Dear Bidders,

Please find below replies to queries received from Bidders:

Query No.	QUERY	REPLY
1	According to the Prime Document page #5 Item 5, it is stated that the filling-in and completion of the Form of Tender and the Bill of Quantities shall be written in black waterproof ink or black ballpoint or in typescript form. Could Computer printouts be accepted as well?	Yes.
2	According to the Prime Document page #11 Item 16, it says "the determining of the unit price is to be made by the Ten Bidder at his own cost and responsibility and in no case will be entitled to claim for reasons of ignorance or	It is typographical error. Page No. 11 (R-1) is being issued through Addendum No. 2.



	omission." In this sentence, what is the meaning of "Ten Bidder?" Is it a typographical error of "The Bidder?"	
3	In accordance with 10% Omanization Program stated in the Prime Document page #7 Item 8-d) - iii) and in the Addendum No.1 Item (b), should the Contractor hire and use the local subcontractor, materials and Omani labors at least 10% each? However, there is a condition refer to the Omanization on page #13 Item 24 of the Prime Document that the Contractor should hire at least 30% of Omani labors. Please clarify the discrepancy for the Omanization.	It is 10% . Page No. 13 (R-1) is being issued through Addendum No. 2.
4	Is there a minimum requirement of the score of the Technical Proposal which leads the Financial Proposal to be opened for evaluation?	There is no minimum requirement of score for qualifying Technical Evaluation.
5	Regarding the Prime Document page #13 Item 23, we could find that the original set and two copies of the Tender Documents and Technical Proposal are required, but couldn't make sure of making copies of Financial Proposal. Should two copies of Financial Proposal also be submitted with the original set?	Yes. Copies of Financial Proposal should also be prepared and packed as per procedure described for Technical Proposal.
6	Concerning the elements and evaluation criteria for Financial Proposal specified in the Prime Document page #18, we could figure out that Audited Financial Reports shall be the ground for Evaluation Item F2. In this regard, should the Audited Financial Reports be included in our Financial Proposal with our Bid Price?	Yes.
7	Is it possible to use a new single carriageway	Diversion plan and methodol-



	(one lane for each direction) as a diversion during removal and renovation of existing road?	ogy shall be proposed by the Contractor and approved by R.O.P. and all concerned agencies.
8	<p>We could find 2 (two) addresses in the invitation to Tender;</p> <p>1) The Chairman, SEZAD Tender Committee, Post Box No.25, Postal Code 103 Bareeq Al Shatti SULTANATE OF OMAN</p> <p>2) SEZAD Tender Committee SEZAD Muscat Headquarters, First Floor Office No. 11, Al Mashriq Building No. 113 Block 248, Street No. 70; 18th of November Street, North Azaiba, Muscat SULTANATE OF OMAN</p> <p>Is it correct that the first address is for the submission through post and second one is for submission by hand?</p>	<p>Address No. 1 is the one that shall be written on outer side of proposal envelope. Address No. 2 (<i>First Floor Office No. 11, Al Mashriq Building No. 113, Block 248, 18th of November Street (at corner of Street No. 70), North Azaiba, Muscat</i>) elaborates physical location of the office, for convenience of the tenderers, where tender is to be submitted/delivered.</p>
9	Please provide the geological report.	Geological report is being issued through Addendum No. 2.
10	Please provide the detailed drawings of the box culverts which show the wall thickness and structure. Is it prefabricated or cast-in-situ?	Structural details of the box culverts will be as per Highway Design Standards June 2010.
11	Please provide the location and distance of the spoil ground.	Places for disposal will be identified by the Contractor and shall be approved by the concerned authorities.
12	Please provide the Cast-in-situ Concrete Barrier "Type B" on top of retaining walls.	Please refer section 11, Page No. 11-24 of Volume 2 of High Design Standards June 2010 for this detail.



13	Whether the Employer can provide stable water and power supply	The Contractor shall arrange water, power supply and other such facilities at his own expenses after coordinating with the concerned authorities.
14	In BOQ, about item 1.10.6 (i) and 1.10.6 (ii), please instruct the meaning of "as specified". Do you mean provide the photos and videos of progress of construction per month?	Please refer to Clause 1.10.4 of Highway Design Standards Volume 3 - Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.
15	As mentioned in your BOQ Item 1.11.8 (i), 1.14.8 (i), 1.15.4 (i), 1.15.4 (ii), if there is any compensation to the owner of the property and if the owner will afford the cost of compensation.	Please refer to Clauses 1.11.6 (<i>Records (As-Built) Drawings</i>), 1.14.6 (<i>Project Sign Boards</i>) and 1.15 (<i>Commemorative Plaque and Opening Ceremony</i>) of Highway Design Standards Volume 3 - Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.
16	For the trees excavated do we need to relocate for growing or dispose them or dump at your designated site?	Please refer to Clause 2.1.3 of Highway Design Standards Volume 3 - Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.
17	Could you locate the site for dumping the excavated soil?	Replied in item 11 above.
18	Where is the location of quarries which we need approval from SEZAD and what is the charge fee? If the method of explosion is applicable in the quarries?	Contractor shall locate the quarries for all suitable materials and perform excavation as per provisions of Sections 2.3.3 and 2.4 of Highway Design Standards Volume 3 -



		Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.
19	During the course of construction whether we could intercept the traffic? If not, please instruct us the construction standard of detour substitute road.	The Contractor shall control and maintain the traffic flow by detouring and other such arrangements as finally approved by R.O.P. and other concerned authorities. For details refer Clause 1.7.1 of Special Specifications.
20	For the demolishing work within the contract if the responsibility of the Contractor is only discussing and setting a demolishing time with the owner of property.	Please refer to Clause 2.2 of Highway Design Standards Volume 3 - Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.
21	On the river area at K0+900-K1+000, in which way we can access or construct the over river part because of no clear indication showing in the drawing?	Wadi area, called River part by the bidder, is not part of this project.
22	Please indicate the materials on the side curbs of the road. If it is made of concrete, could we self-precast the curb?	Please refer BOQ Item Nos. "12.1.7 (v) a to e" and Volume 2 of Highway Design Standards June 2010.
23	As mentioned in the tender document "Package Sub-stations shall be measured by the number of complete units supplied, installed, tested, put in to operation and accepted by the Concerned Authority, including time switch, connection and allied civil works (concrete foundations, boundary walls etc.)", please instruct us which is the Concerned Authority.	Please refer to Clause 2.1.3 and 2.1.5 of Volume 1 of High Design Standards June 2010.



24	Please provide the contact information of Electricity Distribution Company regarding the power supply for the traffic signal controller.	Electricity Distribution Company is RAECO.
25	In the road lighting and electrical installation, there is "Preformed inductive loops shall be Never Fail Loops Systems or equivalent and is asphalt-rubber filled pre-dimensional loop detectors. A specialized sub-Contractor shall carry out the installation works of loop detectors. The sub-contractor shall determine the length and width of the preformed inductive loops prior to the commencement of the installation works." Please provide the contact information of this professional sub-contractor.	It is Contractor responsibility to find the professional sub-contractor by himself.
26	Please instruct which part of the project we must assign to the local professional and qualified sub-contractor to undertake.	It shall be decided by the Contractor himself.
27	Could you provide the geological survey for this project, which there is no survey report in the Tender Documents.	Refer/replied in item 9 above.
28	As an international contractor we have not registered in Oman, how should we provide LIST OF OMANI PERSONNEL WHO ARE EMPLOYED IN THE COMPANY and LIST OF EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL EMPLOYED IN THE COMPANY? Please instruct us.	For International Companies, these listings are 'not required'.
29	For Financial Proposal (commercial tender) how many pieces of copies the contractor need to provide.	Please provide one original and two copies.
30	Regarding the format of bid bond you propose, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (short for HSBC), which is the bank we	SEZAD is agreeable to the wordings as proposed by HSBC (as proposed by bid-

	deal with on such matter, does not agree with the format in the tender document. Please find attached the format of HSBC and see if you will approve using this format from the Bank.	<u>der/Qingjian</u>).
31	BOQ, Item Ref: 15.8.6, it is mentioned octagonal DECORATIVE lighting pole and drawing shows normal pole only. Please suggest which one to quote - Decorative type or normal type.	Decorative type. Please refer Clause 15.8.2.2 of Special Specifications and Items No."15.8.6 (ii) b & c" of BOQ.
32	BOQ , Item ref : 18.2.6 (iii)a , 200mm dia underground water pipe line (with same material as existing) - Please suggest us the material of water pipe line.	Please refer Item No. "18.2.6 (iii) a" of BOQ.

NOTES:

1. Any queries and/or clarifications are to be officially submitted to SEZAD Tenders email: sezadtenders@duqm.com
2. All Bidders are to endorse this circular and attach it as part of their tender submission.
3. Bidders are advised that the **last date** for any further queries shall be **9th Dec 2014**.

Yours Sincerely,



SEZAD Tenders and Contracts Department

