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REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL WATER QUALITY LABORATORY.
NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AGENCY

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL WATER QUALITY LABORATORY.

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Mode of Financing: Government of Sierra Leone

Financing Number:

IFB No: NWRMA/HSD/ICB/2022/001

The National Water Resources Management Agency has received funds from the Government of Sierra Leone to procure water quality equipment and reagents for the establishment of a national water quality laboratory. Sierra Leone has vast surface water resources and an appreciable groundwater resource due to its 12 river basins and many aquifers that can sustain community water abstraction. However, with an increase in population, the creation of new settlements, the proliferation of artisanal mining, poor solid and liquid waste management, amongst others, have led to the contamination of many water bodies and pose threats to others. The establishment of a National Water Quality Laboratory will enable the Agency to embark on routine water quality monitoring for both surface and groundwater resources. This will further enable the Agency to detect point source pollution, regulate effluent disposal by water users and generally protect and manage Sierra Leone's water resources.

On this note the NWRMA now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the procurement of the following:

1. Laboratory equipment for water quality testing: physical, chemical, and biological parameters
2. Water quality reagents for the testing of physical, chemical, and biological parameters
3. Laboratory accessories
4. Laboratory IT equipment for data recording and storage
5. Water quality laboratory vehicle for field data collection
6. Laboratory benches, cabinets, and other accessories

Instructions to Bid Reference	Data relevant to the ITB
1.1	The Employer is: National Water Resources Management Agency (NWRMA) The name of the bidding process is <i>Establishment of a National Water Quality Laboratory</i> The number of activities comprised in the bidding document are:

Instructions to Bid Reference	Data relevant to the ITB			
	No	Activity	Description	Qty
	1	Procurement of Laboratory equipment	Equipment for water quality testing for physical, chemical, and biological parameters	See Bill of Quantity for details and quantities (Section IX)
	2	Procurement of water quality reagents	Water quality reagents for the testing of physical, chemical, and biological parameters	
	3	Procure Laboratory accessories	General water quality laboratory accessories for conducting water quality tests and ensuring safety in the lab as well.	
	4	Procure IT equipment	This will serve as the platform for smooth data collection, recording and storage. It will also be used to print reports. Typically, this will be a computer and a printer	
	5	Procure water quality vehicle	This will be used for field water quality data collection which should be a 4-Wheeler and robust off-road vehicle with capacity for carrying personnel, equipment, and water samples	
	6	Procure and install laboratory benches and cabinets, plumbing	This will serve as hygienic tabletops for conducting water quality tests, hold and store water quality equipment and reagents	
1.3	The Government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Finance will finance the project.			
2.1	<p>Eligible Bidders should submit the following:</p> <p>Local firms shall submit with their bids as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed and stamped bid form 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form of bid security • Bidder's qualification • Current contract commitments • Authorization to Represent the Firm, (Power of Attorney) • Agreement of JV/Consortium or of Association of Contractor (where applicable) • A valid Business registration certificate • Bid Security of Three hundred and fifty thousand new leones (SLE 350,000) or three hundred and fifty million old leones {Le 350,000,000}, or its equivalent in any freely convertible foreign currency from a reputable commercial bank • A valid tax clearance certificate • A valid NASSIT clearance certificate • A signed Integrity Pact • A valid Ministry of works Certificate (Minimum class 1) • A valid Freetown City Council Certificate • Audited monthly cash flow for at least 12 months • Audited income statement • Completion certificates for previous work/supplies done for at least 3 majors projects • Audited financial report for the past three years (2019,2020,2021) <p>International firms shall submit with their bids as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed and stamped bid form • Form of Bid Security • Bidder's qualification • Current Contract Commitments • Authorization to Represent the Firm, (Power of Attorney) • Agreement of JV/Consortium or of Association of Contractor (where applicable) • A valid Business registration certificate • Bid Security of Three hundred and fifty thousand new leones (SLE 350,000) or three hundred and fifty million old leones {Le 350,000,000}, or its equivalent in any freely convertible foreign currency from a reputable commercial bank • A signed Integrity Pact • Audited monthly cash flow for at least 12 months • Audited income statement • Completion certificates for previous work/supplies done for at least 3 majors projects • Audited financial report for the past three years (2019,2020,2021)
3.2(a)	The minimum required annual value of similar services for the successful Bidder in any of the last three years shall be Nine million new leones (SLE 9,000,000.00) or Nine billion old leones (Le 9,000,000,000.00) or its equivalent in any freely convertible foreign currency.
3.2(c)	The key personnel to be made available for the project by the successful Bidder shall be:

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	No	Position	Qualification	Total Work Experience (Years)	Experience in similar work (years)
	1	Project Manager	BSc. Biological Sciences or other related degrees and PMP or equivalent	8	5
	2	Water quality expert	BSc in Biological Sciences or related fields and certification in the installation and maintenance of water quality equipment	6	3
10.1	Bidders shall submit: Technical and financial proposals, with the technical proposal inclusive of organizational chart, CVs and list of personnel, manufacturers authorization, method statements, program of works, company profile, supply schedule, mobilisation schedule, specific experience for the past 3 years, and general experience for the past 5 years				

Bidding will be conducted through the open method of the International competitive bidding procedures as specified in the National Public Procurement Authority legal instruments and is open to both National and International eligible bidders.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents from the National Water Resources Management Agency at 29 King Harman Road, Freetown during office hours of **8:00 am to 4:30 pm from 4th August 2022 to 12th September 2022.**

A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders upon the submission of a written application to the above office, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **five thousand new leones (SLE 5,000)** or **five million old leones (Le 5,000,000.00)** to the following account:

Bank Name: Bank of Sierra Leone
Account Name: NPPA-Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 00000101100398165
or

Bank Name: Union Trust Bank
Account Name: Revenue from sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
Account No: 00-4001113253120144

Bank Name: Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
Account Name: Revenue from sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
Account No: 003001081791112183

Bank Name: Rokel Commercial Bank

Account: Revenue from sale of Bidding Sub Treasury

Account No: 02-011012428

BBAN NO: 002001002101242863

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of **three hundred and fifty thousand new leones (SLE 350,000) or Three hundred and fifty million old leones (Le350,000,000.00) from a reputable commercial bank** and must be delivered to the address below on or before **12:30 pm on the 15th September 2022** and will be opened thereafter **1:30 pm** on the same date, in the presence of bidders or their representative who choose to attend at the address below.

Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.

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