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DEVELOPMENT – MIO ECSDE

ANNOUNCES THE PRESENT CALL 14/2022/Matchmaker 2 FOR OFFERS
For the

***Technical Supervision of the Reuse of the Effluent of Wadi Al-Arroub
Wastewater Treatment Plant for Solar Powered Irrigation of Three
Farms, Hebron, Palestine***

SUBMISSION OF OFFERS BY: 25 March 2022, at 17:00h CET

MAX AVAILABLE BUDGET: EUR 34.800,00€ including VAT.

This amount includes all other costs, income taxes, VAT and any other amount payable or cost that may be required for the completion of the work/service, including travel-related costs.

Description of the Assignment

GWP-Med is announcing the present Call for Offers for the Technical Supervision of the Reuse of the Effluent of Wadi Al-Arroub Wastewater Treatment Plant for Solar Powered Irrigation of Three Farms, Hebron, Palestine, in the framework of “Making Water Cooperation Happen in Middle East & North Africa (MENA): Piloting Tangibles”, aka MENA Water Matchmaker 2 Project, that is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) through the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), and is managed by the Global Water Partnership Mediterranean (GWP-Med).

The overall objective of Matchmaker 2 Project is to prove, through piloting, the integrated concept of applying Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems (WEFE) Nexus technical solutions at local level while capacitating priority beneficiary groups on employment options, offering measurable and scalable contributions for further application in UfM MENA countries, and assisting the UfM Water Agenda to enter and mark progress on tangible benefits at local level, while contributing to Sweden’s Strategy for MENA 2021-2025.

The aim of the Assignment under the Call is to provide technical supervision and advisory services to the Successful Contractor of Call 12/2022/Matchmaker 2, regarding the Reuse of the Effluent of Wadi Al-Arroub Wastewater Treatment Plant for Solar Powered Irrigation of Three Farms, Hebron, Palestine.

For a detailed description of the Assignment, please refer to the respective ToR.

Procurement

The procurement will proceed having regard to:

- ✓ General principles of EU law on procurements.
- ✓ Internal Rules and Regulations of MIO-ECSDE/GWP-MED which can be found at <https://mio-ecsde.org/about-us/our-accountability> and at <https://www.gwp.org/en/About/who/Governance-Funding/>.
- ✓ The present CALL FOR OFFERS and its supporting documents.

Offer Submission

Interested participants should submit an offer including the following:

1. **Technical Offer form** (Attached)
2. **Solemn Self Declaration** (Attached)
3. **Financial offer form** (Attached)

Please read carefully the section “Place & Time of Offers Submission” of the present call, on how exactly you are required to submit your offer

Offers must be submitted for the entire Assignment. Offers for part of the Assignment will not be accepted.

The Participants shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of their offer. The Contracting Authority will in no case be responsible or liable for such costs, whatever the conduct or outcome of the procedure. The Contracting Authority will neither be responsible for, nor cover, any expenses or losses incurred by the participants for any site visits and inspections or any other aspect of their offer.

The language of this procedure, the tender documents and the offers is English. Any documentation (certificates, etc) submitted in any other language should be accompanied by a translation in English, certified by a lawyer or public authority.

Deadline for submission of offers

The **deadline** for submission of offers is set to be **25 March 2022, at 17:00h CET**.

The successful participant will be informed within 10 working days following the submission deadline.

The results of the present call for offers will be published at the GWP-Med Website www.gwpmed.org

Clarifications

Requests for clarifications should be submitted by email, the latest, seven (7) days before the closing date of this call for offers.

The answers / additional information will be published on the website of GWP-Med four (4) days before the closing date of this call for offers.

Eligibility Conditions – Participation Requirements

Participation in the present call for offers is open, on equal terms, to any natural or legal person or entity who meet the legal, financial and technical conditions laid down in this Call where they possess adequate professional experience and capacity.

Grounds for exclusion – disqualification (ON/OFF)

Participants should verify by submitting a **solemn declaration** (annexed to the present Call) that they are not bankrupt or subject of proceeding for a declaration of bankruptcy, that they are in good standing, operate under no legal restrictions, are not under any liquidation procedure or the subject of proceedings for declaration of liquidation or any similar situation and that they have not been convicted for any one of the following legal offences: participation in a criminal organization, corruption, bribery, fraud, money laundering, terrorist, child labour and human trafficking.

Please refer to the **Solemn Self-Declaration Statement in Annex 1 which should be filled in and signed as indicated. Failure to comply with the requirements included in the Self Declaration is considered ground for exclusion.**

Selection Criteria (Pass/Fail)

Successful participants must (in case of a group of experts or company, the experience listed below applies only for the lead expert):

- be enrolled in one of the official professional or trade Registries in Palestine
- have MSc on Environmental/Civil/Hydraulics/Mechanical/Chemical Engineering/Agricultural Engineering
- have Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and Arabic.

Failure to provide the minimum required criteria is considered ground for disqualification

Qualification and Experience

Participants in the call are required to have solid experience in developing and managing complex projects in the field related to the tasks described in the ToR. This needs to be demonstrated in the **Technical Offer** to be submitted as part of the application. A template for the Technical Offer form is available in the Call for Offers.

The requested qualifications are presented below. **Failure to provide the minimum required qualifications is considered ground for disqualification.** Qualifications additional to the minimum requested per category will receive additional score under the evaluation process as described in the section “Awarding Criterion and Evaluation Process”.

1. CVs (for natural entities) or Entity Profile (for legal entities): Provide a brief description of the Participant submitting the Offer, its legal mandates/authorized business activities, the year and country of incorporation, types of activities undertaken, etc.

2. Understanding of the Assignment Context: The participants must provide a maximum 3-page Work Method Statement describing the work to be performed and a timeframe based on the ToR for Call 12/2022/Matchmaker 2.
3. Minimum five (5) years of experience on wastewater treatment and reuse for irrigation purposes in MENA (for the group of experts or the company in total).
4. Minimum three (3) years on On-Site Supervision in sectors related to the current project (for the group of experts or the company in total).
5. Minimum one (1) project directly related to the design or construction of a constructed wetland.

For points 3,4 and 5 the Participant should provide a list projects/assignments providing the following details for each one of them:

Title of Project/Assignment	
Date & duration of the Project/Assignment	
Geographical area of intervention	
Contents of intervention (mention briefly key elements like type of works and key metrics)	
Cost of the Project/Assignment	
Funder and End Client (if different) contact details for reference cross-checking* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of the client • Email of the client <p><small>*The participants provide consent to the Contracting Authority to contact the listed clients. In case of confidentiality matters, please indicate.</small></p>	

Awarding Criterion and Evaluation process

The Award criterion is the most economically advantageous tender on the basis of best price / quality ratio.

Offers qualified in terms of exclusion grounds and selection criteria will be further evaluated on the basis of the requirements presented under section “Qualification and Experience”, as follows:

Name of Natural or Legal person or Entity:			
(1) Criterion	(2) weighting (w)	(3) points of criterion (c), 100-150	(4) Score = (2) x (3)
CV / Entity profile	20%		
Understanding of the Assignment context	35%		
Minimum five (5) years of experience on wastewater treatment and reuse for irrigation purposes in MENA.	15%		

Minimum three (3) years on On-Site Supervision in sectors related to the current project.	15%		
Minimum one (1) project directly related to the design or construction of a constructed wetland.	15%		
UTO	100%		

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Scoring for each evaluated section will be made as following:

Scoring for each evaluation criteria starts from 100 points (when minimum requirements are met) up until maximum 150 points (100p Base +10p for extra criteria over base up to 50 additional points). Scoring for each evaluation criteria starts from 100 points (when minimum requirements are met) up until maximum 150 points

For **Criterion “CV / Entity Profile”** score starts at 100 points (when minimum requirements are met) and can reach 150 points depending upon the relevance to the requested assignment, the fiscal capacity, the presence (number of years) in the market, the type of undertaken activities of the participant, environmental management systems or standards etc.

For **Criterion “Understanding of the Assignment context”** score starts at 100 points (when minimum requirements are met) and can reach 150 points depending upon the understanding of the nature of the requested assignment (what the participant must do), on the method of work (how the participant will do it) and the estimated time of completion (based on the timeframe included).

Each Section/evaluation criterion is evaluated autonomously. The final scoring of each evaluation criterion is the outcome of its scoring multiplied by the corresponding weighting factor. The overall score of the technical offer is the sum of the final scoring of all the Sections/evaluation criteria.

The overall score of the technical offer is calculated on the basis of the following formula:

$$B_i = w_1 \times c_1 + w_2 \times c_2 + \dots$$

For the overall score which will determine the ranking of offers, technical evaluation will be weighted with 80%, and the financial offer with 20%.

The final listing of the most advantageous offers will be made on the basis of the following formula:

$$\Lambda_i = 0.8 * (B_i/B_{max}) + 0.2 * (K_{min}/K_i).$$

Where:

- Bmax: the max score received by the best of the technical offers received
- Bi: the score of the technical offer
- Kmin: The cost of the financial offer with the minimum price offered.
- Ki: The cost of the financial offer

The most advantageous offers is the one with the greater value of Λ .

In case of equality of overall scores, the winning proposal is the one whose corresponding technical proposal received the highest rating.

Duration of the Contract

The overall duration of the contract will be maximum 90 calendar days.

In case of unforeseen delay in the completion of the works under the Call 12/2022/Matchmaker 2, GWP-Med may request for the extension of the services to be provided by the Successful Participant of the present Call.

Contract Price, Deliverables and Schedule of Payment

The maximum fee for this assignment is 34.800,00 EUR. This amount includes all other costs, income taxes and any other amount payable or cost that may be required for the completion of the work/service, including VAT.

For a detailed description of Tasks, please refer to the ToR. Deadlines to be possibly adapted based on the actual dates that the workshops will take place.

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Schedule of payments:

Tasks	Deliverables	Deadline / Indicative	Payment Schedule
First meeting with the GWP-Med representative and the Successful Contractor of Call 12/2022/Matchmaker 2.	Preliminary report	2 weeks after the successful completion of the 12/2022/Matchmaker 2 call for Offers	Tranche 1: 20%
Completion of the technical works (including the correction actions if necessary)	Certificate of Successful Completion.	Up to 60 Days (with the completion of the technical works)	Tranche 2: 70%
Completion of monitoring of the performance of the completed works and outputs).	Certificate of Good Operation	Up to 90 days - 30 Days after the completion of the technical works	Tranche 3: 10%

In case of extension of the period of services, due to unforeseen delays in the completion of the construction works under Call 12/2022/Matchmaker 2, the contract will be amended accordingly and an updated payment schedule will be provided.

GWP-Med may order additional services from the successful candidate to complement the task described in the ToR if specific needs arise that cannot be anticipated at this moment. In any case the value of any additional service requested cannot exceed 50% of the amount of the present call.

Termination / cancelation / repetition / reformulation of the procurement procedure

Termination of a procurement procedure, partial cancellation and repetition of a procedure, reformulation of procedure results.

1. GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE may, by a reasoned decision, and after the opinion of the competent body, cancel the procurement procedure by annulling the respective Call, either due to failure to submit a tender

or the rejection of all tenders or the exclusion of all Participants in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Call.

2. Cancellation of the procurement procedure may take place by a reasoned decision of the GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE, in the following cases:

- i. due to the irregularity of the procurement procedure
- ii. if the financial and technical parameters related to the award process have changed substantially and the execution of the contractual object is no longer of interest to GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE
- iii. if due to force majeure, the contract cannot be properly executed
- iv. if the tender selected is deemed not economically advantageous
- v. in case of expiry of the bids
- vi. in case the needs of GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE and / or of the beneficiary (-ies) of the project have changed
- vii. in case the circumstances have changed resulting in the inability to deliver the contract / project (eg local community reactions, inability to fund, etc.).
- viii. in case of other imperative reasons of public interest such as for purposes of public health or environmental protection.

3. If errors or omissions are found at any stage of the award procedure, the GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE may, after the opinion of the competent body, either cancel the proceedings partially or reshape the outcome accordingly or decide to repeat the procedure from the point where the error occurred. or omission.

4. GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE also reserves the right, after the opinion of the competent body, to decide, in addition to the cancellation of the procurement procedure or the annulment of the Call, the repetition of any phase of the concluding procedure, as well, with or without modifying its terms or recourse to the negotiation process, provided it is in conformity with the Internal Rules and Regulations of GWP-Med / MIO-ECSDE.

5. Under no circumstances shall GWP-Med / MIO-ECSDE be obliged to pay to Participants any compensation for expenses or other positive or consequential damages that may have been incurred by their participation in the proceedings.

Objections

Objections against any act of the Contracting Authority can be submitted within five (5) days from the notification of the Contracting Authority's act.

An objection to the call for offers can be submitted within a period that extends up to half the period from the publication of the call in the Contracting Authority's website and the final date of submission of offers. For the calculation of this period's deadline, the dates of the publication of the call and the submission of the offers are considered. Objections are submitted in written, by courier, by fax or by email.

Objections are submitted to the Contracting Authority, which shall decide within ten (10) days from the notification of the objection. In the event of an objection to the call for offers, the Contracting Authority shall decide in any case before the closing date for the submission of offers. In case the Contracting Authority has not answered within the above deadline, the rejection of the objection is presumed.

Place & Time of Offers Submission

Exceptionally and due to the restrictive measures in force due to the coronavirus pandemic, the submission of offers can be done via e-mail.

Therefore, you are kindly requested to prepare and send to procurement@gwpmed.org writing in the email subject line: Call for Offers 14/2022/Matchmaker 2, Technical Supervision of the Reuse of the Effluent of Wadi Al-Arroub Wastewater Treatment Plant, before the above-mentioned closing date for submission of offers the following two folders:

1. A compressed folder (.zip or .rar) containing the Technical offer and the Solemn Declaration and any other supporting documents
2. **A password-protected file or compressed folder (.zip or .rar) containing only your financial offer.** The password for opening the password protected folder with your financial offer should be sent to the same email address ONLY at the request of the contracting Authority which will send a follow up email to all participants that their technical offer has passed the technical evaluation.

In case the password is sent together with the offer file, the offer will be rejected.

Offers submitted after the specified date shall not be taken into consideration.

The Contracting Authority bears no liability whatsoever for any late delivery of offers or for the contents of its accompanying folders.

For any clarifications on the present call for offers please contact:

Mr. Nikos Michopoulos, Senior Finance & Administration Officer, Tel: +30210-3247490, e-mail: nikos@gwpmed.org

The present call for quotations is posted on the website of GWP-Med (www.gwpmed.org).

The Chairman of GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE

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