



# Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP – Med) Legally and lawfully represented by the non-profit society MEDITERRANEAN INFORMATION OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – MIO ECSDE

## ANNOUNCES THE PRESENT CALL 42/2023/CP2.1 FOR OFFERS For the

Preparation of an Integrated Management Plan for the Damour Area in Lebanon

SUBMISSION OF OFFERS BY: 08 December 2023, at 17:00h CET

MAX AVAILABLE BUDGET: USD 100,000 including VAT.

AWARD CRITERION: most economically advantageous tender considering the best price / quality ratio

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 <u>Call for Offers for the development of an Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for the Damour source to sea continuum in Lebanon</u> in the framework of the "GEF/UNEP Mediterranean Sea Programme (MedProgramme): Enhancing Environmental Security" and particularly its Child Project 2.1. implemented by the Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med) with other Executing Partners (EPs).

The aim of the Assignment is to contract a pool of technical experts who will work under a contract with GWP-Med with the aim to acquire the necessary information and data and develop the input needed for the preparation of the source-to-sea Damour IMP, in collaboration with expert teams working under contracts with the other EPs.

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 <a href="https://mio-ecsde.org/about-us/our-accountability">https://mio-ecsde.org/about-us/our-accountability</a> and at <a href="https://www.gwp.org/en/About/who/Governance-Funding/">https://mio-ecsde.org/about-us/our-accountability</a> and at <a href="https://www.gwp.org/en/About/who/Governance-Funding/">https://mio-ecsde.org/about-us/our-accountability</a> and at <a href="https://www.gwp.org/en/About/who/Governance-Funding/">https://www.gwp.org/en/About/who/Governance-Funding/</a>.
- ✓ The present CALL FOR OFFERS and its supporting documents.

#### Offer Submission

Interested participants should submit their offer electronically including the following:

#### Folder A containing the:

- 1. Technical form (Annex 2)
- 2. Solemn Self Declaration (available in Annex 1)

#### Folder B (password protected) containing:

Financial offer (Annex 3)

### Please read carefully the section "How to submit an offer" 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 Contracting Authority may ask Participants to submit supporting documents concerning their offer (references, certificates, publications etc.)

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 08 December 2023, 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 <a href="https://www.gwp.org/en/GWP-Mediterranean/">https://www.gwp.org/en/GWP-Mediterranean/</a>

#### Clarifications

#### 1. Clarifications on the published Call for Offers

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.

#### 2. Clarifications during the (technical and financial) evaluation of offers

The Contracting Authority may, during the evaluation of offers, ask the Participants to provide clarifications on the documents submitted with their offers, within reasonable time.

Any clarifications and/or additional documents submitted by the Participants not in the context of a request for clarifications posed by the Contracting Authority are not taken into account for the evaluation of offers.

During the evaluation of offers the Contracting Authority, by applying the principles of equal treatment and of transparency, may request from participants, when the information or the documentation they are obliged to submit are or appear incomplete or wrong, including those in the Solemn self-declaration, to submit, to complement or to clarify the relevant information or documentation, within a time-frame of at least 10 calendar days, with a maximum of 20 calendar days from the date the participants receive the relevant request from the Contracting Authority.

#### **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 participant (Natural or Legal Person or Entity) must have:

- annual turnover for the last three financial years at least equivalent to the maximum amount of this call proven through Financial Statements (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) of the last three years duly certified by a Public Accountant, and with authentication of receiving by the Government's Internal Revenue Authority. Include any indication of credit rating, industry rating, etc.
- be enrolled in one of the official professional or trade register kept in their country of registration
- a minimum duration of operation of ten (10) years. Proof to be provided by the related chamber (date of registration).
- a record of minimum 3 projects over the last 10 years of comparable nature and degree of complexity relevant to those required for this Contract
- a record of minimum 5 projects over the last 10 years showing the capability to produce GIS maps and use modelling tools (WEAP, etc.) required for the preparation of the specific Assessment.

Failure to comply with the above pass / fail requirements and provide relevant proof with the application is considered ground for exclusion.

#### **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 Technical Offer Form consists of the following sections:

- Section 1: Expertise and work experience
- Section 2: Approach and Methodology

#### Regarding Section 1: Expertise and work experience:

The scope of work requires an interdisciplinary team of skilled experts with previous experience in activities similar to those that this assignment entails. The required qualifications for all experts to be engaged in this assignment are presented in Table 1 below.

The inclusion of experts so as the team responds to every area of expertise defined in the table below is mandatory.

If the qualifications of an expert cover the requirements of more than one area of expertise, that expert can be also proposed for these other areas.

Qualifications additional to the minimum requested per category will receive additional score under the evaluation process as described in the section Evaluation Process and Awarding Criterion.

In addition, the Participant may propose -as they deem appropriate- additional experts covering other specific areas of expertise.

Failure to provide the minimum required qualifications is considered ground for disqualification.

Table 1 – Required qualifications for the Team of Experts

Expert #	Area of expertise	Qualifications Qualifications		
1	Area of expertise  Water Resources  Management expert / Team Leader	<ul> <li>A minimum of a Master's degree (MSc or equivalent) in water resources management, or environmental engineering/management, or a directly related field (Required).</li> <li>Minimum 10 years of professional experience in the field of water or environmental resources management (Required).</li> <li>A proven track record of developing a minimum of 2 management plans at River basin level (Required).</li> <li>A proven track record of minimum 2 successful assignments or projects in Lebanon that are directly relevant to water resources management is highly desired (Desired)</li> <li>Strong leadership skills with the ability to lead a team of experts and effectively manage project activities: Minimum, position as team leader for 2 projects of similar complexity over the last 10 years (Required)</li> <li>Excellent oral and written communication skills in both Arabic and English (Required). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that the candidate speaks</li> </ul>		
2	Governance Expert	<ul> <li>Levantine Arabic.</li> <li>University degree in Law, Political Sciences, International Relations, Water Resources, Environment or any other related field (Required).</li> <li>Minimum 7 years of relevant professional working experience in the field of governance/analysis of policy, legal and institutional frameworks and settings (Required).</li> <li>Minimum 3 assignments/projects relevant to water/environmental governance and policy (Required).</li> <li>A proven track record of minimum 1 successful assignment or project directly relevant to water, environmental governance and policy in Lebanon is highly desired (Desired).</li> <li>Excellent oral and written communication skills in both Arabic and English (Required). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that the candidate speaks Levantine Arabic.</li> </ul>		
3	Socio-Economic Expert	<ul> <li>University degree in Economics, Political Sciences, or any other related field (Required).</li> </ul>		

		Minimum 7 years of relevant professional working experience in the field of	
		socio-economic analysis ( <b>Required</b> ).	
		• Minimum 3 assignments/projects relevant to socio-economic analysis in the	
		environment and/or water sector (Required).	
		A proven track record of minimum 1 successful assignment or project directly	
		relevant to socio-economic analysis in the environment and/or water sector in	
		Lebanon (Desired).	
		• Excellent oral and written communication skills in Arabic and English	
		( <b>Required</b> ). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that the candidate speaks	
		Levantine Arabic.	
4	Environment/pollution	• A minimum of a Master's degree (MSc or equivalent) in environmental	
	expert	engineering/management, or Chemistry or a directly related field ( <b>Required</b> ).	
	on per c	Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of environmental	
		policy including management of pollution related to solid and liquid waste as	
		well as related to point and diffuse pollution in freshwater and marine bodies	
		(Required).	
		• Experience related to pollution loads calculation in the framework of minimum	
		1 successful assignment (Desired).	
		• Minimum 3 assignments/projects relevant to pollution assessment and	
		prevention (from point and diffuse source of pollution) in water-related and	
		other ecosystems ( <b>Required</b> ).	
		A proven track record of minimum 2 successful assignments or projects directly	
		relevant to pollution assessment and prevention in Lebanon is highly desired.	
		(Desired)	
		• Excellent oral and written communication skills in Arabic and English	
		(Required). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that the candidate speaks	
		Levantine Arabic.	
5	GIS Expert	• A University degree in water resources management, Hydrological modelling,	
		Decision Support System and management, or a directly related field	
		(Required).	
		• A minimum of 5 years professional experience in the field of Remote Sensing,	
		GIS, Spatial Analysis and Modelling and their applications in water or	
		environmental monitoring (Required).	
		• A proven track record of a minimum of 3 successful assignments or projects	
		that are directly relevant to water resources management using GIS, spatial	
		analysis and modelling (Required).	
		• A proven track record of minimum 2 successful assignment or project directly	
		relevant to GIS or spatial analysis in Lebanon (Desired).	
		• Excellent oral and written communication skills in Arabic and English	
		(Required). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that the candidate speaks	
		Levantine Arabic.	

6	WEAP Expert	A University degree in water resources management. Hydrological modelling.			
	WEAT EXPERT	<ul> <li>A University degree in water resources management, Hydrological modelling,</li> <li>Decision Support System and management, or a directly related field</li> </ul>			
		(Required).			
		• At least 7 years of relevant professional experience in WEAP training and in			
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		<ul> <li>developing WEAP models and Hydrological Modeling</li> <li>A proven track record of minimum 3 successful assignments or projects that</li> </ul>			
		A proven track record of minimum 3 successful assignments or projects that related to the design of WFAP models.			
		related to the design of WEAP models.			
		• A proven track record of minimum 1 successful assignment or project directly			
		related to the design of WEAP models or hydrological modelling in Lebanon			
		(Desired).			
		• Excellent oral and written communication skills in Arabic and English			
		(Required). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that the candidate speaks			
_		Levantine Arabic.			
7	Climate expert	A University degree in Water Resources Management, Environmental Science,			
		or Climate Change (Required).			
		Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of water or			
		environmental resources management or climate change ( <b>Required</b> ).			
		Minimum 3 assignments/projects relevant to climate change, water resources			
		management ( <b>Required</b> ).			
		A proven track record of minimum 1 successful assignment or project directly			
		relevant to climate change in Lebanon is highly desired (Desired).			
		• Excellent oral and written communication skills in Arabic and English			
		( <b>Required</b> ). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that the candidate speaks			
		Levantine Arabic.			
8	Geology expert	• At least a Master's degree (MSc or equivalent) in Geology, Hydrogeology, Earth			
		Sciences or a directly related field ( <b>Required</b> ).			
		• Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of water or			
		environmental resources management or climate change (Required).			
		• Minimum 3 assignments/projects in Lebanon relevant to climate change,			
		coastal erosion, water resources management (Required).			
		A proven track record of minimum 1 successful assignment or project directly			
		relevant to climate change, coastal erosion, water resources management in			
		Lebanon is highly desired. (Desired)			
		• Excellent oral and written communication skills in Arabic and English			
		(Required). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that the candidate speaks			
		Levantine Arabic.			

#### **Evaluation Process and Awarding Criterion**

The Award criterion is the **most economically advantageous tender considering the best price / quality ratio.** Offers that meet the exclusion grounds and selection criteria will undergo further evaluation, focusing on the requirements outlined in the "Qualification and Experience" section, as follows:

(1) Criterion	(2) Weighting (w)	(3) Points of criterion (c)	(4) Score= (2) x (3)
Section 1: Expertise and work experience	80% of total		
Water Resources Management expert / Team Leader	15%		
A minimum of a Master's degree (MSc or equivalent) in water resources management, or environmental engineering/management, or a directly related field (Required).	2%		
Minimum 10 years of professional experience in the field of water or environmental resources management ( <b>Required</b> ).	4%		
A proven track record of developing a minimum of 2 management plans at River basin level (Required).  (Required).	5%		
A proven track record of minimum 2 successful assignments or projects in Lebanon that are directly relevant to water resources management is highly desired (Desired)	1%		
Strong leadership skills with the ability to lead a team of experts and effectively manage project activities: Minimum position as team leader for 3 projects of similar complexity over the last three years (Required)	2%		
Excellent oral and written communication skills in both Arabic and English ( <b>Required</b> ). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that the candidate speaks Levantine Arabic.	1%		
Governance Expert	9%		
University degree in Law, Political Sciences, International Relations, Water Resources, Environment or any other related field ( <b>Required</b> ).	1%		
Minimum 7 years of relevant professional working experience in the field of governance/analysis of policy, legal and institutional frameworks and settings ( <b>Required</b> ).	3%		
Minimum 3 assignments/projects relevant to water/environmental governance and policy ( <b>Required</b> ).	3%		
A proven track record of minimum 1 successful assignment or project directly relevant to water, environmental	1%		

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governance and policy in Lebanon is highly desired (Desired).			
Excellent oral and written communication skills in both			
	1%		
Arabic and English (Required). For the spoken Arabic it is	1/0		
preferable that the candidate speaks Levantine Arabic.  Socio-economic Expert	9%		
University degree in Economics, Political Sciences, or any	370		
other related field ( <b>Required</b> ).	1%		
Minimum 7 years of relevant professional working			
experience in the field of socio-economic analysis	3%		
(Required).	370		
Minimum 3 assignments/projects relevant to socio-			
economic analysis in the environment and/or water sector	3%		
(Required).	370		
A proven track record of minimum 1 successful assignment			
	1%		
or project directly relevant to socio-economic analysis in the	170		
environment and/or water sector in Lebanon (Desired).  Excellent oral and written communication skills in Arabic and			
	1%		
English ( <b>Required</b> ). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that	170		
the candidate speaks Levantine Arabic.	110/		
Environment/pollution expert	11%		
A minimum of a Master's degree (MSc or equivalent) in	40/		
environmental engineering/management, or Chemistry or a	1%		
directly related field (Required).			
Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of			
environmental policy including management of pollution			
related to solid and liquid waste as well as related to point	3%		
and diffuse pollution in freshwater and marine bodies			
(Required).			
Experience related to pollution loads calculation in the	1%		
framework of minimum 1 successful assignment (Desired).			
Minimum 3 assignments/projects relevant to pollution			
assessment and prevention (from from point and diffuse	4%		
source of pollution) in water-related and other ecosystems	.,.		
(Required).			
A proven track record of minimum 2 successful assignments			
or projects directly relevant to pollution assessment and	1%		
prevention in Lebanon is highly desired. (Desired)			
Excellent oral and written communication skills in Arabic and			
English ( <b>Required</b> ). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that	10/	1	1
Linglish ( <b>Nequired</b> ). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that	1%		

GIS Expert	9%	
A University degree in water resources management,		
Hydrological modelling, Decision Support System and	1%	
management, or a directly related field (Required).		
A minimum of 5 years professional experience in the field of		
Remote Sensing, GIS, Spatial Analysis and Modelling and	20/	
their applications in water or environmental monitoring,	3%	
(Required).		
A proven track record of a minimum of 3 successful		
assignments or projects that are directly relevant to water	20/	
resources management using GIS, spatial analysis and	3%	
modelling (Required).		
A proven track record of minimum 2 successful assignment		
or project directly relevant to GIS or spatial analysis in	1%	
Lebanon (Desired).		
Excellent oral and written communication skills in Arabic and		
English (Required). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable	1%	
that the candidate speaks Levantine Arabic.		
WEAP Expert	9%	
A University degree in water resources management,		
Hydrological modelling, Decision Support System and	1%	
management, or a directly related field (Required).		
At least 7 years of relevant professional experience in WEAP		
training and in developing WEAP models and Hydrological	3%	
Modeling		
A proven track record of minimum 3 successful assignments	3%	
or projects that related to the design of WEAP models.	3/0	
A proven track record of minimum 1 successful assignment		
or project directly related to the design of WEAP models or	1%	
hydrological modelling in Lebanon (Desired).		
Excellent oral and written communication skills in Arabic and		
English (Required). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable	1%	
that the candidate speaks Levantine Arabic.		
Climate expert	9%	
A University degree in Water Resources Management,	1%	
Environmental Science, or Climate Change (Required).	170	
Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of		
water or environmental resources management or climate	3%	
change (Required).		
Minimum 3 assignments/projects relevant to climate	3%	
change, water resources management (Required).		

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A proven track record of minimum 1 successful assignment or project directly relevant to climate change in Lebanon is	1%		
highly desired (Desired).			
Excellent oral and written communication skills in Arabic and			
English ( <b>Required</b> ). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that	1%		
the candidate speaks Levantine Arabic.			
Geology expert	9%		
At least a Master's degree (MSc or equivalent) in Geology,			
Hydrogeology, Earth Sciences or a directly related field	1%		
(Required).			
Minimum 7 years of professional experience in the field of			
water or environmental resources management or climate	3%		
change (Required).			
Minimum 3 assignments/projects in Lebanon relevant to			
climate change, coastal erosion, water resources	3%		
management (Required).			
A proven track record of minimum 1 successful assignment			
or project directly relevant to climate change, coastal	40/		
erosion, water resources management in Lebanon is highly	1%		
desired. (Desired)			
Excellent oral and written communication skills in Arabic and			
English ( <b>Required</b> ). For the spoken Arabic it is preferable that	1%		
the candidate speaks Levantine Arabic.			
Section 2: Approach and Methodology	20% of total		
The approach to the requested Assignment will include a			
detailed description of the methodology to achieve all			
objectives and tasks, deliver all outputs as described in the	15%		
Terms of Reference, and consider the appropriateness to			
local conditions.			
Risks and Mitigation Measures: description of the potential			
risks associated with the implementation of the Assignment,			
which have the potential to hinder the successful			
achievement and timely completion of anticipated	5%		
outcomes, as well as compromise their quality. This will also			
entail a description of the counteractive measures that will			
be implemented to mitigate these risks.			

Failure to provide the minimum required qualifications is considered ground for disqualification.

**Scoring** for each evaluated section will be made as following:

**Section 1 – Expertise and work experience:** score starts at 100 points (when minimum requirements are met) and can reach 150 points depending on the description of the participant and the number of projects implemented in excess of those required as a minimum. (100p Base +10p for extra criteria over base up to 50 additional points)

**Section 2 – Approach and Methodology:** score starts at 100 points and can reach 150 points depending on the length, detail, depth, and structure of the information provided.

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:

#### $Bi = w1 \times c1 + w2 \times c2 + ....$

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:

#### $\Lambda i = 0.8* (Bi/Bmax) + 0.2* (Kmin/Ki).$

#### 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  $\Lambda$ .

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

#### **Contract Price, Deliverables and Schedule of Payment**

The maximum fee for this assignment is <u>100.000,00 USD</u>. 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.

Schedule deliverables and payments:

Deliverables		Deadline / months after contract signature
1.	Inception Report/Scoping Report	2 months (English)
2.	Governance analysis	3 months (English)
3.	Diagnostic Analysis	8 months (English, including an Executive Summary in English and Arabic)
4	Preparation of a WEAP model related to the Damour River Basin and Coastal area	8 months
5.	Draft IMP including an Action Plan for its implementation	10 months (English)
6.	IMP incorporating comments from stakeholders and the EPs	12 months (English)

7.	Report describing:  - the transfer of the data collected and of the outputs from the modelling exercise to the relevant institutions  - the capacity building activities carried out to empower the technical personnel of institutions to enable to uptake and use of the produced data/information	12 months (English and Arabic)
8.	Presentations/inputs related to the findings from the above deliverables to be used during consultations	12 months To be developed at key stages to be agreed with the Consultant(s) (languages: English and/or Arabic)

#### **Payment modalities**

Accomplishment of deliverables 1 and 2: 20% of total contract amount Accomplishment of deliverable 3: 30% of total contract amount Accomplishment of deliverables 4 and 5: 20% of total contract amount Approval of final deliverables 6-7-8: 30% of the total contract amount

The maximum fee for this assignment is 100,000 USD. 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.

The overall duration of the contract will be for a maximum of **12 months** after contract signature. Payments will be made upon acceptance and verification of the related deliverables, as laid out in the ToR section 4 "Reporting, deliverables, and Milestones".

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.

The successful consultant must Provide before contract signature.

- 1) Certification of payment of Taxes,
- 2) Certification of payment of Social Insurance contributions.

#### 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 Contacting 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.

#### How to submit an Offer

The submission of offers can will be done electronically via e-mail.

Therefore, you are kindly requested to prepare and send an email to <a href="mailto:procurement@gwpmed.org">procurement@gwpmed.org</a> writing in the email subject line: Call for Offers 42/2023/CP2.1, before the above-mentioned closing date for submission of offers the following two folders:

- 1. A compressed folder (**Folder A**) (.zip or .rar) containing the technical offer, the Solemn Declaration and any other supporting documents
- 2. A password-protected compressed folder(Folder B) (.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.

In case the financial offer is not password protected, the offer will be rejected.

Offers submitted after the specified date and time 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:

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