EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF FIRM (S) AS SUPPLY COMPANIES FOR SUPPLY OF PRECAST CONCRETE PARABOLIC SEGMENTS (PCPS) FOR WATERCOURSE LINING

Government of the Punjab (GO Punjab) has signed agreement for a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) for implementation of the Punjab Irrigated-Agriculture Productivity Improvement Project (PIPIP) to be implemented for a period of five years (2012-13 to 2016-17) and intends to apply part of its proceeds for payments to the farmers for procurement of precast concrete parabolic segments (PCPS) for watercourse lining. The overall project development objective (PDO) is to improve water productivity i.e. producing more crop per drop.

2. The project envisages improvement of 5,500 canal watercourses, completion of lining on 1,500 partially improved canal watercourses, and rehabilitation of 2,000 irrigation schemes in non-canal commanded areas of the province during project period besides promotion of other water management interventions. The watercourses are improved by the Water Users Associations (WUAs) with financial assistance of the government for construction materials under technical supervision of OFWM field staff. All types of construction materials including nakkas and precast concrete parabolic segments will be procured by WUAs from firms prequalified by the government for the purpose. Government of the Punjab has decided to promote precast concrete parabolic segments (PCPS) as alternate technology for watercourse lining under PIPIP with the choice of the farmers and its technical feasibility. The firms involved in precast concrete business will be prequalified for supply of PCPS for the purpose. The prequalification process will be carried out at provincial level and prequalified firms will be eligible for carrying out works in all districts of the Punjab.

3. Directorate General Agriculture, Water Management (DGA-WM) invites eligible firms/ consortium/ joint venture with specific and proven competence and experience in precast concrete business to indicate their interest. Eligible firm(s)/joint venture(s) should submit their applications in English language alongwith relevant complete details to enable DGA (WM) to prepare a short list of eligible firm(s)/joint venture(s) for participation in subsequent proceedings of the project as supply companies.

4. The firm(s)/ joint venture(s) having the following strength/ background would be eligible for pre-qualification under the scheme for the project period, which will be renewed every year based on specified performance criteria.

- i) Firm has an office in Pakistan.
- ii) Registration of Firm with GST Department (Valid STN registration certificate and 3 year's STN returns).
- iii) Registration with Income Tax Department (Valid NTN registration certificate and 3 year's IT returns).
- iv) Proven experience of at least three (03) years in precast business (list of completed assignments may be provided as proof of experience).

- v) Minimum average annual turnover of Rs. 1.00 million during last three (03) years to affirm firm's financial soundness (It will be evaluated from any of annual audit reports/ IT returns/ ST returns/ Bank statement, which will be submitted with prequalification application).
- vi) Availability of technical staff list (at least one (01) Sub-engineer having three years Diploma in Civil Engineering is required).
- vii) List of existing machinery (At least one each of vibrating table, mixture machine and measurement box etc. must be available).
- viii) Appropriate curing facilities (at least any one of the curing pond, overhead showering, compound curing, or steam curing) must be available.
- ix) A minimum of 50 moulds (of any two sizes) must be available or undertaking to prepare/ offer requisite number and sizes of moulds within three months (The prequalification will be effective only after verification of requisite moulds within specified timeframe).
- x) Availability of material testing equipment including at least one each of the followings.
 - a. Compression Testing Machine (Cube / Cylinder)
 - b. Cube / Cylinder Moulds
 - c. Slump Test
 - d. Sieve Analysis Set
 - e. Schmidt Hammer
- xi) The firm will submit Affidavit regarding undertakings for i) non-blacklisting by any government department, ii) supply of PCPS according to approved standards & specifications, iii) make addition of requisite number of moulds as per departmental advice, iv) availability of requisite number and sizes of moulds or willingness to fulfill the requirement within three months after conditional eligibility to make the prequalification effective v) availability of requisite material testing equipment or willingness to acquire the same before starting manufacturing of PCPS and vi) follow the instructions of department for adjustment of mould sizes for longer lengths.
- xii) Pay order/ bank draft amounting to Rs. 10,000/- in the name of Director General Agriculture (Water Management) Punjab, Lahore as non-refundable processing fee for prequalification.

5. The proposals/ applications will be received in the office of Director General Agriculture (Water Management) Punjab, Lahore at following address till **25 February 2016** during office hours. A prequalification committee will evaluate the proposals and decide about acceptance/ rejection of proposals/ offers. The interested firm(s)/ Joint Venture(s), who meet/fulfil the above mentioned prerequisites, may collect the **pre-qualification document** (**PQD**) from Directorate General Agriculture (Water Management) Punjab, Agriculture House, 21-Agha Khan Soyyum (Davis) Road, Lahore or may download the same from OFWM website (<u>www.ofwm.agripunjab.gov.pk</u>). For any further details the firm(s)/ Joint Venture(s) can contact the office of the undersigned within office hours.

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