

TENDER CLARIFICATIONS (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)

GTAC 010-2024-25: UPGRADE OF THE OLIFANTSPOORT AND EBENEZER WATER SCHEMES: CONSTRUCTION OF EBENEZER PUMP STATION TO RUSTFONTEIN RESERVOIRS DUPLICATE RISING MAIN, EXTENSION OF GRAVITY MAIN B TO MANKWENG RESERVOIR OFF-TAKE AND SPECON TO PUMP STATION 2 GRAVITY MAIN

- A. NEW DN 900 EBENEZER PUMP STATION TO RUSTFONTEIN RESERVOIRS RISING MAIN**
- B. EXTENSION OF DN 600 GRAVITY B TO MANKWENG RESERVOIR OFF-TAKE**
- C. NEW DN 1500 SPECON TO PUMP STATION 2 GRAVITY MAIN**

This document sets out bid clarifications as provided in the bid document.

Important Notes :

- a) LNW and GTAC sincerely apologise for the delays in providing responses to the queries raised.
- b) Cover letters will not be accepted, only the deviation schedule will be considered. Detailed assumptions must be taken including costs for the proposals provided.
- c) No hidden costs will be accepted if not stated on the deviation schedule.
- d) The attendance register taken during the compulsory briefing shall be utilised as proof of attendance of the briefing.

CLARIFICATIONS

The questions received have been consolidated and answered as per the table below:

Query 1:

1. Clause 4.6, Page T1.2-5 requires confirmation from the Department of Labour that our Employment Equity Policy was submitted. Will confirmation from the Department of Labour confirming that our Employment Equity Report was submitted meet this requirement?
2. Criteria 1, Page T1.2-16, OHS Officer/Manager requires that this individual be registered as a Pr. CHSA. Will registration with SACPCMP as a Construction Health and Safety Manager (CHSM) meet this requirement? Yes, this will suffice.

Response:

1. I believe this will be covered by your COIDA which must be in place specific for construction works.
2. Yes, this will suffice.

Query 2:

With reference the above-mentioned tender and specific relevance to Section T1.2: Tender Data, Page T1.2-6 Table C2: Preferential Point System.

We intend forming a consortium with a 100% BEE company of Grade 8 CE and require clarification on the following:

Should either of the two members of the consortium fulfil any one or more of the requirements as defined in the "Preference Point System" will that then be taken to mean that the consortium as a whole conforms to the stated preference schedule and that the consortium will acquire the stated points for the individual requirements as defined

Response:

The consortium consolidated specific goals will be measured for preference points.

Query 3:

We have downloaded the documents for the above tender, we can however not open some of the file. Please can you assist with document

Response:

Please kindly use this link to download all the documents and files.

https://lepelle.bcm-didgisol.co.za:443/DocuWare/Platform/WebClient/Lepelle%20Northern%20Water/Integration?&ep=kQCVLRzY8PdfBuGOK2j52GtMBXyDM8KSVay_nlWjN12LzL0w_tCqOXQJB_cypyMexEPVu7IL23WFXdO5UDUzc6W8L7SNq1zMG8ckqwC6l1uw8iYnrR-1a9DiIB5V6m8pLCE9yl1kNTMVJ_5pag1kbcc8nAatGZhnzba62Eo3pz8pMevHgnXiuvPILIS92kYIREMXp19YZ-hQk-Kri9B-ZdP5DLBNvkVBN55UE6loscnP3sdpd2-3S-LAKPo-c1OF0

Bidders who still require access to the link may make a special request.

Query 4:

T2.3.2 Schedule of Previous Work Carried out by Tenderer

Tenderer's Company Experience.

Successfully completed traceable projects in South Africa in the last five (5) years, for construction of STEEL PIPELINE at least 700mm diameter and at least 3km in total length, a value of at least R 90 million per project and above.

Would it be possible for The Employer to increase the requirement to a Minimum of (15) years?

With utmost respect, this will enable additional bidders to tender for the works thus ensuring that a competitive bidding process may take place.

Response:

The specification of this bid requires only projects within the last 5 years. Anything outside of the 5 years will not be considered as responsive.

Unfortunately the specification cannot be changed at this stage.

Query 5:

Could you please provide clarity on the following:

Section 2: 900mm Ebenezer to Rustfontein Pumping Main

From item B3 onwards for the Chambers, the items shown in the schedule of quantities and the detail shown the referenced drawings, do not correlate. For example item B5.2.1, for a scour valve (drawing indicated CIV-1305 is for an Isolation Valve), if a scour valve, then the reducers on the pipeline should be a 900mm diameter and not 800 x 600mm reducer, as indicated in the schedule of quantities.

This is a common trait throughout the schedule for the chambers.

Response: Kindly refer to the revised BOQ as part of the addendum issued on 18th February 2025.

Query 6:

It is not only the reducers, for the scour valve, just quoted a single item as an example, all the diameters are incorrect even for the valves, dismantling couplings etc, when compared to the drawings. This is true also for the isolation valves, basically the entire chambers section.

Response: Kindly refer to the revised BOQ as part of the addendum issued on 18th February 2025.

Query 7:

We received a invite to bid for tender number GTAC 010-2024-25.

We would kindly request that we get the quantity of the welds/ butts that would require NDT Testing so that we can complete the pricing schedule .

Response: Kindly refer to the revised BOQ as part of the addendum issued on 18th February 2025. You are required to make your own analysis and provide assumptions in terms of the available information provided.

Query 8:

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Query 9:

Please note we could not open 3A. 3B. 4B, 4C, 4E, 4G. all cannot open, kindly advise.

Response:

[Link provided in response.](#)

Query 10:

BoQ Summary: The carried forward to summary amount from Section 2E – Service Roads, is included under both summaries of Section 2 and Section 5. Whereas Section 2E – Service Roads is only scheduled under Section 2 in the detailed BoQ. Clarify

Response:

The Section 2E – Service Roads on Section 5 is a typing error. Kindly ignore it and only price the BOQ with all the relevant items carrying over to the summary page.

Query 11:

Confirm the pipe reinforcing details for the pipe tees and laterals as per notes on the drawings.

Response:

The bidder is to make reasonable own assumptions with determination in order to cover for any discrepancy. The recommended bidder will be required to provided clarity if required before award of the contract. Items related to pipe reinforcing on the BOQ should be fully priced. All assumptions must be stated in the deviation schedules.

Query 12:

Confirm the quantity of steel reinforcing required for each valve chamber

Response:

The bidder is to make reasonable own assumptions with determination in order to cover for any discrepancy. The recommended bidder will be required to provided clarity if required before award of the contract. Items related to pipe reinforcing on the BOQ should be fully priced. All assumptions must be stated in the deviation schedules. Cover letters will not be accepted, only the deviation schedule will be considered.

Query 14:

Provide the BoQ measurement and payment items for the supply and installation of the pipe support cradles in the pipe jack sleeve, the installation of the steel pipes inside the pipe jack concrete sleeves and the grouting of the annulus between the steel pipe and concrete sleeve as detailed on Dwg. No's. P1001-EB1J-CIV-1101, P1001-EB1K-CIV-1101 and P1001-OL1G-CIV-1102. The relevant pipe jacking BoQ items in each pipeline section only schedules items for the supply and installation of the concrete pipe jack sleeve

Response:

The bidder is to make a proposal in terms of the SANS 1200. All assumptions must be stated in the deviation schedules. Bidders must provide a comprehensive costs on the BOQ items already

provided if not included in the final offer, such prices must be provided in the deviation schedule. Cover letters will not be accepted, only the deviation schedule will be considered.

Query 15:

Provide the BoQ measurement and payment items and chamber details for pricing of the access chambers at the pipe jacks as indicated on Dwg. No.'s P1001-EB1J-CIV-1100, P1001-EB1K-CIV-1100 and P1001-OL1G-CIV-1101

Response:

The bidder is to make a proposal in terms of the SANS 1200. All assumptions must be stated in the deviation schedules. Bidders must provide a comprehensive costs on the BOQ items already provided if not included in the final offer, such prices must be provided in the deviation schedule. Cover letters will not be accepted, only the deviation schedule will be considered.

Query 16:

Valve Chambers: provide the specification for the lockable manhole cover required. The note on the drawing only states – *“lockable & theft proof Lepelle Northern Water manhole cover to specialist supplier specification”*.

Response:

The bidder is to make a proposal in terms of the SANS 1200. All assumptions must be stated in the deviation schedules. Bidders must provide a comprehensive costs on the BOQ items already provided if not included in the final offer, such prices must be provided in the deviation schedule. Cover letters will not be accepted, only the deviation schedule will be considered.

Query 17:

Valve Chambers: provide the specification for the lockable manhole cover required. The note on the drawing only states – *“lockable & theft proof Lepelle Northern Water manhole cover to specialist supplier specification”*.

Response:

All assumptions must be stated in the deviation schedules. Bidders must provide a comprehensive costs on the BOQ items already provided if not included in the final offer, such prices must be provided in the deviation schedule. Cover letters will not be accepted, only the deviation schedule will be considered. The drawing for a lockable manhole cover shall be presented to LNW at the proposed cost already priced in the BOQ. No hidden costs will be accepted if not stated on the deviation schedule.

Query 18:

BoQ Section 5: 1500mm Ø from Specon to PS 2 / Site Clearance: BoQ Item A1.1 – confirm the width to be cleared. It is not stated in the BoQ item and the unit of measure is m.

Response:

The bidder is to clear in terms of the required working space for each pipeline. All assumptions must be stated in the deviation schedules. Bidders must provide a comprehensive costs on the BOQ items already provided if not included in the final offer, such prices must be provided in the deviation schedule. Cover letters will not be accepted, only the deviation schedule will be considered.

Query 19:

Could you please confirm whether the Compulsory Briefing scheduled for January 27, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the New Peter Mokaba Stadium is a prerequisite for automatic disqualification?

We are inquiring because the personnel assigned to attend the briefing arrived late on that day.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Response:

We sincerely sympathize with your company for the incident. However, in terms of the tender requirements your bid will not be considered due to non-attendance of a compulsory briefing.