

Construction of Community Sanitation Facilities, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Procurement

Generally, all Vanuatu Project Management Project (VPMU) managed projects funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) do not necessarily fall under the ambit of the Government's Tender Regulation Order 40, 1999. By virtue of the Council of Ministers decision No.34 2015, all government procurement requirement procedures and guidelines were waived for this project. As such bidding documents were prepared in accordance with the Asian Development Bank Standard Bidding Documents for the Procurement of Works -Small Contracts published in March 2014.

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| Name of Project: | Port Vila Urban Development Project |
| Financing Agreements: | Asian Development Bank Loan L2832-VAN (SF)/G0275/G0276VAN |
| Contract Name: | PVUDP Wa01-15 – Construction of Community Sanitation Facilities, Port Vila, Vanuatu |
| Identification Number: | PVUDP Wc 01-15 |
| State Law Office Clearance | |
| Date of Bid Submission: | 28 th July 2015 |
| Short-listed bids | 4 |
| Resubmission | N/A |
| Central Tenders Board Clearance | Waived - Central Tenders Board Clearance was not required |
| Recommended Bid | David's Construction successfully awarded contract |
| Notice of contract Negotiation | |
| Letter of Acceptance | 23 rd March 2016 – Advise of award of contract |
| Contract Signing | 16 th March 2016 |
| Contractor site Possession | 29 th April 2016 – Personnel on site |
| Schedule of Works Plan | |

Evaluation Report

The Port Vila Urban Development Project (PVUDP) is jointly funded by the Government of Vanuatu, Asian Development Bank, and Australian Government Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Contract for which bids were invited is for the '*Construction of Community Sanitation Facilities*'. It is intended to award a single contract under National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures.

The Works comprise the construction of a Septage treatment Facility in Port Vila, Vanuatu, and include:

- Mobilisation and demobilization.

- Site establishment and disestablishment.
- Site clearance.
- Earthworks for the excavation of foundations.
- Reinforced block work and reinforced concrete works for buildings.
- Roofing, drainage, windows, doors
- All other building works required by the drawings and the specification.
- Plumbing and electrical works.
- Provision of some mechanical and electrical equipment.
- Production of as-built drawings.

The bidding documents adopted for the Works were prepared in accordance with the Asian Development Bank Standard Bidding Documents for the Procurement of Works -Small Contracts published March 2014. A single envelope procedure has been used with post qualification.

The Asian Development Bank provide their 'no objection' to:

- Invite bids based on the bid documents and conditions (compiled from ADB standard bidding documents dated 4 March 2014) on 23rd June 2015
- Invitation to Bid (ITB) is dated 19th June 2015

ITB was accordingly advertised on line on the Vanuatu Project Managements Unit website from 23rd June 2015. It was also advertised in local newspapers the Daily Post and Vanuatu Info on three consecutive dates commencing 27th June 2015.

The bidding documents made provision for a formal pre-bid meeting and this was conducted on 30th June 2015 at the office of the Vanuatu Project Management Unit in Port Vila.

Submission of Bids

The date and time for the submission of bids were extended and the reception of bids by VPMU was closed at 2:00 PM local time 28th July 2015. Out of nine (9) contractors who purchased the bidding documents, four (4) contractors submitted bids.

Bid Opening

Bids were publicly opened in accordance with ADB guidelines, in the meeting room of VPMU. The original date of submission of 17th July for bids was amended in Addendum No 1 to the 28th July 2015. Bids were opened as specified in Addendum No. 1 at 2:30pm on 15 July 2015 at the meeting room, VPMU office by the Bid Opening Committee in the presence of representatives of bidders. The bidders' names, the amount of bid prices, the presence or absence of bid security and its amount were announced and recorded.

Basic Data and Exchange Rate

There was no exchange rate required as Bid Document specified Bids to be submitted in Vatu. Basic information pertaining to the bidding is summarized and available at VPMU.

Bid Evaluation Committee

Prior to opening of bids a Bid Evaluation Committee was established on 8th May 2015 by the Minister for Infrastructure and the committee members were:

Chair Deputy Director Public Works, (Chair)

Member, Project Management Engineer, VPMU

Member, Assistant Manager Projects, PWD

Member, Project Management Adviser, VPMU
Member, PVUDP Contracts Manager, Project Implementation Team,

Examination for Completion of Bids

Bid Documents

All of the bids submitted were examined to check whether each of the bidders had submitted all the documents that were required.

- Letter of Bid (properly completed and signed)
- Authorisation to Sign Bid
- Bid Securing Declaration to be contained
- Joint Venture Agreement (if applicable)
- Bill of Quantities
- Technical Proposal (and Forms)
- Post Qualification Information (incl Forms)

Assessment of Bids

Assessment of Bids followed the ADB Guide on Bid Evaluation (Version October 2010), in particular Stages 1 to 3.

Preliminary assessment of bids was undertaken and forwarded to all BEC members on the 19th August 2015. A Bid Evaluation Meeting was called and held on the 4th August 2015 to deliberate on the preliminary assessment. Direction to undertake detailed assessment and obtain clarification from bidders was made.

Bid Clarifications were drafted over the next couple of weeks and forwarded to bidders on the 16th September 2015. Three bidders responded to the clarifications over the next 3 days as requested in the clarification letters, except for one. On 28th September 2015, a draft detailed bid evaluation report was forwarded and a BEC meeting held to deliberate on the report. A revised report was forwarded again on 1st October 2015 to reflect clarifications by the bidder. After gathering copies of necessary documentation required for BER, a final version was forwarded to BEC on 6th October 2015 for their final review and commends on recommendation.