

## Vanuatu Inter-Island Shipping Support Project (VISSP)

### Construction and Rehabilitation of wharves and jetties in 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.

<b>Name of Project:</b>	Vanuatu Inter-Island Shipping Support Project
<b>Financing Agreements:</b>	Asian Development Bank Loan No.2820/Grant 0273-VAN Joint Project by the Government of Vanuatu, ADB and NZ Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
<b>Contract Name:</b>	Construction and Rehabilitation of Wharves and Jetties in Vanuatu
<b>Identification Number:</b>	VISSP W 01/14
<b>State Law Office Clearance</b>	
<b>Date of Bid Submission:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2015
<b>Short-listed bids</b>	7
<b>Resubmission</b>	N/A
<b>Central Tenders Board Clearance</b>	Waived
<b>Recommended Bid</b>	Hawkins Infrastructure successfully awarded contract
<b>Notice of contract Negotiation</b>	
<b>Letter of Acceptance</b>	
<b>Contract Signing</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015
<b>Contractor site Possession -South Paray</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015
<b>South Paray Channel Site Possession</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
<b>Simonsen Wharf Site Possession</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016
<b>Schedule of Works Plan</b>	

#### Evaluation Report

The Vanuatu Inter-island Shipping Support Project (VISSP) is jointly funded by the Government of Vanuatu, Asian Development Bank, and New Zealand Government Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Contract for which bids were invited for the '*Construction and Rehabilitation of Wharves and Jetties in Vanuatu*'. The bids were intended to award a single contract under International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures for associated works that include:

South Paray Bay, Port Vila Efate (New reclamation with piled reinforced concrete wharf and landing craft ramp), Simonsen Wharf, Luganville (New wharf and landing craft ramp) Loltong Bay, Pentecost (New jetty), Lolowai Ambae (New jetty) Port Sandwich, Malekula (New jetty and landing craft ramp) Litzlitz, Malekula (Repairs to existing wharf); Lenakel Tanna (Repairs to existing wharf).

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

- Preparing and complying with a contractor's Environmental Management Plan which meets all the requirements of the bidding documents including CSEMMP.
  - Carrying out topographic and bathymetric surveys and setting out of the works as required.
  - At one site; the dredging of a shipping channel
  - Removing and disposing of any existing damaged wharf structures
  - Driving and concrete encasing of H-piles over water and driving tubular piles over water
  - Pre-casting of wharf concrete components
  - Transporting and placing of pre-cast concrete members
  - Placing of incite concrete
  - Construction of concrete landing craft ramps
  - Placing rock armour
  - Construction of unbound granular pavements and concrete pavements
  - Installation of pollards, fenders, and maritime furniture
  - Restoration of sites upon completion of works
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The bidding documents adopted for the Works were prepared in accordance with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Works – April 2014. A single stage single envelope procedure has been used with post qualification. 6. The ADB provided their 'no objection' to the Invitation to Bid (ITB) and the bidding documents in their email communication of 27 November 2014. 7. The ITB was accordingly advertised on line, on 3rd December 2014, in ADB Business Opportunities and the Vanuatu Project Management Unit (VPMU) website. It was also advertised in the local press. This consisted of adverts in the Daily Post on 6th, 13th 20th December 2014 and weekly publications the *Independent* and *Vanuatu Info* on 5th, 12th and 19th December 2014.

### ***Bidding Interest, Pre-Bid Site Visit and Meeting***

Following request and payment of the appropriate fee, a total of twenty two companies/individuals were issued with a set of the bidding documents. The bidding documents made provision for a formal pre-bid meeting, and this was conducted on 14th January 2015 at the offices of the VPMU in Port Vila. The Employer did not conduct a formal site visit but bidders were encouraged to make their own arrangements to visit the sites. Minutes of the pre-bid meeting are provided at Appendix C and were distributed to the all Bidders who had properly collected documents.

### ***Bid Addenda and Clarifications***

A number of clarifications were received before the deadline for such queries which was the 4th February 2015 (21 days before the deadline for bid submission). Clarifications were issued to Bidders on 27th January 2015 and again on 6th February 2015. Some of the queries indicated a need for an addendum. A decision was also made to extend the bidding period following requests from potential bidders who cited, as their main problem, slow responses from suppliers over the Christmas and New Year period. Addendum 01 documents were accordingly prepared and issued, to all Bidders who had properly collected documents, on 27th January 2015 following approval from ADB of those changes that affected the original clearance of the documents. Copies of the clarifications issued and the addendum document are provided at Appendix D and Appendix E respectively.

### ***Bid Evaluation Committee.***

Prior to opening of bids a Bid Evaluation Committee was established. Committee members were:

*Chair Andre Iatipu National Project Manager/Engineer, VPMU (Chair)*

*Member Jone Rogara Deputy Director, Public Works Department (PWD)*

*Member Junior George Shim Manager Projects, PWD*

*Member Tony Telford Project Management Adviser, VPMU*

*Member Terry Boyce Team Leader / Implementation*

### ***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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> July for bids was amended in Addendum No 1 to the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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,*

***Contract Award Considerations.***

Bids were evaluated in accordance with Clause 34.2 of the Instructions to Bidders of the Bidding Document and the following were considered:

- The bid price, excluding Provisional Sums and the provision, if any, for contingencies in the Summary Bill of Quantities, but including Daywork items were priced competitively;
- Price adjustment for correction of arithmetic errors in accordance with ITB 31.1;
- Price adjustment due to discounts offered in accordance with ITB 14.4;
- Converting the amount resulting from applying (a) to (c) above, if relevant, to a single currency in accordance with ITB

The TEC assessed that the lowest evaluated substantially responsive bid is that submitted by Hawkins Infrastructure Ltd with an arithmetically corrected bid price of USD17, 900, 227.13 inclusive of provisional sums and the project contingency. A series of meetings was held with Hawkins Infrastructure over the period 14-16 April to clarify particular issues. All matters were resolved satisfactorily.

***Recommendation for Contract Award.***

It is recommended that Award of Contract be offered to Hawkins Infrastructure Ltd for an accepted contract amount of United States Dollars Seventeen Million, Nine Hundred Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Seven Dollars and Thirteen Cents (USD 17,900,227.13) inclusive of provisional sums and project contingency.