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Lot 1 - CIG B1E78B7C24

Lot 2 - CIG B1E78B8CF7

Frequently Asked Questions – 1

Section 1: Administrative requirements

Q.1: *Clause 12.2.2 in Volume 1-Section 1. Can the project Manager and Site Engineer be one person (full-time on site)?*

A.1: The full-time Project Manager must be different from the full-time Site Engineer.

Q.2: *Clause 12.2.2 in Volume 1-Section 1. Does the Electrical Engineer have to be full-time on site?*

A.2: The Electrical Engineer must be on site during the electrical works. The Electrical Engineer should also prepare the electrical shop drawings, electrical as built drawings and prepare the electrical material/equipment submittals for approval.

Q.3: *Shall Volumes 3, 4, 5 be electronically stamped, signed and sent by e-mail? (Due to large number of pages)*

A.3: Electronic stamps/signatures are not accepted.

Volumes 3, 4 and 5 cannot be sent by e-mail. It is clearly stated in clause 17.3 of Volume 1 Section 1: Participants may choose to submit their tender:

- (a) either by post or by courier service;
- (b) or by hand delivery to the premises of the contracting authority.

Q.4: *Shall Certificates of final acceptance be submitted with the tender?*

A.4: As per clause 12.1.9 of Volume 1 Section 1 and clause 4.6.4.2 of Volume 1 Section 4 (Form 4.6.4), available references and certificates from the contracting authorities shall be submitted as evidence of pertinent experience in carrying out works of a similar nature.

Q.5: *Shall Data sheets of materials be submitted with the tender?*

A.5: Clause 12.1.9 in Volume 1-Section 1 states to submit only “a list of materials and any supplies intended for use in the works, stating their origin”. Detailed technical data sheets will be submitted by the contractor for approval by the supervisor after the contract is awarded.

Q.6: *Is a performance guarantee required after contract award?*

A.6: Yes. Please refer to clause 26.3 in Volume 1 Section 1.

Q.7: *Shall the Technical and Financial files be submitted separately (or in one file) in a sealed envelope?*

A.7: The technical and financial offers must be placed together in a sealed envelope. Please refer to clause 17 in Volume 1 Section 1.

Q.8: *Period of implementation of the project (Lot 2): 210 Calendar Days. Please confirm.*

A.8: In the document “Additional information about the Contract Notice”, it is stated under Clause 7 that the period of implementation of tasks is 210 days. Days correspond to Calendar Days.

Q.9: *Is your organization exempted from Taxes (VAT), and our prices shall be inclusive of VAT?*

A.9: The European Commission, the Republic of Lebanon have agreed in the framework of the Contribution Agreement No. TF-MADAD/2020/T04.253 to fully exonerate VAT.

The authorization of the Ministry of Finance of Lebanon, through ex-ante exemption scheme, allows the tenderer that will be selected to issue invoices in exemption of VAT.

Therefore, as reported during the clarification meeting, all prices quoted by the tenderers shall be exclusive of VAT.

Section 2: Technical requirements (relevant to Lot 2)

Q.10: *Excavation and Earthwork/Item A (preparing, grading and leveling of the site): Does this item include the leveling of the backfilling materials inside the building (where the difference of levels exists) and on top of the excavated trench outside the building?*

A.10: It is clearly stated in tender BOQ Section 02221 Earthfilling Item A: “Preparing, grading and leveling of the site to arrive to levels indicated on the drawings using approved material”. This item includes only the works and quantities related to the grading and leveling inside the building where the difference of levels exists. The excavated trench outside the building is not part of this item.

It is clearly stated in tender BOQ Section 02221 Earthfilling for Item B: "Trench excavation works complete as described on the drawing including, but not limited to the following: Cutting of pavement roads, all necessary excavation in any type of soil and concrete surface demolition works; Earthwork support; Grading or leveling and compacting or trimming bottom of excavation; Planking, strutting or trimming sides of excavation; Removing and disposing off surplus materials to approved dumping area. The price shall cover all sorts of soil and concrete construction and to the necessary depth. B: Trench excavation for Wastewater Pipe depth not exceeding 2m". Therefore, the grading and leveling of the trenches outside the building are part of Section 02221 Earthfilling item B.

Q.11: *Excavation and Earthwork/Item B (Trench Excavation): This activity will not be preceded by asphalt or concrete work (on top of the backfilling material) after trench backfilling?*

A.11: It is clearly stated in tender BOQ Section 02221 Earthfilling for Item B: "Trench excavation works complete as described on the drawing including, but not limited to the following: Cutting of pavement roads, all necessary excavation in any type of soil and concrete surface demolition works; Earthwork support; Grading or leveling and compacting or trimming bottom of excavation; Planking, strutting or trimming sides of excavation; Removing and disposing off surplus materials to approved dumping area. The price shall cover all sorts of soil and concrete construction and to the necessary depth. B: Trench excavation for Wastewater Pipe depth not exceeding 2m".

This activity will not be preceded by any other asphalt or concrete work. The cutting of pavement roads, all necessary excavation in any type of soil and concrete surface demolition works are included in BOQ Section 02221 Earthfilling Item B.

If you mean “followed” instead of “preceded”, it is clearly stated in tender BOQ Section 02730 Sanitary Drainage System for Items A and B : “Supply and installation of UPVC pipes conforming to EN1401 and DIN 19534 complete with selected filling, fine granulars, concreting, accessories, fittings, supports, expansion joints, brackets, bonding cement, cleaning , material and labour to complete the job as described in the specifications and drawings . The price must include also concreting to cover the trench as instructed by the supervising consultant”. Therefore, the quantities and associated cost related to the concrete works after the trench backfilling are included in the quantities/cost of UPVC pipe works items A (160mm Diameter) and B (220mm Diameter).

Q.12: *Earthfilling/Item C. Does the item include earthfilling inside the building (where the difference of levels exists) and earthfilling of the trench after completing the pipes and manholes works?*

A.12: It is clearly stated in tender BOQ Section 02221 Earthfilling Item C: “Hardcore compacted selected gravel fill material to arrive to indicated levels under finished floor coverings as indicated on the drawings”. The quantities allocated to this item are the earthfilling inside the building where the difference of levels exists.

Moreover, it is clearly stated in tender BOQ Section 02730 Sanitary Drainage System for Items A and B: “Supply and installation of UPVC pipes conforming to EN1401 and DIN 19534 complete with selected filling, fine granulars, concreting, accessories, fittings, supports, expansion joints, brackets, bonding cement, cleaning, material and labour to complete the job as described in the specifications and drawings. The price must include also concreting to cover the trench as instructed by the supervising consultant”. Therefore, the quantities and associated cost related to the earthfilling of the trench after completing the pipes and manholes works are included in the quantities/cost of UPVC pipe works items A (160mm Diameter) and B (220mm Diameter).

Q.13: *Flush Wood Doors. Does the item include installation of veneer (Formaica or oak), or painting the door with enamel or epoxy directly on the HDF faced door?*

A.13: It is clearly stated in the tender BOQ Section 08211 – Flush Wood Doors that the door leafs should be HDF laminated weatherproof. The tender specification Section 08211 – Flush Wood Doors specifies high-pressure decorative laminates complying with NEMA LD 3, Grade HGS (0.048 inch / 1.2 mm thick) laminate faces. Acceptable brands: EGGER, Swiss Krono, Lamaica. Moreover, Detail No 8/15 of drawing code LEBAA ARCH 15 00 Wood Doors Schedules and Details, displays a door leaf detail with laminated sheet and Swedish pine lipping.

Q.14: *Sanitary Fixture and Fittings/Washbasins and WC. Is Lecico an approved brand?*

A.14: It is clearly stated in the tender specification Section 15440- Plumbing Fixtures and in the BOQ section Sanitary Fixtures and Fittings that the vitreous China washbasins and WCs should be Duravit, Armitage Shank, Kohler, Ideal Standard, Laufen, Roca or approved equivalent. Since Lecico doesn’t have the same technical specifications, Lecico is not an approved brand.

Q.15: *Split System AC Units: Shall Outdoor Units of AC Wall Mounted be installed on the roof or on the nearest outside wall?*

A.15: It is clearly illustrated on drawing code LEBAA MECH 07 00 Ground Floor HVAC Layout and Details and drawing code LEBAA MECH 08 00 Roof Floor HVAC Layout that the Outdoor units of the wall mounted split type AC units No 02, 03, 04, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 will be installed on the roof. Outdoor units of the console type AC units No 01, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09 and 10 will be installed on the wall at the identified locations as illustrated on the drawings.

Q.16: *Wiring Devices: It is stated that the minimum cross section of the wires is 4 mm². Does this include also the wiring of sockets and switches?*

A.16: It is clearly stated on drawing code LEBAE ELEC 01 00 Electrical Legends and Notes, that the minimum cross section of the wires for lighting circuit is 3x2.5mm² and the minimum cross section of the wires for power supply circuit for outlet is 3x4mm² unless otherwise indicated on the plan or in the electrical distribution table. The cross section of each line is indicated on the drawing code LEBAE ELEC 08 00 Electrical Distribution Panel Board Details 1 /2 and LEBAE ELEC 09 00 Electrical Distribution Panel Board Details 2/2.

Q.17: *Wiring Devices: shall the installation of wiring for sockets, switches, TV, Telephone, Data outlets and others, be embedded under tiles?*

A.17: It is clearly illustrated and stated on drawing code LEBAE ELEC 04 00 Ground Floor Power Layout, drawing code LEBAE ELEC 05 00 Ground Floor Photo-Voltaic Power Layout, drawing code LEBAE ELEC 06 00 Ground Floor Telephone Layout, drawing code LEBAE ELEC 07 00 Ground Floor Data Layout that the dashed lines are conduits/wires under tiles or underground.
