



**GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
WATER & SEWERAGE CORPORATION  
WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS – MANGROVE CAY, ANDROS**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas (GOCB) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US\$28.5 million towards the cost of the Water Supply Improvement Project (the Project) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under this contract. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of GOCB and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than the GOCB shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Project is being implemented by the Water & Sewerage Corporation (WSC). WSC has contracted Consultants who will assist with delivering the Project. The Consultants have prepared designs and contract documentation and will assist in tender administration and evaluation and supervise Project activities

WSC now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of the water supply infrastructure upgrade for Mangrove Cay, Andros. The works include the installation of water mains; provision is to be made for connections to the WSC's existing and potential customers. The distribution system is to include side streets in between the start and end point as indicated on the drawings.

**Supply & Construction of Potable Water Distribution System in Mangrove Cay, Andros, The Bahamas – (Moxey Town, Mangrove Cay, Little Harbour Crown, Bastian Point, Lisbon Creek)**

The Northern district begins with 4-inch main installation in Moxey Town, proceeding south and ending at Lisbon Creek Settlement as shown on drawings. Additionally, 2-inch main installation proceeding along service roads that intersect with the Queens Highway.

The works include the supply and installation of approximately 46,273 feet of 4-inch C900 DR 18 water mains, 13,635 feet of 2-inch SDR 21 PVC water mains, 350 service connections, and all associated appurtenances as shown in the drawings.

Consideration will be limited to firms or joint ventures of firms, which are legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an eligible country and are either:

- (a) more than 50% beneficially owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an eligible country, or by a body corporate or bodies corporate meeting these requirements; or
- (b) owned or controlled by the Government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country and otherwise meets the eligibility requirements of the CDB Guidelines for Procurement (2006).



Eligible countries are countries eligible for procurement under EIB-funded projects which are not CDB Member Countries.

Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualifications to perform the contract. Bid and qualification information are to be submitted in the English Language on the prescribed forms inserted in the Bid Documents. Submissions that do not provide the information required, or do not demonstrate the prospective contractor's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Qualification requirements in respect of the project include, inter alia:

- (a) an average annual construction turnover (defined as certified payments received for works in progress or completed) within the last 5 years of at least Four Million and Ninety-Nine Thousand United States Dollars (US\$4.099M).
- (b) a demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of Eight Hundred and Fifty Four Thousand United States Dollars (US\$854,000.)
- (c) experience as a contractor/sub-contractor in the construction of at least one (1) assignment of a nature, scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last ten (10) years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete).

Bidding Documents may be obtained by eligible bidders from the **first address** below, as of **Wednesday February 28, 2024 at 14:00 hrs Bahamas time**, for a non-refundable fee equivalent to Fifty United States Dollars. Requests may be made by written application including email. Written applications must be clearly marked: **“Request for Bidding Documents for the Construction of Water Supply Systems – Mangrove Cay, Andros”**. Written requests must also include the name, address and contact information of the bidder for which Bidding Documents are being requested. Payment should be made payable to Water and Sewerage Corporation by one of the following methods:

1. Wire transfer
2. Bank draft
3. Bank guaranteed cheque
4. Cash/Credit Card payment to the Cashier's Cage at WSC Head Office (#38 University Drive)

Information to pay by wire transfer can be obtained from the first address below.

Applicants who request that documents be forwarded to them must submit an account number from a local courier agent that accepts freight collect charges. Documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will GOCB or WSC or their authorised agent be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so transmitted.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **“Bid for the Construction of Water Supply Systems – Mangrove Cay, Andros”** and must be received at the **second address** below not later than **14:00 hrs Bahamas time on Thursday March 28, 2024**. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the second address below in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Qualification information **only** must be simultaneously submitted by **email** in PDF format to the **third address** below with the subject heading "Bahamas Water Supply Improvement Project: Bid for the Construction of Water Supply Systems – Mangrove Cay, Andros".



All bids must be accompanied by a completed Form of Bid Securing Declaration on the form provided in the bid documents. Late bids will be rejected.

GOCB/WSC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for GOCB/WSC action. GOCB/WSC will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

1. <b>Address for Correspondence</b>	2. <b>Address for Bid Submission and Bid Opening</b>
<p>The Project Manager-Infrastructure  Water Supply Improvement Project  Water &amp; Sewerage Corporation  #38 University Drive  Nassau, New Providence  <b><u>COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS</u></b></p> <p>Tel: (242) 326-5048  E-mail: <a href="mailto:wcedorsett@wsc.com.bs">wcedorsett@wsc.com.bs</a>  E-mail copy to: <a href="mailto:wcaisaacs@wsc.com.bs">wcaisaacs@wsc.com.bs</a>  E-mail copy to: <a href="mailto:karl.mcintosh@nowhyte.com">karl.mcintosh@nowhyte.com</a></p>	<p>The Office of the General Manager  Attn: Internal Control and Compliance Division  Water Supply Improvement Project  Water &amp; Sewerage Corporation  #38 University Drive  Nassau, New Providence  <b><u>COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS</u></b></p> <p>Tel: (242) 326-5048  Tel: (242) 302-5548  Tel: (242) 302-5504</p>
3. <b>Address for Completed Qualification Information Only</b>	
<p>Procurement Officer  Operations Officer (Procurement)  Caribbean Development Bank  P.O. Box 408, Wildey, St. Michael,  Barbados BB11000  Tel: (246) 539-1600  Email: <a href="mailto:procurement@caribank.org">procurement@caribank.org</a></p>	