

GOVERNMENT OF COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

THIRD WATER SUPPLY PROJECT “WA-1 NETWORK UPGRADE”

**NEW TRANSMISSION LINE FROM PROPOSED CHECKHALL INTAKE
TO EXISTING SPRINGFIELD INTAKE**

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

The Government of Commonwealth of Dominica has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of the **Third Water Supply Project “WA-1 Network Upgrade”** Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under this contract. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of Government of Commonwealth of Dominica and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the Loan 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 Government of Commonwealth of Dominica shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

The Dominica Water & Sewerage Co. Ltd. is the Executing Agency for the Project and will also be responsible for the overall implementation of the project. A Project Management Unit (PMU) has been established to coordinate the various activities within the Project. The PMU intends to prequalify contractors for the supply and installation of the New Transmission Line from Proposed Checkhall to Existing Springfield Intake. It is expected that invitations for bid will be issued in April, 2015.

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 is 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 countries, 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 member countries of CDB.

The requirements for pre-qualification will include:

- (a) an average annual turnover (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) over the last 5 years of United States dollars (US\$) 1.30 million;
- (b) demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of US\$0.56 million equivalent; and
- (c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least 2 assignments of a nature and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last 5 years, each of a value of at least US\$0.74 million (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete).

Interested eligible applicants may obtain further information from and inspect the Prequalification Documents at the Project Management Unit at the first address below, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A complete set of the prequalification documents in English may be obtained by interested applicants on the web link: <http://goo.gl/asOmcG>

Prequalification Applications must be in English and must be submitted by 12:00 p.m., local time on March 16, 2015.

The Prequalification Applications are to be submitted to the two respective addresses below utilizing both options (a) and (b):

- (a) In hardcopy: one original and three hard copies in a sealed envelope to the first address below and one copy to the second address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission must include the name and address of the applicant and be clearly marked **“Application to Prequalify for the New Transmission Line from Proposed Checkhall Intake to Existing Springfield Intake”**; and
- (b) By electronic submission: to the email addresses indicated in the first and second address below. The “Subject” field of the email message must read: **“Application to Prequalify for the New Transmission Line from Proposed Checkhall Intake to Existing Springfield Intake”**. The submission will be deemed to have been received at the time that it is received. The burden of proving receipt of the e-mail will be on the applicant and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the bidder’s computer.

Government of Commonwealth of Dominica reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the prequalification process. Government of Commonwealth of Dominica will not be bound to assign any reason for not pre-qualifying any applicant and will not defray costs incurred by applicants in the preparation and submission of the pre-qualification documents.

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