



INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date:	02-02-2023
Loan no. and Title	P49106-006 IND: Kerala Urban Water Services Improvement Project (KUWSIP)
Contract no. and Title	KUWSIP: Water Supply System Operations and Maintenance and System Upgrades in Kochi
Deadline for Submission of Bids:	26-04-2023

1. The Government of India has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of **Kerala Urban Water Services Improvement Project (KUWSIP)**. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contract named above.

2. The Water Resources Department, Government of Kerala is the executing agency and the Kerala Water Authority (KWA) is the implementing agency of the Project. KWA (the "Employer") invites bids from eligible Bidders for the "**Water Supply System Operations and Maintenance and System Upgrades in Kochi**". The completion period is 120 months.

3. **Open Competitive Bidding – International** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's [Single-Stage: Two Envelope](#) bidding procedure, and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.

4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:

- a) Minimum average annual construction turnover of US\$52 million calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last three (3) years.
- b) As a minimum, the Bidder's net worth for the last year calculated as the difference between total assets and total liabilities should be positive.
- c) Participation as a contractor, Joint Venture partner, or Subcontractor, in at least one contract that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last ten (10) years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds US\$96 million **OR** participation as a contractor, Joint Venture partner, or Subcontractor, in at least two (2) contracts that have been successfully or substantially completed within the last ten (10) years and that are similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation under each contract exceeds US\$60 million.

Further details are indicated in the 'Section 3 – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria' of the Bidding Document.

5. To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents, Bidders should contact:

The Superintending Engineer
Public Health Circle
Kerala Water Authority
City: Kochi, Kerala, INDIA.
Pin code: 682011
Ph.No.0484-2360645
E-mail: adbkwapiukochi@gmail.com
Website: <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in>

6. To obtain the Bidding Documents, the bidders are advised to download the entire Bidding Document using their User ID and Password from the official website <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in>. The aspiring bidders without having User ID and Password shall do Online Enrolment in this Portal using the option Click Here to Enroll available in the Home Page. Then the Digital Signature enrollment has to be done with the e-token, after logging into the portal. The e-token may be obtained from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities such as eMudhraCA/ GNFC/ IDRBT/ MtnTrustline/ SafeScript/ TCS. The Bidding Document shall be available for download (free of charge) immediately after online release of the bids and up to scheduled time and date as set in the key dates.

7. At the time of bid submission, bidders have to pay a non-refundable fee of **INR 17700/-**. The payment of bid submission fee shall be made online through Debit/Credit card, Net banking or NEFT receipt through the payment gateway provided on the portal. The payment shall be made on or before the due date and time for bid submission, failing which the bids will be declared as incomplete and liable for rejection.

8. Pre-bid meeting will be held at Office of the Superintending engineer, Public Health Circle, KWA, Kochi (address given above) at **11:00 hours on 21-02-2023**. Bidders interested in participating in the bids are advised to attend the same. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site, at their own cost, before the pre-bid meeting / submission of bid.

9. Bids must be delivered online on <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in> on or before **15:00 hours on 26-04-2023**.

10. The authorized representative of the Bidder shall digitally sign and submit its bid online in the e-tendering platform.

11. Technical bids will be opened on **27-04-2023, 15:30 hours** in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend, whereas the Financial Bids shall remain encrypted and unopened in the system. The Financial Bids of only Technically Responsive and Qualified Bidders shall be opened after Technical Bid Evaluation, whereas, the Financial Bids of those Bidders whose Technical Bids are not responsive and qualified shall remain encrypted or be flushed by the system after the contract is awarded.

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