

IRRIGATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF PRE-BID SITE VISIT

CONVERSION OF EXISTING PIVOT IRRIGATION SYSTEM INTO DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM POINTE AUX PIMENTS SMALL SCALE IRRIGATION PROJECT

Procurement Reference No. Conv-Piv-Drip/IPU 24/01

Date & Time: 18 April 2024 at 10.30 hrs
Meeting Place: Entry of Triolet State Secondary School (SSS Boys).

1. PRESENT

1.1 Officers present on site:

Serial No	Officer	Designation
1.	D. Jhugaroo (DJ)	Principal Engineer - Irrigation Planning Unit (IA)
2.	S. Mooloo (SM)	Engineer - Irrigation Planning Unit (IA)
3.	B. Ramdawan (BR)	Senior Technical Assistant - Irrigation Planning Unit (IA)
4.	N. Sawmy (NR)	Irrigation Operation Officer - Operation and Maintenance Department (IA)

1.2 Contracting Firm Present

1.	Remihens Ltd
2.	S.N. Ramsaha Co. Ltd.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING AND SITE VISIT

SM welcomed all present and requested the Bidders present to proceed to the site where works concerned by the procurement exercise will be carried out. On site, he stated that the works will be done within a gazetted irrigation zone which is irrigated by a combination of drip and centre pivot irrigation system.

The Irrigation Authority (IA) has decided to replace the centre pivot by a drip irrigation system whereas the existing drip irrigation project will remain in use.

3. MATTERS DISCUSSED

3.1 Site of Works

The site of works for the conversion of the Centre pivot to Drip Irrigation System is located at Pointe aux Piments.

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Bidders' attention is drawn to the fact that the Works shall be carried out concurrently with the day to day Agricultural/Irrigation activities within the project area. The existing drip irrigation system shall remain in place and be in operation. The works shall be carried in a manner so as not to disrupt the daily activities of the Planters and IA for whatsoever reason.

3.2 Pipelaying

PVC pipes of diameters 90 mm, 160 mm & pressure rating PN 10 shall be used for extension of the delivery main and submains, and diameters ranging from 50 mm to 90 mm of pressure rating PN 6, shall be used for the manifolds. Bidders were requested to consult the Bill of Quantities and Drawings for further details of pipes and fittings. Supply of dripper lines have not been catered under this contract but contractors will have to install insert connectors, blind tubes and stops on manifolds

3.3 Connection Works at Filter Plant

Bidders were shown the existing filter plant at M1B3L2/L4 from where filtered water will be fed to the new drip irrigation project. The details of the connection work that will have to be done were shown in a drawing of the Bidding Document.

3.4 Wayleaves

Employer shall be responsible for all wayleave acquisition and the wayleaves will be restricted to the limits of site as described. Any damage done outside the permitted wayleave area shall be paid to the relevant party by the Contractor. A drawing showing the plots providing wayleave have been attached to the Bidding Document and Bidders were informed to strictly ensure that they do not venture into areas where no wayleaves have been provided.

3.5 Works Completion Period

The intended completion period for the works shall be Two Hundred and Seventy (270) calendar days calculated from the start date to be mentioned in the Order to Commence Works.

3.6 Submissions

Bidders should ensure that they submit a correctly filled Bid with all requested information especially the mandatory forms. Also, it is the Bidders' responsibility to ensure that the Bid is deposited in the correct place by the submission deadline which is **on or before Monday 13 May 2024 by 15.00 hours (local time) at latest.** Electronic bidding **shall not** be permitted.

4. QUERIES FROM POTENTIAL BIDDERS

There were no queries from Bidders

5. END OF MEETING

The pre-bid site visit meeting ended at 12h30 hrs and SM thanked Bidders present.

6. CIRCULATION OF NOTES OF PRE-BID SITE VISIT MEETING

Minutes of Pre-Bid Site Visit /Meeting posted on the website of the Irrigation Authority.

Date: 23 April 2024