

Pre-Bid Meeting

Project: Qualification of EPC Contractor for Construction / Rehabilitation of potable water supply facilities in four communities in Sierra Leone

Date: January 19, 2026

Exim Bank has invited applications for Qualification of the EPC Contractors vide reference. no. GOILOC-210(P1)/Sierra Leone/EPC-104, dated January 09, 2026, for “**Construction / Rehabilitation of Potable Water Supply Facilities in Four Communities in Sierra Leone**”. In accordance with the conditions outlined in the RFQ document, Exim Bank conducted a Pre-Bid meeting for the project on January 19, 2026, at 15:00 hours.

Project Brief:

The project aims to provide improved access to adequate, safe, and reliable water supply services for following 4 Towns in Sierra Leone and their environs, and to enhance the institutional, operational and management capabilities of the SALWACO (the Project Authority) through the Construction / Rehabilitation of Potable Water Supply Facilities:

1. Mattru Jong (along with neighboring towns namely Luawa, Semabu, Bauya and Tihun) [Southern Province]
2. Njala Mokonde [Southern Province]
3. Daru [Eastern Province]
4. Mongo [Northern Province]

Geographical Location of the 4 Towns is as represented below:



The water supply scheme across all the 4 Towns, primarily consists of construction of water supply system involving intake from water source, transmission mains, Ground Service Reservoirs, Water Treatment [for 2 identified Town], Elevated Service Reservoir distribution network and staff quarters. Each water supply scheme is designed to run on both DG sets / Solar PV system basis availability of weather.

The Sierra Leone Water Company (SALWACO) under the Ministry of Water Resources, is the agency on behalf of the Government of Sierra Leone undertaking the execution of this project.

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Queries from prospective Applicants:

The queries received by Exim Bank along with the response to the queries is at Annexure-I. It is clarified that these minutes of the meeting should not be construed as any amendment to the RFQ Document. **Any changes in the RFQ shall be made solely by way of issuance of Addendum by Exim Bank on its website.**

The list of queries along with Exim Bank's response is as under:

Sr. No.	Clause	Query / Clarification / Modification	Exim Response
Clarification by Exim Bank			
1.	N.A.	- Change in Currency in which the information is sought - Change in process – migrating from PQ to RFQ	The participants were briefed on the RFQ process as outlined in the RFQ Document.
Query / Modification sought by Participants			
1.	Part-II Instructions to Bidders Clause 2.9 Contractor's Equipment	Kindly elaborate the definition of liquid assets.	The definition of liquid assets has been clearly stated under Paragraph 4 of Clause 2.9.1.
2.	Part-II Instructions to Bidders Section-2 Eligibility and Criteria Requirements	Kindly inform regarding the eligibility of JVs under the RFQ.	The eligibility criteria for a JV has been outlined separately under respective eligibility clauses of the Section-2.
3.	Part-II Instructions to Bidders Clause 2.14	As mentioned in the Application document, Bidder has to submit the Form-XI: Contractor's Equipments We understand that the bidder must submit only the FORM XI: "Contractor's Equipment Details". The Invoice	The information is required on key equipments in Form-XI, on <u>declaration basis only</u> . However, during evaluation of Bids, Exim Bank may ask for

	Contractor's Equipment	<p>/ Ownership documents of the equipments is not required to be submitted along with FORM XI.</p> <p>Please Confirm.</p>	supporting documents to validate the information provided.
4.		For requirement of this clause, we understand that a self declaration also will be sufficient confirming that bidder will mobilize required equipment/Tool & plant. Please confirm.	
5.		<p>As mentioned in the Application document, Bidder has to submit the Form-XI: Contractor's Equipments. In the form, there is a row "Agreement", which states "Details of rental / lease / manufacture agreements for deployment under the project."</p> <p>We understand that, as this Bidding is for Prequalification Stage, the bidder should submit only the FORM XI i.e. "Contractor's Equipment Details" as specified in Part IV.</p> <p>The supporting documents including the details of rental lease / manufacture agreements for deployment under the project are not necessary to submit with this prequalification Bid.</p>	
6.	<p>Part-II Instructions to Bidders</p> <p>Clause 2.16</p> <p>Manufacturer's Authorisation</p>	It is mentioned in the clause no 2.16.1 that the Bidder has to submit the undertaking to submit the Manufacturer's Authorisation. The format for undertaking is missing in the Application document. We request you to kindly provide format.	Format is same as Form-XI(A). However, only declaration is required at this stage since the major equipments have not been identified in AITB.

7.	Part-IV Bidding Forms and Appendices FORM-XI(A): Manufacturer's Authorization (Appendix-I)	<p>FORM-XI(A): Manufacturer's Authorization (Appendix-I)</p> <p>As per clause no 2.16, Part II, the bidder has to submit the undertaking to submit the Manufacturer Authorisation.</p> <p>However, in this Prequalification tender process, FORM XI (A) Manufacturer Authorisation is to be submitted by the bidder which is to be signed and stamped by the Vendor / Manufacturer.</p> <p>We understand that the Manufacturer Authorisation for Vendor/ Manufacturer shall be made applicable at the Price Bidding Stage only. Hence we request to delete FORM-XI(A): Manufacturer's Authorization (Appendix-I)</p> <p>Please confirm.</p>	Refer to 6 above
8.		We understand that this Form is not be submitted at this stage (Qualification Stage). Please confirm. If it is to be submitted by bidder, please provide list of items for which this form is to be submitted	
9.	Part-III Appendix Instructions to Bidders Clause 2.12 Bid Submission	<p>Bid Due Date and Time: February 10, 2026; 15:00 hrs</p> <p>Physical Submission of Documents: February 10, 2026: 15:00 hrs</p>	Changes, if any, shall be notified by way of addendum.

10.	<p>Part-III Appendix to Instructions to Bidders</p> <p>Clause 2.12</p> <p>Specific Experience</p>	<p>We understand that Bidder to meet any of following conditions for Specific Experience Criteria</p> <p>Option I: Three Contracts - of value INR 49.81 Crore each OR Pipeline length 34.68 km in each project</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Option II: Two Contracts - of value INR 62.27 each Crore OR Pipeline length 43.35 km in each project</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Option III : One Contracts of INR 99.63 Crore OR Pipeline length 69.35 km</p> <p>For Example : If a bidder is claiming experience of a water supply project of value 50 Cr and consisting of 70km of pipeline (of dia 63 and above), bidder will be qualifying on this condition.</p> <p>Please confirm.</p>	<p>Yes, the interpretation is correct.</p>
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