

DWS 04-1117 WTE: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. I would be grateful if you could pls confirm that the requirement for a level 9ME CIDB Rating only applies if a Tenderer is bidding for the entire contract/all the regions, and advise what the individual CIDB rating requirements are for each of the regions.

The bid DWS04-1117WTE CIDB requirement is level 9 ME, even if a tender is submitted for one Operational Area or Region the tenderer must be CIDB level 9 ME.

2. Is the Operational **area** the same as the Operational **cluster**?

Yes

3. Part 4 section 1.15 and 1.17 - Can the pricing of RFQ be claimed or should it be included in overhead cost?

Admin work such as the preparing of quotations should be included in overhead costs. Refer to Part 4 "paragraph 13.1", first paragraph.

4. Part 4 section 14 - Can workshop equipment listed in this section be charged if utilised on site?

Workshop equipment cannot be charged separately, bidder will quote/charge for the actual work required (e.g during the repair of a pump: contractor cannot claim each tool/equipment used at their workshop, workshop tools and equipment for repairing the pump cannot be claimed on an hourly or daily rate, they shall form part of the pump repair price).

In cases where equipment is to be used on site (e.g. mobile crane for rigging purposes) approval will be granted or declined during the quoting stage. Refer to Part 6 paragraph 6.3 "Equipment Costs"

5. Part 5 Section 8.2 – Does these meetings include on site meetings with the project manager etc or is it only for top management monthly meetings?

(Monthly coordinating meetings/Monthly Projects' meetings shall form part of the overhead costs). Provision for project site meetings and site inspections shall be made during quoting stage, agreement in terms of how many site meetings, number of contractor personnel, etc. will be finalized during RFQ/quoting stage.

6. Part 6 section 5.7 – Does it include associates and sub-contractors?

Within your Company or Joint Venture. In cases where some of the key project team is in sub-contractors, this must also be included.

7. Part 6 section 6.1 – Skilled labour is not mentioned on the level column, but is listed on page 12 of Staff numbers. Should we include skilled labour under 6.1.

Do not include skilled labour under 6.1.

8. Part 6 section 6.1 (Overtime) – Overtime should have two columns for Saturday and Sunday overtime? This was raised at the site meeting – we require feedback.

As described under Part 6: "Overtime shall be in accordance with the Basic Conditions of the Employment Act". For bidding purposes do not modify the table/overtime column, only complete the hourly rate for normal overtime (fill in the Saturday rate ONLY!) Sunday/Public holiday rate forms part of the contract and will be considered during overtime agreement stage.

Traveling time during overtime shall be 70% of the overtime rate. This rate forms part of the contract and will be considered during overtime agreement stage.

9. Part 6 section 6.1 (Travelling time) – When is the 70% travelling time applicable?, as normal labour rates still gets paid by the contractor if travelling takes place during normal work hours.

Bid DWS 04-1117 WTE is a rates based term contract and the Contractor will be paid as per the "actual work done", travelling from your workshop offices to site shall be claimed at a rate of 70% of the normal time for each labour level travelling to site.

10. Part 6 section 6.2 (trailer) – Can we charge for a trailer or should it be included in our rates?

During RFQ/Quoting stage the contractor shall indicate the requirement (with motivation indicating benefit) for a trailer, trailer rate will be considered during RFQ/quoting stage (3 quotations process).

11. Closing date was mentioned on site as 1 February 2018, but not mentioned in the presentation attached on the DWS website. Clarity is required.

As indicated during the briefing session, DWS is working on extending the closing date to 1 February 2018. Since Government Printers has closed, the extension can only be advertised in January 2018.

12. Do sub-contracting companies [other than for B-BBEE purpose] need to be registered with CIDB?

Yes all sub-contractors must be CIDB registered.

13. The tender requires the Contractor to go into an agreement with a sub-contractor. With whom is a sub-contract agreement required and with whom is an Association Agreement required ?

Main contractor must sign sub-contracting agreements with sub-contractors. If the companies are in a JV, a JV agreement must signed.

14. The tender requires the contractor to obtain 3 x quotes for any sub-contracting work. Does the 3 x quote requirement also apply to the “30% PPPFA” sub-contractor?

DWS reserves the right to ask for more quotations from any sub-contractor if it feels that the quote is not market competitive.

15. Can a JV partner that complies with the “30% PPPFA” sub-contracting criteria also be accepted as the “30% PPPFA” sub-contractor?

One company cannot be both a JV partner and a sub-contractor

16. Functionality criteria – Every qualification in evaluation refers to ‘mechanical’ or can it be a qualification division that is relevant / of the same level?

It must be mechanical qualification under the mechanical sub-criteria and electrical qualification under the electrical sub-criteria.

Mechanical Engineer qualification; must be Mechanical Engineering (Not Industrial Engineering)

Mechanical Artisan; must either be Mechanical: Fitter, Boilermaker, Mechanic.

Electrical Engineer qualification; must either be Power Engineering (Heavy Current) or Electronics (Light Current)

Electrical Artisan; must be an Electrician

17. Can you please have a look at the attached (Part 6 – Price Schedules). We have marked sections in the bill which we need clarity on. There are some places where the hours are missing and also some places where the manpower has a different abbreviation as to what you’ve stipulated. Everything is marked with a circle.

The amended price schedules for DWS 04-1117 WTE have been uploaded at the DWS website, link: <http://www.dwa.gov.za/Tenders/tendersCurrent.aspx>.

- QC was replaced with QA (Specialized Quality Control Inspector),
- A was added to S for SA (Specialist Artisan)
- Hours were corrected, where applicable.

18. Please find attached letter for your response in relation to the extension of closing date of bid number DWS04-1117-WTE.

The bid DWS 04-1117 WTE closing date has been extended from 18 January 2018 to 01 February 2018 as discussed in the briefings, announcement of the extension forms part of the minutes and the minutes of the briefing sessions have been uploaded on the website, follow the link below: <http://www.dwa.gov.za/Tenders/Docs/2018/CCF20180110.pdf>

19. As per Transport Costs 6.2 “The contractor must decide which vehicle/s to use in order to calculate the transport costs in the price schedules.”

- Provision has not been made to insert transport costs within the bills provided. Please indicate how we should account for this.

For bidding purposes: On the Price schedules (Price Schedule 1 to Price Schedule 3) the bidder must just complete the labour (manpower) costs. The only transport rates required from the bidder are the “Heavy and Extra Heavy Motor Vehicle (Diesel)”.

- It is difficult to account for Km, what is the point of departure when calculating transport costs? You don’t have to include transport costs on the price schedules (Price Schedule 1 to Price Schedule 3).

Point of departure is from your offices or workshop, refer to the briefing session minutes regarding radii/range requirements per Operational Area.

20. As per Equipment Costs 6.3, 6.3.1 reads “The cost of the equipment to perform the duties as per each item shall be included in the **table**”

- Please assist as to the table this must be indicated in.

For bidding purposes “equipment costs” do not apply. This clause will apply to the appointed contractor during the project quotation stage.

21. We have already completed our BOQ and were just waiting for clarity on the issues that we had with regards to the man power and hours.
With that being said, do we need to complete the pricing on the amended BOQ or can we keep the original BOQ and just fill in the rates?

You can complete the original BOQ.

22. Kindly assist with the following:

6.2.1 “The security shall be 10% of the Contract Price (including Value Added Tax) at the time that the Agreement comes into effect”.

- Is this documented submitted now at tender stage or when the contract has been awarded?

The Performance Guarantee form is not to be completed at the time of bidding, refer to Part 1: Instruction to bidders, paragraph 5.5.

6.1 Labour Costs - Overtime Rates

- There is only column provided to compute this whilst Overtime Monday to Saturday is @ a rate of 1.5 and Sundays and Public Holidays is @ a rate of 2.0.
- Please provide assistance in this regard.

Kindly go through the briefing session minutes, overtime is addressed there.

23. I would like to enquire on how I can get the attendance register for Central operations.

Kindly follow this link and check on the DWS 04-1117 WTE.

<http://www.dwa.gov.za/Tenders/Docs/2017/Attendance%20Register%20-%20Grootdraai%20Dam.pdf>

24. When will retention be applicable and what will the % be as per (Clause 6.10.3 of the Conditions of Contract).

DWS 04-1117 WTE is a rates based contract to be used as and when required, work / projects cannot be quantified at this stage.

The retention may be withheld as and when required on a project (it will depend on the project requirements). Percentage of retention will be indicated by the Employer's Agent / Engineer during the quoting stage per project.

25. Can an 8ME PE be accepted as equivalent of 9ME, I would appreciate to get your response.

No, 8ME PE will not be accepted as an equivalent to 9ME. Currently, the DWS does not have a development programme to support contractors as required by the CIDB Regulations. Please refer to CIDB's Practice Note 32 for more information.

26. Secondly, on another question, does it matter if the sub-contractor attended the briefing between the Primary Contractor and sub-contractor arrangement.

The Primary Contractor is required to have attended the compulsory briefing or one of the partners in a Joint Venture (JV) is required to have attended the compulsory briefing.

27. We would like some clarity on the matter below:

In the absence of material quantities information on the bid document, we are unable to complete annexures C, D and E of the LOCAL CONTENT DECLARATION (REFER TO ANNEXURE B OF SATS: 1286:2011). However, there won't be any deviation from our minimum threshold percentage commitments per Annexure to paragraph 3 of the SBD 6.2 document at task order stage and in line with legislation.

Please confirm if this is acceptable to DWS, if not please advise on how to calculate the value for identified designated items in the absence of projected quantities.

Even though there are no quantities, bidders are obliged to commit to a percentage minimum. As per the minutes of the meetings, Annexures C, D and E are compulsory.

The pricing should be on a unit price basis as the quantities cannot be confirmed at this stage.

28. SBD1 makes reference to the bidder being an accredited representative in South Africa in supplying goods or delivering services. We are in Service Production, what proof is required from us, or what deems us being accredited?

SBD 1 is a standard document, the section about the accredited representative is not applicable for this bid.

29. SDB3.2 Page 1 makes reference to Pricing Schedule – Non-firm prices (purchases); does this document apply for the purpose of the tender? In the event that we do complete it: Complete the document.

- a. Required by: No need to complete (not applicable)
- b. At: No need to complete (not applicable)

30. SBD6.1 Page 3 No.7.1.1 (ii) the name of the subcontractor with whom we will be subcontracting the 30%, how do we cater for more than one subcontractor as the space provided and the way the questions are posed only allows for one?

Attach a list of subcontractors as required for compulsory subcontracting and Annexure 3 "schedule of proposed sub-contractors".

31. The submission of documents example, SARS Certificate is requested in SBD2 and somewhere else in the document it is requested, are we to provide the document as it is requested meaning that there will be 2 SARS Certificate documents vs. one which would have been attached where the first reference of it was made i.e. at SBD2?

Attach one Tax Clearance certificate.

32. Is it possible to get the BoQ in excel format?

Unfortunately we don't have the Price Schedules in excel format.