

LEBANESE RED CROSS CENTER, GEMAYZE PHASE 2

TENDER DOCUMENTS - VOLUME 1

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Instructions to Bidders

A. GENERAL

1. SCOPE OF BID

- **1.1** The Lebanese Red Cross (LRC), hereinafter called "the Employer", wishes to receive bids for the Rehabilitation of the Lebanese Red Cross Center in Gemayze Phase 2, hereinafter referred to as "the Works". The works include but not limited to:
 - Demolition of blockwork walls, floor tiles, stairs, ceiling remains.
 - Concrete works
 - Masonry walls and plaster
 - Wood furniture
 - Waterproofing works
 - Glasswork (partition, doors and windows)
 - Finishes (Tiles, painting, Gypsum board..)
 - Mechanical works (plumbing, HVAC, Heating..)

1.2 The successful bidder will be expected to complete the Works within four months from the date of commencement of the works.

1.3 Throughout these bidding documents, the terms "bid" and "tender" and their derivatives ("bidder/tenderer", "bid/tendered", "bidding/tendering", etc.) are synonymous, and day means calendar day.

2. SOURCE OF FUNDS

2.1 The source of funds is the Lebanese Red Cross and the French Red Cross.

3. ELIGIBLE BIDDERS

3.1 This invitation to bid is open to all eligible Contractors qualified as per clause 5.2. Bidders shall provide evidence of their eligibility to the satisfaction of the Client as requested and as per the instruction to bidders stipulated in Conditions of Contract-Appendix II.

3.2 The bidders, including all members of a Joint venture and all subcontractors shall not be affiliated with a firm or entity:

- (i) that has provided consulting services or participated as a consultant in the preparation of the design or technical specifications of the works that are the subject of the bid related to the Works
- (ii) that has been hired (or is proposed to be hired) by the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC as Engineer for the contract).

4. ELIGIBLE MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND PLANT

4.1 The materials, Plant or Contractor's Equipment, other supplies, and services to be supplied under the Contract, shall have their origin eligible under the *Lebanese Law*, and all expenditures made under the Contract will be limited to such materials, Plant or Contractor's

Equipment, other supplies, and services. Refer also to instructions to bidders stipulated in Appendix II.

4.2 For purposes of Sub-Clause 4.1 above, "origin" means the place where the materials, Plant, equipment, and other supplies are mined, grown, produced, or manufactured, and from which the services are supplied.

5. QUALIFICATION OF THE BIDDER

5.1 In order to be qualified for bidding, Bidders shall provide the following information with their bid. Foreign Companies shall not submit information mentioned in items d, e and f of this clause.

All certificates should be <u>originals</u> or <u>legally certified copies of the originals</u> otherwise the bidder's bid will be rejected.

- a) Legally certified copies of original documents defining the constitution or legal status, place of registration and principal place of business;
- b) A written power of attorney authorizing the signatory of the bid to commit the bid;
- c) Receipt for purchase of the bid documents;
- d) Certificate of quittance issued by the National Social Security Fund. Its validity extending beyond the bid opening date.
- e) Certificate of quittance from the Lebanese Order of Public Works and Buildings Contractors. Its validity extending beyond the bid opening date;
- f) Certificate from the Order of Engineers: every Engineer, whether he is a Contractor or an Engineer employed by a company or establishment classified on the basis of his employment thereby, shall enclose in his Bid a certificate confirming his membership to any one of the two Orders of Engineers in Lebanon for the year in which the Bid is submitted;
- g) Major items of construction equipment proposed for carrying out this Contract (Schedule No.1);
- h) The names and CVs of key personnel proposed for administration and execution of this Contract, both on and off site (Schedule No.2);
- i) Proposals for subcontracting any elements of the Works. Bidders should refer to Sub-Clauses 4.1 and 4.3 of the Conditions of Contract (Schedule No.3);
- j) Manufacturers (Schedule No.4);
- k) A Bank certificate for access to liquid assets and/or evidence of access to or availability of credit facilities of not less than *Two Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (200,000 USD)* or equivalent sufficient to meet the construction cash flow for the above contract for a period of *two* months. The bidder is requested to submit an original bank certificate according to the attached Form.
- 1) Information regarding any current litigation in which the bidder is involved;
- m) Program of work and method statement in sufficient detail to demonstrate the adequacy of the bidder's proposals to meet the technical specifications and the completion time. No alterations or changes can be made to the specifications;

- n) Contractual Commitment completed, stamped and signed;
- o) Certificate of Registration of the Company issued by the Ministry of Finance
- p) Certificate of VAT registration issued by the Ministry of Finance

5.2 In order to be qualified for award of the contract, bidders shall provide the additional qualifying criteria below:

- a) The bidder must have Minimum average annual turnover of 500,000 US dollars \$, over the past four years. The bidder is requested to complete the attached qualification form 1 signed by a certified accountant and provide legally certified copies of original auditor's reports;
- b) The bidder must have completed at least two (2) contracts in building construction, with at least one of a value of at least 500,000\$, that have been successfully and substantially completed
- c) The bidder, must have completed at least one contract in restoration of a more than 100 years building and that are similar to the proposed works. The similarity shall be based on the physical size, complexity, methods/technology or other characteristics

Projects Certificates: Bidders shall furnish, as part of their bid, the following documents related to the projects certificates:

- i. A copy of the contract signed with the bidder.
- ii. A copy (to be compared to the original) of a certificate issued by the private or public authority that awarded the project and/or signed the contract, stating the location, date, type and value of works that the bidder executed or participated in its execution. The said certificate should also state the contractual role of the bidder during the execution of the said works, in addition to the name and address of the consultant supervising the works, <u>where applicable</u>, and the employer who supervised the works or for whom the works were executed on his behalf. This certificate shall be valid only if it mentions that the project has been provisionally accepted or if it is attached to the provisional acceptance certificate.

All documents mentioned in Items ii) above should be certified by all the competent authorities in connection with projects executed inside Lebanon. As for projects executed outside Lebanon, the related documents should be certified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the country where the contract was executed, then by the embassy or consulate of Lebanon in the said country, and finally by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants.

(a) **Evidence of suitable personnel** for the key positions meeting the minimum experience requirement specified below. The bidder is requested to submit a detailed curriculum vitae according to the attached qualification form 3 signed by the candidate;

Position	Total Work/Business Experience (Years)	
Project Manager	15	
Site Engineer	10	
Architect Restorer	8	

(b) Equipment

The Contractor shall include in Schedule No. 1 (Refer to Forms & Schedules) his proposed equipment required on site for completing the Works including testing and commissioning, all in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.

The Contractor should submit full proof (i.e. equipment registration, lease contract...) and details of the arrangement he shall follow to make his proposed equipment in Schedule 1 above available on site. Arrangements may be agreement with local firms, lease, purchase, others, etc.

- 5.3(g) The figures for each partner of a joint venture shall be added together to determine the bidder's compliance with the minimum qualifying criteria set out in sub-clause 5.1(t) above. However, in order for a joint venture to qualify each of the partners must meet the following criteria:
 - The lead partner (partner in charge) must meet 100% of the qualifying criteria listed in sub clause 5.1(t)(a)
 - At least one partner or subcontractor must meet the qualification criteria listed in sub-clause 5.1(t)(b)
 - Failure to comply with these requirements will result in rejection of the joint venture's Bid. Subcontractor's experience and resources will not be taken into account in determining the Bidder's compliance with the qualifying criteria.

5.2 EVIDENCE OF QUALIFICATION: The information and documents required under the Sub-Section 5.1 "Qualification of Bidders" shall serve as evidence of qualification and of the Tenderer's capability to carry out the Contract. Unless specifically listed in the Letter of Acceptance or in the Contract Agreement, these information and documents shall not form a Contract Document, but the Bidder will remain responsible for the validity, authenticity, and correctness of the information provided.

5.3 Bids submitted by a joint venture of two or more firms as partners shall comply with the following requirements:

- a) Only eligible contractors are allowed to form a joint venture;
- b) Each partner of the joint venture shall include all the information listed in Sub-Clause 5.1 above;
- c) The Joint Venture Agreement shall be in the form of the sample agreement attached and shall be completed, entered into, and signed by the joint venture partners and submitted with the bid;
- d) One of the partners shall be nominated as being in charge; and this authorization shall be evidenced by submitting a power of attorney signed by legally authorized signatories of all the partners;
- e) The partner in charge shall be authorized to incur liabilities and receive instructions for and on behalf of any and all partners of the joint venture and the entire execution of the Contract including payment shall be done exclusively with the partner in charge;

f) In case of a successful bid, the Bidders shall sign the Form of Agreement as to be legally binding on all partners. All partners of the Joint venture shall be liable jointly and severally for the execution of the Contract in accordance with the Contract terms.

6. ONE BID PER BIDDER

6.1 A firm shall submit only one bid in the same bidding process, either individually as a bidder or as a partner in a joint venture. No firm can be a subcontractor while submitting a bid individually or as a partner of a joint venture in the same bidding process. A firm, if acting in the capacity of subcontractor in any bid, may participate in more than one bid, but only in that capacity. A bidder who submits or participates in more than one bid will cause all the proposals in which the bidder has participated to be disqualified.

7. COST OF BIDDING

7.1 The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of his bid and the Employer will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bid process.

8. SITE VISIT

8.1 The bidder is required at his own risk to visit and examine the Site of Works and its surroundings and obtain for himself on his own responsibility all information that may be necessary for preparing the bid and entering into a contract for construction of the Works. The costs of visiting the Site shall be at the bidder's own expense.

B. BID DOCUMENTS

9. CONTENT OF BID DOCUMENTS

9.1 The bid documents are those stated below, and should be read in conjunction with any Addenda issued in accordance with Clause 11:

Volume 1 (1/3) – Bid Conditions & Procedures/Conditions of Contract

Volume 2 (2/3) – Bill of Quantities & Technical Specifications

Volume 3 (3/3) – Drawings

9.2 The bidder is expected to examine carefully the contents of all the above documents. Failure to comply with the requirements of bid submission will be at the bidder's own risk. Pursuant to Clause 28, bids which are not substantially responsive to the requirements of the bid documents will be rejected.

9.3 The bidder shall treat the Bid Documents as private and confidential (except as may be necessary for the purpose of bidding) and shall not publish or disclose the same or any particulars thereof in any trade or technical paper or elsewhere. The Bid Documents shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which they are intended.

10. CLARIFICATION OF BID DOCUMENTS

10.1 A prospective bidder requiring any clarification of the bid documents may notify the Employer by electronic mail at the Employer's e-mail address indicated in the Invitation for Bids. The Employer will respond to any request for clarification, which he receives earlier than 14 days prior to the deadline for submission of bids. Copies of the Employer's response will be forwarded to all purchasers of the bid documents, including a description of the inquiry but without identifying its source.

10.2 Except as provided for in this clause no representation, explanation or statement made to a bidder prior to the Employer's written acceptance of his tender whether by the Engineer or any of his assistants or by any officer or member of the Employer's staff or by anyone as to the meaning of any of the documents forming the Contract or as to anything to be done or not to be done by the Contractor shall bind the Employer or fetter or bind the judgment or powers of the Engineer in the exercise by him of his duties under the Contract.

11. AMENDMENT OF BID DOCUMENTS

11.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, the Employer may, for any reason, whether at his own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective bidder, modify the bid documents by issuing addenda.

11.2 Any addendum thus issued shall be part of the bid documents pursuant to Sub-Clause 9.1, and shall be communicated by electronic mail to all purchasers of the bid documents. Prospective bidders shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum in writing by electronic mail to the Employer.

11.3 To afford prospective bidders reasonable time in which to take an addendum into account in preparing their bids, the Employer shall, if deemed necessary, extend the deadline for submission of bids, in accordance with Clause 22.

C. PREPARATION OF BIDS

12. LANGUAGE OF BID

12.1 The bid, and all correspondence and documents related to the bid exchanged by the bidder and the Employer shall be written in the English/ Arabic language. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the bidder may be another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in English/Arabic, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the bid, the translation shall prevail.

13. COMPLETE BID

13.1 The bid must be for the whole of the Works, fully in accordance with the Bid Documents. A partial bid will not be considered.

13.2 The Form of Bid with its Appendix, the Bill of Quantities, and any other document requiring completion shall be completed. The originals of all Bid Documents, and any copies required to be submitted, shall be completed in indelible ink.

14. BID PRICES

14.1 The Contract shall be for the whole Works as described in Sub-Clause 1.1, based on the unit rates and prices submitted by the bidder.

14.2 The bidder shall fill in rates and prices for all items of the Works described in the Bill of Quantities. Items against which no rate or price is entered by the bidder will not be paid for by the Employer when executed and shall be deemed covered by the other rates and prices in the Bill of Quantities.

14.3 All duties, taxes and other levies payable by the Contractor under the Contract, or for any other cause, as of the date of the deadline for submission of bids, shall be included in the

rates and prices. On the other hand, the Grand Total Tender Price shall include the VAT. The total VAT shall be inserted separately in the Collection Sheet then added to the prices of all sections to reach the Grand Total Tender Price, unless otherwise instructed in the Bidding Data Sheet.

The Contract is subject to the VAT rules where applicable, according to the terms of the law 379, dated 14/12/2001 amended by law # 64 dated 26/10/2017.

- **14.4** The bid shall provide a breakdown of all unit prices contained in the Bills of Quantities:
- a) a breakdown of all unit rates in labor, materials, plant, overhead, profit and other charges.
- b) a breakdown of lump sums items.

The Employer shall have the right to request, and the Contractor shall provide a further breakdown of all unit rates and prices including a detailed breakdown of "other charges".

15. CURRENCIES OF BID AND PAYMENT

15.1 The currencies for the bid and all rates in the Bills of Quantities shall be expressed in United States Dollars.

16. BID VALIDITY

16.1 Bids shall remain valid for a period of 120 days beyond the deadline for submission of bids specified in the invitation to bid.

16.2 In exceptional circumstances, prior to expiry of the original bid validity period, the Employer may request that the bidders extend the period of validity for a specified additional period. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in electronic mail. A bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting his bid security. A bidder agreeing to the request will not be required or permitted to modify his bid, but will be required to extend the validity of his bid security for the period of the extension, and in compliance with Clause 17 in all respects.

17. BID SECURITY

17.1 The bidder shall furnish, as part of his bid, a bid security in the amount of one Thousand Fresh USD (1,000US\$).

17.2 In case of a Joint-Venture the bid security shall be in the name of the Joint-Venture.

17.3 The bid security shall be in the form of a guarantee from a bank located in Lebanon or a foreign bank with a local branch/affiliate in Lebanon, acceptable to the Employer. The format of the bank guarantee shall be in accordance with the attached sample form of bid security. The bid security shall be valid up to 28 days after the expiration of the bid validity period.

17.4 Any bid not accompanied by an acceptable bid security shall be rejected by the Employer and shall be considered as non-responsive.

17.5 The bid securities of unsuccessful bidders will be returned as promptly as possible, but not later than 28 days after the expiration of the period of bid validity.

17.6 The bid security of the successful bidder will be returned when the bidder has signed the Agreement and furnished the required performance security.

- **17.7** The bid security may be forfeited if:
 - 1. The Bidder withdraws his Bid during the period of bid validity specified in the Form of Bid; or
 - 2. The Bidder, having been notified of the acceptance of his Bid by the Employer during the period of bid validity:
 - a- fails or refuses to execute the Form of Agreement; or
 - b- fails or refuses to furnish (or increase the Performance Security if applicable); or
 - c- refuses to accept the correction of errors in his bid.

18. ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS BY BIDDERS

18.1 Bidders shall submit offers that comply with the requirements of the Bid Documents, including the technical design as indicated in the drawings and specifications. Alternatives will not be considered.

19. PRE-BID MEETING

19.1 The bidder's designated representative shall be invited to attend a pre-bid meeting, which, if convened, will take place on May 19th, 2021, at 10:00 am, on the project's site: The Lebanese Red Cross Center, Gemayze, Gouraud Street, Beirut.

19.2 The purpose of the meeting will be to clarify issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage.

19.3 The bidder is requested, as far as possible, to submit any questions by electronic mail to reach the Employer not later than three days before the meeting. It may not be practicable at the meeting to answer questions received late, but questions and responses will be transmitted in accordance with the following sub-clause.

19.4 Minutes of the meeting, including the text of the questions raised and the responses given, together with any responses prepared after the meeting, will be transmitted without delay to all purchasers of the bidding documents. Any modification of the bidding documents listed in Sub-Clause 9.1 that may become necessary as a result of the pre-bid meeting shall be made by the Employer exclusively through the issue of an Addendum pursuant to Clause 11 and not through the minutes of the pre-bid meeting.

19.5 Nonattendance at the pre-bid meeting will not be a cause for disqualification of a bidder.

20. FORMAT AND SIGNING OF BID

20.1 The bidder shall prepare one original and one copy of the documents comprising the bid. The documents shall be clearly marked "ORIGINAL" and "COPY" as appropriate. In the event of discrepancy between them, the original shall prevail.

20.2 The original and the copy of the bid shall be returned duly completed by writing in indelible ink in the space provided for unit rates and totals. In the case of copies, photocopies are acceptable. All originals and copies shall be signed by a person or persons duly authorized to sign on behalf of the bidder, pursuant to Sub-Clauses 5.1(b) or 5.2(d), as the

case may be. All pages of the bid, where entries or amendments have been made, shall be signed by the person or persons signing the bid and stamped.

20.3 The originals of all other documents as listed in Sub-Clause 9.1 shall be stamped and initialed by the person or persons signing the bid.

20.4 The bid shall contain no alterations, omissions or additions, except those to comply with instructions issued by the Employer, or as necessary to correct errors made by the bidder. Such corrections shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the bid and shall be made by striking out the original text and inserting the correction by hand using indelible ink; the correction of errors by overtyping with or without the use of correction fluid shall not be permitted. Any bid not complying with this sub-clause shall be rejected by the Employer.

20.5 If the bidder does not submit an original BOQ completed in indelible ink according to clause 20.2, his bid will be rejected by the Employer.

D. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

21. SEALING AND MARKING OF BIDS

21.1 All documents shall be signed, dated, completed and returned in an 3A white envelop. The bidder shall seal the bid envelop and address it to:

The Lebanese Red Cross Finance office- 1st Floor Main Building, Head Quarter Spears Street, Kantari Beirut, Lebanon

And shall mark the bid box package <u>ONLY</u> with the following identification: Bidding document for "*REHABILITATION OF THE LEBANESE RED CROSS CENTER*, *GEMAYZE*, *PHASE 2*" and the words "Do Not Open before *the date stated for the return of bid*"

Bidders who fail to comply with this requirement will be disqualified.

21.2 The bid envelop package shall contain two separate and sealed inner white envelopes marked as Envelope No.1 and Envelope No.2. Each envelope shall contain one set of original documents and one set of copies clearly marked "ORIGINAL" and "COPY".

The inner Envelope No.1 shall bear the following clear identification: *"REHABILITATION OF THE LEBANESE RED CROSS CENTER, GEMAYZE, PHASE 2"* Envelope No.1 "Administrative and Technical Offer" Name of Bidder / Address of the Bidder

And shall contain:

- Bid security in the amount and form requested in the Bid Conditions & Procedures
- o Completed Contractual Commitment signed and stamped by the Bidder
- Completed Joint Venture Agreement, signed and stamped by the Bidders
- All information listed in Section 5: Qualification of the Bidder
- Volume 1: Bid Conditions and Procedures Conditions of Contract, signed and stamped by the Bidder

- Volume 2: Bill of Quantities & Technical Specifications, signed and stamped by the Bidder
- Volume 3: Drawings, signed and stamped by the Bidder (only original drawings are to be submitted)
- Any addenda issued by the Employer, signed and stamped by the Bidder
- Any other documents required to be completed and submitted by bidders in accordance with these Instructions to Bidders

The inner Envelope No.2 shall bear the following clear identification:

"Bidding Documents for "REHABILITATION OF THE LEBANESE RED CROSS CENTER, GEMAYZE, PHASE 2"

Envelope No.2 "Financial Offer"

Name of Bidder / Address of the Bidder

And shall contain:

- o Completed Form of Bid and Appendix signed and stamped by the Bidder
- Volume 3: Priced Bill of Quantities completed, signed and stamped by the Bidder
- A complete breakdown of Bill of Quantities prices detailed to include:
 - labour,
 - materials,
 - plant,
 - overheads,
 - profit,
 - and other charges

22. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS

22.1 Bids must be received by the Employer at the address specified above no later than the time and date given in the Invitation for Bidders.

22.2 The Employer may, at his discretion, extend the deadline for submission of bids by issuing an amendment in accordance with Clause 11, in which case all rights and obligations of the Employer and the bidders previously subject to the original deadline will thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

23. LATE BIDS

23.1 Any bid received by the Employer after the deadline for submission of bids prescribed in Clause 22 will be returned unopened to the bidder.

24. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

24.1 The bidder may modify or withdraw his bid after bid submission, provided that written notice of the modification or withdrawal, is received by the Employer prior to the deadline for submission of bids.

24.2 The bidder's modification or withdrawal notice shall be prepared, sealed, marked and delivered in accordance with the provisions of Clause 21, with the outer and inner envelopes additionally marked "MODIFICATION" or "WITHDRAWAL".

24.3 No bid may be modified by the bidder after the deadline for submission.

24.4 Withdrawal of a bid during the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of bid validity specified in the Form of Bid may result in the forfeiture of the bid security pursuant to Clause 17.

E. BID OPENING AND EVALUATION

25. BID OPENING

The Client's evaluation committee shall conduct the opening of the envelope 1 in the presence of the contractors' authorized representatives who choose to attend in person at the time and date stated in the Invitation for Bids at the address given for return of bids in Clause 21. The bidders' representatives who are present shall sign a register evidencing their attendance. During this session the committee will verify the accuracy and completeness of the submitted documents.

The envelopes 2 with the Financial Proposal shall remain sealed and shall be securely stored until they are opened. The evaluators of the Technical Proposals shall have no access to the Financial Proposals until the technical evaluation is concluded.

The Client's evaluation committee shall then evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness. A Proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to qualification requirement.

After the technical evaluation is completed, the Client shall notify those Contractors whose technical were considered non-responsive to required qualification that their Financial Proposals will be returned unopened after completing the selection process and Contract signing. The Client shall simultaneously notify by electronic mail those contractors that have achieved the minimum overall technical score and inform them of the date, time and location for the opening of the Financial Proposals. The Contractor's attendance at the opening of the Financial Proposals in person, is optional and is at the Contractor's choice.

At the opening of financial offers sessions, the names of the qualified bidders (with complete administrative bid and technically qualified), the tender offers shall be read aloud and recorded.

26. PROCESS TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

26.1 Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of bids and recommendations for the award of a contract shall not be disclosed to bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process even after the award to the successful bidder has been announced. Any effort by a bidder to influence the Employer's processing of bids or award decisions may result in the rejection of the bidder's bid.

27. CLARIFICATION OF BIDS

27.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of bids, the Employer may, at his discretion, ask any bidder for clarification of his bid, including breakdowns of unit rates. The request for clarification and the response shall be by electronic mail, but no change in the price or substance of the bid shall be sought, offered or permitted except as required to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Employer in the evaluation of the bids in accordance with Clause 29.

27.2 From the time of bid opening to the time of Contract award, if any bidder wishes to contact the Employer on any matter related to the bid, he should do so by electronic mail.

27.3 Any effort by the bidder to influence the Employer in the Employer's bid evaluation, bid comparison, or Contract award decisions may result in the rejection of the bidder's bid.

28. EXAMINATION OF BIDS & DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIVENESS

- **28.1** During the evaluation of Envelope No.1, the Employer will determine whether each bid:
- a) meets the eligibility criteria of Clause 3;
- b) has submitted the requested documents in the Bid Conditions and Procedures;
- c) meets the qualification requirements of Clause 5;
- d) has been properly signed;
- e) is accompanied by the required securities;
- f) is substantially responsive to the requirements of the bid documents;
- g) has provided any clarification and/or substantiation that the Employer may require.

28.2 A substantially responsive bid is one which conforms to all the terms, conditions and specifications of the bid documents, without material deviation or reservation. A material deviation or reservation is one:

- a) which affects in any substantial way the scope, quality or performance of the Works;
- b) which limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the bid documents, the Employer's rights or the bidder's obligations under the Contract, or
- c) whose rectification would affect unfairly the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.

28.3 If a bid does not meet any of the criteria of Clause 28.1 and 28.2, it will be rejected by the Employer, and may not subsequently be corrected by withdrawal or correction of the non-conforming deviation or reservation.

29. CORRECTION OF ERRORS

29.1 Bids determined to be substantially responsive will be checked by the Employer for arithmetic errors. Errors will be corrected by the Employer as follows:

- a) where there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and in words, the amount in words will govern; and
- b) where there is a discrepancy between the unit rate and the line item total resulting from multiplying the unit rate by the quantity, the unit rate as quoted will govern; and
- c) where there is a discount applied to the total bid price including the contingency, the total bid price shall be retained and the discount applied to the unit prices of the Bill Of Quantities items, excluding the contingency.

29.2 The amount stated in the Form of Bid will be adjusted by the Employer in accordance with the above procedure for the correction of errors and, with the concurrence of the bidder, shall be considered as binding upon the bidder. If the bidder does not accept the corrected amount of bid, his bid will be rejected, and the bid security will be forfeited in accordance with Sub-Clause 17.7 (c).

30. CONVERSION TO SINGLE CURRENCY

Not Applicable.

31. EVALUATION AND COMPARISON OF BIDS

31.1 The Employer will open Envelope No.2 for bidders determined to be acceptable and substantially responsive in accordance with Clause 28.

- **31.2** After opening Envelope No.2, the Employer will determine for each bid the Evaluated Bid Price by adjusting the Bid Price and making any correction for errors pursuant to Clause 29.
- **31.3** If the bid of the successful bidder is seriously unbalanced in relation to the Engineer's estimate of the cost of work to be performed under the Contract, the Employer may require the bidder to produce detailed price analyses for any or all items of the Bill of Quantities, to demonstrate the internal consistency of those prices with the construction methods and schedule proposed.

F. AWARD OF CONTRACT

32. PREFERENCE FOR DOMESTIC BIDDERS

Not Applicable.

33. AWARD

Subject to Clause 34, the Employer will award the Contract to the bidder whose bid has been determined to be substantially responsive to the bidding documents and who has offered the lowest Evaluated Bid Price pursuant to Clause 31, provided that such bidder has been determined to be (a) eligible in accordance with the provisions of Sub-Clause 3.1; and (b) qualified in accordance with the provisions of Clause 5.

34. EMPLOYER'S RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS

34.1 Notwithstanding Clause 33, the Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bid process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of Contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the Employer's action.

35. NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

35.1 Prior to expiration of the period of bid validity prescribed by the Employer, the Employer will notify the successful bidder by electronic mail that his bid has been accepted. This letter shall name the sum, which the Employer will pay the Contractor in consideration of the execution, completion and maintenance of the Works by the Contractor as prescribed by the Contract.

35.2 Upon the furnishing by the successful bidder of a performance security, the Employer will notify the other bidders that their bids have been unsuccessful and return their bid security.

36. SIGNING OF AGREEMENT

36.1 The Form of Agreement will be signed at the Employer's Office by both parties and notified to the Contractor.

36.2 The Agreement shall be considered embodying the Employer's Letter of Acceptance referred to in the Conditions of Contract. All actions and/or activities under the Contract that relate to the date of the Letter of acceptance shall be deemed to relate to the date of this Agreement.

37. PERFORMANCE SECURITY

37.1 Within 10 days of the Contract notification, the successful bidder shall furnish to the Employer a performance security in the form of a bank guarantee in an amount of 10 percent of the Contract Price in accordance with the Conditions of Contract. The format of the bank guarantee shall be in accordance with the sample form of performance security included in the Bid Documents.

37.2 The bank guarantee shall be issued by a bank registered and licensed to operate in Lebanon, and acceptable to the Employer.

37.3 Failure of the successful bidder to comply with the requirements of Clauses 36 or 37 shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the bid security.

END OF SECTION

QUALIFICATION FORMS & SCHEDULES

Qualification Form 1 ANNUAL TURNOVER

Name of Bidder

The Bidder is requested to complete the information in this form. The information supplied should be the annual turnover of the Bidder, in terms of the amounts billed to clients for each year for work in progress or completed converted to US Dollars at the rate of exchange at the end of the period reported. Experience as a subcontractor should not be considered. This form must be certified by an auditor and submitted with original or legally certified copies of auditor's report. All documents must be certified according to legal procedures.

Annual construction turnover data				
Year	Turnover	US \$ equivalent		

- 7.1 CONTRACTOR'S SEAL AND SIGNATURE
- 7.2 NAME OF AUDITOR
- 7.3 AUDITOR'S SEAL AND SIGNATURE
- 7.4 ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE

Qualification Form 2a GENERAL EXPERIENCE RECORD

Name	of	Bidder

The Bidder should list completed construction of buildiong's projects

Name of Contract	Client	Date of Start	Date of completion	Value of completed contract (USD)

Contractor's Seal and Signature

Qualification Form 2b GENERAL EXPERIENCE RECORD

Name of Bidder

The Bidder should list completed Restoration of old building's projects

Name of Contract	Client	Date of Start	Date of completion	Value of completed contract (USD)

Contractor's Seal and Signature Qualification Form 3

CANDIDATE SUMMARY

Name of	of Bidder
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The Bidder should have the proposed candidate sign and date this form

Position		Candidate □ Prime	□ Alternate
Candidate Information	1. Name of Candidate	2. Date of birth	
5	3. Professional qualifications	1	
Present	4. Name of Employer		
Employment	Address of employer		
	Contact person		
	Telephone		
	Fax		

Summarize professional experience in reverse chronological order. Indicate particular technical and managerial experience relevant to the project.

From	То	Company/Project/Position/Relevant technical & management experience

FORMS

FORM OF CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENT

Name of Project:

To: Lebanese Red Cross (LRC),

I the undersigned	dully authorized to sign
on behalf of	
having as permanent Address in Lebanon	

 Telephone No.:

 Facsimile No.:

Acknowledge my revision and examination of the Bid Conditions and Procedures, Conditions of Contract, Technical Specifications, Drawings, Bill Of Quantities and all other documents pertaining to the execution of the above-named project.

I proclaim that after reviewing and examining the documents which I may not claim to ignore and after visiting, inspecting and examining the Site of the Works and its surroundings and having obtained all required information and being aware of the Contract details, difficulties and obstacles if any, of the required Works.

I pledge, if my Bid is accepted, to execute and complete all the required Works and remedy any defects therein in conformity with the said Conditions of Contract, Specification, Drawings and Bill of Quantities within the Time for completion stated in the Contract Document.

I also acknowledge that I have put the prices and accepted the stipulations stated in the Conditions of Contract, taking into consideration all the Bid Documents and contract conditions and the difficulties that may be encountered, if any, during the execution of the Works.

Date:

Name Of Bidder:

Name:

In the capacity of:

Signature:

Address:

(Stamp 50,000 Lebanese Pounds)

FORM OF BID SECURITY (BANK GUARANTEE)

To: Lebanese Red Cross (LRC), Lebanese Red Cross, Head Quarter, Spears Street, Kantari, Beirut, Lebanon.

WHEREAS, [Name of Bidder] (hereinafter called "the Bidder") has submitted his bid dated [Date] for the [Name of Project] (hereinafter called "the Bid").

BY THIS GUARANTEE we [Name of Bank] of [Name of Country] having our registered office at _________ (hereinafter called "the Bank") are bound unto Lebanese Red Cross (LRC), (hereinafter called "the Employer") in the sum of ______USD for which payment well and truly to be made to the said Employer the Bank binds himself, his successors and assigns by these presents.

SEALED with the Common Seal of the said Bank this _____ day of _____ 201 __

THE CONDITIONS of this obligation are:

- 1. If the bidder withdraws his Bid during the period of bid validity specified in the Form of Bid; or
- 2. If the Bidder having been notified of the acceptance of his Bid by, the Employer during the period of bid validity:
 - a- fails or refuses to execute the Form of Agreement; or
 - b- fails or refuses to furnish or to increase the Performance Security; or
 - c- refuses to accept the correction of errors in his bid.

We undertake to pay to the Employer up to the above amount upon receipt of his first written demand, without the Employer having to substantiate his demand, provided that in his demand the Employer will note that the amount claimed by him is due to him as a result of the occurrence of one or both of the two conditions, specifying the occurred condition or conditions.

This Guarantee will remain in force up to and including the date 208 days after the deadline for submission of bids or as it may be extended by the Employer at any time prior to this date, notice of which extension(s) to the Bank is hereby waived. Any demand in respect of this Guarantee should reach the Bank not later than the above date.

DATE	SIGNATURE OF THE BANK
IN THE CAPACITY OF	
WITNESS	SEAL
	(Signature, Name, and Address)

(The bid security submitted by the bidder shall be in strict conformance with the above sample form. Any alternate form/text would result in the rejection of the bid).

FORM OF BID

Name of Project:

To: Lebanese Red Cross (LRC),

1- Having examined the Bid Conditions and Procedures, Conditions of Contract, Technical Specifications, Drawings for the execution of the above-named Project, we, the undersigned, offer to execute and complete the said Project and remedy any defects therein in conformity with the said Bid Conditions and Procedures, Conditions of Contract, Technical Specifications, Drawings and Bills of Quantities for the sum of ______

USD)

(VAT is applicable) or such other sum as may be ascertained in accordance with the said Conditions.

2- We acknowledge that the Appendix forms an integral part of our Bid.

3- We acknowledge that we have received and incorporated the following Addenda in our Bid:

4- We undertake, if our bid is accepted, to commence the works as soon as is reasonably possible, but not exceeding 7 days after receipt of the Order to Commence, and to complete the whole of the Works comprised in the Contract within the time for completion stated in the Appendix to bid.

5- We agree to abide by this Bid for the period of 180 days from the closing date for submission of bids and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period.

6- Unless and until an Agreement is prepared and executed, this Bid together with your written acceptance thereof shall constitute a binding Contract between us.

7- We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any bid you may receive.

Date

Seal and Signature

in the capacity of

duly authorized to sign bids for and on behalf of

Address

Witness

Occupation

Address

FORM OF BANK CERTIFICATE FOR FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES

To : Lebanese Red Cross (LRC), Beirut, Lebanon.

Project :

This letter has been issued upon the request of _____

(Name of Contractor) ______ without any responsibility on out part.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we hereby certify that

[name and address of contractor], at present has access to, or has available liquid assets, lines of credit, unencumbered assets and other financial means, net of other commitments, sufficient to meet the construction cash flow for the above contract and valued at USD for a period of months starting from contract notification date*.

For and on behalf of

 [name of Bank]	[Date]

[Signature of Bank Representative]

* For Joint Ventures, the partners should submit according to their percentage shown in clause 5.3 of the Bidding Data Sheet, bank certificates amounting to or exceeding the required value stated in the bidding data sheet.

"Joint Venture Agreement" (to be completed and signed by each partner of the bidder and attached to the technical proposal)

SPECIMEN JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT

This agreement is made the ___day of _____ 202_, by and between:

(hereinafter called _____), a company organized under the laws of _____, with its principal office at _____, and its address at _____, hereinafter called of the first part,

and

____ (hereinafter called ______), a company organized under the laws of _____, with its principal office at _____, and its address at _____, hereinafter called of the second part,

The first and the second party together are hereinafter referred to as "the Parties".

WHEREAS the Lebanese Red Cross Society, hereinafter called "the LRC" has invited the Parties to submit a proposal for the execution of the following project:

(hereinafter called "the Project")

WHEREAS the Parties wish to enter into a Joint Venture Agreement in order to be prequalified by the LRC to tender for the Project and, if successful, to execute the Project under a Contract to be awarded by the LRC, hereinafter called "the Contract";

THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE TO FORM A JOINT VENTURE UNDER THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT VENTURE

The Parties hereby agree to constitute themselves as a Joint Venture under the name of ,hereinafter called "the Joint Venture". The Joint Venture shall have its offices at the following address:

2 LIABILITY

The objective of the Joint Venture shall be to execute the Project in accordance with all terms and conditions of a Contract to be signed with the LRC. The Joint Venture shall be comply with all laws and regulations relevant to the establishment and operation of joint ventures in Lebanon and shall be certified by the relevant public notary.

Notwithstanding any other conditions contained in this joint venture agreement or in any other 2.1 agreement between the Parties, each of the Parties hereby commits itself to be jointly and severally liable towards the LRC as well as towards any and all CO-contractors and/or subcontractors for the proper execution of all obligations of the Joint Venture in relation to the Contract to be signed with the LRC for the execution of the Project.

2.2 The Parties shall keep each other, both during and after the term of this joint venture agreement, fully indemnified against all losses and damages resulting from gross negligence or breach of contract of one party or their personnel or agents in relation to this agreement as well as to all contracts to be executed by the Joint Venture.

3 REPRESENTATION

For the purpose of this joint venture agreement, the Joint Venture shall be represented by the first party hereto _______ who is hereby authorized by the second party to act on behalf of the Parties of this Joint Venture in all matters related to the submission of the Tender, *the negotiation and signing of the Contract with the LRC, the execution of the Project, including but not limited to the invoicing and receipt of payments, the execution of subcontracts, the incurring of liabilities and receipt of instructions on behalf of all partners of the Joint Venture in relation to the Contract with LRC during the entire execution period of the said Contract.*

[Note: the level of authority delegated to the leading party must be determined by the JV Partners. If restrictions apply, supplementary "powers of attorney" must be provided to the leading partner prior to signing of the Contract.]

The Parties shall keep the LRC informed at all times of all details concerning the Joint Venture and its authorized representatives.

4 **REVENUE DISTRIBUTION**

The total payments to the joint venture shall be distributed between the Parties according to the following proportions:

First Party	%
Second Party	%
	%

The local taxes calculation shall be based on the above mentioned percentages.

5 EXCLUSIVITY

The Parties shall exclusively work together in connection with the Project. Each party hereto agrees that it has no interest whatsoever directly or indirectly, in any other proposal which may be submitted to the LRC with respect to the execution of the Project.

6 OBLIGATION TO TENDER

The Parties shall fill in and submit to the LRC their relevant prequalification file documents, and if jointly qualified, they shall tender for the Project as a Joint Venture. If the Contract for the execution of the Project is awarded to the Joint Venture, they shall jointly execute the Project under their joint and several responsibility in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions of contract.

7 **DURATION**

7.1 This joint venture agreement shall enter in to force and effect as of the date first written above.

7.2 This joint venture agreement shall expire if the Joint Venture's tender is rejected or in case the Contract is awarded to another bidder.

7.3 In case the Contract is awarded to the Joint Venture, this joint venture agreement shall remain in force until all obligations of the Parties under the Contract have been fulfilled and each of the Parties have honored its obligations towards the other.

8 **RIGHTS OF LRC**

All rights stipulated in this joint venture agreement in favor of the LRC shall be honored by the Parties as if the LRC were a direct beneficiary of this agreement. Consequently, the Parties hereto acknowledge the right of the LRC to act directly on the basis of this agreement against all or any of the Parties hereof.

9 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

The parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this joint venture agreement or the interpretation thereof.

[Note: choose one of the Alternatives and delete the rest]

Alternative 1: Any dispute between the Parties as to the matters arising pursuant to this agreement which cannot be settled amicably within thirty (30) days after receipt by one party of the other party's request for such amicable settlement may be submitted by either party to the competent Court in the Republic of Lebanon. Lebanese law shall apply to the interpretation of this agreement.

Alternative 2: Any dispute between the Parties as to the matters arising pursuant to this agreement which cannot be settled amicably within thirty (30) days after receipt by one party of the other party's request for such amicable settlement may be submitted by either party to arbitration for final settlement in accordance with the procedures applicable under the Laws of the Republic of Lebanon.

Alternative 3: Any dispute between the Parties as to the matters arising pursuant to this agreement which cannot be settled amicably within thirty (30) days after receipt by one party of the other party's request for such amicable settlement shall be finally settled by either party under the Rules of Conciliation and Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce by one or more arbitrators appointed in accordance with the said Rules.

Alternative 4: Any other alternative of JV Partners acceptable to LRC

The Parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed in three copies, one for each party and one fore the LRC, by their duly authorized officers on the date first above written.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF	FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
FIRST PARTY	SECOND PARTY
NAME:	NAME:
TITLE:	TITLE:
SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE:
STAMP:	STAMP:

SCHEDULE NO. 1 MAJOR ITEMS OF CONTRACTOR'S EQUIPMENT

Description (Type, Model, Make)	No. of Each	Year of Manufacture (Used)	New or Used	Owned or Leased	Estimated CIF Value	Power Rating	Capacity

* The Bidder shall enter in this Schedule under appropriate headings all major items of Contractor's Equipment which he proposes to bring on Site.

SCHEDULE NO. 2 KEY PERSONNEL

Designation	Name and Nationality	Summary of Experience	Qualifications, and Present Occupation
Headquarters:			
Partner/Director in charge			
Other key staff (list Below)			
Site Office:			
Site Superintendent			
Deputy Superintendent			
Supervising Engineers			
Construction Supervisors			
Other key staff (List below)			

* The Bidder shall list in this Schedule the key personnel that he proposes to employ at headquarters and on site to execute the Works, together with their qualifications, experience, positions held and nationality.

Element	Approximate value	Name and Address of Sub-Contractor	Statement of Similar Works Previously Executed

SCHEDULE NO. 3 SUB-CONTRACTORS

* The Bidder shall list in this Schedule those parts of the Works (and their approximate values) for which he proposes to employ sub-contractors, together with the names and addresses of the proposed sub-contractors. The Bidder shall also enter a statement of similar works previously executed by the proposed sub-contractors, including description, location and value of work, year completed, and name and address of employer/engineer. Notwithstanding the provision of this information, the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, will be required to submit applications to subcontract any part of the Works as stated in the Conditions of Contract.

SCHEDULE NO. 4 MANUFACTURERS

Goods or Materials	Name of Manufacturer

^{*} The Bidder shall enter in this Schedule the names of manufacturers (and, where appropriate, model numbers) of major items of goods or materials that he proposes to incorporate in the Works. Notwithstanding the provision of this information, submission of details of goods and materials for approval, as required by the Specification, will be required from the Contractor.