ALBANIA

Climate Resilience and Agriculture Development Project

Contract Awarded

For the attention of Consultant's authorized representative

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Notification of Award

Client: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)

Contract title: Design and supervision consultancies (Modernization of Drainage Systems)

Country: Albania

Loan No. /Credit No. /Grant No.: 94890-AL Reference no.: AL-MARD-389935-CS-QCBS

This Notification of Award notifies you of our decision to award the above contract.

The successful Consultant and summary scope of contract

Name:	SWS Consulting Engineering Srl
Address:	Via Marco Marulo 87/b 00143-Roma, Italy
Contract price:	Euro 276,600 Euro excluding VAT 20%
Duration:	16 months
Method of Procurement/ Selection:	QCBS
Summary scope of contract:	Preparation of Technical Reports and Detailed Designs for the rehabilitation and modernization of the two drainage pumping stations, namely Hydrovor no. 2 (in Seman), and Hydrovor no. 3 (in Darëzezë). The rehabilitation and modernization of the pumping station will include, but not limited to, structural interventions, replace the pumps, install a SCADA monitoring and operation system, install new motorized cleaning screens, etc.;

- Preparation of Bill of Quantities and Cost Estimates, Technical Specifications;
- The necessary assistance for the Project Management Team (PMT) at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, and the Fier Irrigation and Drainage Directorate, in the process of approving projects and obtaining the necessary permits from the relevant institutions;
- Preparation of technical specifications of solar panels for two drainage pumping stations, namely no. 2 (in Seman), and no. 3 (in Darëzezë).
- The necessary assistance for the Environmental Management Plan in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, in the procurement process and
- Supervision of civil works and supply/installation of equipment at drainage pumping stations, Hidrovor no. 2 (in Seman), and water reservoir no. 3 (in Darëzezë), as well as their certification after completion according to the requirements of the Contract(s).

The preparation of the above-mentioned technical documents will be carried out in accordance with the Albanian National Standards for Design/Construction, and international best practices, based on the existing documentation provided by the beneficiary MARD and the Directorate of Irrigation and Drainage, Fier.

The consultant will be responsible for managing the process of preparing all technical documentation. He will carry out the necessary surveys, both topographical and geological, of new/existing facilities and adjacent areas, especially those involving additional works and/or equipment installations. He will establish contacts with the Regional Directorate of Irrigation and Drainage, Fier (under MARD), who are direct beneficiaries of the interventions covered by this project. The consultant will report and request final approvals from the Client - PMT to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONSULTANT IN THE DESIGN PHASE

The consultant will perform the following tasks, in consultation with the Client (Implementation Unit at Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development):

(a) Preparation of detailed projects (including architectural and structural ones) for drainage pumping stations; This task requires the consultant, under the supervision of the Client, to prepare the appropriate technical

- designs and specifications for civil works, as well as technical specifications for the supply and installation of equipment for drainage pumping stations; this task also includes hydrological/hydraulic and drainage structures and systems.
- (b) Performs the necessary topographical and geological surveys; where deemed appropriate, especially for civil works.
- (c) Preparation of drawing details for access to other services (water, sewerage, electricity, etc.), where necessary, and internal systems (communication, security, electrical panels, etc.) of new/existing facilities;
- (d) Preparation of quantity calculations and cost estimates for sewage pumping stations;
- (e) Preparation of technical specifications of solar panels for two sewage pumping stations;
- (f) Assisting EMP in the preparation of tender documents for designated sewage pumping stations. The consultant, under the supervision of the client, is required to prepare tender documentation for civil works and equipment supply/installation, in accordance with the Bank's standard tender documents and instructions;
- (g) Provide initial information for the preparation of the protective documentation, as defined in the project framework document, and of the environmental and social assessments, including the relevant management plans.
- (h) Assist and provide the necessary documentation for the Client to obtain permission from relevant institutions (including, but not limited to, construction permit and environmental license);
- (i) Prepare and submit the Index of Drawings and technical documents;
- (j) Reflect and incorporate into the final detailed design and tender document customer and bank feedback.
- (k) Assist Client Committee(s) in evaluating bids and awarding contract(s).
- (l) Also, progress meetings will be held regularly with the Client to present the situation on the ground and the progress in the preparation of the projects of the proposed interventions;
 - The duration of the drafting and preparation of the civil work contract tender documents will be 3 (three) months.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONSULTANT IN THE SUPERVISION PHASE

The consultant is expected to review and improve, when necessary, his plans, administer work contracts and ensure that contractual clauses, whether related to the quality or quantity of work, are respected. The consultant will make the necessary measurements and control the quality of the works and coordinate -all engineering decisions, including the improvement of the designs, if necessary or necessary, for the good execution of the contract(s). However, the Consultant will seek the prior approval of the Client for:

- (a) Any design modifications
- (b) Issue changes in work quantities, changes in equipment specifications;
- (c) Sanction additional items, amounts or costs;
- (d) Approves the leasing of any part of the works;
- (e) Approve any extension of time for completion.

The Oversight Consultant will perform the following tasks, in consultation with relevant parties as appropriate:

- a) In agreement with the Client issues orders for the start of works; to keep the record of the beginning of the works and the determination of grades.
- b) administers civil works contracts, approves the declaration method for materials and the quality of works in accordance with the contract and monitors laboratory testing of contractors;
- c) administers contracts for goods, supply and installation of equipment, ensuring their compliance with technical specifications;
- d) approve the work programs of the Contractor(s) and sources of materials/equipment;
- e) approve the Contractors' working drawings including their variations, approve the placement of the works and give instructions to the contractor(s) in this regard;
- f) systematically check the progress of the work, examine and follow the measurement of each work and the installation of each equipment and order, if required, the redoing of unsatisfactory work/installation; ascertain and measure the value of the works in accordance with the contract(s);
- g) check the production certificates for the goods and verify compliance with the technical specifications, their transport and/or storage;

- h) check invoices, claims and other statements of contractors regarding arithmetical errors and compliance with the contract(s), issue interim certificates for payments and certify the completion of parts or the whole of works, supply/installation of equipment;
- i) inspect the performance of works and equipment in accordance with specifications, order, supervise or carry out tests on materials/equipment and approve or disapprove the contractor's plant and machinery; order the removal of improper or substandard works/equipment and expose works that have been covered without permission.
- supervise the Contractors in all matters relating to the safety and care of the works, and direct operations in the event of an emergency affecting the safety of life, works or neighbouring property, and ensure that operational safety is met before starting the works, and issuing any work plan or drawing in this direction;
- k) inspect the works at least three times a week during construction periods and issue field reports; Providing site supervision and liaising with contractors, including overseeing the construction and daily installation of works and equipment to ensure that the standard of materials and workmanship conforms to design specifications and contract documents.
- l) advise the Client on all matters related to the execution of the contract(s) including the processing of Contractors' claims;
- m) carry out at least quarterly inspection visits during the defect liability periods (which will have a duration of one year) and issue the final acceptance certificate at the end of the DLP for the contract;
- n) verify and, if necessary, correct the "as built" drawings provided by the Contractor(s) and submit them to the Client,
- o) Prepare all necessary documents and assist the Client to deliver the completed Works Contracts to the beneficiaries.
- p) In relevant cases, whenever the Works Contract refers to the role of 'Engineer' (for example in the World Bank's Standard Tender Documents for 'Major Works') or 'Project Manager' (the World Bank's Standard Tender Documents for Small Jobs) the consultant will perform the part of this role assigned to him by the Client.
- q) Ensuring the implementation of the environmental management plan.

- r) In addition, progress meetings will be held regularly with the Contractor(s). During these meetings, formal minutes will be taken by the consultant and distributed to the Client and the Contractor
- s) issues Interim Payment Certificates (IPC) for monthly payments, as well as Final IPC and certifies the completion of parts or the whole of the works. To avoid delays, KPIs should first be submitted as a draft (electronically) for review before being signed off by all responsible persons. Once adjustments have been made (if any), then KPIs will be signed by all responsible persons and submitted for payment execution;
- t) During the defect liability period, the Consultant will perform 4 (four) inspections and prepare brief inspection reports for any problems or defects identified/repaired by the contractor.

The monitoring services will be extended periodically during the defect liability period (12 months), as necessary. The supervising company shall inspect the works completed within the period covered by its contract, prepare lists of deficiencies (if any), and supervise the remedial works and issue Defects Liability Certificates/Final Acceptance Certificates after correction of notices. defects from the contractor.