

Republic of Serbia MINISTRY OF FINANCE Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programmes (CFCU) 04/03/2024, Belgrade

CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS No.4

Construction of Wastewater Collection and Treatment systems in Municipality of

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1.	Tender design is not in line with required process parameters stated in	LOT 1
	Volume 3.2 - Particular technical	There is no inconsistency in requirements
	requirements. Example - the most	given in TD/Volume 3/ 3.2 Particular
	important process unit, bioaeration is	technical requirements, table 19.
	not designed in accordance with	
	required minimum sludge age stated in	Simultaneous sludge stabilization
	Table 19. 2. Minimum sludge age of	according to standard DWA-A 131 (Ed.
	16.5 days, required in Table 19 for	2016) has to be achieved at the water line.
	summer period, is not in line with sludge age requirement for	Also, minimum sludge age presented in
	sludge age requirement for simultaneous stabilization of sludge	Table 19 shall be respected.
	stated in DWA-A 131 standard. Please	
	clarify / confirm that sludge age 16.5	
	day required in Volume 3.2 prevail	
2.	In document VOLUME 3.3.1 CIVIL	LOT 1
2.	WORKS, under paragraph 10.	
	COATINGS ON CONCRETE	All ground structures exposed to ground
	SURFACES, point 10.1 General is	water should have protective coating, for at
	stated next sentence: "Coatings will be	least level XA1 according to SRPS EN 206-1.
	applied to concrete structures for outside surfaces in order to protect tile	200-1.
	concrete against aggressive effects of	
	groundwater or other unwanted	
	matters. Generally, protective coatings	
	will be applied to surfaces of concrete	
	structures which are underground	
	and/or in contact with groundwater."	
	Please clarify does all underground	
	concrete structures must have	

	protection coating regardless of aggressivity of groundwater or natural soil as defined in accordance with SRPS EN 206-1 Table 2 — Limiting values for exposure classes for chemical attack from natural soil and ground water or only underground concrete structures that are in contact with aggressive groundwater or natural soil as defined in accordance with SRPS EN 206-1 Table 2 — Limiting values for exposure classes for chemical attack from natural soil and ground water.	
3.	Tender dossier, Volume 2, Section 4 and Section 5 there is form of Guarantee on pre-financing and Performance guarante - formal guarantee template in form of bank guarantee. Is it acceptable for Contracting Authority, that selected bidder submit a bank guarantee according to ICC Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees - 2010 Revision, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 758? Please note that this type of bank guarantee is fully enforceable without any limitations to Contracting Authority. Bank guarantees issued according to ICC Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees - 2010 Revision, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 758, are standard types of bank guarantees used in all areas of business in the European Union.	LOT 1 and LOT 2 Guarantee template is an integral part of Tender Dossier. A form of Guarantee on pre-financing and Performance guarantee - formal guarantee template in form of bank guarantee found in Tender dossier, Volume 2, Section 4 and Section 5, respectively, is the only acceptable form.
4.	In Volume 3 Employer's requirements, Volume 3.3 General technical specifications, Volume 3.3.2 Mechanical works in subclause 12.2. Blowers has very specific requirements: "Two rotors shall be located inside the housing. The housing shall be provided in cast iron, material GG20, with cast-in pre-inlet channels in the discharge side cylinders part to	LOT 1 Specification given in Volume 3, Employer's requirements, Volume 3.3 General technical specifications, Volume 3.3.2 Mechanical works in subclause 12.2. Blowers, remain unchanged but should be considered as a minimum requisite in view of the stipulation in

minimize the sound by pulsation	Volume 3.1 General Requirements,
reduction. The rotors shall be	section 1.2 of Lot 1.
dynamically balanced (with test	
certificate) and manufactured in carbon	
steel, C45N, drop-forged in one piece.	
The helical timing gears, material 16	
Mn Cr5E, shall be teeth hardened and	
ground, and machined to the highest	
precision." These requirements are	
very unambiguous, do not allow	
alternatives, they do not allow a	
number of blower manufacturers to	
participate in the competition. We are	
already receiving these questions from	
them. Please remove these	
requirements or add the words "or	
better" or "or equivalent".	

Additional Clarification

In PRAG annex d4c (tender form), under section 3. Tenderer's declaration(s), in the header that reads:

1. As part of their tender, each legal entity identified under point 1 of this form, including every consortium member (all sections), as well as each capacity-providing entity (only sections 1 and 2, as well as sections 7 to 14) and each subcontractor (only sections 1, 2 and 7, as well as sections 9 to 15), must submit a signed declaration using this format, together with the Declaration of honour on exclusion and selection criteria (Annex 1).", the part of the sentence "as well as each capacity-providing entity (only sections 1 and 2, as well as sections 7 to 14) and each subcontractor (only sections 1, 2 and 7, as well as each capacity-providing entity (only sections 1 and 2, as well as sections 7 to 14) and each subcontractor (only sections 1, 2 and 7, as well as sections 9 to 15)" must be disregarded.

2. In point 8 of the tenderer's declaration, the sentence [We confirm, as capacity-providing entity to be jointly and severally bound in respect of the obligations under the contract, including for any recoverable amount.]" **must be disregarded.**