

PROJECT ALERT

WWTP CANOAS Prequalification Process



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Private Concession contract to perform all the activities required for the financing, preparation and delivery of the studies and designs, and the construction, as well as the social and environmental management, stabilization, operation, maintenance and reversion of the Canoas Wastewater Treatment Plant.

INVESTMENT OF 10,96 TRILLION PESOS



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Project Alert – WWTP Canoas Bogotá D.C.

On the 22nd of March, the Bogotá Aqueduct and Sewerage Company (EEAB) start the process to select the prequalified offerors for the financing, construction and operation of the CANOAS Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in Bogotá D.C., aiming to restore the river basin of “Río Bogotá”.

This prequalification will take place in two (2) stages: (i) First, the conformation of the shortlisted bidders for the procurement process and, (ii) second, the election of the most favorable offeror from the shortlisted bidders. Only those resulting from the shortlisted process will be able to present an electable offer to the Bogotá Aqueduct and Sewerage Company (EEAB).

This project, financed throughout resources from multilateral banks such as International Development Bank and the World Bank, secured throughout Sovereign Guarantees, will reduce the level of contamination presented in “Río Bogotá”. This contract will not only include the construction and operation of the project, but also to resort different ways to finance the intervention, as well as preparing the new studies and designs for this project.

The limit to present expression of interest is May 25th, 2023.

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The WWTP Canoas project is one of the biggest basic sewerage projects in Colombia and a key project for Latin America. National or foreign companies, individuals or joint ventures are open to present their expression of interest.

Within the prequalification process, bidders shall certify legal and financial capacity, as well as technical experience in three topics: (i) Experience in Project Finance, (ii) Experience in construction of Wastewater Treatment Plants and, (iii) Experience in Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants.

- (i) Experience in Project Finance or in Obtaining Financing

Bidders shall prove experience in obtaining financing with Public Private Partnership contracts, concession, or any other form of private participation in Infrastructure, throughout the following options:

- Option 1: Contract with private participation where is accredited financial closure of at least COP \$1,153,000,000,000.
- Option 2: Up to 4 Private Participation contracts in Infrastructure, where the financial closing accredited sum up to at least COP\$ 1,408,000,000,000 and, at least one of the contracts shall have a financial closing of at least COP \$ 759,000,000,000.

(ii) Experience in construction of Wastewater Treatment Plants

Bidders shall prove experience in Construction of WWT plants throughout the following options:

- Option 1: That the bidder has satisfactorily executed the construction component of at least one (1) contract signed with an entity, of any nature, in charge of providing the service sewage system or water treatment —as appropriate—,in which the purpose includes the construction of all the components of a Wastewater Treatment Plant that incorporates the processes that make up the Minimum Technology and, in which the Design Average Treatment Flow is equal to, or greater than five (5) m³/s;
- Option 2: That the bidder has satisfactorily executed the construction component of at least two (2) contracts signed with public entities of any nature, in charge of providing the sewerage or water treatment service —as appropriate—, in which the purpose includes the construction of all the components of a Wastewater Treatment Plant that incorporates the processes that make up the Minimum Technology, in which the Design Average Treatment Flow is equal to or greater than three (3) m³/ s.
- Option 3: It is possible that the bidder proves experience throughout contracts in which the object has been the expansion of the Design Average Flow of Treatment of a Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Design Average Flow of Treatment to be accredited in this prequalification process shall be the one explained in both options, but considering the difference between the previous Design Average Flow and the post-expansion.

(iii) Experience in Operations of Wastewater Treatment Plants

The bidders also shall prove experience in the operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants throughout the following options:

- Option 1: The bidder shall accredit that oversaw, under any contractual or regulatory title, the operation of all the components of a Wastewater Treatment Plants which incorporate processes that integrate the minimum technology required for this project, where the Design Average Flow of Treatment Flow is equal to, or greater than, five (5) m³/s, and they have been in charge of the operation for a minimum two (2) years since the Starting Date of the system.
- Option 2: The bidder can accredit that oversaw, under any contractual or regulatory title, the full operation of all the components of two (2) Wastewater Treatment Plants, where they incorporate the processes that integrate the minimum technology required for this project, where the Design Average Flow of Treatment Flow is equal to tree (3) m³/s, and they have been in charge of the operation for a minimum of two (2) years since the Starting Date of the system.

The bidders shall provide prove of their financial capacity for funding the project. For it, they will have to endure the following financial requirements:

- Net Worth: Minimum of COP \$2.017.000.000.000 of the Referential Month¹, according to their Financial Statements. For joint ventures, at least one of the members of it shall accredit a Net Worth of minimum COP \$706.000.000.000 of the Referential Month.
- Debt capacity: This financial limit has a differentiated value if the bidder is an individual or a joint venture. If individual, it shall be a Debt Capacity equal or under the Maximum Debt Capacity of 90%. If the bidder is a joint venture, the Debt capacity shall be equal or under to 85% of the Maximum Debt Capacity.

Note: If the individual bidder, or the member of the joint venture accrediting the financial requirement, throughout a Private Equity Fund they will not have to prove the Debt Capacity mentioned in the paragraph before.

The deadline for submitting expression of Interest is May 25, 2023



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¹ "Referential Month: December 2020"