



THE STATE OF ISRAEL

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL
INFRASTRUCTURES

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

MINISTRY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

THE WATER AUTHORITY

THROUGH

THE SEA-WATER DESALINATION INTER-MINISTERIAL TENDER COMMITTEE

HEREBY INVITES

Entities and consortia from the private sector in Israel and abroad, to participate in a pre-qualification process of private sector entities for a tender for

the finance, design, construction, operation, maintenance, and transfer to the State of Israel, of a sea-water desalination facility at Sorek, with production capabilities of at least 100 million m³ per annum (the "**Project**").

1. The Tender Committee intends to conduct a two-phased competitive selection process in order to select the private sector entity to execute the Project, in the following stages:
 - 1.1. A pre-qualification process; and
 - 1.2. A tender process, in which those participants which will have been deemed to comply with the requirements of the pre-qualification process, will be invited to participate.
2. The pre-qualification process includes several pre-qualification requirements, in the following areas, as detailed in the Invitation for Pre-Qualification:
 - 2.1. Experience in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of desalination facilities;
 - 2.2. Experience in management of infrastructure projects;
 - 2.3. Financial robustness.

For the avoidance of any doubt, it is hereby clarified that the pre-qualification requirements are only generally detailed herein, and are subject to the provisions of the Invitation for Pre-Qualification.

The Tender Committee reserves the right to change and/or modify said pre-qualification requirements as well as additional prerogatives, all as set forth in the Invitation for Pre-Qualification.

3. The Invitation for Pre-Qualification and any updates thereto shall be available for online review starting on April 8, 2008, at the Ministry of Finance website at: <http://www.mof.gov.il/tender.htm#mmm2008desalination>. In addition, the Invitation for Pre-Qualification is available for review, at no charge, at the address detailed in Section 7 hereinafter, as of April 15 2008, Sunday through Thursday, between 09:30-14:30, subject to prior coordination with the Coordinator of the Tender Committee, Ms. Ayelet Yosfan-Shaul; at 972-3-9778154 or 972-3-9778163.
4. The Invitation for Pre-Qualification may be purchased for twenty five thousand NIS (25,000 NIS), at the address specified in Section 7 hereinafter, during the times as specified in Section 3 above. **Payments shall be made by transfer of the aforesaid amount to account No. 310018001, at the Bank of Israel, Jerusalem Branch - 99001, in the name of the Accountant General.** Upon transfer of the aforesaid payments, the participants shall indicate the following: **"Pre-qualification process for the Project of finance, design, construction, operation, maintenance, and transfer to the State of Israel, of a sea-water desalination facility at Sorek"**.
5. Upon purchase of the Invitation for Pre-Qualification, each purchaser, or its appointed representative, shall be required to present a confirmation from the bank through which the payment was made, identify itself, using an Israeli Identification Card or a foreign passport, and shall be requested to provide the identity of the purchasing entity, and provide details about its appointed representative, including its postal address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail address. All notices and additional information pertaining to the pre-qualification process will be sent to appointed representative of each purchasers of the Invitation for Pre-Qualification, in accordance with such details.
6. Only participants who purchased the Invitation for Pre-Qualification, will be entitled to participate in the pre-qualification process and/or submit clarification questions to the Tender Committee.
7. **Participants will submit their Pre-Qualification Submissions by no later than 12:00 on Sunday, June 15th, 2008, to the Tender Committee's tender box, at the following address:**
Private Public Partnerships Division, Inbal Insurance Company Ltd., Inbal House, Arava St., 5th Floor, P.O.B. 282, Airport City, Ben-Gurion Airport 70100
8. Questions and requests for clarifications may be submitted, in writing, to Ms. Ayelet Yosfan-Shaul, at the address detailed in Section 7 above, through facsimile no. 972-3-9778165, or via e-mail: ayelety@inbal.co.il; with a copy to Adv. Noa Meidan, Levy, Meidan & Co. Attorneys-at-Law, through facsimile no. 972-3-5102493, or via e-mail: noam@levymeidan.co.il. Written answers will be issued to all purchasers of the Invitation for Pre-Qualification.
9. This notice contains general and preliminary information only. Further conditions and requirements with respect to the pre-qualification process are as detailed in the Invitation for Pre-Qualification. The Tender Committee reserves the right to annul and/or revise the conditions of the pre-qualification process and its schedule, all in accordance with the provisions of the Invitation for Pre-Qualification.

Respectfully,

Gil Shabtai,
Deputy Accountant General
Chairman of the Tender Committee