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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND WATER MANAGEMENT
REPUBLIC DIRECTORATE FOR WATER
SAVA AND DRINA RIVERS CORRIDORS INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Loan No. 9128 – YF, Project ID P P168862

Rehabilitation works of the Galovica canal

RFB No: SER-SDIP-RFB-W-24-38

Minutes of Pre-Bid Meeting

The Pre-bid meeting related to the Bidding Document “Rehabilitation works of the Galovica canal”, contract Ref. No. SER-SDIP-RFB-W-24-38, was held on September 28, 2026 at the premises of the Republic Directorate for Water, Bulevar Umetnosti 2a, 4th floor Conference room, Belgrade, Republic of Serbia.

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

1. List of participants

Employer representatives:

1. Tanja Nikolic, PIU Senior Engineer
2. Igor Radović, PIU Environmental Safeguard Specialist
3. Nina Valčić, PIU Social Safeguard Specialist
4. Mirjana Pavlovic-Brajović, PIU Contract Management Officer
5. Nataša Karanović, PR Officer

The participants from BMD BAU DOO BEOGRAD:

6. Nikola Žugić

The participants from DTD SEVERNA BAČKA DOO SUBOTICA:

7. Aleksandar Kiš

The participants from INVEST GLOBAL GROUP 021 DOO:

8. Nemanja Nikolić

The participants from VPD SMEDEREVO DOO SMEDEREVO:

9. Predrag Janković
10. Luka Matović

The participants from KATAGO CONSTRUCTION:

11. Nebojša Stupar
12. Ivana Stanojević

The participants from JADRAN DOO BEOGRAD:

13. Natalija Jovanović

Following a brief introduction and presentation about the Project, the participants were invited to ask questions related to the Bidding Document issues. For avoidance of doubt and any misinterpretations, the Bidders were encouraged to submit all questions raised, as well as any further requests, in writing, in form of Requests for clarifications promptly after the meeting, and in any case, not later than 14 days prior to the deadline for submission of bids (i.e. October 12, 2026) by e-mail in accordance to the Bidding Document. Presentation of the basic information regarding tender document is attached to this Minutes (Attachment 1).

It is stipulated that the clarifications and minutes of the pre-Bid meeting, will be transmitted to all Bidders who have acquired the Bidding document in accordance with ITB 6.3.

The participants were informed by the Senior Engineer regarding important requirements and key dates they should pay attention to: separated submission of Technical and Financial parts of the Bid, local labor requirement, deadline for bids' submission and basic technical information were presented. It was also mentioned that the procurement procedure for the supervision services for the subject Works is currently underway and is being conducted in parallel with this procurement procedure. The Bidders were advised to take into account that the duration of the Works is 18 months and that the implementation period is relatively fixed. Particular attention was drawn to the fact that the existing Study was prepared in 2024 and that Bidders should not underestimate the importance of engaging a surveyor in order to establish the baseline conditions, which will serve as the basis for verification of the quantities executed.

Some of the key locations and specific site conditions were highlighted, including areas near embankments, the section where the regulation is planned with rock riprap, the access road, the railway crossing, the removal of four temporary waste disposal sites, and the area belonging to the military authorities where a sluice structure is located. The only access to this structure is through the area under the jurisdiction of the military authorities. Obtaining the required authorization from the military authorities may take approximately two months, and the Bidders were advised to take this circumstance into account when preparing their Bids.

The participants were also informed about the Provisional Sums included at several locations in the BoQ. Although the waste has been defined as mixed and non-hazardous, its actual nature and composition will be determined during the execution of the Works. In the event that suspicious waste is encountered, the Works will be suspended in coordination with an accredited laboratory, and appropriate measures for the removal and treatment of such waste will be undertaken. Therefore, the amounts included in the BoQ for these purposes must not be deleted or altered, as they represent earmarked funds which may be paid only upon the Engineer's approval and based on supporting documentation evidencing the actual costs incurred. It was further emphasized by the Environmental Specialist that the ESMP addresses all matters related to environmental protection. Significant quantities of excavated material and waste will have to be transported and disposed of and that the Contractor will be required to prepare and act in line with prepared Waste Management Plans and other relevant plans in accordance with the regulation. These requirements should also assist the Bidders in defining the relevant parameters and associated costs for the preparation of their Bids.

The participants were informed that an ESMP also exists in Serbian and may be made available. It was emphasized that the Works must be implemented in compliance with applicable national legislation, as well as with additional World Bank requirements, including, among others, requirements relating to the social environment.

Furthermore, the Social Specialist noted that a link to the ESMP in Serbian is available on the RDW website. It was highlighted that the requirements relating to the social environment are complex and go beyond the requirements of national legislation. The World Bank requirements are stringent, and monitoring will be carried out throughout the entire implementation of the Works. The Bidders were therefore advised to take these requirements fully into account when preparing their Bids.

The Bidders were advised to review the ESMP in detail in order to properly identify and assess the associated costs. The Risk Management Plan and the Monitoring Plan were also highlighted as relevant

documents from which the Bidders may identify their obligations and assess the related financial implications. The Contractor shall be responsible for all obligations related to mitigating risks to the social environment, as well as for all other obligations specified in the ESMP.

Furthermore, under this Bidding Document, a minimum of 30% of the total labor cost is required to be allocated to Local Labor. In this regard, attention was drawn to the requirement to comply with applicable national legislation concerning employment, as well as occupational health and safety, while also considering the additional World Bank requirements and relevant documentation, such as the Labor Management and Occupational Health and Safety Procedure. The World Bank standards require additional documentation, particularly in relation to the employment of foreign personnel, operational procedures, and the conduct of foreign workers at the construction site. The Employer shall ensure that all foreign workers are informed of all required work procedures.

Particular attention was also drawn to the applicable occupational health and safety requirements, including the obligation to report incidents and injuries to the Employer within 24 hours, as well as other relevant reporting and monitoring obligations throughout the implementation of the Works.

During the meeting all potential Bidders were informed that the Site Visit would take place at 1:00 p.m., following the conclusion of the meeting, at the Galovica pumping station. During the site visit, the participants will be shown the terrain and the existing facilities.

Although the Employer encouraged the participants to raise questions during the meeting, no questions or requests for clarification were submitted by the prospective Bidders.

Meeting was concluded at 11:50 p.m.

Site Visit took place from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Leading by the director of “Galovica” Water Management Company Ltd, the basic information about existing conditions of the canal were presented and key points were visited. The Bidders were informed that they may visit the site independently outside of this organized visit as well.

Attachment No.1 - Presentation of the basic information regarding tender document



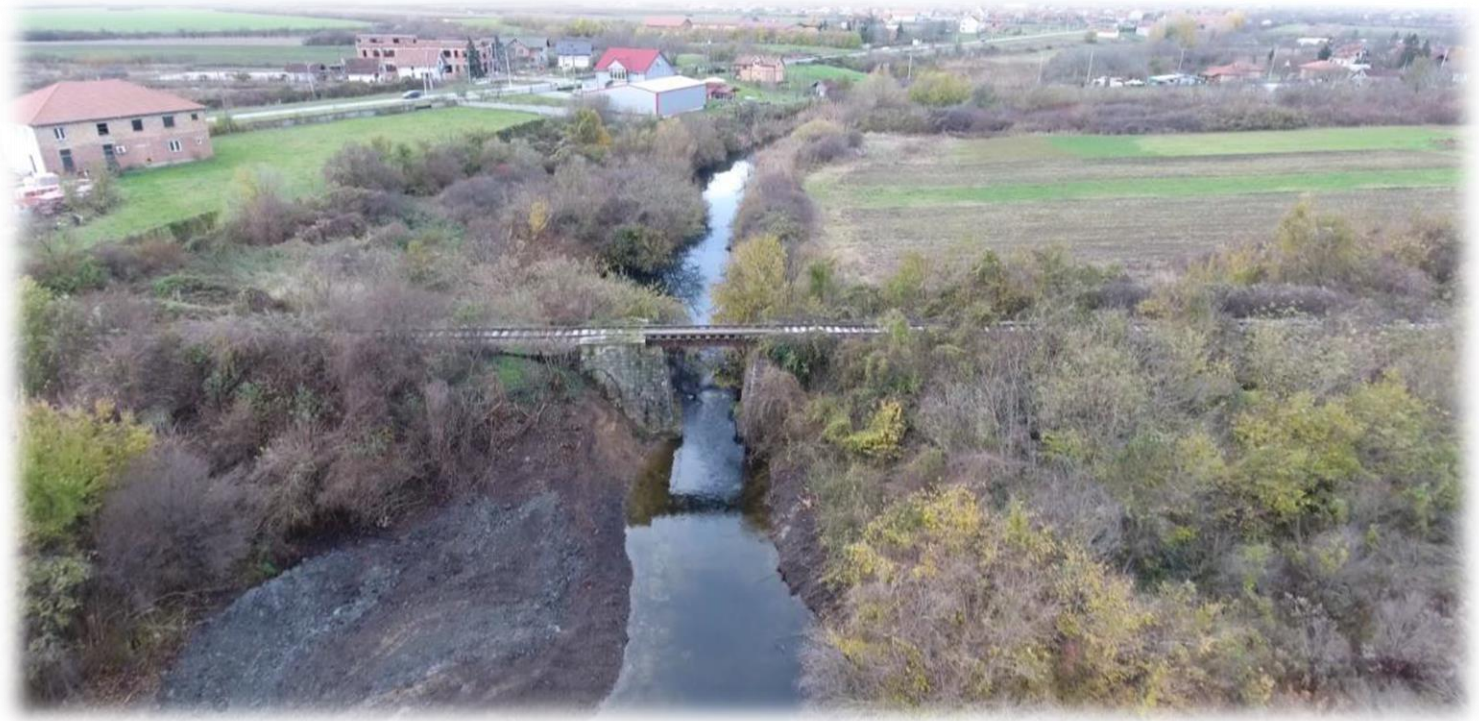
REHABILITATION WORKS OF THE GALOVICA CANAL PRE-BID MEETING

FOR PROCUREMENT OF CONSTRUCTION WORKS WITHIN SAVA AND DRINA RIVERS CORRIDORS
INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SDIP)

Belgrade, September 28, 2026

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Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program (SDIP)

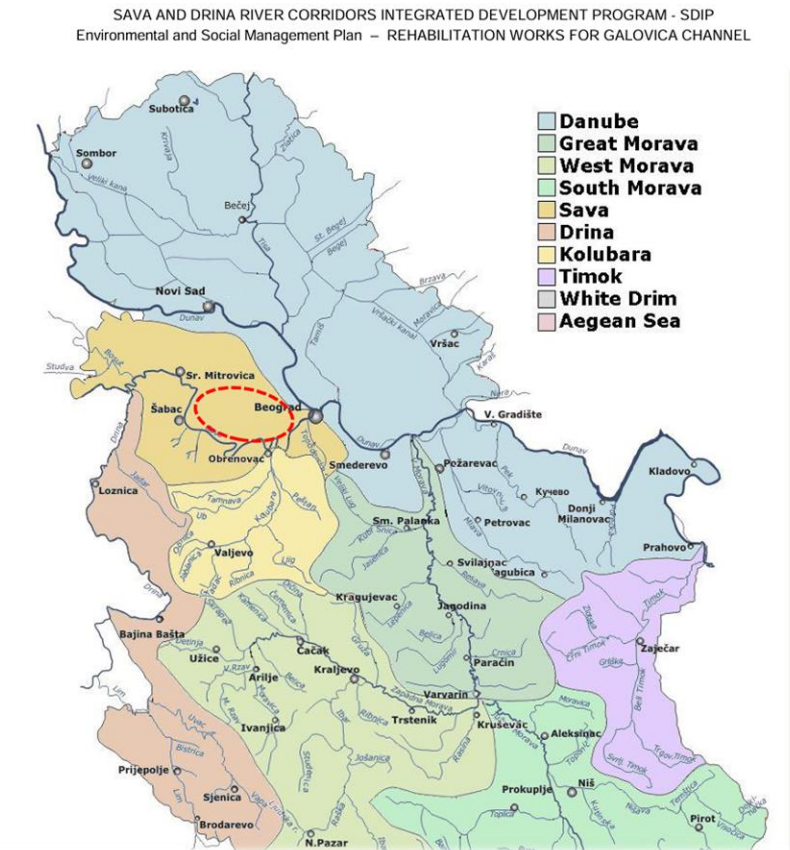
Financing: Project funded by the **World Bank** to support integrated regional development.

Main goal: Improving flood protection, environmental management, and climate change resilience.

Employer: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management – Republic Directorate for Water (RDW).

Key components of Program:

- **Component 1 (Sava River Corridor):** Reconstruction and modernization of protective infrastructure to reduce the risk of floods caused by climate change.
- **Component 2 (Drina River Corridor):** Multipurpose investments to reduce the risk of floods and droughts, in accordance with strategic action plans for the Drina basin.



PROJECT OVERVIEW AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- **Project Objective:** Improve "Galovica" drainage system for flood protection and land drying in south-east Srem (Zemun, Novi Beograd, Stara Pazova, Pećinci, Ruma).
- **Contractor's Obligations:** Commission the Works and provide all labor, materials, equipment, and temporary or permanent requirements.
- **Tender Document Purpose:** Set out the Employer's Requirements as envisaged by the General Conditions of Contract.
- **Contract Clarity:** Read in conjunction with all Contract documents; any ambiguity shall be referred to the Engineer for clarification.
- **Legal Compliance:** Contractor must comply with all current statutes and regulations in Serbia (environment, health and safety, labor, taxes, duties).
- **Environmental & Social Plan (ESMP):** Integral part of Bidding documents and strictly mandatory for the Bidder.

PROCUREMENT INFORMATION

- **Financing and model:** The contract is financed by IBRD/IDA (World Bank); **FIDIC Red Book** (second edition 2017, 2022 reprint with amendments of the “General Conditions” which form part of the “Conditions of Contract for Construction for Building and Engineering Works Designed by the Employer) applies.
- **Two-envelope system:** The technical (information in line with technical part only) and financial (information in line with financial part only) parts of the bid are submitted **simultaneously in separate envelopes**.
Note: The technical part **must not** contain prices, otherwise the bid will be rejected.
- **Award criterion:** The Most Advantageous Bid is selected based on the combined technical and financial score (Rated Criteria).
- **Local labor (30% Rule):** According to the **Local Labor requirement**, which applies to all contracts advertised on or after **September 1, 2025**, bidders must allocate **not less than 30% of total labor costs** to the employment of local staff:
 - **Threshold, not a ceiling:** A higher percentage receives no additional credit or advantage.
 - **Foreign personnel:** Foreign staff and personnel from other projects in the country are counted in the remaining 70%.
 - **Mandatory LLMS submission:** Submission of the Local Labor Method Statement (LLMS) is mandatory, in accordance with ITB 16 and Section IV, Bidding Forms
- **Structure of documentation:** The tender is divided into 3 parts (Bidding Procedures, Works' Requirements, Conditions of Contract and Forms) and contains a total of 10 sections.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Request for Bid issued on **September 14, 2026**
- Pre-bid Meeting organized on **September 28, 2026**
- Site visit organized on **September 28, 2026**
- Requests for clarifications: 14 days prior to submission date, i.e. **October 12, 2026**
- Bid submission date: **October 26, 2026 by 11:00 a.m.** Belgrade time
- Bid opening date: **October 26, 2026 11:05 a.m.** Belgrade time
- Period of Bid Validity: 90 days after submission deadline, i.e. **January 24, 2027**

Note: Any Bid received by the Employer after the deadline for submission of Bids shall be declared late, rejected, and returned unopened to the Bidder

Project Delivery Approach

- Design basis:
 - **PB Architect:** Report on Rehabilitation of the main Galovica canal from km 0+000 (PS „Galovica“) to km 46+888 (settlement Buđanovci) in the Galovica drainage system, 2024
- Supervision:
 - Process of engineering supervision is ongoing. Contract is planned to be signed before Works are contracted (December 2026).
- Hydro Melioration System (HMS) Galovica:
 - **Total Area:** Covers 71,600 ha and extends over two areas:
 - **"Belgrade Sava 1" (28,411 ha):** Municipalities of Zemun, Novi Beograd, and Surčin – under the responsibility of JVP "Srbijavode".
 - **"Srem" (43,189 ha):** Municipalities of Ruma, Stara Pazova, and Pećinci – under the responsibility of JVP "Vode Vojvodine".
 - **Key Works:** Topographic surveys, Cleaning of vegetation, Earth works for cleaning of the channel, Building of access roads in length of 2.4 km; Rehabilitation of existing roads, Concrete works of the culverts, Removal of the earthen landfills, Removal of existing illegal unsanitary landfills, As-Built Records



PROJECT DELIVERY APPROACH – IMPORTANT TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- **Discharge of collected water:** PS "Galovica" and PS "Petrac" (drainage exclusively of agricultural land)
- **Embankments:** on the right side: from the Surčin bridge to the flood defense embankment on the Sava River (km 0+000 – km 10+800); on the left side: from the Bežanija settlement (km 0+000 – km 7+500);
- **General condition of the canal:** heavily silted, with a poor hydraulic cross-section, extremely overgrown with woody and aquatic vegetation; certain sections are difficult to access; construction debris and waste are located at multiple positions within the canal cross-section and must be removed.
- Designed canal bed level from 68.12m (km 0+000) to 75.76m (km 46+888); side slopes 1:2, 1:1.5; variable bed width 10m, 5m, 4m;
- **Key locations:**
km 20+060 – km 21+900: the canal passes through a military facility, and at km 20+181 there is a malfunctioning sluice gate (regulator) that needs to be repaired – the only access to it is through the military facility. **Note:** Complete description of the procedure for entering the military complex is given in the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) which is part of the complete Bidding documents. During preparation of the Bid, the Bidder should take into account the duration of obtaining the permit from the Military authorities as one of the project's milestones – approximately 2 months.
 - km 10+420 – km 10+456: regulation of the section using rock riprap;
 - CS „Galovica“ do CS „Petrac“: construction of an access road
 - km 10+480: railway crossing

PROJECT DELIVERY APPROACH – IMPORTANT TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- **4 illegal dumpsites of mixed waste along the route:** km 2+980.39, km 6+303.51, km 8+087.90, and km 37+809.51; the contractor must possess appropriate permits for waste collection, transport, and treatment issued by the competent authorities; **Note:** In the event of discovering hazardous waste, it is necessary to suspend works at the subject location and act in accordance with the regulations for this type of waste. Provisional sums are provided in BoQ for these cases – the amounts must not be changed. These amounts will be paid in accordance with the supporting evidence – invoices approved by the Engineer.

V Hazardous waste management			
V-1	Hazardous waste management, including laboratory testing, transport by licensed carriers, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste, as well as the costs of any potential work suspension period, all in line with the Law and Rulebooks of Republic of Serbia. The Contractor must engage specialized companies that hold all legally prescribed permits and licenses from the Ministry of Environmental Protection for the collection, transport, and treatment of hazardous waste. These funds shall be used exclusively upon the written instruction of the Engineer and with the approval of the Employer.	provisional sum	
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THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION

