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GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

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NADB and Starr County sign US$450,000 grant agreement to support solid waste facility

Rio Grande City, Texas – The North American Development Bank (NADB) today signed a US$450,000 grant agreement with Starr County, Texas, to finance part of its recently built solid waste transfer station, as well as to fund an Operations and Maintenance Reserve Fund and a Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund.

The station is designed to accept up to 300 tons per day of solid waste, with an estimated disposal rate of 80,000 tons annually and a useful life of at least 15 years. Waste deposited at the transfer station is trucked approximately 52 miles to the landfill in the city of Edinburg.

U.S. Congressman Henry Cuellar was present to witness the signing of the grant agreement by NADB Deputy Managing Director Alex Hinojosa and Starr County Judge Eloy Vera.

"It is through partnerships like these that we can help improve the daily lives of the residents in Starr County," said Congressman Henry Cuellar. "Making sure that communities in my district are safe and healthy is something I take very seriously and, for this reason, I worked with the North American Development Bank and Starr County to make sure these funds made their way to this region."

"With the grant from NADB, the project and solid waste operations will be more affordable and sustainable for the community," noted Mr. Hinojosa. "We applaud the County’s efforts to continue providing safe and reliable sanitation services to its residents in compliance with federal and state regulations for solid waste management and disposal."

To date, NADB has provided more than US$269.6 million in loans and grants to support the implementation of 49 environmental infrastructure projects in Texas border communities. These projects represent a total investment of more than US$525 million and are benefitting close to 1.47 million residents.

The North American Development Bank is a financial institution established and capitalized in equal parts by the United States and Mexico for the purpose of financing environmental infrastructure projects along their common border. As a pioneer institution in its field, the Bank works to develop environmentally and financially sustainable projects with broad community support in a framework of close cooperation and coordination between Mexico and the United States.

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The local water utility, Junta de Agua y Drenaje (JAD), in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, has requested a loan from the North American Development Bank (NADB), as well as a grant through its Border Environmental Infrastructure Fund (BEIF), which is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), to carry out wastewater infrastructure works on the west side of the city consisting of: six lift stations and related collectors and force mains; wastewater infrastructure works on the southwest side of the city consisting of: two lift stations and related collectors and force mains; expansion of the sewer system to 34 on the southwest side of town and the construction of the West Wastewater Treatment Plant (West WWTP) with the capacity to treat 12.3 million gallon of wastewater a day in its first phase. Additionally, the project includes other system improvements to both drinking water and wastewater infrastructure throughout the city, including the rehabilitation of pipelines, the installation of water meters, completion of the necessary looping conditions in the drinking water distribution system, and the acquisition of equipment. The estimated cost of the proposed project is $944 million pesos.

The city of Matamoros is located in the northeast part of the state of Tamaulipas, directly across the Rio Grande from Brownsville, Texas, and about 23 miles upstream from where the Rio Grande empties into the Gulf of Mexico. Its population is estimated at 489,193 residents, with an annual growth rate of 1.50%.

Implementation of this project will help prevent untreated wastewater discharges from going into storm drains and canals that empty into Laguna Madre. The Project will benefit approximately 43,956 households, which is equivalent to 160,879 residents of Matamoros.

The final designs were developed pursuant to the technical standards issued by the Ministry of Urban Development and Environment of Tamaulipas (SEDUMA) for wastewater collection, and the technical specifications contained in the Water, Wastewater Collection and Treatment Manual prepared by the Mexican national water commission, CONAGUA. The designs also comply with Official Mexican Norm NOM-001-CNA-1995 “Sanitary Sewage System – Specifications for Hermeticity.” The final designs were reviewed by BECC and NADB, and validated by CONAGUA.

Construction Works:
- Construction of Force Main from LS No. 32 to LS “Rebombeo”, 0+270 to 0+640.
- Construction of Force Main from LS No. 32 to LS “Rebombeo”, 0+640 to 1+120.
- Construction of Force Main from LS No.32 to LS “Rebombeo”, 1+120 to 1+408.30 and Gravity main from 1+408.30 to 3+360.
- Construction of Gravity Main from LS No. 32 to LS “Rebombeo”, 1 3+360 to 4+800.
- Construction of Gravity Main from LS No. 32 to LS “Rebombeo”, 4+800 to 6+180.
- Construction of Gravity Main from LS No.32 to LS “Rebombeo”, 6+180 to 7+564.7.
- Construction of Force Main from LS “Rebombeo” to West WWTP, 0+000 to 1+380.
• Construction of Force Main from LS “Rebombeo” to West WWTP, 1+380 to 2+740.
• Construction of Force Main from LS “Rebombeo” to West WWTP, 2+740 to 4+120.
• Construction of Force Main from LS “Rebombeo” to West WWTP, 4+120 to 5+060.
• Construction of Force Main from LS “Rebombeo” to West WWTP, 5+060 to 7+560.
• Construction of Force Main from LS “Rebombeo” to West WWTP, 7+560 to 8+220.70.
• Construction of LS No. 32.
• Construction of LS “Rebombeo” (civil works).
• Construction of LS “Rebombeo” (electromechanical works).
• Design and construction of WWTP West, capacity 12.3 MGD (first phase).
• Construction of “Benjamin Gaona” collector.
• Construction of Force Main ‘Las Vacas’.
• Construction of LS-X1.
• Construction of LS-20.
• Construction of Force Main LS-20.

Actions to strengthen utility:
• Equipment: 7 – 6 cylinder pick-up trucks, 6 – 8 cylinder pick-up trucks, 1 – 8 cylinder 4x4 pick-up, 16 – 3 ton trucks, 37 – 4 cylinder trucks, 6 – 2 door sedans cars, 1 Van, and 5 – 4 door sedans cars.

JAD will carry out international competitive bidding processes for construction of the aforementioned works consistent with NADB’s Procurement Policies and Procedures.

Construction of these works is scheduled to begin in the December 2012, so bidding processes will be carried out in November 2012. The confidentiality and disclosure of information regarding these bidding processes will be subject to the provisions set forth in NADB’s Procurement Policies and Procedures.

For more information about these works or to express interest in participating in the bid processes, contact: Ing. Moisés Mena Sainz, Director de Licitaciones, Ave. Virgilio Garza Ruiz s/n, Entrada a Fraccionamiento Puerto Rico, H. Matamoros, Tamaulipas, México, Tel.: +52 (868)150 2130 and 150 2131, E-mail: moimena@gmail.com, Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (local time).

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