



Wastewater Treatment Tenders in Panama City

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Panama City has signaled opportunities for Dutch companies in the water sector in Panama.

Panama's Sanitation of the City and Bay Programme is a state programme financed by a number of multilateral development banks to build **wastewater treatment systems** in Panama City, San Miguelito and the cities of Arraijan and Chorrera in the neighboring province of Panama Oeste. The project involves the construction of sanitary sewage pipes, storm water pipes, wastewater collection systems, wastewater interceptor systems and wastewater treatment plants.

Business Opportunity

Panama's Sanitation of the City and Bay Programme (*Programa de Saneamiento de la Ciudad y Bahía de Panamá*) began in 2001 and seeks to restore the sanitary and environmental conditions of the coastal ecosystems of the Bay of Panama by collecting and treating the wastewater dumped into the urban rivers and the coastal areas of the Bay. The project is currently in its second phase (2017-2035) with a **total investment nearing USD\$2.5bn** and is focusing on projects in the Juan Diaz and San Miguelito neighborhoods of Panama City.

An **additional USD\$1bn** has been assigned to clean up the waterways and rivers of the Province of West Panama (*Panamá Oeste*). The works will be carried out in phases. The first phase involves 300km of sanitary sewer networks, 60km of sanitary collectors, 6km of an interceptor tunnel, four pumping stations and a wastewater treatment plant.

The programme has recently launched **two tenders**:

1. Design and build of a **wastewater collection system** in the Matasnillo River, one of **Panama's most polluted urban rivers**. **This project is financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)** and is worth an estimated **USD\$60mn**. Deadline to submit proposal: 1 March 2022.
2. Validation of construction plans, operation and management of the **sewage system** of Burunga, Arraiján Cabecera y Cerro Silvestre in the Province of West Panama (*Panamá Oeste*). This project is financed by the Latin American Development Bank (CAF) and is worth an estimated **USD\$80mn**. Deadline to submit proposal: 14 January 2022.

This is a great opportunity for Dutch companies who want to **enter the Panamanian market**. Similar opportunities will continue to open in the coming years.

For interested companies who want to get more details, please contact: The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Panama City at PAN-EA@minbuza.nl

