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Project: Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector of The Bahamas

Title: Letter of Invitation: Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at C. I. Gibson High School

Borrower/Bid No:

November 28th, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

LETTER OF INVITATION

Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at C. I. Gibson High School

The Ministry of Finance (MOF) of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (hereinafter referred to as the “Borrower/Beneficiary”) has received a grant No. 18625/OC-BH from the European Union Caribbean Investment Fund (EUCIF), to assist with financing the cost of the Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector of The Bahamas Project. The Beneficiary intends to use a portion of those funds to defray eligible expenses to meet the objectives of the project described in the contract for which this Request for Quotes is being issued.

The Ministry of Finance is inviting you to submit a quote to provide the following: Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at C. I. Gibson High School. The attached Terms of Reference provide additional details regarding the services being requested.

This document defines the scope of work and technical specifications required for **Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at C. I. Gibson High**

School. The Project Owner will be the Government of The Bahamas (GoBH) with the Project Execution Unit (PEU) within the Ministry of Finance (MoF) providing project development and project management support as the Contracting Agency. The rooftop solar PV systems will be owned by the MoF.

Background

The purpose of this contract is to Design, Procure, Construct, Install, Connect, Commission, Operate and Maintain Grid Tied Solar Photovoltaic Systems at C. I. Gibson High School. The aim of which is to obtain a minimum of 50 kWp of electricity, which is generated consistent with local utility interconnection requirements.

Table 1 – Lot, and Minimum System Output

Lot	Minimum kWp to be Installed	Number of Buildings	Number of Roof Sections
C. I. Gibson High School	50	2	4

Subject to the specifications herein, the Project scope includes the following facilities:

- All equipment (including PV modules, mounting structures, inverters and related/ancillary equipment) to comprise PV systems with an aggregate capacity of 50kWp minimum.
- AC collection equipment to combine the output of each inverter and connect to the relevant utility Points of Interconnection.
- Data acquisition systems.

The RFQ is for 1 lot. The delivery/construction period is March 5, 2023 to August 1, 2023.

Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of a 50kWp solar PV system at C. I. Gibson High School located in Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas. Please see Exhibit A and Technical Specifications for more details.

This procurement process will be conducted in accordance with the Policies for Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 January 2020. To increase its visibility and allow for an extended eligibility reach out this document will also be published on UNDB (<https://devbusiness.un.org/>) and IDB (<https://projectprocurement.iadb.org/en/procurement-notices>) websites to facilitate bidders' participation.

All requests for clarification of this RFQ can be sent to:

Antoinette Moxey

Procurement Specialist,

Project Execution Unit,

Ministry of Finance

Interested eligible bidders should carefully review the qualifications instructions stated in Clause 5 of Section B: General Instructions and Appendix F of this Price comparison document.

A complete set of this Price Comparison Documents in English is attached to this invitation letter for your consideration and preparation of your technical and financial offer that meet the project requirements. The content of the Price Comparison set of documents includes:

- a. The present invitation letter(s)
- b. General Instructions, The Bid Forms
- c. The scope of work, Technical Specifications and Performance requirements
- d. Contract forms
- e. Appendices
- f. Annexes and Exhibits

Bids must be delivered to the below address at or before **5:00 pm on January 4, 2023**. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected and returned to sender. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at **10:00 am on January 5, 2023**.

Chairman of The Public Procurement Board

RE: Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector in The Bahamas

Ministry of Finance, Sir Cecil Wallace-Whitfield Building

West Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas

All bids shall be submitted in accordance to the instructions provided, (One (1) Original printed, plus Three (3) printed copies, and One (1) flash drive with electronic copy of the submitted documents). Also, flash drive shall be marked with the procurement name (**Engineering, Procurement, Construction, and initial Operations and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at C. I. Gibson High School**) and the name of the Bidder, and accompanied by a Bid Security in the following amounts in Bahamian Dollars (BSD).

Bid Security: \$7,500.00

The contract will be awarded to the Bidder whose Bid has been determined to be substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, and represents the lowest evaluated cost, provided that such Bidder has been determined to be eligible in accordance with the Inter-American Development Bank and EU provisions.

A site visit will be held at 10:00am on **December 14th 2022** at the C.I. Gibson High School.

Please confirm receipt of this letter immediately in writing by email. If you do not intend to bid, we would appreciate being so notified also in writing at your earliest opportunity.

Yours truly,

Marco Rolle

Program Coordinator,

Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector

in The Bahamas (RRESB) Program,

Project Execution Unit,

Ministry of Finance

Attachments:

<https://devbusiness.un.org/system/files/CIGibson%20Letter%20of%20Invitation.pdf>