Country: GUYANA

Project: AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMME

Sector: Roadways

Subject: EXECUTION OF CIVIL WORKS

Invitation for Bids No. ASSP/02/2005

Loan No. LO - 1558 / SF-GY

This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice for this Project that appeared in the *UN Development Business*, Issue No. 639 dated 30 September 2004.

The Co-operative Republic of Guyana has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the Agricultural Support Services Programme (ASSP) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of the funds to eligible payments under the contract for the execution of civil works in nine areas on the coastal plain of Guyana. The works are to be executed in five packages as given below. Each package will represent a separate contract.

- Package No. 1: Vergenoegen/Bonasika and Den Amstel/Fellowship, invitation for bid No. ASSP/02(a)/2005
- Package No. 2: Vreed-en-Hoop/La Jalousie and Canals Polder, invitation for bid No. ASSP/02(b)/2005
- Package No. 3: Golden Grove/Victoria and Cane Grove, invitation for bid No. ASSP/02(c)/2005
- Package No. 4: Black Bush Polder, invitation for bid No. ASSP/02(d)/2005
- Package No. 5: Lots 52-74 and Crabwood Creek, invitation for bid No. ASSP/02(e)/2005

Bidding is open to bidders from eligible countries of the IDB. The Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana invites eligible contractors to submit bids for the execution of one or more than one package of the works. In this invitation for bids, the two-envelope procedure will be used.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and inspect the bidding documents for the works at the first address below from the date of publication of this notice and during normal working hours.

The bidding documents, in the English, may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture at the first address below, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of G\$ 20,000 or US\$ 100 for the documents. The method of payment will be by bank certified cheque in the name of the

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture or in cash. The documents could be sent by mail if requested. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.

At the time of bid submission, the completed pre-qualification document, as well as the bid itself, must be tendered in writing and in two separate sealed envelopes. Envelope No. 1 will contain the completed pre-qualification document and Envelope No. 2 will contain the completed bid document. The sealing, marking and identification of pre-qualification and bid documents shall be in accordance with the procedures stipulated in the respective documents.

The Ministry of Agriculture will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of the bids.

The pre-qualification and bid documents must be deposited in the Tender Box located at the National Board of Procurement and Tender Administration at the second address below on or before 0900 hours on Tuesday, 20 September 2005. Late bids shall not be considered. It is not necessary to submit bids in person as they may be sent by mail. Nevertheless, the Ministry of Agriculture will not be responsible if these are not received before the date and time indicated for reception.

The bids will be opened in a public act at the National Board of Procurement and Tender Administration at the second address below as shortly as possible after 0900 hours on Tuesday, 20 September 2005. At the opening of bids only Envelopes No. 1 containing the pre-qualification information, will be opened. The Envelopes No. 2 from all bidders will remain sealed and in custody of the National Board of Procurement and Tender Administration. Once the pre-qualification has been completed, the National Board of Procurement and Tender Administration will set the place, date and time of the opening of Envelopes No. 2. At this opening, Envelopes No. 2 shall be returned unopened to the firm(s) not pre-qualified. Envelopes No. 2 of the firms that did qualify will then be opened and the price of each offer shall be read out aloud. The final evaluation of the bids and the award of contract(s) shall be made within the time period set forth in the bidding documents.

A Pre-bid meeting will be held at 1000 hours on 8 August 2005 in the Ministry of Agriculture Boardroom at the first address below.

The bids must be accompanied by a bid security in an amount of 2 per cent of the bid price in Guyana dollars or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

All Guyanese firms must submit with their bids, valid Guyana Revenue Authority and National Insurance Scheme Certificates of Compliance.

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