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GUYANA
AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMME
Agriculture / Irrigation
REHABILITATION OF DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION SYSTEMS
Loan LO-1558/SF-GY
IFB Number 3/2008; Invitation for Bids
Deadline: 25 November 2008

This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in *UN Development Business* No. 639 of 30 September 2004.

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana has received a loan from the Inter- American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the Agricultural Support Services Programme (ASSP). One component of the ASSP includes the rehabilitation of selected drainage and irrigation systems in nine project areas within Regions 3, 4 and 6, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contracts for Lot 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 as follows:

- *Lot 1: Vergenoegen/Bonasika and Den Amstel/Fellowship Control Structures and Access Roads
- *Lot 2: Vreed en Hoop/La Jalousie Control Structures and Access Roads
- *Lot 3: Golden Grove/Victoria Control Structures and Access Roads
- *Lot 4: Crabwood Creek Control Structures and Access Roads
- *Lot 5: Regions 4 and 6 Pump Stations

A bidder may submit bids for any or all lots.

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction and rehabilitation of hydraulic structures and the rehabilitation of pump stations. The delivery/construction periods are 20, 12, 12, 15 and 15 months for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively.

Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the IDB's <I>Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank</I> and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the bidding documents.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Dr. Elizabeth Ramlal, Director, Agriculture Sector Development Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, and inspect the bidding documents at the first address below from 0830 to 1600 hours, Monday through Thursday, and from 0830 to 1500 hours on Fridays.

Qualifications requirements for each lot include:

- Average annual turnover over the last three years of at least half the value of the contract
- Experience of construction of works of a similar nature on at least two projects in the last five years
- Timely availability of suitable equipment
- Availability of a suitably experienced Contract Manager
- Liquid assets or credit facility as specified in the Bidding Datasheet

A margin of preference for national contractors/JVCAs will not be applied.

Details of site visits are as follows:

- *Lot 1: Monday, 20 October 2008 at 0930 hours; Location: Parika Sluice, Parika Public Road
- *Lot 2: Tuesday, 21 October 2008 at 0900 hours; Location: RDC Office, Reg. No. 3, Vreed en Hoop
- *Lot 3: Wednesday, 22 October 2008 at 0900 hours; Location: NDC Office, Nabaclis, ECD
- *Lot 4: Thursday, 23 October 2008 at 1000 hours; Location: Public and Market Roads, Corriverton
- *Lot 5 (Reg. No. 4): Friday, 24 October 2008 at 1300 hours; Location: Old Public Road, Mahaica Market
- *Lot 5 (Reg. No. 6): Thursday, 23 October 2008 at 1400 hours; Location: Jappa Sluice and Pumping Station

A pre-bid meeting for Lots 1 to 5 will be held at 1300 hours on Monday, 27 October 2008 at the Board Room, Ministry of Agriculture, Regent Street and Vlissengen Road, Georgetown.

A complete set of bidding documents (hard copies) for each lot, in English, may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the same address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of G\$ 5,000 per lot when documents are uplifted at our office or US\$ 75 per lot when documents are to be posted overseas. The method of payment will be by cash or a manager's check payable to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Guyana. The bidding documents will be sent overseas by courier service.

Alternatively and upon request, a prospective bidder may obtain a complete set of bidding documents (in pdf) free of charge by e-mail or at our office upon provision of a CD or flash drive. Start date for the inspection and purchase of bidding documents is 14 October 2008.

Bids must be accompanied by the securities of G\$ 5.0 million, G\$ 3.0 million, G\$ 3.0 million, G\$ 4.0 million and G\$ 5.0 million for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively, and be delivered to the second address below at or before 0900 hours on 25 November 2008. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person. Electronic bidding will not be permitted.

Lots will be evaluated individually but the award of contract(s) for a combination of lots will be dependent on the bid(s) satisfying the evaluation criteria for a combination of lots. In the event of a bidder having more than one lot that are individually adjudged to be the lowest evaluated bids, but fails to satisfy the evaluation criteria for the combination of lots, the Evaluation Committee will recommend, to the benefit of the client, which lot or lots is/are recommended for the award of contract(s).

The Engineer's estimates, in Guyana dollars, for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are approximately G\$ 346.5 million, G\$ 214.7 million, G\$ 196.7 million, G\$ 258.2 million, and G\$ 384.3 million respectively.

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