



NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA
MINISTRY OF EQUITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

BASIC NEEDS TRUST FUND 10 – PROJECT
INVITATION TO BID – WORKS CONTRACTS

1. The Government of Saint Lucia (GOSL) has received a Grant from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of the implementation of the Tenth Basic Needs Trust Fund Programme (BNTF) and now intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to cover eligible payments arising out of a number of sub projects in Education and Human Resource Development, Water and Sanitation Services, Basic Community Access and Drainage to be implemented in 2023 and 2024. Payment by SSDF will be made only upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement. The Grant Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOSL shall derive any rights from the Grant Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Grant.

2. The sub-projects to be financed include the following

Package	Sub Project	Sector	Contract Type	Location
Package 1	Rehabilitation of the Vieux Comprehensive Secondary School Food and Nutrition Lab	Education	Building Works – New Construction and Retrofitting	La Resource, Vieux Fort
Package 2	Rehabilitation of the Soufriere Primary School	Education	Building Works – New Construction and Retrofitting	Soufriere Town
Package 3	Retrofitting of the Entrepot Early Childhood Development Center	Education	Building Works – New Construction and Retrofitting	Entrepot, Castries
Package 4	Construction of Goodlands Road & Drain	Access & Drainage	Civil Engineering Road & Drainage Works – New Construction	Goodlands, Castries

3. The St. Lucia Social Development Fund (SSDF) is implementing the sub-projects.

4. SSDF now invites from eligible Contractors sealed Bids for the construction of the above works.

5. Firms whether bidding individually or in the form of a Joint Venture, shall:

- (a) be legally incorporated or otherwise organized in, and have their principal place of business in an Eligible Country;
- (b) be more than fifty (50) percent beneficially-owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an Eligible Country, or by a body corporate or bodies meeting these requirements, as far as the ownership can be reasonably determined; and
- (c) shall have no arrangement and undertake not to make any arrangement whereby the majority of the financial benefits of the contract, i.e. more than fifty (50) percent of the value of the contract, will accrue or be paid to sub-contractors or sub-consultants that are not from an Eligible Country.

6. Eligible countries are member countries of CDB. Bidders are advised to review Detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021), as published on CDB's website.

7. Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract if the bid is accepted. Tender and qualification information are to be submitted in the English Language on the prescribed forms inserted in the Bid Documents. Submissions that do not provide the information required, or do not demonstrate the prospective contractor's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further information.

8. Qualification requirements include, inter alia:

- (a) An average annual turnover (defined as certified payment received for work in progress or completed);
- (b) Demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit as stated below)
- (c) Experience as a prime contractor in the construction of at least two assignments of a nature and complexity comparable to the proposed project activities within the last ten years (to comply with the requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete) for each Contract;

Package	Sub Project	Average Annual Turnover EC\$	Demonstrated Monthly Cash Flow EC\$	Bid Security EC\$
1	Rehabilitation of the Vieux Comprehensive Secondary School Food and Nutrition Lab	2,400,000.00	500,000.00	8,900.00
2	Rehabilitation of the Soufriere Primary School	1,500,000.00	195,000.00	12,500.00
3	Retrofitting of the Entrepot Early Childhood Development Center	500,000.00	65,000.00	2,900.00
4	Construction of Goodlands Road & Drain	800,000.00	104,000.00	5,600.00

9. Bid documents will be available for inspection from February 21, 2023 on week days between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from the first address below. A complete set of Bidding documents is available in soft copy and will be submitted via email upon written request. Documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will the GOSL, SSDF or BNTF or authorized agent be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so transmitted. Written applications must be clearly marked:

“Request for Bidding Documents for the: Rehabilitation of the Vieux Comprehensive Secondary School Food and Nutrition Lab.”

or

“Request for Bidding Documents for the: Rehabilitation of the Soufriere Primary School.”

or

“Request for Bidding Documents for the: Retrofitting of the Entrepot Early Childhood Development Center.”

or

“Request for Bidding Documents for the: Construction of Goodlands Road & Drain.”

along with the name, address and contact information of the bidder for bidding documents are being requested.

Submissions in sealed envelopes marked:

“Bid for the Rehabilitation of the Vieux Comprehensive Secondary School Food and Nutrition Lab.”

or

“Bid for the Rehabilitation of the Soufriere Primary School.”

or

“Bid for the Retrofitting of the Entrepot Early Childhood Development Center.”

or

“Bid for the Construction of Goodlands Road & Drains.”

must be received at the first address below not later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday 21st March 2023. Bidders in the development of their bids should consider engagement of human resources from within beneficiary communities.

Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at 2:30 p.m., at the first address below in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Qualification information only must be simultaneously submitted by email to the second address below.

Bid documents for the sub-project will not be available ten (10) days prior to the Bid submission deadline.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a “Manager's Cheque” in the amount stated in the table above.

GOSL, and SSDF reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and annul the process and reject all bids at any time prior to the award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for GOSL's and SSDF's action. GOSL and SSDF will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids. Late bids will be rejected.

Payments can be made in local currency.

NB. EC equivalent of the quoted USD amount is at the conversion rate of 2.7169EC; security payments can be made in ECD Equivalent.

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