**GOVERNMENT OF *[insert the state]***

**MINISTRY OF** ***[insert name of ministry]***

***[insert name of the Project]* PROJECT**

***[insert number and identification of lots (contracts) comprising this ITB and reference number]***

**INVITATION TO BID – WORKS**

The Government of ***[insert the state and insert in brackets the acronym]*** (GO**\_**) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to ***[insert the amount and currency of the financing as per the Financing Agreement]*** towards the cost of the ***[insert name of the Project]*** Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under this contract[[1]](#footnote-2). Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of ***[GO\_ ]*** and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the Loan 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 ***[GO\_]*** shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

The ***[insert the name of the Executing/Implementing Agency for this Project]*** is the Executing Agency for the Project, and the ***[insert the name of the competent Ministry for this Project]***, is responsible for the overall implementation of the project. The ***[Insert the name of the Purchaser and indicate its relationship with the Recipient, e.g. a Project Management Unit (PMU) if established, or the Ministry]*** invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for ***[insert scope of the works and indicate number of the lot(s) if any, e.g. Lot 1, 2 and 3]*** The works include, but may not be limited to the following:

***[insert any relevant details][[2]](#footnote-3)***

The bidding process is conducted according to the procedures specified in **[*insert, as applicable, either the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (November, 2019) or the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021), as published on CDB’s website]***and is open to all bidders from eligible countries.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB[[3]](#footnote-4). Bidders are advised to review the relevant eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the ***[insert either the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (November, 2019) or the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021), as published on CDB’s website]***

Firms whether applying individually or in the form of a Joint Venture, shall:

1. be legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an Eligible Country;

1. 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
2. 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.

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.

Qualification requirements include, inter alia ***[amend the below requirements as necessary. Delete any requirement not relevant]***:

(a) an average annual turnover (defined as certified payments received for works in progress or completed) within the last [insert number of years] years of at least ***[insert amount and currency, e.g. million United States dollars (USDXX mn)]***;

(b) a demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of ***[insert amount and currency];*** and

(c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least ***[insert the number of previous assignments]*** assignments of a nature, scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last ***[insert number of years]*** years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete).

Bidding 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 that do not demonstrate the prospective supplier’s ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Bid documents will be available for first inspection at the first address below, from ***[insert date and time (local)]*** A complete set of Bidding documents can be purchased by interested bidder upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***[insert amount and delete if no cost].*** Requests may be made by personal application or in writing at ***[insert the email].***  Written applications must be clearly marked: “Request for Bid Documents for the construction of ***XXX*** – ***XXX*** Project”. The method of payment will be  ***[insert payment modalities or delete if no charge].*** Applicants who request that documents be forwarded to them must submit an account number from a local courier agent that accepts freight collect charges. The documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will GO**\_** ***or the Project Management Unit,*** ***Ministry of (insert)***, be held responsible for late delivery, loss or damage to the documents.

***[The following provision should be included and the required corresponding information inserted only if Bidders have the option of submitting their Bids electronically. Otherwise omit.]*** The electronic Bidding submission procedures shall be: ***[insert].*** Hard copies of Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes, with the name and address of the bidder, and be clearly marked “Bid for Supply of ***XXX*** – ***XXX*** Project” and must be delivered to the first address below no later than ***[insert time and date]***. Bids will be opened publicly immediately after the deadline for submission of bids, in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the second address below. Qualification information only must be submitted simultaneously to the third address below.

Each bid must be accompanied by ***[insert “Bid Security” or “Bid-Securing Declaration,” as appropriate] of [insert amount and currency in case of a Bid Security]. [delete if does not apply].*** Late bids will be rejected.

**GO\_/Ministry of \_** reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to 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 ***GO\_/Ministry of \_\_ action***. GOXX will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids. ***[Amend below/ above in terms of addresses as appropriate].***

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| (1) ***[insert address and information for Inspection, Collection and Clarification of Bidding Documents]*** | (2) ***[insert address and information for Bid Submission and Bid Opening]***  |
| (3) Caribbean Development Bank     Tel: (+1246) 539-1600    **Email**: procurement@caribank.org  |  |

1. If prequalification is being invited for more than one contract, describe each contract and indicate whether Applications may be made for prequalification for one or more of the contracts. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. where Bids are called concurrently for multiple lots. Add the following text: “Bidders may Bid for one or several lots, as further defined in the bidding document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one contract will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Bid.” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Occasionally contracts may be financed out of special programs that would further expand or restrict eligibility to a particular group of member countries. When this is the case, it should be mentioned in this paragraph. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)