

GOVERNMENT OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS, URBAN DEVELOPMENT
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**FOURTH ROAD PROJECT (SOUTH LEEWARD HIGHWAY REHABILITATION AND
UPGRADE KINGSTOWN TO LAYOU)**

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (GOSVG) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to USD13,628,000 towards the cost of the **South Leeward Highway Rehabilitation and Upgrade – Kingstown to Layou** (the Project) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under this contract. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of GOSVG and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing 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 GOSVG shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Transport, Works, Urban Development and Local Government (MTW) through its Project Management Division (PMD). MTW has contracted Consultants who will assist the PMD with delivering the Project. The Consultants have prepared designs and contract documentation and will assist in tender administration and evaluation and supervise Project activities.

MTW now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for rehabilitation and upgrade works on the 11.4 km two-lane two-way transport corridor. The works include, but are not limited to the following:

road realignments; a new 150 mm thick crushed stone road base; 50 mm asphalt overlay; kerb and gutter and sidewalk construction; cleaning of existing culverts and drains; extensions to existing culverts; construction of new culverts; construction of concrete box drains (predominantly 600 mm X 600 mm); construction of stone masonry retaining walls from 2,000 mm to 6,000 mm in height; and associated accommodation and utility works. Also included are repair works to two bridges, new guardrails, signage and road markings.

Consideration will be limited to firms or joint ventures of firms, which are legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an eligible country and are either:

- (a) more than 50% 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 corporate meeting these requirements; or
- (b) owned or controlled by the Government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB and the Inter-American Development Bank.

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 evaluation.

Qualification requirements include, inter alia:

- (a) an average annual turnover (defined as certified payments received for works in progress or completed) within the last three years of at least twelve million United States dollars (USD12 mn);
- (b) a demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of seven hundred thousand United States dollars (USD700,000) per month; and
- (c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least three (3) assignments of a nature, scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last seven (7) years (to comply with this requirement, the works quoted should have been successfully and substantially completed).

Bidding Documents may be obtained by eligible bidders from the first address below for a non-refundable fee of thirteen hundred and fifty Eastern Caribbean dollars (XCD1350) or five hundred United States dollars (USD500). Requests may be made by written application including email. Written applications must be clearly marked: **“Request for Bidding Documents for the South Leeward Highway Rehabilitation and Upgrade – Kingstown to Layou”**, along with the name, address and contact information of the bidder for which Bidding Documents are being requested. Payment should be by wire transfer, bank draft or bank guaranteed cheque made payable to: **The Accountant General, Ministry of Finance, St. Vincent and the Grenadines**.

Information to pay by wire transfer can be obtained from the first address below.

Applicants who request that documents be forwarded to them must submit an account number from a local courier agent that accepts freight collect charges. Documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will GOSVG or MTW or their authorised agent be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so transmitted.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **“Bid for the South Leeward Highway Rehabilitation and Upgrade – Kingstown to Layou”**, must be received at the second address below not later than 2.00 p.m. on **November 29, 2013**. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the second address below in the presence of bidders representatives who choose to attend. Qualification information only must be simultaneously submitted to the third address below.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of one hundred thousand Eastern Caribbean dollars (XCD100,000).

GOSVG/MTW 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 GOSVG's/MTW's action. GOSVG/MTW will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

1. **Address for Correspondence**

Chief Engineer
Ministry of Transport, Works, Urban
Development and Local Government,
Halifax Street
Kingstown
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Tel: (784) 456-1086
Fax: (784) 457-1289
E-mail: office.mtwh@mail.gov.vc

2. **Address for Bid Submission and Bid Opening**

Secretary
Central Supplies and Tenders Board
Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
2nd Floor, Reigate Building
Kingstown
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

E-mail: office.finance@mail.gov.vc

3. **Address for Completed Qualification Information Only**

Procurement Officer
Caribbean Development Bank
P. O. Box 408
Wilkey
St. Michael, BB11000
BARBADOS, W.I.

Tel: 1 (246) 431 - 1600
Fax: 1 (246) 426 - 7269
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