

**Country: TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**  
**Project: NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM**  
**Sector: Roadways**  
**Product: YEAR 3 (PHASE II) AND TRUNK ROAD EXPANSION COMPONENT CIVIL WORKS**  
**Loan No. 932/OC-TT**  
**Invitation for Prequalification**

This notice supersedes all previous published notices for prequalification. All contractors interested in being considered for prequalification for Year 3 (Phase II) civil works and the Trunk Road Expansion Component civil works should submit the necessary information in accordance with this notice. This also applies to all contractors who have submitted prequalification information in response to previously published notices.

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago has received a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the partial financing of the National Highway Program (NHP). The Ministry of Works and Transport is the executing agency for the program.

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago invites prequalification applications from contracting firms for construction services for Year 3 (Phase II) civil works and the Trunk Road Expansion Component civil works. Consideration will be limited to contracting firms or joint ventures (not exceeding two firms) from IDB's member countries. Eligibility with respect to nationality will be determined in accordance with the rules applicable to the utilization of IDB financing.

Contractors shall be responsible to the Ministry of Works and Transport and shall undertake the work in accordance with the contract documents to be provided subsequently to prequalified firms.

The NHP consists of the rehabilitation of main roads, reconstruction of bridges and trunk road expansion works.

The scope of works upon which this prequalification notice is based covers construction services to be provided for:

- Year 3 (Phase II) civil works, comprising the rehabilitation of approximately 60 km of main roads and the reconstruction of 20 bridges throughout Trinidad and Tobago
- Trunk Road Expansion Component civil works, comprising (a) the widening of 4 km of the Churchill Roosevelt Highway from two lanes to four lanes between O'Meara and Santa Rosa, including the rehabilitation of the existing two lanes, and (b) rehabilitation of 4.4 km of dual carriageway of the Churchill Roosevelt Highway between Santa Rosa and Antigua Road

Prequalification questionnaires, clarification and further information may be obtained from the Program Director, Program Implementation Unit, at the first address below.

Any contracting firm wishing to prequalify must complete the necessary questionnaire. In the case of joint ventures each firm involved must submit a separate questionnaire. All firms previously prequalified under this program wishing to prequalify for Year 3 (Phase II) civil works and the Trunk Roads Expansion Component civil works shall also be required to submit prequalification questionnaires in accordance with this notice.

Contracting firms or joint ventures applying for prequalification must be competent in English. Applications will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria for road and bridge contracts respectively:

- General background and organization (5/5 points)
- Financial capability (26/25 points)
- Available manpower and equipment resources (35/32 points)
- Similar work experience (20/28 points)

- Prior experience in Trinidad and Tobago or in countries with similar conditions (8/5 points)
- Safety plan (5/5 points)
- Quality control plan (15/15 points)

It is expected that construction work be commissioned during the first quarter of 2004. All firms will be advised of the results of the prequalification notice within four months of the closing date of this notice.

The original and four copies of the completed prequalification questionnaire must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Prequalification for Construction Services for Year 3 (Phase II) Civil Works and Trunk Road Expansion Component Civil Works of the National Highway Program for the Ministry of Works and Transport", addressed to the Chairman, Central Tenders Board (second address below), and deposited in the Brown Tenders Box located in the lobby of the Board's office no later than 1300 hours (local time) on Thursday, 31 July 2003. Late applications will not be considered.

Expressions of interest will be opened publicly on the same day at the Central Tenders Board's office. A representative of the firm may be present at the opening.

The Central Tenders Board reserves the right to reject applications received not signed, in unsealed envelopes or with alterations or erasures not initialed by prospective bidders.

The Central Tenders Board also reserves the right to cancel the present prequalification notice in its entirety or even partially, without defraying any cost incurred by any firm submitting its application.

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