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Country: GUYANA

Project: BASIC EDUCATION ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Sector: Construction

Abstract: CONSTRUCTION OF THE DIAMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL

Loan No. 1107/SF-GY

Invitation for Bids No. B3.1W.013

The Government of Guyana has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of the Basic Education Access Management Support (BEAMS) Program. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this financing be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the construction of the Diamond Secondary School.

The Government of Guyana, acting through the Ministry of Education, now invites sealed bids from interested contractors for the construction of the Diamond Secondary School as described below.

The site for the school is located in the Diamond Housing Scheme on the East Bank Demerara. The site is accessible by paved road. The school will consist of a complex of five buildings totaling approximately 46,000 sq. ft. in floor space. The buildings will be single storied (4 No) and flat (2 No), and built pre-dominantly out of reinforced concrete and concrete block work. The project is planned to be completed by April 2007.

Interested contractors may obtain further information, including eligibility to participate, and may inspect and purchase the bidding documents at the address below, from 15 December 2005 to 13 January 2006.

The bidding documents may be purchased on submission of a written application or by applying in person to the office of the Project Manager, BEAMS (first address below), between 0930 and 1500 hours, Monday through Friday, except on public holidays, and upon payment of a non-reimbursable amount of G\$ 30,000 (US\$ 150) in the form of a bank draft made payable to the "Project Manager, BEAMS Programme".

This invitation to bid calls for the prequalification of contractors. Once the evaluation process for prequalification is complete, bidders will be notified whether their priced bids are eligible for opening. As such bids must be submitted using the Two-envelope Procedure. The envelopes must be marked at the top right hand corner "Prequalification Proposal for the Construction of the Diamond Secondary School" (Envelope No. 1) and "Priced Bid for the Construction of the Diamond Secondary School" (Envelope No. 2), respectively. Both of these envelopes must be placed in a third outer envelope marked "Construction of Diamond Secondary School".

The first envelope to be opened will contain the completed prequalification questionnaire with all the requisite documents. The envelope to be opened after prequalification will contain the priced bid document. Both envelopes should be sealed and addressed to the Chairman, National Procurement and Tender Administration Board (NPTAB), at the second address below.

Bids must be placed in the tender box of the NPTAB, at the same address, before 0900 hours on Tuesday, 31 January 2006. It will not be necessary to submit bids in person since they may be sent by mail. However, the employer is not responsible for bids not received after the time and date specified for receipt of bids. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened. It is advisable that these bids be sent early to avoid transportation delays.

Valid Guyana Revenue Authority and National Insurance Scheme certificates of Compliance must accompany bids for firms registered in Guyana. All other requisite documentation must be submitted along with the bid.

Prequalification proposals will be opened at a public ceremony, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend, immediately after 0900 hours on Tuesday, 31 January 2006, in the boardroom of the National Procurement and Tender Administration Board (second address). Prequalified bidders will be notified of the time for the opening of their priced bids. The opening of these envelopes will also be done at the NPTAB.

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