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Project: Reconstruction with resilience in the Energy Sector of The Bahamas

Title: UPDATE- Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at the University of The Bahamas

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Borrower/Bid No:

UPDATED ON 1 DECEMBER 2022: The deadline date changed from 5 December to 28 December 2022. See below:

AMENDMENT

TO LETTER OF INVITATION

Reconstruction with resilience in the Energy Sector in The Bahamas (RRESB)

18625/OC-BH

Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at the University of The Bahamas

PC: RRESB 0003/1.3.1

This amendment ("the Amendment") is made on 28th of November 2022 to the Letter of Invitation for Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at the University of The Bahamas to amend the details of the bid submission and site visit dates.

The following clause in the LOI is to be amended:

Invitation for Price Comparison

Original Clause

Bids must be delivered to the below address or at or before **5:00 pm** on **December 5, 2022**. Late bids will be rejected and returned to sender. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or virtually at the address below at **10:00 am on December 6, 2022**.

Chairman of The Public Procurement Board

RE: Reconciliation with Resilience in the Energy Sector of The Bahamas

Ministry of Finance, Sir Cecil Wallace-Whitfield Building

West Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas

Amended Clause

Bids must be delivered to the below address at or before **5:00 pm** on **December 28, 2022**. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected and returned to sender. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or virtually at the address below at **10:00 am on December 29, 2022**.

Chairman of The Public Procurement Board

RE: Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector in The Bahamas

Ministry of Finance, Sir Cecil Wallace-Whitfield Building

West Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas

A site visit will be held at **10:00am** on **December 8th 2022** at the University of The Bahamas campus.

The rest of the Letter of invitation and the Request for Quotes (RFQ) is unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect according to its terms.

UPDATED ON 17 NOVEMBER 2022 (ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED ON 3 NOVEMBER 2022): This notice has been updated as follows:

AMENDMENT

TO LETTER OF INVITATION (LOI)

The Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Program to support the Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector in The Bahamas

Grant number 18625/OC-BH

This amendment ("the Amendment") is made on 15th of November 2022 to the Letter of Invitation for Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at the University of The Bahamas to amend the detail of the bid security.

The following clause in the LOI is to be amended:

Letter of Invitation Bid Security

Original Clause
Bid Security: 5% of contract value

Amended Clause
Bid Security: $38,800.00

The rest of the Letter of invitation and the Request for Quotes (RFQ) is unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect according to its terms.

ORIGINAL NOTICE:

RECONSTRUCTION WITH RESILIENCE IN THE ENERGY SECTOR OF THE BAHAMAS

PROGRAM EXECUTION UNIT

The Ministry of Finance

Cecil Wallace-Whitfield Centre, West Bay Street

P.O. Box N-3017, Nassau, Bahamas

Satellite Office: Balmoral Club

Sanford Drive, Nassau, Bahamas

November 1st, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

LETTER OF INVITATION

Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at the University of The Bahamas

The Ministry of Finance (MOF) of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (hereinafter referred to as the "Borrower/Beneficiary") has received a grant No. 18625/OC-BH from the European Union Caribbean Investment Fund (EUCIF), to assist with financing the cost of the Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector of The Bahamas Project. The Beneficiary intends to use a portion of those funds to defray eligible expenses to meet the objectives of the project described in the contract for which this Request for Quotes is being issued.

The Ministry of Finance is inviting you to submit a quote to provide the following: Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at the University of The Bahamas. The attached Terms of Reference provide additional details regarding the services being requested.

A firm will be selected using the method of Price Comparison, in accordance with the detailed guidance provided in the Financial Management Guidelines for IDB-financed Projects (OP-273-12).

This document defines the scope of work and technical specifications required for **Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at the University of The Bahamas.** The Project Owner will be the Government of The Bahamas (GoBH) with the Project Execution Unit (PEU) within the Ministry of Finance (MoF) providing project development and project management support as the Contracting Agency. The rooftop solar PV systems will be owned by the MoF.

Background

The purpose of this contract is to Design, Procure, Construct, Install, Connect, Commission, Operate and Maintain Grid Tied Solar Photovoltaic Systems at the University of The Bahamas. The aim of which is to obtain a minimum of 291kWp of electricity, which is generated consistent with local utility interconnection requirements.

Table 1 – Lot, and Minimum System Output

Lot	Minimum kWp to be Installed	Number of Buildings	Number of Roof Sections
University of The Bahamas	291kWp	4	6

Subject to the specifications herein, the Project scope includes the following facilities:

- All equipment (including PV modules, mounting structures, inverters and related/ancillary equipment) to comprise PV systems with an aggregate capacity of 291kWp minimum.
- AC collection equipment to combine the output of each inverter and connect to the relevant utility Points of Interconnection.
- Data acquisition systems.

The RFQ is for 1 lot. The delivery/construction period is February 6, 2023 to August 8, 2023.

Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of a 291kWp solar PV system at the University of The Bahamas located in Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas. Please see Exhibit A and Technical Specifications for more details.

This procurement process will be conducted in accordance with the Policies for Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 January 2020. To increase its visibility and allow for an extended eligibility reach out, this document will also be published on UNDB (https://devbusiness.un.org/) and IDB (https://projectprocurement.iadb.org/en/procurement-notices) websites to facilitate bidders' participation.

All requests for clarification of this RFQ can be sent to:

Antoinette Moxey

Procurement Specialist,

Project Execution Unit,

Ministry of Finance

reconrenewableenergy@bahamas.gov.bs

Interested eligible bidders should carefully review the qualifications instructions stated in Clause 5 of Section B: General Instructions and Appendix F of this Price Comparison document.

A complete set of this Price Comparison Document in English is attached to this invitation letter for your consideration and preparation of your technical and financial offer that meet the project requirements. The content of the Price Comparison set of documents includes:

a. The present invitation letter(s)
b. General Instructions, The Bid Forms
c. The scope of work, Technical Specifications and Performance requirements
d. Contract forms
e. Appendices
f. Annexes and Exhibits

Bids must be delivered to the below address or at or before **5:00 pm** on **December 5, 2022**. Late bids will be rejected and returned to sender. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or virtually at the address below at **10:00 am on December 6, 2022**.

Chairman of The Public Procurement Board

RE: Reconciliation with Resilience in the Energy Sector of The Bahamas

Ministry of Finance, Sir Cecil Wallace-Whitfield Building

West Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas

All bids shall be submitted in accordance to the instructions provided, (One (1) Original printed, plus Three (3) printed copies, and One (1) flash drive with electronic copy of the submitted documents). Also, flash drive shall be marked with the procurement name **(Engineering, Procurement, Construction, and initial Operations and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at the University of The Bahamas)** and the name of the Bidder, and accompanied by a Bid Security in the following amounts in Bahamian Dollars (BSD).

Bid Security: 5% of contract value

The contract will be awarded to the Bidder whose Bid has been determined to be substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, and represents the lowest evaluated cost, provided that such Bidder has been determined to be eligible in accordance with the Inter-American Development Bank and EU provisions.

Please confirm receipt of this letter immediately in writing by email. If you do not intend to bid, we would appreciate being so notified also in writing at your earliest opportunity.

Yours truly,

Marco Rolle

Program Coordinator,

Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector

in The Bahamas (RRESB) Program,

Project Execution Unit,

Ministry of Finance

This is an updated notice.

Attachments:

https://devbusiness.un.org/system/files/UB%20Letter%20of%20Invitation.pdf