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BELIZE

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM PROGRAM

Public Sector- Tourism

CAYO WELCOME CENTER AND TOWN CENTER REHABILITATION

Loan No. IDB-2060/OC-BL BL L1003

Invitation for Bids IFB001/11

This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in <I>Development Business</I> No. 757 of 31 July 2009.

The Government of Belize through the Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Culture (MTCAC) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the Belize Sustainable Tourism Program, and it intends to apply part of the loan proceeds to payments under the contract for Cayo Welcome Center and Town Center Rehabilitation #CCS008.

The MTCAC and the Belize Tourism Board (BTB) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works associated with the construction of the Cayo Welcome Center and Town Center Rehabilitation in San Ignacio Town, Belize encompassing approximately 2.55 acres of public land, including current developments of Coronation Park, the San Ignacio Cultural Center, The Norberta Pulido commercial center building, and being bounded by the stadium/football field, Savannah Road and private parcels surrounding the park. Infrastructural works will extend to include a maximum of 800 feet of Burns Avenue. Scope of works will include:

- *Excavation in trench and laying of R.C. storm-water drainage pipes
- *Construction of R.C. drainage chambers and culverts
- *Pavement construction in asphalt, cast concrete and concrete pavers
- *Construction of buildings in concrete, masonry block-work and timber
- *Installation of building services and required service equipment
- *Earthworks and Landscaping

The construction period is 12 months, ending in May 2012.

Bidding will be conducted through the international competitive bidding procedures specified in the IDB's <I>Policies for the Procurement of Works and Goods financed by the Inter-American Development Bank</I> and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the policies.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Sustainable Tourism Program (STP), to the attention of Mr. Carlos Mendez, Financial and Procurement Specialist, by e-mail, and inspect the bidding documents at the address below, from 09:00 to 12:00 hours and from 13:00 to 16:00 hours, Monday through Friday.

Qualifications requirements include:

- An average annual billing of construction work over the period of five years at a minimum multiple of 1.5 based on the estimated construction cost of the Project
- Experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least (1) works of a nature and complexity equivalent to the Works over a five-year period (To comply with this requirement, works cited should be at least 70 per cent complete.)
- Show that it can ensure the timely availability (own, lease, hire, etc.) of essential equipment
- Hire a Contract Manager with five years' experience in works of an equivalent nature and volume, including no less than three years as Manager
- Liquid assets and/or credit facilities, net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under the Contract, of no less than Bz \$400,000

Note: A consistent history of litigation or arbitration awards against the applicant or any partner of a JVCA may result in disqualification.

A margin of preference for eligible national contractors will not be applied.

A complete set of Bidding Documents, in English (with additional details), may be requested free of cost by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below. The bidding documents will be sent by electronic mail (but both hard copy and digital bid submissions will be required).

All bids must be accompanied by a security issued by a bank or by a surety using the form for bid security (bank guarantee or bid bond) included in Section X Security Forms. The bid security must be Bz \$20,000 (Belize dollars) or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 3 June 2011 at 12:00 hours. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line at the address below on 3 June 2011 at 15:00 hours.

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