

**BARBADOS**  
**EDUCATION SECTOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME**  
**Information Technology**  
**SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - PHASE 2**  
**Loan No. 1154/OC-BA-IDB 7B**

The Government of Barbados (GOB) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for a loan toward the cost of the Education Sector Enhancement Programme, which is designed to help the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports implement education reform. The goal of the program is to ensure that every individual is provided the opportunity to achieve his/her full learning potential.

A portion of the proceeds of the loan will be used for the procurement of information technology equipment for schools throughout Barbados. Such procurement shall be subject to the provisions of the loan agreement between the GOB and the IDB.

For tendering, the items have been grouped into lots (with titles indicated), and an acceptable tender would include all items within a lot:

- Lot 1 (IAV3): Audio-visual equipment (Primary)
- Lot 2 (IC23): Primary school computer (Package 2B)
- Lot 3 (IC25): Computer peripherals (Package 2B)
- Lot 4 (IMS3): MIS Host system
- Lot 5 (INT3): Primary school infrastructure
- Lot 6 (IPW3): Computer power systems

The purchaser reserves the right to award less than all items in a lot.

Tenders are invited from eligible suppliers from IDB's member countries, for supply and installation of the items.

All corporate tenderers must include with their tenders a copy of the company's Certificate of Incorporation as evidence of the fact that it is an existing registered company as of the submission date. The certificate must be in the name of the tenderer. Failure to provide such a certificate shall render the tender void.

Local tenderers are advised that the above-cited certificate means a Certificate of Incorporation issued under the 1985 Companies Act of Barbados or, where applicable, a Certificate of Continuance and/or a Certificate of Amalgamation, or a Certificate of Amendment. Certificates must be dated after 31 December 1984.

Any firm incorporated outside of Barbados, which is awarded the contract, will be required to be registered in Barbados as an external company under the Companies Act of Barbados.

Tenderers should be aware that the provisions of the Labor Clauses (Public Contracts) Act: CAP 349 shall, in so far as they are applicable to the tender, apply to any contract made in respect of the tender. Full details of the conditions of the Act may be obtained from the Chief Labor Officer, Labor Department, 2nd floor, National Insurance building, Fairchild St., Bridgetown. Tenderers should submit the certificate required by this Act with their tender. A copy of this Act and a compliance form are included in the tender.

Successful bidders will be required to enter into a contract drawn up by—or in a form approved by—the Solicitor General or another legal officer approved by the Solicitor General. If the successful tenderer is not a Barbadian company, it must register under the Barbados Companies Act CAP 308 before entering into a contract with the purchaser. A surety for the due performance of the contract will be required by one of the following methods:

- A deposit with the Treasury of a sum of money or approved sureties to the value of no less than 10 per cent of the contract price
- A guarantee issued by a bank or accredited insurance company whose liability shall be no less than 10 per cent of the contract price. The cost of obtaining such a surety shall be the responsibility of the contractor,

who need not specifically make arrangements for such a surety unless and until the tender has been accepted

- Satisfactory personal sureties

For goods and related services that the bidder will supply from within Barbados, prices shall be quoted in Barbados dollars (VAT inclusive). For goods and related services that the bidder will supply from outside Barbados, prices shall be quoted in Barbados dollars, or no more than one freely convertible currency, and must match the primary currency of that country as well as include Value Added Tax on all goods and services.

Tenders will be evaluated in Barbados dollars based on the exchange rate set on the bid opening date.

Tender documents may be obtained from the Project Manager, Education Project Implementation Unit (first address below), between the hours of 0830 and 1630 (Barbados time), Monday through Friday. Queries may be directed to the Education Project Implementation Unit. A non-refundable fee of BDS\$ 100, or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency, must accompany each request for tender documents. Payment must be in the form of a certified check or an international money order, made payable to the Accountant General.

Completed price schedules, bid form and the bid security must be submitted in sealed envelopes, marked "Tender for the Supply and Installation of Information Technology - Phase 2 for the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports", and be delivered to the Chairman, Special Tenders Committee, at the second address below, no later than 1630 hours (Barbados time) on Wednesday, 16 April 2003. All bids must be accompanied by a security in the amount of 2 per cent of the bid price. Late bids will be rejected.

Bids will be opened at the Central Purchasing Department at 1030 hours (Barbados time) on Thursday, 17 April 2003 in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Tenders reaching the Central Purchasing Department after the closing time and date will not be considered. Tenders must be placed in the tender box located at the Central Purchasing Department, Fontabelle, Saint Michael.

No tender will be considered unless it complies with the conditions set out in this notice and the bidding documents. The GOB does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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