

**BARBADOS**  
**EDUCATION SECTOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**  
**Sector: Education**  
**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PRIMARY SCHOOL FURNITURE**  
**Loan No. 1154/OC-BA**  
**IDB-8B**

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 Program which is designed to help the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports implement education reform, the goal of which is to ensure that every individual is provided the opportunity to achieve his or her full learning potential.

A portion of the proceeds of the loan will be used for the procurement of furniture for primary schools. This procurement shall be subject to the provisions of the loan agreement between the GOB and the IDB. For bidding the items have been placed into the following lot and an acceptable bid must include all items within the lot:

- Lot 1 - IDW3 - Primary School Desks and Workstations for Phase 2B
- The purchaser reserves the right to award less than all items in the lot.

Bids are invited from eligible suppliers of member countries of the IDB. All corporate tenderers must include with their bid a copy of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation as evidence of the fact that the company is an existing registered company as at the date of bid. The Certificate must be in the name of the bidder. Failure to provide the certificate of incorporation will render the bid void.

The Certificate must be in the name of the tenderer.

Local tenderers are advised that the Certificate of Incorporation referred to at the paragraph above 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.

Tenderers should be aware that the provisions of the Labour Clauses (Public Contracts) ACT: CAP349 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, CAP 349 may be obtained from the Chief Labour Officer, at the first address below. Tenderers should submit the certificate required by this Act with their bid. A copy of this Act and a compliance form are included in the tender documents.

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 before entering a contract with the purchaser. The successful tenderer will be required to enter into a contract drawn up by or in a form approved by the Solicitor General or another legal officer in the Public Service approved by the Solicitor General. A surety for the due performance of the contract will be required by one of the following methods listed below:

- By way of a deposit with the treasury of a sum of money or approved securities to the value of not less than 10 per cent of the contract price; or by way of a guarantee issued by a bank or accredited insurance company whose liability shall not be 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 surety unless and until his tender has been accepted; or by way of satisfactory personal sureties.

For goods that the bidder will supply from within Barbados prices shall be quoted in Barbados dollars, Value Added Tax (VAT) inclusive.

For goods that the bidder will supply from outside Barbados prices shall be quoted in Barbados dollars or not more than one freely convertible currency and must match the primary currency of that country and must include VAT on all goods.

Tenders will be evaluated in Barbados dollars based on the exchange rate set 14 days prior to the tender opening date.

Tender documents may be obtained from The Project Manager, at the second address below, between 0830 and 1630 hours (Barbados time), Monday to Friday. Queries may be directed to the Education Project Implementation

Unit. A non-refundable fee of \$ 100 Barbados dollars or the equivalent in a freely convertible currency must accompany each request for tender documents. The method of payment must be in the form of a certified cheque 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 "National Competitive Bid for the Supply & Delivery of Primary School Furniture for the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports ", and must be addressed to the third address below to reach him no later than 1630 hours (Barbados time) on Wednesday, 19 November 2003. All bids must be accompanied by a bid 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 in the presence of bidder's representatives who choose to attend at 1030 hours (Barbados time) on Thursday, 20 November 2003. 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.

No tender will be considered unless it complies with conditions set out in this notice and the bidding documents.

GOB does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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Special Tenders Committee  
c/o Central Purchasing Department  
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