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Country: BARBADOS

Project: EDUCATION SECTOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME – PHASE IIA4

Sector: Construction

Abstract: CONSTRUCTION OF THE CARRINGTON-ERDISTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Loan No. 1154/OC-BA

The Government of Barbados has secured financing in the form of a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the Education Sector Enhancement Programme (EduTech). All operations financed by this loan will be carried out in accordance with conditions of the contract between the IDB and the Government of Barbados. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this financing be applied to eligible payments under the contract for civil works, including renovations and refurbishments to primary schools for Phase II of the program. Participation in tendering is restricted to contractors from IDB's member countries.

In order to achieve the objectives of the program, it is necessary that existing school plants be generally refurbished and prepared for the installation of computer and other media equipment. For this project, an amalgamation of two schools on a new site is being accomplished at the same time. Renovation is required of an existing two-storey coral stone structure including ensuring the integrity of windows, doors and roofs, rewiring and upgrading of electrical and plumbing installations, ventilation and repair of walls and fixtures (approximately 4,000 sq. ft.). Additionally there will be demolition of other unusable structures and the construction of substantial new sections (approximately 23,000 sq. ft. mainly of classroom areas) on the site as well as the necessary landscaping, repairs to and/or provision of pavement, drainage and attention to the general safety and security of the premises.

Sealed tenders are now invited from interested bidders for the Education Sector Enhancement Programme (EDUTECH) Phase IIA4 – Tender for Construction of the Carrington-Erdiston Primary School. The pre-tender estimate for the above-referenced school is BDS\$ 5,721,545.

Drawings, specifications and bills of quantities, and the form of tender may be obtained from the office of the Project Manager, Education Project Implementation Unit (EPIU), at the address below, between the hours of 0900 and 1600, Monday through Friday. This office will also be responsible for responding to all enquiries on the documents and drawings. A non-refundable fee of BDS\$ 300 will be charged for each set of the documents collected. The method of payment must be in the form of a certified check or an international money order, made payable to the Accountant General, or in cash. Bidders may arrange an appointment to visit the site and familiarize themselves with the nature of the works and the conditions of the site by contacting the EPIU by telephone.

A pre-tender meeting will be held at 1100 hours on Wednesday, 19 October 2005 in the main conference room of the Ministry of Education Youth Affairs and Sports (Constitution Rd.). All bidders should be present at this meeting in order to be fully aware of procedures and other information relevant for successfully completing tender documents for approval.

Any contractor seeking to be considered for this award will be required to complete the tender documentation including the prequalification application, which calls for information on the financial, legal and technical qualification of the firms, personnel and machinery available for the project, contracts executed, ongoing contracts, and current obligations and litigation. Prequalification status achieved on any previous EduTech tender is not relevant to this tender. Priced tender submissions will not be opened until the prequalification applications and the updated prequalification information have been fully assessed.

Bidders should be aware that the labor clauses (public contracts) Act, Cap 349 shall – in so far as is applicable to the tender – apply to any contract made in respect of the tender. Full details of the conditions of Act, Cap 349 may be obtained from the Chief Labor Officer, National Insurance Building, Fairchild Street, Bridgetown. Bidders should submit the certificate required by paragraph 3 of the schedule to the Act with their tender.

All corporate bidders must include with their prequalification form a copy of the company's Certificate of Incorporation as evidence of the fact that it is an existing registered company as at the date of tender. Failure to provide such certificate will render the tender void. The certificate must be in the name of the bidder.

Local bidders are advised that for them the above-referred Certificate of Incorporation means a certificate 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 that is awarded a contract will be required to be registered in Barbados as an external company under the Companies' Act of Barbados.

Bids must be accompanied by a security of no less than 2 per cent of the bid value in the form specified in the special instructions to bidders provided in the tender documentation.

A two-envelope procedure will therefore be utilized. Every bidder shall submit, as indicated below, two sealed envelopes containing the following:

- One envelope numbered "1" labeled "Prequalification Application". This envelope should contain the completed prequalification form with the Certificate of Incorporation attached.
- One envelope numbered "2" and labeled "Tender". This envelope should contain the tender itself, including the priced bill of quantities, the bid security, certificate of labor rates and the completed and signed form of tender.

Envelopes 1 and 2 should then be placed in an outer envelope clearly marked with the tender subject and appropriately addressed.

At the first public ceremony of the opening of tenders, Envelope 1 shall be opened and it shall be verified whether the bidders have included the documents required for prequalification. If the envelopes do not contain the required documentation, that fact will be recorded in the minutes of the opening along with the description of the missing or incomplete information. Upon completing these procedures, the first ceremony shall be adjourned, and Envelopes 2 shall remain sealed.

Once the prequalification has been completed and approved by the IDB and the Special Tenders Committee, appropriate notice shall be given of the place, date and time of the second public ceremony. In this second ceremony, Envelopes 2 of the firms not prequalified shall be released for return unopened. Envelopes 2 of the firms that prequalified shall be opened. The price of each offer shall be read and a record of the prices and most relevant details of the tenders shall be made in the minutes. These submissions shall then be evaluated, and the results subsequently submitted to the Special Tenders Committee for its recommendation.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract drawn up by or in a form approved by the Solicitor General or another approved Legal Officer in the Public Service. A surety for the due performance of the contract will be required by way of one of the methods listed below:

–A deposit with the Treasury of a sum of money or approved securities to the value of 10 per cent of the contract price

–A Bank or accredited insurance company whose liability shall be no less than ten 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 sureties unless and until his tender has been accepted.

–Satisfactory personal sureties

Submissions comprising prequalification forms and tenders on the appropriate form of tender, along with completed bills of quantities, should be placed in separately sealed envelopes marked “Education Sector Enhancement Programme (EduTech) Phase IIA4 – Construction of the Carrington-Erdiston Primary School” and identified as “Prequalification Information” or “Tender” as appropriate and both delivered to the Chairman, Special Tenders Committee, at the address below, no later than 1630 hours on Wednesday, 16 November 2005. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered. Packages should be placed in the tenders’ box located at the Central Purchasing Department by the specified closing time and date. The prequalification submissions will be opened at the Central Purchasing Department, in the presence of the bidder’s representatives who choose to attend, at 1030 hours (Barbados time) on Thursday, 17 November 2005. Bidders will be notified of the subsequent public opening of the tenders of those firms successfully prequalified. This opening will be scheduled to take place after completion of the prequalification assessment.

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

The Government of Barbados does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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