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BARBADOS
EDUCATION SECTOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME
Construction/IT
CIVIL WORKS AND INSTALLATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE
Loan No. 1154/OC-BA
Invitation to Tender

This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in UN Development Business No. 508 of 10 March 1999.

The Government of Barbados has received a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the Education Sector Enhancement Programme (Edutech), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for works to the following schools:

*Alma Parris – Contract No. IDB-CW-S16

--Estimated contract cost: Bds\$ 595,000

--Construction Period: 4 months

*Springer Memorial – Contract No. GOB/IDB ESEP CW-S17

--Estimated contract cost: Bds\$ 1,080,700

--Construction Period: 6 months

The Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works to the two above-mentioned secondary schools. For these projects, works will include upgrading electrical wiring as necessary and installation of the entire information technology system, including a server room and its required furnishes, additional computer hardware storage areas, connectivity to all classrooms using wireless access systems and upgrading of corridor surfaces where necessary for rolling cart access to classrooms. Contractors may tender for both or either of the projects.

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

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Project Manager, Education Project Implementation Unit, and inspect the bidding documents at that first office address below, between the hours of 0900 and 1600, Monday through Friday.

Qualifications requirements include: (a) an average annual billing of works over the past three years of at least 6 million Bds\$; (b) experience as prime contractor in the execution of at least two projects of a nature and complexity equivalent to the works over the past three years and that are at least (70) percent complete; (c) a Contract Manager with five years' experience in works of an equivalent nature and volume, including no less than three years as Manager; and (d) liquid assets and/or credit facilities, net or other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under the contract of no less than \$350,000 for each project being tendered.

A complete set of bidding documents, in English, may be purchased by interested bidders in person or on submission of a written application to the second address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Bds\$ 200 or US\$ 100 each. The method of payment may be cash, certified check or money order made payable to the Accountant General. The bidding documents will be sent by registered express mail (General Postal Service) unless otherwise provided for by the purchaser.

All bids must be accompanied by a security of \$11,900 for Alma Parris and \$22,000 for Springer Memorial, and be delivered to the address below on or before 1600 hours on Wednesday, 20 February 2008. Electronic

biddings will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 1030 hours on Thursday, 21 February 2008, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend, at the address below.

A pre-tender meeting will be held on Tuesday, 29 January 2008 at the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Constitution Road in the Main Conference Room at 1100 hours. All bidders should be present at this meeting in order to be made fully aware of procedures and other information relevant for successfully completing tender documents for approval.

Tenderers 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 the Act, Cap 349, may be obtained from the Chief Labor Officer, (2nd Floor East, Warrens Office Complex, Warrens, Saint Michael). Tenderers should submit the certificate required by Paragraph 3 of the schedule to the act with their tender.

All corporate tenderers are to submit a copy of the company's Certificate of Incorporation as evidence of the fact that it is an existing registered company as of the date of tender. The certificate must be in the name of the tenderer. If the Certificate of Incorporation has not been submitted at the date of opening of the bids, the tenderer will be given a maximum of two weeks to meet this obligation. Failure to submit the Certificate of Incorporation within the extended period would render the bid void.

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

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 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 following methods: (a) a deposit with the Treasury of a sum of money or approved securities to the value of 10 per cent of the contract price; or (b) a guarantee issued by a Bank or an accredited Insurance Company whose liability will not be less than 10 per cent of the contract price (the cost of obtaining such a surety will be the responsibility of the contractor, who need not specifically make arrangements for sureties unless and until the tender has been accepted); or (c) satisfactory personal sureties.

Submissions comprising qualification information and tenders on the appropriate form of tender, along with completed bills of quantities should be placed in a sealed envelope marked (as appropriate) "Education Sector Enhancement Programme Part 2 – Tender for Works to the Alma Parris and Springer Memorial Secondary Schools", identified as "The Tender" and returned to the second address below.

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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