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BARBADOS

EDUCATION SECTOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

Information Technology

SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – IDB-11

Loan No. 1154/OC-BA

Deadline: 15 October 2008

The Government of Barbados has secured a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of an Education Sector Enhancement Programme, and it intends to apply a portion of the loan proceeds to eligible payments under the contract(s) for which this invitation to tender is issued.

The Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development (purchaser), on behalf of the Government of Barbados, now invites tenders for the supply and installation of computers and other equipments as follows:

*Lots A, B, C, D: Schools in each lot will be provided with a turnkey technology solution which provide computers, network devices, peripherals and other audio visual equipment. This equipment must be so connected to allow for communications and resource sharing across a Local Area Network at the school and for internet connectivity and communications across the Ministry's Wide Area Network.

For tendering purposes items have been grouped into lots and a responsive tender must include all items within the lot. Tenders may be submitted for an individual lot, all lots or a combination of lots. The purchaser reserves the right to award less than all items in a lot.

All corporate bidders must include with their bid 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 bid. The certificate must be in the name of the bidder. If the Certificate of Incorporation is not included with the bid at bid opening, the bidder must submit it within two weeks after bid opening.

Local tenderers are advised that the certificate referred to 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.

If the successful tenderer is not a Barbadian company, the company must register under the Barbados Companies' Act CAP 308, before entering into a contract with the purchaser. There must be a surety for the due performance of the contract 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 no less than 10 per cent of the contract price

--A guarantee issued by a Bank or accredited Insurance Company whose liability must 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 such surety unless and until his tender has been accepted.

--Satisfactory personal sureties

Tenderers must provide documentary evidence that it meets the following financial requirement(s):

--30 per cent of tendered price (in liquid funds) or of current assets

--A declaration of any non-performance of litigation

--Have been in business for at least three years

Tenderers must also provide documentary evidence that it meets the following experience requirements:

--Experience in projects of equivalent size of the total of the potential contract

--Experience in at least three similar projects in the region

Lastly, tenderers must provide documentary evidence that the goods their company offers meet the following usage requirements:

--Life span of at least five years

The language of the tender documents is English. Tender documents may be obtained from the first address below, between the hours of 0830 and 1630 (Barbados time), Monday through Friday. Tender documents may be sent to firms electronically at no cost and to overseas firms by courier, if so requested, at an additional cost for the courier service. Electronic tendering is not permitted. Tender documents may be obtained electronically. 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 check or an international money order, made payable to the Accountant General, or cash.

Completed tenders, including price schedules, bid forms and bid securities must be placed in sealed envelopes, marked "Tender for Supply and Installation of Information Technology – IDB-11", and be delivered to the second address below no later than 1630 hours (Barbados time) on Wednesday, 15 October 2008. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the form of a bank draft or certified check in the following amounts:

*Lot A – Bid Security: \$ 47,133.77

*Lot B – Bid Security: \$ 43,810.51

*Lot C – Bid Security: \$ 45,303.62

*Lot D – Bid Security: \$ 58,111.13

Late tenders will be rejected. Tenders will be opened at the second address below in the presence of the tenderer's representatives who choose to attend at 1030 hours (Barbados time) on Thursday, 16 October 2008. It will not be necessary to submit tenders in person

since they may be sent by mail or courier. However, the Ministry is not responsible for tenders not received thereof before the time and date specified for reception. 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 conditions set out in this notice and the tender documents.

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

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