

Government of Saint Lucia

HURRICANE TOMAS EMERGENCY RECOVERY PROJECT

This invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project, which appeared in Development Business on June 29, 2011

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

IDA Credit 48710 -SLU

Date April 24, 2013

Contract Identification No: # SLU-HTERP-NCB- W-RBOB 01 - 11

World Bank Loan/Credit No: IDA Credit 48710 - SLU

World Bank Loan/Credit Name: Saint Lucia Hurricane Tomas Emergency Recovery Project

Saint Lucia has received a Credit from the World Bank towards the cost of Hurricane Tomas Emergency Recovery Project and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for Rehabilitation of Bois d'Orange Bridge. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*.

1. The Government of Saint Lucia herein represented by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and National Development invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the rehabilitation of the Bois d'Orange Bridge. The time for completion is six (6) months from the date of possession of the site.
2. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, dated May 2004, revised October 2006, and May 2010 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines.
3. Bidders shall have the following experience and capabilities requirements:

Minimum average annual turnover of Eastern Caribbean eighteen million (XCD18million) calculated as total certified payments received for works contracts in progress or completed, within any three (3) of the last five years. In case of JV, JV members should jointly meet the requirement, at least one partner must meet at least forty percent (40%) of the requirement, and each partner must meet at least twenty five percent (25%) of the requirement;

Bidders must demonstrate access to, or availability of, financial resources such as liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credits, and other financial means, other than any contractual advance payments to meet: (i) the following cash flow requirement: EC\$4million and (ii) the overall cash flow requirements and for this contract and its concurrent commitments. In case of JV, JV members should jointly meet the requirement, at least one partner must meet at least forty percent (40%) of the requirement, and each partner must meet at least twenty five percent (25%) of the requirement;

Experience under contracts in the role of contractor, subcontractor, or management contractor for at least five years prior to the applications submission deadline, and with activity in at least six months in each year. In case of JV, each partner must meet requirement;

Participation as contractor, management contractor, or subcontractor, in at least one (1) contract within the last five (5) years with a value of at least XCD8,500,000, that has been successfully and substantially completed and that is similar to the proposed Works. The similarity shall be based on the physical size, complexity, methods/technology or other characteristics as described in Section VI, Employer's Requirements. In the case of JV, JV must meet all requirements, each partner must meet 25% of the requirements, and at least one partner must meet 40% of the requirements;

For the above or other contracts executed during the past three years a minimum experience of constructing one bridge with pile foundations in the following key activities:

- Bridge construction
- Piling Operations
- Road works

In the case of JV, JV must meet all requirements and at least one partner must meet the requirements;

More details about all requirements related to the qualification, eligibility, litigation history, and technical capabilities are specified in the Section III Evaluation and Qualification Criteria of the Bidding Documents

4. A margin of preference for eligible national contractors/joint ventures shall not be applied.
5. Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be purchased at the Project Coordination Unit, Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs, Planning and Social Security, 5th floor Conway Business Centre, Waterfront, Castries, Saint Lucia for a nonrefundable fee of Eastern Caribbean dollars five hundred dollars (XCD500.00), for each set. The method of payment will be by certified cheque, cash payable, Bank Transfer to Bank of Saint Lucia (Account #901319742, Swift code: boslllc) payable to the Saint Lucia Hurricane Tomas Emergency Recovery Project. The Bidding Documents will be sent by courier for interested bidders from abroad.
6. Interested bidders may inspect the Bidding Documents and obtain further information at the address below (*) from April 30, 2013 from 0900 hours (9:00am) to 1500 hours (3:00 pm) daily from Monday to Friday.
7. Bids shall be delivered to the address below (***) on or before June 12, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. (1200 hours) and shall be valid for a period of 90 days after bid submission. Late bids will be

rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below (***) on June 12, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. 1400 hours.

8. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of *United States seventy thousand dollars (US\$70,000.00)* or its equivalent in other freely convertible currency.
9. The address(es) referred to above are:

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