

Invitation for Bids

SAINT LUCIA

OECS REGIONAL TOURISM COMPETITIVENESS PROJECT

Loan/Credit No: IDA Credit #6000-LC

Contract Title: Works for Upgrade of the Canaries Market.

Reference No. SLU-RTCP-W-RFB-WUCW-01-20

1. The Government of Saint Lucia *has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the OECS Regional Tourism Competitiveness Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the **Works to Upgrade of the Canaries Market.**

1. The *Ministry of Tourism, Investment, Creative Industries, Culture and Information* now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Upgrade of the Canaries Market, which includes the following:
 - i) Demolition & Excavation;
 - ii) Reinforced Concrete Construction;
 - iii) External Works & Drainage;
 - iv) Electrical; and
 - v) Plumbing

The construction period is eight (8) months.

Qualifications Requirements Include:

Minimum Average Annual Construction Turnover of Eastern Caribbean one **million eight hundred thousand dollars (XCD 1,800,000)** calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed for the best five (5) years out of the last seven (7), starting 1st January 2015.

In case of JV, JV all parties combined must meet the requirement, one member must meet at least forty percent (40%) of the requirement, and each member must meet twenty five (25%) of the requirement;

Financing:

The Bidder shall demonstrate that it has access to, or has available, liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credits, and other financial means, other than any contractual advance payments to meet the construction cash flow estimated as **Eastern Caribbean three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (XCD \$375,000)** for the subject contract net of the Bidder's other commitments.

The Bidder shall also demonstrate that it has adequate source of financing to meet the cash flow requirements on works currently in progress and for future contract commitments.

In case of JV, all parties combined must meet the requirement.

General Construction Experience:

Experience under construction contracts in the role of prime contractor, JV member, sub-contractor, or management contractor for the best five (5) years out of the last seven (7), starting 1st January 2015.

Specific Construction and Contractor Management Experience:

A minimum number of similar contracts that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor, between 1st January 2015 and application submission deadline: **At least one (1) similar contract with a minimum value of Eastern Caribbean nine hundred and sixty thousand dollars (XCD 960,000). Construction experience in the following key activities successfully completed:**

Demolition & Excavation, Reinforced Concrete Construction, External Works & Drainage, Electrical and Plumbing and/or other characteristics as described in Section VI, Employer's 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.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers* dated January 2011 (and revised September 2014) ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Project Coordinator, Project Coordination Unit, Department of Economic Development Transport & Civil Aviation, 2nd Floor Finance Administrative Centre, Pointe Seraphine, Castries, Saint Lucia, email chmathurin@gosl.gov.lc and inspect the bidding documents during office hours from 0900 hours (9:00am) to 1500 hours (3:00 pm) daily from Monday to Friday at the address given below (*) from **October 11, 2022**.
5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be obtained by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below (*). The document will be sent electronically to Bidders (due to COVID).

A Pre-Bid meeting shall take place on **October 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** at the *Conference Room at the address specified below (*)*

A site visit conducted by the Employer *shall be* organized following the pre-bid meeting. *Bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid meeting and site visit virtually due to COVID-19.*

Bidders may engage in the pre-bid meeting and Site Visit via Zoom. The link to the Zoom online pre-bid meeting and Site Visit will be provided to those Bidders who obtained the bidding documents.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below (**) on or before **November 7, 2022.**

Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below (***) on **November 7, 2022** at 10:00 a.m. (1000 hours). Confirmed receipt of Bids will be sent from saintluciaactbprocurement@govt.lc. Bidders may witness the bid opening via video conferencing (Zoom or similar). The link to the online meeting will be provided to Bidders.

7. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **XCD 24,000.**

8. The address(es) referred to above (are):

*The Project Coordinator (**For clarification and Pre-Bid Meeting**)
OECS Regional Tourism Competitiveness Project
Department of Economic Development
2nd Floor Finance Administrative Centre
Point Seraphine, Castries, Saint Lucia
Email: slupcu@gosl.gov.lc

**The Secretary

(Submission of Bids: Physical)

Central Public Procurement Board
Department of Finance
4th Floor Finance Administrative Centre
Point Seraphine
Castries, Saint Lucia

(Submission of Bids: Electronic)
saintluciaactbprocurement@govt.lc

***Meeting of the Central Public Procurement Board (**Opening of Bids**)
Central Public Procurement Board
Department of Finance