

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Construction of Packing and Storage Facilities in 4 Lots



Country: Belize

Project: Resilient Rural Belize Programme

Assignment Title: Construction of Packing and Storage Facilities in 4 Lots

Reference No.: RRB.W.13

The Government of Belize through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Green Climate Fund (“GCF”) towards the cost of Resilient Rural Belize Programme and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the works for which this Request for Bids (RFB) is issued.

The works, and the contract/s expected to be awarded, are divided into the following lots:

| Lot | Group | Location | Facility | Qty | Dimensions | Design | Annex |
|-----|---|--|--|-----|------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Northern Sustainable Agro-Producers | Xaibe and Patchakan Villages, Corozal District | Sorting Shed | 1 | 16' x 20' | #4 | IXa |
| | | | Solar Tunnel Dryer | 1 | 16' x 20' | #5 | IXb |
| | Concepcion Vegetable Farmers | Concepcion Village, Corozal District | Packing and Storage Unit (with Cold Storage) | 1 | 25' x 42' | #6 | IXc |
| 2 | Orange Walk Bee Keepers Coop Society Ltd. | PetVille, Orange Walk District | Packing and Storage Unit | 1 | 25' x 42' | #3 | IXd |
| | New River Coop Society Ltd. | San Carlos Village, Orange Walk District | Packing and Storage Unit (with Cold Storage) | 1 | 25' x 42' | #7 | IXe |
| 3 | Los Buenos Amigos Coop Society Ltd. | Trio Village, Stann Creek District | Packing and Storage Unit | 1 | 10' x 25' | #1 | IXf |
| 4 | Valley of Peace Farmers Coop Society Ltd | Valley of Peace Village, Cayo District | Packing and Storage Unit | 1 | 25' x 32' | #2 | IXg |
| | Maya Green Growers Coop Society Ltd. | San Antonio Village, Cayo District | Packing and Storage Unit | 1 | 25' x 32' | #2 | IXg |
| | Seven Miles Farmers Association | Seven Miles Village, Cayo District | Packing and Storage Unit | 1 | 10' x 25' | #1 | IXf |
| | Cooperativo el Progreso en Desarrollo | Seven Miles Village, Cayo District | Packing and Storage Unit | 1 | 10' x 25' | #1 | IXf |

Qualification of the Bidder: A Bidder shall meet the following minimum qualifying criteria:

- General Experience as a Contractor: At least 5 years' experience in industrial/commercial buildings construction locally;
- Specific Experience as a contractor: At least one works' contract of similar nature, size and complexity equivalent to the works included in this Invitation, per lot (at least one contract per lot offered), completed within the last five years (to comply with this requirement, works cited should be at least 80% complete).
- The contractor must prove access to the following equipment (individual equipment per lot offered, multiples if offering more than one lot), with stated production capacity and year of manufacture:

| Item No. | Name of equipment and production capacity | Capacity | No of equipment | Year of manufacture |
|----------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Suitable scaffolding for working | at heights above 5 feet | 1 | N.A |
| 2 | Generator (suitable to run power tools) | with minimum capacity of 1000 watts | 1 | N.A |
| 3 | Cement mixer | with minimum capacity of ½ cubic yard | 1 | N.A |
| 4 | Dump truck | with minimum capacity of 5 tons | 1 | N.A |

- The contractor must provide the following key staff and attach their respective CVs:

| | Title | Minimum years of General Construction experience | Minimum Specific experience |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | Project Manager/Superintendent | 5 | having completed at least one similar assignment over the last 5 years |
| 2 | Site Foreman | 5 | having completed at least one similar assignment over the last 5 years |

- e) Evidence of access to financial resources to successfully complete the works i.e. access to cash, letter from a bank, credit institutions, or other financial intermediary, supporting the availability of liquid financial resources in the amount of:
- Lot 1: BZD68,000.00
 - Lot 2: BZD72,000.00
 - Lot 3: BZD17,000.00
 - Lot 4: BZD94,000.00

Access to financial resources specified above per lot offered, with combined sums for multiple lots.

- f) For each lot, average annual turnover over the past 3 years (2023, 2022, 2021), supported by financial statements, equivalent to:
- Lot 1: BZD245,000.00
 - Lot 2: BZD260,000.00
 - Lot 3: BZD60,000.00
 - Lot 4: BZD340,000.00

Completion Date: the works shall be completed as per the following completion schedule from the date of signature of the contract (schedules for lots are independent and cannot be accumulated for multiple lots):

Lot 1: 3 months (12 weeks)

Lot 2: 3 months (12 weeks)

Lot 3: 3 months (12 weeks)

Lot 4: 3 months (12 weeks)

The bidder must state the exact completion time in its bid supported by its proposed construction schedule for each lot.

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment/Resilient Rural Belize Programme now invites construction firms to submit bids for the construction of works as outlined in the Request for Bids (RFB) documentation. Contractor/s will be selected using the national competitive bidding (NCB) method in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook accessible at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The NCB process will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall request the full bidding document by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details of the bidder, to the following point of contact. This will ensure that the bidders receive the full bidding document (RFB) as well as updates regarding this procurement procedure.

Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Attn: Lemuel Palacio, Senior Procurement Officer
Hummingbird Highway
National Agriculture Showgrounds,
City of Belmopan, Belize
E-mail: lpalacio.rrb@med.gov.bz
Copied to: Nadia Vernon, nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz

Please note that bids can be submitted either physically or electronically. In submitting a physical bid, the bidder must submit one (1) original and 2 copies, sealed in two separate inner envelopes, enclosed in one outer envelope, sealed and marked as per ITB 21.1 & 21.2, and addressed to the address stated above. In addition, one copy of the bid shall be an electronic copy saved on a flash drive also included in the sealed outer envelope. Electronic Bids shall be submitted by email, as a password protected, single attachment, in pdf format, by the deadline and to the email address stated above. Full details are provided in the complete RFB document.

The deadline for submission of bids shall be no later than **January 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** local time at the address above.