



GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

EDUCATION SECTOR REFORM PROGRAMME PHASE II CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

BACKGROUND

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to USD35.461 million towards the cost of the Education Sector Reform Programme Phase 2 and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Project Coordination Unit (PCU) located within the Ministry of Education, Youth Sports and Culture (MoEYSC) now wishes to procure consultancy services for the design and construction supervision of the schools to be constructed under the Project.

The objective of the consultancy is to assist GOBZ in developing detailed designs and bid documentation for 35 new schools and to provide supervision and contract administration services for those schools during construction. Best practice in design and construction is expected to be achieved through the use of qualified and experienced multidisciplinary teams. Due to the number and spread of schools, it is intended that the consultancy services be procured in several packages. The duration of any assignment is expected to be for a maximum period of 72 months commencing in the second quarter of 2017.

The **MoEYSC** now invites interested eligible **consulting firms** to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the provision of these consultancy services.

Firms or Joint Ventures (JV) shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) in the case of a body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organised in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country, and is more than 50 percent beneficially owned by citizen(s) and/or *bona fide* resident(s) of eligible country(ies) meeting these requirements;
- (b) in the case of unincorporated firms, the beneficial owners are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and
- (c) in all cases, the firm or JV has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are **member countries of CDB**.

The attention of interested firms is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of CDB's Guidelines for the Selection and Engagement of Consultants (2011), setting forth CDB's policy on conflict of interest.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to:

- (a) technical competence, validated by references, in the delivery of design and construction supervision services for institutional facilities. A maximum of five (5) assignments should be presented on five (5) pages maximum, with the role of the firm or JV indicated,
- (b) local, regional, and international experience of the firm or JV in the provision of relevant services. Local and regional experience, and experience with projects funded by Multi-lateral Development Banks (MDBs) or similar international financial institutions would be an asset. A maximum of ten (10) assignments should be presented, on ten (10) pages maximum,
- (c) capacity to provide the required expertise in architecture, civil and structural engineering, mechanical and electrical engineering, and project or construction cost management. Key personnel in each of the aforementioned disciplines should possess a university degree and a minimum of ten (10) years' experience. For each discipline, a maximum of three (3) key personnel available to the firm or JV, their combined years of relevant experience, and the total number with relevant post-graduate qualifications should be provided. The total number of technical and administrative staff available to support the key personnel should also be provided. Individual CVs are not required.
- (d) financial capability, by way of a statement confirming that the firm or members of the JV is/are neither bankrupt nor engaged in bankruptcy proceedings and confirmation, if requested, that financial statements for the past three (3) years can be provided, and
- (e) existing commitments, by way of provision of a list of current and expected assignments during the length of the project giving the name, stage and size of project and the role being/to be performed by the firm or members of the JV.

All information must be submitted in English. Five (5) hard copies of the Expression of interest (EOI) must be received at the first address below no later than **14:00 hours local time on March 3, 2017; and one (1) hard copy must be sent simultaneously to CDB at the second address below**. The sealed envelope containing each submission should indicate the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked, "**Expression of Interest - BESRP II – Consultancy Services for Design And Construction Supervision.**"

The selection method for the award of the consultancies shall be Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS). Therefore, following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three and not more than six applicants will be provided with a Request For Proposal (RFP) and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. GOBZ reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any cost incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 09:00 and 16:00 hours local time Monday to Friday.

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