GOVERNMENT OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS AND SUITES HOTEL PROJECT – DIAMOND, ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (GOSVG) has received financing from the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF) towards the cost of the Tourism Accommodation Expansion Project (the Project) and intends to apply the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under this contract. 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 CDF, 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 the GOSVG shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Project is under the direct control of the Economic Planning Division in the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology and is being implemented through a Hotel Project Implementation Unit (HPIU). The Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology has contracted consultants who will assist the HPIU with delivering the Project. The Consultants have prepared designs and contract documentation and will assist in the tender administration and evaluation, and the construction supervision of the Project activities.

The HPIU now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Holiday Inn Express and Suites, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, will be located in the village of Diamond which is situated on the windward side of the island of St. Vincent. Upon completion, the hotel building will cover an approximate gross internal floor area (GIFA) of 52,000 sq. ft. across four (4) levels excluding external works, pool and pool house. The hotel will feature a total of 93 guestrooms; 9 no. units on level 1 and 28 no. units each on level 2 to level 4.

The proposed development will be constructed of reinforced concrete column and beam framing with 6" thick reinforced concrete roof and 8" thick external concrete block walls. Internal walls will feature a mix of 8" and 6" thick block walls with 4" thick insulated, gypsum wall partitions supported by timber frames. Internal ceiling finishes will comprise of a mix of gypsum and acoustic ceilings. Floor finishes will consist of carpet, vinyl and tiles. Internal walls will be finished with tiles, paint and wall coverings. Windows will consist of aluminum framed, clear anodized, impact resistant windows. External doors will consist of shopfront type doors, whist internal doors will be fire-rated, flush panel timber doors.

The project will also entail complete building services installation to required local code. The hotel will also comprise the following external amenities and site works: -

- Pool/Pool Deck/Recreational area
- Pool house
- Covered Patio
- Port Cochere
- LV/Generator/Transformer room
- Package Sewage Treatment Plant
- All associated utility and drainage
- Driveways and Parking
- Landscaping
- Signage
- Perimeter fencing

Firms whether bidding individually or in the form of a Joint Venture, shall:

(a) be legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an Eligible Country

Eligible countries are member countries of CDF¹.

Bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract if the bid is accepted. Tender and qualification information are to be submitted in the English Language on the prescribed forms inserted in the Bid Documents. Submissions that do not provide the information required, or do not demonstrate the prospective contractor's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Qualification requirements include, inter alia:

- (a) an average annual turnover (defined as certified payments received for works in progress or completed) for the best three (3) years over the last five (5) years of at least eleven million United States dollars (USD11,000,000.00);
- (b) a demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of one million United States dollars (USD1,000,000.00); and
- (c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least one (1) assignment of a nature, scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last eight (8) years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete).

Bidding Documents may be obtained by eligible bidders from the following link: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/sh/mjzul5axyqt0hki/AAAgjXxaM4umKXrt6z1HbBzBa?dl=0</u> with effect **from Tuesday 16th March 2021**.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Bid for the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Hotel, St. Vincent and the Grenadines", must be received at the second address below not later than 3:00:00 p.m. local time on Friday 7th May, 2021. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the second address below in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend virtually (contact address number one below for virtual meeting link). Qualification information must be simultaneously submitted to the second address below.

All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of USD250,000.00. Late bids will be rejected.

Bidding will be conducted through Open Competitive Bidding as specified in the Public Procurement Act No. 34 of 2018. The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines action. The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

¹ For this bid, CDF has no eligibility restrictions.

1. Address for Correspondence

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2. Address for Bid Submission and Bid Opening

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