



GOVERNMENT OF ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHERIES, RURAL TRANSFORMATION, INDUSTRY AND LABOUR

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Government of St. Vincent & The Grenadines (GOSVG) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of the Ninth Basic Needs Trust Fund Programme (BNTF 9) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under the eligible sub-projects. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOSVG and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement. The Grant Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the Grant 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 GOSVG shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The **Basic Needs Trust Fund Office (BNTFO)** is the Executing Agency for the Project, and the **Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry and Labour**, is responsible for the overall implementation of the programme. The BNTFO has contracted Consultants who will assist with delivering the Project. The Consultants have prepared designs and contract documentation and will assist in tender administration and evaluation and supervise Project activities.

The BNTFO now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the **Rehabilitation of New Grounds Primary School**. The works include the following:

- i. General refurbishment and upgrade of the School and its environs, inclusive of but not limited to:
 - a. Internal and External repainting of School and its environs.
 - b. Installation and upgrading of rainwater goods.
 - c. Refurbishment and/or upgrading of classrooms, including moving screens.
 - d. Refurbishment and/or upgrading of external and internal walls.
 - e. Refurbishment and/or upgrading of windows and doors.
 - f. Refurbishment and/or upgrading of roof system, including sheeting and eaves.
- ii. Refurbishment and upgrading all toilet facilities, inclusive of sanitary wares, electrical and plumbing.
- iii. Refurbishment and upgrading School Kitchen approximately 23' x 20', inclusive of installation of a solar water heater.
- iv. Refurbishment and upgrading of school grounds, inclusive of fencing and internal drainage.
- v. Reconstruction of water fountain.

Consideration will be limited to firms or joint ventures of firms, which are legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an eligible country and are either:

- (a) more than 50% beneficially owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an eligible country, or by a body corporate or bodies corporate meeting these requirements; or

- (b) owned or controlled by the Government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country and otherwise meets the eligibility requirements of the CDB Guidelines for Procurement (2006).

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

Eligible 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) within the last three years of at least One Million, Three Hundred Thousand Eastern Caribbean dollars (XCD1,300,000);
- (b) a demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Eastern Caribbean Dollars (XCD150,000); and
- (c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least two (2) assignments of a nature, scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last five (5) 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 first address below for a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 (XCD). Requests may be made by written application including email. Written applications must be clearly marked: **“Request for Bidding Documents for the Rehabilitation of New Grounds Primary School”**, along with the name, address and contact information of the bidder for which Bidding Documents are being requested. The payment voucher is to be collected from the BNTF Office, Kim's Building, Grenville Street, Kingstown. **The fee is to be paid at the Treasury, Financial Complex, St. Vincent & the Grenadines.**

Applicants who request that documents be forwarded to them must submit an account number from a local courier agent that accepts freight collect charges. Documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will the BNTFO or their authorised agent be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so transmitted.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **“Bid for the Rehabilitation of the New Grounds Primary School”**, must be received at the second address below not later than **3:00pm on December 13th, 2019**. 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.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **\$2,000.00 (XCD)**. **The security instrument (cheque or bond) shall be made in the name of the Accountant General.**

BNTFO 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 such action. BNTFO will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

1. **Address for Correspondence**

The Project Manager
BNTF
Kim's Building
Grenville Street
Kingstown
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Tel: (784) 456-1457; 456-1111 ext. 457
Email: bntfmtw@vincysurf.com

2. **Address for Bid Submission and Bid Opening**

The Chairman
Central Supplies & Tenders Board
Ministry of Financing and Economic Planning
2nd Floor Financial Complex
Kingstown
St. Vincent and the Grenadines