

GOVERNMENT OF ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND INFORMATION

**TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT**

**SUPPLY OF THREE (3) SCHOOL BUSES FOR TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION**

INVITATION TO BID

The Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines (GOVSVG) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to USD12.317million towards the cost of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Development Project and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Agreement. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of GOVSVG and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the Loan 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 GOVSVG shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

The Ministry of Education, National Reconciliation and Information, The Project Implementation Unit, now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Supply of three (3) Buses: (2 general & 1 special-need equipped).

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 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 that do not demonstrate the prospective contractor's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Bid documents will be available for inspection at the first address below, from Monday October 8th 2018, on week days between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Requests may be made by personal application or in writing. Written applications must be clearly marked: **“Request for Bid Documents for the Supply of Three (3) School Buses: (2 general & 1 special-need equipped) - Technical and Vocational**

Education and Training (TVET) Development Project". Applicants who request that documents be forwarded to them must submit an account number from a local courier agent that accepts freight collect charges. The documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will GOSVG or the Project Management Unit, Ministry of Education, National Reconciliation and Information, be held responsible for late delivery, loss or damage to the documents.

Three hard copies of Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes, with the name and address of the bidder, and be clearly marked **"Tender for Supply of Three (3) School Buses: (2 general & 1 special-need equipped) - Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Development Project"** and must be delivered to the second address below no later than Wednesday October 31st 2018 at 1:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time. Bids will be opened publicly immediately after the deadline for submission of bids, in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the second address below. Qualification information only must be submitted electronically simultaneously to the third address below.

Each bid must be accompanied by the required Bid Security in a freely convertible currency. Late bids will be rejected.

GOVSVG/Ministry of Education, National Reconciliation and Information 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 GOVSVG/Ministry of Education, National Reconciliation and Information action. GOVSVG will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

1. Address for Inspection, Collection and Clarification of Bidding Documents

The Project Coordinator
TVET Development Project
Ministry of Education
1st Floor Coreas Hazels Building
Halifax Street
Kingstown
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Tel.: +1 (784) 457-0178
Fax: +1 (784) 451-2493
Email: epmu@vincysurf.com, pmedubed@vincysurf.com or tlsscott@gmail.com

2. Address for Bid Submission and Bid Opening

The Secretary
Central Supplies Tenders Board
Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
2nd Floor Administrative Complex
Kingstown
St. Vincent and the Grenadines

3. Address for Qualification Information Only

Procurement Officer
Caribbean Development Bank

P.O. Box 408
Willey
St. Michael
Barbados, W.I., BB11000
Tel: +1 (246) 431-1600
Fax: +1 (246) 426-7269
Email: procurement@caribank.org