

GOVERNMENT OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND INFORMATION
TVET DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (GOSVG) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to USD 12.6 million dollars towards the cost of the TVET Development Project (the Project), and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under this contract. Payment 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 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 GOSVG shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Education, National Reconciliation and Information (MOE), through its Education Project Implementation Unit (EPIU). Ministry of Education National Reconciliation and Information has contracted Consultants who will assist the EPIU with delivering the Project. The Consultants have prepared designs and contract documentation and will assist in tender administration and evaluation and supervise Project activities.

MOE now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the **Construction of a Science Laboratory at the Dr. J.P. Eustace Memorial Secondary School**. The works include but not limited to the following:

- The construction of a block comprising Biology, Physics and Information Technology Labs, Guidance Counsellor's Office and Washrooms.
- Staircases, access ramps and other external works.

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 5 years of at least **USD1,500,000.00**;
- (b) A demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of **USD100,000.00**;
- (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 10 years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least **80** percent complete);
- (d) A list of all projects completed within the past three (3) years. Indicate whether they were completed (i) on schedule, or (ii) beyond schedule, and the reasons why.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by eligible bidders from the first address below free of cost for no charge. Requests may be made by written application including email. Written applications must be clearly marked: **“Request for Bidding Documents for DR. J.P. Eustace Memorial Secondary School Science Laboratory.”**, along with the name, address and contact information of the bidder for which Bidding Documents are being requested.

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 Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines or MOE 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 DR. J.P. Eustace Memorial Secondary School Science Laboratory.”**, must be received at the second address below not later than 14:00 hrs on **April 18, 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. Qualification information **only** must be simultaneously submitted to the third address below.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Ten Thousand United States of America Dollars (USD 10,000.00)**.

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

1. Address for Correspondence

The Project Coordinator
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1st Floor Coreas Hazels Building
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Kingstown
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pmedubep@vincysurf.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

Tel.: (1-784) 457-1343
Fax.: (-784) 457-2943

**3. Address for Completed Qualification
Information Only**

Procurement Officer

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