



Invitation for Bids

Re: ***Construction of Drainage Structures & Gravel Surfacing Works on Farm to Market Roads***

Ref No: IFADMOA/PUM/IFAD/TCEP-II/ICB/WC-001/2020-2021

Issue Date: September 6, 2021

Site Visit: October 6-8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Pre-Bid Conference: October 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Closing/opening Date: October 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

1. The *Government of Liberia* has received (or in appropriate cases “has applied for”) financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and intends to apply a part of the proceeds of the financing to this purchase. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD’s approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD’s rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with *IFAD TCEP II*.
2. The *Tree Crop Extension Project II* was designed to improve incomes and climate change resilience of smallholder cocoa producers, particularly women-headed households, youths, and FBOs, 15,000 households of which 10,000 households will be smallholder cocoa farmers and the remaining 5,000 rural households will benefit from improved roads, input supplies, market linkages and spillover effects along the value chain.
3. This invitation for bids seeks qualified (bidders) for the execution and completion of ***Construction of Drainage Structures & Gravel Surfacing Works on Farm to Market Roads divided into Seven (7) Lots for TCEP-II Lofa County.***
4. *Construction of drainage structures & Gravel Surfacing Works on Farm to Market Roads*, which are being bid as a unit price contract based on the bill of quantities¹.
5. This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to participate. Subject to the restrictions stipulated in the bidding document, eligible bidders may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the works.
6. *If required*, the works, and the contract/s expected to be awarded, are divided into the following lots: *60.45.km roads divided into 7 lots based on needs.*
7. A contractor will be selected using the international competitive bidding (ICB) method in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook accessible at www.ifad.org/project-procurement . The ICB process will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

¹ In fixed price contracts, delete “bill of quantities” and replace with “activity schedule”.

8. Please note that a pre-bid conference *will* be held as described in the bid data sheet (“BDS”), Section II of the bidding document.
9. Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall purchase the bidding document against payment of a non-refundable fee of *US\$200.00* by sending an e-mail or letter, giving full contact details of the bidder, to the following point of contact. This will ensure that the bidders receive updates regarding this bidding document.

All bids must be accompanied by the following listed below:

- i. Successful Bidders will be required to pre-finance awarded Contract up to 25%.**
- ii. A copy of a valid business registration certificate from the country in which bidder/contractor is registered;
- iii. copy of current tax clearance certificate from the country in which bidder/contractor is registered;
- iv. A copy of the PPCC’s Vendor Registration Form (VRF) or its equivalent in foreign bidder/contractor’s Country.
- v. Experience and Technical capacity of bidder/Contractor in similar works.
- vi. A copy of the Ministry of Public Works classification certificate- Class (A1) General Gravel Roads Work) or its equivalent in foreign bidder/contractor’s Country.
- vii. A list of recent contracts performed (at least two similar works) with evidence of completion
- viii. Bid Securing Declaration form should be duly signed and stamp.

Site visit is schedule for October 6-8, 2021 at **10:00 a.m.** and shall be led by a representatives of the project. **Site visit is mandatory.** Pre-bid Meeting is scheduled for **October 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** All bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference.

10. Bids must be delivered to the address below and in the manner specified in the BDS ITB 25.1, no later than *10:00 a.m. October 20, 2021.*
11. Bidders should be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstance and will be returned unopened at the written request and cost of the bidder. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security or a bid securing declaration (as required) in the manner and amount specified in the bid data sheet.
12. Please note that electronic bids *shall not* be accepted.

Yours sincerely,

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