

Section I. Invitation for Bids

Monrovia, Liberia
April 3, 2024

Re: Procurement of Hybrid Cocoa Seeds and Management of Sixty Nurseries for Two Months after the Completion of Sowing (Two Lots) - LIBB/IFAD/TCEP-II/GC-009/24

1. The *Government of Liberia* has received 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 the *Tree Crops Extension Project-II*.
2. TCEP-II includes an IFAD loan and grant towards the development of a viable and sustainable smallholder cocoa sub-sector in Liberia's main producing belt.
3. The project is designed to reach 11,000 beneficiaries including 8,000 smallholder cocoa producers who are members of kuu groups and Farmers Field Schools (FFS); 2,400 farmers who will benefit from access to roads, input supply and market linkages and 600 farmers who will benefit as a result of job creation along the value chain.
4. The employer now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (bidders) for execution and completion of the **Procurement of Hybrid Cocoa Seeds and Management of Sixty Nurseries for Two Months after the Completion of Sowing (Two Lots)** which are being bid as a unit price contract based on the bill of quantities.
5. This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to participate. Subject to restrictions stipulated in the bidding document. Eligible entities may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the works, but should not contravene the outcome of the task.
6. The goods and related services, and the contract expected to be awarded, are divided into the following lots:

Lot#1: COCOA HYBRID SEEDS AND MANAGEMENT OF FORTY NURSERIES

Distribution plan and allocation of hybrid cocoa seeds to be procured by district for LOT 1 (666,000)				
No	Districts	Nr of nurseries to receive and sow seeds	Qty of seeds each kuu group to receive and sow at a given nursery	Total number of seeds allocation each district to receive and sow
1	Voinjama	9	16,650	149,850
2	Kolahun	10	16,650	166,500
3	Foya	9	16,650	149,850
4	Kolahun-2	12	16,650	199,800
	Total	40		666,000

Lot#2 COCOA HYBRID SEEDS AND MANAGEMENT OF TWENTY NURSERIES

Distribution plan and allocation of hybrid cocoa seeds to be procured by district for LOT 2(333,000)				
No	Districts	Nr of nurseries to receive and sow seeds	Qty of seeds each kuu group to receive and sow at a given nursery	Total number of seeds allocation each district to receive and sow
1	Quardu Gbondi	7	16,650	116,550
2	Salayea	6	16,650	99,900
3	Zorzor	7	16,650	116,550
	Total	20		333,000

Vendor can WIN ONLY ONE LOT and be awarded one contract due to the nature of the goods, (hybrid cocoa seeds) distance between various nurseries and as well as delivery points.

7. Bidding will be conducted using the **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** method, the evaluation procedure for which is described in this bidding document, in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook which is provided at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The NCB process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award. Please note that a pre-bid conference **will not** be held as described in the bid data sheet (BDS), Section III of the bidding document.
8. A complete set of the bidding documents in English will be shared with interested bidders expressing interest through email to the Project Coordinator email address: evah@moa.gov.lr. An electronic copy of the bidding document will be sent to each applicant free of charge. However, bidders are required to submit hard copies of their bids to the address mentioned below.
**Project Coordinator
for Tree Crops Extension Project-II
Ministry of Agriculture, Libsuco Compound
Old LPRC Road, Somalia Drive, Monrovia Liberia
Email: evah@moa.gov.lr**
9. Bids must be delivered to the address and in the manner specified in the bid data sheet – instructions to bidders 23.2, no later than **April 30, 2024 at 1:00pm**.
10. Bidders shall 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-securing declaration (as required).
11. Please note that **electronic submission from bidders will not be accepted.**

Yours sincerely,

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