

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT
FOURTH ROAD PROJECT (SANTA ELENA/SAN IGNACIO BY-PASS)

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank (the “Bank”) in an amount equivalent to USD24,719,000 towards the cost of the Fourth Road Project (Santa Elena/San Ignacio By-Pass), and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under this contract. Payment by CDB, will be made only at the request of GOBZ 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 GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

This Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Works and Transport (MWT), Project Execution Unit (PEU). A Project Coordinator within PEU will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities. Engineering Consultants will be retained by MWT to assist with the tender administration and supervision of the contract.

MWT (hereinafter referred to as “the Employer”) intends to pre-qualify contractors for the following road works under this project:

- Joseph Andrews Drive to Benque Road Rehabilitation

It is expected that Invitations to Bid will be issued during the second quarter of 2012.

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 or countries 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 countries, 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.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

The requirements for pre-qualification will include:

- (a) an average annual turnover (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) over the last five years of United States Dollars (USD) 2.5 million equivalent for civil works;

- (b) demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of USD700,000 equivalent;
- (c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least one assignment of a nature and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last seven years or alternatively two projects in the last ten years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete); and
- (d) Project Manager with eight years experience, five of which have been spent in works of an equivalent nature and scope, including not less than five as a Project Manager.

Eligible applicants may obtain the pre-qualification information documents by calling, writing, or faxing to the first address below. The request must clearly state "Request for Pre-qualification Documents for the Joseph Andrews Drive to Benque Road Rehabilitation" The documents are available for a non-refundable fee of USD50.00. Potential applicants who request that documents be forwarded to them are required to submit an account number from a local courier agent, which accepts freight collect charges. MWT will promptly dispatch the documents but under no circumstances will the Ministry be responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so transmitted.

Submissions of applications for pre-qualification shall be in English and must be received in sealed envelopes, clearly marked "Application to Pre-qualify for the Joseph Andrews Drive to Benque Road Rehabilitation". Applications must be either delivered by hand or by registered mail to the first address below not later than **4:00 p.m. on June 8, 2012.** A copy of the Application for Prequalification should be simultaneously submitted to CDB at the second address below.

MWT reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present prequalification notice partially or in its entirety. MWT will not be bound to assign any reason for not pre-qualifying any applicant and will not defray costs incurred by applicants in the preparation and submission of the pre-qualification documents.

Applicants will be advised in due course of the results of their application. Only contractors and joint ventures pre-qualified under this procedure will be invited to bid.

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