## GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, JAMAICA ENHANCEMENT PROJECT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

## PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) has received a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to USD25.868 million towards the cost of the UTech Enhancement Project at the University of Technology (UTech), Jamaica, 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 GOJ and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all aspects, to the terms and conditions o 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 GOJ shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

UTech intends to pre-qualify contractors for the construction of approximately 784 sq. m. of new building facilities for the School of Business Administration. The ground floor (approximately 392 sq. m.) comprises multi-purpose and consultation rooms, and the first floor (approximately 392 sq. m.) provides accommodation for the Dean, Head of School and other administrative offices with a bridge link-way to the adjacent 2-storey College Building. The site is in the centre of the University's Papine Campus at 237 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6.

It is expected that bids will be invited 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 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 operates 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 at least United States Dollars (USD) 2.44 million equivalent;
- (b) demonstrable monthly cash flow (including access to credit) of USD330,000 equivalent;
- (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 five years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80% complete); and

(d) a Contract Manager with at least ten (10) years experience, which has been spent in works equivalent in nature, volume and complexity, including not less than five (5) years as the Principal Contract Manager.

Eligible applicants may obtain copies of the prequalification documents by e-mailing, calling or writing to the first address below. The document may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of five thousand Jamaica dollars (JMD5,000) or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency for each copy, payable by bank draft or certified cheque to the University of Technology Jamaica Enhancement Project at the Accounts Receivable Department (Cashiers) and collected at the first address below.

Written requests must clearly state "Request for Pre-qualification Documents for the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech) Enhancement Project/School of Business Administration Offices". 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. The Project Management Unit will promptly dispatch the documents but under no circumstances will UTech accept responsibility 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 for Pre-qualification for the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech) Enhancement Project/School of Business Administration Offices".

Applications must be either delivered by hand or by registered mail to the first address below not later than **3:00 p.m.** on **Monday**, **June 4**, **2012**. A copy of the Application for Pre-qualification should be simultaneously submitted to CDB at the second address below.

UTech reserves the right to accept or reject late applications.

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

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