

GOVERNMENT OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION

TVET DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Lot 1 Rehabilitation of Food Preparation Lab of Kingstown Technical Institute. MOEKT106

INVITATION TO BID – WORKS

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 million towards the cost of the TVET Development Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under this contract¹. 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 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 GOSVG shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

The Ministry of Education and National Reconciliation is the Executing Agency for the Project, and the Ministry of Education and National Reconciliation, is responsible for the overall implementation of the project. The Education Project Implementation Unit (EPIU) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Rehabilitation of Food Preparation Lab of the Kingstown Technical Institute – Lot 1**. The works include, but may not be limited to the following:

Demolition of existing Food Preparation Lab, Fabrication and Installation of new cabinets and tables, installation of new windows and doors, installation of floor, wall and ceiling finishes and plumbing and mechanical installation and electrical works.

The bidding process is conducted according to the procedures specified in the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021), as published on CDB's website and is open to all bidders from eligible countries.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB². Bidders are advised to review the relevant eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021), as published on CDB's website.

Firms whether applying individually or in the form of a Joint Venture, shall:

- (a) be legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an Eligible Country;

¹ If prequalification is being invited for more than one contract, describe each contract and indicate whether Applications may be made for prequalification for one or more of the contracts.

² Occasionally contracts may be financed out of special programs that would further expand or restrict eligibility to a particular group of member countries. When this is the case, it should be mentioned in this paragraph.

- (b) be more than fifty (50) percent 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 meeting these requirements, as far as the ownership can be reasonably determined; and
- (c) shall have no arrangement and undertake not to make any arrangement whereby the majority of the financial benefits of the contract, i.e. more than fifty (50) percent of the value of the contract, will accrue or be paid to sub-contractors or sub-consultants that are not from an Eligible Country.

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.

Qualification requirements include, inter alia

- (a) an average annual turnover (defined as certified payments received for works in progress or completed) within the last [3] years of at least six hundred thousand United States dollars (USD600,000);
- (b) a demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) **of one hundred and fifty thousand United States dollars (USD150,000.00);** and
- (c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least **two** assignments of a nature, scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last **three** years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete).

Bidding 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 that do not demonstrate the prospective supplier's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Bid documents will be available for first inspection at the first address below, from **8:30 a.m. AST Monday July 15, 2025** A complete set of Bidding documents (electronic format) will be provided on request by interested bidder. Requests may be made by personal application or in writing at **epiu.svg@gmail.com & tscott@gov.vc** Written applications must be clearly marked: **"Request for Bid Documents for the Rehabilitation of Food Preparation Lab of Kingstown Technical Institute Project"**. The documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will GOSVG **or the Education Project Implementation Unit, Ministry of Education and National Reconciliation**, be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents.

Hard copies of Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes, with the name and address of the bidder, and be clearly marked "Bid for Supply of **Rehabilitation of Food Preparation Lab of Kingstown Technical Institute Project**" and must be delivered to the second address below no later than **2 p.m. AST on Tuesday August 5, 2025**. Bids will be opened publicly immediately after the deadline for submission of bids, in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the second address below. Qualification information only must be submitted simultaneously to the third address below.

Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security **of XCD2,000.00**. Late bids will be rejected.

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.

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