GOVERNMENT OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL TRAINING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

SVGTVET03/2024 - Supply and Installation of Small Engine Repair and Miscellaneous Supplies
(Lot 1 Small Engine Repair; Lot 2 Miscellaneous Supplies
INVITATION TO BID - SUPPLY OF GOODS

The Government of (GOVSVG) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to *US\$12 million dollars* towards the cost of the *Technical and Vocational and Educational Training Development* Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under this contract. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of *GOVSVG* 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 *GOVSVG* shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

The Education Project Implementation Unit, Ministry of Education and National Reconciliation is the Executing Agency for the Project, and the Ministry of Education is responsible for the overall implementation of the project. The Education Project Implementation Unit intends to invite sealed bids from eligible and qualified bids for the supply of Supply and Installation of Small Engine Repair and Miscellaneous Supplies. The bidder may bid for any individual Lot or any combination of Lots ¹:

- (a) Lot 1 Small Engine Repairs
- (b) Lot 2 Miscellaneous Supplies

The bidding process is conducted according to the procedures specified in *the Procurement Procedures* for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2019), 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 (November, 2019) 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 where Bids are called concurrently for multiple lots. Add the following text: "Bidders may Bid for one or several lots, as further defined in the bidding document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one contract will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Bid."

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

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 [May 24th, 2024] A requests may be made by personal application or in writing at epiu.svg@gmail.com. Written applications must be clearly marked: "Request for Bid Documents for the Supply of Supply and Installation of Small Engine Repair and Miscellaneous Supplies - TVET Training Development Project". Applicants who request that documents be forwarded to them must submit an account number from a local courier agent that accepts freight collect charges. The documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will GOVSVG or the Education Project Implementation Unit, Ministry of Education, be held responsible for late delivery, loss or damage to the documents.

The electronic Bidding submission procedures shall be: **procurement@gov.vc.** 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 Supply and Installation of Small Engine Repair and Miscellaneous Supplies - TVET Development Project" and must be delivered to the second address below no later than July 3rd, 2024 at 1:15 p.m. Eastern Caibbean Time. 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 first address below. Qualification information only must be submitted simultaneously to the third address below.

Each bid must be accompanied by *Bid Declaration*. Late bids will be rejected.

GOVSVG 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 **GOVSVG/Ministry of Education and National Reconciliation**. GOVSVG will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

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<u>Collection of Bid/Tender</u> <u>epiu.svg@gmail.com</u> Tel: (1784-457-0178/1784-61111 Ext. 3280)	(2) <u>Bid Submission and Bid Opening</u> <u>procurement@gov.vc</u> or Central Procurement Board Ministry of Finance 2 nd Floor Financial Complex Bay Street Kingstown St. Vincent and the Grenadines Tel: (1784-457-1343/1784-61111 Ext. 3508/3510)
(3) Caribbean Development Bank Tel: (+1 246) 539-1600 Email: procurement@caribank.org	