

## **INVITATION TO BID**

### **SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS ON THIRTEEN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS**

Institution: INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

Country: BARBADOS

Project: PUBLIC SECTOR SMART ENERGY PROGRAM

Sector: ENERGY

Abstract: To supply and install roof/ground mounted grid-tied solar Photovoltaic Systems on thirteen (13) Government buildings to achieve a minimum of 1.7MW of electricity consistent with grid interconnection requirements.

Loan Contract No. 2748/OC-BA

Grant No.: ATN/EX-13316-BA

Contract/Bid No. : PSSEP/1.3.1.1

Deadline: **WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016 - 4:30 p.m.**

1. The Government of Barbados has received funding from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the European Union (EU) towards the cost of the Public Sector Smart Energy Programme, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the Contract for which this Invitation to Bid (ITB) is issued.

2. The *Division of Energy and Telecommunications, Prime Minister's Office*, now invites sealed tenders from eligible and qualified bidders for **the Supply and Installation of Grid Tied Photovoltaic (PV) Systems on thirteen (13) Government Buildings**, the aim of which is to reduce Barbados' dependence on fossil fuels by promoting Renewable Energy (RE) in the public sector. The delivery and installation period is estimated to be over a period of six (6) months.

3. The buildings will be divided into two (2) lots and contractors are allowed to bid on one or both lots.

4. Through the financing of RE installations, the project will promote the generation of at least 1.7 Mega Watts (MW) of RE generation and energy savings of at least 3GWh, resulting in financial savings from the reduction in electricity bills.

5. The Contractor(s) will be selected in accordance with the International Competitive Bidding procedures set out in the *Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-9, March 2011*. Eligibility is open to all contractors as defined in the Policies. Contractors from member countries of the Inter-American Development Bank and the European Union are eligible to participate in this tender.

6. The successful contractor will be required to enter into a contract drafted by or in a form approved by the Solicitor General or other legal officer of the Public Service approved by her. A surety for the due performance of the contract will be required by one of the methods listed below:

- By way of a deposit with the Treasury of a sum of money or approved securities to the value of not less than ten percent of the contract price; or
- By way of a Bank or accredited Insurance Company whose liability shall be not less than ten percent of the contract price.

7. Eligible bidders may obtain the bidding documents and any further information from the Project Executing Unit of the Division of Energy and Telecommunications between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday (*except on public holidays*) at the first address below. The documents may also be accessed from the Division's website: <http://www.energy.gov.bb/>.

8. Bidders who are substantially responsive to the requirements and who have been determined to have the lowest evaluated cost will be post-qualified to confirm their suitability. For Post-qualification purposes, interested contractors must submit information which demonstrates their ability to perform the required works. Information submitted should include work experience in the region, experience in projects of similar scope and specificity, the firm's financial capability, evidence of eligibility and qualifications and experience of contractor's personnel as stated in the ITB documents.

**9. The original, one copy and an electronic copy [USB, Flash Drive], of the Bid clearly marked: Invitation to Bid - Loan 2748/OC-BA Supply and Installation of Grid Tied Photovoltaic Systems on thirteen (13) Government Buildings, must be prepared in English and delivered in sealed envelopes to the address at (2) below no later than 4:30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016.**

(1) *The Permanent Secretary,  
Division of Energy and Telecommunications  
Attn. Project Manager  
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(2) *The Chairman  
Special Tenders Committee  
Central Purchasing Department  
Holborn Circle  
Fontabelle  
St. Michael  
Tel: (246) 427-3024*

10. The Government of Barbados is not responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by applicants in connection with the preparation or delivery of tenders.

11. All Corporate applicants should include with their application a copy of the company's Certificate of Incorporation as evidence that the company is an existing registered company as at the date of application. The Certificate must be in the name of the applicant.

12. Where the Certificate of Incorporation has not been submitted at the date of the opening, the applicant will be given a maximum of two (2) weeks to meet this obligation. Failure to submit the Certificate of Incorporation within the extended period would render the application void.

13. Local applicants are advised that the Certificate of Incorporation referred to at paragraph 11 above means a Certificate of Incorporation issued under the 1985 Companies Act of Barbados or where applicable a Certificate of Amendment. Certificates must be dated after December 31, 1984.

14. Any firm incorporated outside of Barbados, which is awarded a contract, will be required to be registered in Barbados as an External company under the 'Companies Act of Barbados'.

15. Contractors interested in any tenders by the Government of Barbados should be aware that the Labour Clause (Public Contracts) ACT CAP 349 shall in so far as is applicable to the tender, apply to any contract made in respect of the tender. Full details of the conditions of the ACT CAP 349 may be obtained from the Government Printer, Government Printing Department, Bay Street, St. St. Michael.

16. Bidders will be advised of the results of their applications in due course.

17. No bid will be considered unless it complies with conditions set out in this notice.

18. Late submissions will not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the bidders.

19. The Government of Barbados reserves the right to accept or reject any bid received.