

**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE**

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE, INVESTMENT, ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION, CIVIL  
AVIATION & E-GOVERNANCE**

**PROJECT: RESILIENT RURAL BELIZE PROGRAMME**

**ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE – SANTA CRUZ ROAD (5.2 KM)  
Reference Number: RRB.W.17.1**

**INVITATION TO BID – WORKS**

The **Government of Belize (GOB)** has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US\$5 Million towards the cost of the Resilient Rural Belize Programme 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 GOB 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 GOB shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

The Resilient Rural Belize Programme (RRB) is the Executing Agency for the Project, and the Ministry of Finance, Investment, **Economic Transformation**, Civil Aviation & E-Governance, is responsible for the overall implementation of the project. The RRB invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Road Infrastructure – Santa Cruz Road (5.2 km)**. The works include, but may not be limited to, the upgrading of the Santa Cruz Road, Toledo District to a traversable standard over a length of approximately 5.2 kilometres (km), and comprises the following:

- Clearing of road reserve
- Undercutting and disposal of unsuitable material
- Excavation and cleaning of side drains
- Minor waterway training and drainage improvement works
- Supply and installation of concrete culvert units
- Construction of wingwalls, aprons and headwalls
- Supply and backfilling of culvert units with suitable material
- Supply, transportation, placement, and compaction of fill materials
- Supply, transportation, placement, and compaction of surface dressing materials (double chip seal surface layer)
- Installation of road signage and pavement markings
- Repair of girders of one (1) steel-bridge
- Construction of three (3) new reinforced concrete bridges

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 CDB. 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;
- (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 5 years of Seven Million Belize Dollars (7,000,000 BZD);
- (b) a demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Belize Dollars (456,000 BZD); and
- (c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least one (1) assignment of a nature, scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last five (5) 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.

Requests for electronic copies of bidding documents may be made in writing to the first address below. Electronic copies of bidding documents will be provided to requesting bidders free of cost. Written applications must be clearly marked: **“Request for Bid Documents for Road Infrastructure – Santa Cruz Road (5.2 km)”**.

The electronic Bidding submission procedures are as follows: Electronic Bids shall be submitted by email, as a password protected single attachment, in pdf format, by the deadline and to the second email address stated below. The password shall be submitted in a separate email, five (5) to ten (10) minutes after the bid submission deadline and before the public opening of bids.

Hard copies of Bids must be submitted as follows: one (1) original and two (2) copies in one envelope sealed and marked as indicated in the bidding document, with the name and address of the bidder, and be

clearly marked “Bid for Road Infrastructure – Santa Cruz Road (5.2 km) and in addition, one copy of the bid shall be an electronic copy saved on a flash drive also included in the sealed envelope, to the third address below. Electronic or physical bids must be delivered no later than **July 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (local 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 third address below. Qualification information **only** must be simultaneously submitted to the fourth e-mail address below.

Each bid must be accompanied by a completed, signed Bid-Securing Declaration. Late bids will be rejected.

GOB 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 GOB action. GOB will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

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| <p>(1) Address and information for Requesting Bidding Documents and Requesting Clarifications</p> <p>Attention: Senior Procurement Officer<br/> Street Address: Hummingbird Highway, National Agriculture Show Grounds<br/> City: City of Belmopan, Cayo District<br/> Country: Belize, C.A.<br/> Electronic mail address: <a href="mailto:lpalacio.rrb@met.gov.bz">lpalacio.rrb@met.gov.bz</a><br/> Copied to: Eemyiah Castillo, <a href="mailto:ecastillo.rrb@met.gov.bz">ecastillo.rrb@met.gov.bz</a></p> | <p>(2) Address and information for electronic Bid Submission and Bid Opening</p> <p>Electronic mail address:<br/> <a href="mailto:procurement.rrb@met.gov.bz">procurement.rrb@met.gov.bz</a></p> |
| <p>(3) Address and information for Physical Bid Submission and Bid Opening Venue:</p> <p>Attention: Senior Procurement Officer<br/> Resilient Rural Belize Programme<br/> Street Address: Hummingbird Highway, National Agriculture Show Grounds<br/> City: City of Belmopan, Cayo District<br/> Country: Belize, C.A.</p>   | <p>(4) Caribbean Development Bank</p> <p>Tel: (+1246) 539-1600<br/> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:procurement@caribank.org">procurement@caribank.org</a></p>                                     |