

INVITATION TO BID



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MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

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Invitation for Bids (Works)

Activity Title: Construction of the Vaigaga Primary School Building

Ref. No. WS-MNRE DMO-338785-CW-RFB

1. The *Government of Samoa (GoS)* has received a “Grant” from the International Development Association toward the cost of the *Pacific Resilience Program*, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this “Grant” to payments under the Contract for *PREPSamoaW03 – Construction of the Vaigaga Primary School Building*
2. Construction will begin on [16 October 2023] and will be completed by [15 April 2024]
3. Interested qualified eligible contractors are invited to request a copy of the bidding documents free of charge.
4. To be considered eligible a contractor must:
 - a. Not be under any notice of debarment issued by the Government of Samoa, and the World Bank;
 - b. Not be declared bankrupt or insolvent by a competent authority;
 - c. Demonstrate that they are paying taxes to the Government.
5. To be considered qualified a contractor must:
 - a. Have completed within the last 5 years at least one contract of a similar nature of at least 50% of the value of the bid;
 - b. The proposed works manager must have at least 3 years of experience in works of an equivalent nature and volume and no less than one year as a manager;
 - c. Must demonstrate to have or plan to acquire plant and equipment required for the work;
 - d. Must demonstrate to have adequate funds or access to funds (letter from bank) to demonstrate that he has funds to finance at least one month cashflow required for the project (bid price divided by period of construction method);
 - e. Documentary evidence to demonstrate the bidder’s qualifications must be submitted with the bid.
6. Bids must be addressed to the Chairperson of the Samoa National Tenders Board (Attention: Secretary, Samoa National Tenders Board) and be submitted via the

Government of Samoa E-Tendering Portal (https:portal.tenderlink.com/mof_samoa/) or hand delivery not later than **10:00am on 04 September 2023**. Late bids will be rejected. **Bids will be opened in public immediately thereafter at the Ministry of Finance, Level 4, Central Bank Building, Apia, Samoa** in the presence of the Bidders' representatives and the project's beneficiaries from the concerned local community who choose to attend shall be allowed to be present in person.

7. The Employer shall award the Contract to the Bidder whose offer has been determined to be the lowest evaluated bid and is substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, provided further that the Bidder is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.
8. All bids must be accompanied by a bid securing declaration as described in the bidding documents, any bid not accompanied by one will be rejected as non-responsive.
9. The address where the document may be inspected and obtained is: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Front Counter on Level 3 of the TATTE Building. Please ask for Asuao Malaki Iakopo or Ms. Lina Esera. Please also obtain the bidding documents by emailing the above named on email: malaki.iakopo@mnre.gov.ws (copy: lina.esera@mnre.gov.ws and foketiimo@gmail.com) or download from the following websites: www.mof.gov.ws/services/procurement/tender-advertisement or www.mnre.gov.ws
10. In case of any difficulty in obtaining the bidding documents, interested parties may contact in writing by email to Asuao Malaki Iakopo, ACEO Water Resource Division (malaki.iakopo@mnre.gov.ws) and copy the Program Manager Ms. Foketi Imo Evalu (foketiimo@gmail.com) and Procurement Officer Ms Lina Esera (lina.esera@mnre.gov.ws)
11. The address for bid opening on **04 September 2023 at 10.00am** is at the *Ministry of Finance, Level 4, Central Bank Building, Apia, Samoa*.
12. The GoS and the World Bank will respectively declare a contractor ineligible either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract funded by the GoS and the World Bank, if it at any time determines that the contractor has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent, coercive or collusive practices in competing for or in executing a contract. It is the World Bank's policy to require you to observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement as the provisions on fraud and corruption specified in Attachment.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER