

Invitation for Bids

*Sierra Leone*

 *August, 2023*

**Title**  Construction of Grain Stores and other Ancillary Facilities

**No.** SLE-2000001544-0010-W-ICB

1. The **Government of Sierra Leone** has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Adaption Fund (AF), OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) and Toni Blair Institute (TBI), the financing of which is being administered by IFAD towards the cost of **Agricultural Value Chain Development Project** (AVDP) and intends to apply part of the financing for the purchase of these goods. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD’s approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD’s rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with the **Agricultural Value Chain Development Project**
2. The goal of AVDP is livelihoods and climate change resilience of rural farming households in Sierra Leone improved, while the project development objective (PDO) is to promote agriculture as a business for enhanced incomes and reduced rural poverty, among 42,985 rural households. The AVDP will be implemented nationwide over a six-year period. A value chain development approach will drive the implementation process, supported by the application of a robust targeting strategy to ensure the inclusion of the rural poor in both the implementation of project activities and the sharing of the benefits and priority attention to enhancing climate resilience among the project beneficiaries.
3. The employer now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (“bidders”) for the execution and completion of ***Construction of Grain Stores and Ancilliary Facilities*** which are being bid as a unit price contract based on the bill of quantities.
4. This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to participate. Subject to the restrictions stipulated in the bidding document, eligible bidders may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the works.
5. The works, and the contract/s expected to be awarded, are divided into four lots as follws:

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| **LOT NO** | **Lot Description** | **District** | **Chiefdom** | **Village** | **Lot ID** |
| 1 | Construction of Grain Stores and other Ancilliary Facilities in Kenema and Kono Districts | Kenema | Niawa | Sendumie | SLE-2000001544-0010-W-ICB-A |
| Kenema | Nongowa | Burma iii |
| Kenema | Nongowa | Kambuwabu |
| Kenema | Nongowa | Foindu |
| Kono | Tankoro | Tongoro |
| Kono | Fiama | Moidema |
|  | Kono | Fiama | Yendu |
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| 2 | Construction of Grain Stores and other Ancilliary Facilities in Bo and Pujehun Districts | Bo | Bongor | Bendu | SLE-2000001544-0010-W-ICB-B |
| Bo | Jaiama | Koribondo |
| Bo | Boama | Yamandu |
| Pujehun | Galliness | Blama Massaquoi |
| Pujehun | Kpanga | Gombu |
| Pujehun | Peje | Gollala |
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| 3 | Construction of Grain Stores and other Ancilliary Facilities in Bonthe and Moyamba Districts | Bonthe | Sogbini | Naijeh | SLE-2000001544-0010-W-ICB-C |
| Bonthe | Jong | Mattru Jong |
| Bonthe  | Jong | Moyowa |
| Moyamba | Fakunyia | Moyamba Town |
| Moyamba | Fakunyia | Falaba |
| Moyamba | Fakunia | moyamba junction |
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| 4 | Construction of Grain Stores and other Ancilliary Facilities in Kenema and Kono Districts | Kailahun | Kissi Tongi | Piotou | SLE-2000001544-0010-W-ICB-D |
| Kailahun | Luawa | Nyandehun Mambabu |
| Kailahun | Luawa | Giema |
| Kailahun | Kissi Tongi | Bayama/Fenesu |

Bidders have the option to bid for one or more lots; but they will only be contracted for one. However, in the event that a bidder wins more than one lot, the lot with the higher price will be awarded to the bidder; if the lots are of the same value, any one of the lots will be awarded to the bidder.

1. A contractor will be selected using the international competitive bidding (ICB) method in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook accessible at [www.ifad.org/project-procurement](http://www.ifad.org/project-procurement) . The ICB process will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.
2. Please note that a pre-bid conference *will not* be held
3. Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall purchase the bidding document against payment of a non-refundable fee of **SLE500 or 25 USD**. Payment shall be made to the Agricultural Value Chain Development Project through Western Union Money Transfer, RIA, MoneyGram (Attention Debora F. Bangura) or in the following account:

Account Name: Agriculture Value Chain Development Project

Account No: 014-001-107-861-136-462

Bank: Commerce and Mortgage Bank

1. Bidding documents can be obtained by sending an e-mail with a copy of the payment slip, giving full contact details of the bidder and the subject of procurement, to avdppmu@gmail.com. This will also ensure that the bidders receive the bidding document by email or hard copy (at the following address), as well as any updates regarding the bidding document
2. Bids must be delivered electronically to the PMU via the following link and in the manner specified in the bid data sheet – instructions to bidders 23.2, no later than 21st September, **2023 at 12:00 GMT.**

 **Link:** <https://bit.ly/BidSubStore>

1. Bidders should be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstance.
2. Bid security in the form of a Bank Guarantee. The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be $9000 per Lot and shall be expressed in lots **.** Bid Security from community and village banks and Bid Bond from insurance companies are not acceptable
3. There will be a virtual bid opening via ZOOM on **21st September, 2023 at 12:30 GMT**.

Link to join Bid Opening: <https://bit.ly/BidOpenStores>

1. For any further clarification, please contact: avdppmu@gmail.com