

Invitation for Bids

*Sierra Leone*

*June, 2024*

### RE: **Construction/rehabilitation of 6 Bridges (Mini Bridges and Culverts)** **- SLE-2000001544-0078-W-ICB**

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**

1. 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.The employer now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (“bidders”) for the execution and completion of **Construction of Six Bridges (Crossings)** which are being bid as a unit price contract based on the bill of quantities.

### 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.

1. The works, and the contract/s expected to be awarded, are divided into two lots as follws:

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| **Lot NO** | **LOT DESCRIPTION** | **Community** | **Chiefdom** | **District** | **Number of Facilities** |
| **1** | Construction of three Bridges (Crossings in Kenema, Bo, and Kono) | Gbekedu | Fiama | Kono | 1 |
| Sendumie | Niawa | Kenema | 1 |
| Mano | Bangor | Bo | 1 |
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| **2** | Construction of three Bridges (Crossings in Pujehun and Moyamba) | Massa-Bendu | Kpaka | Pujehun | **1** |
| Massa-Bendu | Kpaka | Pujehun | 1 |
| Senehun | Kamajei | Moyamba | 1 |

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 **SLE1500 or 75 USD**. Payment shall be made to the Agricultural Value Chain Development Project through Western Union Money Transfer, RIA, MoneyGram (paid to 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](mailto: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 **8th August, 2024 at 12:00 GMT.**

**Link:** <https://bit.ly/bid-sub-bridges>

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 as follows:
3. $7000 per Lot and shall be expressed in lots **.** Bid Security from community and village banks and Bid Bond from insurance companies are not acceptable
4. All bids must be accompanied by the following:

Applicable To Local Bidders*:*

* Copy of Certificate of Registration
* Copy of Valid NASSIT Clearance Certificate
* Copy of Valid NRA Tax Clearance Certificate
* Copy of valid Local Council Certificate
* Ministry of Works Certificate – Financial Class I
* Evidence of similar contract performed (including email address and/or postal address) for reference purpose
* Key Personnel Schedule (Resume and Declaration Key Personnel) as required by the Employer in Section IV-Qualification and Evaluation Criteria.
* Contractor’s Equipment as required by the Employer.
* Method Statement
* Mobilization Schedule
* Construction Schedule

Applicable To Foreign Bidders

* Copy of Certificate of Registration
* Evidence of similar contract performed (including email address and/or postal address) for reference purpose
* Key Personnel Schedule (Resume and Declaration Key Personnel) as required by the Employer
* Contractor’s Equipment as required by the Employer
* Method Statement
* Mobilization Schedule
* Construction Schedule

1. There will be a virtual bid opening via ZOOM on **8th August, 2024 at 12:30 GMT**.

Link to join Bid Opening <https://bit.ly/bid-opening-bridges>

1. For any further clarification, please contact the above email address: