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Invitation for Bids

*Freetown, Sierra Leone*

*21st October, 2024*

**Re: Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of 75 Kilometre F3 Farm Track Roads in Eleven Districts - SLE-2000001544-0083-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 a part of the proceeds of the financing to this purchase. 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 *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 **Rehabilitation/*Construction of 75Km Farm Tracks in Eleven Districts***, which are being bid as a unit price contract based on the bill of quantities[[1]](#footnote-1).
4. This Invitation for Bid ( IFB )is opened 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 the following **three (3)** lots:

| **Lot No** | **Description** |
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| 1 | Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of 24.920 Km of Farm Track Roads in the Southern Region |
| 2 | Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of 39.778Km of Farm Track Roads in the Eastern Region |
| 3 | Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of 10.236 Km of Farm Track Roads in the North and North West Region |

Bidders have the option to bid for one or more lots; but they will only be contracted for a maximum of one lot. 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* be held as described in the bid data sheet on 14th November, 2024. at 12:30 pm The link to join the conference is as follows:

Link: <https://bit.ly/prebidconffarmtrack>

1. Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall purchase the bidding document against payment of a non-refundable fee of *SLE1,200 or USD50* by sending an e-mail or letter, giving full contact details of the bidder, to [avdppmu@gmail.com](mailto:avdppmu@gmail.com). This will ensure that the bidders receive updates regarding this bidding document. 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. Bids must be delivered electronically to the PMU via the link below and in the manner specified in the BDS ITB 25.1, no later than *12:00 hours GMT* ***on 3rd December****, 2024*

LINK: <https://bit.ly/bid-submission-farmtracks>

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 Bid Security shall be expressed per lot as shown in the table below

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| Lot No | Amount of Bid Security |
| 1 | USD15,000 |
| 2 | USD10,000 |
| 3 | USD5,000 |

Bid Security from community and village banks and Bid Bond from insurance companies are not acceptable

1. There will be a bid opening via ZOOM on 3rd December, **2024 at 12:30 GMT**. Bidders or representatives can particupate using the following link

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

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

1. In fixed price contracts, delete “bill of quantities” and replace with “activity schedule”. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)