

Additional information about the Contract Notice

Contract title: Supply and Delivery of Agricultural Equipment, Tools and Supplies

Location:

Lot 1: Castleton Botanical Gardens (Junction Main Road, St. Mary).

Lots 2-3: Rural Agricultural Development Authority, Hope Gardens, Kingston 6

1. Nature of contract

Unit Price

2. Programme title

A Jamaican Path from Hills to Ocean

3. Financing

European Union Budget line

4. Legal basis, eligibility and rules of origin

The legal basis of this procedure is Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action and DCI. See Annex A2 of the practical guide.

Participation is open to all natural persons who are nationals of and legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping – consortium – of candidates/tenderers) which are effectively established in a Member State of the European Union or in a eligible country or territory as defined under Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 establishing common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for external action (CIR) for the applicable instrument under which the contract is financed.

Participation is also open to international organisations.

Participation in procurement and grant procedures financed by the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) and the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP)¹ is fully untied².

All supplies under this contract must originate in one or more of these countries. (Lot 2)

All supplies under this contract may originate from any country. (Lots1&3).

For UK candidates or tenderers: Please be aware that following the entry into force of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement* on 1 February 2020 and in particular Articles 127(6), 137 and 138, the references to natural or legal persons residing or established in a Member State of the European Union and to goods originating from an eligible country, as defined under Regulation (EU) No 236/2014** and Annex IV of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement***, are to be understood as

¹ Regulation (EU) No 230/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 1).

² Article 11 CIR.

including natural or legal persons residing or established in, and to goods originating in, the United Kingdom ****. Those persons and goods are therefore eligible under this call.

* Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community.

** Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action.

*** Annex IV to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, as revised by Decision 1/2014 of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers (OJ L196/40, 3.7.2014).

**** Including the Overseas Countries and Territories having special relations with the United Kingdom, as laid down in Part Four and Annex II of the TFEU.

5. Candidature

All eligible natural and legal persons (as per item 4 above) or groupings of such persons (consortia) may participate or tender.

A consortium may be a permanent, legally established grouping or a grouping which has been constituted informally for a specific procurement procedure. All partners of a consortium (i.e., the leader and all other partners) are jointly and severally liable to the contracting authority.

The participation or tender of an ineligible natural or legal person will result in the automatic exclusion of that person. In particular, if that ineligible person belongs to a consortium, the whole consortium will be excluded.

6. Number of requests to participate or tenders

No more than one request to participate or tender can be submitted by a natural or legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or partner of a consortium submitting a request to participate or tender). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than one request to participate or tender, all requests to participate or tenders in which that person has participated will be excluded.

In case of lots, the candidates or tenderers may submit only one request to participate or tender per lot. Contracts will be awarded lot by lot and each lot will form a separate contract.

7. Period of implementation of tasks

120 calendar days

8. Language of the procedure

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

9. Additional information

Financial data to be provided by the candidate in the request to participate form or in the tender submission form must be expressed in Jamaican dollars. If applicable, where a candidate refers to amounts originally expressed in a different currency, the conversion to Jamaican dollars shall be made in accordance with the InforEuro exchange rate of November 2020 which can be found at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/inforeuro.html>.

The opening hours of the contracting authority is Mondays-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Fridays 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

10. Selection criteria

Capacity-providing entities

An economic operator (i.e. candidate or tenderer) may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. If the economic operator relies on other entities, it must in that case prove to the contracting authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for the performance of the contract by producing a commitment by those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility and notably that of nationality as the economic operator relying on them and must comply with the selection criteria for which the economic operator relies on them. **Furthermore, the data for this third entity for the relevant selection criterion should be included in a separate document.** Proof of the capacity will also have to be provided when requested by the contracting authority.

With regard to technical and professional criteria, an economic operator may only rely on the capacities of other entities where the latter will perform the tasks for which these capacities are required.

With regard to economic and financial criteria, the entities upon whose capacity the economic operator relies, become jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract.

The following selection criteria will be applied to candidates. In the case of requests to participate submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole if not specified otherwise. The selection criteria will not be applied to natural persons and single-member companies when they are sub-contractors.

The candidate shall not use previous experience which caused breach of contract and termination by a contracting authority as a reference for selection criteria.

The selection criteria for each tenderer are as follows:

- 1) Economic and financial capacity** (based on item 3 of the request to participate form, or on item 3 of supply tender form). In case of candidate being a public body, equivalent information should be provided. The reference period which will be taken into account will be **the last three years** for which accounts have been closed.

Financial criteria for legal persons (Lots 1-3):

- the average annual turnover of the tenderer must be 75% or higher than the cumulative tender offer for all lots bid by the tenderer in this tender; and,
- Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. In case of a consortium this criterion must be fulfilled by each member.

Financial criteria for natural persons (Lots 1-3):

- the available financial resources of the tenderer must be 75% or higher than the cumulative tender offer for all lots bid by the tenderer in this tender; and,
- the financial situation of the tenderer should not be in deficit, taken into account debts, at the beginning and end of year.

2) Professional capacity (based on items 4 and 5 of the request to participate form for service contracts and on items 4 and 5 of the tender form for supply contracts). The reference period which will be taken into account will be **the last three years** preceding the submission deadline.

Professional criteria for legal and natural persons (Lots 1-3):

- has a valid Tax Compliance Certificate; and,
- at least 2 staff currently work for the tenderer in fields related to this contract;

3) Technical capacity (based on items 5 and 6 of the request to participate form for service contracts and on items 5 and 6 of the tender form for supply contracts). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the **last five years** from submission deadline.

Technical criterion for legal and natural persons (Lots 1-3):

- the tenderer has delivered supplies under at least one (1) contract with a budget equivalent to the value of the lot bided by the tenderer or at least one (1) contract with the accumulated value of all lots bided by the tenderer in this tender, related to the **Supply and Delivery of Agricultural Equipment, Tools and Supplies** which was implemented at any moment during the following period: **January 2018-December 2022**.

This means that the contract the tenderer refers to could have been started at any time during the indicated period but it does not necessarily have to be completed during that period, nor implemented during the entire period. Tenderers are allowed to refer either to supply contracts completed within the reference period (although started earlier) or to supply contracts not yet completed. Only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This portion will have to be supported by documentary evidence (statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract, proof of payment) also detailing its value. If a tenderer has implemented the supply contract in a consortium, the percentage that the tenderer has successfully completed must be clear from the documentary evidence, together with a description of the nature of the supplies provided if the selection criteria relating to the pertinence of the experience have been used.

Previous experience which would have led to breach of contract and termination by a contracting authority shall not be used as reference. This is also applicable concerning the previous experience of experts required under a fee-based service contract.

11. Award criteria

Price.