



ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BIDDING DOCUMENT

ICB No: RDA/CE/ICB/003/024 and ICB No: RDA/CE/ICB/004/024

Great North Road Rehabilitation (T2) – from Mpika to Chinsali, Zambia

- 1. Lot 1: Rehabilitation of the Great North Road (T2) Mpika to Chinsali section for length of 161.5km. LOT 1 Mpika to Shiwan'gandu Junction (D53/T2 Junction) (Km 4+100 to Km 86+770), 82.67 km**
- 2. Lot 2: Rehabilitation of the Great North Road (T2) Mpika to Chinsali section for length of 161.5km. LOT 2: Shiwan'gandu Junction (D53/T2 Junction) – Chinsali Junction (RD58/T2) (Km 86+770 to Km 165 + 646), 78.88 km**

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CLARIFICATION NO. 1

Find herewith the clarifications raised and responses to the queries raised on the **BIDDING DOCUMENT** for the above tenders. The Clarifications provide responses to queries raised this far on the tender and minute in form of responses to queries during the pre-bid meeting held on 10th July, 2024 at the RDA Regional Office in Muchinga Province of Zambia.

Further, bidders are informed that they can obtain responses to queries raised on the **BIDDING DOCUMENT**, on the above two lot tenders, from the Employers' website at (URL): www.rda.org.zm or the Employer's address as per the **BIDDING DOCUMENT**.

Item No.	Query	Clarifications to Bidding Document
1.	Prospective bidders enquired as follows: The deadline for bid submission date in the bidding document says August 2, 2024 but in the invitation letter to bidders it states August 9, 2024. Which one shall apply?	Prospective bidders are informed as follows: Kindly refer to Addendum No. 1
2.	Prospective bidders enquired as follows:	Prospective bidders are informed as follows:

	<p>For Human Resources Manager and the Community Liaison Officer , the qualification requirement for both Human Resources Manager and the Community Liaison Officer is BSc Human Resources Management. Is it qualified that our Human Resources Manager and Community Liaison Officer has the HR Certificate and working experience but he/she does not have BSc Human Resources Management?</p>	<p>The qualification requirements for the experts in the Bidding Documents does not refer to Bidder's permanent workers. Kindly provide the qualifications as per the Bidding Document for workers being proposed for the Project.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On page IV 14 Bidders Qualification following Prequalification, it states "Where the provision of original documents is required and the respective information/document is unchanged to the information/document as provided in the Prequalification Document, copies of such information/document with the Bidder's statement of being unchanged clearly written on the respective copy/copies shall suffice. " put for (1) Historical Contract Non-Performance in this bidding document it requires "Contract non-performance did not occur since 01 January 2010 (in accordance with Prequalification Document, ", but in the Prequalification Document it states "Non-performance of a contract did not occur (within the last five years prior to the deadline for Application submission based on all information on fully settled disputes or litigation", there is a conflict between 2010 and the last five years. • Financial Situation in the Prequalification Document, it requires "last five years 2010 2021 inclusive", should we provide the last five years from 2019 to 2023 or just 2017 to 2021. • Average Annual Turnover, in the Prequalification Document, it requires last 10 years, but in this bidding document, it requires last 5 years, should we provide last years or last 10 years. For question 3, the 	<p>Prospective bidders are informed as follows:</p> <p>Kindly refer to Addendum No. 1</p>



	<p>requirement in the Bidding Document and the Prequalification Document is different, therefore we cannot keep the information in the Bidding Document as "unchanged".</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows: What shall be the bidding currency? Is it the Euros?</p>	<p>Prospective bidders are informed as follows: Any internationally tradable currencies as stated in the bidding document. ITB 15.1 states, "The currency(ies) of the bid and the currency(ies) of payment shall be: Bidders may express the price for their bids in any currency, singly or in combination of up to three foreign currencies (internationally tradable currencies).".</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows: We haven't seen the geological report on this project regarding the borrow pit and quarry</p>	<p>Prospective bidders are informed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The general geology is provided in the drawings issued and received by the Bidders. A site visit is also meant for the Bidders to understand the profile and geology of the Project Site. Geological report comes with the designs, and such a report can only be given to the firm that would be awarded the bid. 2. Further, Drawing file No. 3190-DD-B8-QUARRIES&BORROW and Appendices to Part B - Specific Provisions Appendix 1: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (ESMP) for Rehabilitation of 161.5 km of the Mpika-Chinsali section of the Great North Road (T2) in Muchinga Province, Zambia (January 2023) issued to bidders indicates under Table 3-4: Details of existing / known quarries identified for potential use and under Table 3-5: Location and description of borrow material, estimated quantities and proposed use. 3. Bidders are also informed that as per Bidding Documents, the sources for materials are the Bidder's responsibility, although some



		sources have been provided in the Bidding Document, as stated above.
6.	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows:</p> <p>Are the quarries identified for potential use adequate as there was an issue on the quarry on the Chinsali-Nakonde road Project on the two Lots where Contractors were fighting for one quarry.</p>	<p>Prospective bidders are informed as follows:</p> <p>As stated above</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. under Table 3-4 of the ESMP: Details of existing / known quarries identified for potential use and under Table 3-5: Location and description of borrow material, estimated quantities and proposed use. 2. Bidders are also informed that as per Bidding Documents, the sources for materials are the Bidder's responsibility although some sources have been provided in the Bidding Document, as stated above.
3.	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows:</p> <p>Are the materials for free or you need site contractor owner?</p>	<p>Prospective bidders are informed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bidders are also informed that as per Bidding Documents, the sources for materials are the Bidder's responsibility although some sources have been provided in the Bidding Document as stated above. 2. Bidders may price for any compensation to owners of borrow pit or quarry sites, through the rates in the BOQ. Once given access to site , the Contractor will be able to access those borrow pits which are already marked for this project. If there will be any payment required for such access which are usually small fees to owners of such land, the Contractor will be responsible for such payments. Bidders were also advised to kindly engage the Regional Office for further details on this aspect. However, it is the responsibility of the Bidders to source all required materials for the project.
4.	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows:</p> <p>Are there any encumbrances on the right way? What shall happen to some structures along the road? Do</p>	<p>Prospective bidders are informed as follows:</p> <p>As demonstrated during the Site Visit, there are structures that will need to be demolished to provide</p>



	<p>we demolish them or they belong to the Government?</p>	<p>for an unobstructed road reserve. A list of the structures that may affect road works has already been captured, and before access to site of each of the three sections stated in the Bidding Documents, the owners of the said structures shall be fully compensated by Government to ensure Works are not affected. All structures that are within the road reserve are to be removed after the current occupiers have been relocated and compensated for their losses.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows: What is the standard road reserve for this stretch?</p>	<p>Prospective bidders are informed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As per, Section 21 of the Public Roads Act of 2002 (Act No. 12 of 2002), a mandatory reserve of 100 m (50 m either side of the road's centreline) is the standard road reserve. 2. Appendices to Part B - Specific Provisions Appendix II : STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN (April 2023 issued to bidders, to comply with Section 21 of the Public Roads Act of 2002 (Act No. 12 of 2002), a mandatory reserve of 100 m (50 m either side of the road's centreline) will be enforced along most of the road. In urban areas such as Mpika town, Shiwan'gandu Boma, Matumbo village and Chinsali T Junction, the road reserve will be 36 m wide (18 m each side of the centreline).
<p>6.</p>	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows: Is this a Tax exempted project?</p>	<p>Prospective bidders are informed as follows:</p> <p>As per the Bidding Document, Part 3 Section VIII: Particular Conditions: Notices, Taxes, Duties, Permits, Licences, Approvals to be given and/or obtained by Contractor Clause 1.13.2(b): No duty or taxes on equipment or materials imported for use on or incorporation in the Works will be imposed. This is in accordance with the requirements of the Finance Contract and Grant Agreement.</p> <p>Contractors are expected to indicate the value of VAT in the BOQ and therefore in the Bid. VAT will be paid by the Employer on behalf of the Contractor, through the National Road Fund Agency.</p>



7.	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows:</p> <p>For payments such as permits for borrow pits on the project, is the employer paying for them?</p>	<p>Prospective bidders are informed as follows:</p> <p>The Employer, RDA will facilitate this, but the successful Contractor will be responsible for the payments for permits and other statutory fees. The Employer shall only pay for ZEMA approvals as has already been done. The selected Contractor, will be required to make payments, such as those for water extraction rights to Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA), and for mining permits. The Employer may facilitate the process but associated payments are to be borne by the Contractor. If the successful Contractor is not registered with NCC, it is the Contractors responsibility to do so, and also to register the Project with NCC.</p>
8.	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows:</p> <p>The bidding document indicated the location for a quarry, is any other quarries?</p>	<p>Prospective bidders are informed as follows:</p> <p>There may be a number of private commercial quarries across the Project route. There may be a possibility of sharing borrow pits and quarries if different Contractors are appointed for the respective Lots. However, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to source for all required materials. Kindly note that the Bidding Document has provided for a number of quarry borrow pits sites on both Lots for the sources of gravel and quarry material, for the road Works. Bidders are also informed to take note of the required quantities for quarry material, considering that the total asphalt thickness of 150mm for the Project is high, in addition to Crushed Stone Base, and to plan according. Quality checks have also been amplified on the Project to ensure adherence to the requirements.</p>
9.	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows:</p> <p>We are writing to formally request an extension of time for the submission of our bid for Rehabilitation of the Great North Road (T2) Mpika to Chinsali section for length of 161.5km. LOT 1 and LOT 2 by two weeks. Due to unforeseen delays in obtaining the necessary bid security from the Bank of China, we are unable to meet the current submission deadline.</p>	<p>Prospective bidders are informed as follows:</p> <p>Kindly refer to Addendum No. 1.</p>



	<p>The bid security, which is a crucial part of our bid package, is in the process of being issued and will take approximately two weeks to be processed and delivered. This delay is beyond our control, and we are making every effort to expedite the process. In light of these circumstances, we kindly request an extension of two weeks to the current submission deadline. This extension will allow us to provide a complete and compliant bid package, ensuring that all required documents are in place. We greatly appreciate your understanding and consideration of our request.</p> <p>We are committed to participating in this bidding process and delivering a competitive and thorough proposal. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows:</p> <p>Good afternoon Sir,</p> <p>We are contacting you as one of the shortlisted contractors bidding for the Mpika - Chinsali road project. The purpose of this email is to request for "more information" with regard to the quarry sites material investigation conducted by RDA on the Lot 2 section of the road project. Kindly avail us with the probable locations. This request is in line with Part A1.4 (e) Materials investigation and pavement design in the Part 2 of the bidding documents under project description where we are guided to visit the RDA offices for inspection of the same information.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	<p>Prospective bidders are informed as follows:</p> <p>The probable locations the quarry sites material are indicated under: Drawing file No. 3190-DD-B8-QUARRIES&BORROW and Appendices to Part B - Specific Provisions Appendix 1: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (ESMP) for Rehabilitation of 161.5 km of the Mpika-Chinsali section of the Great North Road (T2) in Muchinga Province, Zambia (January 2023) issued to bidders indicates under Table 3-4: Details of existing / known quarries identified for potential use and under Table 3-5: Location and description of borrow material, estimated quantities and proposed use.</p> <p>However, it is the responsibility of the Bidders to source for all required materials for the project.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Bidders queried over the issuance of the Site Visit Certificate by the employer</p>	<p>Bidders are informed that :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The arranged Site Visit by the Employer was not mandatory as per ITB 7.4. However, as per Bidding Document, Part 1:Section IV:



		<p>Bidding Forms: Appendix to Letter of Bid, continued Form 3, all Bidders are expected to fill in and sign the “Attestation of Bidder’s Site Visit” on their letterhead paper of the Bidder or partner/member responsible for a JVCA, clearly showing the Bidder’s complete name and address.</p> <p>2. Since site visits are not mandatory and hence for the Bidders who participated in the site visit, there shall be no site visit certificates issued. Bidders are free to carry out site visits on their own if they so wish. Therefore, the Employer is not issuing Site Visit certificates.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>A bidder has encountered a situation on the Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee) from bank, then one of our tender - Mpika to Chinali road Project where their bank requires that on the Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee), there should be added an end date. (Please see attached). And according to the descriptions on this sheet, bidder can not modify anything. They have send the email to enquire whether it is ok or not as shown in the email track below and forwarded attachment. Bidders are proposing to add (2024.8.2-2024.12.28) at the end of Paragraph six of the “Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)”.</p> <p>Kindly advise whether this is fine or not as per RDA practice or standard forms.</p> <p>Thanks for your attention, and looking forward to having your feedback.</p>	<p>Bidders are informed that these are standard forms and no changes are permitted to be made on the forms. Therefore, the form must be filled in as it is. Bidders may consult other Financial Providers, prior to bid submissions.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows:</p> <p>In the process of preparing the bid security for the tender we propose the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding the expiry of date of the Guarantee, we understand that the expiry date shall be 28 days after the bid valid date, which shall be 28th December, 2024 as per 	<p>Prospective Bidders are informed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bidders are informed that these are standard forms and no changes are permitted to be made on the forms. Therefore, the form must be filled in as it is. Bidders may consult other Financial Providers, prior to bid submissions.



	<p>our calculation. Therefore, we propose to change “ ... or (ii) twenty –eight days after the expiration of the bidder’s bid “ to “ ... or (ii) twenty –eight days after the expiration of the bidder’s bid, namely 28th December, 2024.” And Change “ Consequently , any demand for payment under this Guarantee must be received by us at the office on or before that date” to “Consequently , any demand for payment under this Guarantee must be received by us at the office on or before 28th December, 2024.</p> <p>Your prompt response shall be highly appreciated.</p>	
14.	<p>Prospective bidders enquired as follows:</p> <p>In the process of preparing the bid security for the tender we propose the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In the form, it states as “ This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, ICC Publication No. 458. “ However, , we recognized the No.458 has been repealed, so please confirm and change if applicable. <p>Your prompt response shall be highly appreciated.</p>	<p>Prospective Bidders are informed as follows:</p> <p>Kindly refer to Addendum No. 1</p>

Yours Faithfully,



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CHIEF PROCUREMENT MANAGER

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