

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Issued 23rd March 2014

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Caribbean Regional Communications Infrastructure Program

Credit No.: 5118-SV

Design, Supply and Installation of an IP PBX

SVGCARCIP-G-ICB-1

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1. This Invitation for Bids (IFB) follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared in UNDB online on March 15th 2013.
2. St. Vincent and the Grenadines has received a credit from the International Development Association] toward the cost of Caribbean Regional Communications Infrastructure Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the agreement(s) resulting from this IFB: **Design, Supply and Installation of an IP PBX: SVGCARCIP-G-ICB-1.**
3. The Central Planning Division serves as the implementing agency for the project and now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the design, supply and installation of IP PBX. The system to be procured is a modern, efficient, cost-effective and highly scalable Internet Protocol PBX system that will support a distributed architecture and open industry standards. The system will allow for a new PBX system that integrates and allows for calls across the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF), Milton Cato Memorial Hospital (MCMH) and other government ministries and departments.
4. Bidding will be conducted using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, edition of January 2011 and is open to all Bidders eligible as defined in these Guidelines,⁵ that meet the following minimum qualification criteria:

Technical capacity of the Bidder

During the past three (3) years, the Bidder must have successfully completed at least one (1) contract involving the development and installation of information systems of similar functional/technical characteristics and of a comparable scale (e.g., 500 workstations at 10 separate sites) including the provision of technical support.”

Financial Capacity of the Bidder:

Bidders must demonstrate an average annual turnover of at least **US\$1.1M** and liquidity of at least **US\$150,000**.

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Central Planning Division and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. A pre-bid meeting which potential bidders may attend will be held on **Wednesday, June 18th, 2014**.
6. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of EC\$270.00 or US\$100.00. The method of payment will be via direct deposit or managers' cheque. The document will be sent by courier.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **2:00pm EST, Monday, July 7th, 2014**. Bids need to be secured by a bid security in the amount of **US\$5,000** or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below¹⁴ at 2:10pm, EST, **Monday, July 7th, 2014**.
8. The attention of prospective Bidders is drawn to (i) the fact that they will be required to certify in their bids that all software is either covered by a valid license or was produced by the Bidder and (ii) that violations are considered fraud, which can result in ineligibility to be awarded World Bank-financed contracts.

Further Information, Inspection of and Requesting Bidding Documents The Director of Planning Central Planning Division Ministry of Finance & Economic Planning 1 st Floor, Administrative Building Bay Street, Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines cenplan@svgcpd.com , jquow@svgcpd.com , rjohn@svgcpd.com	
Account Details <i>Account No.:</i> 135715 <i>Account Name:</i> Caribbean Regional Communications Infrastructure Program Bank of St. Vincent & the Grenadines Ltd Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines <i>Intermediary Information:</i> Bank of America - BOFAUS3M <i>ABA No.:</i> 026009593 <i>Swift Code:</i> NCBVVC22	Submission of Bids and Bid Opening The Chairman Central Supplies Tenders Board Ministry of Finance & Economic Planning 2 nd Floor, Bank of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Building Granby Street, Kingstown St. Vincent and the Grenadines