

GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY INVESTMENT AND COMMERCE

**INCREASING THE EXPORT CAPACITY OF MICRO AND SMALL AGRO-PROCESSORS
USING THE CLUSTER APPROACH PROJECT**

THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AGRO-PROCESSING INCUBATOR EQUIPMENT

Ref. # JBDC2021/PMRD-CDB/002

INVITATION TO BID

Jamaica Business Development Corporation (JBDC) has received grant funding from the European Union which is being disbursed from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to EURO197,130 towards the cost of the 'Increasing the Export Capacity of Micro and Small Agro-Processors Using the Cluster Approach Project' and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Agreement. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of JBDC and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement. The Grant Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the Grant Account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than JBDC shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

JBDC now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the **Supply and Installation of Agro-processing Incubator Equipment** as one Lot.

Eligibility:

Firms whether bidding individually or in the form of a Joint Venture, shall:

- (a) be legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an Eligible Country;
- (b) be more than fifty (50) percent beneficially-owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an Eligible Country, or by a body corporate or bodies meeting these requirements, as far as the ownership can be reasonably determined; and
- (c) shall have no arrangement and undertake not to make any arrangement whereby the majority of the financial benefits of the contract, i.e., more than fifty (50) percent of the value of the contract, will accrue or be paid to sub-contractors or sub-consultants that are not from an Eligible Country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB and members of the European Union. Bidders are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021), as published on CDB's website

Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract if the bid is accepted. Tender and qualification

information are to be submitted in the English Language on the prescribed forms inserted in the Bid Documents. Submissions that do not provide the information required or that do not demonstrate the prospective contractor's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Bid documents will only be available on the GOJ Electronic Procurement Platform (GOJEP) from February 14, 2022.

The Bidder shall follow the instruction as outlined in the GOJEP System: Quick Guide for Suppliers (www.gojep.gov.jm).

For assistance regarding registration, training, access to tender document and upload of bid proposals please contact the Ministry of Finance, Office of Public Procurement Policy Customer Service Desk at: (876) 932-5220 / 932-5246 / 932-5253 / 932-5251 / 932-5244 / 806-5149 / 806-4581 / 806-5587 or email [opppcustomer@mof.gov.jm](mailto:opppcustomer@mf.gov.jm)

Bids must be submitted electronically with the name and address of the bidder, and clearly states “**Tender for Supply and Installation of Agro-processing Incubator Equipment**” and must be sent to GOJ Electronic Procurement Platform (GOJEP) no later than **Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Jamaica time**. A Zoom Pre-bid meeting shall take place on February 28, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Jamaica time. Bids will be opened publicly immediately after the deadline for submission of bids, in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend the online bid opening.

Each bid must be accompanied by the Bid-Securing Declaration. Late bids will be automatically rejected by the e-procurement system.

JBDC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for JBDC action. JBDC will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

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