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Government of Zimbabwe

STANDARD
BIDDING
DOCUMENT

For the **Procurement of Non-Consulting Services**

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SBD for Leasing and developing	INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR REDD+ PROJECTS AND CARBON TRADING FOR MAFUNGAUTSI, NGAMO, SIKUMI, GWAAI, CHIRINDA (RAIN FOREST)
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Procuring Entity	Forestry Commission
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PART 1: BIDDING PROCEDURES

References

The definitions used in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act [Chapter22:23] ("the Act"), the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets (General) Regulations (Statutory Instrument No. 5 of 2018) ("the Regulations") and the General Conditions of Contract for the Procurement of Non-Consultancy Services apply to this Standard Bidding Document. The Act and the Regulations govern the submission of Bids and should be read by all Bidders.

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Preparation of Bids

You are requested to bid for the items described in the Statement of Requirements below, by completing and returning the following documentation:

- 1. the Bid Submission in this Part;
- 2. a copy of documentation necessary to demonstrate your eligibility in terms of section 28(1) of the Regulations;
 - certificate of incorporation;
 - Letter from attorneys indicating that there is no pending litigation.
 - Procurement Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe registration certificates
 - Registration with National Social Security Authority
 - Valid Tax or VAT clearance

You are also required to pay the administration fee of ZWL\$8000.00 (Non refundable) for bids subject to prior review by the Special Procurement Oversight Committee in terms of section 54 of the Act and as set out in Part IV of the Fifth Schedule to the Regulations. Payment is done at Procurement Regulatory Authority offices.

You are advised to carefully read the complete Bidding Document, as well as the General Conditions of Contract which are available on the Authority's website, before preparing your Bid. The standard forms in this document may be retyped for completion but the Bidder is responsible for their accurate reproduction. All pages of the Bid must be clearly marked with the Procurement Reference Number above.

Number of bids allowed

No Bidder may submit more than one Bid, either individually or as a joint venture partner in another Bid, except as a subcontractor. Where the requirements are divided into lots and packages, only one Bid can be submitted. A conflict of interest will be deemed to arise if Bids are received from more than one Bidder owned, directly or indirectly, by the same person.

Clarification

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Clarification of the bidding document may be requested in writing by any Bidder up to (16 Feburary 2022) and should be sent to:

Technical clarifications

Mrs J, Gombe, Forestry Commission Head Office, No 1 Orange Grove Drive, Highlands, Harare. Email: gombe@mweb.co.zw

Administrative clarification

Mrs B.Nyemba, Forestry Commission Head Office, No 1 Orange Grove Drive, Highlands, Harare. Email: bevdengende@gmail,com.

Services to be performed, location(s) and other requirements

The services to be performed under the Contract, the location or locations where these services are to be performed, the times of performance and the manpower, equipment and other resources required and the supervising agent at these locations are stated in the Statement of Requirements in Part 2. Bidders must signify their acceptance of these requirements when submitting their Bid.

The Supervising Agent will have authority on behalf of the Procuring Entity to give directions on the performance of the services and to approve satisfactory completion of these services.

The Bidder may, at the Bidder's own responsibility and risk, visit to examine the location(s) and its surroundings and obtain all information that may be necessary for preparing the Bid and entering into a contract for the Services. The costs of visiting the Site will be at the Bidder's own expense.

a) Clearly state the name(s) of the gazetted forest(s) the proponent is interested in

Documents establishing conformity of services

To establish the conformity of the Services to the Bidding Document, the Bidder must furnish as part of its Bid a proposed methodology, work plan and schedule to establish that the services will be carried out in accordance with the required technical specifications and quality standards.

Standards for the provision of the Non-Consulting Services are intended to be descriptive only and not restrictive. The Bidder may offer in the Statement of Methodology, Work Plan and Schedule in this Part other standards of quality, provided that it demonstrates, to the Procuring Entity's satisfaction, that the substitutions ensure substantial equivalence or are superior to those specified.

Eligibility and qualification requirements

Bidders are required to meet the criteria in section 28 of the Act and section 28 (1) of the Regulations to be eligible to participate in public procurement and to be qualified for the proposed Contract. They must therefore:

- 1. have the legal capacity to enter into a contract;
- 2. not be insolvent, in receivership, bankrupt or being wound up, not have had business activities suspended and not be the subject of legal proceedings for any of these circumstances;

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- 3. have fulfilled their obligations to pay taxes and social security contributions in Zimbabwe;
- 4. not have a conflict of interest in relation to this procurement requirement;
- 5. not be debarred from participation in public procurement under section 72 (6) of the Act and section 74(1) (c), (d) or (e) of the Regulations or declared ineligible under section 99 of the Act:
- 6. have the nationality of an eligible country as specified in the Special Conditions of Contract;
- 7. Ensure All legal requirements of REDD+ projects are met

In addition to these eligibility requirements, Bidders must demonstrate that they have the qualifications, resources and experience to perform the contract to satisfactory standards, as indicated in the Statement of Requirements.

Participation in this bidding procedure is open to both Zimbabwean and foreign bidders.

Validity of Bids

The minimum period that the Bidder's bid must remain valid is 120 days from the deadline for the submission of bids.

Submission of Bids

Bids must be submitted in writing in two sealed envelopes to the address below, no later than the date and time of the deadline below. One envelope to contain the technical proposal and be marked technical proposal and the other one to contain the financial proposal and be marked financial proposal.

It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that they receive a receipt confirming submission of their Bid with correct details of the Bidder and the number of the Bid.

The Bidder must mark the envelopes with the Bidder's name and address and the Procurement Reference Number.

The Bidder must prepare one original of the documents comprising the Bid and clearly mark it "ORIGINAL." In addition, the Bidder must prepare two copies of the Bid and must mark each of them clearly "COPY." In the event of any discrepancy between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.

Late bids will be rejected. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to extend the bid submission deadline but will notify all potential bidders who have collected the bidding document of the amended bid submission deadline.

Date of deadline: [24 February 2022] Deadline

Time: [10.00am]

Submission address: [Forestry Commission Head Office, No 1 Orange Grove Drive,

Highlands ,Harare.]

Means of Sealed bids are to be placed in a marked bid box

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acceptance:

Bid opening

Bidders and their representatives may witness the opening of bids which will take place at the submission address immediately following the deadline.

Financial proposals shall be opened after a review of the technical proposal by the special oversight committee. All shall be advised of the bid opening date of financial proposal. Bidders and their representatives may witness the opening of financial proposals.

Withdrawal, amendment or modification of Bids

A Bidder may withdraw, substitute, or modify its Bid after it has been submitted by sending a written notice, duly signed by an authorized representative. However, no Bid may be withdrawn, substituted, or modified in the interval between the deadline for submission of Bids and the expiration of the period of Bid validity specified by the Bidder or any extension of that period.

Bid Prices and Discounts

The prices and discounts quoted by the Bidder in the Bid Submission Form and in the Price Schedules must conform to the requirements specified in the Price Schedule included in Part 2: Statement of Requirements.

Evaluation of Bids

Bids will be evaluated using the following methodology:

- 1. Preliminary examination to confirm that all documents required have been provided, to confirm the eligibility of Bidders in terms of section 28(1) of the Regulation and to confirm that the Bid is administratively compliant in terms of section 28(2) of the Regulation.
- 2. Technical evaluation to determine their substantial responsiveness to the specifications in the Statement of Requirements;
- 3. Financial evaluation and comparison to determine the evaluated price of Bids and to determine the highest evaluated Bid.

Bids failing any stage will be eliminated and not considered in subsequent stages.

Evaluation Criteria

Bidders will be evaluated on the basis of "Minimum Eligibility Criteria" and the criteria for evaluation of Technical Bids will be as given below. Qualifying score will be **80 marks out of 100 marks:**

	REQUIREMENT	SCORE
A	1. Overall Response	10
	 Demonstrated understanding of the requirement and objectives as well as completeness and coherence of response 	
В	2. Proposed Methodology and Approach	30
	• Quality of proposed approach	

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	Quality of proposed work plan	
	• Understanding of the concept, and importance of REDD+ and carbon	
	credit project.	
	The proposer should prove the ability to carry out the phases of	
	coming up with a project document and all the requisite steps up to	
	project registration and carbon trading	
C	3.Technical Capacity	40
	Relevance of experience with similar REDD+ and carbon credit projects and as per required qualifications. A proponent has to prove that he has prior experience in conducting feasibility studies for carbon stock assessments/ measurements as well as carbon trading Output Description:	
	 Capacity to develop and implement environmental and social safeguards 	
	 Understanding of national laws and management of environmental integrity 	
	 Qualifications of principal consultant and any team members as relevant 	
	Quality of previous work	
D	4. Project development timelines.	5
Е	5. Financial Proposals	15
	Total	100

The Commission will negotiate a lease with the responsive bidder with the highest number of Total Points and who is deemed responsible by the Commission.

In the event the responsive responsible bidder with the highest number of Total Points does not execute an agreement with the Commission, the Commission will negotiate a lease with the responsive responsible bidder with the next highest number of Total Points.

The successful bidder will be required to execute a lease agreement with the Commission and complete all paperwork necessary expeditiously. The Commission reserves the right to waive:

- Any defects as to form or content of the RFP or any responses submitted thereto;
- To reject any and all proposals submitted;
- To negotiate the terms of any proposal submitted; and to select the proposal which the Commission determines to be in the best interest of the Commission.

The Commission will not pay any costs incurred in the submission or preparation of a proposal or expenses incurred.

Review by the Special Procurement Oversight Committee

Section 54 of the Act provides for review by the Special Procurement Oversight Committee for certain especially sensitive or especially valuable contracts. This requirement will be subject to this review, referring to the thresholds contained in section 10(5) of and the Second Schedule to the Regulations. Three identical copies of the Bid Documents are required and

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that, two should be clearly marked "COPY" and the original must be clearly marked "ORIGINAL." Where the copies are not identical, the contents of the bid marked original will alone be considered.

Currency

Tenders should be priced in United States Dollars.

Award of Contract

The highest evaluated bid, after the application of any additional evaluation criteria, including any margin of preference, which is substantially responsive to the requirements of this Bidding Document will be recommended for award of the contract. The proposed award of contract will be by issue of a Notification of Contract Award in terms of section 55 of the Act which will be effective until signature of the contract documents in accordance with Part 3: Contract. Unsuccessful Bidders will receive the Notification of Contract Award and, if they consider they have suffered prejudice from the process, they may, within 14 days of receiving this Notification, submit to the Procuring Entity a Challenge in terms of section 73 of the Act, subject to payment of the applicable fee set out in section 44 of and the Third Schedule to the Regulations.

The contract will only be valid subject to payment of annual contract administration fees according to Part V of The regulations

Right to Reject

The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid or to cancel the procurement process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award.

Corrupt Practices

The Government of Zimbabwe requires that Procuring Entities, as well as Bidders and Contractors, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of contracts. In pursuit of this policy:

- 1. the Procuring Entity will reject a recommendation for award if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in competing for the Contract or has been declared ineligible to be awarded a procurement contract under section 99 of the Act;
- 2. the Authority may under section 72 (6) of the Act impose debarment and other sanctions under section 74 (1) of the Regulations; and
- 3. Any conflict of interest on the part of the Bidder must be declared.

A declaration is hereby made that this proposal is free, neutral and fair and it does not refer to any particular trademark or brand name, or to any patent or design, or to any producer or service provider.

MR ABEDINIGO MARUFU
DIRECTOR GENERAL
FORESTRY COMMISSION

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Date:....

DECLARATION BY THE BIDDER

solemnly declare PROJECTS AN	being the authorised representative of(Bidder's name) do hereby the following regarding tender number FC/REDD+/2022 FOR REDD+ D CARBON TRADING FOR MAFUNGAUTSI, NGAMO, SIKUMI,
GWAAI, CHIRI	NDA (RAIN FOREST
b. we did not	offer to pay a bribe to any employee of the Forestry Commission, a solicit or obtained confidential information, or attempted to obtain the purpose of obtaining an advantage over other bidders or potential bidders.
establish b	collude with any bidder/s before or after submission of our bid to bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels or depriving the Forestry on of the benefit of free and open competition,
d. no to their pro as to their honesty or censured of	ne of our Directors or employees has been convicted of an offence related of of sisted conduct or the making of false statements or misrepresentations qualifications, dishonesty, corruption, obstruction of justice or lack of business integrity in any country in the past five years or have been r subjected to any penalty in any country following disciplinary as arising out of any conduct involving the making of false statements or
e. that we h liquidation	ave the legal capacity to enter into a contract, that we are not insolvent, in or under judicial management, our affairs are not being administered by judicial officer and our business activities have not been suspended,
f. that we are	e not debarred in any country to participate in any tenders, and formation provided above and in our bid is true and correct.
Signature	Position:

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Scope of the Project

Guidelines for application to undertake REDD+ Projects in Forestry Commission's (FC) gazetted forests

- b) The proposer should demonstrate that the REDD+ project will contribute to:
 - i. reduction of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation
 - ii. sustainable management of forests
 - iii. conservation of carbon forest stocks and
 - iv. enhancement of forest carbon stocks

c) The proposer should be able to:

- Calculate estimations of carbon stocks which could be obtained using recognized and credible methods and sources. FC reserves the right to verify these figures using an independent person(s) should there be doubt or disagreements on figures presented.
- ii. Demonstrate how they will support FC to verify the declared figures through conducting vegetation surveys, carbon quantification, monitoring vegetation and carbon stock changes over time for the benefit of both the project and the state.
- iii. To amplify sustainable management of forests for both reduced carbon emissions, carbon stock enhancement and other co-benefits.
- iv. To facilitate that REDD+ activities deliver socio-economic benefits and contribute to livelihood improvement and ensure skills transfer to the Forestry Commission.
- v. Supply a list of partners they will be working with in the project, specifying their roles and responsibilities
- vi. Carry out an analysis of negative environmental, social and economic impacts that might be caused by implementing the project and the proposed mitigation measures/actions (including developing a comprehensive E&S Safeguards Management framework).
- vii. Secure internationally accepted certification such as Climate, Community and Biodiversity Standards (CCBS) or Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).
- viii. To take full responsibility of conversion of natural (indigenous) forests.

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- ix. To commence the project within one year of the offer by FC (the earlier the benefits accruing to FC and communities the better).
- x. Provide Source of forest development funds and project financial planning
- xi. Provide Stakeholder engagement plan to include free prior informed consent and grievance redress mechanism
- xii. Show benefit sharing mechanisms between project developer, FC, communities
- xiii. .Specify targeted standards (UNFCCC or voluntary standards) in view of reporting of the emissions reductions.

Administration, Monitoring, Reporting and Verification

Further issues and modalities of project implementation, monitoring and verification of the project will be communicated to successful bidders after all agreements have been entered into.

Project lots

LOT	GAZZETTED FORESTS	SIZE(ha)	Province
1	Mafungautsi	82 100	Midlands
2	Ngamo	102 900	Matabeleland North
3	Sikumi	54 400	Matabeleland North
4	Gwayi	144 265	Matabeleland North
5	Chirinda (rain forest)	950	Manicaland

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Bid Submission Sheet

{Note to Bidders: Complete this form with all the requested details and submit it as the first page of your Bid. Attach the Price Schedule and Statement of Methodology, Work Plan and Schedule together with any other documents requested in Part 1. Any variation from the Statement of Requirements should be indicated in the Statement of Methodology, Work Plan and Schedule, otherwise you commit to complying fully with these Requirements.

Ensure that your Bid is authorised in the signature block below. A signature and authorisation on this form will confirm that the terms and conditions of this Bid prevail over any attachments. If your Bid is not authorised, it may be rejected. If the Bidder is a Joint Venture (JV), the Bid must be signed by an authorized representative of the JV on behalf of the JV, and so as to be legally binding on all the members as evidenced by a power of attorney signed by their legally authorized representatives.

Bidders should mark as "CONFIDENTIAL" information in their Bids which is confidential to their business. This may include proprietary information, trade secrets, or commercial or financially sensitive information}.

Procurement Reference Number:
Subject of Procurement:
Name of Bidder:
Bidder's Reference Number:
Date of Bid:
We offer to perform the services listed in the Statement of Requirements to the indicated

we offer to perform the services listed in the Statement of Requirements to the indicated specifications and standards, at the prices indicated on the attached Price Schedule and in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in your Bidding Document referenced above.

We confirm that we meet the eligibility criteria specified in Part 1: Procedures of Bidding.

We declare that we are not debarred from bidding and that the documents we submit are true and correct.

The validity period of our bid is: 120 {days} from the date of submission.

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We confirm that the prices quoted in the attached Price Schedule are fixed and firm for the duration of the validity period and will not be subject to revision, variation or adjustment.

INFORMATION REQUEST SHEET

1 Rus	siness Organisation
	o/Business Structure
i.	Diagram of group structure
ii.	Details of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures
iii.	In relation to any former group companies, details of the name of each former
	company, the date on which and manner in which it ceased to be such a company
	and any continuing involvement with such company.
Share	holder information
i.	Details of shareholders
ii.	Shareholder rights and any consequence thereto as a result of change of ownership
iii.	Organisational Structure
iv.	Organisational chart including a description of divisions and branches and all
	offices and facilities
v.	Details of directors and senior managers including functions and CV's
vi.	Borrowings and financial agreements
vii.	Details of all bank accounts, loans and facilities
viii.	Details of hire purchase and other financing arrangements
ix.	Details of mortgages and other security arrangements
х.	Details of borrowing restrictions and covenants
xi.	Details of loans made
xii.	Details of off-balance sheet arrangements
xiii.	Details of guarantees, indemnities and letters of comfort provided
xiv.	Details of committed expenditure
1. Ass	ets and Liabilities
Prope	
Detail	s of all properties owned or leased, including any encumbrances to which the
	ty is subject
	ements
	ule of investments and basis of valuation
	s of investment income and investment reserves
Other	Assets
Detail	s of other assets including leased assets
	ctual Property (If any)
Detail	s of registrations of intellectual property rights owned or used

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Detail	s of all patents, trademarks, registered designs and copyright owned, applied for and
used	
	s of any intellectual property rights, licences or agreements owned by third parties
where	the use thereof is desired
Liabil	ities
i.	Schedule of creditors
ii.	Schedule of any liabilities not covered above
iii.	Schedule of provisions reasons thereof
Busin	ess issues
i.	Overview including Business plans and 5-year Forecasts
ii.	Overview of the historical development of the company, including the evolution of
	its client base and market
iii.	Overview of current operations
3. Ma	nagement Information and internal Controls
i.	Audited Statutory Accounts
ii.	Audited summary accounts for the last five years
iii.	Accounting policies and details or any recent changes therein
iv.	Management projections for the next 3-5years
4. Leg	gal issues.
i.	Any. Material litigation, historic or current?
ii.	Copies of CIBA (Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws)
iii.	Any other material agreements or documents including acquisitions, divestitures or
	any other negotiations, copies of previous due-diligence, valuations, etc
iv.	Material leases
v.	Loan documents for finance and credit facilities
vi.	Insurance policies
vii.	Copies of last 5 Best Business plans 76

Bid Authorised by:

Signature		Name:	
Position:		Date:	(DD/MM /YY)
Authorised	for and on behalf of:		
Company			
Address:			

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	List of Sei	rvices and Pi	rice Schedul	e	
Procure	ement Reference Number: _				
Bidder'	's Name:				
Bidder'	s Reference Number:				
	Bidders: Complete the currence mulisted below.	cy of your qu	otation and	the unit and t	otal rates for
Currence	cy of Quotation/Contract:				
Item No ¹	Description of Services	Input Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Rate	Total Price ²
			Other add	itional costs	
			VAT		

Note 1: Lots and packages should be shown as separate items.

Note 2: Include any additional costs, such as hire or purchase of equipment to perform the services.

Total

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Proposed Methodology, Work Plan and Schedule

{State the methodology and work plan you would propose to complete the required Services, the associated resources and the schedule for commencement and completion.}

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Bid-Securing Declaration

{The Bidder must fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions indicated, where it has been stated in the Bidding Procedures that a Bid-Securing Declaration is a requirement of bidding}.

Procurement Reference number:	
Date:	[date (in day, month and year format)]
Bidder's Reference Number:	
To: {full name of Procuring Entity}	

We, the undersigned, declare that:

We understand that, according to the terms and conditions of your bidding documents, bids must be supported by a Bid-Securing Declaration.

We accept that we may be debarred from being eligible for bidding for any contract with a Procuring Entity in Zimbabwe for a period to be determined by the Authority, if we are in breach of our obligation(s) under the bidding conditions, because:

- (a) we have withdrawn our Bid during the period of Bid validity; or
- (b) having been notified of the acceptance of our Bid by the Procuring Entity during the period of bid validity, we fail or refuse to execute the Contract.

We understand this Bid Securing Declaration will expire if we are not the successful Bidder, upon our receiving your notification to us of the name of the successful Bidder; or twenty-eight days after the expiration of our Bid, whichever is the earlier.

Signed		Name :	
In capacity o	f:	Date:	(DD/MM /YY)
Duly authori	sed for and on behalf of:		
Company			
	•••		
Address:			
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Corporate Seal (where appropriate)

{Note: In case of a Joint Venture, the Bid Securing Declaration must be in the name of all partners to the Joint Venture that submits the Bid.}

Part 3: Contract

CONTRACT AGREEMENT

{to be send to bidders.}