



JAMAICA SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND

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Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Cycle (BNTF 10) Lowe River Primary Special Education Block Construction Project

INVITATION TO BID

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) has received funding from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in the amount of US\$8,250,000 towards the cost of the Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Cycle (BNTF 10). The Jamaica Social Investment Fund as the Executing Agency intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Grant to cover payments under contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOJ 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 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 GOJ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Jamaica Social Investment Fund, the Executing Agency, now invites bids from eligible bidders for ***Lowe River Primary Special Education Block Construction Project***.

Scope of Works

The Construction of:

- 2 Classrooms 24'x24'
- Administrative Office with Bathroom – 20'x24'
- 24'x24' Bathroom – Male and Female each 4-seater
- Basement Storage area — 24'x24'
- 3 Car Parking Area
- Retaining Wall – Varying Height

The duration of the Works is six (6) months.

Qualification requirements include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Available dedicated financial resources in the sum of Thirteen Million Jamaican Dollars (\$13,000,000.00) - a letter from an authorized financial institution — No financial statements are required. The letter must be project specific.
- b. Experience as a prime contractor for at least 3 assignments within the last five (5) years. To comply with the requirement, works cited should be at least 80 percent complete. Contact information of client should be included for verification purposes.
- c. Clerk of Works, i.e A Site Supervisor/Foreman (i.e.) site supervisor with at least 10 years' experience, with at least 3 years as a supervisor, and at least 3 assignments of a similar nature,

scope, and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity (i.e., construction of building infrastructure, construction of on-site tertiary wastewater treatment systems) (include resume).

- d. Bidding 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 supplier's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Jamaican Dollars (J\$150,000.00)**.

The bidding process is conducted according to the procedures specified in *the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021), as published on CDB's website* and is open to all bidders from eligible countries.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB. Bidders are advised to review the relevant 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*.

Firms whether applying 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 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.

Eligibility requirements include, but are not limited to the following:

- (a) All Bidders and their named sub-contractors participating in Public Sector procurement opportunities shall include in their bid, proof of being tax compliant by including in their submission a ***valid Tax Compliance Certificate (TCC) or Tax Compliance Letter (TCL) and validation update*** from the relevant authority. (See www.jamaicatax.gov.jm).

Bidding documents will be available for download as of **Tuesday, May 6, 2025**, on the Government of Jamaica Electronic Procurement website at www.gojep.gov.jm

Bid must be submitted online via www.gojep.gov.jm on or before **June 6, 2025**, at 12:00 noon. Late Bids will be automatically rejected by the system.

To participate in the opportunity, the bidder must first be registered on the Government's Electronic Procurement System@ www.gojep.gov.jm

For assistance with registration on the Government of Jamaica Electronic Procurement (GOJEP) portal, please contact the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, Help Desk at (876) 932-5220 or via email at oppcustomercare@mof.gov.jm.

For additional information about GOJEP, please send email to mofprocure@mof.gov.jm

JSIF 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 **JSIF action**. JSIF will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

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