

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

EDUCATION FOR ALL – FAST TRACK INITIATIVE CATALYTIC TRUST FUND

GRANT NO: TF092755

PROCUREMENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING MATERIALS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

IFB NO. GSL/EFA-FTI/MEYS/09/01

1. The Government of Sierra Leone has received funds from the International Development Association *acting as Administrator of grant funds provided by the Education for All – Fast Track Initiative Catalytic (EFA-FTI) Trust Funds* toward the cost of an Education Sector Development Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this fund to payments under the Contract for Procurement of Teaching and Learning Materials for Primary Schools.

2. The Government of Sierra Leone now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of Teaching and Learning Materials for primary Schools as per the following lots:

Lot 1. Pencils, Pens, Rulers and Erasers;

Lot 2. Geometry Sets;

Lot 3. Exercise Books;

Lots 4, 5 & 6. Supplementary Readers.

Bidders are allowed to quote for one or more lots, but number of lots to be awarded to any bidder shall depend on assessed capacity.

4. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 9:00am to 4:00 pm from Mondays to Fridays.

6. Qualifications requirements include: Experience, Financial situation, etc. A margin of preference for certain goods manufactured domestically "shall not", be applied. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon

payment of a non refundable fee of Three Hundred Thousand Sierra Leone Leones (SL Le. 300,000.00) for national bidders and One Hundred United States Dollars (UD\$ 100) for international bidders. Bidders who want bidding documents to be posted to them must pay an additional One Hundred and fifty thousand Leones for national bidders and One hundred United States Dollars for international bidders. The method of payment will be by Cash. The Bidding Documents will be sent by DHL or other courier services for those who pay the additional cost. Bidding documents shall not be obtained electronically.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 12:00 noon GMT on Monday, 31st, August 2009. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 12:00 noon GMT on Monday, 31st, August, 2009.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as follows:

Lot 1. - SL Le 48,000,000 (Forty eight million leones) or equivalent in a freely convertible currency

Lot 2. - SL Le 85,000,000 (Eighty five million leones) or equivalent in a freely convertible currency

Lot 3. - SL Le 25,500,000 (Twenty five million, five hundred thousand leones) or equivalent in a freely convertible currency

Lots 4, 5 & 6. - SL Le 70,000,000 (Seventy million leones) each or equivalent in a freely convertible currency

9. The address(s) referred to above are:

For bid submission and clarification purposes:

The Procurement Manager,
Ministry of Education Youth and Sports,
2nd Floor, Administrative Building, New England, Freetown
Tel: 076-610494/033-465609
Email: abubakarrcarew@yahoo.com

For bid opening purposes:

The Conference Room,
2nd Floor, Administrative Building,
Ministry of Education Youth and Sports, New England, Freetown.

