Country: Sierra Leone

Name of Project: Upgrading of Regional Integration Roads Project in Sierra Leone

(Kailahun-Koindu-Guinea-Liberia Border Roads)

Sector: Transport
Mode of Financing: Grant

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GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Government of Sierra Leone has received a grant in the amount of US\$ 35.10 million equivalent from the African Development Bank towards the cost of the Rehabilitation of the Kailahun – Koindu – Koindu – Guinea and Liberia Border Roads and Construction of the Peace Bridge at Yenga, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, and related consulting services to be procured under this Project. This Programme will be jointly financed by the African Development Bank (AfDB), and Government of Sierra Leone.

The purpose of the Programme is to strengthen the sub-regional integration and trade in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia. The Programme will: (i) improve the level of service of the Kailahun - Koindu Liberia/Guinea border roads (64 km) and Putuken-John Davies Town (50 km) on the Fish Town-Zwedru axis; (ii) improve safety and crossing conditions of the Makona River on the Sierra Leone-Guinea border; (iii) improve accessibility and living conditions for people on the Programme's zone; and (iv) support building of a portfolio of future road projects through road studies.

The project will include the following four (4) components:

Component 1: Upgrading Climate Resilience Road and Bridge and New Road Studies: This component will involve: (i) Studies of the 27km Gueckedou-Nongoa-SL border road section in Guinea; (ii) Studies of the 80 km Voinjama-Kolahun-Mendikoma road section in Liberia; (iii) Studies of 90km (Bo-Yele-Matotoka) road section in Sierra Leone; (iv) Climate-resilient development and asphalting of the 25km Kailahun-Koindu-Liberia and Guinea borders road section in Sierra Leone; (v) Climate-resilient construction of a 0.25km bridge 'Peace Bridge' over the Makona River between Guinea and Sierra Leone; (vi) Climate resilient reinforcement and asphalting of road section Putuken— John Davies Town (50 km) in Liberia; (vii) Works and Environmental mitigation measures in the 3 countries; (viii) Control and Monitoring of works in the 3 countries; (ix) Raising awareness on HIV/AIDS, Ebola, gender-based violence, social mobilization, environmental protection, climate change nutrition and road safety, and COVID-19 in the 3 countries; and (x) Release of rights of way (expropriations) and monitoring of the implementation of Environmental measures in the three (3) countries.

<u>Component 2: Integrated Support</u>: The component it will involve the following activities: (i) Construction of market in Koindu in Sierra Leone; (ii) Construction of market and boreholes facilities in Liberia; (iii) Support to two (2) Health Centers; (iv) Implementation of gender action plan in Sierra Leone; (v) Empowerment and capacity building of farmers and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to better engage in commercial activities, assess climate risks and opportunities and deploy climate-smart agricultural practices in Liberia.

<u>Component 3: Transport and Trade Facilitation</u>: This component will support: (i) a Study on needs assessment of trade facilitation, including streamlining of border and corridor procedures and processes of the Programme and development of transit zones; (ii) Inter-agency coordination platform, sensitisation, and training of customs officials; and (iii) Technical Assistant support to Mano River Union Secretariat in Procurement.

<u>Component 4: Programme Management:</u> This component will support: (i) Socio-economic impact monitoring/evaluation; (ii) Monitoring the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) including Annual Environmental and Social Safeguards Performance and Programme Compliance Audit; (iii) Technical and Road Safety Audit; (iv) Accounting and Financial Audit; (v) Institutional Support and Professional Training Course for sector engineers and PIU; (vi) Equipment of the Executing/Implementing Agencies (vehicles, computer equipment and furniture); (vii) Functioning of the Implementing Agencies; and (viii) Functioning of the Joint Technical Committee.

Procurement of goods, civil works and consulting services shall be conducted through the will be carried out in accordance with the "Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group Funded Operations" (BPM), dated October 2015 and following the provisions stated in the Financing Agreements.

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be procured under the AfDBs International Competitive Bidding (ICB) and for contracts for consultancy services will be announced, as they become available, in <u>AfDB external Website</u>, <u>UNDB online or DgMarket websites Website</u> and the SLRA website at <u>slra-gov.org</u>, at least 3 widely read local newspapers and other communication media in Sierra Leone and some embassies and consulates in Sierra Leone.

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works and consulting services for the above mentioned project, or those requiring additional information should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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