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**Subject: No Objection: Clearance of Bid Evaluation Report for Construction/Rehabilitation of 290Km Access Roads and Bridges in Six Lots under Agriculture Infrastructure and Value Chain Development Project (CMR1011)**

Please refer to your letter no. 596/AIVDP/PC/PO/10/2023 on the above subject matter dated 30 October 2023.

The IsDB has completed the review of the Bid Evaluation Report for the Construction/Rehabilitation of 290km of Access Roads and Bridges in 6 lots under the subject project. In this regard, I am pleased to convey IsDB's No Objection to the clearance of the Bid Evaluation Report and recommendation for the award of the contracts as follows:

Description	Contractor	Contract Amount (FCFA)
Lot 1: Construction/Rehabilitation of 290Km of Access Roads and Bridges in some localities of the Southwest	Chariot Company Limited	1,445,943,960
Lot 2: Construction/Rehabilitation of 290Km of Access Roads and Bridges in some localities of the Southwest	MAF Holding Incorporation	1,999,546,854
Lot 3: Construction/Rehabilitation of 290Km of Access Roads and Bridges in some localities of the Southwest	Executive Dream	1,028,680,127
Lot 4: Construction/Rehabilitation of 290Km of Access Roads and Bridges in some localities of the Southwest	Emerging Engineering	1,196,649,950
Lot 5: Construction/Rehabilitation of 290Km of Access Roads and Bridges in some localities of the Southwest	Union Enterprise	1,639,271,568
Lot 6: Construction/Rehabilitation of 290Km of Access Roads and Bridges in some localities of the Southwest	George & Jerry Company Limited	1,528,007,500

The no objection and recommendation for the award of the contracts is subject to the PMU addressing the comments in Annex 1. Furthermore, you are kindly requested to ensure that all procurement-related complaints are satisfactorily resolved before submission of the draft contracts.

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You are also invited to proceed to the Notification of Intention to award, standstill period, debriefing, and contract award as per the respective clauses 43; 42; 46; and 45 of the Instructions to Bidders of the Bidding Document used in the selection process.

We look forward to the successful completion of the Agriculture Infrastructure & Value Chain Development Project.

**Javed Khan**  
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The EA/PMU shall be kindly requested to:

1. note that the evaluation of technical responsiveness under Table 5B of the BER is also applicable to the works contract, so long as those requirements are set the bidding documents are approved and issued to bidders.
2. ensure that the bids will remain valid up to the time the IsDB finalizes the review process and approval to award the contracts.
3. ensure that the recommended bidders possess the required resources to execute the contract due to the time taken between the bidding process and the approval of the BER.
4. ensure that the recommended bidders have their bid securities updated and extended accordingly using the Bank standard template and wordings.
5. insert Table 5B. (Preliminary Examination – Technical Responsiveness) as it is missing in BER 1 document. The Bid Evaluation Committee shall also assess (if not done earlier) and properly fill out Table 5B and evaluation shall be explicitly based on requirements and technical specifications of issued Bidding Documents.
6. confirm that the IsDB's no-objection for extension(s) of bid validity was obtained. For reference, please see para 3.2 (d), Annex A of Bank's *Guidelines for the Procurement of Goods, Works and Related Services under IsDB Project Financing including Procurement*, April 2019 edition, revised in Feb 2023 (hereinafter referred to the "Procurement Guidelines"). It says that *the EA shall seek the Bank's no-objection for extension for first extension of bid validity **if it is longer than 45 days** and for all subsequent request for extension irrespective of days.*
7. If the IsDB's no-objection was **not** sought for extension of bids validity, then the EA/PMU shall submit a filled-out Annex II form due to non-compliance (record of bid opening template and extension issue). Annex II is available at IsDB's *Guidance Note on Non-Compliance in Procurement for IsDB financed procurement*, Nov 2019 edition.
8. elaborate why the IsDB's standard template for Record of Bid Opening was not used. (template is available at <https://www.isdb.org/project-procurement/documents> accessed on 7 November 2023).
9. confirm that the requirements ITB 31.2 of issued Bidding were complied with. **Evidence shall be provided.** Please also see ITB 31 (Correction of arithmetical errors).
10. ensure that the requirements of ITB 40.1 (Bid Offering the Most Value for Money) of issued Bidding Documents were followed.
11. ensure that successful Bidders are **not** in the IsDB's list of Debarred Firm, UN Sanctions List, and Cross-Debarment list of MDBs.
12. make sure that the compliance with IsDB Group Integrity Policy obligations and requirements contained in the Section VI - IsDB Policy - Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices of issued BD are strictly followed.
13. ensure that there are **no** pending procurement-related complaint(s). If the EA/Beneficiary has received a challenge from an unsuccessful bidder, the EA/Beneficiary shall not proceed with contract(s) award until the challenge has been addressed and/or suitably resolved.
14. check and correct the contract award amount for Lot 2. In Table 12 of revised BER it is FCFA 1,999,546,845, while in recommendations of the EA's transmission letter (dated 30 October 2023) it is FCFA 1,999,546,854.

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15. check and correct contract award amount for Lot 6. In Table 12 of the revised BER it is FCFA 1,524,488,700, while in recommendations of the EA's transmission letter (dated 30 October 2023), it is FCFA 1,528,007,500.
16. share with us detailed minutes of the Evaluation Committee. The accuracy and adequacy of Evaluation Committee minutes is important as government authorities, IsDB, and Bidders firms may request a formal debriefing during the Standstill Period.
17. to seek the clearance of the Compliance Division.
18. the debarment of 6 bidders by the Bank for one year shall be notified to the National Public Procurement Regulatory Authority.
19. As per clause 45.1 of the Instructions to Bidders of the Bidding Document, the EA must ensure that the contracts are awarded before the expiration of the Bid validity period and upon expiry of the Standstill Period, specified in ITB 42.1 or any extension thereof, and upon satisfactorily addressing any complaint that has been filed within the Standstill Period.
20. As per clause 45.2 of the Instructions to Bidders of the Bidding document, within ten (10) Business Days after the date of transmission of the Letter of Acceptance, the Employer shall publish the Contract Award Notice as per the template attached to the Jira ticket.
21. submit the final version of BER.