

DAR RAPID TRANSIT AGENCY



RE ADVERTISEMENT FOR TENDER NO. AE/053/2015/2016/NC/14

FOR PROCUREMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER FOR SUPPLY, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ADDITIONAL BUSES FOR THE DART SYSTEM

Invitation to Tender

Date: Friday, 5th May, 2017

1. This Invitation to Tender follows the General Procurement Notice Issue 33 dated 16 August 2016 which appeared in Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Journal and Tenders' Portal of September, 2015 and the Invitation to Tender dated 20th June 2016 which is replaced by this Invitation to Tender.
2. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania is intending to procure a long term (12 years) concession bus operator to supply, operate and maintain additional buses for the Dar Rapid Transit (**DART**) system after handing over access to recently completed Bus Rapid Transit (**BRT**) infrastructure which includes 5 terminals, 27 stations, 4 feeder stations, 3 connector stations, 3 pedestrian bridges, 1 depot and 21 kilometres of busways.
3. Operation of the BRT under an interim services contract, which is intended to demonstrate BRT prototype services, has commenced since 16th May 2016.
4. The purpose of issuing the request for qualification (**RFQ**) is to enable the DART Agency to qualify interested applicants who wish to be involved in project phase 1, by assessing whether they fulfil the DART Agency's qualification requirements, it is intended that the RFQ and subsequent processes will be conducted in a transparent and open manner in order to ensure that all eligible and interested applicants are given equal opportunities to compete in providing services, ensure fairness in procurement process, value for money, demonstrate economy and efficiency in the operation of the bus rapid transit project and finally ensuring that the DART Agency's achieve its objectives intended in the operation of phase 1. The qualification process will identify a short-list of qualified applicants, who will be invited to submit detailed technical and financial offer at a later stage.
5. The objective of the RFQ includes ensuring that those interested applicants who successfully qualify:
 - (a) have the financial prerequisites; and
 - (b) have an established track record in relevant operations as to enable the interested applicant to successfully provide the required services.

6. The DART Agency now invites Application for Qualification (**AFQ**) from eligible applicants for the supply, operation and maintenance of buses equipped with validators and driver's consoles compatible with the AFCS and ITS, in line with quantities and specifications to be provided by the DART Agency (indicatively up to 160 18-meter buses for trunk operations and up to 30 12-meter buses for feeder operations); and the provision of bus services for a period of 12 years according to line description and frequency as decided by the DART Agency. Tendering will be conducted through the international "competitive tendering" "solicited proposal" selection procedure specified in the Public Private Partnership Act 2010 (as amended) and Public Private Partnership Regulations 2015.
7. Interested eligible applicants may obtain further information from and inspect the RFQ documents at the office of the **Secretary, DART Agency Tender Board, P.O. Box 724, Dar es Salaam, 2nd Floor, LAPF Tower, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel. No: (255) 22 – 2700486** from 09.00 – 15.30 hours local time on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
8. A complete set of RFQ documents may be purchased by interested applicants on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 7 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of TZS 500,000 (equivalent to USD 230). Payment should either be by cash, or banker's draft payable to Dar Rapid Transit Agency.

(Applicants who have paid under the initial Invitation to Tender dated 20th June 2016, which is replaced by this Invitation to Tender, shall be entitled to a complete set of RFQ documents without additional payment).
9. Subject to any changes in the RFQ, it is currently intended that in accordance with the Public Private Partnership Regulations 2015:
 - (a) all AFQ documents must be delivered on or before **Friday 16th June 2017**;
 - (b) a Request for Proposals (**RFP**) shall be issued to all shortlisted applicants on or before **Monday 3rd July 2017**; and
 - (c) all RFP proposals must be delivered on or before **Wednesday 6th September, 2017**.

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