Section I. Invitation for Bids

Monrovia, Liberia

31 January 2023

Re: Construction of Boreholes and Water Towers

LIB/IFAD/TCEP-I/WC-003/21-22

- 1. The Government of Liberia has received a loan from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to finance the Tree Crop Extension Project (TCE-I) The Government intends to apply part of the proceeds of the project for eligible payments under contract for Procurement of the construction of boreholes and water towers
- 2. TCEP-I includes an IFAD loan of US\$ 13 million and an Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP) grant of US\$ 4.5 million. The project will work towards developing a viable and sustainable smallholder cocoa sub-sector in Liberia's main producing belt.
- 3. The employer now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (bidders) for execution and completion of the **construction of boreholes and water towers**, *which are being bid as a unit price contract based on the bill of quantities*¹.
- 4. This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to participate. Subject to restrictions stipulated in the bidding document. Eligible entities may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the works.
- 5. The works and the contract expected to be awarded are two lots as detailed below

Lot Number	Description	Unit	Location
1	Construction of Boreholes	2	Seed Garden in Buu Yao, Nimba County
2	Construction of water towers	2	Seed garden in Buu Yao, Nimba County

A contractor will be selected using the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method, in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook which can be accessed at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The NCB process, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award. Please note that a pre-bid conference will be held on 8 February 2023 at 10: 00 AM in the Media Room of the PMU, Ministry of Agriculture, Libsuco Compound, LPRC Road, Gardersville, Monrovia. A mandatory site visit will be held

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- **on February 10,2023** 10:00 AM in Buu Yao, Nimba County. The pre-bid conference and site visit are also clearly described in the bid data sheet (BDS), Section III of the bidding document.
- 1. Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall purchase the bidding document against payment of a non-refundable fee of 50.00 United States Dollars (Fifty United States Dollars) by sending an e-mail or letter, giving full contact details of the bidder, to the following point of contact. This will ensure that the bidders receive updates regarding this bidding document.

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- 2. Bids must be delivered to the address and in the manner specified in the BDS ITB 22.1, no later than 17 *February 2023 at 1:00pm*.
- 3. Bidders should be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstance and will be returned unopened at the written request and cost of the bidder. All bids must be accompanied by a bid securing declaration (as required) in the manner and amount specified in the Bid Data Sheet.
- 4. Please note that electronic bids *shall not* be accepted.

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