

REQUEST FOR MARKET FEEDBACK

(INTERNATIONAL CIVILWORKS CONTRACTORS)

Central Cross Island Road Upgrading Project, Samoa

Introduction

1. The Government of the Independent State of Samoa is proposing to upgrade the existing Central Cross Island Road (CCIR) through funding from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The Ministry of Finance (MOF) will be the Executing Agency and the Land Transport Authority (LTA) the Implementing Agency.
2. On behalf of the government and as part of its procurement planning process, the LTA is hereby soliciting market feedback and expressions of interest from potential international civil works contracting firms. Summary details of the intended civil works scope follow, as well as the type of information requested. Firms are kindly requested to provide feedback by **5:00 pm Samoa time, Friday 23 November 2018**.

The Project

3. The CCIR is approximately 22km in length, being the key arterial road connecting the West Coast Road in Apia with the South Coast Road in Siumu. It is proposed to carry out upgrading of 20km of the CCIR from the intersection with Ififi Street in Apia, to the intersection with the South Coast Road.
4. The existing road is typically steep, winding, and narrow. The pavement is generally considered to have reached the end of its serviceable design life. Full pavement reconstruction is therefore required. Civil works activities will additionally include road widening (from current 4.5 to 5.0m width to 7.0m), grade and alignment improvements, utility relocation (power, communications, and water), drainage and road safety improvements, and new tie-ins to all existing side roads and driveways. No major retaining or drainage structures (including bridges) are currently envisaged.
5. The works consist of urban and rural road areas of about 4.5km and 15.5km respectively. In addition to the above stated, it is expected that the urban road section will be asphaltic concrete (AC) surfaced, include full-length kerbs (no shoulders) and concrete footpaths, bus-bays, pedestrian crossings, and street lighting. The urban road drainage network will be fully piped. The rural road section is planned to be chip seal surfaced, and include 2.0m wide granular shoulders and open side drains. Numerous cross drains for road drainage will be required.
6. Four distinct road sections of about total length 4km will be excluded from full-width upgrading (minor road safety improvements only). One section of about 0.5km is within the urban area, and the three-remaining (0.5km, 0.5km, 2.5km) distributed over the length of the rural component.

Implementation

7. Civil works bidding is planned to be carried out over Q3/Q4 2019, with construction commencement planned for Q1 2020.
8. Open competitive bidding (OCB), under ADB's 2017 Procurement Policy and associated 2017 Procurement Regulations, will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: One-Envelope (1S1E) procedure. Further details can be found at <https://www.adb.org/site/business-opportunities/operational-procurement/goods-services/bidding-procedures>. The bidding period is planned to occur over Q3 & Q4 2019.
9. International contractors may associate with national contractors in the form of a joint venture.
10. Through the OCB exercise, released subsequent to this Request for Market Feedback, interested firms will be required to demonstrate (i) eligibility to bid for ADB-funded projects, (ii) experience in similar construction projects carried out in the past five years, (iii) experience in similar environments, (iv) availability of appropriate technical personnel and equipment and capacity to complete the works within the given time period, and (v) availability of suitable financial resources. This information is not required at this time; it will be further defined during the subsequent bid stage.
11. Numerous quarry material sources are locally available, subject to satisfactory material compliance and appropriate government permitting.
12. The road will need to remain open for public use throughout construction. Opportunities for off-route traffic diversions can be expected to be limited.
13. Standard environmental and social safeguards policies of the government and ADB will apply.

Market Feedback/Expressions of Interest

14. As part of the procurement planning process, the LTA is considering dividing the civil works into several separate contracts. Information from interested firms is sought in order to aid in this overall decision making process.
15. Tentatively, the LTA is considering contract packages ranging in total value from about US\$3 million to US\$9 million, and road length of about 2.5 to 10 km.
16. Potential firms should firstly confirm their interest in the project.
17. Interested firms should additionally comment on the abovementioned tentative packaging. Firms are encouraged to elaborate as much as possible, offer suggestions, and propose suitable contract durations for the consideration of the client.
18. Please provide feedback by email or email attachment only to maverick@lta.gov.ws copy to malcolm.esera@lta.gov.ws.