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**LS-Maseru: Construction of bridges and gravel access
roads for Metolong dam and water supply programme (EIB)
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Metolong Authority

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho

Metolong Dam Water Supply Programme

MA-GOL-EIB-02

Construction of Bridges and Gravel Access Roads for Metolong Dam Water Supply Programme.

1. The Government of Lesotho has received a loan from the European Investment Bank (EIB) towards the implementation of Metolong Dam and Water Supply Programme (MDWSP). The main aim is to secure potable water supply to the greater Maseru area and surrounding towns through the construction of the Metolong Dam and associated water supply infrastructure for MDWSP. As part of the programme, the Government, acting through the Metolong Authority (the "Employer"), intends to apply a portion of the Loan from the European Investment Bank towards construction of Bridges and access roads within the MDWSP area. Any payments made under the proposed contract will be subject, in all restrictions, on the use of EIB funding and conditions to the disbursements of same funding. No party other than the Government and the Employer shall derive any rights from the funding or have any claim to the proceeds of EIB Funding.
2. The Metolong Authority (MA) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for construction of Bridges and Access Roads.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the open procedure (OP) specified in the European Investment Bank, Guide to Procurement - 2004 and is open to all interested qualified tenderers.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from: Mr. Lebekoane Ntoi (e-mail: <mailto:lebekoane.ntoi@metolong.org.ls>.) at the Metolong Authority offices situated at Red Cross Building, 29 Mabile Road, Old Europa Maseru, Kingdom of Lesotho and may inspect the Bidding Documents which will be available from Monday May 30, 2011 at the address given below from 8:30 hours to 16:00 hours local time:
Metolong Authority
Red Cross Building
29 Mabile Road
Old Europa
Maseru
Kingdom of Lesotho
5. Qualifications requirements include: evidence of previous successful completion of Bridges and gravel roads construction.
6. A margin of preference shall not be applied.

7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address above and upon payment of a non refundable fee of LSL1,000.00 (Lesotho Loti One thousand only) or an equivalent amount in freely convertible currency. The method of payment shall be through Bank transfer to the following Bank account.
Account Name: LWSIP METOLONG DAM AND WATER SUPPLY
Account Type: Current Account
Account No. 021000051052
Bank Name: Nedbank Lesotho
Branch Name: Maseru
Branch Code: 390161
Swift Code: NEDLLSMX
The document will be sent by courier for those who will not be able to collect them.
8. A mandatory site meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st June 2011 at the Metolong Dam site with a preliminary meeting at Mmelesi Lodge Thaba-Bosiu, situated along the main road to Metolong Dam at 9:00 hours local time.
9. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 19th of July 2011 at 11:00 hours local time. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at 11:30 hours local time. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Security of LSL 150,000.00 (Lesotho Loti One hundred fifty Thousand only) or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency, Tax clearance certificates (either original or copy certified at source) and trader's licence (either original or copy certified at source).
10. The address referred to above is for the attention of:
Metolong Authority, Chief Executive Officer, Red Cross Building, 29 Mabile Road, Old Europa, Maseru, Kingdom of Lesotho.