

## Invitation for Bids

*Juba, South Sudan*

*October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023*

**Re: Supply and installation of solar system in the five Counties.**

1. The Government of South Sudan has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards implementation of the South Sudan Livelihood and Resilience Project (SSLRP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the financing to procure **solar panels, accessories, and installation in five Counties**. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with **South Sudan Livelihood and Resilience Project (SSLRP)**.

2. The SSLRP goal is to *contribute to improved and resilient livelihoods among the targeted Rural Communities*. The Project Development Objective is to empower communities to participate in decision-making processes that will recover agriculture livelihoods, build household resilience and promote stability.

3. This invitation for bids (IFB) follows the general procurement notice that appeared in the **City Review newspaper on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**, on the IFAD website and on the United Nations Development Business website (UNDB) on **September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

4. *The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (bidders) for the **supply and installation of solar panels, accessories in the five Counties to be delivered and installed to the following locations: Torit County (CAD office), Bor County (VSF-G Office), Magwi County (CAD office), Kajo-Keji County (CAD office), and Terekeka County (VSF-G office) on November 31<sup>st</sup> 2023**. More details on these goods and related services are provided in the schedule of requirements in this bidding document.*

5. This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to respond. Subject to restrictions noted in the bidding document, eligible entities may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the procurement.

6. Bidding will be conducted using the **National competitive bidding (NCB)** method, the evaluation procedure for which is described in this bidding document, in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook which is provided at [www.ifad.org/project-procurement](http://www.ifad.org/project-procurement). The NCB process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

7. Please note that a pre-bid conference **will not be held** as described in the bid data sheet (BDS), Section III of the bidding document.

8. Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall purchase the bidding document against payment of a non-refundable fee of ***USD 30 dollars or an Equivalent of SSP 30,000***. Bidding documents can be obtained by sending an e-mail or letter, giving full contact details of the bidder, to the following point of contact: Email: **lukaakwai1@gmail.com**. This will ensure that the bidders receive updates regarding this bidding document.

9. Bids must be delivered to the address and in the manner specified in the bid data sheet – instructions to bidders 23.2, no later than **3:00pm October 20<sup>th</sup> 2023, South Sudan local time**.

10. Bidders shall 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.

11. Please note that electronic bids [**shall not**] be accepted.

Yours sincerely,

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