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REGIONAL IMPACT PROJECT (RIP)

PRE-SOLICITATION NOTICE

PRE-SOLICITATION NO: R-002-08

The Louis Berger Group, Inc. (LBGI), the USAID contractor for the GEM Program, intends to seek proposals from prequalified organizations interested in providing services for the proposed Jolo Airport Runway Improvement Subproject. The proposed Subproject will improve the existing paved runway of the Jolo Airport which has a total length of approximately 1, 845 meters consisting of two sections: 1st Section - Asphalt and 2nd Section - Elevated PCC paved runway. The Asphalt paved runway section (1st Section) has a total length of 1,275 meters with a variable width of 18-30 meters. It is to be replaced by a PCCP runway with a width of 30 meters. Between the end of this section and the beginning of the elevated PCC paved runway, an earth mound of approximately 23 meters length was placed to prevent soil erosion at the edge of the elevated PCC runway. A 1,252 meter length of the 1st Section constitutes the present usable length of the airport. The 2nd Section or unused PCC paved runway section has a total length of 570 meters with a width of 45 meters and is generally found to be in good condition. However, this section was constructed at a higher elevation than the existing asphalt paved runway and a less steep gradient, and needs to be partially removed and reconstructed to connect and align with the 1st Section. The elevation difference of the two sections is approximately 4 meters.

The construction of this proposed subproject is estimated to begin in October 2008. It is expected that the proposed improvements will be completed in 9 months.

The works will involve the following:

A. 1st Section – Replacement and Widening of the Existing Asphalt Pavement Runway.

A.1 Supply labor and equipment to remove the earth mound and the existing asphalt surface. All suitable material removed from the asphalt surface will be reused as cement recycled sub-base materials; where these are not sufficient, crushed stone will be placed; haul and dispose all excess and/or unsuitable materials; and,

A.2 Supply plant, equipment, labor and materials to construct and complete sub-grade preparation, placing and compacting of sub-base structural layer and placing of PCC with a total length of 1275 meters and a width of 30 meters.

B. 2nd Section – Removal and Reconstruction a Portion of the Existing PCC Paved Elevated Runway.

B.1 Supply labor and equipment to remove the existing PCC surface with a length of approximately 300 meters. Haul and dispose all material removed from the PCC surface; and,

B.2 Supply plant, equipment, labor and materials to construct and complete sub-grade preparation, placing and compacting of sub-base structural layer and placing of PCC with a length of approximately 300 meters and a width of 30 meters.

The estimated price of this subproject is between US$1,000,000 – US$2,500,000. LBGI anticipates awarding a firm fixed unit-price contract. Bidding and contracting procedures will be governed by the Federal Acquisition Regulations which can be accessed via http://www.arnet.gov/far. The Invitation for Bids (IFB) and other relevant information required for the submission of a bid will be posted in this website. Interested parties are advised to periodically check the GEM website for updates concerning this procurement. Inquiries by telephone regarding this RFP will not be entertained. Responses to the IFB will be due approximately 30 days after its release.

Prequalified bidders are advised that contract award is subject to the approval of USAID and that this pre-solicitation notice in no way obligates LBGI to award a contract, nor does it commit LBGI to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of the proposal. Furthermore, LBGI reserves the right to reject any and all bids. It should be noted that prequalification of subcontractors is an on-going process, and interested firms can obtain information for prequalification in the GEM website. Submission of prequalification documents shall not be later than second week of each month to facilitate the evaluation and submit our recommendation for USAID approval at the end of the month.

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