



St. Lucia Fire Service

GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL SECURITY

DATE : 23/11/ 2012

SUBJECT : ***INVITATION TO BID FOR SUPPLY OF FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES TO STLUCIA FIRE SERVICE***

BID REFERENCE

Objective:

This invitation for bid is in keeping with the requirements for open tender through the Central Tenders Board for acquisition of equipment.

The St Lucia Fire Service has received approval for the acquisition of two domestic/structural firefighting units. This project is to be executed within the period ending March 2013.

Background:

The St Lucia Fire Service is responsible to provide responses to control and extinguish outbreaks of fire across the island. The Department operates six domestic stations located strategically in various districts. Each station is responsible for events which occur within a certain geographic radius. The terrain is usually hilly with narrow and winding roads.

In many cases the area in which the fire occurs has limited water supply for firefighting and so the units need to have a reasonable supply which will allow a suitable water source to be identified while the responding crew stage the initial attack. 600 – 700 gallons or (2727 lt. – 3182 lt.) capacity is therefore being recommended.

To ensure the safety of fire fighters and maintain quality of service delivery to the communities, the department needs to replace domestic/structural fire fighting apparatus at three fire stations. These units being replaced have exhausted their usefulness. As well, the technology currently in use in the industry makes it difficult to obtain replacement parts to keep them operational.

Description

Basic Specification - New Domestic Fire Unit

1. Detroit engine/caterpillar – 380 - 400 hp
2. Allison transmission
3. Four cabin doors
4. Powerful centrifugal pump mounted in the rear of vehicle (with minimum 500 gallons per minute discharge)
5. Steering: Right hand drive
6. Built of vehicle – for very rugged topography
7. Rear SCBA mounted on racks in crew cabin
8. Engine exhaust brakes
9. ABS system
10. Four wheel drive - 4x4
11. Water tank capacity: 600 – 700 gallons or (2727 lt. – 3182 lt.)
12. Foam tank capacity :30 – 50 gallons with foam propotioner
13. High Pressure Booster Hose Reels (max 1 on each side)
14. Honda 5 kW generator (with two 750 Watt telescoping lights, switched at circuit breaker panel) or light mast.
15. Equipment package includes [one 35' three-section ladder with suitable housing on rooftop; four - 4" x 10' flexible PVC suction hoses with suitable housing; one 4" barrel type suction strainer; one 10' folding attic ladder, one 6' fiberglass round handle pike pole, one 10' roof ladder; one 10' fiberglass round handle ceiling hook].
16. Wheel chocks with mounts
17. DOT Emergency Road Kit
18. Couplings must be an instantaneous fitting design (English system)
19. Electrical system 230 – 240 volts
20. Adherence to international lighting systems
21. Colour of vehicle - RED
22. Air condition system
23. All relevant gauges
24. horns, red beacons and sirens
25. appropriate dash board instruments and signals
26. VHF mobile radio
27. portable ventilation fan
28. Thermal imaging camera
29. Rescue line (200ft)
30. multi purpose line (100ft)
31. Serviceable spare parts and parts manual.

Quantity

The St Lucia Fire Service currently has interests in acquiring two (2) appliances of similar specification.

Payment Terms:

Quotations are to include Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) to port Castries, St Lucia.

Acceptable payment terms will be at the discretion of the supplier. However, this purchase may be subject to such terms as 40%- 50% down payment at confirmation of order and either structured payments to be completed at sight or 60-90 days after delivery.

Provision for inspection of units before shipment as well as a period of training to acquaint local operators with special /unique features of the units during the commissioning phase should also be included in the terms of supply.

Quality Assurance

When delivered, the units are to be accompanied with a certificate of compliance indicating that it meets acceptable international standards and specification for such equipment.

Duration:

Closing date for receipt of quotations is 12:00 noon on Monday Dec 31, 2012

Qualification requirements:

The Bidder must have experience in the field of manufacturing or supplying to the Caribbean region equipment similar to the one described in the bid for a period of at least three (3) years, prior to the deadline for the bid submission.

The Bidder shall submit reference for at least one successfully completed similar project during the last three years.

All quotations are to be sealed and marked **CONFIDENTIAL – TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF FIRE APPLIANCES**

The completed and sealed bid is to be addressed to:

The Secretary

Central Tenders Board
Ministry of Finance 2nd Floor Financial Centre
Bridge Street, Castries
SAINT LUCIA

The Fire Service does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Bids received via fax or after the deadline will not be acknowledged.

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