

Feature

Peace as Oyo parks management system gets reconstituted

At last, Oyo state government has successfully put an end to one of the major security threats in the state.

The Seyi Makinde administration has come up with a resolution of the age-long protracted crisis rocking the state transport sector, particularly in the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW).

This for years has named itself into a thorn in the flesh of residents in the people especially in Ibadan metropolis.

The way to the final resolution of the prolonged crisis in the troubled sector started on Monday, May 29 in the wake of the second coming of the governor with the dissolution of the Disciplinary Committee of the Park Management System (PMS), put in place by the state government in 2019 to streamline and coordinate activities at the motor parks in and across Oyo with the appointment of Mr Mufaisal Lamidi popularly known as Auxiliary as the chairman.

In the surprise of all, the dissolution of the PMS Disciplinary Committee, a body which has for the past over three years constituted itself into another 'government' on its own going by the actions of its chairman and his foot soldiers as they violently lashed against the dissolution with massive movement around Ibadan particularly to Isobaba axis chanting unpleasant abuses on the governor and some of his close aides for daring to dissolve PMS Disciplinary Committee on the wake of his second term in office. The massive movement of members of the dissolved PMS committee with over 30 buses and others created tension in and across Ibadan with residents in Aldia, Isobo, Monoran areas of Ibadan subjected to session and apprehension arising from the rampaging actions of the PMS members whose Chieftain, Auxiliary resider in Aldia/Isobo axis amidst sporadic gunshots throughout the night up to the early hours of Tuesday, May 30.

Police intervention

Sensing major threat to peace in Ibadan with the poster by the rampaging PMS chieftain and his foot soldiers, men of the Oyo State Police command stormed the residence of the embroiled sacked PMS chieftain to nip in the bud the purported plans to disrupt peace in Ibadan and other parts of the state in the coming days. According to the Commissioner of Police Adewale Williams, on Tuesday, May 30 2022, the Command in its proactive nature while acting on intelligence-driven surveillance were able to foil an attempt at creating widespread carnage and civil disturbance in the state by some members of the Park Management System (PMS) led by one Alhaji Mufaisal Lamidi (aka) Auxiliary sequel to the immediate dissolution of the Disciplinary Committee of the Park Management System of the State.

Sequel to the above, on Tuesday 30/05/2022 in a strategic intelligence coordinated raid around his location at Diamond Hotel, Aldia-Isobo, under Egbada LGA, 78 suspected hoodlums who had perfected plans to unleash mayhem at the early hours of today at major parts of the metropolis were arrested in possession of sophisticated firearms, (724) cartridges assorted charms, 33 mobile phones, and a cash sum of about (N3,450,000) only.

In addition, during the raid sophisticated firearms were recovered inside the hotel rooms and in the trunk compartments of parked vehicles within the hotel.

CP Williams stressed further, "Worthy of note is that through the PMS chieftain was able to escape with some of his boys during the gun duel with the police; however a member of the group was neutralized in a gun duel with the police. Furthermore, in line with Standard Operational Procedure, all recovered items were properly documented, packaged and recorded for onward logistics analysis and for evidence purposes in accordance with the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015 and all other relevant laws.

Consequent on the above, the Oyo State Police Command enjoins residents to cooperate with the police with the provision of useful information to help apprehend the sacked PMS Chieftain."

State govt intervention

Amidst the crisis over the dissolution of the committee, the state government together with stakeholders in the transport sector embarked on ways of putting in place an all-encompassing integrated outfit. It started with holding a town hall meeting of stakeholders in the transport industry to channel the way forward.

The stakeholders meeting was called at the instance

The peace that had eluded Oyo state following misunderstanding among former members of Oyo Stats Parks Management system has been resolved. BAYO AGBOOLA reports



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harmony among various transport unions and stakeholders, while also emphasizing the need for transport unions and operators to conduct themselves in a manner that forbids violent conduct, guarantees safety of passengers and ensure adequate revenue for government.

Others spoken at the townhall meeting were the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Akirade Adejohi, a chieftain of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Dr Sala Bologun, Dr Duro Ogunesan, ALCON chairman in Oyo state, Hon Sikiru Sanda, chairman, House Committee on Local Government and Chieftaincy Matters, Hon Alaminude Olayide, representative of Ibadan Metropolis, Mogaji Abduljelli Adana and others.

The meeting was attended by representative of Oyo state government, transport-related agencies, civil servants, transport operators, groups, civil organizations, community leaders etc who contributed meaningfully to the meeting. Stakeholders comprising various transport unions and warring factions unanimously agreed that a new committee comprising an impartial and neutral technocrat and members to be drawn from among the unions be formed to oversee the affairs of public transport in the state for a lasting peace to reign and that the various transport should work together.

Agreement

Also, a communiqué was issued and read by the director, Public Works and Transport, Mr Olanmode Olankanemi.

Part of the communiqué reads, "Having critically assessed PMS situation, the following resolutions were arrived at: An interim management team/caretaker should be established, the chairman should be appointed by the governor and should be a technocrat professional in transport planning and management but impartial (not a member of any group).

"Members to be drawn from various verified transport operative groups. Government representative from the Ministry of Works and Transport, Land, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, Environment and Water Resources, Local Government and Chieftaincy Matters, Finance, Security Operatives, state transport management agency.

"Make use of branch leaders (probably at zonal levels). Collection of revenue should be handled by the committee through appointed staff by the committee while the office should be created within the state secretariat for its operations."

Part of it also read, "Test run the system for three

operations of the committee. Majority all stakeholders have agreed to work together peacefully as a team. At the end of the day, everyone appreciated the governor for his efforts at making Oyo a better place to live and do business.

A new committee

Few hours after the meeting, the state government named Alhaji Tomina Omolewa as chairman of the Management Committee for the Park Management System (PMS), while Alhaji Kasali Ajinusi Lawal is to serve as secretary. The government also ordered the reopening of the parks which had been under lock and key following the dissolution of the committee led by Lamidi.

According to a statement signed by the Chief Press Secretary (CPS), to Gov Makinde, Mr Sulaimon Olanrewaju, the PMS new management team comprises members from all the major factions in the transport unions in the state with other members of the PMS management including Alhaji Tajudeen Jimoh, deputy chairman; Kamudeen Idowu, treasurer; Trimsiyi Olowoposi, financial secretary; Abasi Amolese, organising secretary; and Alhaji Hamid Mustapha Waz, auditor; Alhaji Abiodun Ejiyegbe, first vice chairman; Ganiyu Moses, first trustee; Alhaji Musa Alubokede, second trustee; Alhaji Tahiru Alsinola Tikiya, second auditor; and Alhaji Wasi Erriola, Public Relations Officer.

In his words, the new chairman promised to work towards ensuring peace across the state. "I thank Governor Seyi Makinde for counting me worthy of this position. I see this opportunity to secure the people of Oyo state and the government that there will be a difference in our attitude to work. I promise that the people will notice a significant difference in our operations as we assume office."

With the inclusion of all the respectable and recognized unions in the transport sector in Oyo now coming together in the reformed PMS, it is hoped that peace would finally return to motor parks in and across the state.

BENUE STATE UNIVERSITY

PMB 102119, Makurdi
(Office of the Registrar)



TENDER No: 22-D01

INVITATION FOR THE PRE-QUALIFICATION TENDER OF CONTRACT FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Centre for Food Technology and Research, Benue State University, Makurdi has received Allocation from the World Bank and desires to apply a portion of the funds to projects to set up and equip CENTER Food Technology Innovation Complex. The projects are:

- a. Lot 1: Construction of 216, Semi-detached three (3) prototype factories
- b. Lot 2: Internal works associated with the factories
- c. Lot 3: Procurement, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of fruit chipping machine, Food dehydrator and packaging machine
- d. Lot 4: Procurement, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Bakery Oven, and Biscuit production line.
- e. Lot 5: Procurement, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of assorted machinery.

2.0 PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested and competent contractors with experience in executing works of similar nature are requested to submit pre-qualification documents, neatly bound, segregated and arranged in the following order for consideration:

- i. Evidence of registration and incorporation of company with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- ii. Company Income Tax Certificate for the last three years (TCR) (ITA, 2004 & 2001)
- iii. Underlined Company Audited Accounts for the last three years (CAAS) (ITA, 2004 & 2001)
- iv. VET Registration and evidence of VET emplacements
- v. Evidence of current compliance with the national social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF)
- vi. Evidence of current PDPCOM Compliance Certificate
- vii. Evidence of current Bureau of Public Procurement certificate (BPP)
- viii. Verifiable evidence of financial capability with an average annual turnover of not less than N100million naira in the last three years (2019, 2020 & 2021)
- ix. Evidence of compliance with the provision of section 15 (j) of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Act on 1% Contribution of any employer having 5 or more employees in his establishment (Registration and Remittance)
- x. List of key staff with CVs, photographs of relevant academic and professional qualifications with attestation of availability and contact phone numbers and evidence of registration with relevant professional bodies and current practice licenses
- xi. Evidence of financial capacity and bank support.
- xii. A statement indicating that the company does not at the

of all submissions.
iii. A sworn affidavit indicating that none of the directors of the company had been convicted for any criminal offence other than those stated.

2.0 FINANCIAL BID REQUIREMENT

Interested bidders are to collect tender documents from the Procurement Unit of the Benue State University at a one-stop window under the of Ten Thousand Naira (10,000,000) only for each Lot payable to Benue State University in bank draft. A copy of payment receipt MUST be attached to the financial tender documents.

2.0 SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION/TENDER DOCUMENTS

ii. Two copies of all the qualification/tender documents to be submitted every in a sealed envelope or in a manila folder at the top-right hand corner of the envelope pre-qualification for LOT No. iii. Two copies of financial tender documents (including priced bills of quantities or Schedule) to be submitted every in a sealed envelope and marked at the top-right corner of the envelope financial tender for LOT No.

iii. All envelopes for both the Pre-qualification/Tender documents and financial Tender documents should be placed in a bigger envelope and addressed to: The Procurement Coordinator, Benue State University, Makurdi.

The tender documents must be dropped into the tender box in the Procurement Unit, Benue State University, Makurdi on or before 12 Noon, Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

Enquiries may be made on working days between the hours 8am to 4pm through the mobile number 08039155040

2.0 NOTE

i. All the technical and financial bids will be opened on the date and time Tuesday November 1, 2022 at 12:00 noon in the Senate Chamber of Benue State University in the presence of bidders' representatives. Late submissions will be rejected.
ii. This advertisement is not a contract and on the part of the Benue State University shall in no way bind any person to make any claim whatsoever and to seek any indemnity from the University in the event of any person having responded to the advertisement.
iii. That after the pre-qualification exercise, only bidders from pre-qualified Contractors for contracts and jobs will be invited and the University shall not entertain any correspondence with unsuccessful applicants.

iv. The University may verify any or all claims made by bidders and that ultimately any fees whose claims are found to be false in addition to other sanctions that may be deemed lawful.

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In its bid to ensure enforcement of the directive, the Service therefore shut down all payment portals from May 18 until June 1 2021 and sent a task force teams to all passport offices with a view to enforcing the clearance of passport backlogs.

Consequently, Deputy Comptrollers were deployed to all passport centres to monitor the processes and ensure the directive of the CGI was followed to the letter.

However, in spite of the measures, difficulties in accessing passports persist at every turn.

Just recently, a report from Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation Europe, (NIDOE), Italy Chapter, indicated that more than 1.5

million Nigerians living in Europe needed passports.

Also, the Nigerians in Diaspora Network (NDN) staged a protest in Oberhausen, Germany, over passport scarcity, according to reports widely publicised and monitored on the social media.

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Part of the problem

The Service explained that when the lockdown that resulted from COVID-19 eased, what it witnessed was geometric turn-in in passport application requests which from every indication appeared to have overwhelmed them.

It also attributed its inability most times to meet its six weeks timeframe for fresh passport issuance and three weeks for re-issuance to challenges posed by the National Identity Management System (NIMC).

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Speaking with newsmen before the circular was issued, the Passport Controller, Lagos Passport Command,



Mrs Milka Musa, said that difficulties in getting passports were caused by the COVID-19 pandemic which kept the world at standstill during the lockdown.

According to her, "When the lockdown was eased, what the NIS witnessed was a geometrical growth in passport applications," she said, adding that the service was working hard to ensure a state of equilibrium was achieved.

Corruption also responsible

A banker, who preferred to remain anonymous, attributed the difficulty in getting passports to corrupt elements both within and outside the service.

According to the banker, such corrupt elements intentionally create artificial scarcity of the passports to jerk up the cost. For instance, the official price for a 64-page Nigerian passport with 10-year validity period is N70, 000 while that with five years validity is N35,000.

Applicants for the new 32-page passport with a five-year validity period are to pay N25, 000.

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However, the federal government, through the NIS, has warned Nigerians to stop patronising touts when applying for passports in order to curb the trend.

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Suggested ways out

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Tender No: 22-001

INVITATION FOR THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY CONSULTANTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CEFFER FACTORY AND INSTALLATION OF FACTORY INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AND INSTALLATION.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Benue State University, Makurdi has received an allocation from a reputable International Organization and desires to apply a portion of the funds in the provision of Consulting Services for the Construction of Ceffer Factory and Consultancy for Industrial Design and Installation.

2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

A Consultancy for factory construction
The scope of work for Construction Consultants (all relevant services)

- Pre-design and schematic design;
- Design development including costing;
- Construction documents;
- Assist in the management of bid process;
- Construction contract management;
- Consultancy for factory industrial design and installation;
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- Verifiable list of similar works as successfully completed in the last 5 (five) years with names of clients, evidence of award and completion certificates.
- NIT Registration and evidence of NIT credentials.
- Evidence of current NIMCOM Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2021
- Evidence of current Status of Public Procurement certificate (RPS) 31st December, 2021
- Evidence of compliance with the provision of section 56 (c) of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Act as The Coordinator of any employer having 5 or more employees in his establishment valid till 31st December, 2021 (Registration and Renewal).

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As The Nation Transits To New Governance

By Andrew Oroku, Abuja

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At the centre, President-elect, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu who was declared winner of the 25th February Presidential Election will be sworn in to take over from outgoing president Muhammadu Buhari.

A lot of expectations have filled the air both at the federal and states involved where new governors are expected to take over.

This transition looks quite different from others because of all that has happened in the last 8 years. When Buhari took over from former President Goodluck Jonathan in 2015, the expectation was that things would change especially the insecurity that pervaded the north central and north east geopolitical zones of the nation. The nation witnessed heightened insecurity at the time with the negatively celebrated abduction of the Chibok school girls most of whom are still not found. The coming in of President Buhari gave hope that the situation was going to be addressed especially that a retired military general was taking over. Most people had believed that with his background as military man whose career revolves around security, the nation could go to sleep. But the nation could still not sleep throughout the 8 years with military Buhari as helmsman. What the people kept getting are endless excuses by the government and the Apc party in government on why the insecurity has remained unsolved inspite of

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TENDER No: J2-001

INVITATION FOR THE PRE-QUALIFICATION/TENDER OF CONTRACTORS-CIFTER PROJECTS

1. INTRODUCTION
The Centre for Food Technology and Research, Benue State University, Makurdi has received Allocation from the Government and desires to apply a portion of the funds to projects to set-up and equip CIFTER Food Technology/Innovation Complex. The projects are:

- Lot 1: Construction of (26) semi detached three (3) storey factories
- Lot 2: Sundry tools associated with the factories
- Lot 3: Procurement, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of (10) High speed machines, Food dryer/boiler and packaging machine
- Lot 4: Procurement, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Bakery Oven, and Biscuit production line.
- Lot 5: Procurement, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of related machinery

2. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
Interested and competent contractors with experience in executing works of similar nature are requested to submit pre-qualification documents, neatly bound, separated and arranged in the following order for consideration:

- i. Evidence of registration and incorporation of company with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- ii. Company Income Tax Certificate for the last three years (ITC) (2019, 2020 & 2021)
- iii. Unaudited Company Audited Accounts for the last three years (CA) 2019, 2020 & 2021
- iv. NO Objection and evidence of NO liabilities.
- v. Evidence of current compliance with the National Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF).
- vi. Evidence of current PRCOM Compliance Certificate
- vii. Evidence of current Bureau of Public Procurement certificate (BPP)
- viii. Validity evidence of financial capability with an average annual turnover of not less than 10% of bid value in the last three years (2019, 2020 & 2021)
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- x. List of top staff with CVs, photographs of relevant academic and professional qualifications with attestation of availability and contact phone numbers and evidence of registration with relevant professional bodies and current practice license.
- xi. Evidence of financial capability and bank support.
- xii. A statement indicating that the company does not at the time of bid has any existing loan or financial liability with a bank, other financial institutions or third party that is classified as default, non-performing, bad or whose repayment period has been outstanding for the last three months.
- xiii. Validity list of similar works as categorically completed in the last 3 (three) years with names of client, evidence of award and completion certificates.
- xiv. A sworn affidavit indicating the authenticity and verifiability of all submissions.

3. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION/TENDER DOCUMENTS
i. Two copies of all Pre-qualification/Tender documents to be submitted must be in a sealed envelope and marked at the top right hand corner of the envelope Pre-qualification for J2/21/22.

ii. Two copies of financial Tender documents including priced bills of quantities or schedules to be submitted must be in a sealed envelope and marked at the top right corner of the envelope Financial Tender for LOT 1.

All envelopes for both the Pre-qualification Tender documents and Financial Tender documents should be placed in a bigger envelope and addressed to:
The Procurement Coordinator,
Benue State University,
Makurdi.

The sealed documents must be dropped into the Tender box in the Procurement Unit, Benue State University, Makurdi on or before 12 Noon, Tuesday, November 1, 2022.
Prospectors may be made on any 10 (ten) days between the hours 9:00 am to 4:00 pm through the mobile number 0803155040.

3.4. NOTE
i. The technical and financial bids will be opened on the same day Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 12:00 noon in the Great Chamber of Benue State University in the presence of bidders' representatives.
ii. Late submissions will be rejected.
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iv. The University may verify any or all claims made by bidders and shall obligatorily pay firm whose claims are found to be false in addition to other sanctions that may be imposed.
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vi. The tenderer will be required to submit a performance bond before signing a contract.
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Management

As The Nation Transits To New Governance

By Andrew Orofua, Abuja

All eyes have been set on tomorrow Monday 29th May, 2023 as the nation transits from one government to the other. This is expected to happen at the federal level and most states of the federation except Osun, Ondo, Edo, Kogi, Imo Bayelsa where elections are yet to hold or have held to complete the democratic circle. This means there will be new governments at the federal level and about 30 states. President Muhammadu Buhari's 8 year tenure which began on 29th May 2015 will end tomorrow being 29th May 2023 in accordance with Nigeria's constitution. Elections have taken place and winners have emerged at the federal and state levels for both legislative and executive positions. Even though a lot of litigations are presently lodged with election petition tribunals across the states and the FCT, our constitution abhors a vacuum and therefore governance must continue.

At the centre, President-elect, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu who was declared winner of the 25th February Presidential Election will be sworn in to take over from outgoing president Muhammadu Buhari.

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TENDER No: 22-001



INVITATION FOR THE PRE-QUALIFICATION/TENDER OF CONTRACTORS CE/ITER PROJECTS

1. INTRODUCTION
The Centre for Food Technology and Research, Benue State University, Makurdi has received allocation from the World Bank and desires to apply a portion of the funds to construct the following works: **CE/ITER Food Technology Innovation Complex**. The projects are:
a. **CE/ITER Construction of 200 Semi-detached three (3) prototype facilities**
b. **CE/ITER Internal works associated with the facilities**
c. **CE/ITER Procurement, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of four (4) drying machines, Food dehydrator and packaging machines**
d. **CE/ITER Procurement, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 20000 Chens, and 20000 production kits**
e. **CE/ITER Procurement, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of associated machines**

2. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
Interested and suitably qualified bidders with experience in executing works of similar nature are invited to submit pre-qualification documents, neatly bound, paginated and stamped in the following order for consideration:

- Evidence of registration and incorporation of company with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- Company Income Tax Certificate for the last three years (ITC) (2019, 2020 & 2021)
- Latest audited Company Audited Accounts for the last three years (CAAS) 2019, 2020 & 2021
- NT Registration and evidence of JBT compliance
- Evidence of current compliance with the National Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF)
- Evidence of current PRC/CM Compliance Certificate
- Evidence of current Bureau of Public Procurement certificate (BPP)
- Bankable evidence of financial capability with an average annual turnover of not less than N100 million naira in the last three years (2019, 2020 & 2021)
- Evidence of compliance with the provision of section 15 (c) of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Act as 1% Contribution of any employer having 5 or more employees in his establishment, Registration and Insurance
- List of key staff with CVs, photographs of relevant academic and professional qualifications with attestation of availability and contact phone numbers and evidence of regularity with relevant professional bodies and current practice forms
- Evidence of financial capacity and bank account
- A statement indicating that the company does not at the time of the bid have any existing job or financial liability with a bank, other financial institution or third party that is classified as doubtful, non-performing, bad or whose payment position has been outstanding for the last three months
- Verifiable list of similar works or successfully completed in the last 3 (three) years with names of client, evidence of award and completion certificates
- A recent affidavit indicating the authenticity and verifiability of all documents

3. FINANCIAL BID REQUIREMENT
Interested bidders are to submit tender documents from the Procurement Unit of Benue State University at a non-refundable tender fee of Ten Thousand Naira (N10,000.00) only for each lot payable to Benue State University in bank draft. A copy of payment receipt MUST be attached to the financial tender document.

4. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION TENDER DOCUMENTS
a. Two copies of all pre-qualification tender documents in the submitted order to be in a sealed envelope and marked at the top-right hand corner of the envelope "Pre-qualification for LOT No. 01".
b. Two copies of financial tender documents including priced bills of quantities as scheduled to be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked at the top-right hand corner of the envelope "Financial Tender for LOT No. 01".
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Enquiries may be made on any day during business hours from 8:00 AM through the mobile number 0809 838800.
c. The financial and financial bid will be opened on the same day Tuesday November 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the Tender Chamber of Benue State University in the presence of bidders' representatives.
d. Late submission will be rejected.
e. That the advertisement is not a commitment on the part of Benue State University nor shall it entitle any bidder to make any claim whatsoever and to seek any indemnity from the University by virtue of such person being requested to the advertisement.
f. That after the pre-qualification exercise, only bidders from pre-qualified bidders may be invited to submit a performance bond.
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h. Bidders who have worked for the University and have a history of poor performance, abandonment, termination and/or prolonged contract renewal period need not to apply.
i. Bid winners will be required to submit a performance bond before signing a contract.
j. Bid items that have 10 lots will be awarded to one company.

Management

Masari defends selection of Katsina APC congresses committee members

Governor of Katsina State, in north-western Nigeria, Honorable Aminu Masari, has defended members of the committee to conduct congresses of the All Progressives Congress (APC) at ward, local government and state levels, saying they were selected on merit.

Masari, who spoke at the inauguration of the committee on Wednesday in Katsina, the state capital, recalled that the last congresses conducted for the party were adjudged the best in the country.

In this vein, he expressed the hope that similar feat would be

achieved in the conduct of the congresses for the party to have credible leadership at all levels, that the committee would work with the National Committee that would supervise the conduct of the exercise in the state.

For his part, the chairman of the committee who is also the

Secretary to the State Government, Alhaji Mustapha Inuwa, on behalf of other members pledged that the committee would discharge the assignment to the best of their ability.

Other members of the committee include: Muntari Lawal, Special Adviser and Permanent

Secretary, Government House, the Commissioners of Finance and that of Justice, Mambari Kado and Ahmed El-marzuq, Nasir Zangon-Daura, member representing Zango/Bature Federal Constituency, as well as Alhaji Yusuf Barmo, amongst others.

Nigeria set to adopt standards on sugar products

Plans have been concluded to adopt African standards on sugar and sugar products as well as develop Nigeria Industrial Standards for glucose and sucrose.

Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) said this in a statement posted on its website.

The statement indicated that a Technical Committee on sugar and sugar products met to consider the adoption of some African Standards under the auspices of African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO) and the development of other Nigeria Industrial Standards.

The draft standards on

sugar are very important as they affect everyday life due to their wide usage as sweeteners for human consumption and as raw materials along the food value chain", Mr Olufa Aboloma, the Director-General of SON said in the statement.

According to Aboloma, the present trend in the processing of sugar has necessitated the elaboration of new standards.

This, he said was because the quality of raw materials along the food value chain, the technological procedures and the handling determines to a large extent as well as guarantees the quality of the finished products.

According to him "It is therefore, imperative for Nigeria to develop standards that take into cognisance these salient factors in a bid to forestall threat to life, waste of resources and to boost the quality of products both for local consumption and exports."

Aboloma commended Nigeria's contribution to ARSO's efforts to harmonise standards within the African continent to improve intra-African trading capacity, cross border products and services competitiveness and advancing the welfare of the people of the continent.

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from the adoption of these harmonised standards through increased trade opportunities and competitiveness of its goods and services at both the African, sub regional and global levels, he said.

The standards considered for adoption at the meeting were: ARS 675-2017 Raw Cane Sugar, ARS 876-2017 Brown Sugar, ARS 38-2017 White Sugar Specification, and Determination of Lactose Content by High Performance Liquid Chromatography.

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Gov Ganduje

Kano Govt shuts 4 pharmacies for selling narcotics

Kano State Pharmaceutical Inspection Committee on Tuesday shut down four pharmaceutical outlets in Gwale Local Government Area of the state for selling narcotics and uncontrolled drugs.

A statement signed by the Chairman of the committee, Mr Abdu Madaki, indicated that the outlets were operating without license and due registration with the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria.

It added that the committee urged residents of the state to be mindful of where they purchase their drugs and to report any pharmaceutical store suspected of selling uncontrolled drugs and narcotics.

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Tender No: 22-U01 INVITATION FOR THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY CONSULTANTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CEFER FACTORY AND INSTALLATION OF FACTORY INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AND INSTALLATION.

1. INTRODUCTION
The Benue State University, Makurdi has received an Allocation from a reputable International Organisation and Agency to appoint a portion of the funds in the provision of Consultancy Services for the Construction of Cefer Factory and Consultancy for Industrial Design and Installation.

2. SCOPE OF WORK
a. Consultancy for factory construction
The scope of work for Construction Consultants (all relevant services)
i. Pre-design and alternative design.
ii. Design development including costing.
iii. Construction documents.
iv. Assist in the management of bid process.
v. Construction contract management.
vi. Consultancy for factory industrial design and installation.
vii. Equipment design and installation.
viii. Testing and commissioning of equipment and processes.

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x. Evidence of compliance with the provisions of section 18

Republican Institute to open Adamawa office

International Republican Institute (IRI) is to open state branch office in Yola, the state capital for the participation of marginalised groups in politics, ahead of the 2019 general elections.

Country Director, Mr. Scatell Barro, stated this, at a workshop in Yola, organised for virtually inspired people and stakeholders in politics.

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LCCI seeks more private sector financing for health

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BENUE STATE UNIVERSITY

PMB 102119, Makurdi (Procurement Unit)

Tender No: 22-U01 INVITATION FOR THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY CONSULTANTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CEFER FACTORY AND INSTALLATION OF FACTORY INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AND INSTALLATION.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Benue State University, Makurdi has received an Allocation from a reputable International Organisation and desire to appoint a person of the faculty in the provision of Consultancy Services for the Construction of CEFER Factory and Consultancy for Industrial design and installation.

2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

- a. Consultancy for factory construction
- The scope of work for Construction Consultants (all relevant services)
- i. Pre-design and schematic design.
- ii. Design-developmental including coding.
- iii. Construction documents.
- iv. Assist in the management of bid process.
- v. Construction contract management.
- b. Consultancy for factory Industrial design and installation
- i. Equipment design and installation.
- ii. Testing and commissioning of equipment and processes.

3.0 PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- i. Proven and complete consultants with experience in executing works of similar nature are requested to submit pre-qualification documents, neatly bound, registered and stamped to the following order for consideration:
 - i. Evidence of registration and incorporation of company with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
 - ii. Company Income Tax Certificate for the last three years (ITC) valid till 31st December, 2021.
 - iii. Company Audited Accounts for the last three years (CAA) for 2019, 2020 and 2021.
 - iv. List of key staff with evidence of proficiency and experience.
 - v. Evidence of financial capacity and bank support.
 - vi. Verifiable list of similar works as successfully completed in the last 3 (three) years with names of clients, evidence of award and completion certificates.
 - vii. VAT Registration and evidence of VAT payments.
 - viii. Evidence of current PENCOCM Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2021.
 - ix. Evidence of current Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) till December, 2021.
 - x. Evidence of compliance with the provision of section 14

(c) of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Act as 1% Contribution of any employee having 5 or more employees in his establishment valid till 31st December, 2021 (Registration and Bank Statement).

- vi. A sworn affidavit indicating the authenticity and verifiability of all submissions.
- vii. A sworn affidavit indicating that none of the directors of the company had been Convicted for any criminal offence either at home or abroad.
- viii. Verifiable evidence of Certificates of the Firm's Registration with the relevant professional body.

4.0 SUBMISSION OF BID DOCUMENTS

The receipt of Expression of Interest documents to be submitted must be in a sealed envelope and marked at the top-right hand corner of the envelope 'Bid Consultants for construction of CEFER Factory or Consultancy for CEFER factory Industrial design and installation'. The envelopes for the Expression of Interest documents should be addressed to: The Procurement Coordinator, Benue State University, Makurdi.

The tender documents must be dropped into the tender box in the Registrar's office, Benue State University, Makurdi on or before 12 Noon, Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Enquiries may be made on working days between the hours 9am to 4pm through the public number 0702826616 or email bid@bun.edu.ng.

5.0 NOTE
a) The Expression of Interest (EOI) documents will be opened on the date (by Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 12:00 noon) in the Senate Chamber of Benue State University in the presence of bidders/representatives.
b) Late submissions will be rejected.
c) That this advertisement is not a contract and on the part of the Benue State University we shall not make any person to make any claim whatsoever and we seek any individual from the University by virtue of such person having responded to the advertisement.
d) The after the pre-qualification exercise, only tender from pre-qualified Consultants will be opened and the University shall not be held responsible for any correspondence with unsuccessful applicants.

Signed: Management