GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Country: Sierra Leone

Name of Project: Sierra Leone Regional Rice Value Chain Development Project

(SLRRVDP)

Sector: Agriculture

Mode of Financing: Loan & Grant

Financing No. ………………

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The Government of Sierra Leone has received a loan and a grant in the amount of US$ 34.12 million equivalent from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Sierra Leone Regional Rice Value Chain Development Project (SLRRVDP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be jointly financed by the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), BADEA and Government of Sierra Leone.

The main objective of the project is to contribute to reducing high importation rate of rice and enhance economic growth through improved production and productivity in a sustainable manner, processing, and marketing. The project will also increase vertical and horizontal production by adding new irrigated areas to the existing productive ones and by introducing an array of institutional and technical interventions to increase productivity.

Specifically, the project will:

1. Support government’s efforts to substantially increase the production and productivity of rice using the private sector value chain led approach;
2. Increase smallholder farmers income and reduce poverty and food insecurity, and thus
3. (iii) improve the livelihood of the rural population;
4. Create commercial opportunities for targeted rice farmers with the objective to generate access to markets.

The project will include the following four components:

1. Raising rice production and productivity;
2. Strengthening the Links to Markets
3. Fostering Enabling Policy and Institutional Environment; and
4. Project Implementation and Coordination Support.

The works and services to be procured under the project will cover the full cost of construction of Irrigation canals and drainages, rural roads, agriculture inputs, storage and milling facilities, Capacity Building, Consultancy and PMU activities.

Procurement of contracts financed by the Islamic Development Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and related services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (April 2019 edition), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines. Consulting services will be selected in accordance with the Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (current edition).

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the Islamic Development Bank’s international competitive bidding (ICB) or international competitive bidding – member countries (ICB/MC) procedures and for contracts for consultancy services will be announced, as they become available, in [IsDB external Website, UNDB online or DgMarket websites Website](http://www.isdb.org/irj/portal/anonymous?NavigationTarget=navurl://76e1dfd61777849cc88228c9bfe818ea) and the MAF website at <http://www.maf.gov.sl>, at least 3 widely read local newspapers and other communication media in Sierra Leone and some embassies dnd consulates in Sierra Leone.

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works and consulting services for the above mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Beneficiary at the address below:

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