

INVITATION TO BID

CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN GRAIN SEED STORES UNDER ISSD PLUS PROJECT'S LOCAL SEED BUSINESS (LSB) INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

General Information

The Integrated Seed Sector Development (ISSD) Plus Project is a 4-year project coordinated by the Wageningen University Centre for Development Innovation (CDI) and implemented by Wageningen UR Uganda in collaboration with the National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO) and funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Kampala. The programme aims to strengthen the development of a vibrant, pluralistic and market-oriented seed sector that is able to address key challenges that hamper the seed sector development in Uganda. The ISSD Plus project runs from 2016 to 2020 and operates in the Eastern zone, South Western Highlands (Kigezi area), Western Highlands (Rwenzori area), South Western, Northern Zone and also has a presence in the West Nile zone agro-ecological zone. The project implements its activities through teams in NARO's Zonal Agricultural Research and Development institutes (ZARDIs). The ZARDIs involved include; Buginyanya ZARDI for the East; Rwebitaba ZARDI for the Rwenzori area; Mbarara ZARDI for the South West and South Western Highlands; Ngetta ZARDI for the North and West Nile zone.

Background

The Quality Declared Seed (QDS) component within the ISSD Plus project aims at catalysing innovation of the seed sector based on evidence and experience. Based on the experiences from the previous project implemented from 2012 to 2016, seed store was identified as one of the market and seed quality control infrastructure gap and addressing it will improve local seed business (LSB) competitiveness.

Suitable storage capacity for seed is a critical requirement for post-harvest seed quality assurance. Good storage conditions for seed is a regulatory prerequisite for a sustainable seed business since seed viability greatly depends on the suitability of the store that has to be inspected and approved before any seed sampling can be conducted. Additionally, seed from the individual farmers in an LSB must be centrally bulked to constitute seed lots as required for sampling for the regulators. The support to the construction of conducive seed stores is therefore a very critical factor in QDS development and sustenance by ISSD Uganda.

Objectives of the assignment

Wageningen UR Uganda has commissioned the construction of several grain seed store at various sites across the country and are searching for experienced companies/ contractors, preferably with experience in building seed storage facilities, agricultural engineering construction work to carry out this work under the LSB infrastructure grant in the East, South Western Highlands, Western Highlands, South Western and Northern zones of ISSD Plus's intervention. Wageningen UR Uganda has allocated funds for the construction of complete 6x11.2m Brickwalled Seed Stores for Grain such as soya beans. The building is composed of concrete footings, burnt clay brick walls, concrete slab,

precast concrete louvres, pine timber roof truss, IT4 roofing sheets, translucent skylights, plaster and paint finishes, steel doors and windows, and screed floor finish. The complete work will also include water tank, pit latrine, seed drying area and concrete bench. Detailed specifications are contained in the architectural drawings and bill of quantities (BOQ).

1.1. Specific objectives and tasks

- a) Construct the seed store as per recommended architectural design and BoQ
- b) Manage the quality of building construction process
- c) Source competent labour and procure good quality materials for the construction
- d) Work closely with the respective LSB group in effecting the construction of the store
- e) Pay any causal labour contracted during building work
- f) Adhere to safe environmental guidelines during the construction

1.2. Deliverables

The main deliverable of the contractor is to construct complete Grain Seed Stores. A supervising engineer appointed by ISSD Uganda will provide technical supervision to the contractor until issuance of the final certificate of completion. Below are the stages of completion during construction of the stores;

- a) Stage 1: Completion of the substructure (foundation)
- b) Stage 2: Completion of superstructure (wall, frame and roof)
- c) Stage 3: Completion of finishing work; fittings, plaster and painting (plastering internal and external walls, joinery fittings of doors, windows, vents)
- d) Stage 4: Electrical and Mechanical installations (cabling, wiring, lighting fittings, power backup (solar), fire extinguishers)
- e) Stage 5: Inspection and certification after retention period; of no defect by the supervising engineer.

Tender Instructions

- Interested eligible bidders (companies or individuals) may obtain the tender documents from ISSD Uganda office located at Studio House, 1st Floor, Plot 5 Bandali Rise, Bugolobi, Kampala starting from Monday 14th January 2019.
- Bidders should attach their profiles and credentials such as evidence of previous work experience, certificate of incorporation, trading license, and other relevant documents to illustrate their competences, skills and experience to handle the assignment.
- Bidders must indicate the total cost of the construction work on the BoQ summary
- Any questions about the tender should be in writing and sent to the address below.
- Bids should be submitted not later than Friday 25th January 2019 at 5pm.
- Please submit your bid by email or hand delivery to the address below;

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