



## **Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities**

### **Invitation for Bids Provision of Shipping Services to Torres Islands**

**Date** : Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2014

**Loan/Grant** : Loan 2820/Grant 0273 – VAN; Vanuatu Inter-Island Shipping Support Project

**Contract** : MIPU-VISSP-SSS-002 Provision of Shipping Services for Route SSS1-Torres

**Deadline for Bids** : Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014

1. The Republic of Vanuatu has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and a grant from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (NZMFAT) towards the cost of the Vanuatu Inter-Island Shipping Support Project. Part of the funding will be used for the provision of shipping services to remote areas. A contractor will be selected by competitive bidding to provide a monthly service between Luganville and specified call points in the Torres Islands.
  2. Bidding will be conducted under Vanuatu procurement rules with minor amendments to comply with ADB Guidelines for National Competitive Bidding (NCB) using a Single-Stage One Envelope approach. Bidding is open to bidders from eligible member countries of the ADB.
  3. The Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the provision of a monthly passenger and cargo shipping service from Luganville to specified call points in the Torres Islands. The contract period is one (1) year.
  4. Bids are invited from companies offering vessels that meet the following requirements:
    - a Near Coastal or higher safety classification,
    - is certified for at least 50 passengers,
    - has a cargo capacity of at least 50 weight tonnes or 50 cubic metres, and
    - has a minimum speed of 7 knots.
  5. To obtain further information, bidders should contact:  
Mr Johnson Wabaiat  
Director VPMU  
Telephone: +678 33240  
Email: jwabaiat@vanuatu.gov.vu
- To inspect or collect the bidding documents, bidders should contact:  
Mr Johnson Wabaiat  
Director VPMU  
Vila Mall  
Rue de Paris  
Port Vila
6. To purchase the bidding documents, eligible bidders should:

Pay a non-refundable fee of Vatu2,500 by cash or bank cheque payable to *Government of the Republic of Vanuatu* at the Ministry of Finance.

Present their payment receipt at the office of the Vanuatu Project Management Unit, Vila Mall, Rue de Paris, Port Vila for the collection of bidding documents.

7. All bids must be lodged in the tender box at the following address **on or before 2:00 pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 local Vanuatu time**:

Vanuatu Project Management Unit  
Vila Mall  
Rue de Paris  
Port Vila

8. All prospective bidders are invited to attend a pre-bid meeting to be held at the Public Works Conference Room, Sarakata, Luganville, starting at 10:00 am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.