

**INCREASING PARTICIPATION OF THE BELIZEAN CACAO INDUSTRY IN  
THE COCOA-CHOCOLATE GLOBAL VALUE CHAIN**

**Procurement for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Processing Equipment for  
The Toledo Cacao Growers Association**

**INVITATION TO BID**

The Toledo Cacao Growers Association (TCGA) has received financing from the CDB in an amount equivalent to USD \$515,727 towards the costs of “Increasing Participation of The Belizean Cacao Industry in the Cocoa-Chocolate Global Value Chain” Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of TCGA and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than TCGA shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The TGCA now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the **Procurement for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Processing Equipment for The Toledo Cacao Growers Association.**

Firms whether bidding individually or in the form of a Joint Venture, shall:

- (a) be legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an Eligible Country;
- (b) be more than fifty (50) percent beneficially owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an Eligible Country, or by a body corporate or bodies meeting these requirements, as far as the ownership can be reasonably determined; and
- (c) shall have no arrangement and undertake not to make any arrangement whereby the majority of the financial benefits of the contract, i.e., more than fifty (50) percent of the value of the contract, will accrue or be paid to sub-contractors or sub-consultants that are not from an Eligible Country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB and members of the European Union. Bidders are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021), as published on CDB’s website

Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract if the bid is accepted. Tender and qualification information are to be submitted in the English Language on the prescribed forms inserted in the Bid Documents. Submissions that do not provide the information required

or that do not demonstrate the prospective contractor's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation

Bid documents are available from address 1 below. Written requests can be made by email marked: **“Request for Bid Documents for the Procurement for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Processing Equipment for The Toledo Cacao Growers Association Procurement”** The documents will be promptly dispatched, but under no circumstance will the TGCA be held responsible for late delivery, loss, or damage to the documents.

Bids must be submitted either in:

- Hard copy in the form of a sealed envelope, with the name and address of the bidder, and be clearly marked **“Tender for the Procurement for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Processing Equipment for The Toledo Cacao Growers Association”** to the postal address or electronically to email address identified in Address 2 below.

The deadline for Bid submission is:

**Date: November 18, 2022**

**Time: 13:00 hrs (Belize Time)**

**Each bid must be accompanied by Bid-Securing Declaration. Late bids will be rejected.**

TCGA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for TCGA's action. TCGA will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

**1. Address to Obtain or Request Clarifications Related to Bidding Documents:**

Attention: The Project Manager, Increasing Participation of The Belizean Cacao Industry in the Cocoa-Chocolate Global Value Chain” Project

The Toledo Cacao Growers Association Limited

P.O. Box 160 George Price Street,

Toledo District, Belize

Tel 501 670-6874

Email: [tcgaprocurement@gmail.com](mailto:tcgaprocurement@gmail.com) or [orlando@belizetcga.com](mailto:orlando@belizetcga.com)

**2. Address for Bid Submission and Bid Opening:**

Attention: The Project Manager, Increasing Participation of The Belizean Cacao Industry in the Cocoa-Chocolate Global Value Chain” Project

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