

# **REPORT ON THE SITE VISIT TO LWAKHAKHA BORDER EXPORT ZONE, CONSTRUCTION SITE FOR THE CENTRAL MARKET UNDER THE REGIONAL INTEGRATION IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT (RIIP)**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

A team of two technical officers from Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives (senior Engineer) and Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (Principal physical planner) working closely with the District Engineer and District commercial officer Namisindwa district, carried a site visit to the proposed construction site of the central market in the border export zone at Lwakhakha border. The purpose of the visit was to familiarize (reconnaissance visit) the actual construction site to the potential/prospective bidders that are expected to bid for construction of the central market.

## **SITE VISIT**

A site inspection involved all the potential bidders that had come for the site visit (see attendance list) and the Lwakhakha town council political leaders (Mayor, speaker and a few councillors and the technical staff including the town clerk, physical planner, town engineer, production officer among others. The team managed to locate the actual position where the central market shall be located in reference to the master plan for the BEZ and the potential bidders were acclimatized with the physical land scape, existing vegetation cover, surface soil and the potential nearby sources of construction materials in case of winning the contract.

## **DEBRIEF AFTER THE SITE VISIT**

After the site visit a brief meeting was held at the town council offices with all the potential bidders, technical staff and district/town council political leaders. The potential bidders sought clarification on the final design drawings with regard to which specific component of the drawings of the master plan to consider, and whether the site visit certificates are available. Clarification was made that it was the central market and certificates would be received from Kampala at PMU offices because we did not know who would attend and not. Then the political leaders wanted to know about the road map until site handover and criteria for selection of the contractor. The team from Kampala explained that it was competitive bidding where all local bidders from Namisindwa district and other parts of the country are free to participate and compete. With regard to the road map they were told that bid submission is expected to be completed by 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019, evaluation and award to completed by first week of August 2019.

## **QUESTIONS**

There were no other matters/queries raised by the contending bidder

## **CONCLUSION**

The meeting was closed by the Mayor who thanked the Ministry and requested for the expedition of the work because the community is waiting for the market, he also sought clarification on whether the PMU at MTIC will provide financial facilitation for the district and town council technical and political wings to supervise the construction works.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- MTIC should make clarification on who will facilitate the technical staff and political leaders at Town council/district to carry out routine supervision during construction
- The evaluation teams/process should involve the district technical officers such as the Engineer of Namisindwa or town engineer to avoid bias in case the local contractors from the district are out competed
- Site visit certificates should be prepared and availed to the bidders as quickly as possible because they are part of the bid document

## **Attachments – attendance list**

<b>NO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>
1.	WANAMBWA MUSA WANABA	AFRICAN CONSTRUCTON TECHNICIANS
2.	SEWAKILYANGA BRIAN	AFCON INVESTMENTS LTD
3.	SENNOGA SIMON	REDDY'S ENGINEERING SVS LTD
4.	SEMULI SALIMIN	SRIAYYAPPA CONSTRUSTRUCTION LTD
5.	MABALA MICHAEL	AMBITIOUS CONSTRUCTION LTD
6.	WASWA JOEL	PALM CONSTRUCTION LTD
7.	KIYIMBA ROBERT	VAMBECCO ENTERPRISE
8.	MUKOKE ISAAC	SPOELONS PROJECT
9.	RAUBEN KAZIBWE	BAM CONSTRUCTION
10.	TUMUHIMBISE HAROLD	AFCON INVESTMENTS LTD
11.	AYEBALE JOSEPH	LEXIS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
12.	KIYINDA ROBERT	VAMBECCO ENTERPRISES
13.	SIMIYO SAM	NRM LKKTC
14.	WAFULA ISAAC	TOWN CLERK
15.	ZEMEYI FAITH	PHYSICAL PLANNER
16.	WEKESE NANZALA CAROLYNE	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
17.	MR. SU	PROJECT MANAGER ZHONGHAO OVERSEA
18.	ENG RAY	CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER ZHONGHAO OVERSEE
19.	MUSAU KEN MICHAEL	ENGINEER
20.	NSAAMBA HEDROCK	TIDO
21.	AWUSI SEMULI	CDTA
22.	WASIKE MARTIN	DCO
23.	OKELLO CHARLSE	CBTA
24.	WAMOKA ABDUL	SCCPODR