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Ref. **PPCC/RL/CEO/185/'21**

June 30, 2021

Hon. Ruth Coker-Collins
ACTING MINISTER
Ministry of Public Works
Republic of Liberia

Dear Hon. Coker-Collins:

Subject: **REQUEST FOR "NO OBJECTION" TO AWARD CONTRACT TO QIJOE CONSTRUCTION TO DESIGN AND BUILD THE PROPOSED BALI ISLAND AND ACCESS ROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021**

We present our compliments and wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter, which sought the approval of the Commission for the Ministry of Public Works to award contract to **QIJOE Construction** for the Design and Build - Bali Island and Access Road in the amount of ten million United States Dollars (**US\$10,000,000.00**).

The Commission upon overall review of your submissions, states the below observations:

- ❖ That the Ministry of Public Works activities were duly planned for and captured in its approved 2020/2021 Special Project Procurement Plan;
- ❖ That the MPW indicated the amount of **US\$4,000,000.00** as the proposed project value, and said amount is also stipulated on the approved Procurement Plan;
- ❖ That MPW in line with governing procurement procedures, submitted required documents in hard/soft copies (**Hard copies included: Bidder submission, bid document, minutes of bid opening, cover letter and bid evaluation report;**
- ❖ That as per MPW's submission, only two companies proffered bids within stipulated deadline for the tendering process (**SSF and Qijoe**), and one company was deemed technically responsive to requirements and moved to the financial evaluation;
- ❖ That SSF did not submit technical drawings and other requirements as required;
- ❖ That the estimated cost proffered by the bidder has no financial comparison, given that only **Qijoe Construction** emerged as the lone bidder that moved to the financial evaluation stage.

The Commission, upon further scrutiny and review states below:

- That QIJOE quoted price of **US\$10,288,928.22** for the construction of the proposed 3.6 mile Bali Island access road seems unrealistic given the Commission's review on the average median cost of construction for a 1-mile asphalt road (inclusive of labor, equipment and material) is estimated at around **US\$1,000,000.00**. <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/costofroadinAfrica.pdf>
- That the specific items quoted in the bidder's (QIJOE) financial proposal (see below) are costed astronomically high: **Cost of Sexual Exploitation & Abuse/Gender Based Violence Awareness and Sensitization Training - \$400,000.00; and Self-Supervision & Monitoring Activities - \$1,250,000.00; ESIA- Mitigation & preparedness Response - US\$675,000.00.**

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Please note that it is the company's responsibility to comply to contractual requirements in line with the to-dos of the construction's deliverables. Notwithstanding, in order to enable an independent report, review of the construction deliverable mandates, timelines, including conformance and quality assurance, such should be done by an independent firm or by MPW;

- That recommended responsive bidder QIJOE's technical drawing shows the construction of 2 Single-span Reinforced Concrete bridges; however, the bidder's financial proposal reflects bridge estimates for 4 bridges at a cost of US\$734,000.00USD instead of US\$367,000.00(a cost equivalent to a Single-span, double-lane bridge) as per the bidder's own estimates;
- That the contingency of US\$829,235.29 should be absent from the bidder's financial offer **given the stipulated submissions and other related quoted costs.**

Thus, the Commission upon overall review states the following:

1. That "**No Objection**" is granted for the MPW to award contract to Qijoe Construction for the construction of the 'works' in the amount of four million United States Dollars (US\$4,000,000.00), **in consonance with MPW's approved Procurement Plan, which is aligned with MPW's estimated project value;**
2. That the MPW ensure quality conformance for this contract package;
3. That the MPW is advised for future procurement process when using the stipulated procurement method, to ensure wider coverage/access and attain more vendors' participation.

Please note that given the contract value exceeding the threshold d amount of **US\$250,000.00, it must be duly signed by the Minister responsible for Finance and attested to by the Minister responsible for Justice.** We ask that you a copy of the final contract be submitted to the Commission for **validity and reporting as required by the PPCA.**

The Public Procurement and Concessions Commission admonishes and it a priority that you remain primarily in compliance with the PPCA, 2010, as we jointly aspire to achieve transparency, accountability, fairness, equality and ultimate public confidence in our procurement and concession Processes.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

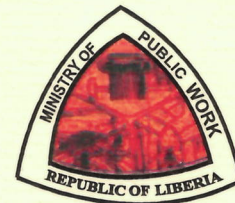
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April 27, 2021

Hon. Jargbe Roseline Nagbe Kowo
Executive Director
Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC)
Monrovia, Liberia

*Received:
Dennis Taylor
May 3, 2021
Time: 14:14*

Dear Hon. Kowo:

**LETTER OF INTENT TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR THE DESIGN AND BUILD OF
BALI ISLAND ACCESS ROAD.**

I write to inform you that the Ministry of Public Works conducted a bidding process for the design and build of the Bali Island Access Road. **IFB No.** MPW/PRO/ICB/001/20/21. An ad hoc bid evaluation panel was constituted and recommended the below company;

- QIJOE Construction & general Construction Liberia Inc. with a bid price of \$10,288,928.22

In view of the above, the Ministry is now seeking **"No Objection"** to award contracts to the above company

Please see attached draft contract and other supporting documents for your review and approval.

Appendix A: Invitation to Bid

Appendix B: Bidding Document

Appendix C: Contractor's submission to Invitation

Appendix D: Bid Evaluation Report

Appendix E: Procurement Committee Meeting Minutes

Appendix F: Draft Contract

Appendix G: Appointment letter of Ad hoc Evaluation panel members

Appendix H: Bid Opening minutes

Best regards, 03-05-21

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ruth Coker Collins', written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Ruth Coker Collins
Acting Minister