



Invitation for Bids (IFB)

September 30th, 2011
Phnom Penh, CAMBODIA
RURAL ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
CW PACKAGE A – IMPROVE 6 ROADS 210.7km
EDCF Loan No. KHM-11

1. The Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) has applied for (or where appropriate, "has applied for") a Loan from the Export-Import Bank of Korea from the resources of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of the Republic of Korea in the amount of 21 Million USD toward the cost of Rural Road Improvement Project, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for CW Package A. This Contract, CW A,B & C, will be jointly financed by ADB. Bidding will be governed by the Export-Import Bank of Korea's eligible rules and procedures.
2. The Project Executing Agency (MRD) now invites sealed bids from eligible General Contractors from Korea for Civil Works within duration of 24 months for Package A of the Rural Road Improvement Project consist of 6 rural roads in total 210.7 km located at three provinces: Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom and Siem Reap.

The works to be carried out in the Project site are as follows;

- Improvement of rural road, generally on the current alignment, unless otherwise indicated, by construction of embankment and DBST Pavement;
 - Raising of the road level in areas subject to frequent flooding;
 - Improvement/New construction of existing bridges after investigation of current condition;
 - Improvement/New construction of structures for drainage system (culverts);
 - Soil Investigation for bridge foundation and new bridge construction;
 - Plan and Execute Civil Works at Site respect to the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) under supervision of the Engineer.
3. Bidding will be conducted through Limited Competitive Bidding (LCB) a procedure specified in the Guideline for Procurement under EDCF Loans, and is open to all eligible bidders that meet the following minimum qualification criteria. The bidders shall be Korean national and experienced with road construction in similar environment as Employer's.
 4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Rural Development and inspect the bidding documents at the address below from 08:00 to 17:00 hrs.
 5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of 300 USD. The method of payment will be in cash. The document will be available to pick up only at the office stipulated in BDS during the working hours (8:00-12:00 & 14:00-17:00) from Monday to Friday except public holidays.
 6. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before November 2nd, 2011 at 10:00 am. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of 380,000USD. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 10:30pm on the same day thereafter in the presence of bidder's representatives.
 7. The Ministry of Rural Development will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

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Police Clash With Protesters In Guinea Ahead of Elections

REUTERS

CONAKRY, Guinea - Protesters barricading roads and burning tires fought with security forces in Guinea's capital Conakry on Wednesday, a day after similar clashes killed three people, witnesses and a police official said.

The West African state is due to hold a parliamentary election later this year to complete a transition to civilian rule, but the main opposition party says the poll is being rigged in advance by President Alpha Conde.

"Protesters have set up roadblocks and are burning tires to stop traffic. We're in the process of breaking them up," a police official said, asking not to be named because he was not authorized to speak publicly.

He said he believed the roadblocks were partly aimed at stopping a ceremony by the government to mark the anniversary of a 2009 massacre of some 150 demonstrators in a Conakry stadium by gunmen loyal to the then-ruling military junta.

Residents said police used tear-gas and truncheons to drive off the protesters, who were operating in groups of several dozen and blocking the main road between the neighborhoods of Hamdallaye and Koloma.

"The gendarmes have come into the neighborhoods, and they are chasing people. Everybody is staying inside," said Koloma resident Mohamed Diallo.

The clashes come a day after the main opposition UFDG party organized a rally to protest against preparations for the election, due later this year. No date has been set.

At least three people were killed when security forces cracked down

on the rally, police and medical sources said. The government said two died in Tuesday's clashes and 39 people, including 23 security personnel, were injured.

Human rights watchdog Amnesty International called on Guinean authorities to investigate the deaths and said Conde was falling into the pattern of brutal rule in the former French colony.

"It's deeply alarming that President Alpha Conde is resorting to exactly the same brutal methods as his predecessors," Paule Rigaud, Amnesty's deputy director for Africa, said in a press release.

Guinea held its first free election late last year bringing Conde to power, a move that was meant to close the book on decades of instability and pave the way for increased investment in its mining sector.

The US, which along with former colonial ruler France helped steer Guinea's transition back to civilian rule, called on the government to ensure the opposition was included in the political process.

"It is absolutely essential that [the elections] be held. They have already been delayed, and it is important that they continue to move forward," said Johnnie Carson, US assistant secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs.

"It is important that President Conde...continue to reach out to the opposition and to ensure that it is known to all that he represents all the people of Guinea," he told an online briefing.

UFDG leader Cellou Dalein Diallo has said he believes Conde's government is seeking to tamper with voter rolls to win a majority in the legislative polls, and that Conde installed a close ally as head of the electoral commission.

— International Brief —

Football Star Drogba Joins Ivory Coast Truth Panel

BOSTON - Ivory Coast's most famous son, Chelsea footballer Didier Drogba, is coming home to help pick up the pieces after disputed elections triggered a war that left at least 3,000 dead earlier this year. Drogba is a hero in his home country, his popularity transcending political divides, and he hopes to play an important role in Ivory Coast's Truth, Reconciliation and Dialogue Commission, which was sworn in Wednesday in Yamousoukro, the capital. Officially, Drogba's role on the 11-member panel headed up by former Prime Minister Charles Konan Banny is to speak for overseas Ivorians, but his talismanic presence carries a great deal of symbolic weight. "It's a question of patriotism. I love my country, and I wanted to contribute to the reconciliation," Drogba said at a news conference in London recently as his participation in the commission was announced. "I could not say no. Because I love Ivory Coast so much, and the country has suffered so much," Drogba said sitting next to commission chairman Banny. "We want peace; we want the country to go forward, to develop, and I want to be part of it." (GP)