

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

2006 Mid-term construction industry review

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• **NCC: Aims and Objectives**

- To unify the construction Industry, to promote its well being, to strive to create a profitable environment for its constituents, and to establish a united national platform encompassing formal and informal sectors of the industry and its professions
- To contribute to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Zambia and the uplifting of all its people
- To promote and advance the status and public recognition of NCC, its members and the construction industry
- To promote encourage, support or oppose any legislation or other measures affecting the industry
- To address macro issues affecting the industry
- To co-ordinate, improve and facilitate the accessibility of training
- To strive, achieve, monitor and maintain the highest possible standards in the construction industry
- To add and amend these objects from time to time as decided upon by the National Council



A number of public sector infrastructure projects facing funding problems

How time flies! It is already past the month of July i.e. past the mid-year mark and as usual it is time to review the performance of our industry (construction) during the first half of this year. No doubt, there have been a lot of expectations from a number of concerned stakeholders and politicians alike, on the general performance of the Zambian construction industry given that this is an election year. The fact that the Zambian construction industry has continued to be the biggest growth industry under the current Government has only added to the above high

expectations and concerns. It is indeed an open secret that there have been high expectations from all corners of the Zambian society to the effect that the MMD Government would lavishly spend on a number of socio-economic infrastructure, especially Roads, Clinics, Hospitals, Schools and so on. It was expected that the Government would spend much more on socio-economic infrastructure this year as an inducement for the electorate to vote for them. But, as it happens, whether by design or by default, this year has been the complete

reverse; in terms of Government budgetary allocations to the construction industry in percentage terms i.e. percentage of money released against budgetary allocations in the Yellow Book. For instance, whereas, the total construction budget under the supervision of the Ministry of Works and Supply for this year is about K208bn, as of end of June 2006, only K18bn had been released .i.e. about 12%! Admittedly, we have in the past witnessed similar poor budgetary funding at this time of the year, only for the budgetary allocation to page two

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-cations to pick up and help in registering double-digit growth figures at the end of the year for the industry. It should also be appreciated that in the past donor support to Government capital budget helped to compensate poor Government releases and eventually help to push the overall spending in the industry. Unfortunately, this first half of the year, the poor budgetary releases seem to hit donor supported projects as well, although this picture is likely to be offset in the second half of the year.

It is important to note, however, that private sector spending, especially under the Building sub-sector of the construction industry has continued to rise especially that this growth has been abetted by the favourable macro-economic fundamentals/factors in the Zambian economy. For example, reduced internal Government borrowing through Government Bonds has meant that Commercial Bank interest rates have slowly come down to a level whereby there is now more money available to the private sector. We further note for example, that whereas, in the past (when Government Bonds were fetching very high yielding rates), Commercial banks were not interested to lend to the construction industry. The same banks are now lending to the construction industry in general and real estate companies in par-

ticular. It must be pointed out, however, that although Commercial Banks are now willing to lend to the industry, interest rates are still relatively high considering the prevailing inflation rates of below 10%. The appreciation of the Zambian currency: the Kwacha (although the Kwacha has almost lost its early year gains) also happened in boosting (building) construction activities in the first half of the year. It should, however, be noted that whereas, most private sector construction activities benefited from early year Kwacha appreciation by way of the resultant reduced prices such as cement which reduced from an average price of K35, 500 to K33, 000 per 50kg bag, donor funded projects which by and large are road projects, on the other hand suffered the complete opposite effect.

With donor funded construction projects which unfortunately constitute the bulk of Government capital budget, the net effect of the Kwacha appreciation has been very adverse and could explain why most donors did not meet their project support and pledges whilst the Kwacha remained strong. It has been said, that most donor funded projects that continued during the era when the Kwacha remained strong suffered huge financial shortfalls and thus most of them will not be successfully completed from the original agreed bilateral budgets and that the Zambian Government is thus under a lot of pressure to

foot the shortfall. As if that was not enough, it is also reported that the Government has a budgetary income shortfall of about K500bn as a direct result of the Kwacha appreciating against other major international currencies.

It would not be mere speculation to suggest, therefore, that the aforementioned K500bn Government budgetary income shortfall has had a huge negative impact on Government more so in financing its capital budget for this year. No doubt, the financing of this year's tripartite elections has equally had a negative impact on the financing of the Government's capital budget.

Given that most donor-funded projects were budgeted at a rate of about US\$ 1 to K5,000, it is understandable that when the exchange rate dropped to US\$1 to K3, 000 there was a huge backlash on these donor funded projects. Some of our consultants and contractors who continued to charge for their services in dollars, albeit against Government advice to do so, also suffered huge financial losses. The losses by our consultants and contractors alike emanated from the fact that whilst their local costs, such as travel, transport, staff wages & salaries including accommodation costs remained high in Kwacha terms, their income which was dominated in dollars was greatly reduced by as much as 35% at one time. It now remains to be seen what "end year results" we will get come December.

"You can't just take these ARVs and drop them with a parachute. You need infrastructure. There is a shortage of systems that rewards effort in most African countries". Former American President: Bill Clinton.

Construction Training Opportunities

CONSTRUCTION SCHOOL

The NCC - Construction School will be conducting interviews for a 13 weeks course in **Labour Based Enhanced Road Maintenance** at NCC premises. The course is scheduled to start on **11th September 2006** and is intended for existing Small- Scale Contractors. Interested Companies throughout Zambia are earmarked for this course.

COMPANY QUALIFICATIONS

The company must be registered with NCC in category 5 and 6

The company must be in existence for at least 2 years

Must have two persons to attend the course i.e. The Company Director or his/her representative and the supervisor

MINIMUM INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATIONS

The Company Director or his representative

Minimum grade twelve certificate

Good knowledge of written and spoken English and a pass in mathematics

Must have proven entrepreneurship and business skills

Any formal training in construction will be an added advantage

Must be in the range 30 years to 50 years old.

Supervisor

Minimum grade Twelve certificate

Good knowledge of written and spoken English and a pass in mathematics

Must have not less than 2 years working experience

Must be not less than 23 years old and not more than 50 years

Experience in either building or road works will be added advantage

REQUIREMENTS: -

Candidates are required to bring with them the following documents on the day of interviews:

Copies of National Registration Card.

NCC registration certificate

Certified Company/Business CV.

Application fee: K100, 000-00 per company (Non-refundable), payable to Construction School officer on the day of interviews.

*Please note that a **Commitment fee** of K1, 000, 000-00 per company (Non-refundable), shall be payable to Construction School by successful applicants during registration at the start of the course.*

INTERVIEW PROGRAMME: -

Venue: NCC- Construction School, Plot 1609/1625, Sheki – Sheki road, Light Industrial Area, Emmasdale, Lusaka

Date: 25th August 2006

Time: 10:00 hours

All applications accompanied with the above-mentioned photocopies of relevant support documents must reach the Construction School by **Thursday 24th August 2006**. **Women are encouraged to participate.**

Please note that applicants shall bear all expenses pertinent to their travel to and from place of Interviews, as well as their accommodation whilst there.

For further information contact: -

The Principal

National Council for Construction

Construction School,

P.O. Box 39548, Lusaka.

"During the inglorious years of colonialism, African culture and traditions were prejudicially trampled upon, abused and labelled primitive. Fortunately, we now know the fallacy of these prejudices and we Africans are beginning to re-awaken ourselves to the reality of the abundant rich African culture. Nigerian High Commissioner: Emmanuel Ezech

Tender Notices

REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY TENDER COMMITTEE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

TENDER FOR PAINTING WORKS AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL PLANNING HEADQUARTERS

The Ministry of Finance and National Planning intends to carry out painting works at its headquarters in Lusaka to enhance the ambience of the building.

The Ministry of Works and Supply Tender Committee, on behalf of the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, now invites sealed bids from eligible firms or consortiums that may be interested in carrying out this project.

This tender is open to firms or consortiums that are registered in, and registered as contractors or building works with the National Council for Construction (NCC) of the Ministry of Works and Supply in Category Bc, Grade 5 or better, proof of which must be shown.

Eligible bidders may inspect and/or purchase the bidding documents from the office of the Tender Committee Secretary, Room 10, Ministry of Works and Supply, Procurement and Supplies Unit, situated between Government and Fairley Roads, opposite the Buildings Department, and next to the Road Traffic Commission at Ridgeway, Lusaka upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ZMK250,000.00 or its equivalent, in any freely convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate, in cash or bank certified cheque.

The contact telephone number is 260-1- 251726 and the telex number is 260-1-251099. **HOWEVER, TELEGRAPHIC AND TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

All bids, in sealed envelopes, and accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the bid sum duly signed and sealed by the Guarantor(s), must be deposited in the Tender Box at the Ministry of Works and Supply, Procurement and Supplies Unit, not than later Friday 8th September, 2006 at 14:30 hours local time.

The closing date for receipt of bids is Friday 8th September, 2006 at 14:30 hours local time, at which time and day the bids will be opened in the Conference Room at the Buildings Department Headquarters, Lusaka, in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

PLEASE NOTE THAT LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Jason Songwe
Head – Procurement and Supplies Unit
for/Permanent Secretary
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY

*“Two secrets to keep
your marriage brimming*

*1. Whenever you're
wrong, admit it,*

*2. Whenever you're
right, shut up”.*

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Tender Notice

For more tender notices please refer to the NCC website

Ministry of Local Government and Housing

INVITATION TO TENDER

MLGH /W/006/06 : TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE TICKETING OFFICES AT LUSAKA INTERCITY BUS TERMINUS

The Lusaka Intercity Bus Station has secured funds towards the cost of construction of the Ticketing Offices at Lusaka Intercity Bus Terminus.

The Ministry of Local Government and Housing on behalf of the Lusaka Intercity Bus Station now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified contractors registered with the National Council for Construction (NCC) for the construction of the Ticketing offices at Lusaka Intercity Bus Terminus.

Eligible bidders may obtain the bidding from the office of the Head, Procurement and Supplies Unit, Ministry of Local Government and Housing P.O. Box 50027 Lusaka, Zambia, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of K500,000.00 or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque.

The telephone/telefax number is 260-1-254851 and telefax number is 260-1-253551

HOWEVER TELEFAX OFFERS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The bids, accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the bid sum, must be deposited in the tender box on the 1st Floor, Ministry of Local Government and Housing Church Road, Lusaka on **or before 14:00 hours local time on Friday, 8th September 2006.**

The bids shall be opened immediately thereafter in the Conference room of the Ministry of Local Government and Housing, in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE BIDS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

S.S. Mukuyungwa (Mrs.)
Head – Procurement and Supplies Unit
For Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Local Government and Housing

“A Permanent Secretary is a controlling Officer yes. But if you say no to certain things, you will be accused that, no you are anti-party or you are anti-want. The job of a Ps is very difficult. Geoffrey Mukala and Kabushi parliamentary candidate

Tender notices

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

INVITATION TO TENDER

MOED/SP/INFRA/W/03/06 TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EIGHT (08 NO.) STAFF HOUSES AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT MUFUMBWE HIGH SCHOOL -NORTHWESTERN PROVINCE

The Ministry of Education has received funds from Cooperating Partners for the implementation of the Education Sector Plan. It is intended that part of these funds be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the construction of (08No.) Staff Houses and Ancillary works at Mufumbwe High School – North Western Province for which this invitation for bids is issued.

The Ministry of Education now invites sealed bids from eligible contractors registered with the National Council for Construction in Category B5 and above, for the construction of (08No.) Staff Houses and Ancillary works at Mufumbwe High School – North Western Province.

Eligible bidders may obtain the tender document upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **K400,000.00** or its equivalent in any convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque. The bidding documents may be collected from the Ministry of Education Headquarters, Room GO13, Chimanga Road, P.O. Box 50093, Lusaka Zambia

The telephone/telefax number is 260-1-251318. **HOWEVER TELEGRAPHIC OFFERS AND /OR ELECTRONIC OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Bids must be clearly marked, “Tender for the construction of (08No.) Staff Houses and Ancillary works at Mufumbwe High School – North Western Province” and must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the bid sum, duly signed and sealed by the Guarantor(s).

The bids shall be deposited in the tender box situated on the 2nd Floor of the main building, Ministry of Education Headquarters, Chimanga Road, Lusaka, Zambia.

The closing date for receipt of bids is Friday, 25th August, 2006 at 14:00 hours local time and any bids received after the deadline stipulated will not be accepted. Bids shall be opened immediately thereafter in the Boardroom on the 2nd Floor of the main building, Ministry of Education Headquarters in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

S.D. Chibuye
Head - Procurement & Supplies Unit
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

“We are learning the footsteps that Zambia has taken in the fight against corruption. Corruption is evil, it affects development and the lives of the poor people. It has become a big issue than fighting poverty in Malawi”.
Malawian President:
Bingu wa Mutharika

Construction Training opportunities at the NCC

CONSTRUCTION SCHOOL

The NCC - Construction School will be conducting interviews for 03 weeks **REFRESHER COURSE IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT** to cater for both building and road contracts for contractors at NCC premises. The course is scheduled to start on **6th November 2006** and is intended for existing Small- Scale Contractors. Interested Companies throughout Zambia are earmarked for this course.

COURSE BRIEF

The main objectives of this course among many others are to enable contractors: -

- Understand costing principles (Price their works reasonably)
- Prepare competitive bids
- Understand conditions, specifications, etc of contracts
- Contract Management in general
- Planning and reporting procedures, execution and measuring of work done
- Preparation of interim and final payment certificates

To concretize knowledge learnt, the course delivery approach shall be biased towards Case Studies that will engage participants in 'actual' tendering/pricing situation and introduction of TEVETA 'Improve Your Small Business (IYSB)' to participants as a sustainable tool for their constant reference.

QUALIFICATIONS

The applicants to this course must have attended and successfully completed one or more construction courses earlier offered by the NCC Construction School.

The company must be registered with National Council for Construction in Grades 5 & 6.

REQUIREMENTS: -

Candidates are required to bring with them the following documents on the day of interviews:

- NCC registration certificate for the year 2006
- Copies of National Registration Card.
- Certified Company/Business CV.

Application fee: K100, 000.00 per company (Non-refundable), payable to Construction School officer on the day of interviews.

*Please note that a **Commitment fee** of **500,000.00** per individual (Non-refundable), shall be payable to Construction School by successful applicants during registration at the start of the course.*

INTERVIEW PROGRAMME: -

- Venue:** NCC- Construction School, Plot 1609/1625, Sheki – Sheki road, Light Industrial Area, Emmasdale, Lusaka
- Date:** Wednesday October 3rd, 2006
- Time:** 10:00 hours

All applications accompanied with the above-mentioned photocopies of relevant support documents must reach the Construction School by **Tuesday 2nd October 2006 before 15:30hrs. Women are encouraged to participate.**

Please note that applicants shall bear all expenses pertinent to their travel to and from place of Interviews, as well as their accommodation whilst there.

For further information contact: -

**The Principal,
National Council for Construction
Construction School,
P.O. Box 39548,
Lusaka.**

*"No matter what size the bottle, the cream always comes to the top". Charles Wilson
(President, GE)*

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Front Office Assistant: National Council for Construction

The National Council for Construction (NCC), a statutory body, affiliating and representing all trade organisations and professional bodies within the Zambian Construction Industry is looking for a dynamic and highly motivated **Front Office Assistant**.

The NCC is empowered by an Act of Parliament to regulate, monitor, and control the activities in the Zambian Construction Industry.

Front Office Assistant

Position Summary

As the front office staff, he/she will be receiving all incoming phone calls, visitors/enquiries and will therefore be expected to be in office for all the hours as stipulated in the conditions of service.

MAIN DUTIES

Typing, Receiving, screening and directing all incoming calls to the relevant Departments or Officers

Receiving, screening and directing visitors to the right Departments and offices

Making calls for all staff through the switchboard and keeping a proper record of all outgoing calls

Taking down all messages for members of staff that are not able to take their calls (these to be sent through e-mail)

Answering basic enquiries on the NCC contractor registration process and directing all complex questions/issues to the Registration & Regulation Department.

Photocopying documents for official purposes and on commercial basis

Issuing of Contractor Registration Forms in the absence of the Accounts Staff

Qualifications:

Full Grade 12 Certificate

Typing Certificate from a recognized institute

Customer Care/Front Office Certificate

Other Attributes

strong interpersonal and communication skills and
Computer literate.

Fluent in English and able to express herself/himself adequately
to visitors and to callers

Application letters complete with curriculum vitae with traceable references and copies of certificates should reach the undersigned not later than 25th August, 2006.

The Executive Director
National Council for Construction
P.O. Box 39548
LUSAKA

“Do not antagonise the Hippo, if your only means of transport is water transport”. A Ugandan proverb

Tender Notices

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

INVITATION OF BIDS

The Northern Province WASHE Programme has received funding from Development Cooperation Ireland under the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Programme towards the drilling of 85 no. boreholes in Kasama, Mungwe, Mpulungu, Kaputa and Mporokoso Districts. The Northern Province Tender Committee, through the Provincial Water, Sanitation and Health Education (P-WASHE), intends to apply part of these funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for drilling and equipping of Boreholes in the following Districts:

LOT 1

Districts	No. Of Boreholes
Kasama	25
Mpulungu	20
Mungwi	15

LOT 2

Districts	No. of Boreholes
Kaputa District	15
Mporokoso	10

The Northern Province Tender Committee on behalf of the **PWASHE** now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders.

The Scope of works in this contract comprises of:

- Sitting of borehole locations
- Drilling and development of boreholes
- Supply and Installation of 4-6" PVC borehole casing and Hand Pumps
- Gravel Packing and Grouting
- Apron, Channel and Soak away construction

The tender is open to firms that are registered in Zambia and registered with the National Council for Construction (NCC) in Category M, Grade 5 up to 1, proof of which should be shown.

Eligible bidders may obtain the tender document upon payment of a non-refundable fee of K500,000.00 per Lot in cash. The Tender Documents may be obtained from the offices of the secretary, Provincial Tender Committee at the Provincial Administration Offices Room 7 first floor P.O Box 410214, Kasama. The telephone numbers are 04 22208 and telefax 222005/221119. **HOWEVER, TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Bids must be deposited in the Tender Box at the Provincial Administration at the Reception along Zambia Road Kasama and must be accompanied by a bid security in an amount not less than K4,000,000.00. This bid security should be duly signed and sealed by the Guarantor(s). **ALL bids should be quoted in local currency.**

The closing date for receipt of bids is on 1st September, 2006 at 14:30 hours local time, at which bids received will be opened in the Deputy Minister's conference room in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

LATE OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Secretary – Provincial Tender Committee
 For/Permanent Secretry
 NORTHERN PROVINCE

*“People are changed, not
 by coercion or
 intimidation, but by
 example”. John
 Maxwell*

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*Helping to
develop Zambia*



NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CONSTRUCTION

WARNING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The National Council for Construction (NCC) wishes to inform the General Public that only contractors registered, and consultants (Architects, Surveyors and Engineers) affiliated with the NCC should be engaged for any construction works. This is in accordance with the NCC Act No.13 of 2003, which prohibits the award of contracts to unregistered contractors and unaffiliated consultants.

Please note that it is a serious offence for the client to engage a construction firm that is not registered or affiliated with the NCC; and, for a construction firm to undertake construction works if it is not registered or affiliated with the NCC.

All parties wishing to engage contractors are therefore advised to ensure that:

- The contractors are registered with the NCC.
 - Correct and transparent procurement procedures are followed.
- Only contractors with the relevant capacity are engaged to carry out the required works.

The public is cautioned that it is an offence to engage foreign construction firms to carry out construction work in Zambia without the approval of the NCC.

The public and institutions are further warned that it is illegal for them to register contractors engaged in construction activities as this is the mandate of the NCC.

All interested parties and potential clients of the construction industry may obtain the list of all registered contractors and affiliated consultants from the NCC. Contractors are classified according to their capacity and specialization, and are therefore only allowed to carry out the works in the categories and grades registered in.

Note that the NCC Registration Scheme is intended to protect the interests of the public in that it offers a range of appropriate skills and capacity to ensure value for money.

The NCC Act also provides for appropriate action in form of a fine or imprisonment or both, for any defaulting Contractor and/ or client. Similarly, Consultants (Architects, Surveyors and Engineers) are regulated by their respective Acts. Therefore, the public is further advised to submit all complaints against contractors to the NCC in writing, at the address below, in order to facilitate the necessary action.

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