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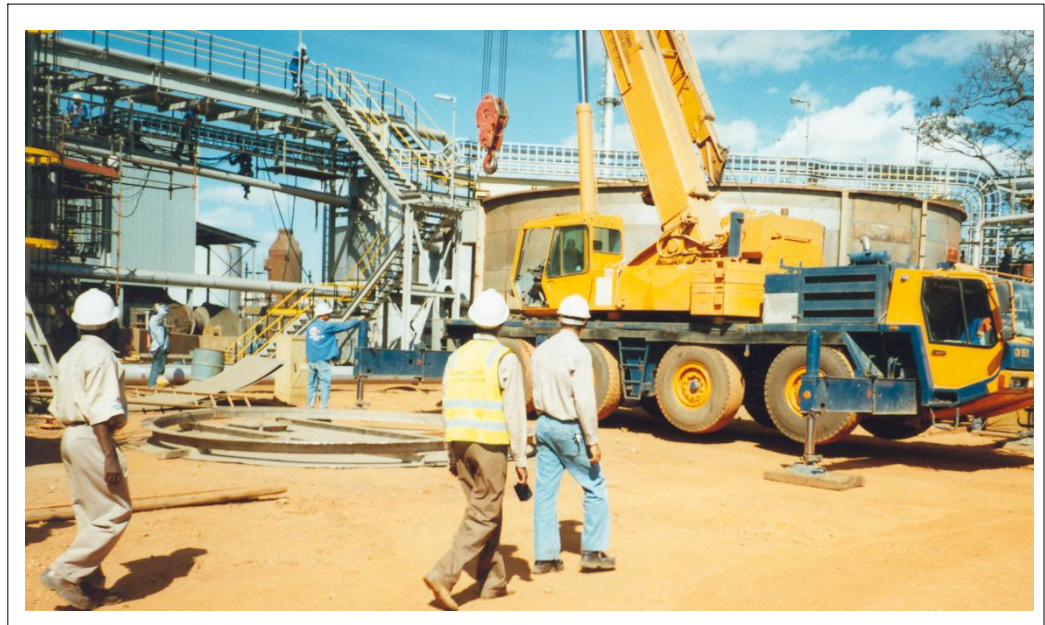
## The paradox of the Zambian construction industry high growth rates

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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



Despite high growth rates, the industry is apparently facing a number of problems

The Zambian construction industry has in the last six years continued to record double digit growth rates, thus establishing itself as the biggest growth industry in the Zambian economy. The double digit growth rates which have averaged over 15% per year since 1999 have meant that the industry has literally doubled since 1999. At constant 1994 prices, the construction industry has grown from a mere K227.6bn in 1999 to a total of K425.5bn last year. As percentage contribution to our Gross Domestic Product (GDP) the industry has increased its

share from 9.4% in 1999 to 13.5% in 2005. No doubt, the source of this rapid growth rate was initially attributed to the Government initiative of the Road Sector Investment Programme (RoadSIP), a programme heavily supported by World Bank and other bilateral and multi-lateral donors now in its second phase. It should be noted, that although the road sector was at one time greatly over shadowing the building sub sector, building sub-sector has since remarkably recovered, albeit still much smaller than the roads – sector, which as already

stated is heavily donor supported.

Unfortunately, all is not rosy in the Zambian construction industry, as the economic successes of the industry has not been transferred in the final physical product. The Zambian construction industry has continued to make headlines, all for the wrong reasons. If our media reports and our parliamentary leaders are to be believed, then our industry is besieged with vices of run away contractors, shoddy workmanship and poor supervision by our consultants. What is even more

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-worrying about the above negative phenomenon is the fact that the Zambian society now seems to have lost all confidence in their own local contractors. Indeed there are some “bad eggs” among Zambian contractors, just like “bad eggs” among our foreign contractors. The apparent loss of confidence by the Zambian society including the Government itself has meant that foreign contractors have continued to get local construction contracts at the expense of our local contractors, thus contributing to the massive externalizing of our hard earned foreign exchange. The continued utilizing of foreign contractors and in some cases consultants, has also meant that we are “importing unemployment” from other countries. We are having to import construction expatriates in areas such as bricklaying, plumbing, grader operator and site foremen, and yet thousands of our own trained citizens in these areas of construction specializations are walking our streets and yet at the end of the day, we are seen celebrating the successes of the Zambian construction industry. Consequently, the National Council for Construction (NCC) among other construction trade associations and professional institutions being statutory bodies charged with the responsibility of regulating the Zambian construction industry have been on their “toes”

with a view to arresting the above negative trends. It must be stated from the outset that our findings have confirmed that in some instances, there have been some cases of very serious shoddy workmanship, although small in number contrary to the impression given in our press. What we have found is that by and large, the public and in some unfortunate cases, our national and local leaders are not aware of the scope of work given to contractors. Thus you have cases especially in road rehabilitation cases, where the contractor is simply contracted to carry out spot improvements or with holding maintenance, whilst the Government looks for money to carry out full rehabilitation works. What then happens is that the locals and sometimes in the company of their leaders upon seeing the poor contractor merely mending potholes and not carrying out full rehabilitation then condemns the poor contractor for shoddy workmanship, incompetence and all the other possible accusations. As if that was not enough, the Government being the client it is, decides not to pay the poor contractor and yet the Government itself and the general public still expects the contractor to continue working! The Chipata –Lundazi road currently being rehabilitated, is a typical example of a road that needs full rehabilitation and yet only with holding works are being carried out and the Government is

struggling to pay the contractor. As for the people of Eastern Province, we all know their views about the road and the contractor. Another very worrying trend in our industry is the reported growing tendency for contractors to run away with the clients advance payment, especially on Government contracts. What is, however, very surprising and very difficult to understand about this reported growing tendency above is the fact that all Government contract documents require that all contractors deposit a bank bond equivalent to the advance payment, which is then cashed by the client in the event that the contractor runs away or fails to account for the advance payment. In some cases, a performance bond is also requested for by the client’s consultants. This is why it always comes as a surprise to us at the NCC to hear of cases where the contractor runs away with the client’s money and the client is reported at a loss!. What is equally surprising to hear and comprehend are cases where it is alleged that the contractor has failed to perform the contracted contract and yet has been paid in full, simply because the client’s consultants has authorized full payment of all outstanding payment to the contractor. In such cases, our view at the NCC has always been that the professional conduct of the consultants should also be questioned and simply charged with the aligning contractor.

*“Globalisation is an extreme expression of human brutality whereby multilateral institutions like the World bank and the IMF are reintroducing the processes of slavery, colonialism and human bondage”*  
*Dr. Kenneth David Kaunda: First Zambian Republican President*

## IS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE UP TO SCRATCH?

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**(A). Background**

Local Government world-wide is very important as it has the responsibility of fostering development at the local level. Central Government is far removed from the different localities to be able to bring development effectively at this level.

In Zambia Local Government is so important that it is enshrined in the Republican Constitution after the amendments of 1996. Additionally, the Local Government Act 1992 identifies 62 functions of Local Authorities which vary widely from Brewing of Beer to the provision of infrastructure within the council area. From a construction and economic point of view one of the important functions Local Authorities play is the provision of infrastructure e.g. roads, water and sewerage, housing etc.

Due to the crucial role that the local government sector plays in the national development it is important that its contribution to the construction industry (which has been described as a barometer of the nation's economic well being) is identified. An efficient and well managed local government sector will result in a very active construction sector as not only will it attract investment from both the public and private sector but also perform its crucial role of providing and maintaining infrastructure. In Zambia there is especially a need to look closely at this relationship given that not only has the local government sector collapsed but also the construction industry is not performing well. This paper argues that a well functioning local government sector will bring a lot of benefits to the construction sector.

**(B). The interface between Local Government and the Construction industry**

Every construction project undertaken in the country will take place within the jurisdiction of a Local Authority. This could be Rural, Municipal or City Council. Local authorities are in charge of all developments at the local level and are the main planning authority. This means that any construction works that has to be carried out in any locality has to be sanctioned by a Local Authority.

The roles that local authorities play in the construction industry can be broadly classified as:

- Facilitating investment which in turn results in construction projects;
- Carrying out own construction programmes eg. Construction and maintenance of roads and other infrastructure that make life easier for the inhabitants of the locality, and;
- Scrutinising and approval of construction plans. This will also include building inspection via site visits at various stages of the construction process.

**Facilitating and attraction of investment**

Since Local authorities are charged with the responsibility of fostering local development, economic development has to be an important goal. This is more so in a country like Zambia where poverty has afflicted about 80 % of the nation's population. Local authorities can perform this function by coming up with investor friendly regulations and bye laws. Other ways in which local authorities can perform this function is by providing good infrastructure which encourages investment in their localities.

Encouragement of investment like this in Zambia usually brings the most dividends. Examples like the Sun Intercontinental Hotel in Livingstone and Manda Hill in Lusaka exemplify the impact such investments would have on the construction industry.

**Local Authorities' construction programmes**

This is the second role that Local Government can play in the construction industry. One of the key functions of Local Authorities as discussed above is to construct and maintain infrastructure within their localities so that economic, social and other activities can be carried out with ease. Examples of this infrastructure would be roads, housing and utility related infrastructure like water. Funds for these projects have tended to come from Government in the past but in some cases Councils have also used their locally generated revenues. Where funds are available and local authorities are building new houses, constructing new roads and utilities then as

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not a right- It’s a  
responsibility”.*  
*John Maxwell*

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a result of the multiplicity of Councils the impact on the construction industry will be quite considerable. The provision of these utility services have a backward linkage as they are an important ingredient in the attraction of investment both foreign and local. If this infrastructure is poorly managed or non existant little investment will come.

**Scrutinising of building plans and Building inspection**

As already mentioned, the Councils are the main planning and development authority. They are charged with the responsibility of scrutinising all plans for construction projects proposed for the locality as a way of enforcing the building standards stipulated by government. The Public Health Act (CAP 435) is the main statutory instrument guiding the local authorities in this area as it provides for Building regulations and standards. The Town and Country Planning Act CAP 475 is the other instrument used since proposed development has to comply with the planning regulations and standards. In regards to the role of Local Authorities, Councils are crucial in regulating physical development in their localities.

**(C). What is the situation on the ground?**

It is now common knowledge that the Local Government sector in Zambia has been and continues to face very serious and debilitating problems that have rendered its performance of the above roles almost impossible. The problems which are quite varied have been discussed in a paper by the same author published in the Construction News (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2001, No. 4). This section looks at whether the local authorities are performing their roles.

**Facilitating and attracting investment into the local economy:** Most Local Authorities have not done well in this area. One of the major short comings identified by practitioners and scholars is the long, slow and combersome process involved in obtaining permits and licensing for development. Lack of information on investment opportunities in most towns is another serious problem that has been identified.

In most towns in Zambia the issue of plots has been very topical. There is a critical shortage of serviced plots in all major towns in Zambia which is a severe constraint to investment. The reasons for this are varied. On one extreme you have lack of finance to carry out the demarcation and servicing of plots while on the other extreme you have lack of qualified staff to do this or worse still staff who do not have the motivation to do their jobs.

**Local Authorities' own construction programme:** At the moment very few Councils are able to carry out any construction programmes due to lack of funds. Almost all Councils in the country are experiencing very serious financial problems. The only construction works that are being done in local authority areas are those that are financed by Donor Agencies e.g. roads project in Lusaka, Ndola and Kitwe. In Kitwe there has also been a large project financed by the (Africa Development Bank) ADB in the water sector. This means that not only is the development in the towns going to stagnate (due to lack of investment in the infrastructure) but also foreign and local investment by business houses will not be attracted due to poor infrastructure. Run down infrastructure has been cited as one of the reasons for low investment in most towns in Zambia.

**Scrutinising of building plans and Building inspection:** Most Councils have not fulfilled this role effectively. Cases abound where Councils have been found wanting. In Lusaka, for example, there are some buildings that the City Council together with some Professional Associations like the Zambia Institute of Architects (ZIA) have tried to demolish either because they do not comply with the building standards or because they are built in land that should not have been used for such developments. If the Local Authority had performed its role well cases like this would not have arisen. Some of the reasons for this are lack of integrity on the part of the officers in Councils or lack of qualified manpower. At

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the end of the spectrum you have sheer inertia i.e. officers just failing to do their job. There are examples world wide where such buildings have collapsed leading to loss of life.

**(D). What is the way forward?**

It can be seen from the foregoing that councils have a big and crucial role to play in the construction industry. It is important therefore, that measures are put in place that will enable the councils to play their role. Below are some recommendations that would help deal with the shortcomings identified:

- (i). There is urgent need for government together with other stakeholders in the sector to come together and revisit the current intergovernmental financing arrangements. Lack of finance is one of the biggest problems that local government is facing in Zambia today. The most telling effect has been their inability to pay staff who have as a result become extremely demoralised. Lack of funds has also meant that the councils cannot attract highly qualified staff. There is need for central government to reconsider the reintroduction of grants to local authorities if only for capital projects.
- (ii). Local authorities have to seriously consider undergoing a reorientation to focus on and encourage participation of the private sector in the provision of municipal services. It is very clear now that councils in Zambia do not have the capacity to provide services efficiently and effectively. Servicing of plots to make them available to potential investors will be one way of doing this. Another example would be the use of private contractors to maintain infrastructure like roads. There are companies who can provide such services free as a contribution to development but they need to be approached and convinced that their effort will not be wasted.
- (iii). The councils should also open up more to the community by allowing highly qualified residents of their towns to come and help in the running of the councils. This can be done at the advisory and as well as operative levels. At the advisory level technocrats could be co-opted onto council standing committees to advise councillors as they make decisions (the Local Government Act allows for this). At the operative level the council could invite professionals in the construction industry to help with scrutinising of plans and building inspection. In the same way they can deal with the problem of registered Land Surveyors who are in short supply.
- (iv). The councils also have to undergo a major re orientation so that they shift their focus from being service organisations to run more like business entities who have to provide a service efficiently and cost effectively. For this to happen the government has to be willing as part of Public Sector Capacity Building Project (PSCAP) to put money into the retraining of key staff in councils. Management apart from finance is the other major problem councils are facing.
- (v). Finally, Councils have to assume a very strong investment focus. At the moment no council has a department, section or individual solely looking at investment attraction. With the liberalisation of the economy and the strong policy shift to investment attraction that the country has undergone, one expects that the councils will go the same way. There is need for the Ministry of commerce and Industry to take a keen interest in the affairs of the councils to help in this reorientation. Work in this area has been started by the Zambia Investment Centre after it was mentioned in the budget speech. The main problem is there is no focus on what really needs to be done and also there were no funds set aside for this in the budget.

It is clear that at the moment Zambians are not getting the best deal out of local government as far as construction is concerned. It is imperative that authorities both local and at the centre look at the sector to improve its performance so that we can get a better deal.

*“Leaders who win the respect of others are the ones who deliver more than they promise, not the ones who promise more than they can deliver”. Mark A. Clement*

# Tender Notice

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## ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

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#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

**TB/W/009/06: TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MATERNITY, THEATRE AND X –RAY BLOCKS FOR CHADIZA DISTRICT HOSPITAL, EASTERN PROVINCE (LOT 1), MUMBWA DISTRICT HOSPITAL, CENTRAL PROVINCE (LOT 2) AND SAMFYA DISTRICT HOSPITAL, LUAPULA (LOT 3)**

The Ministry of Health has received funds from the Ministry of Finance & National Planning for the construction of Maternity, Theatre, and X-Ray Blocks for the above mentioned district hospitals in Eastern, Central and Luapula Provinces and intends to apply the proceeds to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation for bids is issued.

The Zambia National Tender Board, on behalf of the Ministry of Health, now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified building contractors registered with the National Council for Construction to undertake the following works:

#### LOT 1

Construction of Maternity, Theatre and X-Ray Block for the proposed Chadiza District Hospital, Eastern Province

#### LOT 2

Construction of Maternity, Theatre and X-Ray Block for at Mumbwa District Hospital, Central Province

#### LOT 3

Construction of Maternity, Theatre and X-Ray Block for the proposed Samfya District Hospital, Luapula Province

Applicants may bid for single lots or all the three (3) lots, but no bidder will be awarded more than one (1) lot because of the geographical spread of the works, Bidders must quote for all items and quantities specified in each lot.

Eligible bidders may obtain the bidding document upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **K1,000,000.00** or its equivalent in any convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque. The bidding documents may be obtained from the Zambia National Tender Board, Room 21, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Red Cross House, Los Angeles Boulevard, Longacres, P.O. Box 31009, Lusaka, Zambia.

The telephone numbers are 260-1-250632/250642/250687 and the telefax number is 260-1-250633. **HOWEVER TELEFAX OFFERS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the tender sum and should be deposited in the tender box on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Zambia National Tender Board offices at Red Cross House, Los Angeles Boulevard, P.O. Box 31009, Lusaka, Zambia. The bids should be sealed and clearly marked “**TB/W/009/06 – Tender for Construction of Maternity, Theatre and X –ray Blocks for Chadiza District hospital, Eastern Province (Lot 1), Mumbwa District Hospital, Central Province (Lot 2) and Samfya District Hospital, Luapula (Lot 3)**”.

The closing date for the receipt of bids is **Friday, 21 July 2006 at 14:00 hours** local time. Bids will be opened in the Conference Room of the Zambia National Tender Board offices, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Red Cross House, in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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Acting Director General

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*“Failure can be divided into those who thought and never did and those who did and never thought.” Rev. W. A. Nance*

# Tender notices

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### INVITATION FOR BIDS

**TB/CE/011/06: TENDER FOR THE PERIODIC MAINTENANCE OF MAIN AND DISTRICT ROADS IN THE PROVINCES (LUAPULA AND CENTRAL PROVINCE – Packages 3 and 7 respectively) - ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

The Government of the Republic of Zambia intends to carry out periodic maintenance works on various roads in the country using funds from the European Union as support to the ongoing Road Sector Investment Programme (ROADSIP II). The Road Development Agency now intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for Periodic Maintenance of Main and District Roads in all the Provinces using 'Output and Performance Based Road Contracts'.

The tender was first invited on 3 February 2006 in the national press for all provinces. However there were no responsive bids for Luapula and Central Province (Packages 3 and 7). The tender is now being re-invited for Luapula and Central Province.

The Zambia National Tender Board, on behalf of the Road Development Agency now invites sealed bids from qualified road construction companies. This invitation for Bids is open to foreign and local contractors registered with the National Council for Construction in **Category R, Grade 3 and above**. Local contractors are encouraged to enter into partnership or association with foreign contractors to enhance their capacity.

The primary objective of the works and service sought by these contracts is to improve the roads in the first six (6) months of all weather accessibility and provide maintenance in the subsequent three and half years in order to ensure all-year accessibility.

The scope of works these 'Output and Performance Based Road Contracts' include but is not limited to the following: Light rehabilitation works which may include gravelling and drainage works; Maintenance works including grading, possible re-gravelling, reshaping, bridges and embankment maintenance and vegetation control; and

Other works consisting activities needed to ensure all-weather accessibility of the roads.

The roads have been grouped in two (2) packages as follows:

Package	Road Name	Road Number	Total Km
3	LUAPULA PROVINCE		
	Road D076 off D19 near Kawambwa-Mumbwe-Inc D36 and D77 at Mununga	D076	58.37
	Road D088 off Roads M3 and D96 near Mwewa	D088	95.27
<b>Total</b>			<b>153</b>
7	CENTRAL PROVINCE		
	Kabwe Town Boundary – to old Mkushi	D200	115.46
	Old Mkushi D207 to T002	D207	103.111
<b>Total</b>			<b>216</b>

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 7 July 2006 in the Conference Room at Roads Development Agency Head Office, Government/Fairley Road, P.O. Box 50003, Lusaka 10 Hours. All interested Bidders should attend.

Eligible bidders may obtain the tender document upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **K1,000,000.00 per package** or its equivalent in any convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque. The bidding documents may be obtained from the Zambia National Tender Board, Room 21, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Red Cross House, Plot 2837, Los Angeles Boulevard, Longacres, P.O. Box 31009, Lusaka,

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The bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the bid sum, must be deposited in the tender box on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Zambia National Tender Board offices at Red Cross House, Los Angeles Boulevard, Lusaka, **on or before Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2006 at 14:00 hours local time.**

The Bids shall be opened immediately thereafter in the Conference Room of the Zambia National Tender Board on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Red Cross House, in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL

*“To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.”. Elbert Hubrard*

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## **Finalization of the draft Fifth National Development Plan (FNDP) and National Vision 2030**

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The Zambia Government has finally prepared the draft Fifth National Development Plan (FNDP) and the National Vision 2030 documents. The Government is now calling upon stakeholders to participate in the finalisation of the these two very important national documents by way of commenting on the programmes contained in the two draft documents.

Stakeholders are therefore called upon to contribute to this is very important national event. To that end, a national stakeholders forum (by written invitation) has been called for. The Forum will be held at the Mulungushi International Centre from the 24-27th July 2006. Stakeholders interested in the infrastructure chapter can call upon at the NCC secretariat and make their written submissions for onward submissions to the relevant authorities.

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(President, GE)*

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**TB/CE/013/06: TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BY-PASS FROM LUMUMBA /KAFUE ROADS JUNCTION THROUGH KAMWALA TO JOIN CHILIMBULU ROAD IN LUSAKA – ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

The Road Development Agency has resolved to construct a new by-pass from Lumumba/Kafue Roads junction through Kamwala to join Chilimbulu Road in Lusaka.

The Zambia National Tender Board, on behalf of the Road Development Agency, now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of the new by-pass from Lumumba/Kafue Roads Junction through Kamwala to join Chilimbulu Road in Lusaka.

The scope of works includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Construction of a new road approximately 1.6Km in length;
- Construction of a 54m diameter roundabout
- Construction of traffic light and street lighting; and
- Construction of road drainage.

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding. Zambian Contractors must be registered with the National Council for Construction in **Category R and grade 3** or better.

Eligible Bidders may obtain the bidding document upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **K1,000,000.00** or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque. The bidding document may be collected from the Zambia National Tender Board offices, Room 21, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Red Cross House, Plot 2837, Los Angeles Boulevard, Longacres, P.O. Box 31009, Lusaka, Zambia.

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The bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the bid sum. The bid security shall be signed and sealed by the Guarantor(s).

The bids should be deposited in the tender box on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Zambia National Tender Board offices at Red Cross House, Los Angeles Boulevard, Lusaka, Zambia.

The closing date for the receipt of bids is Friday, 21 July 2006 at 14:00 hours local time. The bids shall be opened soon after closing in the Conference Room of the Zambia National Tender Board offices, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Red Cross House, in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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*“My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure”. Abraham Lincoln*

## Tender Notices

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### **ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD MINISTRY OF EDUCATION INVITATION TO TENDER**

#### **TENDER NO. MOED/SP/INFRA/W/01/06 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ADMINISTRATION BLOCK, FOUR STAFF HOUSES, FOUR DORMITORY BLOCKS, TWO ABLUTION BLOCKS 7 ANCILLARY WORKS AT KAFUSHI HIGH SCHOOL IN CHIBOMBO – CENTRAL PROVINCE**

The Ministry of Education has received funds from Cooperating Partners for the implementation of the Education Sector Plan. It is intended that some of these funds be used for construction of Administration Block, Four Staff Houses, Four Dormitory Blocks, Two Ablution Blocks and Ancillary works at Kafushi High School in Chibombo - Central Province for which this invitation for bids is issued.

The Ministry of Education now invites interested contractors for the construction of Administration Blocks, Four Staff Houses, Four Dormitory Blocks, Two Ablution Blocks and Ancillary works at Kafushi High School in Chibombo – Central 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 TELEFAX OFFERS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the bid sum. The bid security shall be signed and sealed by the Guarantor(s).

The bids should be deposited in the tender box located in the Boardroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ministry of Education Headquarters, Chimanga Road, Lusaka, Zambia.

The closing date for receipt of bids is Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2006 at 14:00 hours local time and any bids received after the time stipulated will not be accepted. The bids shall be opened soon after closing in the Boardroom of the Ministry of Education Headquarters in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

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## 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 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 they 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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