

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Shoddy construction works in the public sector: Who really is to blame?

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

<i>Shoddy construction works</i>	1-3
<i>Tender Notices</i>	4
<i>Tender Notices</i>	06
<i>Tender Notices</i>	08
<i>NCC Board Members</i>	09
<i>Tender notices</i>	10
<i>Warning to the general Pub-</i>	11

• **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



Shoddy construction works in the public service, who shoulders the blame?

The issue of shoddy construction works is once again making headlines in our national media; where as often been the case, our local contractors have been found guilty even before the public is given the facts or the cases of shoddy works thoroughly investigated. We at the National Council for Construction (NCC) will be the first ones to admit that there are unfortunately some unscrupulous contractors carrying NCC certificates just as there are some consultants that need deregistering for carrying out unprofessional work. Similarly, the Zam-

bian Government as the major client for most of these construction works be it Civil or Building, has been the major culprit on most of these construction failure sites for delaying payments and in most cases not paying at all, and yet the public expects the consultants and contractors alike to continue providing quality workmanship. In indulging in this current "blame game" in the national media, it is very important that we critically look at the various stages in executing any works contract, including the roles and responsibilities

of all the different players, parties and stakeholders executing a works contract.

It should be noted that the Zambian construction industry models itself from the British Colonial construction contract model, albeit having been revised many times over. The important point to note from the above is the fact that the Zambian works contract documents have in-built safe-guards against both the unscrupulous consultants and contractors in some instances the unscrupulous and unbecoming client:

turn to page two :

Shoddy construction works in the public sector: Who really is to blame?

“Leaders are ordinary people who accept or are placed under extraordinary circumstances that bring forth their latent potential, producing a character that inspires the confidence and trust of others. Our world today is in desperate need of such individuals”. Dr. Myles Munroe

1. Consultants and contractor registration schemes:

In Zambia, like in all other Commonwealth countries, both the construction Consultants and Contractors are required to first register with their respective professional bodies (i.e. Architects with the Zambia Institute of Architects [ZIA], Engineers with the Engineering Institution of Zambia [EIZ] and Surveyors with the Surveyors Institute of Zambia [SIZ]) and in the case of contractors they are required to register with the National Council for Construction [NCC]. The registration of these various professionals above is meant to screen and ensure that only competent professionals and construction companies are allowed to carry out any construction works in the country. The above mentioned registration authorities are therefore meant to safe guard the interests of the client and the general public.

2. Tendering and short-listing: It should also be noted that the standard procedure of tendering for all public and sometimes private construction works is another way of screening unworthy consultants and contractors on a job. Normally professionals and contractors alike will be invited to express their interest through an “Expression Of Interest” (EOI) to carry out the proposed construction works either as consultants or contractors. The

client then carries out an evaluation process of all those construction companies that will have submitted their Expression Of Interest with a view to screen all the inexperienced or those construction companies with limited capacity or simply those construction companies that do not meet the client’s criterion.

3. Works Execution: It is further noted that all standard construction contract documents, especially those in use in the public sector carry sufficient determination clauses in the event that either or both the consultants and contractors fail to carry out their duties diligently. The question to be asked, therefore, has to be “why these clauses that are meant to safe guard the interests of the client are never apparently applied in the public sector, especially on Government contracts?”

4. Periodic supervision and inspections: It will further be appreciated that in the construction industry, construction works are periodically inspected by the client’s consultants to ensure scope, standards and specifications compliancy. Thus a road contract covering say a period of two years, will have the client’s consultant conducting monthly site inspections over a 24 months period with corresponding site meetings, where site progress, on-going site problems are discussed and resolved with the contractor with a view to finding possible solutions. A contractor

failing to adhere to the agreed scope, materials standard, specifications and including workmanship should be fired during this period and not wait until the end of the contract when the contractor will have been paid 100% of his dues.

5. Periodic payment certificates: As in four (4) above, the contractor is never paid in a lump sum for all the work done. The contractor is paid in instalments by way of Interim Payment Certificates normally paid monthly after the consultant has certified that the contractor has diligently carried out the works to her/his satisfaction. It is therefore expected that if the contractor has not followed the signed contract, the consultant will not sanction his payment. Thus in law, once the consultant certifies that the contractor has indeed carried out the works in accordance with the signed contracts and ends up authorizing payment, no third party like the NCC, let alone the general public or our Honourable MPs can successfully argue otherwise. It should be noted, however, that in some cases the consultant can authorise payment to the contractor in cases where the contractor has not strictly followed his/her instruction, with a view that this “wrong” be corrected and offset in the next interim payment certificate to the contractor.

6. Insider dealings: There is a growing concern over the tendency by some of our public officers to play the

Shoddy construction works in the public sector: Who really is to blame?

“When someone is pushed by someone else: the natural reaction is almost to push back”. Dr. Myles Munroe

From page 2:

-double roles of being that of public officers adjudicating over the award of works contracts either at local or central Government level and at the same time running or having interests in some construction companies bidding for the same jobs. These practices therefore compromise the professionalisms of these officers and their objectivity to effectively carry out their public sector duties and roles.

7. Late payments by clients (especially Government): It is observed and acknowledged that the tendency by clients, especially the Government in this case, to constantly delay in paying consultants and contractors has adversely affected the product on most (public sector) construction sites. The introduction of the Cash Budget system has thus meant that Government through the Ministry of Finance and National Planning does not release all the money for the works project according to the approved budget, but releases money according to the availability of that month's collections. Normally, in such cases it would be expected for both the consultant and the contractor to stop work in accordance to the signed works contracts, but in our case, we still expect both the consultant and more so the contractor to carry on working as if he has been paid in full. In actual fact most Government works contracts tend to fail

for this very reason.

8. Price consideration rather than quality: It is further observed that owing to the limited resources on the part of the Zambian Government, there now seems to be a growing tendency to go for the lowest submitted bid rather than the lowest evaluated bid. The above tendency therefore goes against the Engineers estimates, in the hope that the lowest bidder will complete the proposed works within his sometimes “ridiculous” or very low bid figures.

9. Advance payments and performance bonds: It is further acknowledged that advance payments that have since become very prone to abuse in the Zambian construction industry are meant to always go with advance payment bonds. Advance payment bonds are meant to safe guard the interest of the client just in case the contractor runs away with the advance payments, but alas Zambian public sector works do not seem to have these safe guard measures or at worse these bonds by run away contractors are never cashed by the Government. Surely, serious questions should be asked as to why this is so. The same principal above would apply to performance bonds.

10. Feasibility and contract period validity: It is further acknowledged that in many cases the period between when the works feasibility studies are carried out and the time it takes to commence the said works is too long. For example, in road

rehabilitation cases, it might take say three or more years between the feasibility study of a road rehabilitation work and the time when the contractor is finally appointed to commence the actual works. Unfortunately, by the time the contractor is finally appointed on site, the road will have deteriorated even further rendering the original feasibility study useless, but yet in the Zambian scenario, the road works go ahead based on outdated scope of works and specifications. Clearly, there exists a number of inbuilt safe guards in the current Zambian works contract documents and professional practices to adequately address the problems of unworthy consultants and contractors as outlined above. So why then, do we continue to have these aforementioned problems in the public sector of the Zambian construction industry? To continue blaming our local contractors without getting to the root cause of the aforementioned problem has only served to continue the status core and the interest of foreign based consultants and contractors. Government would further help in brining to an end the above “blame game” in construction related matters, if it opened for public viewing and scrutiny it's works contract on some of these controversial works contacts, for example the Mongu-Kalabo Road. The public would be shocked to note that Billions of kwacha spent on this project went to paying the contractor interest and not undertaking the actual works.

TENDER NOTICES- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Invitation for Bids

**MOE/SP/INFRA/W/06/06 TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE (01NO),
ADMINISTRATION BLOCK, TWO (02NO.) 1 X 3 CLASSROOM BLOCKS, TWO
(02NO)
LEARNING AREA ABLUTION BLOCKS, FOUR (04NO.) STAFF HOUSES, ONE
(01NO.)
DORMITORY ABLUTION BLOCK AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT ITEZHI-TEZHI
HIGH
SCHOOL IN ITEZHI-TEHI DISTRICT – SOUTHERN PROVINCE.**

The Ministry of Education has received funds from Cooperating Partners for the implementation of education Sector Plan. It is intended that part of the proceeds of these funds be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the Construction of One (01No.) Administration Block, Two (02No.) 1 x 3 Classroom Blocks, Two (02No.) Learning Area Ablution Blocks, Four (04No.) Staff Houses, One (01No.) Dormitory Ablution Block and Ancillary Works at Itezhi-Tezhi High School in Itezhi-Tezhi District – Southern Province

The Ministry of Education now invites sealed bids from eligible contractors registered with the National Council for Construction in Categories B5 and B4 for the Construction of One (01No.) Administration Block, Two (02No.) 1 x 3 Classroom Blocks, Two (02No.) Learning Area Ablution Blocks, Four (04No.) Staff Houses, One (01No.) Dormitory Ablution Block and Ancillary Works at Itezhi-Tezhi High School in Itezhi-Tezhi District – Southern Province.

Eligible contractors may obtain the tender documents 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 tender documents may be collected from the Ministry of Education Headquarters, Room GO13, Chimanga Road, P.O. Box 50093, Lusaka, Zambia.

The telephone numbers is 260 01 251318. **HOWEVER TELEGRAPHIC OR TELE-FAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Bids must be clearly marked, "Tender for the Construction of One (01No.) Administration Block, Two (02No.) 1 x 3 Classroom Blocks, Two (02No.) Learning Area Ablution Blocks, Four (04No.) Staff Houses, One (01No.) Dormitory Ablution Block and Ancillary Works at Itezhi-Tezhi High School in Itezhi-Tezhi District – Southern 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).

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, **24th November, 2006 at 14:00 hours** Local Time and any bid received after the deadline stipulated will not be accepted. Bids will 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 AND SUPPLIES UNIT
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

“Maturity is the ability and quality one possesses to accept the differences in other s opinions, views personalities, characters, positions and status without being threatened in your own security. Maturity does not borrow strength from external circumstances nor uses them to influence or manipulate others. Maturity is the product of security”.
Dr. Myles Munroe

TENDER NOTICES- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Invitation for Bids

TENDER MOE/SP/INFRA/W/05/06 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO (02NO.) 1 X 3 CLASSROOM BLOCKS, TWO (02NO.) LEARNING AREA ABLUTION BLOCKS, FOUR (04NO.) STAFF HOUSES, ONE (01NO.) DORMITORY BLOCK, ONE (01NO.) DORMITORY ABLUTION BLOCK AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT KAZUNGULA HIGH SCHOOL IN KAZUNGULA DISTRICT – SOUTHERN PROVINCE.

The ministry of Education has received funds from Cooperating Partners for the implementation of education Sector Plan. It is intended that part of the proceeds of these funds be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the construction of Two (02No.) 1 x 3 Classroom Blocks, Two (02No.) Learning Area Ablution Blocks, four (04No.) Staff Houses, One (01No.) Dormitory Block, One (01No.) Dormitory Ablution Block and Ancillary works at Kazungula High School in Kazungula District – Southern Province.

The Ministry of Education now invites sealed bids from eligible contractors registered with the National Council for Construction in Categories B5 and B4 for the Construction of Two (02No.) 1 x 3 Classroom Blocks, Two (02No.) Learning Area Ablution Blocks, four (04No.) Staff Houses, One (01No.) Dormitory Block, One (01No.) Dormitory Ablution Block and Ancillary works at Kazungula High School in Kazungula District – Southern Province

Eligible contractors may obtain the tender documents 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 tender documents may be collected from the Ministry of Education Headquarters, Room GO13, Chimanga Road, P.O. Box 50093, Lusaka, Zambia.

The telephone numbers is 260 01 251318. **HOWEVER TELEGRAPHIC OR TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

Bids must be clearly marked, "Tender for the Construction of Two (02No.) 1 x 3 Classroom Blocks, Two (02No.) Learning Area Ablution Blocks, four (04No.) Staff Houses, One (01No.) Dormitory Block, One (01No.) Dormitory Ablution Block and Ancillary works at Kazungula High School in Kazungula District – Southern 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).

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, **24th November, 2006 at 14:00 hours** Local Time and any bid received after the deadline stipulated will not be accepted. Bids will 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 AND SUPPLIES UNIT
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

*"Parading girls when
they come of age is like
auctioning them or
informing all the boys
and child defilers that
food is ready for them".*
Majory Masaiti

Tender notices

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Invitation for Bids

MOE/SP/INFRA/W/04/06: TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO (02NO.) 1 X 3 CLASSROOM BLOCKS, TWO (02NO.) LEARNING AREA ABLUTION BLOCKS, FOUR (04NO.) STAFF HOUSES, ONE (01NO.) DORMITORY BLOCK, ONE (01NO.) DORMITORY ABLUTION BLOCK AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT CHITAMBO HIGH SCHOOL IN SERENJE DISTRICT –CENTRAL PROVINCE.

The ministry of Education has received funds from Cooperating Partners for the implementation of education Sector Plan. It is intended that part of the proceeds of these funds be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the construction of Two (02No.) 1 x 3 classroom Blocks, two (02No.) learning Area Ablution blocks, Four (04No.) staff Houses, One (01No.) Dormitory block, One (01No.) Dormitory block Ablution and Ancillary Works at Chitambo High School in Serenje District – Central province.

The Ministry of Education now invites sealed bids from eligible contractors registered with the National Council for Construction in Categories B5 and B4 for the Construction of Two (02No.) 1 x 3 classroom Blocks, two (02No.) learning Area Ablution blocks, Four (04No.) staff Houses, One (01No.) Dormitory block, One (01No.) Dormitory block Ablution and Ancillary Works at Chitambo High School in Serenje District – Central province.

Eligible contractors may obtain the tender documents 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 tender documents may be collected from the Ministry of Education Headquarters, Room GO13, Chimanga Road, P.O. Box 50093, Lusaka, Zambia.

The telephone numbers is 260 01 251318. **HOWEVER TELEGRAPHIC OR TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

Bids must be clearly marked, "Tender for the Construction of Two (02No.) 1 x 3 classroom Blocks, two (02No.) learning Area Ablution blocks, Four (04No.) staff Houses, One (01No.) Dormitory block, One (01No.) Dormitory block Ablution and Ancillary Works at Chitambo High School in Serenje District – Central 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).

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, **24th November, 2006 at 14:00 hours** Local Time and any bid received after the deadline stipulated will not be accepted. Bids will 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 AND SUPPLIES UNIT
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

"Leadership courses can only teach skills: they cannot teach character or vision. Leaders are made through developing character and vision. Leaders are not gifts but results". Dr. Myles Munroe

Tender Notices

REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATIVES

Date: September, 2006
AD/01/02/2005

Reference No. MA/EP/

ADB Loan Number: 2100115001089
ASIP Support in Eastern Province

ADB Loan Name: ADF-

The Government of the Republic of Zambia has received a loan from the African Development Fund towards the cost of Support to Agricultural Sector Investment Programme (ASIP) in Eastern Province and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payment under the Contract for **Rehabilitation, Alterations and Additions to existing buildings and construction of new infrastructure at various Agriculture Centres in Eastern Province – Zambia MA/EP/AD/01/02/2005**. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the ADB rules for procurement of goods and works.

The Government of the Republic of Zambia through the Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders (who should be building contractors registered in categories, **Grade One to Three of the Zambia National Council for Construction**) for the **Rehabilitations, Alterations and Additions to existing buildings and construction of new infrastructure at various Agriculture Centres in Eastern Province – Zambia as follows;**

- Lot 1 Chama District – Chama Farmers training centre (see Lot 1 BOQ).
- Lot 2 Lundazi District – Lundazi Livestock Market Centre, Kanyunya Quarantine Centre and Lundazi Farmers Training Centre (see Lot 2 BOQ).
- Lot 3 Chipata District – Chipata Livestock Market Centre, Katopola Livestock Production Unit, Mwami Quarantine Centre and Kalichelo Farmers Training Centre (see Lot 3 BOQ)
- Lot 4 Chadiza District – Chanida Quarantine Centre and Chadiza Farmers Training Centre (see Lot 4 BOQ).
- Lot 5 Mambwe District – Mambwe Farmers Training Centre (see Lot 5 BOQ).
- Lot 6 Katete District – Katete Livestock Market Centre, Katete Artificial Insemination Centre and Katete Farmers Training Centre (see Lot 6 BOQ).
- Lot 7 Petauke District – Petauke Livestock Market Centre and Petauke Farmers Training Centre (see Lot 7 BOQ).
- Lot 8 Nyimba District – Nyimba Livestock Market Centre (see Lot 8 BOQ). **Continued on page 8**

“I believe that crisis really tends to help develop the character of an organisation”. John Scully: President of Apple Computer Inc.

Tender Notices

Continued from page 6

- 2.1 Bidders may bid for one or several lots as further defined in the bidding documents. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one contract will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Form of Bid or submitted in writing before the deadline for bid submission. All bids and offers of discount shall be opened and evaluated simultaneously so as to determine the bid or combination of bids, including discounts, offering the lowest evaluated solution to the employer.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents, at the office of the Head, **Procurement and Supplies Unit, Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives, 3rd Floor, Room 310, Mulungushi House Tel/Fax: 260-1-253946 Tel: 253946, P.O. Box Box 50197, Ridgeway, Lusaka.**

A complete set of Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be purchased at the same address at a non refundable fee of K500,000.00 or its equivalent in a freely-convertible currency for each set. **HOWEVER, BIDS SENT BY TELEFAX WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Bids shall be valid for a period of 120 days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a bid security of **not less than 2% of the bid price.**

Bids shall be deposited in the tender box at the Office of the **Head, Procurement and Supplies Unit, Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives, 3rd Floor, Room 310, Mulungushi House Tel/Fax: 260-1-253946 Tel: 260-1-252651, P.O. Box 50197, Ridgeway Lusaka**, on or before **15:00hrs local time Friday 24 November, 2006** and any bid received after the time and date stipulated above will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in conference Room at the Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives, P.O. Box 50197, Ridgeway, Lusaka, Mulungushi House Independence Avenue at 15:00hrs local time in the presence of the bidders or their representative who choose to attend.

Chishimba P. Wanchinga

Head
Procurement and Supplies Unit
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATIVES

"It is not the crook in modern business that we fear, but the honest man who doesn't know what he is doing".

Owen D. Young

NCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Dr. Francis M. Ndilila | Chairman |
| 2. Lt. Col. Bizwayo N. Nkunika | P. S.-Ministry of Works and Supply |
| 3. Dr. Mutumba Bull | University of Zambia |
| 4. Mr. Ian Coulter | Construction Manufacturing Industry |
| 5. Mr. David Chakonta | TEVETA |
| 6. Mr. Fred Mtamira | Surveyors Institute of Zambia |
| 7. Mr. Nkole Bwalya | Zambia Institute of Architects |
| 8. Mr. Stephen Kamuhuza | National Ass. for Small Scale Contractors |
| 9. | Ass. for Building and Civil Engineering Contractors |
| 10. Mr. Renatus Mushinge | Association of Consulting Engineers of Zambia |
| 11. | Ministry of Finance and National Planning |
| 12. Mr. Brian B. Chirwa | Ministry of Local Government and Housing |
| 13. Mr. M. M. Lukwasa | Ministry of Justice |
| 14. | Energy Regulation Board |
| 15. Mrs. Margaret L. Lungu | Zambia Bureau of Standards |
| 16. Dr. Sylvester Mashamba | Board Secretary (Executive Director) |

Subscribe to your Quarterly Magazine "Construction News"- yearly subscription (I.e. 4 issues K28, 000 to include postage or delivery.

Please place your order with the Secretariat.

Support your Magazine by advertising in the "Construction News" for rates please contact the Secretariat

Tender Notices

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Invitation for Bids

TENDER MOE/SP/INFRA/W/08/06 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEN (10NO) STAFF HOUSES AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT MUNALI SCHOOL IN LUSAKA – LUSAKA PROVINCE.

The Ministry of Education has received funds from Cooperating Partners for the implementation of Education Sector Plan. It is intended that part of the proceeds of these funds be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the Construction of Ten (10No.) Staff Houses and Ancillary Works at Munali High School in Lusaka – Lusaka province.

The Ministry of Education now invites sealed bids from eligible contractors registered with the National Council for Construction in Categories B5 and B4 for the Construction of Ten (10No.) Staff Houses and Ancillary Works at Munali High School in Lusaka – Lusaka province.

- 3 Eligible contractors may obtain the tender documents 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 tender documents may be collected from the Ministry of Education Headquarters, Room GO13, Chimanga Road, P.O. Box 50093, Lusaka, Zambia.

The telephone numbers is 260 01 251318. **HOWEVER TELEGRAPHIC OR TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

Bids must be clearly marked, "Tender for the Construction Ten (10No.) Staff Houses and Ancillary Works at Munali High School in Lusaka – Lusaka 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). 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, **24th November, 2006 at 14:00 hours** Local Time and any bid received after the deadline stipulated will not be accepted. Bids will 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 AND SUPPLIES UNIT
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

*“To get something done
a committee should
consist of no more than
three people, two of
whom are absent”.*
Robert Copeland

National Council for Construction

Plot 1609/1625, Off Sheki Road Light
Industrial area,
P. O. Box 3954
Lusaka, Zambia

Phone: 260-01-243115
Fax: 260-01-243115
Email: ncc@ncc.org.zm

We are now on E-mail, send
us your mail to
ncc@ncc.org.zm

*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.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION AND CONSULTANTS' AFFILIATION FOR THE YEAR 2007.

The National Council for Construction further wishes to inform all contractors and the General Public that the 2007 contractor renewal exercise shall commence on 2nd October, 2006. Renewal forms can be obtained from respective Provincial Registration Committees or the NCC Secretariat in Lusaka at a non refundable fee of K10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Kwacha Only).

Contractors engaged in Public Health Engineering works (such as Water, Drainage and Sewerage), Borehole drilling, Road furniture, Road signage and markings, Drilling and Blasting, Quarrying and Crushing and Telecommunication network installations are reminded to register with the Council.

A Gazetted list of registered contractors shall be published by 14th January, 2007.

The Council, further, wishes to invite written submissions from the Public and Private Institutions, Parastatal and International organizations, other contracting Clients and the General Public on the performance of specific contractors on specific projects through out the country

**The Executive Director
National Council for Construction
P. O. Box 39548
Lusaka, Zambia.**