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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

MONTSERRAT VOLCANO OBSERVATORY (MVO)

ACCOUNTS AUDIT 2016, 2017 and 2018

August 2023



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Re: Quotation for the Audit of the Montserrat Volcano Observatory (MVO) Accounts for financial years 2016, 2017 and 2018

Local bidders (only) are invited to submit a quotation for the audit of the MVO.

The Office of the Auditor General is inviting qualified and experienced Auditors to submit a quotation for conducting a Financial Audit of the Montserrat Volcano Observatory for three (3) accounting periods, 01st April 2016 – 31st March 2018, using the attached Request for Quotation Form.

1. Copies can be downloaded and submitted via the Government of Montserrat website at <http://www.gov.ms/tenders/> or myTenders Portal at <https://www.mytenders.co.uk/>
2. **The Quotation Dossier consists of the following documents:**
 - i. Instructions and Guidance Notes
 - ii. Terms of Reference
 - iii. Quotation Evaluation Criteria
 - iv. Bidders Identification Details Form
 - v. Form of Quotation
 - vi. Quotation Checklist

Please read instructions and Guidance Notes before completing and submitting Quotations. Failure to do so may result in Quotations being deemed non-compliant and rejected.

Any queries relating to the Quotation should be made in writing to the Auditor General Ag, Office of the Auditor General at meademv@gmail.com or via telephone; (664) 491-3460 or 491-4569, no later than **4:00 pm on Monday, 28th August, 2023.**

Quotations must be submitted no later than **2:00 pm on Monday, 04th September 2023.** Quotations received after this time will not be considered.

1. INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE NOTES

1. **This Request for Quotation is for Local bidders (only).**
2. Please read Instructions to Bidders before completing and submitting quotes. Failure to read and follow the information within the Request for Quotation document will cause quotations being submitted to be deemed non-compliant and rejected.
3. The supplier must submit a **valid Tax Compliance Certificate** from Inland Revenue Department along with the quotation documents. In the case of a sole trader, the valid Tax Compliance Certificate should be issued in that individual's name. However, where the sole trader is trading using a Business Name, the Tax Compliance Certificate should be issued in the Business Name. In the case of a Company, the Tax Compliance Certificate should be issued in the name of the Company. It is therefore incumbent on the Bidder to ensure that the Tax Compliance Certificate is issued in the correct name. Quotations received with improper Tax Compliance Certificates would be rejected. For further information, please contact Montserrat Customs & Revenue Service (MCRS) via email at irev@gov.ms.
4. All quotations will be arithmetically checked - any errors will be brought to the Bidder's attention. The **rates supplied** would be the basis for the arithmetic correction and would be the determining factor for any queries about the corrected price.
5. Bidders are to provide all documents or information requested as part of the within the **Quotation Check List**. Failure to fully complete these documents **will** lead to their bid becoming non-compliant and rejected.
6. Bidders are not allowed to submit alternative quotations.
7. The Government of Montserrat is not bound to accept the lowest bidder and has the right to accept and reject any quotation.
8. To submit a quotation:

Hard copies to be submitted by hand

You will need two (2) plain envelopes for the request submission. Failure to follow these instructions, may result in the quotation being non-compliant and not considered any further.

Envelope 1:

Follow the steps written below:


1. Write the name of the Bidder (Supplier) on this envelope
2. Write the name of the project and the address on the envelope as written below;

Bidder's Name (Your Company Name)

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3. Now put this envelope into another plain envelope (Envelope 2.)

Envelope 2 

Continue following the steps below:

Envelope 1 should now be inside this envelope (Envelope 2), seal the envelope and then write the Project Title and address for Request for Quotation return:

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***NB: Envelope 2 must not have the Bidders name on it or any other markings.**

Quotations are to be delivered to the address above. Bidders will be given a receipt.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

2.1 BACKGROUND

The Montserrat Volcano Observatory was established on the 27th day of July 1999 as a body corporate under the Montserrat Volcano Observatory Act 1999, Registration Number 4/1999. The Corporation's principal activities are to exercise an overview of the Volcanic Activity and to minimize its destructive consequences. The accounting policies primarily follow the guidelines of the Montserrat Volcano Observatory Policies and Accounting Guidelines. Otherwise, the accounting policies conform to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

2.2 JOB PURPOSE

The Government of Montserrat through the Office of the Auditor General is seeking qualified and experienced Auditors to conduct a Financial Audit of the Montserrat Volcano Observatory for three (3) accounting periods, 01 April 2015 – 31 March 2018.

2.3 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Interest consultants should submit the following:

- A profile detailing their training, qualification and experience appropriate to the scope of works
- Completion of the request for quotation form.
- Availability to commence work almost immediately with the intention to complete in four (4) months.

2.4 DELIVERABLES

No	Deliverables
1	Draft Audited Financial Statements
2	Working Paper Files for 2016, 2017 & 2018
3	Draft Report and Audit Opinion
4	Management Letter

2.5 PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

i. Duration.

The duration of the assignment is one hundred and twenty (120) days.

ii. Reporting.

The successful Bidder will report to the Auditor General (Ag), Office of the Auditor General, Angelos Complex, Brades, Montserrat.

3. QUOTATION EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used to evaluate quotations received. Compliant submissions will be evaluated to a total score of one hundred (100) marks.

Bidders must achieve a minimum **60%** of the technical score to be qualified for award.

No	Criteria Description	Weight
1	Administrative Compliance	Pass/Fail
Technical Criteria		
2	Conformance to Technical Expertise	25 marks
3	Bidder's Experience and Capacity	30 marks
Cost Proposal		
5	Price/Details of Budgeted Audit Fees (breakdown)	45 marks
Total Score		100 marks

3.1 Administrative Compliance (Pass/Fail)

Bidders must submit all the documents requested in the **Quotation Document Checklist** at **(Section 5)** provides a list of documents to be completed and submitted for bidders to be deemed compliant and achieve a PASS assessment. The accurate and whole submission of these documents fulfils the Administrative Compliance requirement, which is a Pass/Fail assessment. Where **all** of the outlined requirements have been fulfilled, the bidder will then advance to the subsequent evaluation criteria. If any of the above-mentioned items were not submitted, then the Quotation would be deemed non-compliant and rejected.

3.2 Conformance to Technical Expertise (25 marks)

Marks will be awarded to a bidder who has undertaken similar work in the past. Therefore, the bidder should demonstrate his/her ability in their technical expertise in auditing statutory institutions. This must be specifically outlined in your submission.

3.3 Bidder's Experience and Capacity (30 Marks)

The Bidder should provide a detailed outline of his/her experience in a Curriculum Vitae.

Marks will be awarded to a bidder who has undertaken similar work in the past. Therefore, the Bidder should demonstrate his/her ability in their expertise and experience in auditing statutory institutions. This must be specifically outlined in your submission.

3.4 Price/ Details of Budgeted Audit Fees (Breakdown) (45 marks)

The quoted price is a significant factor and the Government of Montserrat will seek to ensure that the services are provided at the most economically advantageous price. However, there are other factors, which comprise the assessment criteria, and these will be considered proportionately. The percentage for this criterion will be calculated proportionately in comparison to other price submissions from the quotation. Government of Montserrat is not bound to accept the lowest or any quotation.

4. BIDDER'S IDENTIFICATION DETAILS FORM

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<p>I hereby certify that the information outlined in this document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement may result in a denial of a contract and possible debarment from future prospects.</p> <p>..... (Signature of Business Representative)</p> <p>..... <i>Date</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Business Name/Stamp</p>																																																																	

4. FORM OF QUOTATION

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Dear Miss Meade

Quotation for the Audit of the Montserrat Volcano Observatory Accounts for years 2016, 2017 and 2018

I/We the undersigned undertake to complete the above Service in accordance with the General Conditions of Contract Specifications for the sum of:

EC\$.....

(words).....

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If my/our Quotation is accepted, I/We undertake to commence the Service within ____ **day(s)** of receiving the official Award Letter.

I/We understand I/We shall not be reimbursed for any costs that may have been incurred in compiling this Quotation.

I/We confirm this tender shall remain valid for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of submission of this Tender.

Name.....

Signed.....

Name of Company.....

Address.....

Tel. number.....

Email address:

Date.....

5. QUOTATION CHECKLIST

Project Title: **Quotation for the Audit of the Montserrat Volcano Observatory Accounts for years 2016, 2017 and 2018**

Date scheme advertised: **Friday 4th August, 2023**
Clarifications Deadline: **Monday 28th August, 2023**
Quotation Deadline Date: **Monday 4th September, 2023**
Quotation Deadline Time: **2:00 pm (Eastern Caribbean time)**

Below are the following documents that should be provided for bids to be valid. Bidders are asked to supply and tick off the following information. Failure to provide any of the stated documents may result in the bid being considered non-compliant and rejected.

- 1. Signed Form of Quotation (**Including Commencement Time**)
- 2. A valid Tax Compliance Certificate
- 3. Bidder's Curriculum Vitae
- 4. Bidders Proposal/Price

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Signed on behalf of Bidder

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Date