



## ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

### **TENDER RDA/PPP/RCP/001/026: REQUEST FOR COMPETING PROPOSALS (RCP) FOR THE DESIGN, FINANCE, BUILD, OPERATE AND TRANSFER (DFBOT) OF THE LUSAKA – CHIRUNDU TOLL ROAD PROJECT APPROXIMATELY 120KM**

The Government of the Republic of Zambia ("GRZ" or "Government") in its endeavour to attract private investment in infrastructure development has identified the Lusaka to Chirundu road as one of the roads requiring development. The Lusaka to Chirundu road covers a total distance of 120km starting at the Chilanga Roundabout and ending in Chirundu. The Lusaka-Chirundu Road is of national and regional importance, serving as the most direct link between Lusaka, Zimbabwe, and onward to South Africa—one of Zambia's largest trading partner. It also provides a gateway for transit trade to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and other regional markets, supporting Zambia's ambition of transitioning from a landlocked to a land-linked country.

In order to develop road infrastructure in the country, the GRZ created the Road Development Agency (RDA) through the Public Roads Act No.12 of 2002 as amended to provide for the care, maintenance and construction of public roads in Zambia. Furthermore, through the Tolls Act No. 14 of 2011, the GRZ authorized the RDA to operate toll roads and collect tolls. The Tolls Act also provides for private sector participation in the tolling of roads. Under this Act, the RDA is mandated to: (a) regulate the operation and maintenance of toll roads; (b) monitor compliance of concessionaires with the terms and conditions of concession agreements; (c) advise the Minister on the design, construction, safety, regulation, operation and maintenance of toll roads; and (d) perform such other function as may be conferred by, or under, the Road and Tolls Act or any other law.

This notice serves to notify the general public that the Road Development Agency received an unsolicited proposal for the "Finance, Design, Build Operate and Transfer of 120km of the Lusaka to Chirundu Road on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Basis.

The general nature of the unsolicited proposal identifies the possibility of **Finance, Design, Build Operate and Transfer of 120km of the Lusaka to Chirundu Road on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Basis arrangement**. Therefore, Government through the RDA intends to enter into a PPP agreement to implement the aforementioned project. The procurement process for selection of a private entity shall be conducted in accordance with the PPP Act No. 18 of 2023 as amended.

The Road Development Agency now invites interested local and international private sector entities to submit Financial and Technical competing proposals pursuant to sub-section 46 of the PPP Act No. 18 of 2023 as amended. Bidders shall demonstrate technical capabilities, financial, legal, economic proficiency and commercial capacity to finance or to secure financing for the investment required under such a project. RDA shall evaluate the unsolicited proposal and any comparable competing proposal using the following criteria:

- (a) novel methods, approaches or concepts demonstrated by the proposal;
- (b) scientific, financial, technical, or socio-economic merits of the proposal;

- (c) potential contribution of the proposal to the contracting authority's mission;
- (d) capabilities, related experience, facilities, or techniques of the bidder or unique combinations of these qualities that are integral factors for achieving the proposal objectives;
- (e) qualifications, capabilities, and experience of the proposed team leader or key personnel, who are critical to achieving the proposal objectives;
- (f) the benefits of the proposal the public; and
- (g) any other factors appropriate to a particular proposal.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the successful bidder and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with Public Private Partnership Act No.18 of 2023 as amended and the issued Request for Competing Proposals (RCP). Interested parties may obtain further information on the RDA website or at the address below during office hours from Monday to Friday, 09:00 hours to 16:00 hours. Eligible bidders may inspect and/or purchase the RCP document from the Road Development Agency Head Office at a non-refundable fee of US\$35,000.00 in cash or bank certified cheque or bank transfer, and the bank details are as follows

Account Name: ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
Account Number: 0012021000003  
Sort Code: 090001  
Swift Code: INZAZMLX  
Bank Name: INDO ZAMBIA BANK  
Branch: Lusaka Main  
Account Currency: USD

**Proposals should be submitted in sealed envelopes, clearly marked "COMPETING PROPOSAL FOR THE DESIGN, FINANCE, BUILD, OPERATE AND TRANSFER (DFBOT) OF THE LUSAKA – CHIRUNDU TOLL ROAD PROJECT APPROXIMATELY 120KM ON A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) BASIS " to:**

Road Development Agency  
Head Office  
Attention: The Chief Procurement Manager  
Physical Address: Plot No.33, Corner of Government and Fairley Roads, Ridgeway,  
Lusaka  
Zambia  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 50003, Lusaka / Zambia  
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Facsimile number: +260-211-253408 / 251420/253404/251420

**Submissions: One original and six (6) hard copies, and one electronic on a USB should be submitted together. HOWEVER, ELECTRONIC EMAIL, FAX AND/OR LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL IS: FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2026 AT 10:30 HOURS LOCAL TIME.**

Mr. Silas Simweleba  
Chief Procurement Manager  
For / Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

First Date of issue: **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**