



**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**  
**CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA**



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**FOR THE SUPPLY OF LACALLY PRODUCED RICE TO**  
**THE**  
**CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA CBL:**  
**RFP: CBL/RFP/08/2026**

**CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA**  
**Lynch & Ashmun Streets**  
**1000 Monrovia 10 Liberia**

**ISSUANCE DATE: APRIL 29, 2026**  
**SUBMISSION DATE: MAY 13, 2026**



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1000 Monrovia 10, Liberia

## **INVITATION TO BID**

***Re: Letter of Invitation to Bid – SUPPLY OF LOCALLY PRODUCED RICE TO THE  
CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL):***

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) intends to apply funds from its approved Fiscal Year 2026 budget towards the supply of locally produced rice for its employees. This initiative forms part of CBL's commitment to staff welfare, national economic development, and food security. (RFP No.: CBL/RFP/08/2026).

Rice is Liberia's staple food, yet the country relies heavily on imports. By sourcing locally produced rice, CBL seeks to support domestic producers, strengthen agricultural value chains, and contribute to national efforts aimed at reducing import dependency.

The CBL now seeks proposals from qualified and eligible bidders to submit sealed bids for the supply of locally produced rice.

Accordingly, interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the General Support Services Department (GSSD), 7th Floor, Central Bank of Liberia, Lynch & Ashmun Streets, 1000 Monrovia 10, Liberia beginning Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Sealed proposals must be delivered to the Procurement Section on the 7th floor of the CBL Head Office no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in hard copies or electronically to [procurement@cbl.org.lr](mailto:procurement@cbl.org.lr). Electronic submissions must be protected by passwords. Late proposals will be rejected and returned unopened. This request for proposal (RFP) can also be accessed on the CBL's website ([www.cbl.org.lr](http://www.cbl.org.lr)).

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Maakai A. Amblard  
**DIRECTOR**  
**General Support Services Department**

## Instructions to Bidders (ITB)

### A. Introduction

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| <b>1. Scope of Bid</b>     | <p>1.1 The <b>Central Bank of Liberia</b> (hereinafter referred to as the Purchaser) wishes to receive bids for the Supply of Locally Produced Rice to the Central Bank of Liberia (hereinafter referred to as the Service).</p> <p>1.2 All bids are to be completed and returned to the Purchaser in accordance with these Instructions to Bidder.</p>  |
| <b>2. Source of Funds</b>  | <p>2.1 The Purchaser shall fund this procurement from its approved budget to pay for the contract (hereinafter referred to as the “<b>Contract</b>”) for which this Invitation for bid is issued toward the realization of the Supply of Locally Produced Rice.</p> <p>2.2 Payments under the Contract shall be made only upon a formal request submitted by the Purchaser and subject to approval by a designated official of the Central Bank of Liberia. All payments shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract and shall comply fully with the Financial Administration laws of the Republic of Liberia. No party other than the Service Provider shall derive any rights from the Contract or have any claims to the funds.</p> |
| <b>3. Eligible Bidders</b> | <p>3.1 This Request for Proposal is open to all eligible service providers.</p> <p>3.2 State owned enterprises may participate only if they are legally and financially autonomous, operate under commercial law, and are not a dependent agency of the Purchaser.</p>   |
| <b>4. Cost of Tender</b>   | <p>4.1 The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid, and the Purchaser will, in no case, be responsible or liable for those cost, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Bidding process.</p>  |

### B. THE BID DOCUMENTS

- 5. Content of Tender Documents**
- 5.1 The service required, bid procedures and contract terms are Prescribed in the Bid Documents. In addition to the Request for Proposal, the Bid Documents include:
- a. Instruction to Bidding (ITB).
  - b. Bid Data Sheet.
- 5.2 The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms and specifications in the Bid Documents. Failure to furnish all information required by the Bid Documents or submission of a Bid not substantially responsive to the Bid Documents in every respect will be at the Bidder's risk and may result in the rejection of its Bid.
- 6. Clarification of Bid Documents**
- 6.1 A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the bid Documents may request the Purchaser in writing at the Purchaser's address indicated in Bid Data Sheet. The purchaser will respond in writing or by email to any request for clarification of the bid documents which it receives no later than five (5) days prior to the deadline for the submission of Bid. The Purchaser's response (including an explanation of query without identifying the source of inquiry) will be sent in writing or email to all prospective bid, who have the bid Documents.
- 7. Amendment of Bid Documents**
- 7.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Bid, the Purchasers may, for any reason, modify the Bid Documents by issuing Addenda.
- 7.2 Any Addendum will be notified in writing to all prospective Bidders who have the bid Documents and shall be a part of the bid document.
- 7.3 Where the Purchaser issues the Addendum very close to deadline for submission of bid, the Purchaser may extend the deadline for submission of bid to afford prospective Bidders a reasonable time to take the Addendum into account in preparing their Bid.

## **C. PREPARATION OF BID**

- 8. Language of Bid** 8.1 The Bid prepared by the Bidder and all correspondence and supporting documents relating to the bid exchanged by the bid and the Purchaser, shall be written in the English language.
- 9. Bid Price** 9.1 The Bidder shall indicate on the appropriate Price Schedule the unit prices (where applicable) and total bid price of the service it proposes to deliver under the contract.
- 10. Currency of Bid** 10.1 Prices shall be quoted in Liberian Dollars and/or United States Dollars.
- 11. Document Establishing Bidder's Eligibility and Qualifications** 11.1 Pursuant to Clause 10, the Bidder shall furnish, as part of its Bid, documents establishing the Bidder's eligibility to bid and its qualifications to perform the contract if its Bid is accepted.
- 11.2 The documentary evidence of the Bidder's eligibility to bid shall establish to the Purchaser's satisfaction that the Bidder, at the time of submission of its bid, is from an eligible country.
- 11.3 The documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications to perform the contract if its Bid is accepted shall establish to the Purchaser satisfaction:
- a. that the Bidder has the financial and technical capability necessary to fulfil the contract.
  - b. that the bidder must obtain a minimum score of 75% with all evaluators combined in the technical to qualify for the financial opening
  - c. that the Bidder meets the Qualifications as specified in Bid Data Sheet.
- 12. Bid Security** 12.1 To encourage greater competition by limiting the barriers to bidders' participation, bid security submission is hereby waived. Thus, bid security IS NOT required for this tendering process.

- 13. Period of Validity of Bids**
- 13.1 Bids shall remain valid for the period as specified in the *bid Data Sheet* after the date of Tender opening prescribed by the Purchaser. A bid valid for a shorter period shall be rejected by the Purchaser as non-responsive.
- 13.2 In exceptional circumstances, the Purchaser may solicit the Bidders' consent to an extension of the period of bid validity. The request and the responses thereto shall be in writing or by email. The validity of Bid Security period shall also be suitably extended. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting its Bid Security. A Bidder granting the request will not be required nor permitted to modify its bids.
- 14. Format and signing of Bids**
- 14.1 The Bidder shall prepare one original document comprising the bid and clearly marked "**ORIGINAL**". In addition, the Bidder shall submit Four (4) copies of the bid and clearly marked as "**COPIES**". In the event of discrepancy between them, the original shall prevail.
- 14.2 The original and copy of the bid shall be typed written and shall be signed by the Bidder or a person or people duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder. The letter of authorization shall be indicated by written power-of-attorney accompanying the bid. All pages of the bid, where entries or amendments have been made, shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the Tender.

#### **D. SUBMISSION OF BIDS**

- 15. Sealing and marking of bids**
- 15.1 The Bidder shall seal the original and the copy of the bids in two inner envelopes and an outer envelope, duly marking the inner envelopes as "Original" and "Copy".
- 15.2 The inner and outer envelopes shall:
- a. Be addressed to the Purchaser at the address given in the *Bid Data Sheet*:
  - c. Provide a warning "**Not to Open Before**" the time and date for bid opening as specified in the *Bid Data Sheet*.

15.3 If the outer envelope is not sealed and marked as required the Purchaser will assume no responsibility for the bid misplacement or premature opening.

**16. Deadline for Submission of Bids**

16.1 Bid must be received by the Purchaser at the address and no later than the time and date specified in the *Bid Data Sheet*.

16.2 The Purchaser may, at their discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids by issuing an amendment, in which case, all rights and obligations of the Purchasers and Bidders previously subject to the original deadline will thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

**17. Late Bids**

17.1 Any Bid not received within the date and time specified in ITB Clause 20 will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

**18. Process to be Confidential**

18.1 Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation, and comparison of bids and recommendations for the Award of Contract shall not be disclosed to Bidder or any other people not officially concerned with such a process until the Award to the successful Bidder has been announced.

**19. Clarification of bids**

19.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation, and comparison of Bids, the Purchaser may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for clarification of its bids, including breakdowns of unit rates. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing and no change in the price or substance of the Tender shall be sought, offered or permitted, except as required to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Purchaser in the evaluation of the bids.

**20. Examination of Bids and Determination of Responsiveness**

20.1 The Purchaser will determine whether each Bid:

- a. meets the eligibility criteria
- b. has been properly signed.
- c. is accompanied by the required securities.

- d. is substantially responsive to the requirements of the Tender documents.

20.2 Arithmetical errors will be rectified on the following basis:

- i. If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the Bidder does not accept the correction of the errors, its bids will be rejected, and its Bid Security may be forfeited,
- ii. If there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words may prevail.

20.3 Prior to the detailed evaluation, the Purchaser will determine the substantial responsiveness of each Bid to the Bid Documents. A substantially responsive Bid is one which conforms to all the terms and conditions of the Bid Documents without material deviations. The Purchaser's determination of a Bidder's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the bid itself. A material deviation or reservation is one:

- a. which affects in any substantial way the Scope, Quality, or Performance of the Contract.
- b. which limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the bid documents, the Purchaser's rights, or the Bidder's obligations under the contract; or
- c. whose rectification would affect unfairly the competitive position of other Bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.

20.4 A bid determined as not substantially responsive will be rejected by the Purchaser and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction.

**21. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids**

21.1 The Purchaser will evaluate and compare only the Tenders determined to be substantially responsive.

- 21.2 The Purchaser's evaluation of a bids will be based on the bid Price.
- 21.3 The Purchaser's evaluation of a bids will consider, in addition to the bid Price one or more of the following factors as specified in the *Bid Data Sheet*:
- e. Other specific criteria indicated in the *Bid Data Sheet* and/or in the Technical Specifications.

**22. Contacting the Purchaser**

- 22.1 No Bidder shall contact the Purchaser on any matter relating to its bid, from the time of the bid opening to the time the Contract is awarded. If the bidder wishes to bring additional information to the notice of the Purchaser, it should do so in writing.
- 22.2 Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Purchaser in the Purchaser's bid evaluation, bid comparison or contract award decisions may result in the rejection of the Bidder's bid

**F. AWARD OF CONTRACT**

**23. Post qualification**

- 23.1 In the absence of prequalification, the Purchaser will determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder selected as having submitted the lowest evaluated responsive bid is qualified to satisfactorily perform the Contract.
- 23.2 The determination will consider the Bidder's financial, technical capabilities/ resources. It will be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted by the Bidder, as well as such other information as the Purchaser deems necessary and appropriate.
- 23.3 An affirmative determination will be a prerequisite for award of the Contract to the Bidder. A negative determination will result in rejection of the Bidder's bid, in which event the Purchaser will proceed to the next lowest evaluated bidder to make a similar determination of that Bidder's capabilities to perform satisfactorily.

- 24. Award Criteria**
- 24.1 Subject to Clause 26, the Purchaser will award the Contract to the successful Bidder whose bid has been determined to be substantially responsive and to offer the best overall value, taking into account both cost and quality considerations, provided further that the Bidder is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.
- 25. Purchaser's Right to Vary Quantities at Time of Award**
- 25.1 The Purchaser reserves the right at the time of award of Contract to increase or decrease by the percentage as specified in the *Bid Data Sheet*, the quantity of goods and services originally specified in the Schedule of Requirements without any change in unit prices or other terms and conditions.
- 26. Purchaser's Right to Accept Any Bid and to Reject Any or All bid**
- 26.1 The Purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and at any time prior to award of Contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the grounds for the Purchaser's action.
- 27. Notification of Award**
- 27.1 The Bidder whose bid has been accepted will be notified of the award by the Purchaser prior to expiration of the bid validity period to be confirmed by a letter that its bid has been accepted.
- 27.2 The notification of the award will constitute the formation of the Contract
- 27.3 Upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of performance security, the Purchaser will promptly notify each unsuccessful Bidder and will discharge its Bid Security.
- 27.4 The contract will incorporate all Agreements between the Purchaser and the Successful Bidder.
- 28. Signing of Contract**
- 28.1 At the same time as the Purchaser notifies the successful Bidder that its bid has been accepted, the Purchaser will call the successful Bidder to sign the Contract through Notification of Award.
- 28.2 Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Notification of Award, the successful Bidder shall sign the Contract.

- 29. Performance Security**
- 29.1 Within 14 days of receipt of notification of award from the Purchaser, the successful Bidder shall furnish the performance security in accordance with the Conditions of Contract, in the Performance Security Form provided in the Tender Documents: denominated in the type and proportion of amount as specified in the Notification of award.
- 29.2 Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the above requirement shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the bid security in which event the Purchaser may make the award to the next lowest evaluated Tender or call for new bid.
- 29.3 The Performance Security provided by the successful bidder in the form of a Bank Guarantee as specified, shall be issued by a Bank in Liberia acceptable to the Purchaser.
- 30. Corrupt or Fraudulent Practices**
- 30.1 The Government of the Republic of Liberia requires that Bidders under the contracts financed by public funds, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of Such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, the following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
- a. “corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution; and
- b. “fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation of facts to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract and includes collusive practice among Bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the benefits of free and open competition.
- 30.2 a. The Purchaser will reject a proposal for award if the purchaser determines that the Bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question

## Bid Data Sheet

<b>Introduction</b>
Name of Purchaser: <b>Central Bank of Liberia</b>
The Source of Findings: <b>2026 Budget</b>
Name of Contract: <b>Supply of Locally Produced Rice</b> <b>RFP: CBL/RFP/08/2026</b>
Request for Proposal is open to all eligible service providers who can provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Article of Incorporation</b></li> <li>b. <b>Valid Business Registration</b></li> <li>c. <b>Valid Tax Clearance</b></li> <li>d. <b>Be legally registered in Liberia</b></li> <li>e. <b>Evidence of capacity (machinery, storage, etc.)</b></li> <li>f. <b>Past performance supply records of previous and current customers, telephone numbers and email addresses</b></li> </ul>
For <b>Clarification of Bid</b> purposes only, the Purchaser's Address is <b>Attention:</b> <b>Maakai A. Amblard</b> <b>Director</b> <b>General Support Services Department (GSSD)</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> floor</b> <b>Central Bank of Liberia</b> <b>Lynch &amp; Ashmun Streets</b> <b>1000 Monrovia 10 Liberia</b>  <b>Email: <a href="mailto:procurement@cbl.org.lr">procurement@cbl.org.lr</a></b>
Purchaser can modify Bid documents before the Deadline for Submission of Bids by issuing Addenda.
Language of the Bid: <b>ENGLISH</b>
<b>BID PRICE AND CURRENCY</b>
The price quoted shall be in: <b>Liberian Dollars (LRD) and/or United States Dollars (USD)</b>
<b>PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BID</b>
<b>EVALUATION AND QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Delivery Shall Be Scheduled Upon contract signing and a notice to proceed with the contract execution</b></li> <li>ii. <b>Compliance with the Scope of work.</b></li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. <b>Show evidence of supply capacity and logistics capability</b></li> <li>iv. <b>Proven reference from similar contracts</b></li> <li>v. <b>It is not permissible to transfer this Bidding Document (BD) to any other company or vendor</b></li> <li>vi. <b>Article of Incorporation</b></li> <li>vii. <b>Valid Business Registration</b></li> <li>viii. <b>Valid Tax Clearance</b></li> <li>ix. <b>Past performance supply records of previous and current customers, telephone number and email address</b></li> </ul>
Bid Validity Period: <b>Ninety Days (60) days.</b>
Number of Copies: <b>One (1) Original and Four (4) Duplicate Copies ALL BINDED</b>
<p>Address for Bid Submission:</p> <p><b>Maakai A. Amblard</b>  <b>Director</b>  <b>General Support Services Department (GSSD)</b>  <b>7<sup>th</sup> floor</b>  <b>Central Bank of Liberia</b>  <b>Lynch &amp; Ashmun Streets</b>  <b>1000 Monrovia 10 Liberia</b></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:procurement@cbl.org.lr">procurement@cbl.org.lr</a></p>
<p>Deadline for Bid submission:</p> <p><b>Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026</b>  <b>Time: 2:00 PM</b>  <b>Place: Central Bank of Liberia</b></p> <p>Bids shall be opened on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor (General Support Services Department) of the Central Bank of Liberia 5 minutes after the deadline for submission.</p>

## BID EVALUATION

Criteria for Bid evaluation shall be based on:

- i. **Compliance with the scope of work.**
- ii. **Meeting the delivery terms and period as per schedule of requirements.**
- iii. **Supplier capacity and experience**
- iv. **Delivery schedule and logistics plan**
- v. **Price competitiveness and value for money**
- vi. **Qualification of the technical team and its composition**
- vii. **Demonstrated capacity to deliver, including relevant team expertise and similar contracts experience.**
- viii. **Business Registration Certificate, Tax Clearance Certificate, Article of Incorporation**

**ix. The technical proposal shall be in sealed and separate envelope and clearly mark (Technical while the financial mark financial)**

### **CONTRACT AWARD**

**The contract will be awarded to the bidder who obtains the highest combined technical and financial score.**

**The procuring entity reserves the right to award and to reject any or all bids in accordance with the applicable procurement regulations.**

**CBL retains the right to request further documentation or clarifications from bidders during the evaluation process.**

**Notification of Award shall be sent to the successful Bidder at any time Prior to expiration of Bid Validity.**

## **SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE SUPPLY OF LOCALLY PRODUCED RICE**

The selected supplier(s) shall:

- Supply premium quality locally produced rice in agreed quantities
- Ensure proper processing, sorting, and grading of rice
- Package rice in durable, labeled bags (25kg and/or 50kg)
- Ensure compliance with all applicable national food safety and quality regulations
- Deliver rice to designated CBL locations in a timely manner
- Maintain consistent supply throughout the contract period
- Replace any substandard or rejected products at no additional cost

## **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

The rice to be supplied must meet the following minimum standards:

- 100% produced and processed in Liberia
- Must comply with all applicable national food safety and quality standards of Liberia
- Well-milled and polished
- Free from stones, foreign matter, and contaminants

- Moisture content within acceptable food safety standards
- Minimal broken grains (to be specified by bidder)
- Free from infestation and mold

**Packaging Requirements:**

- 25kg and/or 50kg high-quality polypropylene bags
- Clearly labeled with:
  - Producer/Supplier name
  - Net weight
  - Production and packaging date
  - Batch/lot number

**DELIVERY AND DISTRIBUTION**

- Delivery shall be made monthly or as agreed with CBL
- Delivery location: CBL Headquarters and/or designated sites
- Supplier must ensure timely and complete delivery
- Late deliveries may attract penalties