

## INVITATION TO TENDER

### **Consultancy Services for Architectural Design and Construction Supervision of the Centre of Excellence for Crop Biotechnology (COECB) in Rwanda.**

#### **Introduction:**

The International Potato Center (CIP) was founded in 1971 as a research institution for the development of roots and tubers, providing sustainable solutions to the pressing global issues of hunger, poverty, and natural resource degradation. CIP is a global center, with headquarters in Lima, Peru, and offices in 20 developing countries across Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Working closely with our partners, CIP aims to achieve food security, greater well-being, and gender equity for the poor in the developing world. CIP promotes its mission through rigorous research, innovation in science and technology, and capacity strengthening in root and tuber cultivation and food systems.

CIP is part of the CGIAR Consortium, a global partnership uniting organization dedicated to research for a food-secure future. CGIAR research is dedicated to reducing rural poverty, increasing food security, improving human health and nutrition, and ensuring more sustainable management of natural resources.

From more information about CIP, go to: [www.cipotato.org](http://www.cipotato.org)

The Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board (RAB) is an autonomous body established by LAW N°38/2010 OF 25/11/2010 and currently, RAB is governed by Presidential Order N° 074/01 OF 09/12/2022 Governing Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board (RAB), determining its mission, organization, and functioning. The law specifies that: The mission of RAB is to develop agriculture and animal resources through research, agricultural extension and animal resources extension in order to increase agricultural and animal resources productivity and quality, as well as their derived products.

For more information about RAB, go to: [www.rab.gov.rw](http://www.rab.gov.rw)

**The International Potato Center (CIP) and the Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board (RAB) are inviting eligible and qualified consultancy firms to submit technical and financial proposals for Architectural and Engineering Consultancy Services.**

This project is funded by the **Gates Foundation** to establish the new **Centre of Excellence for Crop Biotechnology (COECB)** at RAB's Headquarters located at the Rubona Research Station in Rwanda.

#### **Scope of Services**

The selected consultancy firm will be responsible for providing comprehensive architectural and engineering consultancy services, including but not limited to:

- Undertaking site assessments and data collection.
- Preparing architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, ICT, and laboratory engineering designs.

- Developing detailed technical drawings and specifications.
- Preparing Bills of Quantities (BoQs) and cost estimates.
- Ensuring compliance with applicable national regulations, international laboratory standards, biosafety requirements, and project specifications.
- Supporting the procurement process by responding to technical clarifications and participating in the evaluation of construction bids.
- Providing construction supervision, quality assurance, certification of works, and contract administration throughout project implementation.
- Preparing project completion reports and as-built drawings.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Interested firms should demonstrate:

- Proven experience in the design and supervision of research laboratories, biotechnology laboratories, scientific facilities, or similar specialized infrastructure.
- Availability of qualified multidisciplinary professionals, including architects, structural, civil, mechanical, electrical, laboratory planning, quantity surveying, and environmental specialists.
- Experience in delivering similar assignments for international organizations, governments, research institutions, universities, or donor-funded projects.
- Financial and technical capacity to undertake the assignment.

### **Tender Documents**

Interested firms may obtain the complete Terms of Reference documents by contacting:

International Potato Center (CIP) – Procurement Office

Email: [elizabeth.karenga@cgiar.org](mailto:elizabeth.karenga@cgiar.org) with cc to [a.malome@cgiar.org](mailto:a.malome@cgiar.org)

### **Submission of Proposals**

Separate Technical and Financial Proposals shall be submitted physically (as specified in the RFP) to CIP office in Rwanda.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated using the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) methodology in accordance with CIP Procurement Policies.

**Submission Deadline: by 2:00 p.m. (Rwanda time) on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2026.**

Late submissions shall not be considered

Only shortlisted firms or successful bidders will be contacted.

**CIP reserves the right to accept or reject any tender, wholly and in part, without assigning any reason and may annul the tendering process and reject all tenders at any time prior to contract award without thereby incurring any liability to the affected tenderer or tenderers.**