

Amendment 2

Notice of Invitation for Early Market Engagement

1. Project Overview

- **Project Title: Construction and Equipping of the G+4 National Reference Laboratory Complex Including BSL-3 Containment Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**
- **Client:** The Ministry of Health – Ethiopia
- **Financier:** The World Bank
- **Location:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia at Ethiopian Public Health Institute Compound
- **Current Estimated Cost:** Approximately 42 Million US Dollars
- **Contract Type:** Lump Sum
- **Estimated Completion Period: 15 Months**
- **Building Description:** The Construction and Equipping of the G+4 National Reference Laboratory Complex (NRLC) with BSL-3 containment in Addis Ababa is a strategic health infrastructure project aimed at strengthening Ethiopia’s diagnostic and disease surveillance capacity. The project includes the construction of a modern laboratory complex with Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) facilities for handling high-risk infectious diseases, the procurement and installation of advanced laboratory equipment and systems, and the full construction of the facility to ensure safe and effective operation.
- **Current Status:** Design, Specifications and Bill of Quantities of the **G+4 National Reference Laboratory Complex (NRLC) with BSL-3 Containment** facility, including equipment and furniture; site is ready for mobilization
- **Date of Event:** 29 May 2026

- **Title of Event:** Early Market Engagement for Activities under this Contract
- **Type of Event Arrangement:** Hybrid (In-person and Virtual)
- **Registration link:**
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeffbviHY5PGppArlZmIcMNDWA4BwjZaUMl7094D6u6-Br6Qg/viewform?usp=publish-editor>
- Place - Ministry of Health Block B 1st floor Management Hall
- **Project ID: P167916**

2. Background

The Ministry of Health (MoH) plans to implement the construction, furnishing, and equipping of a National Reference Laboratory with Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) containment to strengthen Ethiopia's capacity in advanced diagnostics and public health response.

Due to the project's technical complexity and limited domestic capacity, procurement will be conducted through Open International Competitive Procurement in accordance with the World Bank Procurement Regulations. The contract will be packaged as a Construction and Equipping of the G+4 National Reference Laboratory Complex Including BSL-3 Containment to ensure full accountability and biosafety compliance.

A Rated Criteria evaluation method will be applied, combining technical and financial scores, with award made to the highest-ranked bidder. This underscores the need for Early Market Engagement to secure realistic pricing, identify risks, and attract highly qualified international contractors with proven expertise in specialized laboratory construction, ensuring stronger project delivery and alignment with global biosafety standards.

The new project will establish:

- **NRLC with BSL-3 containment laboratories** for handling high-risk pathogens.
- **Specialized diagnostic and research spaces** for national reference functions.
- **Modern biosafety and biosecurity systems** including HVAC, access control, and waste management.
- **Capacity for advanced specimen storage and management**, supporting surveillance, outbreak response, and research.

This initiative is central to strengthening Ethiopia's preparedness for emerging infectious diseases and enhancing regional collaboration under Africa-CDC.

In light of the above,

The Ministry of Health of Ethiopia is reaching out to invite you to participate in an Early Market Engagement (EME) session for our upcoming high-value procurement package financed by the World Bank under the Africa-CDC Regional Investment Financing Project. This session is designed to collaborate and gather your valuable insights and feedback to ensure the best outcome of the bidding process as we develop our bidding documents.

The Project aims to strengthen Ethiopia's national laboratory infrastructure by constructing a **National Reference Laboratory Complex** that includes **BSL-3 containment facilities**. It will establish specialized laboratory spaces for advanced diagnostics, biosafety, and biosecurity compliance in line with international standards. By supporting reference laboratory functions and high-containment capabilities, the Project contributes to improved healthcare delivery, advanced research, and preparedness for emerging infectious disease threats.

The EME will be led by the Ministry of Health, Health Infrastructure Lead Executive Office and Procurement Executive Office.

3. Objectives of the Early Market Engagement

- To gain **international market insights** on specialized laboratory construction with BSL-3 containment.
- To broaden contractor diversity and encourage participation from firms with **proven biosafety infrastructure expertise**.
- To refine the Employer's requirements, technical specifications, contract terms, risk allocation, and bid evaluation approach in line with **global best practices for high-containment laboratories**.
- To identify **innovative technologies** in biosafety systems, laboratory engineering, and pathogen containment.

- To receive feedback on the proposed procurement approach and make adjustments based on feedback received to attract **qualified and experienced bidders** in healthcare and laboratory construction.
- To gather information on **current market prices, pricing methods, and cost drivers** specific to BSL-3 laboratory projects.
- To identify common risks, incentives, and opportunities unique to **high-containment laboratory construction**.

4. Approaches of Early Market Engagement

The Early Market Engagement will be conducted through a Bidder Workshop on 29 May **2026 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**. The venue of workshop will be Ministry of Health Block B 1st floor management hall. Registered contractors will also be notified via email. The workshop will be conducted in a hybrid format, allowing for both in-person and virtual participation. Bidders are kindly requested to confirm their participation with the Ministry of Health, either in person or virtually, by 26 **May 2026, 4 PM EAT** by submitting a request through the Registration Email.

The EME process will be conducted in an open and transparent manner, with all discussions being recorded. Commercially sensitive information will be kept confidential and not disclosed to any parties not officially involved in the EME process.

5. Shared Documents for Early Market Engagement

The documents shared for early market engagement which are listed below can be obtained from the Procurement Executive Office.

- ***Annex-1: Technical Specification (Site Plan, Drawings and Non-Priced Bill of Quantities)***

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zB6sK4F2A-](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zB6sK4F2A-KWGIuzrHPf4q9bbU2LtKra/view?usp=sharing)

[KWGIuzrHPf4q9bbU2LtKra/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zB6sK4F2A-KWGIuzrHPf4q9bbU2LtKra/view?usp=sharing)

- ***Annex-2: Proposed Bidding Document***

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EcRrdkn-](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EcRrdkn-mtWhArrCoLEBXOTo8mH198Fo/edit?usp=sharing&oid=102068252066315065708&rtpof=true&sd=true)

[mtWhArrCoLEBXOTo8mH198Fo/edit?usp=sharing&oid=10206825206631](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EcRrdkn-mtWhArrCoLEBXOTo8mH198Fo/edit?usp=sharing&oid=102068252066315065708&rtpof=true&sd=true)

[5065708&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EcRrdkn-mtWhArrCoLEBXOTo8mH198Fo/edit?usp=sharing&oid=102068252066315065708&rtpof=true&sd=true)

6. Planned Activities to be Procured

Selection of bidders will be conducted through international competitive procurement in line with the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers Procurement in Investment Projects Financing. The proposed contract along with the estimated cost is listed below. **The information provided is only indicative and is subject to change.**

Project Name: Construction and Equipping of the G+4 National Reference Laboratory Complex with BSL-3 Containment

Contracts	Contract Title/Description	Category	Estimated Cost (Million US\$)
Contract	Construction and Equipping of the G+4 National Reference Laboratory Complex with BSL-3 Containment Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Works	42

7. Timeline for Procurement Process

The timeline for the Early Market Engagement and procurement process is set out below. All dates are tentative and are subject to change.

Activity	Timeline
Deadline for expression of interest to attend the EME	26-May -26, 4:00 PM EAT
EME Workshop Date	29 May-26, 09:00-17:00 EAT
Estimated date of publication for Bid Invitation on Client and World Bank website	19-June-26
Deadline for bid/proposal submission	19-Aug-26
Anticipated Award Date	10-Nov-26
Contract signing	15-Nov-26

Submissions should be presented in English. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM local time.

Addresses

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Procurement Executive Office**

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