

Call for Expressions of Interest for the Pre-qualification of Contractors for Capacity Building and the Construction of Trail Bridges

1. Background

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This program emphasizes:

- Expansion of rural bridge infrastructure
- Capacity building of local contractors and engineers in collaboration Rwanda Polytechnic (RP)
- Long-term sustainability through training and knowledge transfer

2. Purpose of this EOI

The purpose of this Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) is to identify and preselect qualified contractors interested in participating in capacity-building and training activities scheduled for mid-August 2026, in collaboration with Rwanda Polytechnic (RP), as well as upcoming trail bridge construction and maintenance projects. This initiative forms part of the first cycle of a structured contractor development program.

3. Submission Details

- Reference Number: 001/EOI/2026
- Date of Issue: 22nd May 2026
- Submission Deadline: 5th June 2026 at 5:00 PM, Kigali-Rwanda Time
- Submission Method: Email
- Email Address: rwanda@bridgestoprosperty.org

Detailed requirements and application guidelines are attached/provided below.



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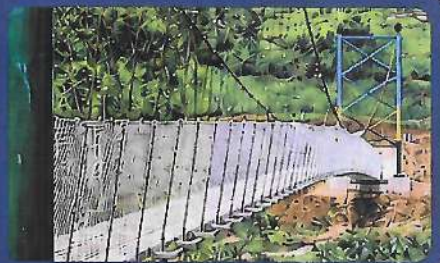


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ABOUT THIS CALL

This Call for Expressions of Interest is issued to identify qualified and experienced contractors interested in participating in upcoming trail bridge construction activities. This is not a tender and does not constitute a commitment to award a contract. Only shortlisted firms may be invited to participate in subsequent stages.



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3. Program Structure

The program shall be implemented through the following sequential stages:

Stage 1: Preselection

- Submission and evaluation of Expressions of Interest
- Selection of up to ten (10) contractors

Stage 2: Training

Shortlisted contractors will be required to participate in a mandatory technical training program scheduled for mid-August 2026.

The training will cover:

- Trail bridge construction and maintenance techniques
- Quality assurance and safety standards
- Site management and supervision
- Construction and maintenance methodologies and best practices

Required Participants from Each Contractor

Each shortlisted contractor shall nominate at least two (2) of the three (3) participants planned to be trained:

- One (1) Foreperson
- One (1) Project Engineer
- One (1) Project Manager or Senior Manager



In collaboration with Rwanda Polytechnic (RP), the theoretical and conceptual training will be conducted over six (6) days, followed by approximately one and a half (1.5) months of on-the-job practical training covering the full construction cycle of a bridge.

Bridges to Prosperity shall cover meals and accommodation during the training period.

4. Stage 3: Bidding

- Trained contractors may be invited to submit bids for trail bridge construction/maintenance projects
- Competitive evaluations will be conducted in accordance with the applicable procurement procedures

5. Stage 4: Construction

- Selected contractors may undertake bridge construction/maintenance works under the technical supervision and quality assurance oversight of Bridges to Prosperity

Future Program Continuity

- The program is expected to continue in subsequent years through additional prequalification cycles and ongoing training initiatives.
- Contractors who successfully complete the training program will form part of a pool of eligible bidders for future trail bridge construction opportunities and may be invited to participate in subsequent restricted bidding processes.

6. Scope of Works

The work to be undertaken by selected contractors may include, but shall not be limited to:

- Site preparation and bridge layout
- Excavation works
- Stone and block masonry work
- Plain and reinforced concrete works
- Steel fabrication for superstructure works
- Superstructure works (sag setting for main cables, crossbeams and deck installation, fencing installation etc.)
- Finishing and site restoration
- Inspection and rectification of defects during the defects liability period

7. Eligibility Criteria

Interested contractors shall meet the following requirements:

Minimum requirements and scored criteria	
Criteria	
	Proof of registration as a professional company or other legal entity duly authorized to operate in building and civil engineering works and classified by the Rwanda Public Procurement Authority (RPPA) under Category E for roads and bridges.



Proof of the applicant's successful completion of at least two (2) construction projects of a similar nature or any type of bridge project, supported by the completion of the attached Project Reference Form. This shall be verified through service certificates or completion certificates issued by previous clients/employers.

Education/ training and experience

Qualifications of the Project Manager/Senior Manager

- Bachelor's degree in Highway Engineering, Civil Engineering, or a related discipline
- Registered with the Institute of Engineers Rwanda (IER)
- Minimum experience leading construction teams on at least two (2) similar projects or other bridge construction projects

Qualifications of the Project Engineer

- Bachelor's degree in Highway Engineering, Civil Engineering, or a related discipline
- Registered with the Institute of Engineers Rwanda (IER)
- Minimum experience leading construction teams on at least two (2) similar projects or other bridge construction projects

Education/ training and experience

Qualifications of a Foreman/Lead mason:

- A2 or A1 diploma in Construction, Highway Engineering, or an equivalent construction-related trade
- Minimum experience leading a masonry team on at least two (2) similar projects or other bridge construction projects

Non-compliance with the minimum requirements may result in disqualification.

8. Commitment

Applicants shall demonstrate willingness to participate in all required training sessions and program activities, and this will be formalized through an Mou with Bridges to Prosperity.

9. Submission Requirements

Applicants shall submit the following:

- Company Registration Certificate issued by RDB
- Valid Tax Clearance Certificate issued by the Rwanda Revenue Authority (RRA).
- Valid RSSB Clearance Certificate.
- VAT Registration Certificate.
- Proof of categorization under RPPA Category E (Roads and Bridges).
- Valid non-bankruptcy certificate issued by RDB.
- Declaration of Beneficial Owners.
- Evidence of relevant experience.
- Description and photographs of previous works.
- List and CVs of key personnel



- A signed "Availability Statement" from each staff member, confirming they will be available from the training sessions through the construction phase
- Signed statement of interest

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<p>FORM A: APPLICATION FORM (EOI SUBMISSION SHEET)</p> <p>Applicant Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Company Name: _____ ● Registration Number: _____ ● Address: _____ ● District: _____ ● Contact Person: _____ ● Phone Number: _____ ● Email Address: _____ <p>Declaration</p> <p>We, the undersigned, hereby submit our Expression of Interest for prequalification and confirm that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We meet the minimum eligibility requirements ● All information provided is true and correct ● We agree to participate in training and subsequent program stages <p>Authorized Representative</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Position: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>FORM B: PROJECT REFERENCE FORM</p> <p>(Repeat for each project)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Project Name: _____ ● Location: _____ ● Client Name: _____ ● Contact (if available): _____ ● Type of Work: _____ ● Contract Value: _____ ● Duration: _____ ● Description of Works:..... <p>Role of Applicant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Main Contractor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor</p> <p>Attach:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Photos</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completion certificate (if available)</p>
<p>FORM C: DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT</p> <p>I/We hereby declare that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are willing to participate in trail bridge construction activities ● We commit to attending and completing the required training ● We agree to comply with program requirements and standards <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Company: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>FORM D: KEY PERSONNEL FORM</p> <p>1. Construction Manager / Site Supervisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name: _____ ● Qualification: _____ ● Years of Experience: _____ <p>Relevant Projects:</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>2. Lead Mason</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name: _____ ● Qualification: _____ ● Years of Experience: _____ <p>Relevant Projects:</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p>



FORM E: ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST (TICK BOX)

No.	Requirement	Yes	No
1	Company Registration Certificate issued by RDB attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5	Valid Non-Bankruptcy Certificate attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Declaration of Beneficial Owners attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Proof of RPPA Category E classification (Roads and Bridges) attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Evidence of relevant experience/projects attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Project reference forms completed and attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Description and photographs of previous works attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	CV of Project Manager / Site Supervisor attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	CV of Foreperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Signed Availability Statements for proposed staff attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Signed Declaration of Commitment (Form C) attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Proposed personnel are not permanently employed by another organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Applicant confirms willingness to participate in mandatory training and program activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Signed Expression of Interest submission form (Form A) attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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