1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in Press Release, issue no.1336 of March, 23, 2015.

2. The Government of the Republic of Malawi acting through Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) has received a grant in the amount of U$A 9.4 Million equivalent from the African Development Bank as Budget Support towards the cost of the Malawi Protection of Basic Services (PBS) Programme and it intends to use part of the proceeds to payments for Teaching and Learning Materials and Services to be procured under this Project. The Project will be part of the Malawi National Education Sector Implementation Plan II (ESIP II) for rolling out the New Curriculum for Junior Secondary Education.

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) is an implementing agency on behalf of the Government of Malawi, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of these funds to payments under the Contract for Consolidation, Supply and Delivery of Textbooks for Junior Secondary Schools, under ICB contract No: ICB 025/CKP/IPC/MOEST/ADB/2016-17/01.

3. The Chairman, Internal Procurement Committee, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Consolidation, Supply and Delivery of Textbooks for Junior Secondary Schools, as following:
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<td>Junior Secondary School Textbooks and Teachers’ Guides</td>
<td>195,395</td>
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<td>Junior Secondary School Textbooks and Teachers’ Guides</td>
<td>397,266</td>
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<td>416,255</td>
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<td>Distribution Hub Centers: Liwonde, Mangochi Sc. Schools, SEED Division Office, Blantyre Supplies Unit, Chikhwawa DEM’s Office, Luchenza and Mulanje Secondary Schools</td>
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Bidders are free to bid for one lot or any combination of lots, but if they do so they should quote for 100% of items specified in the lot. The basis of evaluation and award is **lot basis**.

4. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the *Malawi Public Procurement Act 2003, Malawi Public Procurement Regulations of 2004* and open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from address 1 below and **Attention Procurement Agent**, e-mail address: fkasonda@charleskendall.com, and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address (1) given below from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 pm to 4.30 pm in the afternoon.

6. Qualifications requirements include: **Five (5) years** of experience in supplying similar goods. Documentary evidence of **Four (4) contracts of 100% of the quoted Lot value** performed in the past **five (5) years**, ending on the bid submission deadline. Bank references demonstrating availability of sufficient funds of not less than **30%** of the total bid price, and/ or lines of credit to
successfully perform the contract of amount not less than 30\% of the total bid price. Documentary
evidence to demonstrate that it has adequate logistical capacity for inland delivery of goods to the Hub
Centers such as customs clearing, warehousing and distribution (ownership of trucks), and or provide
plans to hire the services for the same purpose. A margin of preference for eligible national bidders "shall not" be applied. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders
on the submission of a written Application to the address (1) below and upon payment of a non
refundable fee of MK10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Malawi Kwacha only) or in USD $50
equivalent. The method of payment will be cash or Bank Certified Cheque and a General
Receipt will be issued for all payments from the Cash or Bank Certified Cheque. The Bidding
Documents will be collected by bidder immediately upon payment or be sent by express mail or
courier in which case the applicant/bidder should clearly indicate the delivery address and
bear the costs.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address (2) below (by depositing in a Tender Box located on
the first floor near entrance to the Conference Room) at or before 15:00 hours Local Time on 6th
January, 2017. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be
opened in the presence of the bidders’ representatives who choose to attend in person at the address
(3) below at immediately after 15:00 hours Local Time on 6th January, 2017 in the Conference
Room. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of at least 2\% (Two Percent) of the
total bid Price.

9. The addresses referred to above are:

(1) Address for purchasing and inspection of Bidding Documents:

Ministry of Education, Science and Technology,
Capital Hill Circle,
1st Floor, Room No. 21,
Lilongwe, Malawi.

Attention: Procurement Agent/Chief Procurement Officer
Tel. No. +265 (0) 1 789 422 Ext 274 Fax No 265(0) 1 788 604

(2) Address for submission of Bidding Documents
(by depositing in a Tender Box – first Floor near entrance to the Conference Room)

The Chairman,
Internal Procurement Committee,
Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST),
Capital Hill Circle,
Lilongwe, Malawi.
(3) Address for Opening Bidding Documents

Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST), Headquarters,
1st Floor -Conference Room,
Capital Hill Circle,
Lilongwe, Malawi.

Signed
Chairman,
Internal Procurement Committee
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY