

LIGHTHOUSE

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

IFB Title : Procurement of Lab Supplies
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1. Introduction

Lighthouse Trust is a registered Public Trust established to manage Centres of Excellence (CoEs) and to provide leadership in the delivery of integrated HIV prevention, treatment, care, and support services in Malawi. Lighthouse has played a key role in developing locally relevant models for HIV care and treatment and is strategically positioned in Malawi's national HIV response due to its close collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH).

In coordination with the MoH, Lighthouse delivers integrated services at Kamuzu Central Hospital, Bwaila Hospital, and various health facilities in both urban and rural areas of Lilongwe, Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre, Zomba Central Hospital, and Mzuzu Central Hospital.

Lighthouse's client-centred approach is guided by the following strategic goals:

- **Goal 1: Service Delivery to Scale** – To enhance high-quality, integrated HIV prevention, treatment, care, and support services for adults and children.
- **Goal 2: Model Interventions and Operations Research** – To develop, pilot, evaluate, and disseminate innovative programs and policies across the continuum of HIV prevention, treatment, care, and support, addressing both infectious and non-infectious co-morbidities.
- **Goal 3: Capacity Strengthening** – To build and reinforce healthcare capacity for high-quality HIV service delivery.

With support from the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Lighthouse Trust is implementing a grant to operate Centres of Excellence for Comprehensive Integrated HIV Care and Treatment Services in Lilongwe, Mzuzu, Zomba and Blantyre (Grant #NU2GGH002495).

To support the achievement of its goals, Lighthouse Trust intends to engage highly qualified and experienced suppliers. The Chairperson of the Internal Procurement Committee (IPC) hereby invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the **Supply and Delivery of Lab Supplies as detailed below:**

2. Lab Supplies

| No | Description | Sites where goods will be delivered | Procurement Reference number | Closing date for Bid Submission and Time for bid opening |
|----|--------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Lab Supplies | Lighthouse-KCH (LL) | LH/03138609 | 2nd May 2025 at 14.00 hours |

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address provided in paragraph 7 below, between 08:00–12:00 and 13:00–16:00 hours local time (Monday to Friday, excluding national public holidays).

4. Qualification requirements include:

- Compliance with specifications outlined in the tender document.
- Demonstrated financial capacity to perform and supply without hindrance, evidenced by the availability of liquid assets, creditworthiness from a reputable financial institution, or financial turnover for the past three years.
- Legal registration as a business entity.
- Proof of compliance with tax obligations to the relevant revenue authority.

Further details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

5. The Bidding Documents, in English, can be requested free of charge by emailing: **procurement@lighthouse.org.mw**

Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at **14:00 hours on 2nd May, 2025**, in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend, at the address provided in paragraph 7.

6. Sealed bids must be deposited in the designated Tender Box, clearly marked with the Tender Reference Number and Lot Number, at the Lighthouse Trust Conference Room (see address in paragraph 7 below) no later than **14:00 hours on 2nd May 2025**.

7. Address for Submission and Opening of Bids:

Lighthouse Trust – Conference Room
Area 33, Kamuzu Central Hospital Campus
P.O. Box 106, Lilongwe, MALAWI

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