1. SOURCE OF FUNDS
The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) as part of the services provided to CABEI partners and beneficiary countries is granting partial funding jointly with the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) for the implementation of the project «Construction and Equipment of the Departmental Hospital of Chinandega» Republic of Nicaragua, under the Loan Contracts Nº 2124 and Nº 899, signed by the Government of Nicaragua and CABEI and the Republic of Nicaragua and KFAED.

2. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY AND OWNER OF THE BIDDING PROCESS
2.1 Background of the Implementing Agency
The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Nicaragua is the implementing agency is, which appoints a Bid Executive Committee to lead the bidding process and invite all the companies or consortia interested in submitting bids to implement the project «Construction and Equipment of the Departmental Hospital of Chinandega».

The Successful Bidder shall be selected following the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) established in the Policy for Procurement of Goods, Works and Consulting Services Supported by CABEI, approved by Board Resolution Nº DI-322013/ of April 2013 and its Guidelines for Implementation, available at CABEI website: www.bcie.org

2.2 General Objective:
To construct and equip the Chinandega Departmental Hospital

3. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY
3.1 Background:
The Ministry of Health (MINSA) is the sectoral governing body responsible for coordinating, organizing, supervising, inspecting, controlling, regulating, managing and monitoring health sector actions.
The public institutions governing the financing, regulation and provision of health services are the Ministry of Health (MINSA), the Nicaraguan Institute of Social Security (INSS), and the Health Services of both the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Defense. The main supplier of public health services is the Ministry of Health (MINSA), covering approximately 70% of total population.
The Ministry of Health is made up by the Division of Procurement, the Financial Management Department, the Division of Physical Supplies for Health, the External Cooperation Department, Legal Advice and the Division of Technological Development and Management of Medical Equipment.

3.2 General Objective:
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4. THE BIDDING PROCESS
4.1 Specific Objectives of the Bidding Project.
To construct and equip the Chinandega Departmental Hospital, which will provide the following services:
300 hospitalization beds distributed as follows: Internal Medicine (63) Surgical Hospitalization (60) Obstetric Gynecological Hospitalization (93) and Pediatric and Neonatal Hospitalization (84). The hospital will also have 86 beds distributed through Intensive Care Unit (ICU); Isolation UCI; Pediatric ICU, Pre-Labor, Labor and Delivery, Postpartum Unit, Adult Observation Unit, and Pediatric Observation Unit.
In addition, the hospital will have 8 operating rooms, and 10 beds and 6 chairs for postoperative recovery purposes, 31 outpatient doctor’s offices covering different specialties, a hemodialysis unit with capacity for 12 dialysis chairs and 6 for peritoneal dialysis, 10 units for adult hematological-oncological care and 6 for pediatric hematological-oncological care.
Construction and equipment will include all the facilities required for basic health infrastructure, such as potable water, electricity, sewage, medical gases, and HVAC systems, among others.
The project will provide the Hospital with furniture, medical and non-medical equipment.

4.2 The implementing agency provides stakeholders with all the bidding documents necessary for preparation of bids. Such information will be available at the Offices of the General Procurement Division Complejo Nacional de Salud Dra. Concepción Palacios, costado oeste Colonia Primero de Mayo, Managua, Nicaragua, as of September 8, 2015, office hours 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bidding document fees: US$150. The bidding document fees are not refundable.
Procurement of Bidding Document is prerequisite to be registered officially as bidder.
An electronic copy of this Invitation to Bid is available at www.nicaraguacompra.gob.ni, www.bcie.org and web site to be defined by KFAED, including domestic and Kuwait newspapers. Start date: November 23, 2015 Deadline: November 25, 2015.
Prospective bidders interested in participating in the above bidding must email their Expressions of Interest to adquisiciones@minsa.gob.ni and a reply from Tania Garcia Gonzalez, Bidding Committee Chair will suffice as acknowledgement of receipt and evidence of registration as prospective bidder. Prospective bidders shall be listed in the Official Bidders List and eventually will be contacted for consultations, clarifications, amendments, or modifications that may arise with respect to this bidding process.

4.3 Bids must be received by the Owner at the address detailed below and not later than January, 21, 2016, 11:00 a.m. Nicaragua local time: Oficinas de la Division General de Adquisiciones, Complejo Nacional de Salud Dra. Concepción Palacios, costado oeste Colonia Primero de Mayo, Managua, Nicaragua

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