



INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



The World Health Organization (WHO)
and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
plan to construct a building in the immediate vicinity of
WHO Headquarters in Geneva.

A firm of architects, the winners of an international competition by invitation, has been appointed to design the building, and a call for tenders for its turnkey construction will shortly be launched.

In this connection, an international call for expressions of interest is hereby put out to firms experienced in the construction of administrative buildings, in order to pre-select approximately ten firms who will then be invited to submit final tenders.

The specifications of the planned building, which is designed to provide 480 workstations, are as follows: gross floor area 25 900 m², built volume 106 000 m³, seven storeys, two of them underground.

The definitive call for tenders is due to be issued in July/August 2003 for bids to be submitted in September 2003. The work will be awarded in January 2004. Subject to the granting of the building permit and of other authorizations required, the work would last from March 2004 until the end of 2005.

Interested firms are invited to submit their candidatures, exclusively by regular mail, in French or in English, and at the latest by 30 May 2003, to the following address:
World Health Organization
20, Ave Appia, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland
clearly indicating WHO/UNAIDS BUILDING on the envelope.

Expressions of interest will be accepted only from firms that have been operating for at least five years, which

Candidatures from firms, and in particular from subsidiaries, should contain only information directly concerning them, and in particular:

- Organization, structure, services provided by them and staff;
- An extract from the Trade Register or its equivalent;
- Annual report and financial statements for the last three years;
- Detailed references (dates and cost) of the five most recent contracts carried out and of five contracts for administrative buildings of more than 5000 m².

The criteria to be used in selecting firms from among those having expressed their interest will principally be:

- Experience in the field (references);
- Organization (structure, staff);
- Skills of staff;
- Compliance with social norms in force in their country of origin and in Switzerland;
- Financial security (financial statement, references, evolution of turnover);
- Capacity to adapt to local legal and technical requirements.

No additional information will be provided at this stage.

WHO reserves the right freely to chose, without justifying its choice, those firms selected for the definitive call for tenders and, if it so decides, not to pursue further this international call for expressions of interest. No claims or appeals will be accepted from any firms whose candidatures have not been selected. Firms not