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PROJECT FOR

COUNTERPART TITLE I COMMITTEE

1. Name of Project: Institut National du Bâtiment et des Travaux Publics
Programme D-10.3
2. Location: Léopoldville, Avenue du Roi Souverain
3. Type of facilities: Construction of a single storey building comprising:
 - 1 Refectory for 200 students
 - 1 Office
 - 1 Kitchen
 - 1 Shop for frozen and non-frozen food
 - 1 Bursar's Office
 - 1 Laundry
 - 1 Secretariat
 - 1 Porter's lodge
 - 1 Director's office
4. Estimated cost: The total estimated cost is 16.000.000 CF
5. Duration of works: 8 months
6. Date when works can begin: August 31, 1963
7. Priority in relation to other projects: high
8. Why facility is needed:

This building is essential for the education of future congolese engineers and technicians.

- 1) Out of 1,000.000 salaried workers, a figure confirmed by the report of the Congolese Workers Pension Fund, 7% or 53,000 are employed in 700 construction undertakings. More than 85% of these enterprises were, before independence, managed by foreign personnel, having qualifications similar to those which the Institut National du Bâtiment et des Travaux Publics gives. At present, the number of

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firms which have recommenced has risen to 350, and the number of engineers/technicians that they require, to 200.

One can reckon therefore that the lack of engineers/technicians is about 450.

- 2) Thanks mainly to UN assistance in the Congo, completed this year by A.I.D., it was possible to open the I.N.B.T.P. in 1962.
- 3) The courses are at present given in an old building which cannot be repaired. Classes are held on the covered verandahs, and the building itself is falling in ruins.
- 4) A dormitory for 220 students is in the process of construction on the same grounds at a cost of 24,000.000 CF.
- 5) The completion of the buildings, expected for 1964, in particular the construction of the school itself, will permit the training annually of about:

50 engineers/technicians
25 building technicians
20 topographers
20 draughtsman

- 6) The school will be built on grounds, 5 hectares in area, that are 5 Kms. from the Centre of Léopoldville. Léopoldville was chosen because of the concentration of population and the greater scope offered to graduates of the Institute. The Central Government will, in effect, employ a large number of these graduates. Moreover, the Institute will be able to make use of the technical equipment of the Laboratoire Central des Travaux Publics, situated in the centre of town.

9. Estimated annual maintenance costs:

Maintenance costs for the scheme are included in the budget of "l'Education Nationale Congolaise".

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT

1. Who will execute the work?

After comparing tenders, that of SAFRICAS has been accepted. This is a company with an international reputation. The same company is responsible for the construction of the first phase of the dormitory.

2. Are contractors available to do the work?

The contract is ready to be signed by SAFRICAS and the Ministry of Public Works.

3. Plans and specifications:

The present project was prepared by the Bureau d'Architecture des constructions scolaires de l'UNESCO, attached to the Ministry of Public Works.

4. Who will award the contract?

Ministry of Public Works

5. Who will supervise the implementation of the project?

Ministry of Public Works with assistance of ONUC

6. Are the plans prepared?

Yes, plans are attached to this request

7. Time delay in preparing plans and specifications

None

8. Necessary local materials are available?

Yes, a large part

9. Is local labour available? Yes

10. Are local authorities in agreement with this project?

Yes, this is an official project submitted by the authorities