



Nepal Electricity Authority

Transmission Directorate

Nepal-India Electricity Transmission and Trade Project

Invitation for Bids (ICB)

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Name of Project : Nepal-India Electricity Transmission & Trade Project
Name of Contract : Procurement of Plant Design, Supply and Installation 220/132kV Hetauda and Inaruwa Substations
Contract ID Number : NIETTP/W/ICB-3/SS
Credit/Grant No : 4902-NP/H660-NP

1. The Government of Nepal has received a credit/grant from the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of Nepal-India Electricity Transmission & Trade Project (NIETTP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit/grant will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Plant Design, Supply and Installation of Hetauda & Inaruwa Substations.
2. The Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) now invites sealed bids for the design, supply, construction, installation, testing and commissioning of 220/132 kV Hetauda & Inaruwa Substations ("the Facilities"). International competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with the Bank's "Single-Stage" Bidding Procedure.
3. The bidder must have experience in Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of high voltage substations. The bidder must have Annual Average Turnover of 18MUSD within last three years and must have executed within last ten years:
 - (i) At least two similar contracts each with a value of at least 10MUSD;
 - (ii) Minimum two (2) 220 kV or above Substation having at least cumulatively 10 (ten) circuit breaker bays of 220 kV or above and at least one substation shall have the complete scope of installation/integration of Substation Automation System (SAS).Detailed qualification criteria of the bidder, sub-vendors (manufacturers) and construction period are more elaborately described in the bidding documents. The contract duration is 12 months.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours Sunday to Friday. Complete bidding documents are also posted on the NEA website www.nea.org.np.
5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased within office hours up to 4 April, 2018 by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of NRs.20,000.00 (In words, Nepalese Rupees Twenty Thousand only) deposited in the current Account No. 00051040015275 at Laxmi Bank Ltd, Hattisar, Kathmandu or in the form of draft drawn in favor of the "Hetauda-Dhalkebar-Duhabi 400 kV-NEA". The document will be handed over to the bidder upon production of evidence of payment of the fee.
Foreign Bidders, who wish to receive the bidding document by post/courier, may send a request to the Employer with a payment of additional fee of USD 300.00 in a form of bank draft in favor of "Hetauda-Dhalkebar-Duhabi 400 kV-NEA". If so requested, NEA will send the document to the address requested by them. However, the Employer will not be responsible for delayed or non delivery of the documents so sent.
6. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Plant Design, Supply and Installation April 2015.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below office on or before 12:00 Hrs Nepal Standard Time on 5 April, 2018 and must be accompanied by a bid security in form of Bank's Guarantee not less than Nepalese Rupees 34,000,000.00 or an equivalent amount in convertible currency as per exchange rate list published by Nepal Rastra Bank which shall be valid for 28 days beyond the bid validity period. The source of exchange rate shall be the exchange (selling) rates as published by the Nepal Rastra Bank (www.nrb.org.np) and the date for the exchange rate shall be 28 days prior to date of Bid opening. The bank guarantee shall be issued by a commercial bank in Nepal. If the bank guarantee is issued by a foreign bank, it shall be endorsed by a commercial bank in Nepal. Bids shall be valid for the period of 120 days from the date of bid submission deadline. Late bids will be rejected.
Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder or bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 12:30 hrs Nepal Standard Time on 5 April, 2018.
If the specified date for last date of bid documents purchasing and bid submission/opening falls on a Government holiday then the same time on the next working day shall be considered for such events. However, the last date for bid submission and opening shall be the next working day after the last date of bid purchasing. In such case the validity of bid security shall be considered from already specified last date for bid submission.
8. A pre-bid conference will be held at 12:00 noon on 15 March, 2018 at the Nepal-India Electricity Transmission & Trade Project office at Kharipati, Bhaktapur, Nepal to clarify to the bidders the exact scope of the work, the basic data available and other issues in accordance with relevant clause of the bidding documents. Further the Bidders are advised to visit the site to acquaint themselves with terrain conditions and associated details of the locations of the proposed substations before the pre-bid conference.
9. The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid, and NEA will in no case be responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.
10. NEA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected bidder(s) of the grounds for NEA's action.

The address referred to above is:

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