

PROCUREMENT PLAN

Basic Data

Project Name: South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Power System Expansion Project	
Project Number: 44219-014	Approval Number: 3139/0398/0397/0520/3721
Country: Nepal	Executing Agency: Alternative Energy Promotion Center (AEPC), Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, Nepal Electricity Authority
Project Procurement Risk:	Implementing Agency: Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)
Project Financing Amount: US\$ 480,000,000 ADB Financing: US\$ 200,000,000 Cofinancing (ADB Administered): US\$ 91,200,000 Non-ADB Financing: US\$ 188,800,000	Project Closing Date: 30 June 2022
Date of First Procurement Plan: 4 July 2014	Date of this Procurement Plan: 17 May 2021, Version 6
Advance Contracting: No	e-GP: No

A. Methods, Thresholds, Review and 18-Month Procurement Plan

1. Procurement and Consulting Methods and Thresholds

Except as the Asian Development Bank (ADB) may otherwise agree, the following process thresholds shall apply to procurement of goods and works.

Procurement of Goods and Works		
Method	Threshold	Comments
International Competitive Bidding for Goods	US\$ 2,000,000 and Above	
National Competitive Bidding for Goods	Between US\$ 100,000 and US\$ 1,999,999	The first NCB is subject to prior review, thereafter post review.
Shopping for Goods	Up to US\$ 99,999	
International Competitive Bidding for Works	US\$ 5,000,000 and Above	
National Competitive Bidding for Works	Between US\$ 100,000 and US\$ 4,999,999	The first NCB is subject to prior review, thereafter post review.
Shopping for Works	Up to US\$ 99,999	

Consulting Services	
Method	Comments
Quality-Based Selection for Consulting Firm	90:10
Single Source Selection for Consulting Firm	Technical Support to AEPC through UNDP
Individual Consultant Selection for Individual Consultant	for PIS
Single Source Selection for Individual Consultant	Agreed for social mobilizers in Inception Mission

2. Goods and Works Contracts Estimated to Cost \$1 Million or More

The following table lists goods and works contracts for which the procurement activity is either ongoing or expected to commence within the next 18 months.

Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value	Procurement Method	Review (Prior/Post)	Bidding Procedure	Advertisement Date (quarter/year)	Comments
C-1.6.1	Mini Hydro Project (Sani Veri MHP,	3,800,000.00	NCB	Prior	1S2E	Q4 / 2019	Prequalification of Bidders: N

	Generation , 990kW)						Domestic Preference Applicable: N Bidding Document: Small Works Covid-19 Response? No Comments: FBER approved by ADB on 29 April 2021.
C-1-6.2	Mini Hydro Project (Sani Veri MHP, T & D, 990kW)	1,824,286.00	NCB	Prior	1S2E	Q2 / 2021	Prequalification of Bidders: N Domestic Preference Applicable: N Bidding Document: Small Works Covid-19 Response? No Comments: Project will be initiated depending upon readiness on DED and financial closure.
C-1-6.1	Mini Hydro Project (Ankhe Khola MHP, 750kW)	3,600,000.00	NCB	Prior	1S2E	Q2 / 2021	Prequalification of Bidders: N Domestic Preference Applicable: N Bidding Document: Small Works Covid-19 Response? No
C-1-6.2	Hepka Khola MHP 990KW	4,550,028.00	NCB	Prior	1S2E	Q3 / 2021	Prequalification of Bidders: N Domestic Preference Applicable: N Bidding

							Document: Small Works
							Covid-19 Response? No

3. Consulting Services Contracts Estimated to Cost \$100,000 or More

The following table lists consulting services contracts for which the recruitment activity is either ongoing or expected to commence within the next 18 months.

Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value	Recruitment Method	Review (Prior/Post)	Advertisement Date (quarter/year)	Type of Proposal	Comments
D-5	Project implementation support for AEPC	300,000.00	ICS	Prior	Q2 / 2021		Assignment: National Expertise: Monitoring expert; and Technical assistance for Project implementation. Covid-19 Response? No Comments: Assignment: National Expertise.

4. Goods and Works Contracts Estimated to Cost Less than \$1 Million and Consulting Services Contracts Less than \$100,000 (Smaller Value Contracts)

The following table lists smaller-value goods, works and consulting services contracts for which the activity is either ongoing or expected to commence within the next 18 months.

Goods and Works								
Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value	Number of Contracts	Procurement Method	Review (Prior/Post)	Bidding Procedure	Advertisement Date (quarter/year)	Comments
None								

Consulting Services								
Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value	Number of Contracts	Recruitment Method	Review (Prior/Post)	Advertisement Date (quarter/year)	Type of Proposal	Comments
None								

B. Indicative List of Packages Required Under the Project

The following table provides an indicative list of goods, works and consulting services contracts over the life of the project, other than those mentioned in previous sections (i.e., those expected beyond the current period).

Goods and Works							
Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value (cumulative)	Estimated Number of Contracts	Procurement Method	Review (Prior/Post)	Bidding Procedure	Comments
None							

Consulting Services							
Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value	Number of Contracts	Recruitment Method	Review (Prior/Post)	Type of Proposal	Comments
None							

C. List of Awarded and On-going, and Completed Contracts

The following tables list the awarded and on-going contracts, and completed contracts.

1. Awarded and Ongoing Contracts

Goods and Works							
Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value	Awarded Contract Value	Procurement Method	Advertisement Date (quarter/year)	Date of ADB Approval of Contract Award	Comments
A-1-1	Dana-Kusma 220kV HTLS transmission line and substations at Dana, Kusma	37,900,000.00	27,795,681.67	ICB	Q2 / 2015	30-MAY-16	
A-1-2	Kusma-New Butwal 220kV HTLS transmission line	45,900,000.00	30,400,000.00	ICB	Q2 / 2016	06-NOV-17	
A-3-1	Marsyangdi-Kat hmandu 220kV transmission Line	26,000,000.00	18,900,000.00	ICB	Q2 / 2015	30-JUN-16	
A-3-2	Markichowk and Matatirtha Substaion of 220kV	27,000,000.00	20,800,000.00	ICB	Q2 / 2016	05-JUL-16	
B-1	Lot 1: Expansion of Distribution network in Eastern Region; Lot 2: Expansion of Distribution Network in Western region, and; Lot 3: Reinforcement of Distribution	48,000,000.00	46,973,285.14	ICB	Q2 / 2015		

	System;						
A-1-4	New Butwal 220kV Substation	12,000,000.00	9,800,000.00	ICB	Q2 / 2017	16-OCT-17	
A-3-2:RE	220 kV Air Insulated Substation (AIS) at Matatirtha, Kathmandu and 220 kV Gas Insulated Substation (GIS) at Markichowk, Marsyangdi	19,000,000.00	16,747,922.14	ICB	Q2 / 2020	20-NOV-20	
E-1	Independent Power Producer (IPP) for setting of Utility Scale Grid Tied Solar PV Project (Procurement of Power on Long Term Basis)	18,500,000.00		ICB	Q2 / 2018		Contract with 5 IPPs signed under this procurement and implementation is underway.
C-1-5.1	Mini Hydro Project (Patrasi Chukeni MHP, Generation)	1,800,000.00	2,387,080.51	NCB	Q4 / 2018	28-MAY-19	
C-1-5.2	Mini Hydro Project (Patrasi Chukeni MHP, Distribution)	1,800,000.00	1,035,086.00	NCB	Q1 / 2020	15-OCT-20	
C-1-10	Mini hydro project(Lower Bom Khola MHP)	866,666.00	1,330,000.00	NCB	Q1 / 2018	15-AUG-18	
C-1-2	Mini hydro projects(Giri Khola MHP)	866,666.00	800,000.00	NCB	Q1 / 2017	14-JUN-17	
C-1-5	Mini hydro projects(Kathyad Khola MHP Transmission and Distribution Pkg 02)	866,666.00	1,029,782.00	NCB	Q1 / 2018	01-DEC-18	
C-1-4	Mini hydro projects(Khatyad Khola MHP- Generation Pkg 1)	866,666.00	1,330,000.00	NCB	Q1 / 2018	26-AUG-18	
C-1-3	Mini hydro projects(Phawa Khola MHP)	866,666.00	1,320,000.00	NCB	Q3 / 2017	19-JAN-18	
C-1-1	Mini hydro projects(Simrutu Khola MHP)	866,666.00	620,000.00	NCB	Q3 / 2015	24-NOV-16	
A-1-3	New Butwal-Bardagh	5,900,000.00	5,568,216.72	ICB	Q2 / 2018	07-SEP-19	

	at 220kV Transmission Line						
C-2-10	Solar Wind Mini Grid(Thabang SWMG, 150kW)	1,000,000.00	623,967.73	NCB	Q3 / 2019	27-NOV-19	

Consulting Services							
Package Number	General Description	Estimated Value	Awarded Contract Value	Recruitment Method	Advertisement Date (quarter/year)	Date of ADB Approval of Contract Award	Comments
D-1	Project supervision services for NEA	4,000,000.00	3,248,000.00	QBS	Q1 / 2015	09-DEC-16	
D-2	Supports on distribution system master plan	4,000,000.00	4,067,000.00	QBS	Q1 / 2016	15-SEP-17	
D-4	Social mobilizer, Engineer, Financial	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	SSS	Q4 / 2019	13-MAR-20	United Nation Development Program(UNDP) is selected under SSS.
D-3	Project implementation support for AEPC	800,000.00	308,640.00	ICS	Q2 / 2020	06-APR-20	

D. Non-ADB Financing

The following table lists goods, works and consulting services contracts over the life of the project, financed by Non-ADB sources.

Goods and Works				
General Description	Estimated Value (cumulative)	Estimated Number of Contracts	Procurement Method	Comments
Udipur-Marki Chowk-Bharatpur 220kV HTLS transmission line and substations	39,000,000.00	1	ICB	Covid-19 Response? No Plant
Manang-Khudi-Udipur 220kV transmission line and associated substations	39,900,000.00	1	ICB	Covid-19 Response? No Plant
Samundratar-Trishuli 3B hub 132kV transmission line and Samundratar Substation	12,000,000.00	1	ICB	Covid-19 Response? No Plant

Consulting Services				
General Description	Estimated Value (cumulative)	Estimated Number of Contracts	Recruitment Method	Comments
None				

E. National Competitive Bidding

National competitive bidding (NCB) shall be in accordance with that described as "by inviting bids and a national level" as set forth in "The Public Procurement Act, 2007" (PPA) and "The Public Procurement Regulations, 2007" (PPR) and subject to the following:

1. The first NCB document for both goods and works procurement shall be reviewed and approved by Asian Development Bank (ADB) prior to issue. These will be used for all NCB procurement under the project. The document shall include qualification and evaluation criteria and ADB's right to audit and inspect in accordance with para 1.14 of ADB's Procurement Guidelines (March 2013, as amended from time to time). No other criteria other than that described in the bidding document may be used to determine the lowest evaluated responsive bidder and no form of domestic preference may be employed. A positive assessment of a bidder's qualifications to perform a contract will be a pre-requisite to an award.
2. All qualified ADB member bidders and ADB member produced goods, services and works shall be eligible. Registration and licensing shall be permitted only as a condition of contract award and not participation in bidding. No award may be withdrawn for failure to obtain tax registration; license or fulfill any similar requirement without ADB's prior concurrence. No bidder will be held ineligible based on provision 63 of the PPA without ADB prior concurrence.
3. Invitations to bid shall be advertised in at least one widely circulated national daily newspaper or freely accessible, nationally-known website allowing a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days for the preparation and submission of bids. Invitations for bids for contracts estimated at \$500,000 or more for goods and \$1,000,000 or more for civil works shall be advertised on ADB's website. No restriction will be placed on the sale of bidding documents.
4. The approved Standing List of a Procuring Entity prepared in accordance with the law shall only be accepted to supplement an advertised open pre-qualification exercise for the specific contract provided that those on the standing list meet the qualification criteria.
5. Bids shall be opened at a single location immediately after the deadline for submission. Multiple locations for submission and opening are not acceptable.
6. Government-owned enterprises in Nepal shall be eligible to participate only if they meet the conditions of para 1.8 (c) of ADB's Procurement Guidelines (March 2013, as amended from time to time).
7. Extension of bid validity of more than 4 weeks beyond the original validity shall not be allowed without the prior concurrence of ADB.
8. Cancellation of bidding and re-bidding shall not be carried out without the prior concurrence of ADB.
9. Percentage variations from rates fixed by a district rate fixation committee shall not be used for the purpose of evaluating bids.

In the event of a conflict between these provisions and the law, these provisions shall prevail.

