Invitation for Bids

1. The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of Water Resources Development Investment Program – Project 2. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.

The National Procurement Authority (NPA), on behalf of the Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW) of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (“the Employer”) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Rehabilitation of Lower Kokcha Irrigation, Zone I: Sharawan Canal (SHRC), LKIP/SHRC 0+000 to 66+000 km Canal Civil Works (the Works). Construction period is 1095 days.

2. International Competitive Bidding (ICB) will be conducted in accordance with ADB’s Single-Stage: One-Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible countries of the ADB as described in the Bidding Document.

3. Only eligible bidders with the following key qualifications, summarized from the bidding document, should participate in the bidding. Bidders are requested to refer to Section 3 of the bidding documents for a full range of criteria prior to submitting bid.

   a) Submission of audited financial statements for the last three (3) years. As a minimum, the Bidder’s net worth for the last year calculated as the difference between total assets and total liabilities should be positive;
   b) The Bidder shall have a minimum average annual construction turnover (calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed) within the last five (5) years of at least USD 8 million;
   c) Bidders must demonstrate sufficient financial resources defined in FIN-3 (usually comprising of Working Capital supplemented by credit line statements or overdraft facilities and others) less its financial obligations for its current contract commitments defined in FIN-4, meet or exceed the total requirement for the Subject Contract of USD 1.2 million;
   d) The Bidder shall have participated in at least one contract within the last eight (8) years that has been successfully or substantially completed and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder’s participation exceeds USD 10
million. The similarity of the Bidder’s participation shall be based on the physical size, nature of works, complexity, methods, technology or other characteristics as described in Section 6, Employer’s Requirements;

e) Experience in construction of canal structures or canal lining in at least one contract.

Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

4. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, bidders should contact:

   National Procurement Authority (NPA),
   Administrative Office of the President,
   Geodesy and Cartography Building Meeting Room
   Kabul, Afghanistan

   Contact Person: Sulaiman Saleh
   E-Mail Address: suliman.saleh@aop.gov.af
   Copied to: zabihulrahman.rahmani@aop.gov.af, bahjuazimi@yahoo.com and
   waisuddin.rahimi@gmail.com

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents, in English, may be obtained by interested eligible bidders by downloading the same from the website www.npa.gov.af free of cost. Bidding Documents may also be obtained in a flash memory from the NPA office (at the address given above). In case of any difficulty in downloading from NPA website, interested bidders may contact at e-mail address suliman.saleh@aop.gov.af and bahjuazimi@yahoo.com. To download Bidding Documents, clarifications and amendments, bidders are required to register in NPA website: www.npa.gov.af. Bidders should refer to BID INFO menu, BIDDERS REGISTRATION, suppliers registration for public procurement biddings form should be filled considering these points: User Name, Password, Re-Type Password, Email, Security Question, Security Answer, Name, Father Name, Family Name, Gender, Age, Company Name, License No, Province, City, Phone No, Address.

6. Deliver bid:

   • to the address below
     National Procurement Authority (NPA)
     Administrative Office of the President,
     Geodesy and Cartography Building Meeting Room
     Kabul, Afghanistan

   • on or before the deadline 3 April 2018, 10:00 hours (local time)
   • together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.
   • Electronic submission of bid is not permitted.

Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the bid submission deadline in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.

7. Bid securities provided in currencies other than US Dollar shall be converted to US Dollar (only for the purpose of evaluation) based on exchange rate indicated for cash selling

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rates in Central Bank of Afghanistan website 28 days prior to the bid submission deadline. Bid Security shall remain valid for 28 days beyond the validity of bid (i.e. up to 208 days) after the bid submission deadline date. The Bid Validity Period shall be 180 days.

8. A Pre-bid meeting will be held on 17 March 2018 at 10:00 hours Kabul local time in the Program Management Office, Ministry of Energy and Water, Darulaman Road, Kabul, Afghanistan.