



Invitation for Bids

Date:	27 February 2017
Grant Nos. and Title:	G0521-AFG(SF)/0522-AFG(EF)/0523-AFG(EF): Energy Supply Improvement Investment Program (Tranche 2)
Contract No. and Title:	NPA/DABS/95/W-1464/ICB Package 11: Procurement of Plant, Design, Supply, and Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 220kV Overhead Transmission Line from Doshi to Bamyan.
Deadline for Submission of Bids:	27 April 2017, 10:00 hours (Kabul local time)

1. The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has applied for a grant from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of **Energy Supply Improvement Investment Program – Tranche 2** and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Grant to payments under the contract for the scope described below under item 2.

2. The National Procurement Authority on behalf of Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS) (“the Employer”) now invites sealed Bids for a turnkey contract: **Procurement of Plant - Design, Supply and Installation of 220kV Transmission Line from Doshi to Bamyan**. The transmission system will be designed and constructed for double circuit transmission arrangement and will be connected to 220/20kV substations at Doshi and Bamyan (not funded under the subject package).

Name of Goods and Related Services
<p>The Project comprising execution of all contract works on an Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) basis, complete in every respect and at turnkey basis for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 220 kV double circuit transmission line from Doshi to Bamyan. <p>The related 220/20 kV substations at Doshi and Bamyan (Package 10), although not tendered as part of this package, will have interfaces with this project.</p> <p>The Scope of Works includes the following deliveries and services: Design, manufacture, testing, supply, insurance, packing for export, shipment, delivery to site, unloading, provision of access roads, civil works and erection and installation of equipment, testing on completion, commissioning, setting to work and documentation.</p> <p>The project will be implemented on a turn-key contract basis and will include generally but is not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surveys;• Design;

- Supply;
- Services;
- Installation;
- Commission;
- All line components and services not explicitly mentioned but necessary for a turnkey type contract for the transmission line.
- Installation of the complete overhead line 220 kV, double circuit, (towers, foundations, insulators, fittings, conductor, earth-wire and OPGW);
- Limit of Supply: The works include supply and installation of the 220kV towers, foundations, conductors, tension insulator strings at the gantries at Doshi and Bamyan Substation.
- Temporary facilities required for the implementation of the Works (site offices, temporary roads, etc.)

3. **International competitive bidding** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's [Single-Stage: One-Envelope](#) bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders without nationality restrictions as described in the Bidding Document. For this procedure, bidders will submit bids in one envelope containing both the Price Proposal and the Technical Proposal. The envelopes will be opened in public at the date and time advised below and in the bidding document. The Bids will be evaluated, and following approval by ADB, the Contract will be awarded to the Bidder whose Bid has been determined to be the lowest evaluated substantially responsive Bid.

4. 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 a bid. ***In case of any discrepancies between this invitation for bid and the bidding documents, the bidding documents shall prevail.***

- Minimum average annual turnover of US\$ 60,000,000.00 (United States Dollars Sixty Million only) calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last three (3) years.
- The Bidder must demonstrate access to, or availability of, financial resources such as liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means, other than any contractual advance payments to meet:
 - a) the following cash-flow requirement, US\$ 15,000,000.00 (United States Dollars Fifteen Million only) and
 - b) the overall cash flow requirements for this contract and its current works commitment
- Participation as contractor or subcontractor, in at least 2 turnkey contracts for the design, supply, installation and commissioning of transmission lines above 220-kV or above within the last eight (8) years, each with a contract value of at least US\$ 50,000,000.00 (United States Dollars Fifty Million only) that have been successfully and are similar to the proposed plant and services. At least 1 contract should be similar to the proposed plant, and have been commissioned and in successful operation for minimum 2 years as on the date of Bid Opening.

- All pending litigation shall be treated as resolved against the Bidder and so shall in total not represent more than fifty percent (50%) of the Bidder's or any Joint Venture Partner net worth.

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the National Procurement Authority (NPA) of the Government of Afghanistan and inspect the Bidding Document at the address given below, from 08:00 to 16:00 hours (local Kabul time), Saturday to Thursday.

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders **free of cost** by downloading from the NPA website www.npa.gov.af or DABS website www.dabs.af. Bidding documents may also be obtained in a CD/flash memory from the NPA office (at address given below). In case of any difficulty in downloading from website, interested bidders may contact at e-mail address suliman.saleh@aop.gov.af and Tel: No. (+93) 202-147557 cc: rohullah.sahil@pmo.dabs.af, mukhtar.sadat@pmo.dabs.af.

7. Deliver bids:

- To the address below:

Administrative Office of the President of Afghanistan
Geodesy & Cartography Building (Adjacent to Ministry of Mines and Petroleum)
First Floor Conference Room of National Procurement Authority
Kabul, Afghanistan. Telephone: +93 0202147557

- **On or before the deadline 27 April 2017, 10:00 hours (Kabul local time)**
- Together with a Bid Security as described in the bidding document

All Bids must be delivered at the place and time indicated above together with a Bid Security as specified in the Bidding Documents, ITB 21.1.

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

8. NPA will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.