Invitation for Bids

(Please refer to Corrigendum 1 IFB, published on 8 July 2024)

1. The People’s Republic of Bangladesh has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of Network Infrastructure Development and Modernization of Distribution System in NESCO. 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.

2. The Northern Electricity Supply PLC (NESCO), (“the Employer”) invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the construction and completion of Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Smart Prepayment Meters, Data Concentrator Units (DCU), and Head End System (HES) (Package-7) (“the Facilities”).

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

4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications defined in the Bidding Document may participate in this bidding:

   a. Participation as a contractor, Joint Venture partner, or Subcontractor, in one up to three contracts that have been satisfactorily completed within the last seven (7) years and that are similar to the proposed contract, where the aggregated value of the Bidder’s participation is: Lot 1: USD 21 million, Lot 2: USD 20 million.

   b. 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) of the Bidding Document. The scope of each contract must include: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Smart

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Loan No. and Title: 57258-001-BAN: Northwest Distribution Network Modernization Project (Network Infrastructure Development and Modernization of Distribution System in NESCO)

Contract No. and Title: NESCO/ADB/PACKAGE-7: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Smart Prepayment Meters, Data Concentrator Units (DCU), and Head End System (HES) (Package-7)

Deadline for Submission of Bids: 20 August 2024, 11:00 am (Bangladesh Local Time)
Prepayment Meters, Data Concentrator Units (DCU), and Head End System (HES) or above.

c. For the above contracts executed during the period stipulated above, a minimum experience is required in the following key activities:

- At least one (1) contract shall be with Head End System (HES) implementation.
- At least one (1) contract must be completed either in Bangladesh or outside the Bidder's own country.

d. The eligibility and qualification requirements are more completely described in the Bidding Document. The bidders are advised to inspect the bidding document in details by visiting the NESCO website, https://nesco.gov.bd.

5. To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents, Bidders should contact:

Chief Engineer (Engineering)
Northern Electricity Supply PLC (NESCO)
Bidyut Bhaban, Hetem Khan, Rajshahi, Bangladesh
Telephone: +02588850425
E-mail: nidmpdc.project@nesco.gov.bd

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Project Coordinator
Network Infrastructure Development and Modernization of Distribution System
Northern Electricity Supply PLC (NESCO)

a. The complete bidding documents are also available for download from NESCO’s website, https://nesco.gov.bd. Eligible bidders who download the bidding document from the NESCO’s website shall inform NESCO in writing (and provide their contact details) at the address given above, a failure of which NESCO shall not be responsible if the bidder does not receive clarifications and amendments, if any.

b. In case of any discrepancy between the documents downloaded by the prospective bidder and the Bid Documents (hard copy) of NESCO, the latter shall prevail.

6. To purchase the Bidding Document in English language, eligible Bidders should:

- Write to address above requesting the Bidding Document for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Smart Prepayment Meters, Data Concentrator Units (DCU), and Head End System (HES)(Package-7) from 2 July 2024 up to one day before the bid submission deadline.

- Pay a non-refundable amount of One Hundred US Dollars (USD 100) or Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Taka (BDT 11,800) in the form of Pay Order/ Demand Draft in favor of the Northern Electricity Supply PLC (NESCO).

The Bidding Document may be collected in person or may sent through a courier for an additional fee of Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Taka (BDT 11,800) (local delivery) or One Hundred US Dollars (USD 100) (International delivery) in the form

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of Pay Order/ Demand Draft in favor of Northern Electricity Supply PLC (NESCO). No liability will be accepted for loss in transit or late delivery of the Bidding Document.

7. **A Pre-Bid meeting** will be held on **15 July 2024, 11:00 am** (Bangladesh Local Time) at the head office of Northern Electricity Supply PLC (NESCO), Bidyut Bhaban, Hetem Khan, Rajshahi, Bangladesh.

8. Deliver your bid:
   - to the Chief Engineer and the Project Coordinator’s offices in para. 5.
   - on or before **20 August 2024 at 11:00 am** (Bangladesh Local Time).
   - together with Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.
   - Late bids will be rejected.

9. Technical bids will be opened at **11:30 am** (Bangladesh Local Time) on the same day at the Northern Electricity Supply PLC (NESCO) head office in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend. The Financial Bids shall remain sealed and unopened and shall be placed locked.

10. The Financial Bids of only Technically Responsive and Qualified Bidders shall be opened after Technical Bid Evaluation; whereas, Financial Bids of Bidders whose Technical Bids are not responsive and qualified shall be returned unopened after the contract is awarded.

11. When comparing bids, ADB’s Domestic Preference Scheme will be in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Bidding Document.

12. NESCO will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids including costs and expenses related to participation in pre-bid meeting and site visit/s.

13. The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to Bidders.

Chief Engineer (Engineering)
NESCO, Rajshahi, Bangladesh

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**Project Coordinator**
Network Infrastructure Development and Modernization of Distribution System in NESCO