1. The Royal Government of Bhutan has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of **Renewable Energy for Climate Resilience Project**. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contract named above. This contract will be jointly financed by the Royal Government of Bhutan and ADB. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.

2. The **Department of Renewable Energy under the Ministry of Economic Affairs** ("the Employer") invites sealed bids for the **design, procurement, construction and completion of the Sephu Solar PV Power Plant, Bhutan** ("the Facilities"). The Facilities comprise the Main Electrical System including solar PV modules, inverters, cables, transformers, and protection equipment, Solar PV Module Mounting Structures, Site Access and Internal Roads, Buildings and Civil Works, Drainage Systems, Water Supply System, Lightning Protection System, External Lighting System, Earthing System, Fire Fighting and Detection System, Emergency Generator, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), Power Plant Communication, Weather Station, Administrative and control building. The overall completion time for designing, planning, engineering, procurement (manufacturing/supply), construction/erection, testing, and commissioning of the solar PV power plant in Sephu is 540 days.

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

4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:

   - **Average Annual Turnover:** Minimum average annual turnover of USD 21.00 million calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last five (5) years

   *Note: The Bidder may submit for financial years 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017. However, if COVID-19 has impacted normal construction turnover for the financial year 2021 and 2020, bidders could use the turnover for financial years 2016 and 2015.*
Financial Capabilities: The Bidder as a single entity, must demonstrate that its financial resources defined in FIN-3, less its financial obligations for its current contract commitments defined in FIN-4, meet or exceed the following cash-flow requirement of USD 2.6 million and the overall cash flow requirements for this contract and its current works commitment. If submitting as a Joint Venture submission, one partner must meet or exceed the 40 percent of the cash-flow requirement of USD 2.6 million as above and one partner must meet 25 percent of the cash flow requirement of USD 2.6 million and both partners combined must meet the full expectation of USD 2.6 million.

Contracts of a similar size and nature: Participation as a contractor, Joint Venture partner, or Subcontractor, in at least two (2) contracts that have been successfully or substantially completed within the last five (5) years and that are similar to the proposed contract, where the value of the Bidder’s participation under each contract exceeds USD 12.80 million. The similarity of the Bidder’s participation shall be based on ground mounted PV project with PV modules, foundations, mounting structures, grid tied inverters, transformers, SCADA system and a monitoring system of at least 10 MWa.

The qualification criteria are more completely described in the Bidding Document.

5. To obtain further information prior to downloading the Bidding Document, Bidders should contact:

Mr. Chhimi Dorji
Department of Renewable Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Royal Government of Bhutan, Thimphu
Email address: chhimidorji@moea.gov.bt
cc to: ksangay@moea.gov.bt

6. To download the Bidding Documents for free, Bidders should click on the link “Download the tender documents for this notice” found at the bottom of the email notification from Tenderlink https://portal.tenderlink.com/DORE/login?ReturnUrl=%2FDORE and log in using the account details provided by Tenderlink in a separate email.

7. Deliver your bid:

- on or before the deadline: 19 September 2022 at 13:00 hours Bhutan Standard Time; and
- together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.

Applications will only be accepted electronically.

The Bidder must upload the 1st Envelope (Technical Submission) into the Technical Tender Box and then must upload the 2nd Envelope (the Financial Submission) into the Financial Tender box. The Bidder must upload into both tender boxes in order to successfully complete their submission.

Late bids and hardcopy submissions will not be accepted. Technical Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline. Bid opening will be conducted in a virtual manner using an online conferencing system in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend online. The link to the virtual opening will be sent to bidders seven days prior to the opening.