Invitation for Bids

1. The Lao People’s Democratic Republic has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of Second Strengthening Higher Education Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.

2. The Ministry of Education and Sports, Department of Higher Education ("the Purchaser") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the supply of the following:

   Lot-1: Laboratory Equipment  
   Lot-2: Laboratory Furniture

Bidder may submit bids for one lot or both lots.

3. International Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB’s Single Stage: One 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 should participate in this bidding:

   • Satisfactorily completed at least two (2) contracts for supply of similar goods in the preceding three (3) years of not less than $0.960 million (for Lot 1), $0.080 million (for Lot 2)
   • Minimum Average Annual Turnover of $2.400 million (for Lot 1), $0.200 million (for Lot 2) calculated as total payments received by the Bidder for contracts completed or under execution over the last three (3) years.
   • Availability of or Access to Liquid Assets, Lines of Credit, and other finances sufficient to meet cash flow requirement which is $0.600 million (for Lot 1), $0.050 million (for Lot 2).
   • Manufacturer of the offered goods, if a different entity from the Bidder, has been in production at least three (3) years, and been in operation for a minimum three (3) years.
   • in the case of a Bidder not doing business within Lao PDR, the Bidder is or will be (if awarded the contract) represented by an Agent in Lao PDR equipped and able to carry out the Supplier’s warranty, maintenance, repair, and spare parts stocking obligations prescribed in the Conditions of Contract and/or Technical Specifications.
5. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Purchaser (Ministry of Education and Sports/Department of Higher Education, Lao PDR), Associate Prof Dr Saykhong Saynasine, Director General, Department of Higher Education/Project Director, SSHEP by Telephone +(856-21) 243540, or e-mail: sshepproject@gmail.com with cc to: Ms. Amphavanh Sivilysack; (e-mail: amphamay@gmail.com), Procurement Officer and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:30 to 11:30 hours in the morning and 14:00 to 17:00 hours, Monday to Friday.

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of $170 or its equivalent in Lao KIP of LAK1,500,000. The method of payment will be in cash or deposit to:

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The Bidding Documents may be collected in person or may be sent by email or courier, but the Bidder has to deposit the fee at the above bank account and to pay for courier charge by his/her arrangement as appropriate at the discretion of the Bidder. Other than payment of non-refundable fee, there are no other conditions for the purchase of the Bidding Documents. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.

7. Bids must be delivered to the address given below on or before 5 August 2019 at 14:00 hours (Lao Time). All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security using the form included in Section VII, Bidding Forms, as specified under Sub clause 19.1 of Bid Data Sheet. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders’ representatives and other interested person who choose to attend in person at the address below at 14:30 hours on 5 August 2019.

8. The Purchaser will not be responsible for any cost or expense incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

9. In the comparison of bids, ADB’s Domestic Preference will not be applied.

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