

## Invitation for Bids

<b>Date:</b>	25 April 2018
<b>Grant No. and Title:</b>	0520-NEP: South Asia Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation Power System Expansion Project – Additional Financing
<b>Contract No. and Title:</b>	NEA/PMD/USGSP/2074/75-01: Selection of Independent Power Producer (IPP) for setting of Utility Scale Grid Tied Solar PV Project (Procurement of Power on Long Term Basis) by Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)
<b>Deadline for Submission of Bids:</b>	Extended to 12 July 2018, 12:00 Hours (Nepal Standard Time)

1. The Government of Nepal has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of **South Asia Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation Power System Expansion Project – Additional Financing**. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contract named above. No nationality restrictions apply other than any restriction arising from ITP 4.7.

2. The **Nepal Electricity Authority** from its Project Management Directorate - Utility Scale Grid-tied Solar Project, invites sealed proposals from eligible Proposers for the supply of solar power from utility scale grid tied projects by Independent Power Producers (IPP) to be injected at various substations identified in the Schedule I of Section 6 of the Request for Proposal (RfP). A Proposer can submit only one proposal per substation for a minimum size of 1 MW and a maximum size as mentioned in the Schedule I of Section 6 of the RfP for the substation. A Proposer can submit proposal for more than one substation. The successful Proposer shall be responsible for development, finance, design, engineering, procurement, construction, commissioning, operation and maintenance of the Project as per the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal (RfP), Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), Connection Agreement (CA) and VGF Securitization Agreement (VSA). The Project shall be required to be commissioned within a period of 12 months from the date of signing of PPA and supply power for a period of 25 years at a pre-agreed tariff rate.

3. **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's [Single-Stage: Two-Envelope](#) bidding procedure and is open to all Proposers without nationality restrictions.

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

- Net worth in the last financial year should be positive;
- Minimum average annual turnover of NRs. 60 Million/MW or an equivalent amount in USD within last three years;
- Participation in the role of Project Developer or Contractor or any other registered agencies for at least one infrastructure contract that has been successfully or

substantially completed within the last seven years where the value of the Proposer's participation exceeds NRs. 100 Million or an equivalent amount in USD; the contracts for infrastructure development of transportation, water supply, irrigation, energy, health, housing, apartment and commercial Complex shall be considered as Infrastructure Projects.

- Financial resources to meet the total requirement of NRs. 20 Million/MW or an equivalent amount in USD after meeting its current contract commitments;
5. To obtain further information and inspect the RfP documents, proposers should contact:

Utility Scale Grid-tied Solar Project  
Project Management Directorate  
NEA Training Centre Kharipati, Bhaktapur  
Floor/Room number: 1st Floor  
Kathmandu, Nepal  
Telephone: +977-1-6200097  
Electronic mail address: usgsp@nea.org.np

6. To purchase the bidding documents in English, eligible bidders should:

- Write to address above requesting the RfP documents for Contract No. NEA/PMD/USGSP/2074/75-01: Selection of Independent Power Producer (IPP) for setting of Utility Scale Grid Tied Solar PV Project (Procurement of Power on Long Term Basis) by Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)
- pay a non-refundable fee of NRs 20,000 or an equivalent amount in USD by bank voucher to the Current Account No 04400105200467 (New Butwal Kohalpur Surkhet and Upper Karnali 400 kV TLP) at the Everest Bank Limited, Bagbazar, Kathmandu, Nepal.

7. Deliver bid:

- to the address below  
Utility Scale Grid-tied Solar Project  
Project Management Directorate  
NEA Training Centre Kharipati, Bhaktapur  
Floor/Room number: 1st Floor  
Kathmandu, Nepal
- **on or before the deadline: 12 July 2018, 1200 Hours (Nepal Standard Time).**
- together with a Proposal Security in the amount indicated in RfP Proposal Data Sheet Section 2, Clause ITP 18.1.

Technical Proposals will be opened at the Project Office in Kharipati, Bhaktapur on 12 July 2018 at 12:30 hours (Nepal Standard Time) in the presence of proposers' representatives who choose to attend, whereas the Financial Proposals shall remain sealed and unopened and shall be placed locked. The Financial Proposals of only Technically Responsive and Qualified Proposers shall be opened after the technical proposals evaluation, whereas, the financial proposals of those proposers whose technical proposals are not responsive and qualified shall be returned unopened after the contract is awarded.

8. NEA reserves the right to accept or reject, wholly or partly any or all the proposals without assigning reason, whatsoever.