1. The Government of Nepal has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of the Tanahu Hydropower Project. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.

2. Nepal Electricity Authority ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 33/11 kV new substations and lines with Power Transformers, 33 & 11 kV Circuit Breaker, structure, poles, conductors, power cables and other equipment and associated civil works for the Rural Electrification and Distribution Network Improvement in Tanahu District of Nepal.

3. International Competitive Bidding (ICB) 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 qualification shall participate in the Bidding:
   a) Bidders shall have minimum average annual turnover of US$ 12.0 Million.
   b) Bidders are required to have satisfactory experience of at least 2 (two) similar contracts within the last seven (7) years, each with a value of at least US$ 7.5 Million.

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

   Distribution System Augmentation and Expansion Project
   Project Management Directorate
   Nepal Electricity Authority
   Chandragiri Municipality Ward No. – 7
   Matatirtha, Kathmandu
   Phone No: +977 1 5164122

6. To purchase the Bidding Documents, eligible bidders should:
write to address above requesting the bidding documents for **ICB-PMD-DSAEP-074/75-01-Tanahu: Rural Electrification and Distribution Network Improvement in Tanahu District.**

pay a non-refundable fee of NRs. 20,000 by or an equivalent amount in US Dollars by bank voucher to the Current Account No 00101500014600000121 of Nepal Electricity Authority, Distribution System Augmentation and Expansion Project at the NMB Bank Limited, Babarmahal, Kathmandu, Nepal. No liability will be accepted for lost or late delivery.

7. Deliver bids:

- to the address above
- **on or before the deadline: 7 September 2018, 12:00 Hours (Nepal Standard Time)**
- together with a Bid Security in the amount indicated in Bidding Document Section 2, Bid Data Sheet, Clause ITB 21.1 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. For the purpose of determining the equivalent amount of the required Bid Security in a freely convertible currency, the exchange rates published by Nepal Rastra Bank prevailing on the date 28 days prior to the deadline for bid submission shall be applied.
- Electronic submission of bids is not allowed.

8. Technical bids will be opened immediately in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend, whereas the Financial Bids shall remain sealed and unopened and shall be placed locked. The Financial Bids of only Technically Responsive and Qualified Bidders shall be opened after Technical Bid Evaluation, whereas, the Financial Bids of those Bidders whose Technical Bids are not responsive and qualified shall be returned unopened after the contract is awarded.

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