Invitation for Bids

1. The Government of Nepal has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of Power Transmission and Distribution Efficiency Enhancement Project. Part of the financing will be used for payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.

2. The Nepal Electricity Authority ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Enhancement of Distribution Networks in Central Region of Kathmandu Valley (Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Underground Distribution Network under Ratnapark Distribution Center including Reinforcement and Automation) ("the Facilities").

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

4. Bidders shall have minimum average annual turnover of US$ 22.6 Million. Bidders are required to have satisfactory experience in at least 1 (One) contract with design, supply, installation, commissioning of distribution network involving at least 75 km underground HT distribution line (10 kV – 35 kV) networks within last 7 (seven) years, with a contract value of at least US $ 22.6 Million.

5. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, bidders should contact:

Kathmandu Valley East and South Distribution System Enhancement Project
Power Transmission and Distribution Efficiency Enhancement Project
Project Management Directorate
Satungal - Bauthali Chowk Marga, Matatirtha Substation,
Chandragiri Municipality-11
Kathmandu, Nepal
Telephone: +977-1-5164104
Electronic mail address: ktm.central.underground@gmail.com

Date: 16 August 2017
Loan No. and Title: 3542-NEP: Power Transmission and Distribution Efficiency Enhancement Project
Contract No. and Title: PMD/PTDEEP/KVESDSEP-074/75 - 01: Enhancement of Distribution Networks in Central Region of Kathmandu Valley (Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Underground Distribution Network under Ratnapark Distribution Center including Reinforcement and Automation)
Deadline for Submission of Bids: 6 October 2017, 12:00 Hours (Nepal Standard Time)
6. To purchase the bidding documents in English, eligible bidders should:
   - Write to address above requesting the bidding documents for *PMD/PTDEEP/KVESDSEP–074/75-01: Enhancement of Distribution Networks in Central Region of Kathmandu Valley (Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Underground Distribution Network under Ratnapark Distribution Center including Reinforcement and Automation)*.
   - pay a non-refundable fee of NRs. 30,000 or an equivalent amount in US$ by bank voucher to the Current Account No 0010150001460000119 (LAPSHIFEDI CHANGUNARAYAN Subst) at the NMB Bank, Babarmahal, Kathmandu, Nepal.

7. Deliver your bid:
   - to the address above
   - **on or before the deadline: 6 October 2017, 1200 Hours (Nepal Standard Time).**
   - together with a Bid Security with amount indicated in Bidding Document Section 2 Bid data Sheet, Clause ITB 21.1.

Technical Bids will be opened at the Project Manager’s Office on 6 October 2017 at 12:30 hours (Nepal Standard Time) 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 bids 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.

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