1. The Government of Nepal has received financial assistance in Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of **Power Transmission and Distribution Efficiency Enhancement Project**. Part of the loan 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** 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 qualifications should participate in this bidding:

   - Bidders shall have minimum average annual turnover of US$ 27.9 Million
   - Bidders are required to have satisfactory experience in at least one (1) 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 seven (7) years, with a contract value of at least US $ 22.6 Million

   Additional details are provided in the Bidding Document.

5. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, Bidders should contact the following during office hours except holidays:

   - **Kathmandu Valley East and South Distribution System Enhancement Project**
     - Power Transmission and Distribution Efficiency Enhancement Project
     - Project Management Directorate
     - NEA Training Center Complex

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**Asian Development Bank**
6. To purchase the Bidding Documents in English, eligible Bidders should:

- pay a non-refundable fee of NRs. 20,000.00 or an equivalent amount in US$ by bank voucher to the Current Account No D101010000016 (NEA-Kathmandu Valley East & South Distribution System Enhancement Project) at the Global IME Bank, Kamaladi, Kathmandu, Nepal.

7. Deliver your bid:

- to the address above
- **on or before the deadline: 13 December 2018, 12:00 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 Office on 13 December 2018 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.