Invitation for Bids

1. The Government of Nepal has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of the Electricity Grid Modernization Project-Additional Financing. Part of this 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 Purchaser") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the Supply and Installation of Revenue Management System (RMS) ("the Goods").

3. Open Competitive Bidding (International advertisement) will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: Two-Envelope 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.
   - Bidder must have CMMI level 3 or higher certificate; and
   - Bidder must have Minimum average annual turnover of US$ 11.00 MN calculated as total payments received by the Bidder for contracts completed or under execution during best three (3) years in the last five (5) consecutive years; and
   - Successful completion of implementation of offered/proposed COTS (Commercial Off-The Shelf) Based Revenue Management System (RMS) in a Power Distribution Utility within the last seven (7) years of at least one (1) contract with nature, and complexity similar to the scope of requirements described in Section 6 (Schedule of Requirements). (For detailed criteria refer clause2, Section 3).

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Nepal Electricity Authority and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 10:00 to 17:00 hours (NEA office is closed on Saturday and is open up to 15:00 hours on Friday). A pre-bid meeting, which potential Bidders may attend, will be held as specified in ITB 7.4.

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased within office hours up to Tuesday, 31 May 2022 by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of NPR 20,000 (Nepalese Rupees Twenty Thousand only inclusive of VAT) or an equivalent amount US Dollar deposited in the NEA Account provided below or in the form of bank draft drawn in favor of the “Institutional Strengthening Project” or through online bank transfer to the above account. The document will
be handed over to the Bidder after producing evidence of payment of the fee. The Bidding Documents are also available in the NEA’s Web Site http://www.nea.org.np/. Bidders may choose to download the Bidding Documents, prepare their bids and submit bids in hard copy of the downloaded Bidding Documents, as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

7. Bids must be delivered in hard copy only to the address below at or before **14:00 hours NST on Wednesday, 13 June 2022.** Bids need to be secured by a Bid Security. The amount of Bid Security required is US$ 337,730/- (US dollar three hundred and thirty-seven thousand, seven hundred and thirty only) or an equivalent amount in Nepalese Rupees (NPR). The Bidder has the option to submit the bid security in the form of either a certified check, letter of credit, or a bank guarantee from a banking institution. Late bids will be rejected. In case the last date of submission of the Bidding Documents happens to be a public holiday, the next working day will be deemed as the due date, but the time will be the same as stipulated.

Address:
Project Director,
Institutional Strengthening Project
Finance Directorate
NEA Central office, Ratna Park, Kathmandu Nepal

Telephone: 977-1-4153310, 977-1-4153201
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Purchaser’s Account Details:
Name: NEA Institutional Strengthening Project
Account Number at Kumari Bank Limited: 0010041864800001
Bank Name and Address in Nepal:
Kumari Bank Limited Kathmandu, Nepal
SWIFT Code: KMBLNPKA
(Via: SWIFT MT 103 Message)

Technical Bids will be opened at the Project office in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend at the address above at 14:30 hours NST on Wednesday, 13 June 2022 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 disqualified shall be returned unopened after the contract is awarded.