Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Date: 6 May 2020

Loan No. and Title: Loan 3285-UZB: Northwest Region Transmission Line Project

Bid No. and Contract No: ICB/EPC-NEG/001-L507: Engineering, Procurement and Construction, 500kV Single Circuit Transmission Line from 500 kV “Guzar” substation (Uzbekistan) to existing 500kV “Regar” substation

Deadline for Submission of Bids: Extended to 1 July 2020, 10:00 hours (Tashkent time), Wednesday

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1. Republic of Uzbekistan has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of the Northwest Region Transmission Line Project. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contracts named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.

2. The Joint Stock Company (JSC) “National Electric Grid of Uzbekistan” (the “Employer”) invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for engineering, procurement and construction 500kV Single Circuit Transmission Line from 500 kV “Guzar” substation (Uzbekistan) to existing 500kV “Regar” substation (approx. 63.5km) (the “Works”), as detailed and specified in the Bidding Document (the “Contract”).

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

The Works under the Contract shall be completed within twelve (12) months from the date of contract effectiveness.

The Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for this project are not included in the Bidding Document at this time, and will be issued to Bidders as soon as these become available, and will form part of the Bidding Document. Bidders’ proposals must incorporate the mandatory measures indicated in the IEE and EMP.

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

- Submission of audited financial statements or, if not required by the law of the Bidder’s country, other financial statements acceptable to the Employer, for the last three (3) years, 2017, 2018 and 2019, to demonstrate the current soundness of the Bidder’s financial position. As a minimum, the Bidder’s net worth for the last year calculated as the difference between total assets and total liabilities should be positive.
- Minimum average annual turnover of $ 50,000,000 calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last three (3) years: 2017, 2018 and 2019.

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• Participation in at least one (1) contract that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last five (5) years and that is similar to the proposed contract, where the value of the Bidder’s participation exceeds $20,000,000.

• Procurement of high-voltage transmission line not less than 700 units insulators, not less than 300 tons conductors, not less than 150 units steel towers, as specified in the Bidding Document

• Experience in tower installation 220/500 kV transmission line (TL) no less than 300 units and experience in cable, conductors and OPGW tensioning for 220/500 kV transmission line no less than 120 km.

5. To obtain further information and requests that need clarification on the Bidding Documents, Bidders should contact:

   **Mr. Artikov Sobirjon, First Deputy Chairman of the Board**
   JSC “National Electric Grid of Uzbekistan”
   Street address: 42, Osiyo str.
   Floor/Room number: 410 (4th floor)
   City: Tashkent
   ZIP code: 100 000
   Country: Uzbekistan
   Telephone: +99871 208 56 26
   Fax: +99871 208 56 26
   E-mail address: northwest220g@gmail.com

6. To obtain the Bidding Documents **at no cost**, eligible Bidders should write to the above address requesting the Bidding Documents for the bid No. ICB/EPC-NEGU/001-L507 - Engineering, Procurement and Construction, 500kV Single Circuit Transmission Line from 500 kV “Guzar” substation (Uzbekistan) to existing 500kV “Regar” substation.

   The request sent by the Bidders to receive the Bidding Document should contain information about the representatives of the company, such as the full name, official e-mail addresses, and contact numbers for sending in case of clarifications, amendments and addenda to the Bidding Documents.

   The electronic version of the Bidding Document will be sent by email to address indicated in the request.

7. Deliver your bid:

   • to the address above
   • on or before the deadline: **1 July 2020, 10:00 hours Tashkent time**
   • together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.

   Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.

8. The Employer will not be responsible for any cost or expense incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.