

# Invitation for Bids

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Name of Project: Koshi Corridor 220 kV Transmission Line Project, Nepal Electricity Authority

Name of Contract: **Procurement of Plant Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Koshi Corridor 220 kV Substations**

IFB Number: **KOSHI/NEA/72/73 - 1**

1. Government of Nepal has signed a DOLLAR CREDIT LINE AGREEMENT (CREDIT AGREEMENT) with Export-Import Bank of India for the purpose of financing infrastructure projects such as roads and power transmission in Nepal and Nepal Electricity Authority (Government of Nepal Undertaking) is the beneficiary for the construction of power transmission lines. NEA intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this fund for payments under the Contract for Plant Design, Supply and Installation of 220 kV new substations at Basantapur, Baneshawar and Tumlingtar and 220 kV Bay extension at Inaruwa.
2. The Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) now invites sealed bids for the “design, engineering, manufacture, testing at manufacturer’s works, transportation, unloading and delivery at site including insurance & storage, erection, testing and commissioning at Site of 220 kV new substations at Basantapur, Baneshawar and Tumlingtar and 220 kV Bay extension at Inaruwa (“the Facilities”). Competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with the “Single-Stage” Bidding Procedure. The Contract currencies will be United States Dollar (USD) Only.
3. The Bidder must be an **Indian Firm/entity or Joint Venture among Indian firms** registered in India and/or incorporated/established under any law in force in India. Failure to submit evidence of meeting such requirement of being an Indian Firm/Entity shall result outright rejection of bid.
4. Detailed qualification criteria of the bidder and sub-vendors (manufacturers/subcontractor) are more elaborately described in the bidding documents. The construction period is **30 (thirty) months from the date of contract effectiveness.**
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours Sunday through Friday. Complete bidding documents are also posted on the NEA website [www.nea.org.np](http://www.nea.org.np) for viewing/inspection only.
6. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased within office hours from **4<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 up to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2016** by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **NRs. 30, 000.00** (In words, Nepalese Rupees Thirty Thousand only) or **USD 300.00** ( In words, US Dollars Three Hundred only) deposited in the NEA, Koshi Corridor 220 kV Transmission Line Project’s current **Account No. 9701017500053 at Nabil Bank Ltd, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu** or in the form of draft drawn in favor of the Project. The document will be handed over to the bidder upon production of evidence of payment of the fee.

Bidders, who wish to receive the bidding document by post/courier, may send a request to the Employer with a payment of additional fee of **USD 300.00** in a form of bank draft in favor of Koshi Corridor 220 kV transmission line project, NEA”. If so requested, NEA will send the document to the address requested by them. However, the Employer will not be responsible for delayed or non-delivery of the documents so sent.

7. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **12:00 Hrs Nepal Standard Time on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2016** and must be accompanied by a bid security in the form of Bank's Guarantee not less than **0.7 Million USD or an equivalent amount in NRs or in INR** which shall be valid for **30 days beyond the bid validity period**. The source of exchange rate shall be the exchange (selling) rates as published by the Nepal Rastra Bank ([www.nrb.org.np](http://www.nrb.org.np)) and the date for the exchange rate shall be the date 28 days prior to the date of bid opening. The bank guarantee shall be issued by a commercial bank in Nepal. If the bank guarantee is issued by a foreign bank, it shall be counter guaranteed by a commercial bank in Nepal. Bids shall be valid for the period of **150 days** from the date of bid submission deadline. **Late bids will be rejected.**

Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder or bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below at **12:30 hrs Nepal Standard Time on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.**

If the specified date for last date of bid documents purchasing and bid submission/opening falls on a Government holiday then the same time on the next working day shall be considered for such events. However, the last date for bid submission and opening shall be the next working day after the last date of bid purchasing. In such case the validity of bid security shall be considered from already specified last date for bid submission.

8. A pre-bid conference will be held on **20<sup>th</sup> July, 2016** at the Koshi Corridor Transmission Line Project office, Kharipati, Bhaktapur, Nepal to clarify to the bidders the exact scope of the work, the basic data available and other issues in accordance with relevant clause of the bidding documents. Further the Bidders are strongly advised to visit the site to acquaint themselves with terrain conditions and associated details of the locations of the proposed substations before the submission of Bids.
9. The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid, and NEA will in no case be responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.
10. NEA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected bidder(s) of the grounds for NEA's action.

The address referred to above is:

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