

**Nepal Electricity Authority**  
Transmission Directorate  
**Hetauda-Dhalkebar-Inaruwa 400 KV Substation Expansion Project**  
**Invitation for Bids (ICB)**

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*Invitation for Bids for the Procurement of Plant Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 400 kV Hetauda and Inaruwa Substations.*

Contract Identification No: *HDI/ICB/GIS/HTD-INA*

1. Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) has received a fund from Government of Nepal (GoN) towards the cost of *Hetauda-Dhalkebar-Inaruwa 400 KV Substation Expansion Project* and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for *Plant Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 400 kV Hetauda and Inaruwa Substation, IFB No: HDI/ICB/GIS/HTD-INA*. Bidding is open to all eligible Nepalese and Foreign Bidders.
2. Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the *Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 400 kV Hetauda and Inaruwa Substation*, under International Competitive Bidding – Single-Stage, Two Envelope Bidding procedures.

Only eligible bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:

- a) Minimum Average Annual Turnover of within the last three(3) years: **47 MUSD**
- b) Minimum Work experience of similar size and nature that must have executed within last ten(10) years:
  - i. At least 1 (one) contract of similar size and nature, each with a value of at least **37 MUSD**.
  - ii. Minimum two (2) GIS substations having at least cumulatively **15 (Fifteen)** circuit breaker bays of 400 kV or above and 40 kA short circuit level or higher.
  - iii. Minimum cumulative **1000 MVA** three Phase Power/Auto Transformers (or equivalent capacity in banks of 3 single-phase units) of 400 kV or higher-class voltage rating.

Detailed qualification criteria of the bidder, sub-vendors (manufacturers) and construction period are more elaborately described in the bidding documents. The contract duration is Eighteen (18) months from the date of contract effectiveness.

3. 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.
4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased within office hours from 16 May, 2018 up to preceding day of last date of bid submission as specified in clause 6 below or any extension thereof by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of NRs. 20,000.00 (In words, Nepalese Rupees Twenty Thousand only) or USD 200.00 ( In words, US Dollars Two Hundred only) deposited in the current Account No. 00100105000095 of *Transmission Directorate, Nepal Electricity Authority* at Everest Bank Limited, Baneshower, Kathmandu or in the form of draft drawn in favor of the “*Transmission Directorate, Nepal Electricity Authority*”. 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 "Transmission Directorate, Nepal Electricity Authority". If so requested, NEA will send the document to the address requested by them. However, the Employer will not be responsible for delay or non-delivery of the documents so sent.
5. Pre-bid meeting shall be held at *Hetauda-Dhalkebar-Inaruwa 400 KV Substation Expansion Project* Office Kharipati, Bhaktapur, Nepal at 12:00 noon on 6 June, 2018 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 substations before the submission of Bids.
  6. Sealed bids must be submitted to the office address given below by hand/courier on or before 12:00 noon on 2 July, 2018. Bids received after this deadline will be rejected.
  7. The bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders representatives who choose to attend at 12:30 Hrs. on 2 July, 2018 at the office address given below. Bids must be valid for a period of 120 days from the date of bid opening and must be accompanied by a bid security in the form of Bank's Guarantee not less than **NRs. 127,400,000.00** or an equivalent amount in USD 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 30 days prior to the date of bid opening. The bank guarantee shall be issued by a "A" Class commercial bank in Nepal. If the bank guarantee is issued by a foreign bank, it shall be counter guaranteed by a "A" Class commercial bank in Nepal.
  8. If the last date of purchasing and /or submission falls on a government holiday, then the next working day shall be considered as the last date. In such case the validity period of the bid security shall remain the same as specified for the original last date of bid submission.
  9. In the comparison of Bids, Domestic Preference Scheme will be applied in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Bidding Document.
  10. 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.
  11. 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.
  12. The office address of the Employer:  
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