



NEPAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (ICB)

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Project Name: Lekhnath Damauli 220 kV Transmission Line Project

BMZ No.: 2016 67 773

Bid Submission Deadline: 14 November 2022, 12:00 noon (Nepal Time)

Contract Identification No: ICB/NEA/LD220KVTLR/Package-B

NEA hereafter referred to as “the Employer” has received financing from KfW toward the cost of the Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of a 220kV Transmission System, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contracts for:

Package A

- Construction of the 220 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line from Substation Lekhnath to Substation Damauli
- Tie in of loop-in-loop-out (LILO) connection of Tanahu Hydro 220 kV OHL into New Damauli substation (220kV OHL under-construction, separate financing)
- Tie in of LILO connection of the existing Old Damauli - Bharatpur 132 kV OHL into New Damauli substation

Package B

- Construction of the 220 kV GIS extension at existing 132 kV Substation Lekhnath
- Construction of the new 220/132kV GIS Substation at Damauli

NEA now invites sealed Bids from Bidders for the design, supply, installation and commissioning of **Package B**, as detailed and specified in the Bidding Documents (Part II, Employer’s Requirements). The period foreseen for the completion of the works shall be **24 months** followed by 24 months defects notification period.

Open competitive bidding will be conducted by means of the International Competitive Bidding procedure with qualification as specified in the KfW’s Procurement Guidelines (“Guidelines”), January 2021.

Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract if the bid is accepted. Qualification requirements include, inter alia:

- an average annual turnover (defined as certified payments received for works in progress or completed) within the last five (5) fiscal years USD 35,000,000.

- The Bidder shall demonstrate that it has access to, or has available, liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means (independent of any contractual advance payment) sufficient to meet the construction cash flow requirements estimated as USD 6,000,000.00 for the subject contract(s) net of the Bidder's other commitments.
- Experience under construction contracts in the role of prime contractor or JV member for at least the last 10 years, starting 1st January 2012.
- Similar contracts satisfactorily and substantially¹ completed as a prime contractor or joint venture member, in at least 3 contracts 220kV or above, between 1st January 2012 and application submission deadline of minimum value USD 8,000,000.00.
 - One of the above-mentioned contracts or other contracts shall be outside of the Bidder's home country that has been successfully or substantially completed in the geographical² region or in Asia.
 - One of the contracts above mentioned or others shall be carried out in Nepal. In case of an JV, this requirement must be fulfilled individually by the leading member and JV member.
 - In addition, the Bidder (in case of JV the leading member) shall provide evidence about local presence in Nepal within the last 10 years, incl. construction, upgrading and rehabilitation of substations which have a similar characteristic (\geq 220kV).
- For the above or any other contracts completed and under implementation as prime contractor or joint venture member on or after the first day of the calendar year during the period stipulated above, a minimum construction experience in the following key activities successfully completed:
 - At least 3 contracts for preparation of detailed engineering design for 220 kV or above Substation contracts within last 10 years (i.e. since 1st January 2012 and Bid submission deadline); Note: Bidders are required to have In-house design team. The In-house design team shall be fluent in English (writing/speaking).
- The Bidding Documents included herein have been extended to include environmental and social and health and safety requirements. These requirements need to be adopted. The ESHS qualification and capacity will be evaluated based on a scoring system.
- The evaluation of evidence of qualification focuses solely on the respective Bidder and shall not take into account any qualifications of its subsidiaries, parent entities, affiliates or any other Person different from the Bidder, unless they are associated in the form of a JV with joint and several liability.

¹ Substantial completion shall be based on 80% or more works completed under the contract.

² Southern Region means the countries listed under "Southern Region" according to the Statistics Division of United Nations <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/>

Exceptionally a Bidder with insufficient financial track record (e.g. start-up or spin-off companies) can demonstrate its financial qualification by presenting a legally binding letter of comfort of a financially sound parent company (to be demonstrated).

Eligible Bidders may obtain further information from:

Attention:

NEPAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY (NEA)

Attention: *Mr. Jagadish Sharma Poudel*

Address: Lekhnath Damauli 220 kV Transmission Line Project
Lekhnath Substation, Badahare, Pokhara Metropolitan city ward no. 27,
33700, Kaski (Nepal)

Email: ld220kvtp@gmail.com

Complete bidding documents are also posted on the NEA website www.nea.org.np
for viewing/inspection only.

As from **15 September 2022, 10:00 AM (Nepali time)**, eligible Bidders may collect the Bidding Document from the above office upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Nepalese Rupee (NPR) 20,000**. The price includes one set of documents as hard copy and a soft copy recorded on USB. The method of payment will be transfer through a bank account.

Name of Bank:

Everest Bank Limited, Maitidevi, Nepal

In favor of: Bidding Documents Package B Substations

Name of Office: Lekhnath Damauli 220kV Transmission Line Project

Account No.: 03400105200496

The request shall be accompanied by a duly authorized cover letter, clearly stating the name of the company and the country of domicile.

Upon request, the documents can be dispatched by courier. However, courier charges shall be paid by the Bidder. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.

Bids must be delivered to the Employer's office address mentioned above and as indicated in the ITB 22.1, **14 November 2022, 12:00 noon (Nepal Time)**, at the same day, at 14:00 Hour (Nepal Time) the technical envelope will be opened first in the presence of those Bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Late Bids will be rejected.

one (1) Copy of the bid shall be sent at the following address:

Fichtner GmbH & Co. KG
Attention: Dr. Pierernesto Gatti
Address: Sarweystr. 3
City: 70191 Stuttgart
Country: Germany
Electronic mail address: pierernesto.gatti@fichtner.de

The controlling address for timely submission is the Employer's address mentioned above.

All joint ventures, consortia, partnerships or other unincorporated groupings shall submit with the Bid a copy of the Agreement, entered between the partners, which shall be signed by all partners.

The Employer will be not responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of their Bids.

A pre-bid meeting and site visit will take place on **10 October 2022, 12:00 noon (Nepal time)** at project office, Lekhnath substation, Pokhara Metropolitan city, Ward 27.

In the first public session, only the Technical Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives. In the second public session only the financial Bids of those Bidders who have fulfilled the technical requirements as per the tender document will be opened.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the Employer may decide to schedule virtual meetings via teleconference if travel restrictions will still be in force. Especially, should the site visit not be possible, the Employer will inform Bidders accordingly and will share further instruction and information.

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security.