

SUPPLY PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Supply of Photovoltaic (PV) Systems under the Renewable Energy Project

Location: South Asia, Nepal

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/128192/D/SUP/NP

2. Procedure

International Open

3. Programme

ALA

4. Financing

Financing agreement: NPL/AIDCO/
2000/2244 (2589)

5. Contracting authority

Project Task Force (PTF) of the “Renewable Energy Project (REP)”, in Lalitpur, Nepal for and on behalf of the Alternative Energy Promotion Center.

CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

6. Description of the contract

The scope of the contract is delivery of direct current grind milling, institutional photovoltaic systems for schools, hospitals, communication centers and other community organizations, and solar water pumping systems for villages in rural areas of Nepal.

7. Number and titles of lots

The contract is divided into six (6) lots:

Lot 1: Direct Current (DC) Grind Milling

Lot 2: Institutional Photovoltaic (PV) Systems for Far-western Development Region

Lot 3: Institutional Photovoltaic (PV) Systems for Mid-western Development Region

Lot 4: Institutional Photovoltaic (PV) Systems for Western and Central Development Regions

Lot 5: Institutional Photovoltaic (PV) Systems for Eastern Development Region

Lot 6: Solar Water Pumping Systems

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

8. Eligibility and rules of origin

Participation is open to all legal persons participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of tenderers which are established in a Member State of

the European Union or in a country or territory of the regions covered and/or authorised by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed (see item 22 below). All goods supplied under this contract must originate in one or more of these countries. Participation is also open to international organisations. Participation of natural persons is directly governed by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed.

9. Grounds for exclusion

Tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the Tender Form for a Supply Contract, to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in point 2.3.3 of the *Practical Guide to contracts procedures for EC external actions*.

10. Number of tenders

Tenderers may submit only one tender per lot. Tenders for parts of a lot will not be considered. Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted for more than one lot. Tenderers may not submit a tender for a variant solution in addition to their tender for the supplies required in the tender dossier.

11. Tender guarantee

Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of

- Lot 1: EUR 15,000
- Lot 2: EUR 22,000
- Lot 3: EUR 16,000
- Lot 4: EUR 19,000
- Lot 5: EUR 23,000
- Lot 6: EUR 8,500

when submitting their tender. This guarantee will be released to unsuccessful tenderers once the tender procedure has been completed and to the successful tenderer(s) upon signature of the contract by all parties. This guarantee will be called upon if the tenderer does not fulfil all obligations stated in its tender.

12. Performance guarantee

The successful tenderer will be asked to provide a performance guarantee of 10% of the amount of the contract at the signing of the contract. This guarantee must be provided together with the return of the countersigned contract no later than 30 days after the tenderer receives the contract signed by the Contracting Authority. If the selected tenderer fails to provide such a guarantee within this period, the contract will be void and a new contract may be drawn up and sent to the tenderer which has submitted the next cheapest compliant tender.

13. Information meeting and/or site visit

No information meeting and / or site visit is planned.

14. Tender validity

Tenders must remain valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline for submission of tenders.

15. Period of implementation of tasks

The period of implementation is 15 months, from contract signature date until the provisional acceptance.

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

16. Selection criteria

The following selection criteria will be applied to tenderers. In the case of tenders submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole:

- 1) Economic and financial capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. item 3 of the Tender Form for a Supply Contract). In case of tenderer being a public body, equivalent information should be provided.
 - (a) the average annual turnover of the tenderer must be at least 50% of the financial proposal of the tender. In case of lots, the financial proposal for the individual lot will be considered.
 - (b) the averages of cash and cash equivalents at the end of last three years (2006, 2007 and 2008) are positive
- 2) Professional capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. items 4 and 5 of the Tender Form for a Supply Contract)
 - (a) at least 10 staff currently work for the tenderer in the fields related to this contract.
- 3) Technical capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. items 5 and 6 of the Tender Form for a Supply Contract)
 - (a) the tenderer has worked successfully on at least 1 project with a budget of at least that of this contract in the fields related to this contract in the past three years

An economic operator may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. It must in that case prove to the Contracting Authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing an undertaking on the part of those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility and notably that of nationality, as the economic operator.

17. Award criteria

Price.

TENDERING

18. How to obtain the tender dossier

The tender dossier is available from the following Internet address: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>. The tender dossier is also available from the Contracting Authority. Tenders must be submitted using the standard Tender Form for a Supply Contract included in the tender dossier, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed.

Tenderers with questions regarding this tender should send them in writing to

National Project

Director,

Renewable Energy

Project Office

Alternative Energy Promotion Centre

(AEPC) Complex

P.O. Box 23028

Khumaltar, Lalipur

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Email: repinfo@aepec.gov.np,

Fax : 977 1 555 01 68

(mentioning the publication reference shown in item 1) at least 21 days before the deadline for submission of tenders given in item 19. The Contracting Authority must reply to all tenderers' questions at least 11 days before the deadline for submission of tenders. Eventual clarifications or minor changes to the tender dossier shall be published at the latest 11 days before the submission deadline on the EuropeAid website at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>.

19. Deadline for submission of tenders

11:00 Nepali Time on 15 June 2009.

Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. Tender opening session

15.00 Nepali time on 15 June

2009

at

Renewable Energy Project Office, Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC)
Complex
Khumaltar, Lalitpur, NEPAL

21. Language of the procedure

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

22. Legal basis

ALA Regulation (EC) 443/92 adopted by the Council on 25 February 1992 (OJ L-52, 27.2.92), modified by Council Regulation (EC) No. 2112/2005 of 21 November 2005 (OJ L/344) and Regulation (EC) No. 2110/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2005 (OJ L/344) on access to Community external assistance.