NEPAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY
Nepal Electricity Transmission Expansion and Supply Improvement Project
CONSULTING SERVICES
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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Government of Nepal has received loan and grant from Asian Development Bank (ADB) and a grant from Norway for Nepal Electricity Transmission Expansion and Supply Improvement Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this funding to payments under the contract for consulting services for Tamakoshi (Khimti) – Kathmandu 220kV/400kV Transmission Line and Associated Facilities.

The objective of the consulting services is to provide technical assistance to Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), the executing agency (EA), for the design, preparation of specifications and tender document, bid evaluation, site supervision, testing and commissioning of Tamakoshi (Khimti) – Kathmandu 220kV/400kV Transmission Line and Associated Facilities. The transmission line component will be designed and constructed for 400 kV but will initially be charged at 220 kV. The associated facilities will include two new line bays at the Khimti substation and two new substations at Barhabise and Kathmandu. The substations will be laid out for 400 kV GIS but initially 220 kV GIS equipment will be installed. The assignment is expected to commence on 2012 and is estimated to be of 60 months duration. It is estimated that the assignment will require around 72 person-month inputs of expatriate personnel.

NEA invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Consulting firms registered in a Asian Development Bank member country only are eligible for the proposed services. Interested consultants must provide information, including brochures, indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The information must include (a) years of experience of firm, brief description of transmission line/substation projects in which consulting services were rendered by the firm in the last ten years including value of services, year in which services were provided, completed or ongoing, scope of assignment (specifically design and construction supervision), prime or associate consultant and (b) Curriculum Vitae of full time experts including years of experience, projects involved and scope of assignment (specifically design and construction supervision) in each assignment. Consultants may form an association with local consulting firm. Utilities offering consulting services will also be considered as consultants for the present work.

Consulting firms who have already submitted Expression of Interest need not resubmit, unless all required information as mentioned in this notice have not been submitted.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method as set out in the ADB's Guidelines: *Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers (April 2010, as amended from time to time)*.

Expression of interest with necessary documents must be delivered to the address below by May 20, 2012.

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