NEPAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY
RAHUGHAT HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (32MW)
Invitation for Prequalification

Lot 2: Hydro-mechanical Works (RGHEP/NEA-2068/069 (01))

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1. This invitation for Pre-qualification is issued to all Hydro-mechanical Works Contractors, who are eligible in accordance with the conditions stated in the prequalification document, and who are interested to undertake Design, Manufacture, Erection and Commissioning of Hydro-mechanical Equipment for Rahughat Hydroelectric Project (RGHEP). Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) is constructing Rahughat Hydroelectric Project on Rahughat River. The Project is located in Piple, Jhi and Dagnam VDC of Myagdi District of Dhaulagiri Zone in Western Development Region of Nepal.

2. Government of Nepal has received a credit from the Government of India towards the cost of infrastructure development and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to cover eligible payments under the contract RGHEP/NEA-2068/069(01) for the construction of RGHEP.

3. Prequalification is open only to firm(s) meeting the following criteria;

A. Primary Eligibility Criteria:

1. The Indian content in the goods and services shall be at least 75% for the contract price.
2. The Bidder must be a party in India; or a joint venture of, a party in Nepal and a party in India.
3. The equity stake within the following entities shall be such that at least 51% ownership is held by Indians.
   a. Bidding party
   b. Manufacturer of major equipment (Gates & Penstock) offering equipment manufactured in India.
4. Manufacturing plants located in India with at least 51% Indian ownership shall only be considered as Indian manufacturer.
5. The Bidder should have manufacturing and testing facilities in India for Gates & Penstock.

   Note: For the above purpose, "party" means any company, corporate or entity registered under the prevailing laws of India or Nepal.

B. Legal Eligibility Criteria:

1. The Bidder shall be a manufacturer or contractor legally registered for at least five (5) years. A notarized copy of legal registration certificate shall be submitted along with the Bid.
2. In case of a joint venture (which shall not exceed 3 partners in any case) all partners of the JV shall be manufacturer or contractor legally registered for at least five (5) years. Notarized copies of legal registration certificate of each JV partner shall be submitted along with the Bid.

4. RGHEP/NEA intends to execute the construction of the Project in a traditional separate contract packages contract model under Employer's co-ordination in the following four parallel contracts:

   Lot 1: Main Civil Works
   Lot 2: Hydro-mechanical Works
   Lot 3: Mechanical and Electrical Works
   Lot 4: Transmission line and Substation Works

   This pre-qualification relates to Lot 2: Hydro-mechanical Works. All Hydro-mechanical works shall be carried out in one contract.

5. The works for **Lot 2: Hydro-mechanical Works** include, but not limited to the following parts:

   - Weir radial gates, under sluice radial gate including stoplog, guide and beams and hydraulic hoist
   - Wheel gates for intake and flushing structures including stoplog, guide and beams and hydraulic hoist
   - Intake trash rack and trash rack cleaner, trash rack for tunnel inlet.
   - Vertical lift gate for tunnel inlet port and tail-race including stoplog, guide and beams
   - Emergency closing wheel gate down-stream of surge tank
   - Steel lining for penstock tunnel
   - Steel manifold pipe with branch pipes at powerhouse

6. The qualifying criteria for the Applicants for Lot 2: Hydro-mechanical Works are described in the Pre-qualification documents, which are also posted on NEA's web-site: www.nea.org.np. Applicants failing to meet such requirements shall be determined disqualified.

7. Interested eligible Applicants for prequalification may obtain further information from and inspect the prequalification documents at Rahughat Hydroelectric Project (Address below) during office hours. A complete set of prequalification documents in English may be purchased by interested applicants from 9th July 2012 to 22nd August 2012 during office hours on submission of a written application to the address given below and upon the submission of a bank-voucher evidencing a non-refundable cash deposit of NRs. 5,000/- or US$ 65 in Current Account Number 01000105200244 at Everest Bank Limited, Teku, Kathmandu, Nepal in favor of the RGHEP/NEA.

8. Prequalification Application, one original and two duplicate copy along with the original prequalification document having signed & sealed on each page by authorized personnel should be submitted in sealed envelopes and delivered to the address below on or before 23rd August 2012 until 13:00 hours (local time) and be clearly marked "**Application to Prequalify for Lot 2: Hydro-mechanical Works for Rahughat Hydroelectric Project, Contract Reference No. RGHEP/NEA-2068/069(01)**". The applications must be submitted in the same name in which the document was purchased. Documents, which are received late, will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

9. Prequalification Applications will be opened at 13:30 hours (local time) on 23rd August 2012 at the Office of RGHEP/NEA, Kharipati, Bhaktapur (Kathmandu), in presence of the applicants' representatives who choose to attend. The opening will take place even without presence of representatives from applicants.

10. If the last date for purchasing or submission falls on a government holiday then the next working day shall be considered the last day.

11. It is recommended that eligible Applicants familiarize themselves with the local conditions by visiting the project area. Costs incurred for preparation of applications and for visits are to be borne by the Applicant.

12. RGHEP/NEA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications for prequalification and cancel the prequalification process and reject all applications without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Address:
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