

# REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

## Uganda

### *Africa Renewable Energy Fund*

#### **Achwa Hydro Power Project 3 Electro-Mechanical Works,**

1. Berkeley Energy (<http://www.berkeley-energy.com>) is a renewable energy investment manager that invests in Asian and African emerging markets. Berkeley Energy currently manages the Africa Renewable Energy Fund (AREF). AREF is a USD \$200m fund (final close in Q1 2015) cornerstoned by the African Development Bank (AfDB) to invest into development stage renewable energy projects in Sub-Saharan African markets, excluding South Africa. A General Procurement Notice for AREF was published on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
2. AREF has invested into a cascade of run of river hydro projects on the Achwa River in Northern Uganda, one of these is Achwa HPP 3 ("the project") which is estimated to have a size of between 5-10MW. AREF is currently the 99% shareholder of the project.
3. This Specific Procurement Notice (SPN) is in relation to project electro-mechanical services to be provided under the EPC package, which includes the provision of the design, manufacture, supply, transportation, installation and commissioning of turbines and all other associated works and spare parts, which will be detailed in the Tender Documents, Specifications, Drawings and Employers Requirements.
4. The site has an average flow of 65.5m<sup>3</sup>/s which is based on extensive hydrological data including long term rainfall measurements, 4 years of on-site flow monitoring, satellite data and hydrology assessments carried out by the project engineering consultant. The project is expected to have a gross hydraulic head of about 12.5m.
5. The proposed site is located about 50km north east from the town of Gulu in Northern Uganda.
6. AREF invites suitably experienced Companies (Original Equipment Manufacturers) to indicate their interest in providing the above services and being invited to tender, and to be included on the electronic issue of the Tender Documents when they are made available. The tender is intended to be run as a restricted tender and, where reasonably practicable, in accordance with the African Development Bank Procurement Rules and Procedures.
7. Interested eligible Companies are requested to provide tender specific information, in the form of a company-headed letter on no more than five A4 pages, outlining their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to provide the above services (information to be provided should include; references for similar projects delivered, summary experience in delivering comparable sized geothermal power projects, summary of qualified staff, a list of projects completed in the last 3 years and general company financial information, and most importantly, their experience of delivering similar projects in East Africa, principally Uganda). This should be submitted by email in pdf form to the address below.
8. Please note that interest expressed by a Company does not imply any obligation on the part of AREF to include it in the shortlist, or to continue with the tender as outlined within this SPN. A non-response indicates that your Expression of Interest has not been successful.
9. The tender stage of procurement is expected to commence during Q4 2015, with a 6 week tender period. The successful bidder will be notified in around October 2015 and the expected date of contract award is during Q1, 2016, subject to final arrangements for project approvals, financing and offtake agreement.

10. Interested Companies may submit queries and request further information to the email address below, however it is pointed out that limited information will be available for disclosure until the tender launch date or until Non-Disclosure Agreements are entered into.
11. Expressions of interest must be received at the **email address** below no later than Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015, 15:00 East Africa Time and specifically referencing “Achwa HPP3 Electro-Mechanical Works”.

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