

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Republic of Kenya Eastern Africa Power Interconnector Ethiopia and Kenya Power Systems Interconnection Project Sector - Energy

1. The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Government of the Republic of Kenya have applied for financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB), the World Bank (WB), and the French Development Agency (AFD) to finance Ethiopia and Kenya Power Systems Interconnection Project. The recipients intend to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related services and consulting services to be procured under the project.
2. The principal objectives of this project are to: (i) contribute to the integration of the electricity markets of the East African Power Pool through the interconnection of the two countries power systems; (ii) increase the supply and reduce the cost of electricity in Kenya; and (iii) provide revenues to Ethiopia through the export of electricity from Ethiopia to Kenya.
3. The project includes the following components:

A. Consultancy Services :-

Review and updating of the design and bid documents; assist the two executing agencies of each countries during bidding stage, review and approval of contractors design documents, construction supervision and project management. The consultant will have two teams, one based in Kenya and another in Ethiopia – both working under one Team Leader, and two contracts – one for Ethiopia and one for Kenya.

B. Transmission Lines :-

Design, supply, installation on site, testing and commissioning of about 1040 km, ± 500 kV HVDC bipolar overhead transmission lines with OPGW, divided into five lots of around 200 km each under separate contracts.

C. Converter Substations:-

Design, supply, installation on site, testing and commissioning of 2,000 MW ± 500 kV HVDC bipolar converter stations with ground electrodes at both ends at Wolayta Sodo in Ethiopia and Suswa in Kenya. The component will be implemented under one lot, one contractor, but with two contracts – one for Ethiopia and one for Kenya as per WB Guidelines.

D. Substation Reinforcement in Kenya:-

Reinforcements in Kenya of the substations and transmission lines necessary to integrate regional interconnections and reliably inject the associated energy into the Kenyan electricity system. The reinforcement includes additional transformers, bay additions, line conductor re-stringing, reactive compensation and accessory equipment.

4. Procurement of the Consultancy Services component will be through Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method using AfDB's Rules and Procedures. Request for Expression of Interest (EoI) for Consultancy Services will be issued shortly.

5. Procurement of part of the Transmission Lines component of about 433 km in Ethiopia; and 400 km in Kenya will be conducted through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures, following the AfDB's Rules and Procedures.
6. Procurement of part of the Transmission Lines component of about 200 km in Kenya will be conducted through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures, following the Rules and Procedures of the French Development Agency.
7. Procurement of Converter Substations and Substation Reinforcement in Kenya will be procured using the World Bank's *"Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services Under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers"* (January 2011) and the provisions stipulated in the *"Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants"*, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011.
8. Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the WB's International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures and for contracts for consultancy services will be announced, as they become available, in *UN Development Business* and on the World Bank's external website.
9. Pre-qualification and bidding documents for Works Contracts are expected to be issued respectively in May 2012 and March 2013.
10. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and confirmation of their interest shall be appreciated, by contacting:

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