

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

REHABILITATION AND EXTENSION OF BO-KENEMA DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1. The REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE *has received a blend of concessional loan and grant* financing from the African Development Bank and the UK Aid, also known as Department for International Development (DfID).
2. The objective of the project is to provide reliable electricity supply and access through the complete rehabilitation, upgrade and expansion of the Bo and Kenema distribution network expected to cater for the newly developed communities who do not have access to electricity supply within the Bo-Kenema area of Sierra Leone.
3. The modes of procurement will include Open Competitive Bidding (OCB), International Competitive Bidding (ICB) for Goods and Works, Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) and Least-Cost Selection (LCS) for Consultancy services.
4. The project has four components as follows:
 - a. **Rehabilitation and Extension of Distribution Networks:** This includes I) Distribution lines: (i) the upgrade and construction of a 70 km overhead 33kV double circuit line between Bo and Kenema (ii) the construction of 115 km of 11 kV line and the rehabilitation of 35km of 11 kV line (iii) the construction of 150 km LV 0,4kV distribution line in Bo and Kenema. II) Substations : (i) the construction of 2 new 33/11kV substations in Bo and in Kenema, the rehabilitation of 2 city centres 33/11kV substations in Bo and Kenema; the construction of 4 new 33/11kV transformers between the two cities and (ii) installation of 93 new 11/0,4kV transformers in the distribution system. III) End-user connections : Launching awareness campaigns about access to energy and providing funding for 37,000 end-user connections to the network
 - b. **Project Management & Engineering Supervision services:** This includes provision of service for preparation of bidding documents, assisting the client in the bidding process, supervision of construction activities and project management; Provision of Capacity building to EDSA Project Implementation Unit and relevant stakeholder to enhance project implementation effectiveness.
 - c. **Technical assistance and Capacity building;** This includes Capacity and Skill Enhancement Program; and assisting EDSA and EGTC to revamp the joint training centre to improve technical operations in the long run.
 - d. **Temporary generation:** This includes providing temporary generation in the city of Kenema during the construction works of the 33kV line occurring in dry season. It is estimated that 3.2MW will be required for a period of approximately six months in accordance with the project construction programme.
5. Procurement of Goods, Works and Services will be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Procurement Policy Framework for Bank Group Funded Operations as approved in October 2015" and as amended from time to time, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. Bidding documents are expected to be available in (September 2017).
6. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting :

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