

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date: *February 04th, 2009*

Loan No.: *IQ-P10, dated June 11, 2008*

Contract No.: *KRG-MOE /DT- 01/2009*

1. The Government of Republic of Iraq has received an ODA Loan from JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (hereinafter referred to as JICA), in the amount of 14,747 million Japanese Yen towards the cost of Electricity Sector Reconstruction Project in Kurdistan Region on June 11, 2008 and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of the loan to payments under the contract for supplying Distribution Equipment (the “Goods”). Disbursement of an ODA Loan by JICA will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, including the disbursement procedures and the “Guidelines for Procurement under JICA ODA Loans”. No party other than the Government of Republic of Iraq shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to loan proceeds. The above Loan Agreement will cover only a part of the project cost. The entire contract price will be covered by the Loan Agreement. As for the remaining portion, the Government of Republic of Iraq will take appropriate measures for finance.
2. JICA requires that bidders and contractors, as well as the Government of Republic of Iraq, under contracts funded with JICA ODA Loans and other Japanese ODA, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, JICA;
 - (a) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question;
 - (b) will recognize a contractor as ineligible, for a period determined by JICA, to be awarded a contract funded with JICA ODA Loans if it at any times determines that the contractor has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing, another contract funded with JICA ODA Loans or other Japanese ODA.
3. The Regional Ministry of Electricity in Kurdistan now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders from eligible source countries for the supply of the Goods including trainings for the purpose of the Project.
 - (a) Distribution transformers
 - Three phase, 50 Hz, 11/0.416kV outdoor type 250kVA distribution transformers 770 Nos
 - Three phase, 50 Hz, 11/0.416kV outdoor type 400kVA distribution transformers 480 Nos
 - Three phase, 50 Hz, 11/0.416kV outdoor type 630kVA distribution transformers 72 Nos
 - Kiosk type three phase, 50 Hz, 11/0.416kV 630kVA substations 50 Nos
 - Kiosk type three phase, 50 Hz, 11/0.416kV 1000kVA substations 48 Nos
 - Mandatory spare parts for Distribution Transformers and Kiosk type substations (quantities are given in the price schedules in Section VI)

- Training at manufactures’ plants
- (b) Low Voltage (400V) Distribution Cabinets
 - Low Voltage Distribution Cabinets with 2 Moulded Case Circuit Breakers of 250 Amp rating 1200 Nos
 - Low Voltage Distribution Cabinets with 1 Moulded Case Circuit Breakers of 250 Amp rating 1200 Nos
 - Training at manufactures’ plants
- (c) Moulded Case Circuit Breakers
 - 400 V, 630 Amp Moulded Case Circuit Breakers 120 Nos
 - Training at manufactures’ plants
- (d) 11kV pole mounted SF6 gas insulated Load Break Switches
 - Load Break Switches 320 Nos
 - Insulated Operating Rods with operator kits for Load Break Switches 64 Nos
 - Mandatory spare parts (HV bushings) of Load Break Switches 96 Nos
 - Training at manufactures’ plants

All the requirements are fully described in the Technical Specifications and the Price Schedule of this Bidding Documents

4. The invitation for Bids is open to all suppliers from eligible bidders from eligible source countries. To be qualified for evaluation and comparison of bids, bidders are to have successfully carried out the following minimum requirements described in Clause 5 and 17 in Instructions to Bidders;

Description	Benchmark
General Experience	
a) Years in existence	Minimum ten (10) years
b) Average annual turnover	Annual turnover of fifty (50) million USD for the last five years
c) Relevant experience	At least three (3) projects within the last five (5) years as prime Contractor in the execution of projects comparable to the proposed contract
	Minimum three (3) years experience in the relevant field of business
Financial Position	Demonstration of the soundness of its financial position, showing long-term profitability through submission of the audited balance sheets for the last three (3) years. Where necessary, the Purchaser will make inquiries with the bidder’s bankers.
Litigation History	Information on any litigation or arbitration resulting from contracts completed or under execution by the bidder over the last five (5) years. A consistent history of award against the Bidder or any partner of a joint venture may result in failure of the application.

Client's Evaluation	Certificate of satisfactory completion of at least two (2) projects of comparable size during the last three (3) years
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5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid form and inspect the bidding documents at the office of Commercial Department, the Regional Ministry of Electricity in Kurdistan, Erbil / 60 Street, Iraq. Bidders may contact for further inquiry by the email; financeleahn@yahoo.com or contractingleaaa@yahoo.com.
6. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on the submission of a written application to the above address and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of five hundred (500) US dollars.
7. The estimated date of award is May, 2009.
8. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of five hundred thousand (500,000) US dollars, and must be delivered in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders on or before **[12:00] AM on Monday, March 30th, 2009** and will be publicly opened at 13:00, one hour thereafter.
9. The Regional Ministry of Electricity in Kurdistan will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
10. The Tender Document will be available from February 8th, 2009.