

NATIONAL PROCUREMENT COMPETITIVE (NPC)
INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

Date: 08th September 2022.

Project Name: Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation- Phase II.

IFB No: APFBC/PMU/Phase-II/AB/2022/245/10

1. The Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Society (APFBCS) has received funds from the *Agence Française de Développement* ("AFD") towards the cost of "Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation- Phase II". It is intended that part of the proceeds of these funds will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for "Construction of Aranya Bhawan Annex Building at Panjabari, Guwahati".
2. The Project Director, PMU, APFBCS, now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for for the construction and completion of "Construction of Aranya Bhawan Annex Building at Panjabari, Guwahati" ("**the Works**").
Bidders may bid for one or several contracts, as further defined in the Bidding Documents. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one contract will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are Letter of Bid.
3. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Document at the office of the Project Director, PMU, APFBCS, 3rd Floor, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati- 781037 (Assam), Telephone: +91-361-2733917, Email: pd@apfbcn.in; Website: www.apfbcn.nic.in.
4. A complete set of Bidding Document may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of INR 5,900/- (Fee INR 5,000/- plus GST INR 900/-) only in the form of Demand Draft in favour of the "Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Society Phase II payable at Guwahati", Assam. Bidding Document may also be downloaded free of cost from the website of APFBCS viz. www.apfbcn.nic.in. In case the Bidding Documents are downloaded from website, the non-refundable fee is not required.
5. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of AFD's Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Works.
6. Bids must be delivered to the above office on or before 14:00 Hours IST on **2nd November 2022** and must be accompanied by Bid Security of **INR 2.96 Million**.
7. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 14:15 Hours IST on **2nd November 2022** at the same address.
8. **Qualification criteria:** Eligible bidders for AFD financed procurement, including all members of a Joint Venture, shall be from an eligible source country and shall satisfy mainly the qualifying criteria listed hereafter:

A) Technical:

- i) **General Construction Experience:** Experience under construction contracts shall be at least five (05) years, starting 1st January 2017.
- ii) **Specific Construction & Contract Management Experience:** Two (2) numbers of similar¹ contracts, each of minimum value of INR 140 million, have been satisfactorily and substantially² completed in the period between 1st January 2017 and application submission deadline.
- iii) **Specific Experience:** minimum experience in the following key activities successfully completed in the period between 1st January 2017 and application submission deadline:
 - a) RCC Piling works.
 - b) Fire Fighting system works.

B) Financial:

- i) **Minimum Annual Turnover:** Minimum average annual turnover of INR 150 million for the last 3 years (2020-21; 2019-20 & 2018-19).
- ii) Demonstrate the Minimum Liquidity of INR 2.5 million to meet the financial resources requirements for the subject contract(s) net of the Bidder's other commitments.
- iii) Demonstrate Current soundness of the Bidder's financial position³:
 - a) Average earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) for the last three (3) years > 0;
 - b) Total equity (net worth) for the last three (3) years > 0;
 - c) Average liquidity ratio for the last three (3) years > 1;
 - d) Average indebtedness ratio for the last three (3) years < 6

¹ The similarity shall be based on execution of any civil works for buildings including site development, piling, RCC building construction, electrification, fire fighting system, etc. which sufficiently demonstrate the bidder's capability to provide the intended services under this Bid.

² Substantial completion shall be based on 80% or more works completed under the contract.

³ The Bidder's financial position will be deemed sound if at least two (2) of the four (4) criteria are met:

C) Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS):

- i) Availability of a valid ISO certification or internationally recognized equivalent for:
 - a) Quality management certificate (ISO 9001),
 - b) Environmental management certificate (ISO 14001)
 - c) Health and safety management certificate ISO 45001.
- ii) Experience of two (2) contracts over the last 5 (five) years, where ESHS (Environment, Social, Health & Safety) measures were carried out or are in-progress satisfactorily.

D) Legal and others:

- i) **History of Non-Performing Contracts:** Termination of a contract did not occur as a result of Bidder's default in the past five (5) years.
- ii) **Pending Litigation:** All pending litigation shall in total not represent more than one hundred percent (100%) of the Bidder's net worth.

**Sd/-
Project Director
PMU, APFBC Society**