

**Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

**Federal Government of Nigeria**

**Science and Technology Education Post-Basic (Step-B) Project**

**National Universities Commission, Abuja, Nigeria Labour Market Observatory Project**

**Credit No. 4304-UNI**

**Procurement and Installation of Database Application and Infrastructure**

**IFB No. STEP-B/NUC/LMOP/NCB/GDS/1/12**

**Date of Issuance: 23rd April, 2012**

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in Development Business, issue no. 591 of 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2007.
2. The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has received a credit from the International Development Association toward the cost of Science and Technology Education Post Basic Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the Contract for the Procurement and Installation of Labour Market Observatory application development, server and server space/equipment room customization, and ancillary equipment and support licenses.
3. National Universities Commission, Abuja, Nigeria, participating in the implementation of the Science and Technology Education Post Basic Project invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the:

Lots	Description of Goods	Quantity	Locations	Bid Security	Delivery Period
1	Procurement and Installation of Labour Market Observatory application development, server space/equipment room customization, and support licenses	Lot	Abuja, Nigeria	At least 2.5% of Bid Price	60 days

1. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB), a procedure specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all Eligible bidders in the country as defined in the Guidelines.

2. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from STEP-B Project Office, National Universities Commission, Abuja, Nigeria at the address below and inspect the Bidding Documents from 9:00am to 4:00pm Mondays – Fridays, except on public holidays.

3. Qualifications requirements include:

- Documentary Evidence of two contracts of similar nature and magnitude during the last five (5) years
- Audited Financial Statements for the last 3 years to demonstrate the financial capability of the Bidder in terms of Profitability and adequate working capital.
- A Manufacturer's Authorization for equipment not produced by the company.
- A margin of preference for eligible national contractors shall not be applied.
- Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

4. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of N10, 000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira) only. The method of payment will be bank draft in favor of National Universities Commission, STEP-B Project.

The Bidding Documents will be collected by the representative of the Bidder directly or by courier services paid by the bidder on request.

5. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 by 12:00 noon. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 by 12:00 noon. All bids must be accompanied by at least 2.5% of the bid price as Bid Security or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

6. The address referred to above is:

**NUC STEP-6 Project Office, Virtual Library Building,**

**National Universities Commission, Maitama-Abuja**

**P.M.B. 237, Garki, GPO, Abuja, Nigeria**

**TEL: +234 -8027455412, 7054407741, 7039254081 Ext. 2232 or 2233**

**E-MAIL: [nucstepb@gmail.com](mailto:nucstepb@gmail.com)**

**Signed**

**Project Manager, STEP-B**

**National Universities Commission, Abuja**