

In line with the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (Est.) Act 2005 and the National Policy on Public Private Partnership (N4P)

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION: THE UNIVERSITY OF BENIN FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

DESIGN, FINANCE, BUILD, OPERATE AND TRANSFER CONCESSION OF 15MW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER PLANT WITH 5MWH ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

(1) PROJECT BRIEF

The University of Benin (referred to as the ‘Sponsor’) has received an ‘Unsolicited Proposal’ for the development of a PPP-based Ground Mounted Centralized Solar Photovoltaic independent Power Plant of 15MW with 5MWh Energy Storage System. The PPP Project objective is to provide reliable and cost-effective electricity to support Learning, Training, Research and Development in the University.

Following the receipt of the Unsolicited Proposal, to ensure transparency and competition, the concessionaire/investor will be procured using Swiss Challenge procurement method that requires that if the original project proponent is not the most responsive bidder, it will be given the right of first refusal to match the most responsive bid and win the concession. However, if it is unable or unwilling to match the most responsive bidder, the most responsive bidder would become the preferred concessionaire/investor.

(2) REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ)

Reputable private sector energy and power companies are invited to submit a Request for Qualification (RFQ) to undertake the Design, Finance, Build, Operate and Transfer (DFBOT) Concession for the 15MW Solar Photovoltaic independent Power Plant with 5MWh Energy Storage System. This RFQ is the qualification stage of the procurement process for the Project. Qualified parties shall execute a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and make a non-refundable payment of NGN N250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) prior to being Issued the Request For Proposal (RFP) Bidding Documents.

(3) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & METHOD OF APPLICATION

Interested applicants should indicate their Interest by providing brief documentation structured into the following sections:

(3.1) ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Evidence of Company Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) or its equivalent for foreign firms;

- (ii) Ownership structure of bidding entity, Name(s) of major shareholders and percentage shareholding of participants in the bidding entity:

- (iii) Audited Financial Statements prepared in accordance with the international Financials Reporting Standards (IFRS) of the bidding company or members of consortium for the most recent three (3) years;

- (iv) In the case of a consortium, evidence in the form of letter of association, agreement (Joint venture agreement and/or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); or Consortium Agreement must be provided.

(3.2) TENDER REQUIREMENTS:

Technical, Operational and Financial capability including:

- (i) Profile of firm or firms (if in a consortium); Including ownership structure and role of each firm; with full contact details (including full name of contact person, telephone numbers and email addresses) In the case of a consortium, the members of the consortium must jointly submit the required information and must also clearly Identify one of the consortium members as the lead firm;

- (ii) Minimum of 8 years experience of technical and operational capabilities in power generating plants (design, engineering, operations, maintenance or ownership of any type of power project);
- (iii) Track records of developing, engineering, operating, maintaining and owning power generating plants of a cumulative size of up to 10MW of solar photovoltaic systems:
- (iv) At least three verifiable references/evidence of past performance;
- (v) Evidence of adequate financial resources to finance investment (interested applicants must have a minimum tangible net worth of N4.3 billion as shareholders equity contribution (shall consider combined revenue of three years from at members of a consortium).

Details of the above requirements and more are provided in the RFQ Package Interested parties MUST download copies of the RFQ Package by sending an e-mail to registrar@uniben.edu, dvcadmin@uniben.edu and solaruniben@gmail.com to be granted access to the RFQ package.

(4) METHOD OF SUBMISSION

- (i) Submission of the Completed RFQ Document should be in Three (3) Sets of Hard Copies one (1) original end two (2) copies) shall be submitted in a sealed tamper proof envelope and labeled 'RFQ SUBMISSION'.
- (ii) The envelope should bear the company name and address on the reverse side while the "Request for Tender to Develop Solar Power Facility at University of Benin, Ugbowo Campus, Benin City, Edo State' at the Top Right Hand Corner of the Envelope and addressed to: The Registrar, University of Benin, Ugbowo Main Campus, Benin City, Edo State The Documents should be deposited in the Tender Box at the Tender Secretariat at the address above. Closing time for all submissions is **on or before 12:00 noon, 18 January, 2019**, Late submission shall not be entertained.

(5) BID OPENING

Tender Documents (RFQ Submissions) are to be opened immediately after the closing of submission at **12:00 noon, on 18 January, 2019** in the presence of Bidders and Interested Members of the Public at the University Senate Chamber, University of Benin Main Campus, Benin City, EDO STATE. All Bidders and/or their representatives are invited to witness the public bid opening accordingly.

(5B). REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP): The successful bidders would be given RFP. This should be submitted within three (3) weeks for the final selection of the successful bidder.

(6) ENQUIRIES ON THE INVITATION

All enquires are to be addressed to, THE REGISTRAR, UNIVERSITY OF BENIN, UGBOWO MAIN CAMPUS, BENIN CITY, EDO STATE.

Or

Clarifications and enquiries may also be sent via e-mail

to. registrar@uniben.edu , dvcadmin@uniben.edu and solaruniben@gmail.com

RFQ Package documents submission should be received **not later than 12Noon, 18 January 2019.**

(6B). ADDENDUM: This advert is a correction to the earlier advert of the 21st December on the People's Daily Newspaper and The Vanguard and Guardian Newspaper of 22nd of December, 2018.

(7) FURTHER INFORMATION

Please note that;

- Only technically successful bidders will be invited for the Request for Proposal (RFP) Stage of the bidding process;
- Late submissions will be rejected.
- This advertisement shall not be construed as a commitment on the part of the University of Benin to appoint any applicant/operator nor shall entitle any applicant/operator submitting documents to claim any indemnity from University of Benin.
- University of Benin reserves the right to verify and authenticate any claim by Firms.
- Interested applicants may obtain further Information at the address above from 08:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday (except on public holidays);
- Submissions via courier will be accepted if delivered within the submission time shown above but submission through email or fax will not be accepted;
- All costs Incurred in responding to this advert and pre-qualifying for the projects shall be borne solely by the bidders; and
- All submissions must be made in English Language.

SIGNED:

O.A. OSHODIN (MRS.)

REGISTRAR