

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Federal Government of Nigeria

Science and Technology Education Post-Basic (STEP-B) Project University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Benue State

Credit No. 4304-UNI

Procurement and Installation of ICT Equipment and Fibre Optic Network

IFB No. STEP-B/UAM/NCB/GDS/04/2012

Date of Issuance: 10th September, 2012

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in Development Business, issue No. 591 of 2nd July, 2007.
2. The Federal Government of Nigeria has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of Science and Technology Education Post Basic (STEP-B) Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the agreement(s) resulting from this IFB: STEP-B/UAM/NCB/GDS/04/2012
3. The University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Benue State, Science and Technology Education Post Basic (STEP – B) Project serves as the implementing agency for the project and now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for Procurement and Installation of ICT Equipment, Bandwidth and Fibre Optic Network.

Lots	Description of Item/ service	Quantity	Locations	Bid Security	Delivery period
1	Procurement and Installation of Network devices and equipment	Lot	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	At least 2.5% of Bid Price	90 days
2	Procurement of Bandwidth and Other Software	Lot	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	At least 2.5% of Bid Price	90 days
3	Deployment of 9 kilometre Fibre Cable	Lot	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	At least 2.5% of Bid Price	90 days

1. Bidding will be conducted using the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, edition of May 2006 and is open to all Bidders eligible as defined in these Guidelines, that meet the following minimum qualification criteria:

- a. Bidder must demonstrate a clear understanding of the Purchasers need
- b. Must have completed at least 2 successful contracts involving procurement of ICT equipment, upgrading of ICT infrastructure and deployment of Optical Fiber Network Installation and provision of technical Support of comparable scale to Purchaser's needs
- c. To demonstrate experience in installing and managing Fiber Optic networks and ICT equipment
- d. To show Financial Viability, and to demonstrate annual turnover and liquidity of at least a minimum acceptable figure for 3 years. A reasonable annual cash flow of at least 2 times the estimated proposed contract

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Project Manager and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 8:00am to 4:00pm excluding public holidays.

6. A complete set of hard copy bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Ten Thousand Naira (N10, 000.00) only. The method of payment will be in Bank Draft in favor of Science and Technology Education Post Basic (STEP-B) Project, University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Benue State. The document will be collected by the representative of the bidder or by courier service on request.

7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **12:00 pm 11th October, 2012** Bids need to be secured by a Bid Security from a reputable Bank and the amount of Bid Security required is 2.5%. Electronic bid will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives, who choose to attend at the address below at 2:00 pm 11th October, 2012.

8. The attention of prospective Bidders is drawn to:

(i) The fact that they will be required to certify in their bids that all software is either covered by a valid license or was produced by the Bidder and

(ii) That violations are considered fraud, which can result in ineligibility to be awarded World Bank-financed contracts.

9. The address referred to above is:

The Project Manager

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