

Specific Procurement Notice

Request for Bids

Design, Supply and Installation for the Electrification of Villages in The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau and Mali

RFB No: NG-ECOWAS-DEM-197717-CW-RFB

Employer: Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of The Gambia, PIU in Guinea-Bissau, PIU in Mali and Regional Coordination Unit (RCU) under ECOWAS Commission

Project: ECOWAS-REAP Phase 1

Contract title: Design, Supply and Installation for the Electrification of Villages in The Gambia, Guinea- Bissau, and Mali

Countries: The Gambia, Guinea- Bissau, and Mali

Credit No. / Grant No.: IDA D4080 – 6352GW/D406GW – 6353ML/D409ML

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1. The Republics of The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, and Mali (The "Client") have received respectively a credit and/or a grant from the International Development Association (The "Bank") toward the implementation of the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Access project (ECOWAS-REAP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the Contracts for the Design, Supply and Installation for the Electrification of Villages in The Gambia, Guinea- Bissau, and Mali. For these contracts, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.
2. The Employer now invites sealed or pass worded Bids from eligible Bidders for the Design, Supply and Installation for the Electrification of Villages in The Gambia, Guinea- Bissau, and Mali. The Design, Supply and Installation services covered by this Specific Procurement Notice consist of three (3) separate lots distributed as follows (Quantities indicated hereafter are approximate):

The scope of services covered by this RFB is composed of three (3) distinct lots as follows:

- **Lot 1: Design, Supply and Installation for the Electrification of Villages in The Gambia**
 - the design (update of the studies of the MV and LV networks) and approximately the following supply and installation based on the studies;
 - the supply and installation of 496 km lines of three-phase medium voltage (MV) 33/30 kV,
 - the supply and installation of 316 three phase distribution substations of 33/30 kV / 415 V,
 - the supply and installation of 1200 km lines of low voltage (LV) 415 V,
 - the supply and installation of terminal connection equipment, in particular connection points, smart meters for big customers, prepayment meters, as well as

pre-wired metering panels for customers of more than 52,000 homes at low-voltage.

The time limit for execution of the work is **twenty-four (24) months** from the date of entry to force.

- **Lot 2: Design, Supply and Installation for the Electrification of Villages in Guinea-Bissau. This lot has three phase distribution and single phase wire returned called "MALT" system**
 - the design (update of the studies of the MV and LV networks) networks for three phase distribution and MALT distribution) and approximately the following supply and installation based on the studies;
 - the supply and installation of 1716 km lines of three phase medium voltage (MV) 30 kV, some with distributed ground and some without,
 - the supply and installation of 74 km lines of single phase with one distributed ground medium voltage (MV) 17.32 kV,
 - the supply and installation of 149 three phase distribution substations of 30 kV / 400 V,
 - the supply and installation of 77 single phase MALT distribution substations of 17.32 kV / 230 V,
 - the supply and installation of 931 km lines of low voltage (LV) 400/230 V of single phase with ground or three-phase with ground,
 - the supply and installation of terminal connection equipment, in particular connection points, smart meters for big customers, prepayment meters, as well as pre-wired metering panels for customers of more than 35,000 homes at low-voltage.

The time limit for execution of the work is is **twenty-four (24) months** from the date of entry to force.

- **Lot 3: Design, Supply and Installation for the Electrification of Villages in Mali. This lot has three phase distribution and MALT system**
 - the design (update of the studies of the MV and LV networks for three phase distribution and MALT distribution) and approximately the following supply and installation based on the studies;
 - the supply and installation of 2583 km lines of three phase medium voltage (MV) 30 kV, some with distributed ground and some without,
 - the supply and installation of 92 km lines of single-phase medium voltage (MV) 17.32 kV with distributed ground,
 - the supply and installation of 484 three phase distribution substations of 30 kV / 400 V,
 - the supply and installation of 176 single phase distribution substations of 17.32 kV / 230 V in MALT system,
 - the supply and installation of 1478 km lines of low voltage (LV) with distributed ground 400/230 V (both three phase and single phase),
 - the supply and installation of terminal connection equipment, in particular connection points, smart meters for big customers, prepayment meters, as well as pre-wired metering panels for customers of more than 70,000 homes at low-voltage.

The time limit for execution of the work is **thirty (30) months** from the date of entry to force.

3. Bidders may submit a bid for one or more lots, as specified in the Bidding Document. Bidders wishing to offer a discount in the event that several contracts are awarded to them will be authorized to do so, but they must indicate these discounts in the Submission Form and of course prove their technical and financial capacity to simultaneously carry out these different lots.
4. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" - Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services July 2016, Revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from *The Regional Coordination Unit (RCU)* at these addresses: ecowas-reap@ecowas.int; ecowasreap1@gmail.com
6. The bidding document in English and French languages is available for free at this link: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gdn04nrmafs1ry0/AACGBuT3K_nb2o5xCPOVXOpsa?dl=0
7. Interested and eligible Bidders will send an email to ecowas-reap@ecowas.int with a copy to ecowasreap1@gmail.com; degnymarcel@yahoo.fr; hjje@nawec.gm; puasee@outlook.pt; oustraore@edmsa.ml in which they will indicate their full contact details. These contact details will be used for subsequent communications on the bidding documents including any clarifications, addenda and the video conference links for Pre-Bid Meeting and Public Opening session.
8. Bids must be delivered **electronically following the procedure detailed at ITB 23.1** of the bidding document Section II no later than **January 25, 2021 at 02:00 pm GMT**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened on **January 25, 2021 at 03:00 pm GMT** in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend this session. The link to the opening session will be sent by email to Bidders after submitting their bid.
9. Bids shall be valid for 120 days from the closing date of their submission and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security, which shall remain valid for 28 days from the expiration of the bid validity period, in US Dollars or the equivalent in a freely convertible currency of:
 - **Lot 1: One Million Three Hundred Thousand (1 300 000) US dollars;**
 - **Lot 2: Nine Hundred and Forty Thousand (940 000) US dollars;**
 - **Lot 3: One Million Seven Hundred Thousand (1 700 000) US dollars.**
10. The qualification requirements are set forth at Section III of the RFB.

11. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.