

*Invitation for Bids*

*Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal*

Promotion of Solar Energy in Rural and Semi-urban Regions II Project

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

ICB-SEPP-EPC-SOLAR-01/2024-KfW-BMZ-PN511010

The Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) has received Grant Financing/ from KfW toward the cost of the Promotion of Solar Energy in Rural and Semi-urban Regions II, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Procurement of utility-scale ground-mounted photovoltaic systems.

The NEA now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the design, supply and installation of three (3) grid connected utility-scale ground-mounted photovoltaic systems (“the Facilities”) in Middle Marshyangdi Hydroelectric Project (Lamjung) at least 1.6 MW, in Surkhet at least 2.0 MW and in Gandak (Nawalparasi) at least 5.8 MW, respectively. Open Competitive Bidding will be conducted by means of the International Competitive Bidding procedure with qualification as specified in the KfW’s Procurement Guidelines (“Guidelines”), January 2021. The contract conditions will be the “Conditions of Contract for Plant and Design – Build, First Edition 1999” (FIDIC Yellow Book).

Bidders may obtain further information from

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Distribution and Consumer Service Directorate

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A complete set of bidding documents is available to the interested Bidders at [https://www.nea.org.np/tender\\_prequalification](https://www.nea.org.np/tender_prequalification). To purchase the bid document, interested bidders should:

- write to address above requesting the bidding documents for Title: ICB-SEPP-EPC-SOLAR-01/2024-KfW-BMZ-PN511010, Procurement of utility-scale ground-mounted photovoltaic systems under Promotion of Solar Energy in Rural and Semi-urban Regions II Project.
- pay a non-refundable fee of NRs. 20,000 by or an equivalent amount in US Dollars by bank voucher to the **Account No.:** 9900001460000955 maintained at NMB Bank Limited, Babarmahal, Kathmandu (Account holder: NEA-Promotion of Solar Energy Project). No liability will be accepted for lost or late delivery.

Bids must be delivered to the address indicated in the clause ITB 22.1 of the bidding documents on or before 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Late Bids will be rejected.

In the first public session, only the Technical Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives. In the second public session only the Financial Bids of those Bidders who have fulfilled the technical requirements as per the tender document will be opened.

The bid validity period shall be 120 days. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security (The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be: 200,000 EUR or equivalent USD or NPR in the form of bank guarantee. The bid security issued from a foreign bank shall be duly counter guaranteed by any reputed commercial bank of Nepal. The Bid Security shall be valid for thirty (30) days beyond the original validity period of the Bid, including beyond any period of extension if requested).