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**NP-Lalitpur: ALA — supply of infrastructure and equipment for testing of solar thermal and institutional photovoltaic (PV) systems**

**2010/S 101-152682**

**Location: Lalitpur, Nepal**

**Supply procurement notice**

1. **Publication reference:**  
EuropeAid/129817/D/SUP/NP.
2. **Procedure:**  
International open tender.
3. **Programme:**  
ALA.
4. **Financing:**  
Financing Agreement: NPL/AIDCO/2000/2244 (2589).
5. **Contracting authority:**  
Project Task Force (PTF) of the 'Renewable Energy Project (REP)', in Lalitpur, NEPAL, for and on behalf of the Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPIC).

**Contract specifications**

6. **Description of the contract:**  
The scope of this contract is delivery, installation and commissioning of laboratory equipment for testing of solar thermal and institutional photovoltaic systems and components at the Renewable Energy Test Station (RETS) in Kathmandu, Nepal. Training is also part of the contract.  
The equipment to be supplied includes laboratory infrastructure, as well as pieces of equipment for a number of performance and quality tests for solar thermal and institutional solar photovoltaic systems (ISPS), such as collector performance testing, collector quality testing, solar water heater performance testing, tank heat loss testing, inverter/charge controller/battery testing, PV module tests.
7. **Number and titles of lots:**  
There are 3 lots:  
lot 1: solar thermal laboratory infrastructure;  
lot 2: solar thermal testing and measurement equipment;  
lot 3: ISPS testing and measurement equipment.

**Terms of participation**

8. **Eligibility and rules of origin:**  
Participation is open to all legal persons participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of tenderers which are established in a Member State of the European Union or in a country or territory of the regions covered and/or authorised by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed (see item 22 below). All goods supplied under this contract must originate in one or more of these countries. Participation is also open to international organisations. Participation of natural persons is directly governed by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed.

9. **Grounds for exclusion:**  
Tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the tender form for a supply contract, to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in point 2.3.3 of the 'Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions'.
10. **Number of tenders:**  
Tenderers may submit only 1 tender per lot. Tenders for parts of a lot will not be considered. Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted for more than 1 lot. Tenderers may not submit a tender for a variant solution in addition to their tender for the supplies required in the tender dossier.
11. **Tender guarantee:**  
Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of:  
770 EUR for lot 1;  
1 100 EUR for lot 2;  
700 EUR for lot 3;  
when submitting their tender. This guarantee will be released to unsuccessful tenderers once the tender procedure has been completed and to the successful tenderer(s) upon signature of the contract by all parties. This guarantee will be called upon if the tenderer does not fulfil all obligations stated in its tender.
12. **Performance guarantee:**  
The successful tenderer will be asked to provide a performance guarantee of 10 % of the amount of the contract at the signing of the contract. This guarantee must be provided together with the return of the countersigned contract no later than 30 days after the tenderer receives the contract signed by the contracting authority. If the selected tenderer fails to provide such a guarantee within this period, the contract will be void and a new contract may be drawn up and sent to the tenderer which has submitted the next-cheapest compliant tender.
13. **Information meeting and/or site visit:**  
No information meeting is planned.
14. **Tender validity:**  
Tenders must remain valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline for submission of tenders.
15. **Period of implementation of tasks:**  
Delivery and installation for lot 1 should be completed within 4 months after contract signature.  
Delivery and installation for lots 2 and 3 should be completed within 6 months after contract(s) signature.

#### **Selection and award criteria**

16. **Selection criteria:**  
The following selection criteria will be applied to tenderers. In the case of tenders submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole:
- 1) Economic and financial capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. item 3 of the tender form for a supply contract). In the case of the tenderer being a public body, equivalent information should be provided:
    - (a) the average annual turnover of the tenderer must exceed the financial proposal of the tender;
    - (b) the cash and cash equivalent at the end of the last 3 years (2007, 2008 and 2009) were positive.
  - 2) Professional capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. items 4 and 5 of the tender form for a supply contract):
    - (a) has a certificate appropriate to this contract such as:  
manufacturers of goods to be supplied shall be accredited according to ISO 9001:2000 or equivalent standards. The equipment shall be CE-marked, where applicable;
    - (b) has a minimum of 5 staff employed.
  - 3) Technical capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. items 5 and 6 of the tender form for a supply contract):

- (a) the tenderer has successfully completed at least 1 contract with a budget of at least that of this contract in the past 3 years;
- (b) the tenderer has worked successfully on at least 1 project in fields related to this contract in the past 3 years. An economic operator may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. It must in that case prove to the contracting authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing an undertaking on the part of those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility and notably that of nationality, as the economic operator.

17. **Award criteria:**

Price.

**Tendering**

18. **How to obtain the tender dossier:**

The tender dossier is available from the following Internet address <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

The tender dossier is also available from the contracting authority. Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form for a supply contract included in the tender dossier, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed.

Tenderers with questions regarding this tender should send them in writing to:

National Project Director, REP Office, AEPC Complex, PO Box 23028, Khumaltar, Lalitpur, NEPAL. Fax +977 15550168. E-mail: [repinfo@aepc.gov.np](mailto:repinfo@aepc.gov.np)

(mentioning the publication reference shown in item 1) at least 21 days before the deadline for submission of tenders given in item 19. The contracting authority must reply to all tenderers' questions at least 11 days before the deadline for submission of tenders. Eventual clarifications or minor changes to the tender dossier shall be published at the latest 11 days before the submission deadline on the EuropeAid website at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

19. **Deadline for submission of tenders:**

26.7.2010 (13:00), Nepali time.

Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. **Tender opening session:**

26.7.2010 (15:30), Nepali time at REP Office, AEPC Complex, Khumaltar, Lalitpur, NEPAL.

21. **Language of the procedure:**

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

22. **Legal basis:**

ALA Regulation (EC) No 443/92 adopted by the Council on 25.2.1992 (OJ L 52, 27.2.1992), as last modified by Council Regulation (EC) No 2112/2005 of 21.11.2005 (OJ L 344) and Regulation (EC) No 2110/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14.12.2005 (OJ L 344) on access to Community external assistance.