

Specific Procurement Notice

Request for Bids Plant

Design, Supply and Installation

(Two-envelope Bidding Process, Without Prequalification)

Employer: JSC National Electric Grid of Uzbekistan

Project: Electricity Sector Transformation and Resilient Transmission (ESTART)

Contract title: **Lot 1:** Design, Procurement and Installation of Fiber Optic cables in Navoi region;
Lot 2: Design, Procurement and Installation of Fiber Optic cables in Karakalpakstan region

Country: Republic of Uzbekistan

Credit No.: IDA-69430

RFB No: RFB/FOC/2021-07
Lot 1: RFB/FOC/2021-07/01
Lot 2: RFB/FOC/2021-07/02

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1. The Republic of Uzbekistan has received approval for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Electricity Sector Transformation and Resilient Transmission (ESTART) Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the Contract Design, Procurement and Installation of Fiber Optic cables in Navoi (Lot-1) and Karakalpakstan (Lot-2) region. This include Optical cables are hereafter named OPGW for Optical Ground Wire, UGFOC for Underground Fiber Optic Cable and OFAC for Optical Fiber Approach Cable. The lengths of the cable to be installed within Lot 1 (Navoi region) and Lot 2 (Karakalpakstan region) are 399 kms and 319 kms respectively.
2. The JSC National Electric Grid of Uzbekistan (NEGU) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Design, Procurement and Installation of Fiber Optic cables in Navoi and Karakalpakstan region.
The Bidders' qualification requirements are mentioned in Section-III of this document which include the below. In case of any discrepancy between the clauses refer here and as in Section-III, the later shall prevail.

General Experience:

- Experience under construction contracts in the role of prime contractor, JV member, sub-contractor, or management contractor for at least the last **5 years, starting 1st January 2019.**

Specific Experience:

- A minimum number of **1 (one)** contract with a value of each at least **X (refer below)** in power transmission sector construction projects that have been satisfactorily and substantially¹ completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member², management contractor or sub-contractor **between 1st January 2014 and bid submission deadline**.
Lot 1: X = 4,000,000 USD (four million USD);
Lot 2: X = 3,200,000 USD (three million and two hundred thousand USD)
- As a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor, successful completion of at least **200 km** OPGW installation, as applicable, that have been successfully or substantially completed, in the electricity sector companies, during the **last 10 (ten) years** prior to the applications submission deadline, in the countries, those are **similar to the energy system of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The similarity should be based on the complexity of the power grid**. For each commitment, the Bidder shall provide details of the client, country, date, voltage, rating, scope of work and value.
The requirement above is mandatory for each **Lot 1 and Lot 2**.

Financial Capabilities³:

- Sound financial position and prospective long-term profitability (for any three years (during the last five years 2020-2024) supported by audited financial statements for those years Minimum average annual **turnover** of **X**, calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the best **three years (out of last five years 2020-2024), divided by three**.
Lot 1: X = 5,000,000 USD (five million USD);
Lot 2: X = 4,000,000 USD (four million USD)
- The Bidder shall demonstrate that it has access to, or has available, liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means (independent of any contractual advance payment) sufficient to meet the **cash flow** requirements estimated as **X** for the subject contract(s) net of the Bidder's other commitments.
Lot 1: X = 1,300,000 USD (one million and three hundred thousand USD);
Lot 2: X = 1,000,000 USD (one million USD)
 - The Bidders shall also demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Employer, that it has adequate sources of finance to meet the cash flow requirements on works currently in progress and for future contract commitments.
 - The audited balance sheets, or if not required by the laws of the Bidder's country, other financial statements acceptable to the Employer, for the last three (3) years shall be submitted and must demonstrate the current soundness of the Bidder's financial position and indicate its prospective long-term profitability. **Additionally, for the calculation of Available Financial Resources (AFR), the Bidders shall submit financial information specifically for the 2024 financial year.**

¹ Substantial completion shall be based on 80% or more works completed under the contract.

² For contracts under which the Bidder participated as a joint venture member or sub-contractor, only the Bidder's share, by value, shall be considered to meet this requirement.

³ For bidders applying for both lots, they must meet the combined financial criteria for both lots in order to be qualified. If a bidder meets the financial criteria for only one lot, their bid for the other lot will not be considered

Experience in managing ES aspects

- For contracts [substantially completed and under implementation] as prime contractor, joint venture member, or Subcontractor between 1st January 2019 and bid submission deadline, experience in managing ES risks and impacts in the following aspects: *Design Supply and Installation of OPGW network*.
3. 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" September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
 4. Bids will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation process set out in the bidding documents. The following weightings shall apply for Rated Criteria (including technical and non-price factors): [40%] and for Bid cost: [60%].
 5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from JSC National Electric Grid of Uzbekistan, PIU (neguopgw@gmail.com) and inspect the Bidding document during office hours 09:00 to 17:00 hours at the address given below.
 6. The bidding document in English may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of an application for bidding documents by sending a request to the email address: neguopgw@gmail.com. The document will be sent by e-mail to the address indicated in the application.
 7. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **September 15, 2025, at 11:00 Tashkent time**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. The outer Bid envelopes marked "ORIGINAL BID", and the inner envelopes marked "TECHNICAL PART" will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below on **September 15, 2025 at 11:00 Tashkent time**. All envelopes marked "FINANCIAL PART" shall remain unopened and will be held in the safe custody of the Employer until the second public Bid opening.
 8. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **X**.
Lot 1: X = 60,000 USD (sixty thousand USD);
Lot 2: X = 47,000 USD (forty-seven thousand USD)
 9. 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.
 10. The address referred to above is:

JSC National Electric Grid of Uzbekistan

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