

INVITATION FOR BIDS - FIRST STAGE

Government of Nepal

Financial Sector Technical Assistance Project

Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of
Web Based Credit Information Bureau System

Credit No.: IDA Credit No.: 3727 NEP

Grant DFID NEP

IFB No.: CIB System G.1 2009

1. This Invitation for Bids (IFB) follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared in Development Business, issue no. 526 of 16 January, 2000; issue no. 555 of 31 March 2001.
2. The Government of Nepal has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) and a grant from DFID of British Government toward the cost of Financial Sector Technical Assistance Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit and grant to payments under the agreement resulting from this Invitation for Bids: No. IFB CIB System G.1 2009.
3. The Nepal Rastra Bank serves as the implementing agency for the project and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of web based Information and Communication Technology (ICT) system, inclusive of both hardware and software, at Karja Suchana Kendra Limited (Credit Information Bureau) with a view to making Karja Suchana Kendra Limited a fully online credit bureau.
4. Bidding will be conducted using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loan and IDA Credits and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines, that meet the following minimum qualification criteria.
 - (a) During last seven (7) years, the Bidders must have successfully completed at least two (2) contracts involving the development, implementation and provision of technical support for Credit Information Bureau Systems (consumer and commercial markets) of similar functional and technical characteristic and of comparable scale
 - (b) The supplier must have had a turnover of US\$ 5 million per annum in last three years continuously.
5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Financial Sector Technical Assistance Project and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 10:00 AM to 16:00 PM Sunday to Thursday and from 10:00AM to 13.00 PM on Friday except on official holidays.
6. A complete set of Bidding Document in English may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of US Dollars 500 or equivalent. The method of payment will be in the form of cash or certificate that the amount has been deposited into the Project A/c no. Bai.A.610335 of Nepal Rastra Bank at its Banking Office, Thapathali, Kathmandu, Nepal or a certified check from reputable bank selected by

the Bidder and located in any eligible country. After receiving the proof of bidder's payment to NRB by email, the documents will then be sent by email or courier as requested. However, if desired, bidders may collect the documents by hand from the address given below.

7. A two-stage bidding process will be used which will proceed as follows:
 - (a) The first stage bid will consist of a technical bid only, without any reference to prices, and a list of any deviations to the technical and commercial conditions set forth in the bidding documents or any alternative technical solutions a Bidder wishes to offer, and a justification therefore, always provided that such deviations or alternative solutions do not change the basic objectives of the Project. Following the evaluation of first stage bids, the Purchaser will invite each Bidder that meets the minimum acceptable qualification criteria and who has submitted a technically responsive first stage bid to attend a clarification meeting(s), during which the Bidder's bid will be reviewed. Any required bid-specific changes, additions, deletions and other adjustments will be noted and recorded in a memorandum, or, if amendments are of a general nature, will be promulgated via an addendum to the bidding documents. Bidders may not be invited to submit second stage bids, if their first stage bids contain departures from the requirements in such numbers or of such nature that making the bids fully responsive in the remaining time for the two-stage process cannot reasonably be expected. All other suitably qualified and eligible Bidders, however, shall receive invitations to submit second stage bids.
 - (b) The second stage bid will consist of: (i), the updated technical bid incorporating all changes required as recorded in the bidder-specific memorandum, and/or as necessary to reflect any Addenda to the bidding documents issued subsequent to the first bidding-stage; and (ii), the commercial bid.
8. First stage Bids must be delivered to the address given below at or before 12:00Hrs. **July 22, 2009**.
9. 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 is, among other remedies, punishable by potential blacklisting from participation in future World Bank-financed procurement.
10. The bidding documents can be purchased from 8 June 2009 from the address given below between 10.30 AM to 16.00 PM on Sunday to Thursday and 10.30 AM to 13.00 PM on Friday except on official holidays.

Address:

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