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Request for Selection (RfS) Document For

Selection of Solar Power Developers for Setting up of 2500 MW ISTS-Connected Solar PV Power Projects at Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park (UMREPP) in Koppal District, Karanataka under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding (ISTS-X)

Tender Search Code on ISN-ETS: SECI-2020-TN000014

RfS No. SECI/C&P/SPD/ISTS-X/Koppal-SP/RfS/2500MW/042020

Dated: 10/04/2020

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Place: New Delhi Date: 10/04/2020

BID INFORMATION SHEET

The brief details of the RfS are as under:

(A)	NAME OF WORK/ BRIEF SCOPE OF WORK/ JOB	Selection of Solar Power Developers for Setting up of 2500 MW ISTS-Connected Solar PV Power Projects at UMREPP in Koppal District, Karanataka under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding (ISTS-X).		
(B)	RfS NO. & DATE	SECI/C&P/SPD/ISTS-X/Koppal-SP/RfS/2500MW/042020 Dated: 10/04/2020		
(C)	TYPE OF BIDDING SYSTEM	SINGLE BID SYSTEM TWO BID SYSTEM Yes		
(D)	TYPE OF RfS/ TENDER	E-TENDER Yes MANUAL		
(E)	COMPLETION/ CONTRACT PERIOD	As mentioned in RfS Document		
(F)	DOCUMENT FEE/ COST OF RfS DOCUMENT (NON- REFUNDABLE)	APPLICABLE NOT APPLICABLE Amount: INR 29,500/- (Indian Rupees Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only) including GST to be submitted either through NEFT/ RTGS transfer in the account of SECI, or in the form of DD/ Pay Order along with the response to RfS in favour of "Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd", payable at New Delhi		

(G)	DOCUMENT PROCESSING FEE	APPLICABLE Yes NOT APPLICABLE Rs. 5 Lakh +18% GST for each Project from 50 MW upto 90		
		MW capacity, Rs. 15 Lakh + 18% GST for each Project from 100 MW and above capacity,		
		to be submitted either through NEFT/RTGS transfer in the account of SECI, or in the form of DD/Pay Order along with the response to RfS in favour of "Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd", payable at New Delhi.		
	EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD)	APPLICABLE Yes		
(H)		NOT APPLICABLE		
		Amount: INR 4,00,000/- (Indian Rupees Four Lakhs) per MW per Project to be submitted in the form of Bank Guarantee along with the Response to RfS		
(I)	PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE	APPLICABLE Yes		
, ,		NOT APPLICABLE		
(J)	DATE, TIME & VENUE OF PRE-BID MEETING	Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (A Government of India Enterprise) D - 3, 1st Floor, Wing - A, Prius Platinum Building, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi - 110 017 Scheduled as per NIT on ISN-ETS portal and/or SECI website.		
(K)	OFFLINE & ONLINE BID-SUBMISSION DEADLINE	As per NIT on ISN-ETS portal		
(L)	TECHNO- COMMERCIAL BID OPENING	As per NIT on ISN-ETS portal		
(M)	e-Reverse Auction (e-RA)	Will be informed to eligible bidders. Date and time of e-RA shall be intimated through email.		
(N)	CONTACT DETAILS OF ISN- ETS Portal	M/s Electronic Tender.com (India) Pvt. Ltd. Gurugram Contact Person: ISN-ETS Support Team Customer Support:+91-124-4229071,4229072		

RfS for	Selection	of Solar	Power	Developers	for
Setting	up of 250	0 MW IST	ΓS-Conn	ected Solar	PV
Projects at UMREPP, Koppal (ISTS-X).					

		(From 10:00 Hrs to 18:00 Hrs on all working Days i.e. Monday		
		to Friday except Govt. Hoildays)		
		Email: support@isn-ets.com		
		Sh. Sanjay Sharma		
	Name, Designation,	General Manager (Contracts & Procurement)		
	Address and other	Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited		
(O)	details	D - 3, 1 st Floor, Wing - A, Prius Platinum Building		
	(For Submission of Response to RfS)	District Centre, Saket, New Delhi - 110 017		
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		1) Sh. Pratik Prasun		
		Manager (C&P)		
		Contact No.: 011 71989236		
		pratikpr@seci.co.in		
(P)	Details of persons to be contacted in case of any assistance required	2) Sh. Biblesh Meena Deputy Manager (C&P) Ph: 011-71989284 Biblesh@seci.co.in		
		3) Sh. Jayansh Gaur Executive Trainee (C&P) Ph: 011-71989284 jayansh.gaur@seci.co.in		

- 1. Bids must be submitted strictly in accordance with Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) depending upon Type of Tender as mentioned at Clause no. (D) of Bid Information Sheet. The IFB is an integral and inseparable part of the RfS document.
- 2. Bidder(s) are required to quote strictly as per terms and conditions of the RfS documents and not to stipulate any deviations/ exceptions.
- 3. Any bidder, who meets the Qualifying Requirement and wishes to quote against this RfS, may download the complete RfS document along with its amendment(s) if any from ISN-ETS Portal (https://www.bharat-electronictender.com) and/ or SECI website (www.seci.co.in) and submit their Bid complete in all respect as per terms & conditions of RfS Document on or before the due date of bid submission.
- 4. Clarification(s)/ Corrigendum(s) if any shall also be available on the above referred websites.
- 5. Bidders are requested to remain updated for any notices/ amendments/ clarifications etc. to the RfS document through the websites https://www.bharat-electronictender.com and www.seci.co.in. No separate notifications will be issued for such notices/ amendments/ clarifications etc. in the print media or individually. Intimation regarding notification on the above shall be updated on www.seci.co.in and the details only will be available from https://www.bharat-electronictender.com



SECTION - I

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

Following terms used in the documents will carry the meaning and interpretations as described below:

- 1. **"ACT"** or **"ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003"** shall mean the Electricity Act, 2003 and include any modifications, amendments and substitution from time to time;
- 2. "**AFFILIATE**" shall mean a company that, directly or indirectly,
 - i. controls, or
 - ii. is controlled by, or
 - iii. is under common control with, a company developing a Project or a Member in a Consortium developing the Project and control means ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty percent) of the voting shares of such company or right to appoint majority Directors;
- 3. "APPROPRIATE COMMISSION" shall mean as defined in the PPA;
- 4. "BID" or "PROPOSAL" shall mean the documents submitted by the Bidder towards meeting the techno-commercial and financial qualifying requirements, along with the price bid submitted by the Bidder as part of its response to the RfS issued by SECI.
- 5. "BIDDER" shall mean Bidding Company (including a foreign company) or a Bidding Consortium submitting the Bid. Any reference to the Bidder includes Bidding Company/ Bidding Consortium, Member of a Bidding Consortium including its successors, executors and permitted assigns and Lead Member of the Bidding Consortium jointly and severally, as the context may require; foreign companies participating in the bidding process shall be registered as companies as per the rules of their country of origin;
- 6. **"BIDDING CONSORTIUM"** or **"CONSORTIUM"** shall refer to a group of Companies that collectively submit the response in accordance with the provisions of this RfS under a Consortium Agreement;
- 7. "CAPACITY UTILIZATION FACTOR (CUF)" shall have the same meaning as provided in CERC (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2009 as amended from time to time; The CUF shall be calculated based on the annual energy injected and metered at the Delivery Point. In any Contract Year, if 'X' MWh of energy has been metered out at the Delivery Point for 'Y' MW Project capacity, CUF= (X MWh/(Y MW*8766)) X100%;
- 8. "CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT" shall mean a person practicing in India or a firm whereof all the partners practicing in India as a Chartered Accountant(s) within the meaning of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.
 - For bidders incorporated in countries other than India, "Chartered Accountant" shall mean a person or a firm practicing in the respective country and designated/ registered under the corresponding Statutes/ laws of the respective country;
- 9. **"COMPANY"** shall mean a body corporate incorporated in India under the Companies Act, 2013 or any law in India prior thereto relating to Companies, as applicable;

- 10. "COMMERCIAL OPERATION DATE (COD)" shall mean the date as defined in Clause no. 17, Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS Documents;
- 11. **"CONTRACTED CAPACITY"** shall mean the AC capacity in MW contracted with SECI for supply by the SPD to SECI at the Delivery Point from the Project, and shall be equal to the Project Capacity as defined;
- 12. **"CONTRACT YEAR"** shall mean the period beginning from the Effective Date and ending on the immediately succeeding 31st March and thereafter each period of 12 months beginning on 1st April and ending on 31st March provided that:
 - (a) in the financial year in which the Scheduled Commissioning Date would occur, the Contract Year shall end on the date immediately before the Scheduled Commissioning Date and a new Contract Year shall commence once again from the Scheduled Commissioning Date and end on the immediately succeeding 31st March, and thereafter each period of 12 (Twelve) Months commencing on 1st April and ending on 31st March, and
 - (b) provided further that the last Contract Year of this Agreement shall end on the last day of the Term of this Agreement;
- 13. **"CONTROL"** shall mean the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty percent) of the voting shares of such Company or right to appoint majority Directors;
- 14. **"CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDING"** shall mean more than 50% of the voting rights and paid up share capital in the Company/ Consortium;
- 15. **"CENTRAL TRANSMISSION UTILITY (CTU)"** shall mean the Central Transmission Utility as defined in sub-section (10) of section 2 of the Electricity Act 2003;
- 16. "DAY" shall mean calendar day;
- 17. **"EFFECTIVE DATE"** shall mean the date as on 90th day from the date of issuance of Letter of Award (LOA), which shall be indicated in the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) executed by both the parties;
- 18. "EQUITY" shall mean Net Worth as defined in Companies Act, 2013
- 19. **"FINANCIAL CLOSURE"** or **"PROJECT FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS"** means arrangement of necessary funds by the Solar Power Developer either by way of commitment of funds by the Company from its internal resources and/or tie up of funds through a bank/ financial institution by way of sanction of a loan or letter agreeing to finance;
- 20. **"GUIDELINES"** shall mean the "Guidelines for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Process for Procurement of Power from Grid Connected Solar PV Power Projects" issued by the Ministry of Power vide Resolution dated 03.08.2017 including subsequent amendments and clarifications thereof.

21. "GROUP COMPANY" of a Company means

- (a) a Company which, directly or indirectly, holds 10% (Ten Percent) or more of the share capital of the Company or;
- (b) a Company in which the Company, directly or indirectly, holds 10% (Ten Percent) or more of the share capital of such Company or;
- (c) a Company in which the Company, directly or indirectly, has the power to direct or cause to be directed the management and policies of such Company whether through the ownership of securities or agreement or any other arrangement or otherwise or:
- (d) a Company which, directly or indirectly, has the power to direct or cause to be directed the management and policies of the Company whether through the ownership of securities or agreement or any other arrangement or otherwise or;
- (e) a Company which is under common control with the Company, and control means ownership by one Company of at least 10% (Ten Percent) of the share capital of the other Company or power to direct or cause to be directed the management and policies of such Company whether through the ownership of securities or agreement or any other arrangement or otherwise;

Provided that a financial institution, scheduled bank, foreign institutional investor, Non-Banking Financial Company, and any mutual fund, pension funds and sovereign funds shall not be deemed to be Group Company, and its shareholding and the power to direct or cause to be directed the management and policies of a Company shall not be considered for the purposes of this definition unless it is the Project Company or a Member of the Consortium developing the Project;

- 22. "INTER-CONNECTION POINT/ DELIVERY/ METERING POINT" shall mean the 220KV side of 400/220 kV CTU Grid Substation (GSS), where the power from the solar power Projects are injected into the identified CTU substation (including the dedicated transmission line connecting the solar power Projects with the substation system) as specified in the section VIII of this RfS document. Metering shall be done at this interconnection point where the power is injected into. For interconnection with grid and metering, the SPDs shall abide by the relevant CERC/ SERC Regulations, Grid Code and Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006 as amended and revised from time to time along with any instructions by SPIA in this regard.
- 23. "JOINT CONTROL" shall mean a situation where a company has multiple promoters (but none of the shareholders has more than 50% of voting rights and paid up share capital);
- 24. "LEAD MEMBER OF THE BIDDING CONSORTIUM" or "LEAD MEMBER": There shall be only one Lead Member, having the shareholding of not less 51% in the Bidding Consortium.

Note: The shareholding of the Lead member in the Project Company (Special Purpose Vehicle) cannot be changed till 01 (One) year after the Commercial Operation Date (COD) of the Project;

- 25. "LETTER OF AWARD" or "LOA" shall mean the letter issued by Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) to the selected Bidder for award of the Project;
- 26. "LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP" or "LLP" shall mean a Company governed by Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 or as amended;
- 27. "LLC" shall mean Limited Liability Company;
- 28. **"MEMBER IN A BIDDING CONSORTIUM"** *or* **"MEMBER"** shall mean each Company in a Bidding Consortium. In case of a Technology Partner being a member in the Consortium, it has to be a Company;
- 29. "MONTH" shall mean calendar month;
- 30. **"NET-WORTH"** shall mean the Net-Worth as defined section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013:
- 31. **"PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL"** shall mean the paid-up share capital as defined in Section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013;
- 32. **"PARENT"** shall mean a Company, which holds more than 50% voting rights and paid up share capital, either directly or indirectly in the Project Company or a Member in a Consortium developing the Project;
 - 33. **"POOLING SUBSTATION/ POOLING POINT"** shall mean the pooling point voltage and metering arrangement shall be as prescribed by the SPIA.

Multiple Projects can be connected to a pooling substation from where common transmission system shall be constructed and maintained by the SPIA to get connected to the 220/400 kV GSS, i.e. the Delivery Point. The voltage level for such common line shall be 220kV and above. Sub-meters shall be installed at the pooling substation for metering and forecasting and scheduling of individual Projects. The losses in the common transmission system up to the injection point shall be apportioned to the individual Projects for the purpose of billing

- 34. "PGCIL" or "POWERGRID" shall mean Powergrid Corporation of India Limited;
- 35. **"PPA"** shall mean the Power Purchase Agreement signed between the Selected bidder and SECI according to the terms and conditions of the standard PPA enclosed with this RfS:
- 36. "POWER PROJECT" or "SOLAR PROJECT" or "PROJECT" shall mean the solar power generation facility having separate points of injection into the grid at Interconnection/ Delivery/ Metering Point, or in case of sharing of transmission lines by separate injection at Pooling Point and having a separate boundary, control systems and metering. The Project shall include all units/ modules and auxiliaries and associated facilities, bay(s) for transmission system in the switchyard, dedicated transmission line up to the Delivery Point and all the other assets, buildings/structures, equipment, plant and machinery, facilities and related assets required for the efficient and economic operation of the power generation facility, whether completed or at any