

ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD
(A Government of Assam Undertaking)

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)
for
Consulting Services: Project Management Consultant
of
Assam Solar Project
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1. The Government of India has applied for financing from Asian Development Bank in the form of a loan toward the cost of Assam Solar Project. Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd (APDCL), the implementing agency of the proposed project intends to apply part of the proceeds of the loan to eligible payments under the contract for project management consultant for supervision, implementation and management of both the project and the contracts from technical and safeguard aspects for the 1000 MWp (750 MWac) Solar Grid Connected project in Karbi Anglong District of Assam, under “Mukhya Mantri Sauro Shakti Prokolpo” as detailed in Terms of Reference.
2. APDCL ("the Employer") now invites eligible Consultant (a consulting firm or consortium of consulting firms or consulting arm of electric utility) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Expression of interest (EOI) will be assessed based on Management Competence (10%), Technical Competence (80%) and Geographical Competence (10%). Based on the evaluation of EOI, shortlisted consultants will be invited to submit a full technical proposal and financial proposal through the Request for Proposal.
3. The details of the package are accessible from ADB's Consulting Services Recruitment Notice (<http://csr.n.adb.org>), and interested organizations are encouraged to submit their EOI through ADB's consultant management system (registration and access through <http://csr.n.adb.org> or <http://cms.adb.org>). The same information (detailed request for EOI and Terms of Reference) can be downloaded from the official website of APDCL <https://www.apdcl.org>. The interested Consultants must provide information in the form of brochures, description of completed similar assignments, work experience in the specified areas, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. to show their technical, managerial and financial competence to perform the services. Such information must also include a brief description of the firm together with the organization structure and staffing. In particular, the information must include, among others, the following:
 - I. General and specific experience of the firm;
 - II. Experience of the firm in Construction Supervision of the Grid Connected Solar Power plants and battery energy storage systems. The Consultant must provide information on jobs undertaken in the past ten (10) years giving a brief description of each job undertaken, the funding source(s), and amount of contract and information on the client/employer;
 - III. Corporate profile of the firm;
 - IV. Information on organizational strength (organizational structure, number of permanent professional staffs and number of total staffs).
4. The application must be responsive based on the documentary evidence submitted to fulfill the requirements of the EOI, TOR and the information sought in the ADB's consultant management system (<http://cms.adb.org>). The application should be in sufficient details to be verifiable. Consultants may associate with others to enhance their qualifications. However, a Consulting firm

shall submit only one (1) EOI proposal as either a single entity or a partner in Joint Venture and an associate partner shall not associate with more than one (1) shortlisted consulting firm for RFP submission.

5. The services to be provided by the firm(s) are estimated at 84 person-months of international key experts and 216 person-months of national key experts. It is expected that the consulting services will last for about 60 months.
6. The bidding consultant must have more than ten (10) years of consulting experience in the power sector. Here, bidding consultant shall mean the consultant who has submitted the EOI and not its parent or subsidiary company.
7. Within last 10 (ten) years, the Consultant must have completed, as minimum, the consulting job/contracts of project supervision as follows:
 - (i) Minimum of five years demonstrated work experience in providing consulting services in the implementation of overall project management for similar assignments in solar power generation space.
 - (ii) The firm shall possess experience in Designing and providing Project Management and Supervision support in implementation of Solar Energy Generation Projects of **minimum capacity of 200 MWp at a single location.**
 - (iii) The firm shall possess experience in Designing and providing Project Management and Supervision support in implementation of EHV sub-stations and transmission lines of minimum 400 kV or above voltage class.
 - (iv) Average audited annual financial turnover (net of taxes) of the firm during last three years (FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21 and 2021-22) should not be less than **INR 500.00 million** or equivalent.
 - (v) **Experience with International Financial Institutions:** The firm should demonstrate that they have the experience in Designing and providing Project Management and Supervision support:
 - a) In implementation of Large-Scale MW Solar Power Generation Projects of minimum capacity of 100 MWp at a single location funded by any International Financial Institution **OR**
 - b) In implementation of other power generation projects, Hydro based power project or any other Renewable Energy Project of minimum capacity of 100 MW funded by any International Financial Institutions **AND**
 - c) In implementation of Transmission projects (Grid Substation & transmission lines of minimum 400 kV or above voltage class) funded by any International Financial Institutions
 - d) Knowledge and experience in assessment of environmental and social impacts of development projects including on IR and IPs impacts, and their management and mitigation according to the safeguard policies' requirements of IFIs

The consulting firm must have experience of supervision of social and environmental safeguard implementation and compliance activities for at least two grid connected solar projects and GESI compliance activities for at least one project. In order to substantiate the aforementioned consulting contracts, the consultant shall submit the End User Certificate from Client depicting main scope of the contract. Incomplete or On-going Consulting Contracts will not be taken in to account and hence will not be evaluated.

8. The Consultant(s) will be selected and engaged in accordance with the ADB's Procurement Policy and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers, 2017 or as amended from time to time under the Quality and Cost Based (QCBS at 90:10 ratio) selection method.

9. Tentative commencement date of the consulting will be June 2024.
10. The Expressions of Interest, EOI must be delivered through ADB's consultant management system (<http://cms.adb.org>) online by 25/02/2024.
11. Interested Consultant(s) may obtain further information at the below address during office hours.

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Paltan Bazar, Guwahati-781001,
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12. APDCL reserves the right to reject any or all of the EOIs at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s). A P D C L will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the firms in connection with the preparation or delivery of the EOI.