



Invitation for Bids

Date:	21 November 2022
Grant No. and Title:	Project No. 49450-034 TON: Nuku'alofa Network Upgrade Project
Contract No. and Title:	OCB/NNUP05/221 NNUP Area 5: HV AND LV CONDUCTOR AND HARDWARE SUPPLY
Deadline for Submission of Bids:	04 January 2023

1. Tonga Power Limited (TPL) has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of Nuku'alofa Network Upgrade Project (NNUP) Area 5, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.

2. The TPL ("the Purchaser") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for HV and LV Conductors and Hardware supply.

3. Open Competitive Bidding with international advertisement (OCB-International) will be conducted in accordance with ADB's 1S2E bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.

4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications defined in the Bidding Document may participate in this bidding:

- a) The bidder had succeeded as main supplier within the last three (3) years of at least two (2) contracts each valued at \$500K USD with nature, and complexity similar to the scope of supply described in Section 6 (Schedule of Supply).
- b) The Bidder shall demonstrate that the goods offered have:
 - i. been in production for at least three (3) years, and
 - ii. been sold a minimum of 100% units of similar type and specification over the last three (3) years;
 - iii. been in operation for a minimum of five (5) years.
- c) The Bidder or manufacturer shall demonstrate that it can supply the type, size, and quantity of the goods as required by Purchaser in accordance with the Delivery and Completion Schedule in Section 6 (Schedule of Supply).
- d) Submission of audited financial statements or, if not required by the law of the Bidder's country, other financial statements acceptable to the Purchaser, for the last two (2) years

to demonstrate the current soundness of the Bidder's financial position. As a minimum, the Bidder's net worth for the last year calculated as the difference between total assets and total liabilities should be positive.

- e) Minimum average annual turnover of \$500K USD calculated as total payments received by the Bidder for contracts completed or under execution over the last two (2) years.
 - f) Availability of or access to liquid assets, lines of credit, and other finances sufficient to meet cash flow requirement which is \$1million USD.
5. To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents, Bidders should contact:

Attention: Timote Tu'ipolutu
Street address: Tafua'ahau Road, Tofoa
Floor/Room number: N/A
City: Nuku'alofa
ZIP code: N/A
Country: Kingdom of Tonga
Telephone: +676 21400
Fax: N/A
E-mail: ttuipulotu@tongapower.to

6. To request the Bidding Documents in English, eligible Bidders should
- write to the address above requesting the Bidding Documents for OCB/NNUP05/221 NNUP Area 5: HV AND LV CONDUCTOR AND HARDWARE SUPPLY
 - The document will be sent by 48 hours of request. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.
7. Deliver your bid:
- Bidders shall submit their bids electronically through Tenderlink e-tender portal using the procedure outlined in this bidding document. Hand delivery of bids shall not be permitted on or before the deadline above.
 - together with a Bid Security/Bid-Securing Declaration as described in the Bidding Document.
 - Bids will be opened promptly after the deadline for bid submission in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
8. When comparing Bids, Domestic Preference will not be applied as stipulated in the Bidding Document.¹

¹ Include para. 8 only if Domestic Preference has been expressly provided in the Procurement Plan and is included in the Bid Data Sheet.