

Special Instruction to Bidders for E-Bidding

A) Bid submission procedures through electronically (e-submission) only:

- i. Interested eligible bidders shall, either purchase the hard copy of the bidding document directly from the Employer's office as specified in the Invitation for Bid (IFB) or may download the necessary parts of the bidding documents from e-procurement section in NEA's web site <http://www.eproc.nea.org.np>. In case, the bidders choose to download the bidding documents, prepare the bids on downloaded documents, and submit their bids electronically. The Bidders shall be required to deposit the non refundable fee for the bidding document (as specified in the bid notice) in the bank account specified in the IFB and electronic scanned copy (*.pdf format) of the bank deposit voucher shall also be submitted along with the electronic bid files.
- ii. The Bidder shall fill the following documents and forms (in hard copy of issued bid documents), signed by the authorized representative with seal of the company.
 - a) Bill of Quantity (BOQ) with rate, amount, b) Forms of Bid, Qualification Information

The Bidder shall then scan the completed original documents, forms in PDF formats with appropriate filename shown in the table below.

S.No.	Document	PDF File name	Requirement	Remarks
1	Form of Bid	Bid form -1	Mandatory	
2	Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)	Bid security-2	Mandatory	
3	Company registration,	Company reg-3	Mandatory	All firms in case of JV
4	VAT/PAN registration,	VAT reg-4	Mandatory for National firms	All firms in case of JV
5	Tax clearances certificate,	Tax-5	Mandatory for National firms	All firms in case of JV
6	Power of Attorney of Bid signatory	Power of att-6	Mandatory	
7	Joint venture agreement	JV doc-7	Mandatory	In Case of JV
8	Qualification Information	Qualifications-8	Mandatory	
9	BOQ with rate, amount and total amount	BOQ-9	Mandatory	
10	Manufacturer's Authorization	Authorization-10	Not Mandatory	Mandatory for Goods
11	Technical Data Sheet	TDS-11	Not Mandatory	Mandatory for Goods



12	Certification Documents	Certifications-12	Not Mandatory	Like ISO Certification
13	Declaration Form	Declaration-13	Mandatory	

Note: **Mandatory** means the mentioned files shall be included in e-submission and non-submission of such file shall be considered as non-responsive bid.

- iii. For e-submission purpose the Bidder shall, at first, register in the e-procurement section NEA's web site <http://www.eproc.nea.org.np>
- iv. After preparing all the required bidding documents in PDF, scan the files as specified in (ii).
- v. The Bidder shall upload the PDF bid files and submit the complete bid online through e-procurement section of NEA's website <http://www.eproc.nea.org.np> within the specified date and time.
- vi. The e-procurement system will accept the e-submission of bid from the date after publishing of notice and will automatically disallow the e-submission of bid after the deadline for submission of bid, as specified above.
- vii. The standard time for e-submission is Nepalese Standard Time as set out in the server of IT Department of NEA.
- viii. When a bidder submits his bid in hard copy, the e-procurement section does not allow the bidder to submit his Substitution or Modification or Withdrawal through e-procurement section of NEA's web site.
- ix. Bidders may submit his Substitution or Modification or Withdrawal either in hard copy or through e-submission.
- x. For Substitution of Bid, the Bidder shall follow similar steps as specified in ITB Clause -22 with a Substitution letter in PDF file.
- xi. For Modification or Withdrawal of bid, the Bidder is required to submit PDF scan copy of their Modification or Withdrawal letter and a written Power of Attorney of the signatory for Modification/ Withdrawal, duly signed by Authorized Representative/s of the Firm / all authorized Joint Venture partners.
- xii. When a Bidder submits electronic bid by downloading the bidding documents from the NEA's webpage it is assumed that the Bidder prepares his bid by studying and examining all the Bidding documents including specifications and conditions of contract.
- xiii. In case the Bidder choose to download the bidding documents and deposit the cost of bidding documents (as specified in the bid notice), such deposited amount shall be verified by the office during bid evaluation process. The bid shall be considered as non-responsive and shall not be evaluated if the specified cost for bidding document is not deposited in the Employer's Revenue account.
- xiv. Proposed facility for submission of bid electronically through e-submission is to increase transparency, non-discrimination, equality of access, and open competition. The Bidders shall be fully responsible to use the e-submission



facility in e-procurement section of NEA's website <http://www.eproc.nea.org.np> in specified procedures and in no case the Employer shall be held liable for Bidder's inability to use this facility.

B) Requirements and Conditions for e-submission of bid:

- i. The Bidder shall submit his bid electronically in PDF files in the manner as specified above, and additional submission of hard copy of "original plus one copy of bid" is not mandatory.
- ii. In case, if both the electronic bid and original bid in hard copy are submitted to the Employer within the bid submission deadline, the Bidder's electronic bid and original bid in hard copy will be accepted for evaluation provided the facts and figures in hard copy confirm to the PDF files in electronic bid. If there is any discrepancy in fact and figures between the electronic bid and original bid in hard copy, it will be treated as two separate bids from one Bidder and hence, both the electronic bid and original bid in hard copy shall be disqualified.
- iii. However, for electronically submitted bid in PDF files, the Bidder shall be required to submit documents/clarifications for verification purpose upon notification to do so from the Employer within 3 days.
- iv. The e-submitted bids must be readable through open standards interfaces. Unreadable and or partially submitted bid files (not complying with the ITB Clauses) shall be considered incomplete and rejected for further bid evaluation.
- v. In addition to electronically submitted PDF files, the Bidder shall be required to submit documents and clarifications as required by the Employer. Non-submission of such documents and or clarifications by the Bidder within specified time may cause forfeiture of Bid Security.
- vi. In case of major discrepancy found between electronically submitted PDF bid files and documents/ clarifications provided by the Bidder, the bid shall not be considered for further evaluation.
- vii. The Bidder shall attach the Bid Security Guarantee in the format attached in the Bid Document. The Bid Security may be forfeited
 - a. if the Bidder does not respond to and/or submit the documents and or clarifications when requested by the Employer.
 - b. if major discrepancy is found between e-submitted bid information and documents/clarifications provided by the Bidder during verification process as requested by the Employer.

C) Bid Opening process for e-submitted bid

- i. Electronically submitted bid shall be opened first at the Bid opening time.
- ii. The e-procurement system allows the Employer to download and open the e-submitted bid files from the bidders only after the time for opening the bids.
- iii. The e-submitted bids must be readable through open standards interfaces. Unreadable and or partially submitted bid files (not complying with the ITB



Clauses) shall be considered incomplete and rejected for further bid evaluation.

- iv. After opening of e-submitted bids files, all files shall be printed and recorded at the time of bid opening.
- v. In case of "WITDRAWAL" or "MODIFICATION" or "SUBSTITUTION" by the Bidder through e-submission, the e-submitted PDF files under "WITDRAWAL" or "MODIFICATION" or "SUBSTITUTION" shall be opened and read out first. Bids for which acceptable notice of "WITDRAWAL" or "SUBSTITUTION" has been submitted pursuant to ITB Clause shall not be opened.

D) Bid Evaluation and Comparison process for e-submitted bid

- i. In case of e-submitted bids, the Employer evaluates the bid based on the information as per electronically submitted bid files. For clarification/verification purpose, the Employer may request the Bidder to submit documents/clarifications.
- ii. In case, the Bidder could not substantiate or provide evidence to prove the information provided in e-submitted bid through documents/clarifications, the bid shall not be considered for further evaluation and respective ITB Clause for forfeiture of bid security shall be applicable.
- iii. The e-submitted bids must be readable through open standards interfaces. Unreadable and or partially submitted bid files (not complying with the ITB Clauses) shall be considered incomplete and rejected for further bid evaluation.

E) Qualification Information

In case of e-Bidding, the Bidder is required to submit the documents to prove minimum qualification requirements only and not the detail documents.

F) Bid Security Format

Form of Bid security shall include the provision as 'This Bank Guarantee shall not be withdrawn or released merely upon return of the original Guarantee by the Bidder unless notified by the Employer for the release of the Guarantee'.

