



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP)
University Grants Commission of Bangladesh
IDA Credit No. 4544-BD & 5332-BD

IFB No.: UGC/HEQEP/Procurement/G13-AF/2017-

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Invitation for Bids (IFB)
Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning and Upgradation and Expansion of
BdREN Data Transmission Systems and Related Facilities

Reference No. G13-AF

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh *has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP)*, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply, Installation, Upgradation and Expansion of BdREN Data and Transmission Network with related facilities (ICB No. G13-AF).

2. The *University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh* now invites sealed bids from bidders for Supply, Installation, Upgradation and Expansion of BdREN Data and Transmission eligible Network with related facilities

3. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers*, January 2011 ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Qualifications requirements include:

(i) *Liquid Asset or working capital or credit facility or their combination:*

The Bidder (in case of JV, each partner must meet at least 25% and lead partner at least 40% of the requirement) must demonstrate access to, or availability of, financial resources such as liquid assets, lines of credit, or working capital or any combination of amount US \$ 4.00 (four) million or equivalent.

(ii) General Experience: a) In case of single entity – the bidder must have; and b) In case of joint venture – each member of a joint venture including the lead partner must have at least 5 (five) years of experience in supplying, installing and commissioning of Data/Transmission and Power System under contracts in the role of contractor or supplier.

(iii) Specific Experience: a) The Bidder shall have Experience of supplying/ installing/ Commissioning of Data/Transmission with related facilities as contractor or supplier having a value of at least US \$ 4.0 million or equivalent under maximum 4 Contracts within the last 5 (five) years i.e years counting backward from the date of publication of IFB in the newspaper.

(iv) The Bidder shall have Experience of supply and installation of Data/Transmission with related facilities in Bangladesh or any other country as international supplier/contractor having a value of US \$ 2.0 million or equivalent in a single contract within last 3 (three) years i.e years counting backward from the date of publication of IFB in the newspaper.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project and inspect the bidding documents during office hours *from 09:00 to 17:00 hours* Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+6 hrs.) at the address given below. The bidding document is also available in the websites www.heqep-ugc.gov.bd and www.bdren.net.bd. A pre-bid meeting, which potential bidders may attend, will be held on 04

October 2017, Time: 11:30 Hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+6 hrs.). Place: University Grants Commission Bhaban Auditorium, UGC Building, Agargaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of BDT 8,000.00 (Eight thousand) or in US \$ 100.00 (US Dollar Hundred) in the form of Pay Order in favour of Project Director, Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) up to 29 October 2017 at 17:00 Hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+6 hrs.). Please add additional BDT 8,000.00 (eight thousand) or US \$ 100.00 (one hundred) for overseas delivery by international courier services.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 30 October, 2017; 14:00 Hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+6 hrs.). Electronic bidding will *not* be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on 30 October, 2017; 14:30 Hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+6 hrs.).

7. All bids must be accompanied by a "*Bid Security*" of BDT 88,00,000.00 (BDT Eighty Eight Lacs) or US \$110,000.00 (US Dollar One Hundred Ten Thousand) only in the form of Pay Order, Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee in favour of Project Director, Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP).

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