

Specific Procurement Notice

Invitation for Initial Selection

Nigeria Electrification Project: Development of Solar Hybrid Mini Grids for Rural Economic Development – Minimum Subsidy Tender (Phase 1 – 4 lots)

Employer: Rural Electrification Agency

Project: Nigeria Electrification Project

Contract Title: Development of Solar Hybrid Mini Grids for Rural Economic Development - Minimum Subsidy Tender (Phase 1 – 4 lots)

Country: Nigeria

Credit No.: 62910

ISD No: REA-NEP-SHM1 A-D

1. The Rural Electrification Agency (REA) has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Nigeria Electrification Project (NEP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the Contract for Solar Hybrid Mini Grids for Rural Economic Development (Minimum Subsidy).
2. The REA intends to initially select Applicants for Solar Hybrid Mini Grids for Rural Economic Development (Minimum Subsidy). This component of the NEP will support the development of privately financed and operated mini grids in rural areas with high economic growth potential. The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be for a pilot tender to build, own, and operate solar hybrid mini grids in 57 sites, packaged into four lots in the Niger, Sokoto, Ogun, and Cross River states.

At the RFP stage, Proposers will be evaluated on the basis of quality (technical proposal) and price (minimum subsidy required). The REA-NEP will provide the subsidies requested by the successful Proposers to ensure a viable implementation of the mini grids.

It is expected that the Request for Proposals will be issued in July 2019.

3. Initial Selection will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated July 2016 and revised November 2017 and August 2018, as available on <http://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/178331533065871195/Procurement-Regulations.pdf>, and is open to all eligible Applicants as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Interested eligible Applicants may obtain further information from the REA at the address below during office hours 08:00 to 17:00 hours (WAT). A complete set of Initial Selection documents in English may be obtained for free, either on the REA's website indicated below, or through a written request to the REA by email or at the regular mail address below. In addition, the Initial Selection Document may be sent to the interested Applicant by regular mail upon additional payment of Twelve Thousand Naira (NGN12,000.00) for places within Nigeria, Thirty Thousand Naira (NGN30,000.00) for places in Europe and West Africa, and Fifty Thousand Naira (NGN50,000.00) for all other countries to cover the cost of delivery. Payment can be made via www.remita.net by generating Remita Retrieval Reference (RRR) in favor of Rural Electrification Agency – Nigeria Electrification Project.
5. The REA intends to issue the invitation for Initial Selection on **April 12th, 2019**. Applications for Initial Selection should be in hard copy in clearly marked envelopes and delivered to the address below by 12:00 noon (WAT) on **June 3rd, 2019**. Late applications will be rejected.

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