



CENTRAL ELECTRICITY BOARD

Tender Ref. CPB-30-2023– The Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Ten 66/22 kV GIS Substations for the Republic of Mauritius

Minutes of Meeting

The Pre-Bid meeting was held on the 24th of October 2023 in the CEB Office, Third Floor, Conference Room New Building, Royal Road Curepipe. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following bidders (Refer attached Attendance Register – Annex 1):

A power point presentation was delivered to the attendees which was then followed by site visits to all the ten sites as follows:

- Tuesday 24th October: Wooton 66/22kV Substation, Rose Belle and Airport GIS Substation sites
- Wednesday 25th October: Henrietta, Chaumiere and Belle Vue 66/22 kV Substation Sites
- Thursday 26th October: FUEL and Ebene 66/22 kV Substations, Cote d'Or and l'Avenir GIS Substation sites.

At each site, an overview of the Scope of Works as defined in the Tender Documents was given, as well as further clarification to the bidders' queries. Bidders were advised to optimize their presence on site by taking any required measurements and photos as the Employer will not entertain further requests for site visits/access.

Moreover, the Employer correlated the contents of the site drawings provided and requirements as per the scope of works described in Volume 2, with the actual features on site such as tower positions, existing transformer locations, equipment to be dismantled/decommissioned where applicable, site layout, existing trenches, auxiliary transformers, existing power transformer etc.

Below are the Minutes of the Prebid Meeting and site notes on topics discussed and the associated replies.

Minutes of Pre-Bid Meeting

Item	Matters Discussed/Clarified
1.0	<p><u>Presentation of the Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A Power Point presentation was delivered to the Bidders to give an overview of the Project. The proposed layout for each substation at the ten sites was presented as well as the structure of the bid document, key requirements and time schedule.
2.0	<p><u>132 kV Rated Switchgear</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Query: A Bidder asked whether the switchgear at all sites shall be rated at 132kV given that in Clause 1.1 Introduction of the Employer's Requirements, it is stated that "<i>The new GIS substations are to be designed, where appropriate, to facilitate future upgrading of the core network to 132 kV.</i>"- CEB Reply: Only the GIS at the Ebene Site shall be rated for 132 kV (nominal voltage). The high voltage (HV) GIS at the other sites shall be rated for 66 kV (nominal voltage). The specific requirements for the GIS for each site are given in the Volume 2 of the Bid document, Employer's Requirements.
3.0	<p><u>Driveways/Roads inside the Substation Compound</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Query: A bidder queried whether the roads leading to the substation are in their scope.- CEB Reply: Bidders are referred to Clauses relating to Access Roads and Paths for each substation site. This Clause reads as follows: <i>New sealed-top roads shall be constructed within the substation compound. The Contractor shall also assess the condition of the access track from the public road to the site. Where any reinforcement, extension or remedial works are required these shall form part of the Contract works. All areas within the boundary wall shall be covered with stone.</i>
4.0	<p><u>Evaluation and Qualification Criteria 4.2 (a) Specific Experience</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Query: A Bidder had sent a request for clarification on Evaluation and Qualification 4.2 (a) Specific Experience. He had queried whether his understanding that to satisfy Criterion 4.2 (a), the Bidder needs to fulfill the requirement of <i>Participation as contractor, joint venture member, management contractor, or subcontractor, in at least EITHER three (3) contracts within the last ten (10) years , each with a value of at least USD Sixty million (USD 60,000,000). OR Two (2) contracts within the last ten (10) years , each with a value of at least USD Ninety million (USD 90,000,000)...</i>- CEB Reply: Replies to queries will be issued in due course and disclosed to all prospective bidders. These clarifications issued by the Employer will also be displayed on the CEB website (ceb.mu)

5.0	<p><u>Request to allow Bidders to propose more than one Manufacturer per major item of plant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Query: It was requested that Bidders be allowed to propose more than one Manufacturer per major item of plant. - CEB Reply: The request is rejected. Bidders shall abide by the requirements of the Bid document, namely, to propose only one manufacturer per major item of plant.
6.0	<p><u>Request to allow Bidders to propose more than one Civil & Building Works Subcontractor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Query: A Bidder proposed that proposing more than one Civil & Building Works Subcontractor be allowed. - Reply: The Employer will deal only with the successful contractor and his nominated civil sub-contractor during the implementation of the project.
7.0	<p><u>Belle Vue Site Completion Time</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Query: A Bidder proposed that the time limit to implement Phase A (66 kV GIS) at Belle Vue be relaxed while still maintaining the overall completion time of 15 months for the substation (Phases A & B). - CEB Reply: The concerned bidder was requested to submit a formal query on this aspect and the Employer will thereafter reply through a clarification issued to all prospective bidders and published on the CEB website.
8.0	<p><u>Bid Security</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Query: A Bidder queried whether the bid bond can be directly provided by a foreign bank. - CEB Reply: As per Clause 20.1 in the Bid Data Sheet, only the form of Bid Security – Bank Guarantee shall be acceptable. The form of Bid Security – Bid Bond shall not be applicable. As per ITB 20.3, the Bid Security shall be from a reputable source from an eligible country.
9.0	<p><u>Currency of the Bid</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Query: A Bidder queried whether expenses to be incurred in the local currency (Mauritian rupees) must be quoted in the local currency. - CEB Reply: Yes. As per Clause 18.1 of the Bid Data Sheet, The Bidder is required to quote in the currency of the Employer’s Country the portion of the Bid price that corresponds to expenditures incurred in that currency. - Query: What will be the currency used for evaluation. - CEB Reply: Please refer to Clause 33.1 of the Bid Data Sheet.

10.0	<p><u>Payment by Letter of Credit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Query: A Bidder queried whether payment will be made by Letter of Credit. - CEB Reply: Please note that payment for all schedules will be made through Direct Bank transfer from AfDB to the Contractor Bank Account The concerned bidder was requested to submit a formal query on this aspect and the Employer will thereafter reply through a clarification issued to all prospective bidders and published on the CEB website
11.0	<p><u>Section III: Evaluation and Qualification Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Query: A Bidder stated that the criterion of 4.2 (a) is too high. - CEB Reply: The concerned bidder was requested to submit a formal query on this aspect and the Employer will thereafter reply through a clarification issued to all prospective bidders and published on the CEB website

Bidders Queries during Site Visits

Item	Matters Discussed/Clarified
1.0	<p><u>22 kV lines crossing the Henrietta Site</u></p> <p>Query: Will CEB relocate the 22 kV lines off the Site?</p> <p>CEB Reply: Yes, CEB will relocate the lines before start of works.</p>
2.0	<p><u>Existing guard house at Chaumiere Substation</u></p> <p>Query: Will the existing guard house be retained?</p> <p>CEB Reply: Yes. The existing security guard house shall be equipped with the applicable security requirements (including CCTV system). See Clause 5.4.13 in Volume 2, Employer's Requirements.</p>
3.0	<p><u>Scrap material at Cote d'Or Site</u></p> <p>Query: Will CEB remove the scrap lorries from the Site?</p> <p>CEB Reply: CEB will do necessary for removing the scrap lorries from the Site.</p>
4.0	<p><u>Fibernet Communication Cubicle at FUEL substation</u></p> <p>Query: Will CEB relocate the Fibernet communication cubicle?</p> <p>CEB Reply: CEB will do necessary for relocating the Fibernet communication cubicle.</p>

ANNEX 1 – ATTENDANCE




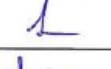






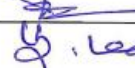
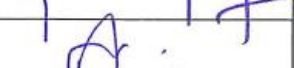
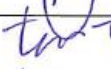
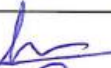

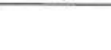
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Date : 24 October 2023
 Venue : Conference Room, Curepipe Office

Bidder's Attendance

No.	Name	Company/Position	Signature
1	Shanmuga Veerapen	APP Ltd / Sales Manager	
2	Sabir Noor Mohamed	Schneider Electric	
3	Nasim Deensah	Schneider Electric / PM	
4	Sumit Malhotra	HPZL	
5	Azrin Suleymanli	KATL	
6	Norreshen Pillay	Hitachi Energy	
7	Zhang Zhenwei	Sinohydro	
8	Soujeev Gupta	LET	
9	K. RAJAGU	LAT	
10	ISR BANGAR RAJ	LAT	
11	Joydip Pradhan	LAT	
12	P. MANO PRAKASH	LAT	
13	A. Kayyum	Mr D. Leong	
14	Shao Xudong	CWE	
15	SUBRAMANIAN / STEPHEN	GE	
16	D. Leong	Banner / CAM	

Bidder's Attendance

No.	Name	Company/Position	Signature
17	Zhou	Banner / Manager	
18	Vank Chew Hu	Stance	
19	S. Dufauhe	Stance	