

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY BOARD RODRIGUES BRANCH

OAB-PROD-20-027 - Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 1MWac Solar PV Farm at Grenade, Rodrigues

MINUTES OF PRE-BID MEETING

Date : Wednesday 28 October 2020

Time : 10:00 hrs

Venue: Grenade Wind Farm

Were present:

Central Electricity Board		
Branch Manager		
Trainee Electrical Engineer		
Technical Officer (Electrical)		
Prospective Bidders		
EDISON Power		
CIMIX		
JGH Group/ Laxmanbhai Co.Ltd & Co. Ltd		
Transinvest LTD		
Sotratech Ltée		
Green Yellow IO		

The pre-bid meeting was conducted in accordance with ITB 21 in the bidding document.

The Branch Manager welcomed everybody present to the pre-bid meeting and briefly explained the project requirements.

The following questions were raised by the different Contractors present:

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1.0	A prospective bidder queried whether the access track road mentioned in the bidding document should be with single or with two tracks.	The access track road should be of single track type in accordance with guide drawing S5191 and Clause 5.13 – Access Road in the Employer's Requirement.
2.0	A prospective bidder queried about the composition of the soil at Grenade wind Farm and the need to perform geotechnical survey to find composition of same.	Bidders were informed to refer to the bidding document – Employer's Requirement - Clause 4.14 –Civil Engineering Report and Section 8 – Drawings & Other Documents.

3.0	A prospective bidder queried on the responsibility of connection of the PV farm to the grid.	As stipulated in Clause 6.2 (Items 21 and 33), in the Employer's requirement. , the Contractor should supply, install, test and commission a 22kV interconnector linking the existing wind farm 22kV switchboard to the new 22kV switchboard and work in collaboration with the CEB for the commissioning of the 22kV medium voltage switchgear, interconnection 22kV line and communication system.
4.0	A prospective bidder enquired about time frame to start the project.	Please also refer to Addendum No 1 CEB informed that the successful bidder shall complete the project within 12 months from the Commencement Date as stipulated in Clause 1.0 - General Project Requirement and Completion Schedules, in the Employer's requirement.
5.0	A prospective bidder indicated that it did not agree with an eligibility and qualification criterion mentioning contractors involved in roof top installation.	CEB informed the bidder that the matter should be put in writing and addressed to the Chairman Tender Committee, in accordance with the bidding document (ITB 11 – Clarification of bidding documents).
6.0	A prospective bidder requested for an extension of deadline for the submission of bids.	Please refer to Extension No 2.
7.0	A prospective bidder queried whether the contractor can opt for a containerised solution for the 22 kV switchgear room.	CEB informed that the 22kV Switchgear room should be a concrete building in accordance with Clause 7.2 of the Employer`s requirement.
8.0	A prospective bidder enquired about the scope of work for connection of the two outgoing feeders, i.e. Port Mathurin and Cotton Bay feeders, to the 22 kV switchgear.	Please refer to Addendum No 1
9.0	A prospective bidder queried about the depth of cable trench inside the existing 22 kV switchgear room at Grenade.	The existing cable trench inside the existing 22kV Switchgear room was shown to bidders present.

10.0	A prospective bidder queried whether maintenance of the PV farm will be carried out by the contractor after the defects liability period.	CEB informed that it will carry out the maintenance of the PV farm after the end of the defects liability period.
11.0	A prospective bidder queried if they could skip the upper part of the plot of land earmarked for the PV farm due to the sloppy nature of the land.	CEB informed that PV panels should be installed in the area earmarked starting as from the nearest part of the 22kV switchgear, as stipulated in the bidding document.
12.0	A prospective bidder asked if he can perform a topographical survey of the land prior submission of bid.	Please refer to Addendum No 1

A walk-through of the site was carried out by all prospective bidders present.

The meeting ended at 11 h 00.