



Addendum One (1) to Bidding Document

**Plant Design, Supply & Installation Plus One (1)
Year Operations & Maintenance
(Without Prequalification)**

For

**Development Plus Operations & Maintenance of Solar
Hybrid Mini Grids for Universities and A Teaching Hospital
Open Competitive Bidding - International (AfDB -NEP)**

Employer: Rural Electrification Agency
Project: Nigeria Electrification Project
Contract title: Development Plus Operations & Maintenance of Solar Hybrid Mini Grids for Universities and A Teaching Hospital (EEP-III of AfDB- NEP)
Country: Nigeria
ADB Loan No.: 200200003401
AGTF Loan No.: 5050200000551
RFB No: **AfDB-NEP/OCBI/IFB/EEP-III/DSI-01**
Issued on: 16th May 2023

Background to proposed addendum:

The Invitation for Bids (IfB) in respect of the above-named procurement was issued on 3rd March 2023. Since the launching of the tender process, the PMU has received applications and issued the bidding documents to prospective bidders and has been attending to clarification requests. In addition, a pre-bid meeting has been held on 6th April 2023 and followed by site visits as scheduled, in accordance with the data sheet ITB 7.4 of the issued bidding documents.

Grounds for Addendum:

The PMU has received complaints from prospective bidders on two common issues:

- i. That the Unpriced BOQ that we have in the issued bidding document contains the brand names and/or codes of some major equipment which were used by our team at the simulation stage. The implication of this, though unintended, appears as if, some Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) are nominated by the employer.
- ii. That the time provided for the submission of bids appears insufficient, considering the enormity of the works required to prepare and submit responsive bids for all the Eight Universities.

With respect to the complaints over skewed Unpriced BOQ, the PMU has revised the unpriced BOQ. This addendum, therefore intends to clarify to prospective bidders that bidders are at liberty to provide suitable brands and models of equipment having capacities and functionalities that meet the specifications prescribed in the employer's requirement (Part II of the bidding document). In a related development, we have revised, in part II of the bidding document, the material specification for the perimeter fencing system, as they also appear restrictive.

To address the request for additional time to prepare and submit bids, the PMU has considered extending the deadline for the submission of bids by four (4) weeks from the original date of bid submission that was stated in the issued bidding document.

In view of the aforementioned, the following sections of the bidding document have been amended:

Amendments:

1. Section II – Bid Data Sheets:
 - I. ITB 23.1 – Submission of Bids – The deadline for submission of Bids extended by four (4) weeks, in order to give prospective bidders reasonable time to take the addendum into account in preparing

their bids. The revised deadline for the submission of bids is now 22nd June 2023.

- II. ITB 26.1 – Bid Opening Date – In view of the amendment to ITB 23.1 (submission of bids), the bid opening date has also been amended by four (4) weeks, thereby making the bid opening date to be 22nd June 2023. Please note that the venue and time remain same as in the issued bidding document.

2. Section VII – Employer’s Requirement:

- I. Subsection 2.1.14 – Perimeter Fence System – The references to some patented items in the material specification has been revised by deleting texts that suggest nomination of Equipment Manufacturers by the employer.
- II. The Unpriced BOQ has been revised by deleting codes and model identifications that suggest nomination of Equipment Manufacturers by the employer.