

SECTION 1: INVITATION FOR TENDERS

**SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF
TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS,
STAGE 2**

**Hulhumalé, Republic of Maldives
29th March 2023**

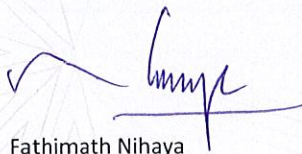
Letter of Invitation to Tender

Date: 29th March 2023
Invitation for Tenders No: HDC (161)-PRO/IU/2023/147

1. Housing Development Corporation Ltd invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for the **Supply & Installation of Telecommunication Towers, Stage 2** and the remedying of any defects therein, as per the scope given by the employer.
2. Only 100% Maldivian Shareholding Parties are eligible to submit the proposal for this tender.
3. Tenderers shall declare all Conflict(s) of Interests to any HDC employee/HDC Board of Directors/any vendor, financial, non-financial or otherwise.
4. Tenderers shall register as a vendor prior to the bid submission date stated below in clause 10 via the "Vendors" tab in the portal.
5. A complete set of the tender documents may be obtained by the interested Tenderers from HDC's portal link: <https://bids.hdc.com.mv> .
6. Tenders must be uploaded to the portal prior to the deadline mentioned below in Clause 10. It is recommended to encrypt the tender document when uploading the file. If the bid is encrypted, the bidder shall share the password during the bid opening stage. Failure to share the password during the bid opening stage will render disqualification of the bid.
7. A representative for each bidder shall attend the bid opening session. Failure to attend the bid opening session will render disqualification.
8. Original bid security must be submitted to the office mentioned below in clause 10, not later than the bid submission deadline, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders (Section 2), in the amount of MVR 150,000.00 (Maldivian Rufiyaa One Hundred Fifty Thousand) Failure to submit the original bid security will render disqualification of the bid.
9. Tenders will be opened in a session to be held at the office mentioned below in clause 10, in the presence of representatives of tenderers who attend. This session will take place at time and date tabulated in clause 10 of this section or such other time and date as may be notified to the tenderers.
10. Dates and timing for the tender process.

ACTIVITY	TIME & DATE	VENUE
Pre- Bid Meeting	9 th April 2023, 11:00hrs	Pre-bid session will be conducted via Zoom Meeting: Link: https://bit.ly/42IWP4n
Deadline for written inquiries by potential bidders:	10 th April 2023, 12:00hrs	Queries shall be raised via the portal https://bids.hdc.com.mv Clarification of the inquiries will be published at: https://bids.hdc.com.mv
Deadline for Bid submission:	25 th April 2023, 11:00hrs	Bids shall be submitted Via the portal https://bids.hdc.com.mv
Deadline for Bid opening:	25 th April 2023, 11:00hrs	Housing Development Corporation Ltd., Reception, Ground Floor, HDC Building, Hulhumalé'

Yours Sincerely,



Fathimath Nihaya

Director

Housing Development Corporation Ltd. (Employer)



Relevant Background Information

Given below is the relevant background information.

1. Project's Scope:

The scope of work is the *SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS, STAGE 2* and remedying the defects therein includes the following works, in accordance to the Employer's Requirements.

- Provide detail design and specifications of the proposed telecom towers
- Supply, construction and installation, testing and commissioning of telecom towers including the boundary fence to complete as per approved detail drawings and specifications.

2. Design and Specifications:

The Contractor shall be responsible for detailed designs and specifications in accordance to the Employer's Requirements. The construction and installation works should be as per the standards mentioned in the tender documents provided and if no standard is mentioned should be conforming to the British Standard Specifications.

3. Type of Contract and Agreement:

The agreement will be based on the Conditions of Contract for EPC/Turnkey Projects," Second Edition 2017, prepared by the Fédération Internationale des Ingénieurs -Conseils (FIDIC), with further amendments.

The Contract will be a Lump Sum Contract. Payment for the Project will be made as per an agreed Schedule of payments by both Parties, based on agreed Payment Milestones in the Payment Milestone Breakdown.

4. Method of Implementation:

The Contractor will be expected to bring in all Materials, machinery, equipment and necessary labour for the Permanent and Temporary Works. The Contractor will be expected to provide food and lodging for all management staff and labour at Site. The Contractor will have to conform to the Laws of the Republic of Maldives in all respects in executing the Works.

5. Time for Completion:

The duration for completion of the Works has to be proposed by the bidder (Maximum 150 calendar days).

6. Customs Duties and Taxes:

All duties, taxes, (such as but not limited to; Goods and Services Tax (GST), Withholding Tax (WHT), Business Profit Tax (BPT)) and other levies payable by the Contractor under the Contract, or for any other cause, as of the date 28 days prior to the deadline for submission of bids, shall be deemed to be included in the rates and prices and the total price submitted by the Tenderer.

7. Funding:

The Employer shall finance the Project.

8. Advance payment:

The Contractor will be entitled to an advance payment of maximum 10% of the Accepted Contract Amount, upon submission of an acceptable Bank Guarantee. The advance shall be deducted at a rate of 10% of each and every certified interim payment. The advance payment shall be subject to agreed payment schedule.

9. Performance Security:

The Contractor will have to submit a Performance Security equal to 10% (Ten percent) of the Contract Price. This Security should be valid throughout the Contract and Defects Notification

10. Retention Monies:

Retention will be deducted at 10% (Ten percent) of each and every interim payment, up to a maximum of 5% (Five percent) of the Contract Price. Retention will be released on completion of the Defects Notification Period, subject to making good all defects.

11. Defects Notification Period:

The Defects Notification Period/Maintenance Stage will be 365 calendar days after practical completion and handover of the Works.

12. Liquidated damages:

Liquidated penalty damages will be levied at the rate of 0.25% (naught point two five) for each and every day's delay in completion by the Contractor, up to a maximum of 10% (Ten percent) of the final Contract Price.

13. Language of Contract:

The language of the Contract shall be English and the Contractor will be expected to have site staff competent in English or provide translators where necessary.

14. Submission of Bids:

All applicants who have obtained Bid Documents will be expected to submit their Bids within the dates as specified in Section 1 (Invitation to Tender).

15. Validity of bids:

Validity period of the Bid will be 90 days from the date of submission.

16. Bid Security

Bid security of this Project is MVR 150,000.00 (Maldivian Rufiyaa One Hundred Fifty Thousand).

17. Material transport to the island

For the transport of the Materials to the Site(s), Contractor has to follow the local rules and regulations and has to bear all the cost involved.

18. Contractor's Yard (Temporary Land)

The Contractor is expected to make own arrangements for storage of Materials, tools, Plants and machinery, and staff accommodation as applicable.

If the Contractor request for an additional yard (temporary land) off-Site, it may be leased at a rate of MVR 10.00 per sqft per month at Employer's sole discretion and subject to availability and requirement. A security deposit of MVR 30.00 per sqft will be taken for the Temporary Land. All necessary logistics at Temporary Land & Safe transportation of Materials from Temporary Land to the Site shall be part of Contractor's scope, and respective costs shall be included in the Contract Price.

19. Pandemic Covid-19:

The Contractor shall assess and take in to consideration the difficulties and challenges in respect to Pandemic COVID-19 during execution of the Contract. The Contract Price shall be inclusive of such considerations.