

Letter of Invitation for Bid

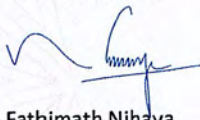
Date: 13th June 2021

Invitation of Tenders No: HDC (161)-PRO/IU/2021/280

1. Housing Development Corporation Limited invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for the *Design & Deployment of FTTH Network in Hulhumalé Phase I* and the remedying of any defects therein.
2. Tenderers may obtain further information about this Invitation of Tenders from the office of Housing Development Corporation, Ground Floor, HDC Building, Hulhumalé, Republic of Maldives.
3. A complete set of the tender documents may be obtained by the interested Tenderers from HDC's website Link: <https://hdc.com.mv/announcements>
4. Only Maldivian parties (with 100% maldivian ownership) can submit proposal for this project.
5. Tenders must be submitted to the office mentioned below in clause 7, not later than 13:00hrs on 02nd August 2021 and must be accompanied by a tender security, in accordance with the Instructions to Tenderers, in the amount of MVR 200,000.00 (Maldivian Rufiyaa Two Hundred Thousand).
6. Tenders will be opened in a session to be held at the office mentioned below in clause 7, and in the presence of representatives of tenderers who wish to attend. This session will take place at time and date tabulated in clause 6 of this section or such other time and date as may be notified to the tenderers.
7. Dates and timing for the tender process.

ACTIVITY	DATE & TIME	VENUE
Pre- Bid Meeting:	29 th June 2021, 13:00hrs	Pre-bid session will be conducted via Zoom Meeting: Link: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEIfu2vpzwoGNzMb2B-AviWl7tx_j0escXb
Deadline for written inquiry by potential bidders:	05 th July 2021, 12:00hrs	Via E-mail at tenders@hdc.com.mv
Deadline for Bid submission & Bid opening:	02 nd August 2021, 13:00hrs	Housing Development Corporation, HDC Building, 3 rd Floor, Hulhumalé' Republic of Maldives'

Yours Sincerely,



Fathimath Nihaya

Director

Housing Development Corporation Ltd. (Employer)



Relevant Background Information

Given below is the relevant background information.

1. Projects' Scope:

The scope of work includes the following works in the DESIGN & DEPLOYMENT OF FTTH NETWORK IN HULHUMALÉ PHASE I, in accordance to the Employer's requirement and remedying the defects therein.

- Preparation of detail design and specifications.
- Supplying, construction and installation, testing and commissioning of complete FTTH network system as per approved detail designs and specifications.

2. Design and Specifications:

The Contractor shall be responsible for detailed designs and specifications in accordance to the Employer's requirement. The construction and installation works 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," First Edition 2017, with further amendments, prepared by the Fédération Internationale des Ingénieurs - Conseils (FIDIC).

The Contract will be a Lump Sum Contract. Payment will be made according to the Schedule of Payments.

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 Contractor shall propose the duration for completion of the works as follows.

- Design Stage: to be proposed (Maximum 45 calendar days)
- Construction stage: to be proposed (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, 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 Bid Price submitted by the bidder.

7. Funding:

The Employer shall finance the project.



8. Advance payment:
The Contractor will be entitled to an advance payment of 15% of the agreed Contract Sum, upon submission of an acceptable Bank Guarantee. The advance shall be deducted at a rate of 15% of each and every certified interim payment.
9. Performance Security :
The Contractor will have to submit a Performance Security equal to 10% (Ten percent) of the Contract sum. This Security should be valid throughout the Contract and Defects Liability Period.
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 sum. Retention will be released on completion of the defects liability period, subject to making good all defects.
11. Defects Liability Period :
The defects liability period/Maintenance stage will be one year after practical completion and handover of the works.
15. Liquidated damages :
Liquidated penalty damages will be levied at the rate of 0.025% (naught point zero two five) for each and every day's delay in completion by the Contractor, up to a maximum of 05% (Five percent) of the final Contract price, less time of extensions granted.
16. 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.
17. 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).
18. Validity of bids:
Validity period of the Bid will be 90 days from the date of submission.
19. Bid Security
Bid security of this project is MVR 200,000.00 (Maldivian Rufiyaa Two Hundred Thousand).
20. Material transport to the island
For the transport of the Materials to the Malé City, Contractor has to follow the local rules and regulations and has to bear all the cost involved.
21. Contractor's Yard (Temporary Land)

If the Contractor request for a temporary site (temporary land), it may be allocated at Employer's sole discretion and subject to availability and requirement, in Hulhumalé Phase II. A security deposit will be taken for the temporary land at MVR 15.00 per sqft. All necessary logistics at

