

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 120 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 plus 70 days.

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 10% (Ten 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. 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 sum shall be inclusive of such considerations.