

# **Invitation for Bids**

The Aga Khan Agency for Habitat-Afghanistan (AKAH-A) invites bids from the willing and relevant suppliers for the Construction of Guldara Pedestrian Cable – Stayed Bridge Project.

## **Expectations**

- Demonstrated relevant experience in the field, financial capacity of the supplier, and a drafted plan to complete the project within the given timeline.
- A financial proposal in USD currency. All proposals are deemed valid for 90 days, and cost must be inclusive
  of all taxes
- The bid security with validity of two (2) months until the bids evaluation is completed

#### **Duration**

The project duration is expected to be 75 days (2.5 months) from the date of issuance of the Purchase Order (PO) or contract.

#### **Process**

Interested applicants are requested to collect Request for Proposals (RFP) applications electronically from email listed in below. Please request for RFP of project with an official request letter from the company and a copy of AISA certificate or company registration certification from 22 December 2024 to 31<sup>Th</sup> December 2024 Interested applicants are requested to submit technical and financial proposals in separate sealed envelopes, which should then be packed together as one package. The timeline given must be respected. We shall not accept any bids after the given dateline.

#### Required documents and information

The company is expected to provide the following documents and information:

- Relevant Working Experience All bidding companies must demonstrate relevant working experience specifically
  in the field of cable-bridge projects. Companies without such experience will not be considered during the bid
  evaluation process.
- Mandatory Site Visit: All bidders are required to conduct a site visit to familiarize themselves with the project location and conditions. Failure to conduct a site visit will result in disqualification of the bid. Bidders must provide photographic evidence of their site visit as proof, which must be submitted along with the bid documents.
- Company Profile: Details and profile of the company, including its general experience in the field.
- Project Experience: Provide details of three (03) projects successfully completed in the last three (03) years. The
  contract value of each project should not be less than 70% of the bid amount. Attach the relevant contract
  documents and completion certificates. In the case of a Joint Venture (JV), combined experience will be
  considered.
- **Similar Project Experience**: Provide details of three (03) projects similar in size and scope, successfully completed in the last three (03) years. Attach contract documents, purchase orders (POs), and completion certificates. In the case of a JV, combined experience will be considered.
- Annual Turnover: Provide evidence of the average annual turnover for the last three (03) years. Documentation can include a bank statement signed and stamped by the bank, or audited accounts signed by an auditing firm. (In the case of a JV, each partner must submit their details separately.)
- **Staff Resources**: Submit details of the staff engaged with the bidder, in the form of CVs/resumes. In the case of a JV, combined staff resources will be considered.
- Equipment: Provide details of the equipment available, as per the bidding document.
- **Work Plan**: Submit the work plan in the form of a bar chart. The work plan will be evaluated for its adherence to the given timelines, realism, feasibility, and coverage of all key milestones.
- **Certificate of Registration**: The company's certificate of registration must be valid for the current fiscal year, as required by government regulations.



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- **Affidavit/Undertaking**: Provide an affidavit or undertaking (on stamp paper or official letterhead) affirming that the bidder is not blacklisted or debarred by any government department or national/international NGO.
- **Project Delivery Plan**: Provide a detailed project delivery plan, including a schedule of work, with a breakdown of responsibilities for AKAH and the company, and a clear timeline.
- **Bid Security**: Submit bid security equivalent to 2% of the total quoted amount (only Bank Guarantee will be accepted). Bids submitted without bid security will be disqualified.
- Additional Information: Include any other relevant information as required by the RFP.

#### **Criteria:**

- **Review of Bidding Document**: Bidders must review the AKAH Bidding Document thoroughly before submitting their bid.
- **Separate Envelopes**: Submit the technical and financial proposals in separate sealed envelopes, with the project name clearly mentioned on each envelope. Both envelopes should then be placed inside one larger envelope.
- **Pricing**: All prices should be inclusive of taxes.
- **Evaluation Process**: A technical evaluation will be conducted first before the financial proposals are opened. Financial proposals of unsuccessful bidders will not be opened. The final selection will be made from the shortlisted companies based on favorable price, quality, and delivery timeline.
- **Payment Method**: Payment for the procurement will always be made via bank transfer. Companies will be required to provide their business bank account details upon selection.
- **Questions and Clarifications**: Any questions, clarifications, or requests for project documents can be submitted via email to: **Email**: <a href="mailto:abdulhamid.ahmadi@akdn.org">abdulhamid.ahmadi@akdn.org</a> **CC**: <a href="mailto:akdn.org">akdn.org</a> **CC**: <a href="mailto:akdn.org">akdn.org</a>

### How to Apply:

Applicants (National bidders) must submit both their financial and technical proposals in separate sealed envelopes to the Baghlan Office at the address provided below. The submission deadline is **09:00 AM (local time) on January 05, 2025**. The bid opening meeting will be held on **January 05, 2025**, at **10:00 AM** at the AKAH Office in Baghlan, and all bidders are invited to participate in the meeting.

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