



European Union

Invitation for Bids

Scaling-Up Rural Electrification Using Innovative Solar Photovoltaic Distribution Models Project

Tender for Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Packages for Selected Schools and Health centres in the districts of Kasese, Arua and Masindi in Uganda

WWF's (World Wide Fund for Nature) mission is to stop the degradation of the earth's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by conserving the world's biological diversity, ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable, and promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

Pursuant to this mission, WWF Uganda Country Office (WWF-UCO) with funding from the European Union (EU) is implementing the "Scaling-Up Rural Electrification Using Innovative Solar Photovoltaic Distribution Models" Project, and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Solar PV Energy Packages for Selected Schools and Health centres in the districts of Kasese, Arua and Masindi in Uganda.

This Invitation for Bids follows the general procurement notice by WWF-UCO that appeared in the UN Development Business and WWF-UCO websites on 5th October 2016 and in the local press (New Vision Newspaper) of 10th October 2016.

WWF-UCO now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Solar PV Energy

Packages for Selected Schools and Health centres in the districts of Kasese, Arua and Masindi in Uganda as indicated below:

Lot I - Kasese District:	17 Schools and 11 Health centres
Lot II - Arua District:	10 Schools and 9 Health centres
Lot III - Masindi District:	20 Schools

A bidder may submit one bid for one or more of the lots mentioned above. The specifications for the Solar PV systems are detailed in the bidding document.

For this tender, the bidders shall be expected to meet the following qualification requirements:

- (I) Experience under contracts in the role of contractor or subcontractor for Solar PV systems for at least the last three (3) years prior to the applications submission deadline.
- (II) For any of the lots outlined below, the bidder shall provide documentary evidence of the following:

Lot No.	Participation in at least two similar contracts in the last three years, each with the following values in Euros	Annual turnover (Euros)
Lot 1	220,000	450,000
Lot 2	100,000	200,000
Lot 3	160,000	300,000

Note: In case a bidder is interested in bidding for more than one lot, documentary evidence that corresponds to a value of the combination of the lots shall be provided.

- (III) Successful bidders are required to demonstrate a plan to maintain the installed systems for two years.
- (IV) The bidders must submit copies of audited financial statements for the period 2014-2016.
- (V) For confirmation of (I) and (II), the bidder must provide copies of contract agreements, recommendation letters and completion certificates.

Bidding shall be conducted in accordance with international competitive bidding procedures specified for beneficiaries of EU grant funding, and are open to all bidders from eligible source countries.

A complete set of bidding documents, in English, may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to WWF-UCO and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **US \$ 30**. This amount should be deposited on the bank account details below:

A/C Name: World Wide Fund for Nature
Account No: 0344233969
Currency: US Dollars
Bank Name: Barclays Bank (U) Ltd
ABA # for the US, SWIFT # all other countries BARCUGKX

Bids must be delivered to the WWF address below not later than 10:00 hrs on 2nd June 2017. Electronic submissions shall not be accepted. All bids **MUST** be accompanied by a bid security of **12,000 Euros**.

Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or bidders' representatives that may choose to attend the meeting. A pre-bid meeting shall be held at 10:00 hrs on 5th May 2017 and the bid opening shall take place at the address indicated below at 10:00 hrs on 2nd June 2017.

Bidders are urged to adhere to the Instructions to Bidders in the bidding document. Bids shall remain valid for a period of 90 days after bid opening. WWF-UCO shall reject any bid with a shorter than 90 days validity period.

WWF-UCO reserves the right to accept any bid or reject all bids.

All forms of canvassing will lead to automatic cancellation of the bids in question.

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the address below from 10:00 hrs to 15:00hrs during working days:

WWF Uganda Country Office,
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