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L'HYDRAULIQUE

**Management Unit of the
CHOLLET Project**



REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

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MINISTRY OF WATER
AND ENERGY

**RESTRICTED INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER
NO. _____ 21/AOIR/MINEE-MEH/DPC/2021 OF _____
FOR THE SELECTION OF A CONSULTING ENGINEER TO ASSIST THE CONTRACTING
AUTHORITY IN CONTROLLING AND MONITORING THE DESIGN,
CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF
THE CHOLLET HYDROELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED POWER
TRANSMISSION LINES**

Timeline: Forty-Five (45) days

The Ministers of Energy of Cameroon and Congo, Contracting Authority, hereby launch on behalf of the Republic of Cameroon and of the Republic of Congo, a Restricted International Invitation to Tender to carry out the above-mentioned operation.

1- Purpose of the Restricted International Invitation to Tender

This Restricted International Invitation to Tender aims at carrying out the recruitment of a Consulting Engineer to assist the Contracting Authority in controlling and monitoring the design, construction and commissioning of the Chollet hydroelectric development project and associated power transmission lines.

The services shall be comprised of a single lot.

2- Nature of Services

The Service Provider will assist the Contracting Authority in:

- a) preparing contracts;
- b) reviewing and validating all studies (Preliminary Design, Detail Design, ESIA, Execution Plan, consultation file (DCE), etc.) and contract documents required for the design, construction and operation phases of the said hydropower development as well as developing the financial model of the Project with the Partner;
- c) reviewing and validating the technical files proposed by the Partner in charge of the development and the co-contracting parties, especially, the technical specifications for equipment, property, their prices and the terms and conditions for commissioning;
- d) seeking for funding;

- e) controlling and monitoring the work and related costs;
- f) capacity-building and skills transfer;
- g) reviewing and validating the technical test files proposed by the Partner as well as monitoring these tests (in the factory and on site);
- h) the partial and provisional acceptance of works and equipment;
- i) the final acceptance and commissioning of the Project;
- j) preparing and participating in technical meetings for the project's development;
- k) providing technical advice on any contingency likely to be encountered in the various stages of the Project;
- l) the production of periodic reports (weekly, monthly and annual);
- m) reviewing and validating the technical procedures manual proposed by the Partner (design, construction, commissioning and operation)
- n) reviewing and validating the bidding documents and other contract documents proposed by the Partner
- o) reviewing and validating the contract documents proposed by the Partner for the operation, management and maintenance phase of the works, facilities and equipment of the power plant, substations and transmission lines
- p) reviewing and validating the sales contracts proposed by the Partner
- q) the physical and digital archiving of all Project records.

3- Participation and origin

Participation is open to the technical consulting firms or consortiums of technical consulting firms which appear on the shortlist below based on the results of the Notice of call for Expression of Interest No. 00000007/19/AMI/MINEE-MEH/DPC of 19 December 2019:

No.	Companies	Complete address
1	STUDI INTERNATIONAL/EIPL Ltd/STUDI CAMEROUN GROUP	28, Rue de l'île de Zembretta, Les Jardins du Lac Lac II, 1053 Tunis, Tunisie Tel.: (+216) 70.021.000 Fax: (+216) 70.021.010 Website: www.studi.com.tn email: studi@studi.com.tn
2	CIMA GLOBAL GROUP / E-SA/LOMBARDI SA GROUP	Headquarters: 3400, Boulevard du Souvenir, Bureau 600 Laval (QUEBEC) H7V 3Z2 CANADA Tel.: +1 (514) 317 – 2852 Website: www.cimaglobal.ca e-mail: info@cimaglobal.ca
3	TPF-CONSULTORES DE ENGENHARIA E ARQUITETURA SA/CHINA WATER RESOURCES PEARL RIVER PLANNING SURVEYING & DESIGNING Co. Ltd GROUP.	Rue Laura Alves, No. 12 – 8º 1050 – 138 Lisboa, Portugal Tel.: +351 218 410 400 Fax: +351 218 410 409 Website: www.tpf.pt email: geral@tpf.pt

Candidates on this shortlist may join together as a consortium.

4-Financing

The services, subject of this Restricted International Invitation to Tender, shall be financed by the States of Cameroon and Congo. The estimated amount of the services stands at **CFAF 50,000,000,000 (fifty billion)**, all taxes included.

5-Execution Time limit

The services of the contract to be signed following this Restricted International Invitation to Tender, shall extend over a period of one hundred and ten (110) months distributed into the following four (4) phases:

- Phase 1: review and validation of studies, **24 months** ;
- Phase 2: assistance in the search for funding, **24 months**;
- Phase 3: review, monitoring and control of construction work, **60 months**;
- Phase 4: monitoring of the impoundment and commissioning of the hydropower development, transmission network and associated equipment **12 months**.

Each phase will start upon the signing by the Contracting Authority of a service order to start work and a notification to the Consulting Engineer by the Delegated contracting authority.

6-Acquisition of the Restricted International Invitation to Tender File

The cost for acquiring the Restricted International Invitation to Tender File amounts to **CFAF 15,000,000 (fifteen million)** non-refundable, payable by cheque or bank transfer to the account of the Management Unit of the Chollet Hydroelectric Development Project domiciled in the Banque Postale du Congo, **account No. 10633440008-63**.

The related receipt shall identify the payer as the representative of the Bidder (or Consortium) wishing to participate in the Restricted International Invitation to Tender.

7 - Bid Bond

Bids must be accompanied by a bid bond (bid security) amounting to **CFAF 1,000,000,000 (one billion)**, issued by a first class bank approved by the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Cameroon or of the Republic of Congo and in accordance with the model indicated in the Restricted International Tender File.

The absence of a bid bond in conformity with the model attached in the Restricted International Tender File shall result in the bid being declared inadmissible during the bid opening session.

For unsuccessful bidders, the bid bond shall be automatically released no later than 30 days after the tender's expiry date.

For the successful bidder, the bid bond shall be released when the final bond has been constituted.

Bank cheques, even if they are certified, shall not be accepted as substitutes for the bid bond.

8- Consultation of the Restricted International Invitation to Tender File

The Restricted International Tender File is available for consultation at the addresses below on working days from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

For Cameroon:

MINISTRY OF WATER AND ENERGY
P.O. Box: 70 Yaounde-Cameroon
Tel.: (+237) 222 22 34 00
Fax: (+237) 222 22 61 77
E. mail : cabinet.minee@gmail.com

For Congo:

MINISTERE DE L'ENERGIE ET DE L'HYDRAULIQUE
Immeuble Mines et Energie, Rond-point du CCF
B.P : 2120 BRAZZAVILLE – CONGO

E. mail : meh-cab@yahoo.fr

MANAGEMENT UNIT OF THE CHOLLET PROJECT
Energie Electrique du Congo «E2C. SA» building
Avenue Felix EBOUE near the Russian Embassy
P.O. Box: 103 - BRAZZAVILLE-CONGO
Tel : (+237) 677 61 40 83
Tel : (+242) 06 669 79 95
Email: direction@chollet-projet.cg

9- Presentation of Bids:

The documents constituting the Bid shall be divided into the following three (3) parts, placed in two envelopes as follows:

- Envelope A containing the administrative documents (Part 1) and the Technical Bid (Part 2) and;
- Envelope B containing the Financial Bid (Part 3).

All the documents constituting the Bids (envelopes A and B) shall be placed in a large outer sealed envelope mentioning only the relevant Restricted International Invitation to Tender.

The different documents of each Bid shall be numbered in the order of the Restricted International Tender File and separated by dividers of identical colour.

10- Submission of Bids

Each Bid drafted in French or in English (with a French translation) must be submitted in ten (10) physical copies including (1) original and nine (9) duplicates, labelled as such with a version on digital format (CD or Flash drive). It shall be submitted no later than at 2:30 pm, Central Africa time, to the following addresses:

For Cameroon:
MINISTRY OF WATER AND ENERGY
P.O. Box: 70 Yaounde-Cameroon
Tel.: (+237) 222 22 34 00
Fax: (+237) 222 22 61 77
E. mail : cabinet.minee@gmail.com

For Congo:
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Immeuble Mines et Energie, Rond-point du CCF
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Each bid, without the company's name, must be labelled as follows:

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"To be opened only during the bid opening session"

Note: Files sent electronically shall be declared non-compliant and rejected.

Bids received after the deadline shall be inadmissible.

11- Admissibility of Bids:

Bids not respecting the separation method of the Financial Bid, and Administrative and Technical Bids shall be inadmissible.

Any bid that does not comply with the requirements of this Notice and of the Restricted International Invitation to Tender File shall be declared inadmissible. In particular, the absence of a bid bond issued according to the model attached in the Restricted International Invitation to Tender File and issued by a first-class bank approved by the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Cameroon or the Republic of Congo, valid for **thirty (30) days** beyond the bids validity period will result in the bid's rejection.

Under penalty of rejection, the required administrative documents must imperatively be submitted in originals or copies certified true by the issuing authority, in accordance with the requirements of the Special Regulations of the Restricted International Invitation to Tender.

They must be valid and dated less than three (3) months at the initial date of submission of bids.

Moreover, all documents submitted under this consultation must, under pain of rejection, be certified by the authorities and if necessary, translated into one of the consultation languages.

12- Opening of Bids:

The opening of bids shall be done in a single stage at the Project Management Unit on , at in the presence of bidders or their duly authorized representatives, having a perfect knowledge of the file.

NB : The analysis of financial bids shall only concern bidders having obtained a technical score equal to or greater than **70 points on 100** following the analysis of technical bids.

13 –Bid Evaluation Criteria:

13-1 : Eliminatory criteria:

- 1) Incomplete administrative file;
- 2) Absence of a bid bond;
- 3) False declaration;
- 4) Falsified documents;
- 5) Technical score below **70/100**;
- 6) Absence of a provisional bond;
- 7) Absence of pre-financing capacity.

13-2: Essential criteria

The technical bids shall be evaluated according to the following key criteria;

- 1) References of the Technical Consulting Firm: **10 points;**
- 2) Qualifications and experience of staff : **60 points;**
- 3) Material and Logistic Means: **10 points;**
- 4) Methodology and planning for mobilizing experts: **20 points.**

13-3 Evaluation of financial bids

After examination of the conformity of administrative documents (phase 1) as well as technical evaluation (phase 2), only the financial offers of bidders whose technical bid has been declared admissible shall be evaluated and scored according to the following criteria:

$$\mathbf{NF_{ia} = (MMd / MS_a) \times 100}$$

NF_{ia} = Bidder's financial score (a) MS_a = Bidder's assessed amount (a) excluding VAT

MMd = Assessed amount of the lowest bidder excluding VAT NMd = Financial score of the lowest bidder (100)

A weighting shall be done between the technical score (70/100) and the financial score (30/100) to have the final score N (technical-financial score) according to the following formula:

$$\mathbf{N = [(70 \times \text{Technical score}) + (30 \times \text{Financial score})] / 100}$$

14- Validity of bids

Bidders shall be bound by their bids for a period of **one hundred and twenty (120) days** from the deadline scheduled for the submission of bids.

15- Contract award

The contracting authority will award the contract to the bidder whose bid has been evaluated as being the lowest.

16- Additional information

Additional technical information may be obtained from the Management Unit of the Chollet Project located in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo.

Done in Brazzaville, on _____

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**THE MINISTER OF WATER AND
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