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OPEN INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER NOTICE
No. _____/23/AOIO/MINEE-MEH/DPC/2023 OF _____

**RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF A CONSULTING FIRM TO
CONDUCT STUDIES (PRELIMINARY DESIGN, DETAILED DESIGN, SEA,
RESILIENCE OF THE WORKS TO THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF
CLIMATE CHANGE), PREPARATION OF THE TENDER FILE AND
FINANCIAL MODEL OF THE CHOLLET HYDROELECTRIC
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED POWER LINES**

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

1. Purpose of the Open International Invitation to Tender

The purpose of this Open International Tender is to select a Consulting Firm to conduct studies (Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, SEA, resilience of the works to the harmful effects of climate change), preparation of the Tender File and financial model of the Chollet Hydroelectric Development Project and associated power lines.

The Partner to be recruited will have the status of a Consulting Firm, in accordance with the regulations in force in both States

2. Financing of the Open International Invitation to Tender

The services, subject of this Open International Invitation to Tender, shall be financed from the budgets of the two States.

3. Allotment

The Open International Invitation to Tender concerns a single (01) lot comprising two (2) sections, each consisting of several components distributed as follows:

Section 1: Hydroelectric development

- Component 1: Dam, power station and related works;
- Component 2: Construction of access roads to the site in both countries;
- Component 3: Local subcontracting;
- Component 5: Environmental and social management;
- Component 6: Capacity building and skills transfer.

Section 2: Transmission Network

- Component 3: Local subcontracting;
- Component 4: Outgoing power lines to Cameroon and to Congo;
- Component 5: Environmental and social management;
- Component 6: Capacity building and skills transfer.

4. Nature of the services

The Consulting Firm, within the framework of this Open International Invitation to Tender, shall carry out all the studies (Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, SEA, resilience of the works to the harmful effects of climate change), preparation of the Tender File and financial model of the Chollet Hydroelectric Development Project and associated power lines.

More details on the contractor's services are provided in the Terms of Reference (section 6 of the Open International Invitation To Tender File).

5. Participation and origin

Participation is open to Consulting Firms specialised in the design of hydropower plants of at least 600 MW and 400 kV extra high voltage power lines and the development of Projects Tender File and financial model.

6. Guarantees

6.1. Bid Security

The Bid shall include a Bid Security equivalent to 2% of the total estimated cost excluding taxes of the studies, the Project's Tender File and financial model, issued by a first-class bank internationally recognized. The said bid security shall be contained in envelope A1 with the other administrative documents.

The Bid Security shall be in the form set forth in Section 9.2 of the Open International Invitation To Tender File, or in another substantially similar form approved by the Authorities prior to the bid's submission.

The Bid Security shall include the Bidder's full identification. It shall remain valid for a period of **one hundred and twenty (120) days**. The initial validity period of the Bid may, if necessary, be extended until the results are published.

This Guarantee shall be released for the unsuccessful Bidder at the end of the Open International Invitation to Tender, and after notification for the successful Bidder or consortium.

Failure to provide the Bid Security shall result in the outright rejection of the Bid.

Bank checks, even if they are certified, shall not be accepted as a substitute for a bid bond

The Bid Security may be immediately and fully invoked if the successful Bidder does not fulfill its obligations (in the event of assignment or withdrawal by one of the members of a Grouping).

6.2 Performance Bond

The Consulting Firm is required to submit a Performance Bond issued by a bank recognised by the States.

The Bank shall irrevocably undertake to pay to the States a sum equivalent in total to 10% of the total amount of the Bidder's proposed Offer (the "Guarantee Amount").

This guarantee shall remain valid until the approval of the studies, Tender File and financial model of the Project by the Contracting Authority (see 9.3 of the OIITF).

7. Provisional schedule for the completion of the studies, Tender File and financial model of the Project

The provisional schedule for completion of the services is **twenty-four (24) months** and is structured as follows:

- Notification and publication of the results of the Open International Invitation to Tender: **no later than the end of June 2023**;
- Signature of the service contract between the States and the Partner: **no later than July 2023**;
- Completion of the studies by the Consulting Firm (Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, SEA, resilience of the works to the harmful effects of climate change), preparation of the Tender File and financial model of the Chollet Hydroelectric Development Project and associated power lines: **2 years**;

8. Acquisition of the Open International Tender File and Bid Preparation Costs

The cost for acquiring the Open International Invitation to Tender Documents is **ten (10) million CFA Francs**, non-refundable, payable by check or bank transfer to the account of the Chollet Hydroelectric Development Project Management, domiciled in the books of the Banque Postale du Congo, account No. 30019 10001 10633440008-63.

Bidders should take note that:

(i) the costs for preparing the Bid, negotiating the Service Contract, including site visits, and preparatory meetings are entirely at the Bidder's expense and are not refundable; and that;

(ii) the Ministers in charge of Energy of both States are under no obligation to enter into a Contract for any of the Bids submitted.

9. Consultation of the Open International Tender File:

The Open International Tender File may be consulted at the addresses below, on working days, **from 7:30am. to 2:30pm.**

CHOLLET PROJECT MANAGEMENT
Building Energie Electrique du Congo " E²C. SA "
Avenue Felix EBOUE next to the Russian embassy
P. O. Box: 103 - BRAZZAVILLE-CONGO
Tel : (+237) 677 61 40 83
Tel : (+242) 06 669 79 95
E. mail : direction@chollet-projet.cg

For Cameroon:

PROJECT MANAGEMENT C/O MINISTRY OF WATER AND ENERGY
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICITY
P.O. Box : 70 Yaoundé-Cameroun
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For Congo :

PROJECT MANAGEMENT C/O MINISTERE DE L'ENERGIE ET DE L'HYDRAULIQUE
DIRECTION GENERALE DE L'ENERGIE
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P.O Box: 2120 - BRAZZAVILLE – CONGO
Tel : (+242) 05 553 21 90/ 06 493 25 61
E. mail : secretariatcentral.meh@gmail.com

10.Preparation of Bids

- i) Unless otherwise specified in the Data Sheet, the Project Management will arrange for Bidders to attend a site visit, general and subject-specific meetings prior to the bid submission date. All briefing meetings will be held at the following address:

CHOLLET PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Building: Energie Electrique du Congo " E²C. SA "

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- ii) The Ministers in charge of Energy of Cameroon and Congo will ensure that only Bidders or their authorized Representatives attend the site visit and all information and thematic meetings. For the site visit, the Bidder should make itself known to the above Project Management address in a timely manner. The site visit will take place before the start of the meetings. Costs related to the site visit, and more generally those related to the preparation of the Bid, shall be borne by the Bidder. Participation in the visit and in the general and thematic information meetings may be mandatory for the Bidder in the preparation of its Bid. The Site Visit Certificate and the Meetings Minutes shall be issued by the Chollet Project Management and attached to the Bid. Any Bid that does not contain the aforementioned certificate and minutes will be rejected.
- iii) Any request for clarification regarding the OIITF should be made in writing to the aforementioned address and to the attention of the Chollet Project Manager with acknowledgement of receipt. The details required for the preparation of Bids are available in the GROIT.

11. Required Documents

Each Bidder shall provide:

- legal documents that present the Bidder, including but not limited to: description, identification of representative, quality assurance (e.g. ISO certifications), responsibilities and roles of key members, etc;
- General information documents establishing the general experience(s), technical and financial capabilities of the bidder in similar services over the past five (05) years;
- in the case of a consortium, documents specifying the legal form of the bidder accompanied by documents duly certified by the countries of origin and indicating their constitution as well as those of the lead partner
- any other document or information deemed useful.

12. Legal Framework

The successful Bidder shall:

- sign the Service Contract with the Ministers in charge of Energy of Cameroon and Congo;
- provide a Performance Guarantee duly drawn up in accordance with the model provided in Section 9.3.

13. Presentation of Bids

The documents constituting the Bid shall be divided into three envelopes as follows:

- The sealed inner envelope A, containing the administrative documents and the Bid Security (envelope A1) and the Technical Bid (envelope A2);
- The sealed inner envelope B, containing the Financial Offer;
- The sealed outer envelope C, containing envelopes A and B.
- The outer envelope C should only bear the following information:

"Open International Invitation to Tender for the selection of a Consulting Firm to carry out the studies (Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, SEA, resilience of the works to the harmful effects of climate change), preparation of the Tender File and financial model of the Chollet Hydroelectric Development Project and associated power lines."

"To be opened only during the bid opening session"

The different parts of each Bid shall be numbered in the order of the OITF and separated by dividers of identical color other than white.

14. Submission of Bids

Each Bid drafted in French or English (with a French translation) must be submitted in ten (10) physical copies including one (1) original and nine (09) duplicates, labelled as such with a digital version (CD or USB key). It shall be sent **no later than** _____ **2023 at 2:30pm., local time**, to the following address:

CHOLLET PROJECT MANAGEMENT
Building: Energie Electrique du Congo " E²C. SA "
Avenue Felix EBOUE next to the Russian embassy
P. O. Box: 103 - BRAZZAVILLE-CONGO
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Les Offres parvenues après la date et l'heure de dépôt seront irrecevables.

Each Tender, without a company name, must be labelled as follows:

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Note: Electronically transmitted files will be declared non-compliant and rejected.

Bids received after the date and time of submission will not be accepted.

15. Opening of Bids

Bids will be opened in two stages on _____ **2023 at 3:30PM** local time at the Project's head office, in the presence of bidders or their duly authorized representatives, with full knowledge of the file.

- 1st stage: opening of envelopes A1 and A2 containing the administrative documents, the Bid Security and the Technical Bid;
- 2nd stage: opening of the financial Offers at a later date which will be communicated to the tenderers whose Bid Security is compliant and who have obtained a technical score equal to or higher than **70 points out of 100**.

16. Admissibility of Bids

Bids must be received by the Authorities at the address indicated in this Tender File **no later than** _____ **at 2:30pm local time**.

Bids received after this date and time will not be considered.

17. Bid Evaluation Criteria

17.1. Eliminiatory Criteria:

- Incomplete Administrative File;
- Absence of bid bond;
- Misrepresentation;
- Falsification of documents;
- Technical score below **70/100**;
- Absence of the provisional bond;
- Lack of pre-financing capacity;
- Tender letter not signed by the authorized person;
- Tender not submitted in the envelopes as requested in the General Instructions to Tenderers;
- Receipt of the Bid after the deadline;
- Attempt to influence the Authorities or any public authority official in Cameroon and Congo in the bid evaluation process through informal and indirect solicitation.

17.2 Essential criteria:

Technical Offer

The Technical Offers will be scored according to the following essential criteria:

- References of the Consulting Firm: **10 points**;
- Staff qualifications and experience: **60 points**;
- Material and logistical resources: **10 points**;
- Methodology and planning for the mobilization of experts: **20 points**.

Total: 100 points

Financial offer

Only the financial offers of bidders whose technical bids have been declared admissible after examination of the conformity of administrative documents (1st stage) and the technical evaluation (2nd stage) will be evaluated and scored according to the following criteria

$$\mathbf{FiS_a} = \frac{\mathbf{ALb} \times 100}{\mathbf{AB_a}}$$

FiS_a	=	Financial score of bidder (a)	AB_a	=	Estimated amount of the bidder (a) excluding VAT
ALb	=	Estimated amount of the lowest bidder excluding VAT	FSL	=	Financial score of the lowest bidder Note (100)

A weighting will be made between the technical score (70/100) and the financial score (30/100) to obtain the final score S (technical-financial score) according to the following formula

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{[(70 \times \mathbf{Technical\ Score}) + (30 \times \mathbf{Financial\ Score})]}{100}$$

18. Validity of Bids

Bidders shall remain bound by their Bids for one hundred twenty **(120) days** from the deadline set for the submission of Bids.

19. Signature of Contract

The Contracting Authority will sign the Contract with the Bidder whose Bid is evaluated as the lowest priced and most attractive Bid, i.e., the Bid with the highest final score, and deemed to be substantially compliant with the Open International Tender Documents.

The successful bidder will be awarded the lot.

20. Additional Information

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

Done in Brazzaville /Yaounde, on

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