

INVITATION FOR BIDS

**NTPC RENEWABLE ENERGY LIMITED
(A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF NTPC LIMITED)**

CONTRACTS SERVICES

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
FOR
EPC PACKAGE WITH LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ISTS CONNECTED SOLAR PV PROJECTS
(UP TO 1200 MW) IN KARNATAKA**

(Domestic Competitive Bidding)

IFB No.: RE-CS-5772-004-9

Date: 25.11.2021

ETS Portal Tender Search Code: NTPCREL-2021-TN000001

Bidding Document No: RE-CS-5772-004-9

1.0 NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL) invites online bids from eligible bidders on Single Stage Two Envelope (i.e. Envelope-I: Techno-Commercial Bid and Envelope-II: Price Bid) for EPC Package with Land for Development of ISTS Connected Solar PV Projects (up to 1200 MW) in Karnataka.

2.0 BRIEF SCOPE OF WORK

Design, Engineering, Manufacturing, Supply, Packing and Forwarding, Transportation, Unloading, Storage, Installation and Commissioning of grid connected Solar PV projects located near Gadag and Koppal districts in Karnataka

Project Capacity: **Individual Project shall be of minimum 50 MW or higher in multiples of 10 MW.**

Minimum capacity to be quoted by a bidder: **50 MW**

Maximum capacity to be quoted by a bidder (Koppal & Gadag combined): **600 MW**

PV Cells & Modules: **Open Category**

The scope includes the following:

1. Identification, acquisition and complete transfer of ownership/lease of encumbrance free land in favour of M/s NTPC RE Ltd.
2. Identifying and arranging Grid Connectivity at proposed ISTS substation at Gadag and Koppal in Karnataka.
3. All EPC works required for Development of Solar PV Project with open category PV cells and modules along with power evacuation system and telemetry up to interconnecting grid substation as per detailed technical Specifications and applicable technical standards.
4. Project commissioning and Performance testing for demonstration of Guaranteed Generation at interconnection point at ISTS substation.

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5. Operation & maintenance of complete Solar PV plant including Switchyard and power evacuation system till interconnecting grid substation (including grid substation bays) along with consumables and spare parts for a period of Three (03) years from the date of commissioning of full capacity.

The detailed scope of work is as defined in the bidding document No.: **RE-CS-5772-004-9**.

- 3.0** NTPC REL intends to finance the subject package through Own Resources.

- 4.0** Detailed specification, Scope of work and Terms & Conditions are given in the bidding documents, which are available for examination and downloading at e-tender portal (as specified in this notice) and as per the following schedule:

ETS Portal Tender Search Code (TSC)	NTPCREL-2021-TN000001	
IFB Date	25.11.2021	
Period of Downloading of Bidding Documents	From 30.11.2021 to 10.12.2021	
Pre Bid Conference and Last Date for receipt of queries from prospective Bidders	14.12.2021	
Last Date and Time for receipt of bids comprising both Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid	24.12.2021	15:00:00 (IST)
Date & Time of opening of Techno-Commercial Bid	24.12.2021	15:30:00 (IST)
Cost of Bidding Documents in INR	INR 22,500/- (Indian Rupees Twenty Two Thousand Five hundred only)	

No Queries from Bidders, whatsoever, shall be entertained by the Employer beyond the last date of receipt of Queries/ Pre-Bid Conference as specified above.

- 5.0** All bids must be accompanied by "Bid Security Declaration" in lieu of Bid Security in the form as stipulated in the Bidding Documents.

ANY BID NOT ACCOMPANIED BY AN ACCEPTABLE BID SECURITY DECLARATION IN A SEPARATE SEALED ENVELOPE SHALL BE REJECTED BY THE EMPLOYER AS BEING NON-RESPONSIVE AND SHALL NOT BE OPENED.

6.0 QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS

In addition to satisfactory fulfilment of the requirements stipulated under ITB (Instructions to Bidders) the following shall also apply:

1.0 TECHNICAL CRITERIA

- 1.1 The Bidder should have designed, supplied, erected/ supervised erection and commissioned/ supervised commissioning of Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV) based grid connected power plant(s) of cumulative installed capacity of 40 MWp or higher, out of which at least one plant should have been of 10 MWp or higher capacity. The reference plant of 10 MWp or higher capacity

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must have been in successful operation for at least six (6) months prior to the date of techno-commercial bid opening.

OR

1.2 The Bidder should be a developer of Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV) based grid connected power plant(s) of cumulative installed capacity of 40 MWp or higher, out of which at least one plant should have been of 10 MWp or higher capacity. The reference plant of 10 MWp or higher capacity must have been in successful operation for at least six (6) months prior to the date of techno-commercial bid opening.

OR

1.3 (a) The Bidder should have executed in the last ten (10) years an industrial project either as developer or as EPC Contractor in the area of power/ steel/ oil and gas/ petro-chemical/ fertilizer/cement/coal mining including coal handling plant and/ or any other process industry, of minimum financial figure as mentioned in Table below, in a single project or single work and the same should be in successful operation for at least one (1) year prior to the date of techno-commercial bid opening.

Total Quoted capacity	Minimum financial figure
50MW to 300MW	Rs 200 Crores (Indian Rupees Two Hundred Crores Only)
>300MW and up to 600MW	Rs 400 Crores (Indian Rupees Four Hundred Crores Only)

AND

(b) The Bidder should have executed at least one (1) Electrical Sub-station of 33 kV or above voltage level, consisting of equipment such as 33kV or above voltage level circuit breakers and Power transformer, either as developer or as EPC Contractor which should be in successful operation for at least one (1) year prior to the date of techno-commercial bid opening.

The works referred at clause 1.3 (a) & 1.3 (b) can be in same or different projects.

OR

1.4 The bidder should be an Indian company registered in India and should be Group company/Holding Company/Subsidiary company of a firm meeting the requirement (s) of Clause 1.1 or 1.2 or 1.3 above. In such a case, Bidder shall furnish an Undertaking jointly executed by the firm qualified as per clause 1.1 or 1.2 or 1.3 and the Bidder along with its bid for complete performance of the contract jointly or severally as per format enclosed in the bid document failing which the Bidder's bid is liable to be rejected.

Notes for Clause 1.0

- a. The reference SPV based grid-connected power plant of 10MWp or above capacity should be at a single location developed by Bidder for itself or any other client.
- b. SPV based Roof-top/Floating solar power projects, which are grid connected, shall also be considered eligible for QR purposes.

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- c. For clause 1.1 & 1.3, bidder shall submit certificate of successful completion and operation from the Owner. However, if bidder in clause 1.3 is a developer, certificate of successful commissioning of the project issued from Government Renewable Nodal Agency/Government Enterprise/ Discom/ Electricity Board etc and evidence of successful operation from intermediary procurer/ procurer/Discom/ Electricity Board etc shall be submitted.
- d. For Clause 1.3, bidder shall submit a documentary evidence for the value of the project certified by a Chartered Accountant.
- e. Direct/Indirect Order
The bidder shall also be considered qualified, in case the award for executing the reference work has been received by the bidder either directly from the owner of the plant or any other intermediary organization. In such a case, a certificate from such owner of plant or any other intermediary organization shall be required to be furnished by the bidder along with its techno-commercial bid in support of bidder's claim of meeting the qualification requirement as per clause 1.1 and 1.3 above. Bidder shall also submit a certificate of successful completion and operation from the Owner.
- f. For Clause 1.2, bidder shall submit certificate of successful commissioning of the project issued from Government Renewable Nodal Agency/ Government Enterprise/ Discom/ Electricity Board etc.
- g. For Clause 1.2, bidder shall submit evidence of successful operation from intermediary procurer/ procurer/Discom/ Electricity Board etc.
- h. Developer means an entity who has either executed or got executed the work/ project as owner of industrial projects.
- i. The execution of industrial project as EPC Contractor under Clause No. 1.3 means, such EPC Contractor is responsible for all the activities i.e. Design/Engineering, Procurement, Construction (with/without civil works) and Commissioning of a project/work.
- j. The portion of work related to power transformer such as supply and or installation mentioned at cl. no. 1.3 (b) can either be done by EPC contractor by themselves or by the owner.
- k. EPC projects with solar PV module supplied by developer/owner as free issue item to EPC contractor shall also be considered eligible for route 1.1 of QR.

2.0 FINANCIAL CRITERIA

2.1 The average annual turnover of the Bidder, should not be less than the financial figure as mentioned in Table below, during the preceding three (3) financial years as on date of techno commercial bid opening.

Total Quoted capacity	Minimum financial figure
50MW to 300MW	Rs 200 Crores (Indian Rupees Two Hundred Crores Only)
>300MW and up to 600MW	Rs 400 Crores (Indian Rupees Four Hundred Crores Only)

In case a Bidder does not satisfy the annual turnover criteria, stipulated above on its own, its Holding Company would be required to meet the stipulated turnover requirements as above, provided that the Net Worth of such Holding Company as on the last day of the preceding financial year is at least equal to or more than the paid- up share capital of the Holding

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Company. In such an event, the Bidder would be required to furnish along with its techno-commercial bid, a Letter of Undertaking from the Holding Company, supported by the Holding Company's Board Resolution, as per the format enclosed in the bid documents, pledging unconditional and irrevocable financial support for the execution of the Contract by the Bidder in case of award.

- 2.2 Net Worth of the Bidder as on the last day of the preceding financial year should not be less than 100% (hundred percent) of bidder's paid-up share capital. In case the Bidder does not satisfy the Net Worth criteria on its own, it can meet the requirement of Net worth based on the strength of its Subsidiary (ies) and/or Holding Company and/or Subsidiaries of its Holding companies wherever applicable, the Net worth of the Bidder and its Subsidiary (ies) and/or Holding Company and/or Subsidiary (ies) of the Holding Company, in combined manner should not be less than 100% (hundred percent) of their total paid up share capital. However individually, their Net worth should not be less than 75% (seventy-five percent) of their respective paid up share capitals.

Net worth in combined manner shall be calculated as follows:

Net worth (combined) = $(X1+ X2+X3) / (Y1+Y2+Y3) \times 100$ where X1, X2,X3 are individual Net worth which should not be less than 75% of the respective paid up share capitals and Y1,Y2,Y3 are individual paid up share capitals.

- 2.3 In case the Bidder is not able to furnish its audited financial statements on standalone entity basis, the unaudited unconsolidated financial statements of the Bidder can be considered acceptable provided the Bidder further furnishes the following documents on substantiation of its qualification:

(a) Copies of the unaudited unconsolidated financial statements of the Bidder along with copies of the audited consolidated financial statements of its Holding Company.

(b) Certificate from the CEO/ CFO of the Holding Company, as per the format enclosed in the bidding documents, stating that the unaudited unconsolidated financial statements form part of the consolidated financial statement of the Holding Company.

In case where audited results for the last financial year as on date of techno commercial bid opening are not available, the financial results certified by a practicing Chartered Accountant shall be considered acceptable. In case the Bidder is not able to submit the Certificate from a practicing Chartered Accountant certifying its financial parameters, the audited result of three consecutive financial years preceding the last financial year shall be considered for evaluating financial parameters. Further, a certificate would be required from the CEO/CFO as per the format enclosed in the bidding documents stating that the financial results of the company are under audit as on techno-commercial bid opening and the Certificate from a practicing Chartered Accountant certifying the financial parameters is not available.

Notes for Clause 2.0

- a. Net worth means the sum total of the paid up share capital and free reserves. Free reserves means all reserves credited out of the profits and share premium account but does not include reserves credited out of the revaluation of the assets, write back of depreciation provision and amalgamation. Further, any debit balance of Profit and Loss account and miscellaneous expenses to the extent not adjusted or written off, if any, shall be reduced from reserves and surplus.

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- b. Other income shall not be considered for arriving at annual turnover.
- c. "Holding Company" and "Subsidiary" shall have the meaning ascribed to them as per Companies Act of India.
- d. For the value of industrial project in clause 1.3(a) and/or the annual turnover indicated in foreign currency, the exchange rates as on seven (7) days prior to the date of Techno-commercial bid opening shall be used

7.0 NTPC REL reserves the right to reject any or all bids or cancel/ withdraw the Invitation for Bids without assigning any reason whatsoever and in such case no bidder/ intending bidder shall have any claim arising out of such action.

8.0 Interested parties are required to get registered with M/s ISN Electronic Tender Services (ETS) website <https://www.bharat-electronictender.com> (if not already registered).

The cost of the bidding documents as mentioned above is required to be submitted in the form of a crossed account Payee Demand Draft in favour of "**NTPC Renewable Energy Limited**", Payable at **Noida** at the address mentioned at para no.11.0 below along with GSTIN and Organization ID registered with ETS. Interested Bidders can also pay for the cost of documents as mentioned above in the form of Electronic transfer/ NEFT Payments in the following account details of NTPC:

Account Number	921020013636047
IFSC Code	UTIB0000022
Name of Bank	Axis Bank
Branch Code	000022
Address	Axis Bank Ltd B2-B-3, Sector 16, Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP 201301

In case of electronic fund transfer, the bidder shall be required to forward the copy of transfer receipt/ electronic transfer receipt from their registered E-mail ID to the concerned nodal officers of NTPC REL as mentioned below requesting for access for download of the bidding documents in working hours between Monday to Friday.

While carrying out online transfer, Bidders shall ensure to enter "Tender No. - Bidder Name" in the Text / Remarks / Reason field. Bidder shall intimate the details of same through email to Employer and also upload the details on ETS portal (Technical Bid Part) in the following format:

Declaration for Payment of Cost of Bidding Document

Tender Search Code:
Bidder Name:
UTR Reference:
Amount:
Date of Transfer:
Transferor Bank:

(Signature of Bidder with Seal)

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8.2 Issuance of Bid Documents to any Bidder shall not construe that such Bidder is considered to be qualified. The bids shall be submitted online. Bidder shall furnish Bid Security Declaration, Integrity Pact, Pass Phrases and Power of Attorney separately as detailed in Bidding Documents before the stipulated bid submission closing date and time at the address given below.

8.1 After registration with ETS and payment of the cost of bidding documents as above, a complete set of Bidding Documents may be downloaded by any interested Bidder from ETS Portal <https://www.bharat-electronictender.com> with Tender Search Code **NTPCREL-2021-TN000001**.

*Interested bidders are required to ensure that they have downloaded the official copy of bidding documents against Tender Search code- **NTPCREL-2021-TN000001** from website of ETS before closure of Bid Sale Period. If only free copy of Bidding Documents are downloaded from ETS portal or Bidding Documents are downloaded without confirmation or without generating official copy serial number, then the bidders will not be able to submit the bids.*

For technical assistance, interested parties may call ETS Helpdesk at 0124-4229071, 0124-4229072.

Note: No hard copy of Bidding Documents shall be issued.

9.0 Transfer of Bidding Documents purchased by one intending Bidder to another is not permissible.

10.0 No Queries from Bidders, whatsoever, shall be entertained by the Employer beyond the last date of receipt of Queries/ Pre-Bid Conference (if applicable) as specified above.

11.0 ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION

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