



foundation RURAL ENERGY SERVICES

SUPPLY PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Supply, Delivery and Commissioning of a Solar Power Plant in Diaramana Village, Mali



Reference: DRMN RFP 01

1. Publication reference

No pre-publication notice

2. Procedure

Open

3. Programme

4. Financing

Financed through European Commission's ACP-EU Facility Energy 10th European Development Fund

5. Contracting Authority

FRES – Foundation Rural Energy Services

CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

6. Description of the contract

This contract requires a 75kWp solar photovoltaic (PV) power plant to be purchased, delivered, installed, tested and integrated with a generator (to be supplied by others) that will be interconnected into a mini-grid in Diaramana village, Mali. The project will connect 300 households, businesses and community centres. See the technical specifications in the complete tender dossier for further information.

7. Number and titles of lots

No division into lots.

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

8. Eligibility and rules of origin

Participation is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons [participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of tenderers] which are established in one of the Member States of the European Union, ACP States or in a country or territory authorised by the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement under which the contract is co-financed (see also item 22 below). All goods supplied under this contract must originate in these countries.

9. Grounds for exclusion

Tenderers must submit a statement to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in point 2.3.3 of the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions version 2014.

10. Number of tenders

Tenderers (including firms within the same legal group, other members of the same consortium, and sub-contractors) may submit one tender for all batches. Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted.

11. Tender guarantee

Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of 6.000 Euros when submitting their tender. This guarantee will be released to unsuccessful tenderers once the tender procedure has been completed and to the successful tenderer(s) upon signature of the contract by all parties. This guarantee will be called upon if the tenderer does not fulfil all obligations stated in its tender.

12. Performance guarantee

The successful tenderer will be asked to provide a performance guarantee of 10% of the amount of

the contract at the signing of the contract. This guarantee must be provided no later than 30 days after the tenderer receives the contract signed by the Contracting Authority. If the selected tenderer fails to provide such a guarantee within this period, the contract will be void and a new contract may be drawn up and sent to the tenderer which has submitted the next best compliant tender.

13. Information meeting and/or site visit

No information meeting is planned

14. Tender validity

Tenders must remain valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline for submission of tenders.

15. Period of execution

30 days after signature of the contract for the first batch (of two).

90 days after signature of the contract for the second batch.

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

16. Selection criteria

The selection and award criteria are carried out in three phases:

The first phase is an administrative check to ensure all required documentation has been submitted.

The second phase is a check into the following:

- Previous relevant experience in supplying and installing autonomous off-grid photovoltaic plants in Africa or the developing world. A minimum of three contactable references are requested.
- Experience of the individuals who will be ultimately responsible for the delivery of the project.
- Nature of client references.
- Financial health of the supplier.
- Timelines committed for the commissioning of the solar power plant.
- Provision for training and supervision.

The third phase is a detailed evaluation of the most cost-effective tender, in line with the award criteria defined below.

NB:

- Phases one and two of the selection process will take place during the tender opening session. Phase three will be carried out external to the tender opening session in the subsequent days.
- Proposals not meeting all the requirements of one phase may be eliminated before proceeding to the next phase.
- Proposals not meeting all the requirements as detailed in the technical specifications document may be eliminated.

17. Award criteria

The contract must be awarded to the most cost-effective tender (i.e., the tender offering the best price-quality ratio)

- Price. 30%
- Quality, lifetime and suitability of equipment. 30%
- Technical approach 30%
- Warrantees provided on components. 10%

TENDERING

18. How to obtain the tender dossier

The tender dossier is available from the Contracting Authority via the email address provided below.

Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form included in the tender dossier, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed.

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Tenderers with questions regarding this tender should send them in writing to the following email address, procurement_regional@fres.nl

specifying the publication reference and the contract title by **14/feb/2018**.

The Contracting Authority must reply to all tenderers' questions by **21/feb/2018**.

19. Deadline for submission of tenders

All tenders must be received before the deadline date and time on **07/march/2018 at 11:00 CET** (Central European Time). Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. Tender opening session

The tenders will be opened in public session on **09/march/2018 at 13:00 CET** in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

21. Language of the procedure

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

22. Legal basis

ACP-EC Partnership Agreement signed at Cotonou on 23 June 2000 as amended on 25 June 2005 and on 22 June 2010 (Annex IV).