

**INVITATION FOR BIDS
(AFD-DGTVET-G-1-Lot 2)**

DATE:	08 February 2023
LOAN NO. AND TITLE:	ADB/AFD Loan 3791/8365-CAM Skills for Competitiveness (S4C) Project
CONTRACT NO. AND TITLE:	Supply, Delivery, and Installation of Specialized Training Equipment for Electricity and Electronic Sector to Five Selected Technical Training Institutes (TTIs) in Phnom Penh, Battambang, Siem Reap, and Svay Rieng Provinces AFD-DGTVET-G-1-Lot 2: Electricity and Electronics
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS:	21 March 2023 at 14.30 Cambodian standard Time.

- The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of Skills for Competitiveness (S4C) Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing under the contract named above. Bidding is open to bidders from eligible source countries, including ADB non-member countries.
- The Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MLVT) Unit ("the Purchaser") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Supply, Delivery, and Installation of Specialized Training Equipment for Electricity and Electronic Sector to five selected technical training institutes (TTIs) in Phnom Penh, Battambang, Siem Reap, and Svay Rieng Provinces.
- Open competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: One-Envelope procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible countries, including ADB non-member countries, as described in the Bidding Document.
- Goods are grouped in lots. Any eligible Bidder shall complete all required items on a lot basis. The Purchaser will evaluate and compare bids on the basis of a lot or as a total of lot to arrive at the least cost combination for the Purchaser by taking into account discounts offered by bidders. If a Bidder submits successful bid for lot (lowest evaluated substantially responsive bids), the evaluation will also include an assessment of the Bidder's capacity to meet the aggregated qualifying requirements.
- Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications as defined in the Bidding Document may participate in this bidding:

Lot No.	Key Experience Requirements:	Key Financial Requirements:	Minimum Average Annual Turnover:
	Successful completion as main supplier within the last 5 (five) years, of at least 2 (two) contracts against the bid submitted for a lot with nature, and complexity similar to the scope of supply described in Section 6 Schedule of Supply under contract package/lot of which valued at:	Availability of or access to liquid assets, lines of credit, and other finances sufficient to meet cash flow requirement which is for:	Minimum average annual turnover calculated as total payments received by the Bidder for contracts completed or under execution over the last 3 (three) best years within the last 5 (five) years, divided by three (3) years:
Lot-2	Each contract must have a minimum value of USD3.0 million or its equivalent	Minimum of USD3.50 million equivalent	Minimum value of USD7.60 million equivalent

- The Bidder shall demonstrate that the goods offered have:
 - been in production for at least 5 (five) years;
 - been sold a minimum of 100 units of similar type and specification over the last three (3) years; and
 - the equipment been in operation for a minimum of 3 (three) years.
 - The Bidder or manufacturer shall demonstrate that it can supply the type, size, and quantity of the goods as required by Purchaser in accordance with the Delivery and Completion Schedule in Section 6 (Schedule of Supply). Bidder or Manufacturer shall provide evidence of production output.
 - The Bidder shall include with its bid the Manufacturer's Authorization for the supplied item(s) as required and indicated for the equipment in Section 6 Technical Specification/Schedule of Supply. The Bidder is required to submit documentation to substantiate that it is an authorized dealer, distributor, or reseller of the goods being procured or the Bidder has the authority to supply such equipment to the Purchaser.
 - The Bidder is required to include with its bid, evidence that it will be represented by an Agent in the Purchaser's country equipped and able to carry out the Supplier's maintenance, repair, and spare parts-stocking obligations prescribed in the Conditions of Contract and/or Technical Specifications.
 - The Bidders required to submit the audited financial statements or, if not required by the law of the Bidder's country, other financial statements acceptable to the Purchaser, for the last 3 (three) years (2021, 2020, and 2019) to demonstrate the current soundness of the Bidder's financial position. As a minimum, the Bidder's net worth for the last year calculated as the difference between total assets and total liabilities should be positive.
 - The documentary evidence shall be in the form of supporting letter(s) issued by the bidder's bank/financial institution confirming that the above-specified minimum amount is available through lines of credit and/or funds in the bidder's bank account for use in the execution of the specific contract for the respective lot if awarded to the bidder.
6. To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents, bidders should contact **H.E. Hing Sideth**, Project Manager, Project Management Unit (PMU), with email address: sidething@gmail.com or sarkheam@gmail.com, and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address: DGTVET Building, PMU-Office, Third Floor, #3, Russian Federation Blvd, Khan Toul Kork, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, between 8:00 am – 11:30 am and 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm on all working days from **8 February 2023**.
7. To purchase the Bidding Documents in English, eligible bidders should submit a written application to **Mr. Sar Kheam**, Chief of Procurement, at Directorate General of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (DGTVET), PMU/S4C, 4th floor of Center for Research Development and Innovation in Technical Vocational Education and Training inside TVET Park/NTTI Campus: Russian Blvd, Sangkat Teukthla Khan Sensok, Phnom Penh CAMBODIA, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **USD150**. The method of payment will be in cash or deposit to:

Account Name: USD C/A of GDNT
Account Number: 000000013535
Bank Name: National Bank of Cambodia.

The Bidding Documents may be collected in person, or may be sent by email or courier, at the discretion of the bidder, but the bidder has to deposit the fee at the above bank account and to pay for courier charge by his/her arrangement as appropriate. Other than payment of the non-refundable fee specified above, there are no other conditions for the purchase of the bidding documents. **No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.**

8. In case of any difficulty in purchase of the bidding documents, interested parties may contact in writing to:
- H.E. Pich Sophoan**, Project Director of the Skills for Competitiveness (S4C) Project, DGTVET Building, PMU-Office, #3, Russian Federation Blvd, Khan Toul Kork, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Fax: +855 23 844 276.
- and also send a copy of the communication to:
- (i) General Departments of International Cooperation and Debt Management of the Ministry of Economic and Finance located at St. 92, Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh Cambodia, Tel: 023 724 664; Fax: 023 724 798; and
- (ii) **Ms. Yumiko Yamakawa**, Senior Education Specialist, Human and Social Development Division, Asian Development Bank, 6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City 1550 Metro Manila, Philippines, Tel +632 8632-1036.

9. For Bid Submission:

S.N	EVENTS	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
1	To purchase the Bidding Documents in English @ USD150 .	From: 8 February 2023 Until: 21 March 2023	> Attention: H.E. Pich Sophoan, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister, Permanent Secretary of State and Project Director > Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training Skills for Competitiveness (S4C) Project > Address: Directorate General of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (DGTVET), PMU/S4C, 4th floor of Center for Research Development and Innovation in Technical Vocational Education and Training inside TVET Park/NTTI Campus: Russian Blvd, Sangkat Teukthla Khan Sensok, Phnom Penh, CAMBODIA. > Fax: +855 23 844 276
2	Pre-bid Meeting	20 February 2023 at 10.00 am Cambodian standard Time.	
3	Deadline for submission of the following original documents: Bid Security (in form of bank guarantee only)	18 August 2023	
4	Bid Opening	21 March 2023 at 15.30 pm Cambodian standard Time.	

Note: Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for bid submission in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend and other interested person who choose to attend in person at the address above.

10. All bid shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security** as described in Section II "Bid Data Sheet" ITB 21.1. The Bidder shall furnish bid security separately per lot in the following amounts:
- For **Lot-2:** USD57,500.00 (fifty-seven thousand five hundred US Dollar) or equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency or in Cambodian currency.
- The Bid security shall be in the form of an unconditional bank guarantee issued by any scheduled bank located within the Purchaser's country or from abroad, duly endorsed by any scheduled bank located in the purchaser's country in favor of **Purchaser**.
- The Bid Security shall be an unconditional guarantee issued by a bank in accordance with the Form of Bid Security provided in Section 4: Bidding Forms and to be submitted with the original Bid.
11. The Government of Cambodia and Asian Development Bank will respectively declare a firm ineligible either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract funded by the Government of Cambodia and/or Asian Development Bank, if it at any time it determines that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent, coercive or collusive practices in competing for or in executing a contract.

Sar Kheng offers Japan thanks for development aid

Samban Chandara

MINISTER of Interior Sar Kheng considered Japan's assistance to Cambodia a significant contributor to the Kingdom's achievements in recent years, including its national and commune council election processes.

He held a February 6 bilateral meeting with newly appointed Japanese ambassador to Cambodia Atsushi Ueno to discuss the progress of relations between Cambodia and Japan, especially in terms of Japanese development aid.

During the meeting, Sar Kheng offered a warm welcome to the ambassador and thanks to the government and people of Japan for their dedicated support of Cambodia's development, from the Paris Peace Agreement to the present day.

"The accomplishments in social development that Cambodia has achieved could not have happened without the significant contributions of the Japanese government and its people," he said.

He also mentioned the decades of cooperation that had led to a comprehensive strategic partnership between the two nations, which is an important step to improving and expanding bilateral ties between the two countries.

"Ueno told Sar Kheng that he was very pleased that he had been appointed to Cambodia, a country with a rich civilisation and excellent relations with Japan. He was pleased that the two nations had achieved a comprehensive strategic partnership, and proud of Japan's contributions to Cambodia's peace and development," said the interior ministry.

The ambassador described the progress of a number of

projects that Japan is assisting the Kingdom on, including support for democratic development projects, election-related work through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and improving partnerships between the government and civil society organisations.

Sar Kheng also thanked Japan for its support for the projects, highlighting the importance of its assistance in the preparation of new voter lists, which he said were an important part of the Kingdom's election process.

"I hope that the government of Japan will continue to support these activities, especially decentralisation reforms, and provide training for the sub-national administrations while the government implements the second phase of the National Strategic Plan," he said.

Som Sorida, deputy secretary-general and spokesman for the National Election Committee (NEC), said Japan has never failed to support the Kingdom, especially in matters related to the election process.

"Although Japan has not been as active in recent years, through JICA, it has assisted us with voter education and outreach," he added.

"Their contribution to our election work has been priceless. The NEC would like to thank the Japanese government for its continual financial, technical and specialist support," he continued.

Sorida called on Japan to continue to support the election process and the development of Cambodian democracy. In particular, he asked that Japan consider supporting the digital modernisation work that the NEC is undertaking to improve on its older, manual information systems. ■

UN praises 'improving' human rights situation

Yuth Vireak

JOSEPH Scheuer, UN resident coordinator in Cambodia, said respect for human rights is improving in Cambodia, and he plans to work with the government to improve them further in the coming years.

Scheuer, who was appointed in October last year, paid a February 6 courtesy call on Keo Remy, chairman of the Cambodian Human Rights Committee (CHRC).

Scheuer commended the CHRC and thanked the committee for its continued cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Cambodia. He praised the government for allowing the OHCHR to continue its mandate and mission to assist the country.

During the meeting, Remy highlighted the "excellent" cooperation in the field of human

rights between the CHRC and the UN Office in Cambodia, as well as the OHCHR. He reiterated his intention to continue to cooperate in the future.

CHRC spokesman Chin Malin said Scheuer had praised the work of the committee, as well as the UN Office and especially the OHCHR.

He added that the UN Office has been working closely with the CHRC, especially through training and capacity building. He was also pleased with the UN's contributions to report writing, as well as report defence.

"Scheuer encouraged the CHRC to work with whichever UN agencies it deems necessary. He reminded [Remy] that support and technical assistance is available in connection with our work of promoting human rights and protecting the rights and freedoms of the Cambodian people," Malin said. ■