



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Ministry of Economy
Afghanistan Reconstruction & Development Services

ARDS

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

MINISTRY OF MINES

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

PROCUREMENT OF WORKS FOR REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF
MAZAR-E-SHARIF FERTILIZER AND POWER PLANT

IFB No: *MOM/1091/ICB*

1. The Ministry of Mines of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has received a grant from Ministry of Finance towards Procurement of Works for Rehabilitation and reconstruction of Mazar-e-Sharif Fertilizer and Power Plant and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments under the Contract for Procurement of Works for Rehabilitation and reconstruction of Mazar-e-Sharif Fertilizer and Power Plant.
2. The Afghanistan Reconstruction and Development Services (ARDS) acting on behalf of **Ministry of Mines** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the **Procurement of Works for Rehabilitation and reconstruction of Mazar-e-Sharif Fertilizer and Power Plant**. The estimated construction period for this works is **Forty (40) months (including 4 month for preparation)**.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB) procedures specified in the Procurement Law and Procurement regulations of Afghanistan, and are open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from *Afghanistan Reconstruction and Development Services (ARDS)* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 9:00-14:00 Hrs on any of the working days from *Saturday to Thursday*.
5. **Qualifications requirements include:**
 - (a) The minimum required annual volume of construction work for the successful bidder in any of the last five years shall be: in **USD 15,000,000**.
 - (b) Experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least one works of value **USD 9,000,000** or more, during the last five (5) years (to comply with this requirement, works cited should be at least 70 percent completed):

- (c) Proposals for the timely acquisition (own, lease, hire, etc.) of the essential equipments as given below:

The bidder may propose its own set of equipment to carry out the job.

- (d) A **Contract Manager** with five years' experience in works of an equivalent nature and volume.
- (e) The minimum amount of liquid assets and/ or credit facilities net of other contractual commitments of the successful Bidder shall be **USD 3,750,000**.

For detailed post qualification verification please refer to Section I.- Instructions to Bidders and Section II- Bid Data Sheet of the bidding documents.

6. A margin of preference for eligible national contractors/joint ventures shall not be applied.

7. A complete set of **Bidding Documents in English may be obtained free of cost** by interested bidders by downloading the same from the ARDS website www.ards.org.af or in CD from ARDS office (address given below) In case of any difficulty in downloading from website, interested bidders may contact at e-mail address ards.procurement@ards.org.af.

8. **Pre Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 hours on January 25, 2010.**

Address for the Pre Bid meeting: - .

9. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **February 21, 2010 at 14:00 hours** Afghanistan Local Time. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. **Late bids will be rejected.** Bids will be opened immediately after bid submission deadline in the presence of the bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at the same location as for bid submission.

10. Bids should be **valid for a period of 120 days** from the bid submission date.

11. **All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of USD 300,000 or an equivalent amount in freely convertible currency which shall be valid up to July 19, 2010.**

12. The address referred to above is:

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