

INTERNATIONAL PROCUREMENT COMPETITIVE (IPC)
INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

Date: 10th August 2024.

Project Name: Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation- Phase II.

IFB No: APFBC/PMU/Phase-II/Cloud Services/2024/350/7-A

1. The Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Society (APFBCS) has received funds from *Agence Française de Développement ("AFD")* towards the cost of "Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation- Phase II". It is intended that part of the proceeds of these funds will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for "Procurement of Cloud Hosting Services for the Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation-Phase II".
2. The Project Director, PMU, APFBCS invites sealed bid from eligible bidders in a 2-bid format (technical and financial) contained in a single envelope for the "Procurement of Cloud Hosting Services for the Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation-Phase II".

Sl.	Contract	Quantity
1	APFBC/PMU/Phase-II/Cloud Services/2024/350/Cloud Hosting Services	1

3. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Document at the office of the Project Director, PMU, APFBCS, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati – 781037 (Assam), Telephone: +91-361-2733917, Email: pd@apfbcn.in ; Website: www.apfbcn.nic.in.
4. A complete set of Bidding Document may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of INR 3,540/- (Fee INR 3,000/- plus GST INR 540/-) only in the form of Demand Draft in favour of the "Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation- Phase II" payable at Guwahati, Assam. Bidding Document may also be downloaded free of cost from the website of APFBCS viz. www.apfbcn.nic.in. In case the Bidding Document is downloaded from website, the non-refundable fee is **not** required.
5. The APFBCS requires cloud hosting services for **one year** from the system's operational acceptance date.
6. Bid must be delivered to the above office on or before 14:00 Hours IST on **10th September 2024** and must be accompanied by Bid Security of the sum as under:

Sl.	Bid Security Amount in Indian Rupees
1	INR 0.18 Million

7. Technical Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 14:15 Hours IST on **10th September 2024** at the same address.
8. **Technical Qualification criteria:** Eligible bidders for AFD financed procurement shall be from an eligible source country and shall satisfy all the qualifying criteria listed in Section III of this tender document. Few of these criterions are:

A) Technical:

- i) The bidder should be MSP, CSP or both and must have presence in India.
- ii) Should have experience in providing cloud based hosting services for GIS solutions to government departments.
- iii) Should possess relevant certifications and satisfy empanelment requirements.

B) Financial:

- i) **Annual Turnover:** Minimum average annual turnover for the last 3 years (2022-23; 2021-22 & 2020-21).

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1	INR 8 Million for MSP and INR 80 Million for CSP

- ii) Demonstrate Current soundness of the Bidder's financial position based on the following criteria:
 - a) Average liquidity ratio for the last three (3) years ≥ 1.1 ;
 - b) Average indebtedness ratio for the last three (3) years $\leq 80\%$.

C) Legal and others:

- i) **History of Non-Performing Contracts:** Termination of a contract did not occur as a result of Bidder's default in the past five (5) years.
- ii) **Pending Litigation:** All pending litigation shall in total not represent more than one hundred percent (100%) of the Bidder's net worth.

Sd/-
Project Director
PMU, APFBC Society