

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

Date: 29th November 2024.

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

IFB No: APFBC/PMU/Phase-II/Cloud Services/2024/350/134

1. The Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Society (APFBCS) has received funds from Agence Française de Development ("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".
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".

Sr. No.	Contract	Quantity
1	APFBC/PMU/Phase-II/PD/2024/350/134 Cloud Hosting Services	1 set

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.

3. 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.
4. The APFBCS requires cloud hosting services from the system's operational acceptance date, for a period of 3 years, renewable yearly after necessary approvals.
5. Bid must be delivered to the above office on or before 14:00 Hours IST on **30th December 2024** and must be accompanied by Bid Security of the sum as under:

Sr. No.	Bid Security Amount in Indian Rupees
1	INR 0.4 Million

6. Technical Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 14:15 Hours IST on **30th December 2024** at the same address.
7. **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 and section VII of this tender document. Please refer to above sections and **document checklist in BDS** for details of documents to be submitted. Few of these criterions are:

A) Technical:

- i) The bidder should be either an MSP (quoting the solution with a MeitY Empaneled CSP) or a CSP and must have presence in India.
- ii) MSP should have experience in providing cloud-based hosting services and CSP should have experience in providing cloud-based hosting services.
- iii) MSP and CSP should possess relevant certifications and CSP should satisfy MeitY Empanelment requirement.

B) Financial:

- i) **Annual Turnover:** Minimum average annual turnover for the last 3 years (2023-24; 2022-23 & 2021-22).

Sr. No.	Minimum average annual turnover for the last 3 years
1	INR 10 Million for MSP and INR 100 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) Positive Net Worth per year during last 3 years.

C) Legal and others:

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

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Project Director
PMU, APFBC Society