

## Invitation for Bids

Date	27 October 2025
Loan/Grant No. and Title	1010/1011 KIR: South Tarawa Renewable Energy Project
	(Phase 2)
Contract No. and Title	STREP2-P-02 – Design Build and Commission of Kiribati
	Transmission Line
Deadline for Submission of Bids	18 December 2025 at 10:00 hours (Tarawa time)

- The Government of the Republic of Kiribati ("GoK") has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost South Tarawa Renewable Energy Project (Phase 2). Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.
- The Public Utilities Board, (PUB of Kiribati), ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the design, construction and completion of a 33kV transmission grid infrastructure, and other items based on the requirements of the Employer ("the Works").
- Open competitive bidding International Advertisement will be conducted in accordance with ADB's <u>Single Stage Two Envelope</u> bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.
- 4. The design, supply, installation and commissioning provided under this contract shall be completed within 12 months from the date of contract effectiveness.
- 5. The bids will be evaluated following the Merit Point Criteria. A combined score will be calculated using a 30:70 price and non-price weighting.
- 6. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications defined in the bidding document may participate in this bidding:

## **Financial Situation:**

- (a) The net worth and financial recourses for the Bidder's organization or Joint Venture shall meet the following criteria:
  - i. The Bidder's net worth for the last year, calculated as the difference between total assets and total liabilities, should be positive and,
  - ii. For a single entity, the Bidder's financial resources, less its financial obligations for its current contract commitments, must meet or exceed US\$1.2 million. For a joint venture, the combined financial resources of all partners, less all the partners' total financial obligations for the current contract commitments, must meet or exceed US\$1.2 million, one partner must meet or exceed US\$0.50 million, and each partner must meet or exceed US\$0.30 million.
- (b) For a single entity, the Bidder's average annual turnover shall be not less than US\$9 million over the last three years. For a joint venture, all partners combined must meet \$9.00 million, each partner must meet US\$2.25 million, and one partner must meet US\$3.60 million.

## Similar Works Experience:

The Bidder shall have participated a contractor, Joint Venture partner, or Subcontractor in at least one contract for supply, installation and commissioning of transmission overhead infrastructure works, 11kV or 33kV overhead lines with aerial bundled conductor (ABC) cables, that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last five years and that are similar to the proposed contract, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds US\$5 million. The similarity of the Bidder's participation shall be based on the physical size, nature of works, complexity, methods, technology, or other characteristics as described in Section 6 (Employer's Requirements) of the Bidding Document.

For other qualifying criteria please refer to Section 3 (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria) of the Bidding Document.

7. A Pre-Bid meeting shall take place.

Date: 5 November 2025

Time: 10:00am Tarawa, Kiribati time

Place: Remote (MS Teams link shall be provided)

A site visit conducted by the Employer shall be organized.

8. To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Document, Bidders should contact:

Procurement Technical Assistance via the Tenderlink Portal.

If there is any query regarding access information in the portal, please contact:

Procurement Technical Assistance: **Tom Williams**, TomW@frequency.nz

9. A complete set of bidding documents may be freely downloaded by interested bidders from the Tenderlink portal using the following web link: https://portal.tenderlink.com/kiribatimofaed/

Interested bidders are required to register with the Tenderlink portal before downloading the bidding documents. There is no charge for the bidders to register themselves with the Tenderlink portal and download the bidding documents.

10. Bidders must submit their bids electronically through the Tenderlink portal using the following web link: <a href="https://portal.tenderlink.com/kiribatimofaed/">https://portal.tenderlink.com/kiribatimofaed/</a> as specified in the Bidding Document on or before 10:00 am, Tarawa time on 18 December 2025.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration described in the Bidding Documents. Late bids and hardcopy bid submissions will not be accepted. Bids will be opened electronically on the Tenderlink portal immediately after the deadline for bid submission in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.