

Invitation for Bids

Date:	19 July 2022
Loan No. and Title:	Grant No. 0500-LAO: Second Strengthening Higher Education Project
Contract No. and Title:	ICB/SSHEP/G/22/G7: Supply and Delivery of Equipment for Savannakhet University (SKU) Laboratory
Deadline for Submission of Bids:	30 August 2022 at 10:00 hours (Lao time)

1. The **Lao People's Democratic Republic** has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of **Second Strengthening Higher Education Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.
2. The **Ministry of Education and Sports, Department of Higher Education** ("the Purchaser") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the Supply of Equipment for SKU Laboratory.
3. **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single Stage – One Envelope procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.
4. Only eligible Bidders with following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:
 - The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence that it meets the following experience and financial requirements:
 - i. that the Bidder has satisfactorily completed as main supplier at least two (2) contracts for supply of similar goods in the preceding three (3) years each valued of not less than **USD1.7 million**.
 - ii. that the Bidder has a Minimum Average Annual Turnover of **USD 4.400 million** calculated as total payments received by the Bidder for contracts completed or under execution over the last **3** years.
 - iii. that the Bidder has Availability of or Access to Liquid Assets, Lines of Credit, and other finances sufficient to meet cash flow requirement which is **USD1.100 million**.
 - iv. that the Manufacturer of the offered goods, if a different entity from the Bidder, has been in production at least 3 years, and been in operation for a minimum 3 years.
 - v. that, in the case of a Bidder not doing business within Lao PDR, the Bidder is or will be (if awarded the contract) represented by an Agent in Lao PDR equipped and able to carry out the Supplier's warranty, maintenance, repair, and spare parts stocking obligations prescribed in the Conditions of Contract and/or Technical Specifications;
5. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Purchaser (Ministry of Education and Sports/Department of Higher Education, Lao PDR), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saykhong Saynasine, Director General, Department of Higher Education/Project Director, SSHEP by Telephone +(856-21) 243540, or e-mail: sshepproject@gmail.com with cc to: [Ms. Amphavanh Sivilsysack](mailto:amphavanh.sivilsysack); (e-mail: amphamay@gmail.com), Procurement Officer and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:30 to 11:30 hours in the morning and 14:00 to 17:00 hours in the afternoon on all working days from **19 July 2022 to 30 August 2022**.

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given below and upon payment of a **non-refundable fee of USD100 or its equivalent in Lao KIP of LAK1.650.000**. The method of payment will be in cash or deposit to:

	USD Payments	LAK Payments
Bank:	Banque Pour Le Commerce Exterieur Lao Public (BCEL)	Banque Pour Le Commerce Exterieur Lao Public (BCEL)
Bank Address:	No 1 Pangkham Rd, Chanthabouly District, Vientiane, Lao PDR	No 1 Pangkham Rd, Chanthabouly District, Vientiane, Lao PDR
Account Name:	SSHEP/DOF	SSHEP/DOF
Account No.:	010110001371259001	010110001371259001
Swift Code:		

7. The Bidding Documents may be collected in person or may be sent by email or courier, 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 at the discretion of the Bidder. Other than payment of non-refundable fee, there are no other conditions for the purchase of the Bidding Documents. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.
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9. Bids must be delivered to the address given below **on or before 30 August 2022 at 10:00 hours (local Time)**. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security using the form included in Section 4, Bidding Forms, as specified under Sub clause 19.1 of Bid Data Sheet. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives and other interested person who choose to attend in person at the address below **on 30 August 2022 at 10:15 hours (local time)**.
10. The Purchaser will not be responsible for any cost or expense incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
11. In the comparison of bids, ADB's Domestic Preference is NOT applied.

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