

INVITATION FOR BIDS

KfW Project No. 43894

BMZ No. 201865286

INDIA

Climate-Resilient Reconstruction after flooding in Kerala

KSTP/KfW/RKI PKG-III/WORK/3/Procurement No. 506122

Estimated Value of the Contract: 80.91 Crores including maintenance for 5 years and including GST

The Kerala State Transport Project (KSTP), a project management team (PMT) with in Public Works Department (PWD), Government of Kerala (GoK) has received financing from KfW Bank toward the cost of the Climate-Resilient Reconstruction after flooding in Kerala, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments during construction under the contract for Reconstruction of Muvattupuzha – Theni Road under RKI package III. Payments during 5 years maintenance phase after the completion of construction phase shall be made from own resources.

The *KSTP* now invites online Bids from eligible Bidders for Rehabilitation and Upgrading the Muvattupuzha – Theni Road (Length of 16.180 Km) from Km 0+000 (Muvattupuzha) to Km 16+180 (Ernakulum district boundary) in Ernakulum District under Rebuild Kerala Initiative (RKI) of Government of Kerala, India. Construction period is 18 months and the contractor shall also maintain the developed facilities for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of Provisional Certificate of Completion as per the scope, specifications & payment amounts in part 6 of the bid document. Supervision, monitoring & contract management shall be done by KSTP through 'Construction supervision consultant (CSC)/ Authority engineer' during construction phase, whereas, this role shall be played directly by the KSTP/PWD during 5 years maintenance period.

Bidding will be conducted by means of the National Competitive Bidding procedure with qualification as specified in the KfW Guidelines for Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and associated Services in Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries ("KfW Guidelines"), including, but not limited to, the clause no 1.3 for eligibility criteria.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from

Dr Dinesh Arora, Project Director, KSTP

T.C. 11/339, Sree Bala Building

Keston Road, Nanthancode, Kowdiar P.O.

Thiruvananthapuram – 695003, Kerala, India.

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A complete set of bidding documents is available to interested Bidders at <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in>, as per below,

1. Bidders from India should, however, be registered as A class with the Government of India or other State Governments/Government of India, or State/Central Government Undertakings. Bidders from India, who are not registered as above, on the date of bidding, can also participate provided they get themselves registered by the time of contract signing, if they become successful bidders. **Bidders are advised to note the clauses on eligibility (Section I Clause 4) and minimum qualification criteria (Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), to qualify for the award of the contract.** In addition, please refer to paragraph 1.3.3 of the KfW Bank's Guidelines setting forth the Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
2. Bidding documents are available online on <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in> from 23/12/2020 to 08/02/2021 and can be downloaded by the prospective bidder after registration on the portal. Bidders who would like to download the document from the website shall register with their details in the website for obtaining User ID and Password. The registration in the website is free of cost. However, a non-refundable fee Rs.16800/- as cost of Bid Document in the form of Demand Draft (DD) drawn on any Scheduled/Nationalized bank payable at Thiruvananthapuram in favour of Project Director, KSTP is to be submitted as per the procedure described in paragraph 5 below. The bidders would be responsible for ensuring that any addenda available on the website is also downloaded and incorporated and no separate email or other communication will be sent to the registered bidders in this regard. However, pre-bid Queries, Clarifications, Corrigendum and Amendments will be published on e-tender portal
3. For submission of the bid, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the Certifying Authorities authorised by Government of India for issuing DSC. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-procurement in this Project, may obtain the same from the website: www.etenders.kerala.gov.in. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of INR 80,91,000/- (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Ninety-One Thousand Only), drawn in favour of Project Director, KSTP, Thiruvananthapuram. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and shall have to be valid for 42 days beyond the validity of the bid. Procedure for submission of original bid security is described in Para below.
4. Bids must be submitted online on <https://etenders.Kerala.gov.in> on or before 08/02/2021 hours on 15:00 hours IST and the 1st Envelope of 'Qualification' will be opened online on 08/02/2021 at 15:30 hours. The 2nd Envelope of 'Bid' shall remain unopened in the e-procurement system until the second public Bid opening for the same. Any bid or modifications to bid (including discount) received outside e-procurement system will not be considered. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids.

5. The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document ; (b) original bid security in approved form; (c) Power of Attorney; and (d) original affidavit confirming correctness of information furnished with the 1st envelope, to the Project Director, Kerala State Transport Project (KSTP) T.C. 11/339, Sree Bala Building, Keston Road, Nanthancode, Kowdiar P.O, Thiruvananthapuram - 695003 before the deadline for Bid submission i.e. before 08/02/2021 15:00 hours , either by registered post/speed post/courier or by hand, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive and will not be opened. Any delays in delivery of the above documents forwarded by post / courier will be considered as delayed submissions and the bids will be considered as non-responsive. Employer/ Tender inviting Authority will not be responsible for any such postal / courier delays.
6. A pre-bid meeting will be held on 12/01/2021 at 11:00 hours at the office of Project Director, Kerala State Transport Project (KSTP) to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in ITB Clause 7 of 'Instructions to Bidders' of the bidding document. Bidders are advised to download the bidding document prior to the pre-bid meeting in order for bidders to have a good understanding of the scope of work under this contract for discussion and clarification at the pre-bid meeting. In case of lockdown, pre-bid meeting may be held via video conference. In such a case, the bidders will be informed in timely manner.
7. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer/Authority shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will provide notification to the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer/Authority shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to this bid.

In the first public session, only the Qualification Documents will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives. In the second public session only the Bids of those Bidders who have fulfilled the qualification criteria will be opened

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Project Director