



Invitation for Bids (IFB)

IFB Number: BSSD (Proc)/ 947 / F-1(Maintenance NW-Sys Hardware)-/2010

Date August 20, 2010

1. The State Bank of Pakistan intends to have a dependable and seamless functioning of the Information Technology infrastructure that crosscuts and underpins all its routine and strategic operations of Network; consisting of Routing, Switching and Security devices and related Software.
2. The Information Services & Technology Department serves as the implementing agency for the project and now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for **“Maintenance Services for Network and System Hardware for State Bank of Pakistan”** as details provided in the Bidding Documents

Package I - Cisco Equipment (Routers, Cisco ASA Firewalls & Cisco Layer 3 Switches)
Package II - Juniper Equipment
Package III – Layer 2 Switches
Package IV- Fujitsu Siemens Servers, Workstations and peripheral items
Package V- APC UPS
Package VI - Fluke Cable Tester

1. Bidding will be conducted using the National Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the Public Procurement Rules 2004 (PPR 2004) and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the PPR2004 that meet the following minimum qualification criteria:

Bidders must be a manufacturer or an authorized agent/dealer/partner of the manufacturer of required equipment in Pakistan with a minimum of five (5) years of experience in service, support and maintenance of hardware in the applicable package(s). Bidders must have a documented track of having completed at least 3 similar assignments, during last 5 (five) years of similar functional/technical characteristics and of a comparable scale. They should have adequate current assets at least 3 times the amount of Bid. The bidders are requested to give their best and final prices as no negotiations are expected. The rates quoted must remain valid for a period of ninety days after opening of bids.

4. Bidders may bid for one or more complete packages, evaluation of bid and contract award will be package wise.
5. The attention of prospective Bidders is drawn to (i) the fact that they will be required to certify in their bids that all software is either covered by a valid license or was produced by the Bidder and (ii) that violations are considered fraud, which is, among other remedies, punishable by potential blacklisting from participation in future State Bank of Pakistan-financed procurement.
6. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 3% of the bid price. Late bids will be rejected.
7. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and purchase the bidding documents on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **Pak. Rs. 500** only through bank draft/call deposit from the address given below from 9am to 2pm after publication of IFB till closing thereof. If the bidding documents are requested by post courier then non-refundable fee of Pak Rs. 700 will be charged.
8. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 1100 hours**. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 1130 Hours same day at Learning Resource Centre, State Bank of Pakistan, Karachi
9. Late bids will be rejected. **Incomplete Bid or Bid received without “BID FORM” signed by an authorized representative of bidder will be rejected.**

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