

MOSSEL BAY MUNICIPALITY

T 1.1 INVITATION TO TENDER

CLOSING TIME: 12h00

CLOSING DATE: 23 JUNE 2023

TDR361/2022/2023: INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER (IPP) PROGRAM FOR EMBEDDED GENERATION SUPPLY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY TO MOSSEL BAY MUNICIPALITY

Tenders are hereby invited from potential independent power producers for competitive proposals for power generation projects connected to Mossel Bay's electrical distribution network for embedded generation (5MW up to 30MW ac) for a period of 25 years from the date of commercial operation subject to compliance with all legislative requirements and obtaining all prescriptive authorisations and licenses.

A set of fully completed tender documents must be submitted on the original documents and remain valid for 12 months after the closing date of the tender. Enquiries about the tender specifications and requirements can be addressed to Mr Kevin Grunewald at BDE Consulting Engineers, at telephone (044) 801-9700 or e-mail at kevin@bdeconsult.co.za. Enquiries pertaining to the completion of the tender document can be addressed to Mr Deslin Kohler at telephone (044) 606-5192 or e-mail to dkohler@mosselbay.gov.za.

A compulsory site and information meeting will take place at 11h00 on **Tuesday, 09 May 2023 at the Mossel Bay Townhall, GPS:34.181765 S; 22.139605 E**

AT LEAST ONE OF THE PARTNERS OF A JOINT VENTURE MUST ATTEND THIS COMPULSORY MEETING.

BIDDERS WHO DID NOT ATTEND THE COMPULSORY SITE AND INFORMATION MEETING AND SUBMIT A BID, WILL BE SEEN AS SUBMITTING A NON-RESPONSIVE BID.

Please note: The Municipality prefer that Senior Company Staff members or Contract Managers attend the compulsory site meeting as the Scope of Works, the Design and the Tender Specifications will be discussed in detail along with the Execution phase expectations and possible amendments. It remains the Bidder's responsibility to familiarise themselves with and fully understand the tender specifications to be able to submit a responsive tender.

Prospective bidders that arrive 15 minutes or more after the advertised time the meeting started will not be allowed to attend the meeting or to sign the attendance register. If a prospective bidder is delayed, he/she must inform the contact person before the meeting commence and he/she will only be allowed to attend the meeting if the chairperson of the meeting, as well as all the other bidders attending the meeting, give permission to do so.

A set of tender documents can be obtained at a non-refundable cost of **R528,00** including VAT. Tender documents must be reserved not later than **12h00 on Wednesday, 03 May 2023** from BDE Consulting Engineers at (044) 801-9700 or e-mail to reception@bdeconsult.co.za. Documents will only be handed to bidders who reserved a document and who produce a receipt for the payment of the tender document.

Fully completed tender documents must be placed in a sealed envelope and placed in the tender box at the Entrance of the Mossel Bay Town Hall, 101 Marsh Street, Mossel Bay, by not later than **12h00 on Friday, 23 June 2023** or be mailed to reach the Tender Box, Mossel Bay Municipality, PO Box 25, Mossel Bay, 6500 before the specified closing date and time. The envelopes must be endorsed clearly with the number, title and closing date of the tender as above.

This tender will follow a two-stage process. For the first stage, bidders will be required to submit technical proposals that meet the specified eligibility requirements. A bidder may submit more than one proposal and each proposal will be evaluated separately. Successful proposals, evaluated as having met the eligibility requirements, will be awarded "Preferred Bidder" status, and may progress to the second stage.

For the first phase, bids will be pre-evaluated on the following eligibility criteria and bidders who do not submit the required documentation will be considered as non-responsive:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Tenderers are obligated to submit a tender offer that complies in all aspects to the conditions as detailed in this tender document. Only those tenders that comply in all aspects with the tender conditions, specifications, pricing instructions and contract conditions will be declared to be responsive.

Submit a tender offer.

Only those tender submissions from which it can be established that a clear, irrevocable, and unambiguous offer has been made to Mossel Bay Municipality, by whom the offer has been made and what the offer constitutes, will be declared responsive.

Compliance with Mossel Bay Municipality Policy and procedures

Only Tenderers that comply with all requirements and procedures set out in this tender will be deemed to be responsive.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Tenderers will need to provide information that demonstrates the following in order to progress past the first round:

1. That the proposed technical solution utilizes a proven technology that has been implemented successfully at a utility scale.
2. That the maximum instantaneous generation of any single project can be accommodated by the grid capacity at the chosen point of connection, as determined by the Municipality's Electrotechnical department.
3. The total generation downstream of an Eskom in-take feed must not result in export of electricity into Eskom's grid during all foreseen network conditions. An initial assessment by the Municipality will need to confirm this.
4. Peak output of power plant, irrespective of technology, per point of connection is equal to or greater than 5MW, AC.
5. Proof of land ownership/access (title deed; rental agreement; notarial lease; option to lease; option to purchase) for the proposed power plant, for the full duration of the PPA.
6. That the proposed project will connect to the network within the Municipal supply authority boundaries.
7. The Tenderer must provide information on two (2) similar (minimum of 5 MWp), unrelated and separate projects and contactable Referees in relation to the similar projects as proposed to the Municipality.
8. Bidders will be provided a time frame not exceeding three years to design, construct and commission the plant from date of signed PPA. Preference will be given to projects that can be operational within twelve (12) months after final approval.
9. No tenderer will be recommended for an award unless the tenderer has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Municipality that he/she has the resources and skills required.
10. Notwithstanding compliance regarding any requirements of the tender, the Municipality will perform a risk analysis in respect of the following:
 - a) reasonableness of the financial offer;
 - b) reasonableness of unit rates and prices;
 - c) the tenderer's ability to fulfil its obligations in terms of the tender document, that is, that the tenderer can demonstrate that he/she possesses the necessary professional and technical qualifications, professional and technical competence, financial resources, equipment and other physical facilities, managerial capability, reliability, capacity, experience, reputation, personnel to perform the contract, etc.; the Municipality reserves the right to consider a tenderer's existing contracts with the Municipality in this regard;
 - d) any other matter relating to the submitted bid, the tendering entity, matters of compliance, verification of submitted information and documents, etc;
 - e) the conclusions drawn from this risk analysis will be used by the Municipality in determining the acceptability of the tender offer.

During the second stage, network connection pricing will be determined by the Municipality and communicated to the "Preferred Bidders", who will be invited to submit a detailed technical and financial proposal. The qualifying bidders may reconsider their bid and submit a revised final bid and their price for evaluation.

For the second stage, the responsive bids will then be evaluated on the 80/20 or 90/10 Preference Points System. A maximum of 20 points (80/20 preference point system) or 10 points (90/10 preference point system) will be allocated for specific goals.

50% of the 20/10 points will be allocated in terms of a bidder's B-BBEE scorecard and other 50% of the 20/10 points will be for a bidder's locality.

The tender box will be emptied just after 12h00 on the closing date as above, hereafter all bids will be opened in public. Late tenders or tenders submitted by e-mail or fax will under no circumstances be accepted.

The Municipality reserves the right to withdraw any invitation to tender and/or to re-advertise or to reject any tender or to accept a part of it. The Municipality does not bind itself to accepting the lowest tender or award a contract to the bidder scoring the highest number of points.

It is expected of all Bidders who are not yet registered on the Central Supplier Database to register without delay on the prescribed form. The Municipality reserves the right not to award tenders to Bidders who are not registered on this Database.

MR C PUREN
MUNICIPAL MANAGER