

No. Chit/862/2/2021 (Part 2) Assistant High Commission of India Chittagong

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong, intends to acquire a property for official use in Khulshi, Chittagong. For this purpose, the Assistant High Commission wishes to engage the services of a reputed Lawyer/Law Firm specializing in real estate for completion of all legal formalities related to the acquisition of property. The Lawyer/Law Firm should be registered or licensed to provide such legal services in Bangladesh. Interested firms/agencies may submit their quotations to the Assistant High Commission in sealed envelopes. Bidders shall submit their bid in a large sealed envelope super–scribed, "Legal Services Bids", for Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong, which shall have following three separate sealed envelopes inside:

Envelope A: This envelope shall be super–scribed as "*EMD*". It shall contain Demand draft or Banker's cheque or an unconditional and irrevocable Bank Guarantee or a print–out of online payment towards EMD, as per conditions mentioned at para 6 below.

Envelope B: This envelope shall be super–scribed as "*Technical Bid*". It shall contain documents establishing the technical eligibility of the firm (registration certificate, work experience, certificates from clients indicating satisfactory services etc.) and other documents required to establish sound financial condition of the firm.

Envelope C: This envelope shall be super–scribed as "*Financial Bid*". It shall contain the financial bid, as per para 5 below.

No tender documents will be accepted after the expiry of stipulated date and time under any circumstances.

The tentative dates related to tender submission are placed below:

| Sl No. | Remarks | Dates |
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| 1. | Bid Submission opening date | 09.05.2022 (Tentative) |
| 2. | Bid Submission closing date | 30.05.2022 (Tentative) at 1500 hrs |
| 3. | Pre-Bid Meeting | 18.05.2022 (Tentative) at Assistant High |
| | | Commission of India, Chittagong at 1600 |
| | | hrs BST |
| 4. | Date of opening of Technical bids | 02.06.2022 (Tentative) at 1600 hrs at |
| | | Assistant High Commission of India, |
| | | Chittagong |
| 5. | Date of opening of Financial Bids | Will be intimated later to shortlisted |
| | | companies. |

- **1. <u>Scope of work</u>:** The Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong intends to acquire a property in Khulshi area of Chittagong. The lawyer/law firm shall provide the following services in this regard
 - (a) Consultations/guidance and assistance to the Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong in the purchase of property including vetting of documents from legal and other angles.
 - (b) Drafting of Sale–Purchase Agreement as per local laws, in both (local language) and English, and notarization of Sale–Purchase Agreement (to be modified as per local regulations).
 - (c) Completion/smooth discharge of all legal formalities, obtaining necessary approvals etc. from local authorities related to the acquisition of the property.
 - (d) Advise/assist the Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong on all financial matters like payments etc. relating to the purchase transaction etc.
 - (e) Advise/assist the Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong in handling all legal aspects of the property purchase transaction including follow—up with local authorities till such time the title of the property is actually transferred in the name of the Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong.
- **2.** <u>Eligibility Criteria</u>: The lawyer/legal firm should be should be locally registered and appropriately qualified in accordance with Bangladesh's laws and have at least 10 years of experience in carrying out such evaluation. Documentary evidence of registration and experience should be submitted as part of technical bid.
- **3**. <u>Time Frame</u>: The selected lawyer/law firm would be expected to immediately start the work in coordination with the Owner of the property and the Assistant High Commission, and submit the draft Sale–Purchase Agreement etc. to the Assistant High Commission within a period of 3 weeks from the date of letter of appointment.

- **4.** <u>Period of validity of bids:</u> The bid shall remain valid for a period of **45 days** from the date of the opening of the bid or up to any mutually extended period. A bid valid for a shorter period shall stand rejected.
- **5.** <u>Fees:</u> The lawyer/law firms should submit their quote indicating lump–sum fees for the whole work, exclusive of VAT. Hourly quotation of fees will be summarily rejected. The quotation for fees may be submitted in a separate sealed envelope duly super–scribed as Financial Bid.

6. Conditions:

- (a) <u>EMD</u>: Prospective bidders shall deposit an amount of BDT 5,000/- (Bangladeshi Taka Five Thousand only) with the Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong as Earnest Money Deposit (EMD). This can be in the form of a Bank draft or Banker's cheque in favour of 'Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong' *or* an unconditional and irrevocable Bank Guarantee (as per format at Annexure–I). EMD shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope. EMD shall have to remain valid for a period of **45 days** beyond the final bid validity period. The EMD received from unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them after finalization and award of contract to the successful bidder. EMD of the successful bidder will be returned after submission of the Performance Bank Guarantee.
- (b) <u>Performance Guarantee:</u> The successful bidder will submit a 'Letter of Acceptance' in writing and 'Performance Guarantee' @ 5% of the accepted tender amount, within 7 days of award of contract/order. This should be in the form of an unconditional and irrevocable Bank Guarantee (as per format at Annexure–II) and should be valid up to 30 days beyond the stipulated date of completion of work.
- (c) <u>Liquidated Damages:</u> In case of any delays on the part of the firm to submit the Due Diligence Report/draft Sale–Purchase Agreement/other services specified in the Letter of Appointment, within the stipulated period, the firm shall be liable to pay the Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong, liquidated damages @ 0.5 % per week, subject to a maximum of 10 % of the accepted tender cost.
- (d) **Forfeiture of EMD**: The EMD shall be forfeited in the following cases:
 - (i) If the bidder withdraws the bid during the period of bid validity specified in the tender.
 - (ii) If the successful bidder fails to furnish the 'Letter of Acceptance', in writing, within 7 days of award of contract/order.
 - (iii) If the successful bidder fails to furnish the Performance Guarantee, within 7 days of award of contract/order.
 - (iv) If the successful bidder withdraws or modifies the bid during the period of validity or after award of work.

- 7. <u>Payment modalities</u>: The entire fee will be released to the firm in lump—sum, within 45 days of submission of correct and complete bills on successful completion of the firm's entire obligations under the contract i.e. when the Sale—Purchase Agreement is signed and the title of the property is actually transferred in the name of the Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong.
- 8. The Contractor will maintain complete confidentiality with respect to contents of the Due Diligence Report/other services provided (as mentioned in the Scope of Work) to the Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong.
- 9. If any clarification is required, the Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong may be contacted at hoc.chittagong@mea.gov.in, ahc.chittagong@mea.gov.in and trade.chittagong@mea.gov.in.
- 10. <u>Interested firms/agencies</u>, reputed and having sufficient expertise and experience may send their response/quotation in a sealed envelope (along with EMD of BDT 5,000/- clearly mentioning the following:
 - (a) Lump–sum amount payable to the firm towards fees (as part of Financial Bid).
 - (b) Acceptance of the conditions as mentioned at para 6 above (as part of Technical Bid), along with other requisite documents as indicated at Envelope B.

The bids, in sealed envelopes, may be sent to the following address not later than ______to:

The Assistant High Commissioner Assistant High Commission of India Chittagong

11. The Technical Bids will be opened on 02.06.2022 at 1600 hrs at the Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong, by a Committee authorized by the Competent Authority of this office. The authorised representatives of the bidders shall be permitted to attend the bid opening. The financial bids of only those bidders, who have submitted the EMD and whose technical bids are accepted, shall be opened by the Committee authorized for the purpose at a time and date that will be separately communicated.

Bank Guarantee Proforma for Earnest Money Deposit

| Bank Guarantee No | |
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| Brief description of contract: Acquir | sition of Property |
| Name and Address of Beneficiary: | Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong |
| Date: | |
| legal services in connection with acc Commission of India, Chittagong, an <i>Firm with address</i>) to submit a Bar BDT In fulfillment of the hereby irrevocably and unconditional receipt of your first written demand, | with address) have submitted their tender for providing quisition of property for Assistant High and one of the tender conditions is for M/s (Name of the nk Guarantee for Earnest Money Deposit amounting to tender conditions, we, (Name of Bank with address) ally undertake to pay to you within three working days of without any demur whatsoever and without seeking any num aggregate amount of BDT |
| hereunder must be received at the a | period of 90 (Ninety) days* and any claim and statement above-mentioned office before expiry. After expiry, this d whether returned to us for cancellation or not and any iry shall be ineffective. |
| 3. Notwithstanding anything to liability under this guarantee is restrict | o the contrary contained hereinabove, the maximum cted to BDT |
| valid from (date of issue) up to the (| the contrary contained hereinabove, this guarantee is (date after 90 days from date of issue) and claims under ot later than (date after 90 days from date of issue). |
| 5. This guarantee may not, with and this guarantee is limited to the pa | nout our prior written consent, be transferred or assigned syment of a sum of money. |
| | verned and construed in accordance with the laws of aclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Bangladesh. |
| Date: | Place: |
| Name: | Signature: |
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[*45 days beyond the final bid validity period of 45 days.]

Bank Guarantee Proforma for Performance Security

| Bank Guarantee No | |
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| Brief description of contract: Acquis | sition of Property |
| Name and Address of Beneficiary: | Assistant High Commission of India Chittagong |
| Date: | |
| providing legal services in conne Assistant High Commission of India (Name of the Firm with address) to of the accepted tendered amount tendered amount). In fulfilment of the hereby irrevocably and unconditional receipt of your first written demand, | e Firm with address) have submitted their tender for ction with acquisition of property for a, Chittagong, and one of the tender conditions is for M/s submit a Bank Guarantee for Performance Security (5%) amounting to BDT (5% of the accepted the tender conditions, we, (Name of Bank with address) ally undertake to pay to you within three working days of without any demur whatsoever and without seeking any mum aggregate amount of BDT (calculated as t). |
| stipulated date of completion of we received at the above mentioned of | riod of days and up to (30 days beyond the work) and any claim and statement hereunder must be office before expiry. After expiry, this guarantee shall turned to us for cancellation or not and any claim or be ineffective. |
| | ne contrary contained hereinabove, the maximum liability BDT (5% of the accepted tendered amount). |
| from (date of issue) up to the (30 da | the contrary contained hereinabove, this guarantee is valid ys beyond the stipulated date of completion of work) and e submitted not later than (from date of expiry). |
| 5. This guarantee may not, without this guarantee is limited to the payme | at our prior written consent, be transferred or assigned and ent of a sum of money. |
| | overned and construed in accordance with the laws of exclusive jurisdiction of Bangladesh's Courts. |
| Date: | Place: |
| Name: | Signature: |