

*People's Republic of Bangladesh*  
*Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP)*  
*University Grants Commission of Bangladesh*

**IDA Credit No. 4544-BD & 5332-BD**

**Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

IFB No. *UGC/HEQEP/Procurement/G15-AF/2014/ 1043(1)*

Date: **21 -08-2017**

**Contract Title:** Upgradation of BdREN Cloud System and Applications.

**Reference No. G15-AF**

1. The **People's Republic of Bangladesh** has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **Upgradation of BdREN Cloud System and Applications (ICB No G15-AF)**.
2. The **University Grants Commission (UGC), Bangladesh** now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for **Upgradation of BdREN Cloud System and Applications**.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's [Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers](#), January 2011 ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

**Qualifications requirements include:**

**(i) Liquid Asset or working capital or credit facility or their combination**

The Bidder (in case of JV, each partner must meet at least 25% and lead partner at least 40% of the requirement) should have at least the amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility or their combination of **US\$ 3.5 (three and half) million or equivalent** in any freely convertible currency (ies).

**(ii) General Experience:**

The Bidder (in case of JV, each partner) should have at least five (5) years of general experience in supplying, installing and commissioning of Servers and ICT equipment under contracts in the role of Contractor or Supplier. (i.e. years counting backward from the date of IFB publication).

**(iii) Specific Experience:**

(a) The Bidder (in case of JV, lead partner) will at-least have experience of supplying/ installing/ Commissioning of Servers/Cloud System and Applications/ICT Equipment as contractor or supplier having a total value of at least **US \$ 4.0 million or equivalent under maximum 5 Contracts within the last 5 (five) years** i.e years counting backward from the date of publication of IFB in the newspaper.

(b) The Bidder (in case of JV, lead partner) shall have experience of supplying, installing and commissioning of Server/Cloud System and Applications/ICT equipment in Bangladesh or any other country as International contractor / supplier having a value of **US \$ 2.0 million or equivalent in a single contract within last 3 (three) years** i.e years counting backward from the date of publication of IFB in the newspaper.

**(iv) Manufacturer's Capability and Capacity:**

The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence that the proposed Manufacturer(s) meets the following requirements (if bidder itself is the manufacturer, then it shall meet the following requirements):

- (a) Manufacturer has manufactured and marketed similar Goods for at least last five (5) years [years counting backward from the date of bid submission deadline];
- (b) The manufacturer should have annual manufacturing capacity of hardware equipment, three (3) times the offered quantities of the critical items mentioned in clause 3.4.15 under Section VII of Schedule of Requirements.

**(V) Additional details are provided in the Bidding Document.**

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project and inspect the bidding documents during office hours *from 0900 to 1700 hours* Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+6 hrs.) (working days at the address given below. The bidding document is also available in the websites [www.heqep-ugc.gov.bd](http://www.heqep-ugc.gov.bd) and [www.bdren.net.bd](http://www.bdren.net.bd). A pre-bid meeting, which potential bidders may attend, will be held on **12 September 2017, Time: 11:30 Hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+6 hrs.)**. Place: University Grants Commission Bhaban Auditorium, UGC Building, Agargaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **BDT 8,000.00 (Eight thousand) or in US \$ 100.00 (US Dollar Hundred) in the form of Pay Order in favour of Project Director, Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) up to 8 October 2017 at 17:00 Hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+6 hrs.)**. Please add additional BDT 8,000.00 (eight thousand) or USD 100.00 (one hundred) for overseas delivery by international courier services.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **9 October, 2017; 14:00 Hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+6 hrs.)**. Electronic bidding will *not* be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on **9 October, 2017; 14:30 Hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+6 hrs.)**.
7. All bids must be accompanied by a "*Bid Security*" of **BDT 70,00,000.00 (Taka Seventy Lac) or USD 88,000.00 (US Dollar Eighty eight Thousand) only** in the form of Pay Order or Bank Guarantee.
8. The address referred to above is:

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**Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project**  
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