

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Country: Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
Name of Project: General Education Quality Improvement Project (GEQIP)
Credit No: 45350 – ET
Project ID: P106855
IFB Title: For the development, printing and distribution of Grades 9–12 Mother
Tongue textbooks and teacher guides to Government schools in Ethiopia
IFB No.: MoE/GEQIP/IDA/ICB/ G-02/09-C-Retender

1. This invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for the program that appeared in Development Business, issued no. 3405769 of 24 December 2008.
2. The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has received a credit/financing from the International Development Associations (IDA), the Fast Track Initiative Catalytic Fund (FTI CF) and other development partners – the Netherlands, UK Department for International Development (DFID), Italian Development Cooperation and Finland – through a Multi-Donor Trust Fund toward the cost of the GEQIP Project and it intends to apply part of this proceeds to payments under the contract for procurement of the textbooks and teacher guides listed below.
3. The Ministry of Education (MoE) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for development, printing and distribution of textbooks and teacher guides for the following subjects and grades:

Lot	Subject	Grades	Language
1	Mother Tongue	9–12	Somali
2	Mother Tongue	9–12	Tigrigna

Bidders may bid for one lot or two lots and are invited to offer discounts in case of an award of contract for both lots to one bidder.

4. Bidding will be conducted through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank Guidelines: "*Guidelines: Procurement Under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*" dated May 2004, revised October 2006; and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from
Ministry of Education,
Ato Ghebreyesus Ghebremicheal, Procurement and Property Management Directorate
Director, Room No. 107 Old Building, Arat Kilo, Tel:+251-11-1565558 or 553133 Fax:
251-11-1570686 P.O.box 1367 E-mail:jeyesuss@yahoo.com Addis Ababa, and inspect
the Bid Document at the address given below from 8:30 am to 12:30 am and 1:30 pm to
5:30 pm from Mondays to Thursdays and From 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 1:30 pm to
5:30 pm on Fridays, local time.

6. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below upon payment of a non-refundable fee ETB300 or USD20 or equivalent in freely convertible currency for the Bid Document. The method of payment shall be in cash or cashier's cheque payable to the MoE.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before, 2:00 pm, Friday 30, March 2012. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at 2:30 pm, Friday 30, March 2012.
8. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of

Lot	Lot – 1	Lot – 2
Amount	USD 2,000	USD 3,000

for each lot or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency of eligible countries. The bid security shall be in the form of a certified cheque, letter of credit or bank guarantee from a reputable banking institution or a bond issued by a surety; be issued by a reputable institution selected by the Bidder and located in any eligible country. If the institution issuing the bond is located outside the Purchaser's Country, it shall have a correspondent financial institution located in the Purchaser's Country to make it enforceable.

9. The address (es) referred to above is (are):
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Attention: Ato Ghebreyesus Ghebremicheal
Procurement and Property Management Directorate Director,
Room No. 107 Old Building, Arat Kilo
E-mail: jeyesuss@yahoo.com
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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