



The Kingdom of Cambodia
Ministry of Rural Development



Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Issuing date of the IFB: 18 February 2016

Name of Country: The Kingdom of Cambodia

Name of Project: Rural Roads Improvement Project Phase II

Brief Description of Works: Improve 22 Roads, 311 Km in Pursat, Battambang, and Banteay Meanchey Provinces

Loan No.: EDCF Loan KHM-16

- The Kingdom of Cambodia has received a Loan from the Export-Import Bank of Korea from the resources of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of the Republic of Korea toward the cost of Rural Roads Improvement Project II – CW5 and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for Improve 22 roads, 311 Km and RRIIP II-CW5-2016.
- The Project Executing Agency now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Improve 22 roads, 311 km in 3 provinces; Pursat, Battambang and Banteay Meanchey, to paved condition with Double Bituminous Surface Treatment (DBST) to provide a safer, cost-effective rural road network with all-year access to markets and other social services of poor rural provinces in Cambodia.
- Bidding will be conducted through Competitive Bidding (CB) procedures specified in the Guideline for Procurement under EDCF Loans, and is open to all eligible bidders that meet the following minimum qualification criteria. The bidders shall be Korean national and experienced with road construction in Korea, Cambodia and other Asian countries. The Only eligible bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:
 - Pending litigation of not more than 75 % of the Bidder's net worth.
 - Minimum average annual construction turnover of US\$ 24.78 million within the last five (5) years.
 - Experience in at least two (2) contracts of similar size and nature as contractor within the last six (6) years from January 2010 to December 2015, each with a value of at least US\$24.78 million that have been successfully or substantially completed.
 - Minimum construction experience for the last six (6) years from January 2010 to December 2015: 800,000 sq.m of DBST or Asphalt Concrete pavement.
 - Financial resources to meet cash flow requirement of
 - Availability of financial resources should be more than \$3.10 million for this contract and
 - Availability of financial resources should be more than \$3.10 million plus sum of average monthly payments for current contract commitments.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Rural Development and inspect the bidding documents at the address below from Monday to Friday during office hours from 8:00 to 12:00 am and from 2:00 to 5:00 pm local time from the next day after this issue.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of US\$ 300.00 by cash. The method of payment will be in cash. The document will be available to pick up only at the office stipulated in BDS during the working hours (8:00-12:00 & 14:00-17:00) from Monday to Friday except public holidays.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 04 April 2016 at 10:00 am. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of US Dollars Six Hundred Thousand only (US \$ 600,000.00). Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 10:30 am on the same day thereafter in the presence of bidder's representatives.
- The original signed 'Anti-Corruption and Malpractice Declaration' in the bidding documents must be delivered to The Export-Import Bank of Korea, (38, E unhaeng-ro, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul 07242, Republic of Korea), and one copy of the original signed must be delivered to the Employer on the submission of Bid not later than 04 April 2016 at 10:00 am. The form is available in Section4-Bidding Form of Volume I.
- The Ministry of Rural Development will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

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Reuters

Vietnamese activists place incense during a gathering to commemorate the 42nd anniversary of China's occupation of the disputed Paracels in the South China Sea, in Hanoi last month.

Vietnam PM Wants Stronger US Role in South China Sea

REUTERS

HANOI - Vietnam's prime minister has urged a greater U.S. role in preventing militarization and island-building in the South China Sea, the government said on Tuesday, in a rare call for Washington's support to curb Beijing's maritime expansionism.

During a summit of Asean countries in California on Monday, Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung suggested to U.S. President Barack Obama that Washington uses a stronger voice and "more practical and more efficient actions," in comments likely to rile China.

Tension has spiked since Beijing's construction of seven islands in the Spratly archipelago.

"Prime Minister Dung suggested the United States has a stronger voice and more practical and more efficient actions requesting termination of all activities changing the status quo," the government said on its news website.

The statement did not specifically name China, but it said Dung was referring especially to "large-scale construction of artificial islands" and "militarization."

With a large U-shaped line on its official maps, China claims most of the South China Sea. Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Brunei and Vietnam have rival claims.

Obama and allies from Southeast Asia turned their attention to China on Tuesday on the second day of a summit intended to improve trade and provide a united front on maritime disputes with Beijing.

Whereas China accuses the U.S. of seeking maritime hegemony in Asia, Washington says its interest in the South China Sea is preserving freedom of navigation.

In recent months, the U.S. raised the stakes by sending guided-missile destroyers USS Lassen and USS Curtis Wilbur close to disputed areas occupied by Beijing.

Though communist Vietnam routinely opposes China's activities in disputed waters, its leaders are usually wary of provoking a giant neighbor with which it shares over \$60 billion of annual trade and maintains close ideological ties.

Obama will visit Vietnam in May, the White House said.

— Regional Brief —

Burma Talks Drag on as Suu Kyi Meets Military Head

RANGOON - Aung San Suu Kyi met again with Burma's powerful commander-in-chief yesterday, according to a Facebook post by his office, as talks over a protracted political transition drag on and amid reports that the military chief has secured a five-year extension. The meeting is the third between Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Suu Kyi since her National League for Democracy won a sweeping victory at the November 8 general election, securing some 80 percent of elected seats in parliament. The post on the page of the commander-in-chief's office said that discussions in Naypyidaw, the capital, lasted just over an hour and focused on "the rule of law and achieving everlasting peace." Top aides from the NLD and military were both present. The meetings between Suu Kyi and Min Aung Hlaing, the last of which took place in late January, have been closely watched by the Burmese public, but neither side has divulged the content of the talks. (Reuters)