



UGANDA ENERGY CREDIT CAPITALISATION COMPANY

PREQUALIFICATION OF SOLAR COMPANIES/DEALERS

To Supply and Install Solar Photo-Voltaic (PV) Systems under UECCC Programmes

BACKGROUND

The Uganda Energy Credit Capitalisation (UECCC) is a Government of Uganda (GOU) Company that is in place to facilitate Renewable Energy Development.

The Company's main objective is to provide financial, technical and other support for renewable energy development in Uganda, with particular focus on enabling private sector participation.

GOU, with funding support from the World Bank, is implementing the Energy for Rural Transformation Project, Phase II (ERT II). One of the components of the ERT II Project is the Off Grid Energy Access, with the aim of providing access to energy through the use of Solar PV.

UECCC is one of the Implementing Agencies for the Off Grid component. In this regard, UECCC provides financing facilities to regulated Financial Institutions (FI) for on-lending to end users (Households and Commercial Enterprises) desiring to acquire Solar PV Systems. A total of USD 900,000 has already been disbursed to the FIs for on-lending and disbursements under process amount to USD 530,000. Additional resources will be made available based on demand.

In order to increase the uptake of Solar PV at the grass roots, UECCC, with funding support from GOU, also intends to pilot extending solar financing facilities to TIER IV financial institutions (SACCOs and Micro Financial Institutions). Total funding available for the pilot is UGX 1 Billion. Successful completion of the pilot will lead to deployment of additional funding for the purpose.

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The success of the Solar PV financing programme hinges around addressing key issues of Affordability, Quality, After Sales Services and Rural Presence.

UECCC intends to prequalify Solar Companies/Dealers in accordance with the criteria described in this document; that will partner with FIs and TIER IV financial institutions to supply and install Solar PV systems and provide After Sales Services.

It is envisaged that availability of credit services from the FIs and TIER IV financial institutions will address the issue of affordability on the side of consumers, while prequalification of solar companies/dealers is meant to address issues of Quality, After Sales Services and Rural Presence, thus stimulating demand of Solar PV system.

Upon prequalification, the Solar Companies/Dealers are expected to execute Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with FIs/TIER IV financial institutions for supply and installation of solar PV systems and provision of After Sales Services. The pre-qualified companies shall be evaluated and approved by UECCC in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria set in the prequalification document.

INVITATION

UECCC now invites interested Solar Companies/Dealers to respond to this expression of interest, to be prequalified to Supply, Install and provide After Sales Services in the UECCC Solar Financing Programme for FIs/ TIER IV financial institutions as described above.

ISSUANCE OF PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Interested Solar Companies/Dealers may obtain the prequalification documents and further information at the address below during office hours (From 08:00 to 17:00 hours).

SUBMISSION OF PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Expressions of Interest in one original and two copies must be submitted in English and sealed in an envelope clearly marked "Prequalification of Solar Companies/Dealers to Supply and Install Solar PV systems under UECCC Programmes" before 3:00pm (local time) on February 24th, 2016 at the address below. Late bids shall be rejected.

The UECCC Address for collection of prequalification documents, submission and any other further information is as follows:

**The Head Procurement and Disposal Unit
Uganda Energy Credit Capitalisation Company
Room E303, 3rd Floor, Amber House,
Plot 29/33 Kampala Road,
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Tel: 0312165650, Email: gmale@ueccc.or.ug**

The planned procurement schedule, subject to changes is as follows:

Publish Bid Notice	2nd February, 2016
Bid Closing Date	24th February, 2016
Evaluation & Shortlist	25th Feb-4th March, 2016
Display of the shortlisted Enterprises	7th -18th March, 2016

MANAGING DIRECTOR