

## **THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY CALLS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC BID FOR THE INTERCONNECTION OF THE MEXICAN ELECTRIC SYSTEMS.**

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> the international public bid number LT/SENER-01-2018 (the "Bid") issued by the Ministry of Energy ("SENER") was published in the Official Federal Gazette. The Bid aims to award a Contract for Management and Operation (the "Contract") of the Transmission Infrastructure to Interconnect the Baja California Interconnection System (BC) with the National Interconnection System (SIN).

Below you will find the most relevant aspects of this Bid:

- 1.- The Bid aims to award the Contract for the construction and installation of a in high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line, with an approximate length of 1,400 circuit kilometers and with 1,500 MW of transmission capacity. Additionally, the Bid is for the construction and installation of two voltage converter stations (VSC) that will be located in Seri, State of Sonora and Cucapah, State of Baja California. Both stations will have a transformer ratio of  $\pm 500$  kV to 400 kV.
- 2.- International and domestic companies are entitled to participate in the Bid provided that they demonstrate their experience and technical and financial capacity. In this regard, participants are subject to a prequalification process.
- 3.- To register as a prequalified participant in the Bid, the participant must meet, inter alia, with the following requirements: (i) its corporate purpose includes its direct participation in construction, operation, and maintenance of energy infrastructure projects or the funding of infrastructure projects, (ii) it has a minimum net capital of \$6'000,000,000.00 (Six billion of Mexican pesos, (iii) during the last 10 (ten) years, it has executed a contract that evidences its experience in infrastructure projects.
- 4.- In the event the prequalified participant submits its technical and economic proposal, it must post a bid bond in the of \$462'500, 000. 00 pesos (Four hundred sixty-two million five thousand pesos).
- 5.- The most relevant dates included in the Bid calendar are the following:

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Date or Period</b>
Call to bid	February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2018
Publication of the Bidding Guidelines Basis and the Contract	February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2018
Registration of Participants	From February 8 <sup>th</sup> to April 23 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Access to the Data Room	From February 12 <sup>th</sup> to August 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Registry of Prequalified Participants	From May 2 <sup>nd</sup> to May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Receipt of Technical and Economic Proposals	August 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Opening of Technical and Economic Proposals	August 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Publication of the Opinion regarding the Technical Proposals	September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Opening of Economic Proposals and Award	September 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Deadline to execute the Contract	November 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2018



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Sincerely,

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