

**INTERNATIONAL INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF
INTEREST
OF COMPANIES AND CONSORTIA**

for

**the design, construction, operation, maintenance
and financing of a**

**500 MW SOLAR POWER
INSTALLATION PROGRAM**

in

OUARZAZATE, MOROCCO

March 30th, 2010

I. Introduction

The Kingdom of Morocco has initiated a far-reaching strategy to boost the share of renewable energies in the Kingdom's power sector to satisfy increasing domestic demand. The target is to develop 2,000 MW wind, 2,000 MW hydraulic and 2,000 MW solar installed capacity by 2020, which is expected to represent 42% of total capacity by then.

The program for the supply of 2,000 MW of solar power (the Program) has been entrusted to a newly created state-owned company named the Moroccan Agency for Solar ENergy (MASEN) under the Moroccan law 57/09. Power production is mainly and in priority for local needs through the Office National de l'Electricité (ONE). MASEN, besides developing this solar capacity from every angle, is willing to promote R&D and training and help the emergence of a local solar industry.

Through this international invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI), and as a kick off of the Program, MASEN invites interested parties (the Candidates) to express their interest to participate in a competitive tender process for the Design, Construction, Operation, Maintenance and Financing of a 500MW solar power complex to be located in a dedicated site near the city of Ouarzazate - Morocco (the Project). Candidates are invited to submit for the entire Project or any of its different components (Design and/or Construction and/or Operation & Maintenance and/or Financing) and this for the total 500 MW capacity program or part of it.

II. Site and Project Description

The site is located in the Tamezghitene area, approximately 10 km north-east of the city of Ouarzazate. The size of the site is approximately 3,300 hectares. The land will be made available to the Project.

This region receives an average direct normal radiation of 7.22 kWh/m²/day, which makes an ideal location for solar power generation. The Mansour Eddahbi dam is 4 km away from the site with a storage capacity of ca. 440 hm³. The site is also near an existing HV transmission line of 225/60 KV.

The overall Project shall comprise solar power plants with an aggregate capacity of 500MW to be commissioned by the beginning of 2015.

For avoidance of doubt, any solar technology is acceptable as none is excluded at this stage and may participate in this invitation for Expression of Interest.

III. Anticipated Schedule

Although subject to change, the preliminary schedule of the tender process is as follows :

Project Milestone	Date
▪ Issuance of Invitation for Expression of Interest	March 30 th , 2010
▪ EOI Submission Deadline	May 24 th , 2010
▪ Issuance of Request For Qualification	Q3 2010
▪ Issuance of Request For Proposal	Q4 2010
▪ Target commercial operation date	March 2015

IV. Contents of the Expression of Interest Submission

The interested companies or consortia are requested to include the following information in their submissions :

1. the identity of the interested company or the members of the interested consortium including organizational structure and relationship of members (Form A).
2. an Expression of Interest Submission Letter summarizing the key information contained in the different documents provided and detailing Candidates' qualifications and observations on every aspect/part of the Project including the development of a local manufacturing capacity in solar technologies and services.
3. a description of their experience in any component of the Project as mentioned in the introduction filling Form B for any completed or running project.
4. all relevant information regarding their activities (general presentation, annual report, financial statements, etc.) in the format they deem most appropriate.

The submissions may be either in French or English.

V. SUBMISSIONS OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Candidate's submission of its Expression of Interest can be made on line on MASEN website : www.masen.ma or sent to the following email address : ouarzazate@masen.ma, by **May 24th, 2010 at 9:00 AM** (Moroccan time).

VI. DISCLAIMER

Neither MASEN nor any of their officers, employees, agents or advisors will be liable or responsible to any person for any cost or expense incurred in responding to this invitation.

Nothing herein is or shall be deemed to be a representation or warranty by MASEN or any of their respective officers, employees, agents or advisors as to the accuracy, reliability or completeness of the information contained herein or otherwise provided in connection with this invitation, whether orally or in writing. No contract is being entered into by virtue of anything contained in or provided in connection with this invitation.

MASEN will attempt to respond to all questions regarding this Invitation for Expression of Interest, but is under no obligation to do so or otherwise correct or amend any information contained herein. Please address all questions to :

MASEN

E-mail : ouarzazate@masen.ma

(Form A)

Organization Details

No	Item	Information
	<p>Organization of the Candidate</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Company Consortium (Please tick the correct box) </p>
1	<p>Address for Official Communication</p>	
2	<p>Telephone for Official Communication</p>	
3	<p>Fax for Official Communication</p>	
4	<p>Email for Official Communication</p>	
5	<p>Authorized Person for Contact for the Project</p>	
6	<p>Contact Address of Authorized Person</p>	
7	<p>Telephone/Fax/Email of Authorized Person</p>	

(Form B)
Power Project Experience (Design, Construction, O&M and Financing)

(_____ [Name of Candidate / Member])		
(_____ [Name of Project] Power Project)		
No	Item	Information
1	Name of the Candidate/Member	
2	Candidate/Member role in the completed project	<i>i.e. Lead Project Developer, Lead Construction Contractor, Shareholder or Lead Operation Manager</i>
3	Name of Project	
4	Candidate/Member share in the equity of the completed project + shareholders' names and respective share	
5	Location of the Project	
6	Name of the lead developer	
7	Name of power purchaser	
8	Capacity of Plant (MW) / of which Solar (MW)	
9	Type of Plant	<i>i.e. Coal - CC - Nuclear - Solar ...</i>
10	Type of Solar Technology(ies)	
11	Number of Years of successful operation	
12	Principal manufacturers of major equipment	
13	List of specific major tasks/services performed by Candidate/Member	
14	Date of award of project	
15	Duration of construction period	
16	Commercial operations date of each unit	
17	Total capital cost of project	
18	Companies and institutions who financed the project	
19	Value of contract	

(Please fill a separate form for each different project)