

St. Vincent Electricity Services Limited



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Kingstown, St. Vincent & the Grenadines

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

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Title of the REOI:

Bequia Power Plant Expansion Project

Date of this REOI: 16th October 2023

Closing Date: 30th November 2023

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Description of Requirements:

VINLEC hereby invites qualified contractors to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) for the construction of a new Power Plant with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on the Grenadine Island of Bequia.

Please note that **this is not an invitation to submit a bid proposal**. Rather, it is a request for Expressions of Interest aimed at identifying qualified contractors who are interested in participating in the subsequent tender process which is expected to commence during the 2nd quarter of 2024.

Interested companies are required to complete and submit the EOI Response form attached and provide the necessary supporting documents before the closing date. After an evaluation of the EOI submissions, a short list of qualified applicants will be sent the full RFP document and invited to submit technical and financial proposals for the project.

VINLEC reserves the right to change or cancel the requirement at any time during the REOI process.

Overview

Situated just 15 kilometers to the south of mainland St. Vincent, Bequia stands as the largest and most densely inhabited island in the Grenadines, boasting a total land area spanning 18 square kilometers, and a population of approximately 5,300 residents.

The Bequia Power Station, owned and operated by VINLEC, serves as the primary source of electricity for the island. Established in 1968, the Power Station currently houses a fleet of six (6) diesel-powered engine-generator sets (GENSETS), responsible for meeting the island's electricity needs.

Recognizing the aging and deteriorating infrastructure, VINLEC has identified the need to construct a modern, new Power Plant in Bequia with the inclusion of a 1,300 kW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to enhance grid stability and improve the integration of supplementary renewable energy sources.

The new Power Plant is expected to occupy an area of approximately 600 square meters and will accommodate four (4) 1,280 kW diesel-powered GENSETS, along with one (1) 775 kW GENSET. These generators collectively should provide a three-phase power supply at 400V and a single-phase power supply at 230V, all operating at a rated frequency of 50Hz.

VINLEC is inviting companies to express their interest in the design, engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning of the new Bequia Power Plant by responding to this REOI.

REOI Instructions

Interested parties are kindly asked to review the REOI document (this document) and the EOI Response form attached. Both documents can also be accessed online via the VINLEC website (www.vinlec.com).

To express your interest, kindly fill out the EOI Response form and submit it, along with the necessary supporting documents, to the email address provided below. **All submissions must be done before the deadline on Friday, 30th November 2023 at 3:00 PM (AST).**

Completed EOI Response forms must be sent to:

Chief Executive Officer
St. Vincent Electricity Services Limited
Tel. 1-784-456-1701
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The subject of the email should be **EOI for Bequia Generation Expansion Project.**