RFP for 'One Sun, One World, One Grid' Gets new Deadline

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The International Solar Alliance (ISA) has issued a corrigendum extending the deadline for its Request for Proposal (RfP) for developing a Long Term Vision, Implementation Plan, Road Map, and Institutional Framework for implementing the 'One Sun One World One Grid' (OSOWOG) initiative.

The corrigendum issued by the agency stated that the last date of submission of bids has been extended to October 22, 2020. Further adding that the presentation on the Approach and Methodology, as part of the technical proposal, will be held on October 29, 2020, and October 30, 2020.

The bidders, who have been termed qualified against the qualification criteria, shall be informed of the technical presentation schedule beforehand and need to be ready to present on short notice. The tentative duration of the technical presentation shall be total of 30 minutes including any queries from the evaluation committee.

This is the first corrigendum to the RfP since the <u>ISA</u> was appointed as the implementing agency for the initiative. The first few changes have been made based on the initial set of queries received by

prospective bidders. The agency expects there to be no further time extension in this RfP.

As announced by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy last month, the bid process, for this RFP, shall be managed by International Solar Alliance (ISA) and the contracting authority will be the State Bank of India. Under its role as the implementing agency, ISA will handle (along with) the bid process management, all subsequent activities of the initiative.

The OSOWOG initiative (as per the initial RfP) is planned across 3 phases:

- Phase I (Middle East-South Asia-South East Asia (MESASEA)
 interconnection): Indian Grid interconnection with Middle East, South Asia and
 South-East Asian grids to share solar and other renewable energy resources for
 meeting electricity needs including peak demand.
- Phase II (Solar and other Renewable Energy resources-rich regions' interconnection): MESASEA grid getting interconnected with the African power pools to share solar and other renewable energy power of the countries located in solar and renewable energy-rich areas.
- Phase III (Global interconnection): to achieve the One Sun One World One Grid vision.

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