

## Saudi Arabia invites bids for Round Two of the National Renewable Energy Program

- *The Renewable Energy Project Development Office (REPDO) issues Request for Proposals (RFP) for Round Two of the National Renewable Energy Program (NREP)*
- *60 companies pre-qualified to bid, 28 of which are from Saudi Arabia*
- *Round Two is comprised of six projects, amounting to 1.47 gigawatts (GW) of Solar PV with a combined value of 5.25bn Saudi riyal*

**Riyadh – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, August 1, 2019:** The Renewable Energy Project Development Office (REPDO) of Saudi Arabia’s Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources (MEIM) has issued the RFPs for Round Two of the Kingdom’s National Renewable Energy Program (NREP).

The RFP for two ‘Category A’ projects was issued today, August 1<sup>st</sup>, following the issuance of RFP for four ‘Category B’ solar projects on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The six Round Two projects will see a total solar PV capacity of 1.47 gigawatts (GW) tendered to qualified companies.

In June 2019, REPDO qualified 60 companies, including 28 from Saudi Arabia. Qualified companies will now proceed to the RFP stage as either managing member, technical member, or under a newly-created category of ‘local managing member’. This new category will encourage greater local and international partnerships during the forming of bidding consortiums.

Round Two projects have been divided into two categories: ‘Category A’ for smaller projects and ‘Category B’ for larger projects. ‘Category A’ projects require consortium members to partner with at least one local managing member.

Projects within Round Two will carry a minimum requirement of 17% local content as calculated by the mechanisms defined by the Local Content & Government Procurement Authority (LCGPA), which aims to increase the value-added contribution of products and services in the national economy.

The six projects being tendered within Round Two represent the first half of REPDO’s 2019 project development pipeline. A further six projects will be tendered by the last quarter of the year and will constitute Round Three of the NREP.

Proposals for Round Two ‘Category B’ projects must be submitted by 18 November 2019, and the deadline for ‘Category A’ projects is 3 December 2019. Results of all bids will be live-streamed on REPDO’s eProcurement portal: [www.powersaudi Arabia.com.sa](http://www.powersaudi Arabia.com.sa) . All projects tendered by REPDO are 100% IPPs that will be backed by 20 to 25-year power purchase agreements.

REPDO's Round Two Project are:

NREP Round Two	
Category B	Category A
Qurrayat (200 MW solar PV) Rabigh (300 MW solar PV) South Jeddah (300 MW solar PV) Al Faisaliyah (600 MW solar PV)	Rafha (20 MW solar PV) Madinah (50 MW solar PV)

- A full list of pre-qualified companies can be found here:  
<https://www.powersaudi Arabia.com.sa/web/attach/news/round-2-pre-qualified-applicants.pdf>

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