



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION FOR STEEL BAND STRAPS & BUCKLES

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1.0 Introduction

Energy Fiji Limited [EFL] is responsible for generation, transmission and distribution of electricity in Viti Levu, Vanua Levu, Ovalau and Taveuni in Fiji. By January 2023, the EFL had 215,515 customers. This included residential, commercial and institutional customers.

The Energy Fiji Limited (EFL) is requesting proposal for the Preferred Supplier for supply of item listed below for EFL's consumption to carryout repair, maintenance and Construction of Power line Network in Fiji.

The preferred Supplier arrangement will be for a period of three (3) years from the date of signing of the contract. The award of this Tender may be split and awarded to more than one successful bidder.

This document outlines the technical requirements for steel band straps and buckles for use in EFL's distribution and sub-transmission networks.

The items covered under this specification are tabulated below.

No.	Stock Code	Item Description
1	I03333	$\frac{3}{4}$ Steel Band Straps
2	I03340	$\frac{3}{4}$ Band Buckles

This Specification covers the general requirements of design, manufacture, testing, supply and delivery of steel band straps and buckles for use in distribution and sub-transmission systems.

1 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1.1 Eligible Bidders

This invitation is open to all Bidders who have sound Financial Background, and have previous experience in design, manufacture, testing and supply of such pole-mounted and platform-mounted transformers.

Bidders shall provide such evidence of their continued eligibility satisfactory to EFL as EFL shall reasonably request. Bidders who are not manufacturers of such transformers shall provide evidence of agency.

Bidders shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt or fraudulent practice.

1.2 Eligible Materials, Equipment and Services

The materials, equipment, and services to be supplied under the Contract shall have their origin from reputable companies (as specified by EFL where relevant) and from various countries and all expenditures made under the Contract will be limited to such materials, equipment, and services. Upon request, bidders may be required to provide evidence of the origin of materials, equipment, and services.

For purposes of this Contract, "services" means the works and all related services including design services.

For purposes of this Contract, "origin" means the place where the materials and equipment are mined, grown, produced or manufactured, and from which the services are provided. Materials and equipment are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial or major assembling of components, a commercial recognized product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.

The materials, equipment and services to be supplied under the Contract shall not infringe or violate any industrial property or intellectual property rights or claim of any third party.

1.3 One Bid per Bidder

Each bidder shall submit only one bid. A bidder who submits or participates in more than one bid will cause all those bids to be rejected.

1.4 Cost of Bidding

The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid and EFL will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs.

1.5 Site Visits

Bidders can visit existing EFL networks by making arrangements to visit existing EFL installations. Bidders are required to familiarize themselves with the existing EFL installations so the solutions they offer does not require modification to existing poles and support infrastructure.

1.6 Contents of Bidding Documents

The bidder is expected to examine carefully the contents of this Bidding document. Failure to comply with the requirements of bid submission will be at the bidder's own risk. Bids which are not substantially responsive to the requirements of the bidding documents will be rejected.

1.7 Clarification of Bidding Documents

A prospective bidder requiring any clarification of the bidding documents may notify EFL in writing by email, addressed to:

Jitendra Reddy
Manager Procurement, Inventory & Supply Chain
2 Marlow Street,
Suva, Fiji
Phone: +679 331 3333 Ext 2320 or
Mobile: +679 999 2400
Email: JReddy@efl.com.fj

EFL will respond to any request for clarification which it receives earlier than 10 days prior to the deadline for submission of bids.

1.8 Amendment of Bidding Document

At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, EFL may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective bidder, modify the bidding documents by issuing addenda.

1.9 Language of Bid

The bid, and all correspondence and documents related to the bid, exchanged between the bidder and the EFL shall be written in the English language.

1.10 Bid Prices

Unless specified otherwise, Bidders shall quote for the entire facilities on a "single responsibility" basis such that the total bid price covers all the Supplier's obligations mentioned in or to be reasonably inferred from the bidding documents in respect of the design, manufacture, including procurement and subcontracting (if any), testing and delivery.

Bidders shall give a breakdown of the prices in the manner and detail called for in this bidding document, or any issued addenda.

Bids shall be given on CIF basis. The point of delivery shall be EFL's Navutu Depot in Lautoka. The term CIF shall be governed by the rules prescribed in the current edition of Incoterms, published by the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris.

EFL has a marine insurance cover for items it is required for purchase for its project and operational works. Bidders are required to comment if the marine insurance component is covered in their bids.

1.11 Bid Currencies

Prices shall be quoted in a single currency only.

1.12 Bid Validity

Bids shall remain valid for a period of **90 days** from the date of Deadline for Submission of Bids specified in Sub-Clause 21.1.

1.13 Format and Signing of Bids

The bidder shall provide one electronic copy of the Technical and Financial proposals on EFL's electronic tender hosting website; <https://www.tenderlink.com/efl>

The bid shall contain no alterations, omissions or additions, except those to comply with instructions issued by EFL, or as necessary to correct errors made by the bidder, in which case such corrections shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the bid.

1.14 Sealing and Marking of Bids

Due to the Covid19 restrictions on movements, bidders are encouraged to bid via Tender link Portal.

1.15 Deadline for Submission of Bids

Bids must be received by EFL at the address specified above no later than **1600 hours (Fiji Time) 10th July 2024**.

EFL may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for submission of bids by issuing an addendum, in which case all rights and obligations of EFL and the bidders previously subject to the original deadline will thereafter be subject to the deadlines extended.

1.16 Late Bids

Any bid received by EFL after the deadline for submission of bids prescribed above will be rejected.

1.17 Modification and Withdrawal of Bids

The bidder may modify or withdraw its bid after bid submission, provided that written notice of the modification or withdrawal is received by EFL prior to the deadline for submission of bids. No bid may be modified by the bidder after the deadline for submission of bids.

1.18 Rejection of One or All Bids

EFL reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of Contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the rejection.

1.19 Process to be Confidential

- 2.19.1. Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of bids and recommendations for the award of a contract shall not be disclosed to bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process.
- 2.19.2. Any effort by a bidder to influence EFL's processing of bids or award decisions may result in the rejection of the bidder's bid.
- 2.19.3. Lowest bid will not necessarily be accepted as successful bid.

1.20 Clarification of Bids

To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of bids, EFL may, at its discretion, ask any bidder for clarification of its bid. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing, but no change in the price or substance of the bid shall be sought, offered or permitted except as required to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by EFL in the evaluation of the bids.

1.21 Compliance with Specifications

The tender shall be based on the equipment and work specified and shall be in accordance with the Technical Specification. It should be noted that unless departures from specifications are detailed in Schedules of the Technical Specification, the tender would be taken as conforming to the Specification in its entirety. The Bidder shall tender for the whole of the Works included in the Specification.

2.0 References

2.1 Applicable Standards

The item shall be designed, manufactured and tested in accordance with the latest edition of the Standards specified below and all amendments issued prior to the date of closing of tenders except where varied by this specification.

ASTM-A666	Standard Specification for Annealed or Cold-Worked Austenitic Stainless Steel Sheet, Strips, Plates and Flat Bar
AS 4673:2001	Cold-formed stainless steel structures
AS/NZS ISO 9001	Quality management system – Requirements

Should inconsistencies be identified between standards and/or this specification, the tenderer shall immediately refer such inconsistencies to EFL for resolution.

3.0 System Conditions

3.1 Environmental Conditions

The steel band straps and buckles shall be suitable for outdoor installation and shall be designed to withstand the following service conditions.

Description		Conditions
Atmosphere Pollution Level	:	Very heavy (IEC 815)
Ambient Temperature	:	Peak: 40°C 24 Hour Average: 30°C Annual Average: 22°C Minimum: 10°C
Relative Humidity (Average)	:	85%
Rainfall	:	Annual Average: 2663mm
Wind Speed	:	Sustained: 55 m/s Gusts: 70 – 110 m/s
Isokeraunic (Thunder day) level	:	60 thunder days per year
Seismic	:	To a maximum of 7 on the open-ended Richter Scale

Note: Fiji is situated in a region where cyclones are experienced frequently. All plant and equipment shall be designed and constructed to withstand these extreme conditions.

3.2 System Conditions

Nominal Voltage	240V/ 415V	11kV	33kV
System Highest Voltage	660V	12kV	36kV
System Frequency	50Hz	50Hz	50Hz
Number of Phases	1 or 3	3	3
System Earthing	Effectively Earthed	Effectively Earthed	Effectively Earthed
Impulse Withstand Voltage (peak)	-	95kV	200kV
Short Duration Power Frequency Withstand Voltage (rms)	15kV	28kV	70kV

4.0 Design and Construction

Equipment offered by the bidders will need to conform to this Specification.

4.1 Steel Band Straps & Buckles

The steel band straps shall be made of either hot-rolled or cold-rolled steel of type 304 manufactured to ASTM – A666.

The steel band straps shall have the following dimensions and tolerances:

Size	Tolerances		Breaking Strength (kN)	Tensile Strength (kN/m ²)	Length per roll (m)
	Width (inch)	Thickness (inch)			
¾ inch wide 0.028 inch thick	0.005	0.003	5.0	517106.8	50

The buckles shall be made of steel of type 304 manufactured to ASTM – A666 and shall be fully annealed.

Size	Tensile Strength (kN/m ²)	Pieces per box (No.)
¾ inch wide 0.098 inch thick	517106.8	25

The buckles supplied shall be ¾ inch to suit ¾ inch steel band straps.

The steel band straps shall be suitable packed in 50m rolls for ease of use and storage.

5.0 Quality Assurance

The manufacture shall submit evidence that the design and manufacture of the steel band straps and buckles are in accordance with AS/NZS ISO 9001 and shall include the Capability Statement associated with the Quality System Certification.

Where the bidder is an agent of the manufacturer, it shall provide a letter of authorization from the manufacturer to verify that it has the nominated agency.

6.0 Performance and Testing

6.1 Testing

The steel band straps and buckles shall be tested in accordance with ASTM – A666 and copies of certificated shall be submitted with the offer.

The following are the minimum test requirements that shall be conducted on the steel band straps and buckles:

1. Dimensional check
2. Breaking strength test
3. Tensile strength test
4. Fitting test

6.2 Routine Tests

Routine test are intended to eliminate defective units and shall be carried out during the manufacture of the steel band straps and buckles.

Routine tests shall be conducted in accordance with the appropriate AS/NZS and IEC standards.

The Bidders shall supply duly certified copies of the routine test performed on the steel band straps and buckles with the offer.

6.3 Compliance

The Supplier shall state in writing that their offer complies with the relevant Standards and this specification. If the Supplier is offering equipment manufactured to an equivalent standard, full details of that standard must be given including a copy written in English.

7.0 Additional Requirements

7.1 Packaging

The steel band straps shall be supplied in rolls of 50m suitably packed for ease for use and storage. The buckles shall be supplied in cardboard boxes in quantities of 25.

The following shall be clearly marked on the rolls and cardboard boxes:

- a) Manufacture's name
- b) Manufacture's part reference number
- c) EFL stock code
- d) Compliance standards
- e) Batch number
- f) Steel Band Straps and buckles descriptions (type of steel, manufacturing standards, etc)
- g) Package weight
- h) Length of steel band straps in a roll

7.2 Storage

All items shall be suitable for storage for a minimum period of 36 months under the environmental conditions of Clause 3.1.

8.0 Technical Information to be supplied

The following information shall be supplied with the offer:

- a) Catalogue describing the items and indicating the model number
- b) Constructional features and material used for components
- c) Complete dimensional drawings
- d) Quality assurance certificate as per clause 5.0
- e) Duly completed schedule of guaranteed technical particulars
- f) Manufacturing experience and list of purchasers for the last 5 years
- g) Type and routine test certificates as per clauses 6.1 and 6.2

Offers of vendors who fail to furnish above particulars shall be rejected.

9.0 Stock Availability

The bidder is required to indicate the size of consignment stock it will hold and the ability to meet the required demand of the estimated quantity at any given time during the contract period. The movement of the steel band straps and buckles will depend on EFL's project works and for operation and maintenance purposes. An estimate movement of the item are outlined in the table below but it will not be purchase as a lump sum quantity at once. Hence, the successful bidder will be required to carry a consignment / safety stock at times to meet EFL's demand within the three year contract period.

No.	Stock Code	Item Description	Approximate 3 Year Usage
1	I03333	¾ Steel Band Straps	14,542.5m
2	I03340	¾ Band Buckles	10,552 pieces

10.0 Product Warranty Period

The bidder is required to provide the warranty period as part of the proposal. A minimum warranty period of twenty-four (24) months from time of dispatch from factory shall be provided.

11.0 Environmental Considerations

Suppliers are required to comment on the environmental soundness of the design and the materials used in the manufacture of the items tendered. In particular, comments should address such issues as recycling and disposal at the end of service life.

12.0 Reliability

Suppliers are required to comment on the reliability of the equipment and the performance of the materials tendered for a service life of 35 years under the specified system and environmental conditions.

13.0 Samples

13.1 Production Samples

Samples of items may be required during the tender assessment period. Samples would normally only be required from tenderers who have previously not supplied the items to the Purchaser.

13.2 Sample Delivery

When requested, production samples of each item shall be submitted with the offer.

Each sample shall be delivered freight free (Delivery Duty Paid (DDP)), suitably packaged and labelled with the following information:

- Name of supplier and this contact number
- Tender number
- Any supporting data on features or characteristics

14.0 Training

Training material in the form of drawings, instructions and/or audio visuals shall be provided for the items accepted under the offer.

This material shall include but is not limited to the following topics:

- Handling
- Storage
- Application
- Installation
- Maintenance
- Environmental performance
- Electrical performance
- Mechanical performance
- Disposal

15.0 Appendix

15.1 Price Schedule

Bidders are required to complete the following price schedule and submit with the offer. EFL requires the bidding prices to be in CIF incoterms.

No.	Stock Code	Item Description	Price (CIF)
1	I03333	¾ Steel Band Straps	
2	I03340	¾ Band Buckles	

15.2 Technical Data – Steel Band Straps & Buckles

All tenderers are required to complete and submit a copy of this form with their bid submissions.

Particulars	Unit	Requirements	Bidders Response
Manufacturer's name			
Place of manufacture			
Origin of materials used for manufacturing			
Manufacturing Standards			
Type test certificates provided (Yes/No)			
Brand offered			
Steel type		304	
Steel band strap width	inch	¾	
Steel band strap thickness	inch	0.028	
Steel band strap breaking strength	kN	5	
Steel band strap tensile strength	kN/m ²	517106.8	
Buckle width	inch	¾	
Buckle thickness	inch	0.098	
Buckle tensile strength	kN/m ²	517106.8	
Packaging Details:			
Length of steel band straps per roll	m	50	
Pieces of buckles per box	Nos.	25	
Gross weight of steel band strap per 50m roll	kg		
Gross weight of buckles per box	kg		

Name of Tenderer: _____

Signature of Tenderer: _____

Date: _____

15.3 Submission Requirements

All tenderers are required to complete and submit a copy of the submission requirements with their bid submissions. **Note that details below are mandatory requirements.**

Requirements	Response from Bidders
Validity of bid (90 days required) (Yes/No)	
Detailed reference list of customers already using equipment offered during the last 5 years with particular emphasis on units of similar design and rating.	
List of type test certificates provided. (As per Clause 6.1)	
Minimum warranty period from time of acceptance of item required is 24 months.	
Completed price and technical schedules (Clause 15.1 and 15.2) (Yes/No)	
Complete dimensional drawing provided.	
The bidding pricing to be in CIF incoterm.	
Lead time of delivery after tender award.	
Price review period after award of tender. (months)	
Bidders company profile outlining financial, technical and production capabilities.	
Disposal method after service life.	
Quality management system used in the production of steel band straps & buckles attached certificate.	

Complete the following schedule as part of the bid:

Stock Codes	Items	Country of Manufacture	Manufacturer of product	Brand Offered	Manufactured to standards	ISO Certification of Manufacturer
I03333	¾ Steel Band Straps					
I03340	¾ Band Buckles					

Name of Tenderer: _____

Signature of Tenderer: _____

Date: _____

TENDER CHECKLIST

The Bidders must ensure that the details and documentation mention below must be submitted as part of their tender Bid

Tender Number _____

Tender Name _____

1. Full Company / Business Name: _____

(Attach copy of Registration Certificate)

2. Director/Owner(s): _____

3. Postal Address: _____

4. Phone Contact: _____

5. Fax Number: _____

6. Email address: _____

7. Office Location: _____

8. TIN Number: _____

(Attach copy of the VAT/TIN Registration Certificate - Local Bidders Only (Mandatory))

9. FNPF Employer Registration Number: _____ **(For Local Bidders only) (Mandatory)**

10. **Provide a copy of Valid FNPF Compliance Certificate (Mandatory- Local Bidders only)**

11. **Provide a copy of Valid FRCS (Tax) Compliance Certificate (Mandatory Local Bidders only)**

12. **Provide a copy of Valid FNU Compliance Certificate (Mandatory Local Bidders only)**

13. Contact Person: _____

I declare that all the above information is correct.

Name: _____

Position: _____

Sign: _____

Date: _____

Tender submission

Bidders are requested to upload electronic copies via Tender Link by registering their interest at: <https://www.tenderlink.com/efl>

EFL will not accept any hard copy submission to be dropped in the tender box at EFL Head Office in Suva.

This tender closes at 4.00pm (1600hrs) on Wednesday 10th July, 2024.

For further information or clarification please contact our Supply Chain Office on phone **(+679) 3224360** or **(+679) 9992400** or email us on tenders@efl.com.fj

The bidders must ensure that their bid is inclusive of all Taxes payable under Fiji Income Tax Act. Bidders are to clearly state the percentage of VAT that is applicable to the bid prices.

The lowest bid will not necessarily be accepted as the successful bid.

The Tender Bids particularly the “Price” must be typed and not hand written.

Any request for the extension of the closing date must be addressed to EFL in writing three (3) working days prior to the tender closing date.

Tender Submission via email or fax will not be accepted.