

Russia ready to build nuclear power plants in Vietnam

Vietnam doesn't have the expertise but it does have the need. Why isn't the US there?

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Russia is ready to build nuclear power plants in Vietnam, a source in the Russian government told RBC on the eve of Russian Prime Minister's state visit to Vietnam. He said Vietnam had already approved a program for the construction of nuclear power stations through 2020. Russia hopes that Vietnam will announce a tender for the construction of power stations soon. Russia is ready not only to build atomic power stations but also train personnel for them. "There will be many rivals," the source noted.

A tender for the construction in Vietnam of the largest hydroelectric power station will be completed in the first half of this year, he said. Russia's Power Machines, a leading manufacturer of power equipment in Russia, takes part in the tender and hopes to win. Last year this company had won several tenders to supply equipment to Vietnamese power stations.