

Clause No.	INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (ITB)		
	<p style="text-align: center;">INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A. Introduction</p> <p>1.0 Source of Funds</p> <p>1.1 The Employer as defined in Bid Data Sheet (BDS) intends to finance the package named in the BDS, through domestic / own resources.</p> <p>2.0 Plant, Equipment and Services</p> <p>2.1 For the purposes of these bidding documents, the word "facilities" means the plant and equipment to be supplied and installed, together with the services to be carried out by the contractor under the contract. The words "plant and equipment", "installation services" etc., shall be construed in accordance with the respective definitions given to them in the General Conditions of Contract.</p> <p>2.2 Eligible Bidders</p> <p>Bidding for the package named in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS) is open to bidders from within the Employer's country only, subject to fulfillment of conditions specified in ITB Clause “Restrictions on procurement from a Bidder of a country which shares a land border with India”.</p> <p>3.0 Cost of Bidding</p> <p>The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid, and the Employer will in no case be responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B. The Bidding Documents</p> <p>4.0 Content of Bidding Documents</p> <p>4.1 The facilities required, bidding procedures, contract terms and technical requirements are prescribed in the bidding documents. The bidding documents include the following sections:</p> <p>Section I – Invitation for Bids (IFB)</p> <p>Section II – Instructions to Bidders (ITB)</p> <p>Section III – Bid Data Sheet (BDS)</p> <p>Section IV – General Conditions of Contract (GCC)</p> <p>Section V – Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)</p>		
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	<p>Section VI – Technical Specifications (TS)</p> <p>Section VII – Forms and Procedures (FP)</p> <p>Part 1 of 2- Bid Form along with Attachments and Price Schedules</p> <p>Part 2 of 2- Standard Forms & Procedures</p>		
4.2	<p>The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms, conditions, specifications and other information in the bidding documents. Failure to furnish all information required as per the bidding documents or submission of a bid not substantially responsive to the bidding documents in every respect will be at the Bidder's risk and may result in rejection of its bid.</p>		
4.3	<p>Mode of Tendering</p> <p>The Bid is invited under e-tendering process. The bidding documents shall be published on the Government e-procurement portal of NIC (GePNIC) at address https://eprocurentpc.nic.in/ (e-Tender Portal). The bidders can enroll themselves on the portal using the "Online Bidder Enrollment" tab. The use of Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) key is mandatory for e-tendering activities. Accordingly, bidders should have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) key of Class 3 to participate in e-tendering. Bidders, if required, can obtain digital signature certificate (DSC) Key of Class 3 from agencies authorized by Govt. of India. The said portal also has the user manuals with detailed guidelines on enrollment and participation in the bidding process.</p>		
5.0	<p>Clarification on Bidding Documents</p>		
5.1	<p>A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification to the bidding documents may notify the Employer through 'Seek Clarifications' tab under e-Tender portal or through e-mail at the address indicated in Bid Data Sheet (BDS). The Employer will respond to any request for clarification or modification of the bidding documents that it receives no later than the last date of receipt of queries as specified in Invitation for Bids (IFB). The Employer will post the Clarifications at e-Tender Portal and Bidders can view these clarifications once they are posted at the portal. Bidders are also advised to regularly check at e-Tender Portal regarding posting of clarification, if any.</p> <p>Further, no queries from Bidders shall be entertained after last date of receipt of Queries/ Pre-Bid Conference (if applicable) as specified in IFB. Accordingly, any query (ies) received from Bidders after the cut-off date shall not be considered and bidders to submit the bid based on the bidding documents (and amendments/ Errata/ Clarifications etc. thereof) issued.</p>		
5.2	<p>The Bidder is advised to visit and examine the site where the facilities are to be installed and its surroundings and obtain for itself on its own responsibility all information that may be necessary for preparing the bid and entering into a contract for supply and installation of the facilities. The costs of visiting the site shall be borne by the bidder fully.</p>		
5.3	<p>The Bidder and any of its personnel or agents will be granted permission by the Employer to enter upon its premises and lands for the purpose of such inspection, but only upon the</p>		
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