

//Minutes of Meeting & Notice for due Date Extension//

(Online Pre-bid Conference, of Tender No.TR-20/14)

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An Online Pre-bid Conference was held on dtd.12/05/2021 at 12.00 hrs. convened by the E.D.(Planning & Projects), CSPTCL, Raipur for Tender No.TR-20/14 for 'Replacement of existing G.I. Earth-wire (7/3.66mm) of various EHV transmission lines (4700 km) of CSPTCL by OPGW (24&48 Fiber) on turnkey basis. The following representatives of the prospective bidders and officers of CSPTCL participated in the Online Pre-bid Conference :-

Bidder's representative		CSPTCL Officers	
Name of firm	Representative	Name	Designation
1)M/s Apar Industries, Vadodara	Mr. Chandan Gupta, Sr. Engineer (Mktg.)	1)Er. R.K. Shukla	ED(P&P) CSPTCL
2)M/s Sterlite Power, New Delhi	Mr. Kshitij Mathur, Associate Mgr.	2) Er. Sandeep Gupta	Addl.C.E. O/O ED(P&P)
3)M/s L.S. Cable, Gurgaon	Mr. Devendra Singh, Sr. Mgr. (Sales)	3) Er. I.S. Kanwar	S.E. O/O ED(P&P)
4)M/s T.G. Advait India, Ahmedabad	Ms. Archana Pradhan, Asstt. Mgr. (Marketing)	4) Er. N.K. Joshi	E.E. O/O ED(P&P)
5) M/s SRIT, Bengaluru	Mr. Vijay, E.D.	5)Er.Surya Prakash Rao	E.E. (Load Dispatch)

First of all the ED(P&P) CSPTCL welcomed all the participant bidders in the pre-bid conference. After introduction of the representatives and officers, bidders were asked to raise their queries/doubts, if any one by one.

The representations / requests for clarification received from bidders were discussed and the clarifications of CSPTCL are given in the enclosed Annexure-I.

The representative of the bidders also requested that in view of present pandemic situation & various restrictions imposed due to Covid-19, the due date of the tender should be suitably extended. Keeping in view of present situation CSPTCL has decided to **extend the due date of tender upto 22/06/2021.**

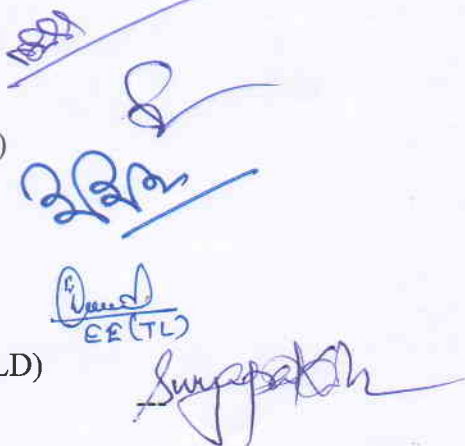
(Er.R.K. Shukla, ED)

(Er.Sandeep Gupta, Addl.CE)

(Er. I.S. Kanwar, SE)

(Er. N.K. Joshi, EE)

(Er.Surya Prakash Rao, EE (LD))



Annexure-I

(1) Reply of queries raised by M/s Apar Industries, Vadodara (Tender No.TR-20/14) :-

Sr. No	Tender Clause No	Changes suggested / recommended by M/s Apar Industries	Clarification of CSPTCL
1	Tender clause 'C' Page No.16	(A-1) Reference to Pre-Qualification Criteria for the Bidders as per Tender No.TR-20/14 C) The sole bidder or the partners of JV/consortium should comply all the provisions of Ministry of Finance, Government of India's Order No. F.No.6/18/2019-PPD dtd.23.07.2020 (Annexure-31-a) read with amended order No.18/37/2020-PPD dtd.08.02.2021 (Annexure-31-b) and any subsequent amendments issued upto date of issue of N.I.T. (Tender doc. page 230-242). 3. In this context following is hereby clarified: - i A bidder is permitted to procure raw material, components, sub-assemblies etc. from the vendors from countries which shares a land border with India. Such vendors will not be required to be registered with the Competent Authority, as it is not regarded as "sub-contracting". - ii However, in case a bidder has proposed to supply finished goods procured directly/ indirectly from the vendors from the countries sharing land border with India, such vendor will be required to be registered with the Competent Authority. (A-2) The provisions in amended order dtd.08.02.2021: Please refer amended order No.18/37/2020-PPD dtd.08.02.2021 from Government of India (copy attached) is specifying the following: From the above circular/notification, it can be noted that the bidders who wish to import the raw materials for the purpose of the bid can do so without registration with competent authority, but the definition of bidder, as provided in circular issued by Government of India's Order No. F.No.6/18/2019-PPD dtd.23.07.2020 is unchanged. Thus, the companies from China having ownership in their Indian manufacturing facilities are covered under GOI Order dtd.23.07.2020 circular and has to obtain necessary registration from competent authority at the date of bidding. The GOI Order dtd.23.07.2020 is neither amended nor withdrawn. Therefore all Chinese companies having their manufacturing facilities in India has to obtain necessary registration prior to bidding in Indian bids from their factories in India. Please note that POWERGRID Corporation of India in their latest bids for OPGW have provided and is enclosed separately as Annexure - 1.	The tender clause 'C' is self-explanatory. The phrase "read with" means the clauses of earlier circular dtd. 23.07.2020 shall be applicable subject to amendment issued subsequently vide circular dtd. 08/02/2021. Hence, all the provisions and clauses of GOI order F.No. 6/18/2019-PPD Dtd.23.07.2020 remain unchanged and applicable. Further, the amended GOI order No. 18/ 37/ 2020-PPDDtd. 08.02.2021 shall also be applicable alongwith the above circular of GOI.
			Therefore evaluation of bids shall be done strictly in accordance with circular issued by Govt. of India & the bidders not fulfilling the criterion as per circular dtd. 23.07.2020 & dtd.08.02.2021 shall not be qualified. The bidders who are from such a country which










		(A-3) Clarification in the bid required: Your clause to read with amendment dtd.08.02.2021, is not worded clearly and giving impression that Chinese bidders having their manufacturing facilities in India can also participate in the bid. You are requested to kindly issue the clarification that GOI circulars dated 23.07.2020 will remain in-force for evaluating the bids and CSPTCL will not take any deviation from bidding provisions of Government of India for direct or indirect bidding by Chinese having their facilities in India.	shares land border with India shall be required to furnish registration certificate from competent authority as per circular dtd. 23/07/2020.
2	Section-I, Special Instructions to bidders for submission of bid through SAP-SRM module (E-bidding) (Page No. 25-26)	(B-1) E-bidding: SECTION – I: Special Instructions to bidders for submission of bid through SAP-SRM module (E-bidding) The price bid against tender specification no. TR-20/14 is to be processed through e-bidding. For participation in E-bidding, it is mandatory for prospective bidders to get registered online through our website & portal http://www.cspc.co.in & https://ebidding.cspcl.co.in:50724/irj/portal., on registration the bidders will get User ID and Password for participating in the tender. The techno commercial bid is to be submitted in hard copy whereas the price bid is to be submitted online (E-Bidding portal). Details of NIT & Tender Documents are available on our website and portal as indicated above. The bidder may download the same from the above site. In e-bidding portal, tender documents will be displayed in online tender display at Technical RFx section. For bidders, it is recommended to open the e-bidding portal by the following the path www.cspc.co.in->e-Bidding->"click here for e-Bidding Web portal". (B-2) Clarification in the bid required: Please note that almost all the utilities including POWERGRID is allowing submission of all Techno-commercial documents and Price Bid through their e-portals except the Bank guarantees submission in hard copies. Whereas, CSPTCL is asking for technical bid submission in hard copies and price bid on e-portal. Please note that COVID-19 second wave is prevailing in massive way and all transportations and offices are affected. Thus, it is practically difficult to submit hard copies. You are requested to kindly allow submission of full bid through your e-portal.	At present only Price Bid of tender is being processed through E-bidding and all other techno commercial documents are required to be submitted in hard copies due to system constraints. However, due date has been extended keeping in view the difficulties raised by the bidders.

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3	Tender clause 'C' Page No.16	Pre-Qualification Criteria for the Bidders as per Old Tender No.TR-20/08 C) The sole bidder or any other partners of JV/consortium should be a manufacturer of OPGW having manufacturing unit & testing facility in India established minimum 3 years prior to date of issue of NIT. The company should be either fully owned by Indian entity OR in case the manufacturing company is a subsidiary of a foreign manufacturing company, the Indian entity should have not less than 75% share holding in the company. D) In case other partner of JV/ consortium (who is not manufacturer of OPGW) is an Indian subsidiary of a foreign company, Indian entity should have minimum share holding of 75%. In case the other partner of JV/Consortium is not an Indian subsidiary of a foreign company, it should be either fully owned by Indian entity OR Indian entity should have share holding of 75% or more.	Pre-Qualification Criteria for the Bidders as per New Tender No.TR-20/14 Deleted. Deleted. Newly Added: C) The sole bidder or the partners of JV/consortium should comply all the provisions of Ministry of Finance, Government Of India's order no. F.No.6/18/2019-PPD Dtd. 23.07.2020 (Annexure-31-a) read with amended order No.18/37/2020-PPD Dtd. 08.02.2021 (Annexure-31-b) and any subsequent amendments issued upto date of issue of N.I.T. (Tender doc. page 230-242).	Please refer clarification of CSPTCL mentioned in item Sl. No.1 above.
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		(C-2) Clarification in the bid required: From the above table, it can be seen that the Chinese bidders having factories situated in India, but wholly owned & controlled from China directly can also bid in the subject tender, which is violating the GOI circulars of land sharing border countries and we request your intervention to incorporate the conditions as per these GOI circular.	
4.	Section-I, Special Instructions to bidders for submission of bid through SAP- SRM module (E-bidding) (Page No.25-26)	(D-1) Bid Submission Date: SECTION – I: Special Instructions to bidders for submission of bid through SAP-SRM module (E-bidding) Last date & time of submission of TC bid in hard copy and price bid in softcopy is 28/04/2021 upto 03:00 pm and due date & time of opening of the tender is 28/04/2021 upto 03:30 pm. (D-2) Clarification in the bid required: Due to present, severe Covid-19 pandemic 2nd wave prevailing in India, majority of the cities are under partial/full lockdown, which is causing difficulty in preparing a competitive bid, so we request you to extend the bid submission by at least 4 weeks.	The due date of the tender (scheduled on 28th April 2021) is extended upto 22/06/2021

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(2) Reply of queries raised by M/s Sterlite Power Transmission Limited New Delhi (Tender No. TR-20/14) :-

Sr. No	Tender Clause	Existing Clause	Changes suggested / recommended by M/s Sterlite Power Transmission Limited	Clarification of CSPTCL				
				DATA SHEET FOR EXISTING EARTH WIRE				
				Line Voltage	132KV	220KV		
				Nominal Span (E/W & Conductors in mtrs.)	335	350		
				Wind Zone	IV	IV		
				Design Tension at Every Day Temp (32° C) and full wind condition – Earthwire) (in kg)	3382	3318		
				Wind Pressure (kg/Sq-m) (including gust factor)	186.5	192		
				Max Sag – Ground Wire at 53°C (in mtrs)	5.598	6.904		
				UTS – Earthwire (Kg)	6972	6972		
				Weight – Earth wire (Kg/km)	583	583		
				Matter was discussed with the representatives including your representative also. CSPTCL intimated that OPGW with same UTS have been supplied earlier in other utilities. After bidders agreed to provide OPGW as per specification. Therefore, no change in the specification is required.				
1	Data Requirement sheet of OPGW Page No-155	To fill the parameters in DRS, point No's 34 to 36 and 55 to 58, we require the existing earth wire sag and tension details.	Sag and tension requirements are not specified in specification. Kindly provide the existing earth wire sag and tension requirements to offer suitable OPGW for all the line Voltage levels 132KV, 220KV and 400 KV lines (or) please provide the below details to check the suitability of OPGW Cable. 1.) Nominal span meters) 2.) Wind pressure(kg/m²) 3.) Max sag at 53°C- Nil wind condition or Initial sag at 0°C -Nil wind Condition 4.) Max tension at 32°C -full wind Condition					
2	Page No-175, Guaranteed Technical Particulars of OPGW	Point No-13 requirement mentioned as <i>Max. breaking load / Ultimate 80 kN or Better</i>	In general, OPGW UTS and other parameters like Diameter and Weight of OPGW are determined based on requirements of existing earth wire sag and tension details. If UTS of OPGW requires 80 KN, this is feasible for above 400 KV lines and for 132 KV/220 KV lines UTS of OPGW should be less. Kindly recheck and Confirm the UTS requirement of OPGW for all the line voltage levels like 132KV, 220 KV and 400 KV lines. Parallely also provide the requirements of OPGW Cable Diameter and Weight of OPGW					

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			(or) please share the existing earth wire sag and tension requirement and confirm to offer OPGW meeting to sag and tension requirements. If UTS of OPGW is specified, kindly provide the requirements of other parameters as well like Diameter and Weight of OPGW Cable (or) please share the existing earth wire sag and tension requirements and confirm to offer OPGW meeting to sag and tension requirements.	
3		Financial PQ	Referring to recent notification from Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance Dt. 12/11/2020 where it is mentioned that "no provisions regarding Bid Security should be kept in the Bid documents in future and only provision for Bid security declaration should be kept in the Bid Documents". Request you to kindly amend the tender clause accordingly.	No change.
4	SECTION - I: Special Instructions to bidders for submission of bid through SAP-SRM module (e-bidding)	The techno commercial bid is to be submitted in hard copy whereas the price bid is to be submitted online (E-Bidding portal). Details of NIT & Tender Documents are available on our website and portal as indicated above.	Presently almost all the utilities in INDIA are allowing submission of all Techno-commercial documents and Price Bid through their e-portals along with scan copy of EMD BG/DD & Tender fee receipt. Whereas CSPTCL is asking for technical bid submission in hard copies and price bid on e-portal.	No change
5	Bid Submission Date: SECTION - 04/IT/ TR-20/14/pre-bid conference/No-074/Raipur dated 26/04/21. The due date of the tender submission of bid through SAP-SRM module (e-bidding) 2021) is postponed.	As per your circular No.02-04/IT/ TR-20/14/pre-bid conference/No-074/Raipur dated 26/04/21. The due date of the tender submission of bid through SAP-SRM module (e-bidding) 2021) is postponed.	We request you to further extend the tender submission due date by 4 weeks i.e., 30 days beyond the scheduled pre-bid conference date of 12th May 2021 to arrange a competitive offer and further submission as well.	The due date of the tender (scheduled on 28th April 2021) is extended upto 22/06/2021

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6	Tender clause 'C' (Page No.)	The sole bidder or the partners of JV/consortium should comply all the provisions of Ministry of Finance, Government Of India's order no. F.No.6/18/2019-PPD Dtd. 23.07.2020 (Annexure-31-a) read with amended order No.18/37/2020-PPD Dtd.08.02.2021 (Annexure-31-b) and any subsequent amendments issued upto date of issue of N.I.T. (Tender doc. page 230-242).	1) Kindly note that GOI order no. F.No.6/18/2019-PPD Dtd. 23.07.2020 is neither amended nor withdrawn. Hence, the definition of bidder, as provided in the circular issued by Government of India's order no. F.No.6/18/2019-PPD Dtd. 23.07.2020 remains unchanged. 2) Further the GOI amended order No. 18/37/2020-PPD Dtd.08.02.2021 only states that the bidders who wish to import the raw materials / components from countries which shared land border with India can do so without registration with competent authority as it is not regarded as "Sub-contracting". 3) Therefore, basis GOI order no. F.No.6/18/2019-PPD Dtd. 23.07.2020 and GOI amended order Further the GOI amended order No. 18/37/2020-PPD Dtd.08.02.2021, we can clearly conclude that companies from China having ownership in their Indian manufacturing facilities and interested to participate in the bid must register their factories in India with competent authority prior to bidding.	The tender clause 'C' is self-explanatory. The phrase "read with" means the clauses of earlier circular dtd. 23.07.2020 shall be applicable subject to amendment issued subsequently vide circular dtd.08/02/2021. Hence, all the provisions and clauses of GOI order F.No.6/18/2019-PPD Dtd. 23.07.2020 remain unchanged and applicable. Further, the amended GOI order No. 18/37/2020-PPD Dtd. 08.02.2021 shall also be applicable alongwith the above circular of GOI. Therefore evaluation of bids shall be done strictly in accordance with circular issued by Govt. of India & the bidders not fulfilling the criterion as per circular dtd. 23.07.2020 & dtd.08.02.2021 shall not be qualified. The bidders who are from such a country which shares land border with India shall be required to furnish registration certificate from competent authority as per circular dtd. 23/07/2020.
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(3) Reply of queries raised by M/s L.S. Cables, Gurgaon (Tender No. TR-20/14) :-

Tender Clause	Changes suggested / recommended by M/s L.S. Cables, Gurgaon	Clarification of CSPTCL
Tender clause 'C' Page No.16	Refer to the PQR condition of the tender which states that the bidder or the partners of the JV/consortium should comply all the provisions of Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India's Order no F.No.06/18/2019-PPD dated 23.07.2020 read with amended order no 18/37/2020-PPD dated 08.02.2021 and any subsequent amendments issued up to date of issue of NIT. We would like to direct your attention towards the Order no.No.06/18/ 2019-PPD dated 23.07.2020 issued by the Ministry of Finance - Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure Public Procurement Division (Order Public Procurement no.1,2&3). Copy enclosed for your ready reference. Above order requires prior registration of the bidders from a country which shares land border with India, from the competent authority mentioned in Annex I of the said notification. The definition of bidder which shares a land border with India for the purpose of the above order is as following:	The tender clause 'C' is self-explanatory. The phrase "read with" means the clauses of earlier circular dtd. 23.07.2020 shall be applicable subject to amendment issued subsequently vide circular dtd.08/02/2021. Hence, all the provisions and clauses of GOI order F.No.6/18/2019-PPD Dtd. 23.07.2020 remain unchanged and applicable. Further, the amended GOI order No. 18/37/2020-PPD Dtd. 08.02.2021 shall also be applicable alongwith the above circular of GOI. Therefore evaluation of bids shall be done strictly in accordance with circular issued by Govt. of India & the bidders not fulfilling the criterion as per circular dtd. 23.07.2020 & dtd.08.02.2021 shall not be qualified. The bidders who are from such a country which shares land border with India shall be required to furnish registration certificate from competent authority as per circular dtd. 23/07/2020.
a) An entity incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or b) A subsidiary of an entity incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or c) An entity substantially controlled through entities incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or d) An entity whose beneficial owner is situated in such a country; or e) An Indian (or other) agent of such a country; or f) A natural person who is citizen of such country; or g) A consortium or joint venture where any member of the		

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	consortium or joint venture falls under any of the above Subsequent amendment order no 18/37/2020-PPD dated 08.02.2021, permits only procurement of raw materials, components, sub-assemblies etc. from the vendors from countries which shares a land border with India which can be done without any registration of the firm from the competent authority of Govt. of India. In view of the above it is evident that the Indian companies having ownership or shareholding of any nature from a country sharing land border with India falls under the category of the Govt. Order F.No.06/18/ 2019-PPD dated 23.07.2020, and such companies are not exempted from the registration from the competent authority even with the amendment order no. 18/37/2020- PPD dated 08.02.2021. Therefore, if such bidders are allowed to participate in the subject tender without valid registration certificate from the competent authority of Govt., of India, it would be gross violation of the Govt. orders as mentioned in the PQR condition of the tender.	
	Due to the surge in COVID cases across the country, most of the states have gone under a near lockdown condition, we need some additional time to prepare a competitive offer. In lieu of the same, it is requested to kindly extend the bid submission date by another 4-6 weeks.	The due date of the tender (scheduled on 28th April 2021) is extended upto 22/06/2021

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(4) Reply of queries raised by M/s SRIT, Bengaluru (Tender No. TR-20/14) :-

Query raised by M/s SRIT	Clarification of CSPTCL
SRIT India (Global Head Quarter in Bangalore) continue to be interested to participate in the said tender. We have studied the tender document, we do not find any mention of connectivity equipment/end point termination equipment in the said tender document, we have learnt that tender for connectivity equipment / end point termination equipment may get published separately for completing the project. We are executing similar kind of project in Kerala with almost same length of OPGW laying together with network / end point connection on MPLS technologies. In our capacity as the Master Systems Integrator (MSI), we have experienced for such kind of large projects, that the End to End Solution is bid as a Turnkey proposition in the tender document. Such that, the MSI is made responsible for overall performance. We are working on latest communication technologies (IP-MPLS) with Govt. of India RailTel Corporation India Ltd and other Telecom Providers. MPLS Technology is also approved by Power Ministry for implementation of OPGW in power sector for communication / network. We request you to please amend the tender with connectivity / end point termination portion in which case, we will also participate in the Tender as a Master System Integrator.	The instant tender TR-20/14 is deliberated for laying of OPGW cable by replacing existing G.I. Earthwire in transmission lines in CSPTCL. A separate tender for connectivity equipment/end point termination equipment (FOTE) shall be issued in due course.

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