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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS [ITB]
(TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH BIDDING DATA SHEET (BDS))

[A] – GENERAL

1 SCOPE OF BID

- 1.1 The Employer as defined in the "General Conditions of Contract [GCC]", wishes to receive Bids as described in the Invitation For Bid (the “**Tender Document /Bid Document**”) issued by Employer. Employer/Owner/BGCL occurring herein under shall be considered synonymous.
- 1.2 SCOPE OF BID: The scope of work/ Services shall be as defined in the Tender documents.
- 1.3 The successful bidder will be expected to complete the scope of Bid within the period stated in Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.4 Throughout the Tender Documents, the terms 'Bid', 'Tender' & 'Offer' and their derivatives [Bidder/Tenderer, Bid/Tender/Offer etc.] are synonymous. Further, 'Day' means 'Calendar Day' and 'Singular' also means 'Plural'.

2 ELIGIBLE BIDDERS

- 2.1 The Bidder shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility by Employer for Corrupt/ Fraudulent/ Collusive/ Coercive practices, as defined in "Instructions to Bidders [ITB], Clause No. 39” (Action in case Corrupt/ Fraudulent/ Collusive/ Coercive Practices).
- 2.2 The Bidder is not put on ‘Holiday’ by Bengal Gas company Limited(BGCL)/ on due date of submission of bid. Further, neither bidder nor their allied agency/(ies) (as defined in the Procedure for Action in case of Corrupt/ Fraudulent/ Collusive/ Coercive Practices) are on banning list of BGCL.

If the bidding documents were downloaded from website, offers submitted by such bidders shall not be considered for opening/ evaluation/Award.

In case there is any change in status of the declaration prior to award of contract, the same has to be promptly informed to BGCL by the bidder.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to inform about their status regarding para 1 of clause 2.2 herein above on due date of submission of bid and during the course of finalization of the tender. Concealment of the facts shall tantamount to misrepresentation of facts and shall lead to action against such Bidders as per clause 39 of ITB.

- 2.3 The Bidder should not be under any liquidation court receivership or similar proceedings on due date of submission of bid. In case there is any change in status of the declaration prior to award of contract, the same has to be promptly informed to BGCL by the bidder.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to inform BGCL about there status on above on due date of submission of bid and during the course of finalization of the tender. Concealment of the facts shall tantamount to misrepresentation of facts and shall lead to action against such Bidders as per clause no.39 of ITB.

- 2.4 Bidder shall not be affiliated with a firm or entity:

- (i) that has provided consulting services related to the work to the Employer during the preparatory stages of the work or of the project of which the works/services forms a part of or
- (ii) that has been hired (proposed to be hired) by the Employer as an Engineer/ Consultant for the contract.

- 2.5 Neither the firm/entity appointed as the Project Management Consultant (PMC) for a contract nor its affiliates/ JV'S/ Subsidiaries shall be allowed to participate in the tendering process unless it is the sole Licensor/Licensor nominated agent/ vendor.
- 2.6 Pursuant to qualification criteria set forth in the bidding document, the Bidder shall furnish all necessary supporting documentary evidence to establish Bidder's claim of meeting qualification criteria.
- 2.7 Power of Attorney:
Power of Attorney (POA) to be issued by the bidder in favour of the authorised employee(s), in respect of the particular tender, for purpose of signing the documents including bid, all subsequent communications, agreements, documents etc. pertaining to the tender and act and take any and all decision on behalf of the bidder (including Consortium). Any consequence resulting due to such signing shall be binding on the Bidder (including Consortium).
- (I) In case of a Single Bidder, the Power of Attorney shall be issued as per the constitution of the bidder as below:
- a) **In case of Proprietorship:** by Proprietor
 - b) **In case of Partnership:** by all Partners or Managing Partner
 - c) **In case of Limited Liability Partnership:** by any bidder's employee authorized in terms of Deed of LLP
 - d) **In case of Public / Limited Company:** PoA in favour of authorized employee(s) by Board of Directors through Board Resolution or by the designated officer authorized by Board to do so. Such Board Resolution should be duly countersigned by Company Secretary / MD / CMD / CEO.

The Power of Attorney should be valid till award of contract / order to successful bidder.

- 2.8 In case of change of constitution of bidder after submission of bid, the same shall be informed by the bidder to BGCL/PMC promptly. Failure to same shall be considered as misrepresentation by the bidder.

3 BIDS FROM "CONSORTIUM": VOID

4 ONE BID PER BIDDER

- 4.1 A Bidder shall submit only 'one [01] Bid' in the same Bidding Process either as single entity or as a member of any consortium (wherever consortium bid is allowed). A Bidder who submits or participates in more than 'one [01] Bid' will cause all the proposals in which the bidder has participated to be disqualified.

5 COST OF BIDDING

The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the Bid including but not limited to Documentation Charges, Bank charges, all courier charges, translation charges, authentication charges and any associated charges including taxes & duties thereon. Further, BGCL will in no case, be responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the outcome of the bidding process.

6 SITE VISIT

- 6.1 The Bidder is advised to visit and examine the site of works 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 the required job. The costs of visiting the site shall be borne by the Bidder.



6.2

The Bidder or any of its personnel or agents shall be granted permission by the Employer to enter upon its premises and land for the purpose of such visits, but only upon the express conditions that the Bidder, its personnel and agents will release and indemnify the Employer and its personnel, agents from and against all liabilities in respect thereof, and will be responsible for death or injury, loss or damage to property, and any other loss, damage, costs, and expenses incurred as a result of inspection.

- 6.3 The Bidder shall not be entitled to hold any claim against BGCL for non-compliance due to lack of any kind of pre-requisite information as it is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to obtain all the necessary information with regard to site, surrounding, working conditions, weather etc. on its own before submission of the bid.

[B] – BIDDING DOCUMENTS

7 CONTENTS OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS

- 7.1 The contents of Bidding Documents / Tender Documents are those stated below, and should be read in conjunction with any 'Addendum / Corrigendum and Clarification(s)' issued in accordance with "ITB: Clause-8 & 9":

- Section-I : Invitation for Bid [IFB]
- Section-II : BID EVALUATION CRITERIA [BEC] & Evaluation methodology
- Section-III : Instructions to Bidders [ITB], Annexure, Forms & Format**
- Section-IV : General Conditions of Contract [GCC]***
- Section-V : Special Conditions of Contract [SCC]
- Section-VI : Particular Job Specifications & Scope of Work

- Section-VII : Schedule of Rates with declared firm rate and estimated quantity

For Technical Specifications, Drawings, etc- Refer other Volumes of tender (**Volume II**).

** The subject tender is based on standard formats and applicability of some specific clauses may be seen in Annexure-IV to Section-III

*** General Conditions of Contract – Works is available under Section-IV. ***

For participation in e-tender, instructions are mentioned at Annexure-III to Section-III.

- 7.2 The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms & conditions in the Bidding Documents. The "Request for Quotation [RFQ] & Invitation for Bid (IFB)" together with all its attachments thereto, shall be considered to be read, understood and accepted by the Bidders. Failure to furnish all information required by the Bidding Documents or submission of a Bid not substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents in every respect will be at Bidder's risk and may result in the rejection of his Bid.

8 CLARIFICATION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification(s) of the Bidding Documents may notify BGCL in writing by email at BGCL's mailing address no later than 02 (two) days prior to pre-bid meeting (in cases where pre-bid meeting is scheduled). BGCL reserves the right to ignore the bidders request for clarification if received after the aforesaid period. BGCL's response including an explanation of the query, but without identifying the source of the query will be uploaded on e-tender portal / communicated to prospective bidders by e-mail. Same shall also be available on other websites mentioned at sl. no. 2.0 (G) in IFB.

- 8.2 Any clarification or information required by the Bidder but same not received by the



Employer at clause 8.1 above is liable to be considered as "no clarification / information required".

9 AMENDMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS

- 9.1 At any time 48 HOURS prior to the 'Bid Due Date', Employer 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 addenda/ corrigendum.
- 9.2 Any corrigendum thus issued shall be integral part of the Tender Document and shall be hosted on the websites as provided at clause no. 2.0 (G) of IFB /communicated to prospective bidders by e-mail. Bidders have to take into account all such corrigendum before submitting their Bid.
- 9.3 The Employer, if consider necessary, may extend the Bid Due Date in order to allow the Bidders a reasonable time to furnish their most competitive bid taking into account the addenda/corrigendum issued thereof.

[C] – PREPARATION OF BIDS

10 LANGUAGE OF BID:

The bid prepared by the Bidder and all correspondence, drawing(s), document(s), certificate(s) etc. relating to the Bid exchanged by Bidder and BGCL shall be written in **English** language only. In case a document, certificate, printed literature etc. furnished by the Bidder in a language other than English, the same should be accompanied by an English translation duly authenticated by the Indian Chamber of Commerce, in which case, for the purpose of interpretation of the Bid, the English translation shall govern.

11. DOCUMENTS COMPRISING THE BID

11.1 IN CASE OF MANUAL TENDERING: VOID

Bidders are requested to refer instructions for participating in e-Tendering (Annexure-I to Section III), Bidders manual kit and FAQs available in e-tender portal and bids submitted manually shall be rejected. All pages of the Bid must be digitally signed by the "authorized signatory" of the Bidder holding Power of Attorney. The Bid must be submitted on e- tender portal

- 11.2 **IN CASE OF E-TENDERING: "BID"** comprising all the above documents mentioned at 11.1.1 along with copy of EMD/Bid Security/Declaration for Bid Security, copy of Power of Attorney and copy of integrity pact should be uploaded in the technical bid in the e-tender portal.

Further, Bidders must submit the original " EMD, Power of Attorney, Integrity Pact (wherever applicable) and any other documents specified in the Tender Document to the address mentioned in IFB, in a sealed envelope, superscribing the details of Tender Document (i.e. tender number & tender for) within **7 days** from the date of bid opening.

Bidders are required to submit the EMD in original by Due Date and Time of Bid Submission or upload a scanned copy of the same in the Part-I of the Bid. If the Bidder is unable to submit EMD in original by Due Date and Time of Bid Submission, the Bidder is required to upload a scanned copy of the EMD in Part-I of Bid, provided the original EMD, copy of which has been uploaded, is received within 7 days from the Due Date of Bid Opening, failing which the Bid will be rejected irrespective of their status/ranking in tendering process

and notwithstanding the fact that a copy of EMD was earlier uploaded by the Bidder.

12 BID PRICES

12.1 the Contract shall be for the whole works as described in Bidding Documents, based on the rates and prices published in IFB .



12.2 *Provision w.r.t. E- Invoicing requirement as per GST laws:*

Supplier who is required to comply with the requirements of E-invoice for B2B transactions as per the requirement of GST Law will ensure the compliance of requirement of E Invoicing under GST law. If the invoice issued without following this process, such invoice can-not be processed for payment by BGCL. Therefore, all the payments to such supplier who is liable to comply with e-invoice as per GST Laws shall be made against the proper e-invoice(s) only. Further, returns and details required to be filled under GST laws & rules against such e-invoices should be timely filed by Supplier of Goods with requisite details.

If input tax credit is not available to BGCL for any reason attributable to supplier (both for E-invoicing cases and non-E-invoicing cases), then BGCL shall not be obligated or

liable to pay or reimburse GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST) claimed in the invoice(s) and shall be entitled to deduct / setoff / recover such GST amount (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST) or Input Tax Credit amount together with penalties and interest, if any, by adjusting against any amounts paid or becomes payable in future to the supplier under this contract or under any other contract.

To ensure compliance, undertaking in requisite format is to be submitted by supplier as per format [F-17](#) along with documents for release of payment.

12.3 **New Taxes & duties:** Any new taxes & duties, if imposed by the State/ Central Govt. of India after the due date of bid submission but before the Contractual Completion Date, shall be reimbursed to the Service Provider on submission of copy of notification(s) issued from State/ Central Govt. Authorities along with documentary evidence for proof of payment of such taxes & duties, but only after ascertaining it's applicability with respect to the Contract.

12.4 Full payment including GST will be released at the time of processing of invoice for payment, where the GST amount reflects in Form GSTR-2A of BGCL. However, in case where the GST amount doesn't reflect in Form GSTR-2A of BGCL, the amount of GST will be released after reflection of GST amount of corresponding invoice in Form GSTR- 2A of BGCL.

13 **GST (CGST & SGST/ UTGST or IGST)**

13.1 Bidders are required to submit copy of the GST Registration Certificate while submitting the bids wherever **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** is applicable.

13.2 Quoted prices should be inclusive of all taxes and duties, except **GST (CGST & SGST or IGST or UTGST)**. Please note that the responsibility of payment of **GST (CGST & SGST or IGST or UTGST)** lies with the Contractor only. Contractor providing taxable service shall issue an e-Invoice/Invoice/Bill, as the case may be as per rules/ regulation of GST. Further, returns and details required to be filled under GST laws & rules should be timely filed by Contractor with requisite details.

Payments to Contractor for claiming **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** amount will be made provided the above formalities are fulfilled. Further, BGCL may seek copies of challan and certificate from Chartered Accountant for deposit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** collected from Owner.

13.3 In case CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs)/ any tax authority / any equivalent government agency brings to the notice of BGCL that the Contractor has not remitted the amount towards GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST) collected from BGCL to the government exchequer, then, that Contactor shall be put under Holiday list of BGCL

for period of six months after following the due procedure. This action will be in addition to the right of recovery of financial implication arising on BGCL.

- 13.4 In case of statutory variation in **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**, other than due to change in turnover, payable on the contract value during contract period, the Contractor shall submit a copy of the 'Government Notification' to evidence the rate as applicable on the Bid due date and on the date of revision.

Beyond the contract period, in case BGCL is not entitled for input tax credit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**, then any increase in the rate of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** beyond the contractual delivery period shall be to Contractor's account whereas any decrease in the rate **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** shall be passed on to the Owner.

Beyond the contract period, in case BGCL is entitled for input tax credit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**, then statutory variation in quoted **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** on supply and on incidental services, shall be to BGCL's account.

Claim for payment of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**/ Statutory variation, should be raised within two [02] months from the date of issue of 'Government Notification' for payment of differential (in %) **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**, otherwise claim in respect of above shall not be entertained for payment of arrears.

The base date for the purpose of applying statutory variation shall be the Bid Due Date.

- 13.5 Where BGCL is entitled to avail the input tax credit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**:-

13.5.1 Owner/BGCL will reimburse the **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** to the Contractor at actuals against submission of E-Invoices/Invoices as per format specified in rules/ regulation of GST to enable Owner/BGCL to claim input tax credit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** paid. In case of any variation in the executed quantities, the amount on which the **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** is applicable shall be modified in same proportion. Returns and details required to be filled under GST laws & rules should be timely filed by supplier with requisite details.

13.5.2 The input tax credit of quoted **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** shall be considered for evaluation of bids, as per evaluation criteria of tender document.

- 13.6 Where BGCL is not entitled to avail/take the full input tax credit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**:-

13.6.1 Owner/BGCL will reimburse **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** to the Contractor at actuals against submission of E-Invoices/Invoices as per format specified in rules/ regulation of GST subject to the ceiling amount of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** as quoted by the bidder, subject to any statutory variations, except variations arising due to change in turnover. In case of any variation in the executed quantities (If directed and/or certified by the Engineer-In-Charge) the ceiling amount on which **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** is applicable will be modified on pro-rata basis.

13.6.2 The bids will be evaluated based on total price including quoted **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**.

13.7 BGCL will prefer to deal with registered supplier of goods/ services under GST. Therefore, bidders are requested to get themselves registered under GST, if not registered yet.

However, in case any unregistered bidder is submitting their bid, their prices will be loaded with applicable **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** while evaluation of bid (if applicable as per Govt. Act/ Law in vogue). Where BGCL is entitled for input credit of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**, the same will be considered for evaluation of bid as per evaluation methodology of tender document. Further, an unregistered bidder is required to mention its Income Tax PAN in bid document.

13.8 In case BGCL is required to pay entire/certain portion of applicable **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** and remaining portion, if any, is to be deposited by Bidder directly as per **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** laws, entire applicable rate/amount of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** to be indicated by bidder in the SOR. Where BGCL has the obligation to discharge **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** liability under reverse charge mechanism and BGCL has paid or is /liable to pay **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)** to the Government on which interest or penalties becomes payable as per GST laws for any reason which is not attributable to BGCL or ITC with respect to such payments is not available to BGCL for any reason which is not attributable to BGCL, then BGCL shall be entitled to deduct/ setoff / recover such amounts against any amounts paid or payable by BGCL to Contractor / Supplier.

13.9 Contractor shall ensure timely submission of correct invoice(s) /e-invoice(s), as per GST rules/ regulation, with all required supporting document(s) within a period specified in Contract to enable BGCL to avail input credit of GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST). Further, returns and details required to be filled under GST laws & rules should be timely filed by Contractor with requisite details.

If input tax credit is not available to BGCL for any reason not attributable to BGCL, then BGCL shall not be obligated or liable to pay or reimburse GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST) claimed in the invoice(s) and shall be entitled to deduct / setoff / recover such GST amount (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST) or Input Tax Credit amount together with penalties and interest, if any, against any amounts paid or becomes payable by BGCL in future to the Contractor under this contract or under any other contract.

13.10 Anti-profiteering clause

As per Clause 171 of GST Act it is mandatory to pass on the benefit due to reduction in rate of tax or from input tax credit to the consumer by way of commensurate reduction in prices. The Contractor may note the above and quote their prices accordingly.

13.11 In case the GST rating of contractor on the GST portal / Govt. official website is negative / black listed, then the bids may be rejected by BGCL. Further, in case rating of bidder is negative / black listed after award of work, then BGCL shall not be obligated or liable to pay or reimburse GST to such c and shall also be entitled to deduct / recover such GST along with all penalties / interest, if any, incurred by BGCL.

13.12 GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST) is implemented w.e.f. 01.07.2017 which subsumed various indirect taxes and duties applicable before 01.07.2017. Accordingly, the provisions of General Condition of Contract relating to taxes and duties which are subsumed in GST are modified to aforesaid provisions mentioned in clause no. 12 and 13 of ITB.

13.13 GST, as quoted by the bidder in Schedule of Rates, shall be deemed as final and binding for the purpose of bid evaluation (applicable for tenders where bidder quotes the GST rates). In case a bidder enters "zero/blank" GST or an erroneous GST, the bid evaluation for finalizing the L1 bidder will be done considering the "Zero" or quoted GST rate, as the case may be. No request for change in GST will be entertained after submission

of bids.

In cases where the successful bidder quotes a wrong GST rate, for releasing the order, the following methodology will be followed:

- In case the actual GST rate applicable is lower than the quoted GST rate, the actual GST rate will be added to the quoted basic prices. The final cash outflow will be based on actual GST rate.
- In case the actual GST rate applicable is more than the quoted GST rate, the basic prices quoted will be reduced proportionately, keeping the final cash outflow the same as the overall quoted amount.

Based on the Total Cash Outflow calculated as above, BGCL shall place orders.

13.14 Wherever TDS under GST Laws has been deducted from the invoices raised / payments made to the Contractors, as per the provisions of the GST law / Rules, Contractors should accept the corresponding GST-TDS amount populated in the relevant screen on GST common portal (www.gst.gov.in). Further, Vendors should also download the GST TDS certificate from GST common portal (reference path: Services > User Services > View/Download Certificates option).

13.15 Provision w.r.t. E- Invoicing requirement as per GST laws:

Supplier who is required to comply with the requirements of E-invoice for B2B transactions as per the requirement of GST Law will ensure the compliance of requirement of E Invoicing under GST law. If the invoice issued without following this process, such invoice can-not be processed for payment by BGCL as no ITC is allowed on such invoices

Therefore, all the payments to such supplier who is liable to comply with e-invoice as per GST Laws shall be made against the proper e-invoice(s) only. Further, returns and details required to be filled under GST laws & rules against such e-invoices should be timely filed by Supplier of Goods with requisite details.

If input tax credit is not available to BGCL for any reason attributable to supplier (both for E-invoicing cases and non-E-invoicing cases), then BGCL shall not be obligated or liable to pay or reimburse GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST) claimed in the invoice(s) and shall be entitled to deduct / setoff / recover such GST amount (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST) or Input Tax Credit amount together with penalties and interest, if any, by adjusting against any amounts paid or becomes payable in future to the supplier under this contract or under any other contract.

To ensure compliance, undertaking in requisite format is to be submitted by supplier as per format F-17 along with documents for release of payment.

13.16 New Taxes & duties: Any new taxes & duties, if imposed by the State/ Central Govt. of India after the due date of bid submission but before the Contractual Completion Date, shall be reimbursed to the Service Provider on submission of copy of notification(s) issued from State/ Central Govt. Authorities along with documentary evidence for proof of payment of such taxes & duties, but only after ascertaining it's applicability with respect to the Contract.

13.17 Full payment including GST will be released at the time of processing of invoice for payment, where the GST amount reflects in Form GSTR-2A of BGCL. However, in case where the GST amount doesn't reflect in Form GSTR-2A of BGCL, the amount of GST will be released after reflection of GST amount of corresponding invoice in Form GSTR-2A of BGCL.



BID CURRENCIES:

Rates and amount mentioned in SOR are in Indian Rupees only.

15 BID VALIDITY

- 15.1 Bids shall be kept valid for period specified in BDS from the final Due date of submission of bid'. A Bid valid for a shorter period may be rejected by BGCL as 'non-responsive'.
- 15.2 In exceptional circumstances, prior to expiry of the original 'Bid Validity Period', the Employer may request the Bidders to extend the 'Period of Bid Validity' for a specified additional period. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing or by email. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiture of his EMD / Bid Security.

A Bidder agreeing to the request will not be required or permitted to modify his Bid, but will be required to extend the validity of its EMD for the period of the extension and in accordance with "ITB: Clause-16" in all respects.

16 EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT

- 16.1 Bid must be accompanied with earnest money deposit (**i.e Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)** also known as **Bid Security**) in the form of **'Demand Draft' / 'Banker's Cheque/ Online banking transaction / Insurance Surety Bond' / 'Fixed Deposit Receipt'** [in favour of **Bengal Gas Company Limited** payable at place mentioned in **BDS**] or **'Bank Guarantee'** as per the format given in form F-2 of the **Tender Document only**. Bidder shall ensure that EMD submitted in the form of **'Bank Guarantee'** should have a validity of at least 'two [02] months' beyond the validity of the Bid. EMD submitted in the form of **'Demand Draft'** or **'Banker's Cheque'** should be valid for three months.

Bid not accompanied with EMD, or EMD not in requisite format shall be liable for rejection. The EMD shall be submitted in Indian Rupees only.

- 16.2 BGCL shall not be liable to pay any documentation charges, Bank charges, commission, interest etc. on the amount of EMD. In case EMD is in the form of a 'Bank Guarantee', the same shall be from any Indian scheduled Bank.
- 16.3 Any Bid not secured in accordance with "ITB: Clause-16.1 & Clause-16.2" may be rejected by BGCL as non-responsive.
- 16.4 Unsuccessful Bidder's EMD will be discharged/ returned as promptly as possible, but not later than 'thirty [30] days' after finalization of tendering process.
- 16.5 The successful Bidder's EMD will be discharged upon the Bidder's acknowledging the 'Award' and signing the 'Agreement' and furnishing the 'Contract Performance Security (CPS)/ Security Deposit' pursuant to clause no. 38 of ITB.
- 16.6 Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the EMD may also be forfeited in any of the following cases:
- If a Bidder withdraws his Bid during the 'Bid Validity Period'
 - If a Bidder has indulged in corrupt/fraudulent /collusive/coercive practice
 - If the Bidder modifies Bid during the period of bid validity (after Due Date and Time for Bid Submission).
 - Violates any other condition, mentioned elsewhere in the Tender Document, which may lead to forfeiture of EMD.



- (e) In the case of a successful Bidder, if the Bidder fails to:
- (i) acknowledge receipt of the “Notification of Award” / Fax of Acceptance [FOA]”,
 - (ii) furnish “Contract Performance Security / Security Deposit”, in accordance with “ITB: Clause-38”
 - ~~(iii) accept ‘arithmetical corrections’ as per provision of the clause 30 of ITB.~~

16.7 In case EMD is in the form of ‘Bank Guarantee’, the same must indicate the Tender Document No. and the name of Tender Document for which the Bidder is quoting. This is essential to have proper correlation at a later date.

16.8 MSEs (Micro & Small Enterprises) are exempted from submission of EMD in accordance with the provisions of PPP-2012 and Clause 40 of ITB. However, Traders/Dealers/ Distributors /Stockiest /Wholesaler are not entitled for exemption of EMD. The Government Departments/PSUs are also exempted from the payment of EMD.

Bidders are required to submit relevant document for exemption from furnishing Earnest Money / Bid Bond

16.9 In addition to existing specified form (i.e. Demand Draft (DD)/ Banker’s Cheque/ Bank Guarantee (including e- bank guarantee)) mentioned in tender documents for submission of EMD/Bid Bond, the bidder can also submit the EMD through online banking transaction i.e. IMPS/NEFT/RTGS etc. While remitting, the bidder must indicate EMD and tender/E-tender no. under remarks. Bidders shall be required to submit/ upload the successful transaction details along-with their bid/e-bid in addition to forwarding the details to dealing officer through email/letter with tender reference number immediately after remittance of EMD.

In absence of submitting/ uploading the remittance details, the bids are likely to be considered as bid not accompanied with EMD. Further, in case of the above online transaction, submission of EMD in original is not applicable.

16.10 In case of forfeiture of EMD/ Bid Security, the forfeited amount will be considered inclusive of tax and tax invoice will be issued by BGCL. The forfeiture amount will be subject to final decision of BGCL based on other terms and conditions of order/ contract.

16.11 EMD/Bid Bond will not be accepted in case the same has reference of ‘remitter’/’financer’ other than bidder on the aforementioned financial instrument of EMD/ Bid Bond submitted by the bidder and bid of such bidder will be summarily rejected.

16.12 ***In case of submission of EMD in the form of FDR, the points mentioned below shall be applicable:***

(i) The Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) submitted by Bidder from a Bank based in India shall be duly pledged / lien in favour of “Bengal Gas Company Limited”.

The FDR shall be in the name of the Bengal Gas Company Limited (BGCL), A/c.....(Name of Bidder)and the Bidder cannot encash / pre-mature this FDR without the discharge letter / NOC/approval of BGCL. However, BGCL can encash this FDR without the approval of the Bidder in case of non-compliance of the terms of the tender.

The original FDR shall be accompanied by a confirmation letter in original on letter head from the issuing bank to BGCL as per the format of “Third Party Deposit Confirmation Letter” placed as Form F-2B.

Note: FDR (free from any encumbrance payable at place mentioned in BDS) along with original confirmation letter in the manner mentioned above shall be uploaded/submitted as per tender conditions.

Bank means - Any Indian scheduled Bank (excluding Co-operative banks and Regional Rural bank) or a branch of an International Bank situated in India and registered with 'Reserve Bank of India' as Scheduled Foreign Bank. However, in case of "Fixed Deposit" from Banks other than the Nationalized Indian Banks, the Bank must be commercial Bank having net worth in excess of Rs. 100 Crores [Rupees One Hundred Crores] and a declaration to this effect should be made by such commercial Bank either in the "Fixed Deposit" itself or separately on its letterhead. BGCL will verify the Fixed Deposit Receipt from issuing bank.

- (i) The FDR should have a validity of at least 'two [02] months' beyond the date on which the bid expires.
- (ii) Any dispute arising out of or in relation to the said FDR shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of courts at Kolkata.

- (iv) FDR in Original and Third Party Deposit Confirmation Letter in Original has to be kept in Custody of BGCL.

16A DECLARATION FOR BID SECURITY

Not Applicable

17 PRE-BID MEETING (IF APPLICABLE)

- 17.1 The Bidder(s) or his designated representative are invited to attend a "Pre-Bid Meeting" which will be held through Video Conference ONLY.
- 17.2 Purpose of the meeting will be to clarify issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage and give hands-on e-tendering.
- 17.3 Text of the questions raised and the responses given, together with any responses prepared after the meeting, will be uploaded on e-tender portal against the Tender as specified in "ITB: Clause-8. Any modification of the Contents of Bidding Documents listed in "ITB: Clause-7.1", that may become necessary as a result of the Pre-Bid Meeting shall be made by the Employer exclusively through the issue of an Corrigendum pursuant to "ITB: Clause-9", and not through the minutes of the Pre-Bid Meeting.
- 17.4 Non-attendance of the Pre-Bid Meeting will not be a cause for disqualification of Bidder.

18 FORMAT AND SIGNING OF BID

- 18.1 The original and all copies of the Bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink [in the case of copies, photocopies are also acceptable] and shall be signed by a person or persons duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder (as per POA). The name and position held by each person signing, must be typed or printed below the signature. All pages of the Bid except for unamendable printed literature where entry(s) or amendment(s) have been made shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the Bid.



- 18.2 The Bid shall contain no alterations, omissions, or additions, unless such corrections are initialed by the person or persons signing the Bid.
- 18.3 In case of e-tendering, digitally signed documents to be uploaded as detailed in addendum to ITB (Annexure-III to Section III).

19 ZERO DEVIATION AND REJECTION CRITERIA

19.1 **ZERO DEVIATION:** Deviation to terms and conditions of "Bidding Documents" may lead to rejection of bid. BGCL will accept bids based on terms & conditions of "Bidding Documents" only. Bidder may note BGCL/ PMC will determine the substantial responsiveness of each bid to the Bidding Documents pursuant to provision contained in clause 29 of ITB. For purpose of this, a substantially responsive bid is one which conforms to all terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents without deviations or reservations. BGCL's determination of a bid's responsiveness is based on the content of the bid itself without recourse to extrinsic evidence. BGCL reserves the right to raise technical and/or commercial query(s), if required, may be raised on the bidder(s). The response(s) to the same shall be in writing, and no change in the price(s) or substance of the bids shall be sought, offered or permitted. The substance of the bid includes but not limited to prices, completion, scope, technical specifications, etc. Bidders are requested to not to take any deviation/exception to the terms and conditions laid down in this "Tender Documents", and submit all requisite documents as mentioned in this "Tender Documents", failing which their offer will be liable for rejection. If a bidder does not reply to the queries in the permitted time frame then its bid shall be evaluated based on the documents available in the bid.

19.2 **REJECTION CRITERIA:** Notwithstanding the above, deviation to the following clauses of Tender document shall lead to summarily rejection of Bid:

- (a) Firm Price
- (b) Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security/ Bid Security declaration, as applicable
- (c) Specifications & Scope of Work
- (d) Schedule of Rates / Price Schedule / Price Basis
- (e) Duration / Period of Contract/ Completion schedule
- (f) Period of Validity of Bid
- (g) Price Reduction Schedule
- (h) Contract Performance Security
- (i) Guarantee / Defect Liability Period
- (j) Arbitration / Resolution of Dispute/Jurisdiction of Court
- (k) Force Majeure & Applicable Laws
- ~~(l) Integrity Pact, if Applicable~~
- (m) Any other condition specifically mentioned in the tender document elsewhere that non-compliance of the clause lead to rejection of bid

Note: Further, it is once again reminded not to mention any condition in the Bid which is contradictory to the terms and conditions of Tender document.

20 E-PAYMENT

Payments to Contractors are made electronically ONLY



[D] – SUBMISSION OF BIDS

21 SUBMISSION AND MARKING OF BIDS

- 21.1 In case of e-tendering, bids shall be submitted through e-tender mode in the manner specified elsewhere in tender document. No Manual/ Hard Copy (Original) offer shall be acceptable. Physical documents shall be addressed to the owner at address specified in IFB.
- ~~21.2 In case of manual tendering bid must be submitted in sealed envelope. If the envelope is not sealed & marked as per Clause No. 11 of ITB, the employer will assume no responsibility for misplacement or pre-mature opening of the bid.~~
- ~~21.3 All the bids shall be addressed to the owner at address specified in IFB.~~
- 21.4 Bids submitted under the name of AGENT / REPRESENTATIVE /RETAINER/ ASSOCIATE etc. on behalf of a bidder/affiliate shall not be accepted.

22 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- 22.1 In case of e-bidding, the bids must be submitted through e-tender mode not later than the date and time specified in the tender documents/BDS.
- 22.2 In case of manual tendering EMD along with bid must be submitted within the due date & time, as specified in Clause no. 2.0 (I) of IFB and place mentioned in BDS.
- 22.3 BGCL may, in exceptional circumstances and at its discretion, extend the deadline for submission of Bids (8.0 and/or 9 of ITB refers). In which case all rights and obligations of BGCL and the Bidders, previously subject to the original deadline will thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended. Notice for extension of due date of submission of bid will be uploaded on e-tender portal / communicated to the bidders. Same shall also be available on other websites mentioned at sl. no. 2.0 (G) in IFB.

23 LATE BIDS

- 23.1 Any bids received after the notified date and time of closing of tenders will be treated as late bids.
- 23.2 e-tendering system shall close immediately after the due date for submission of bid and no bids can be submitted thereafter.
~~In case of manual tendering, bids received by BGCL/PMC after the due date for submission of bids shall not be considered. Such late bids shall be returned to the bidder within “10 days” in ‘unopened conditions’. The EMD of such bidders shall be returned along with the unopened bid. If EMD/physical documents has been received but the bid is not submitted by the bidder in the e-tendering portal, such bid bond/ physical documents shall be returned immediately.~~
- 23.3 EMD /physical documents received to address other than one specifically stipulated in the Tender Document will not be considered for evaluation/opening/award if not received to the specified destination within stipulated date & time.
- 23.4 Unsolicited Bids or Bids received to address other than one specifically stipulated in the tender document will not be considered for evaluation/opening/award if not received to the specified destination within stipulated date & time.

24 MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

The bidder may withdraw or modify its bid after bid submission but before the due date and time for submission as per tender document.



[E] – BID OPENING AND EVALUATION

25 EMPLOYER'S RIGHT TO ACCEPT ANY BID AND TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS

25.1 BGCL 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 obligations to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the ground for BGCL's action. However, Bidder if so desire may seek the reason (in writing) for rejection of their Bid to which BGCL/ PMC shall respond quickly.

25.2 A bidder is to be permitted to send his representation in writing to dealing officer specified in tender for rejection of bid. But, such representation has to be sent upto 10(ten) days from the date of Notification of Award/FOA. A decision on representation will be taken by BGCL within 15 (fifteen) days of the receipt of the representation. Only a directly affected bidder can represent in this regard:

- i) Only a bidder who has participated in tender can make such representation
- ii) In case technical bid has been evaluated before the opening of the financial bid, an application for review in relation to the financial bid may be filed only by a bidder whose technical bid is found to be acceptable

25.3 However, following decisions of BGCL shall not be subject to review:

- a) Determination of the need for procurement;
- b) Selection of the mode of procurement or bidding system;
- c) Choice of selection procedure;
- d) Provisions limiting participation of bidders in the procurement process;
- e) Cancellation of the procurement process except where it is intended to subsequently re-tender the same requirements;
- f) Issues related to ambiguity in contract terms may not be taken up after a contract has been signed, all such issues should be highlighted before consummation of the contract by the vendor/ contractor; and
- g) Complaints against specifications except under the premise that they are either vague or too specific so as to limit competition may be permissible.

26 BID OPENING

26.1 Bid Opening :

BGCL will open bids at date, time and location stipulated in the IFB. ~~The bidders' representatives, who are present shall sign a bid opening register evidencing their attendance.~~

27 CONFIDENTIALITY

Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of Bids, and recommendations for the award of a Contract, shall not be disclosed to Bidder(s) or any other persons not officially concerned with such process.

28 CONTACTING THE EMPLOYER

28.1 From the time of Bid opening to the time of award of Contract, if any Bidder wishes to contact the Employer on any matter related to the Bid, it should do so in writing.

28.2 Any effort by the Bidder to influence the Employer in the Employer's 'Bid Evaluation', 'Bid Comparison', or 'Contract Award' decisions may result in the rejection of the Bidder's Bid

and action shall be initiated as per procedure for action in case Corrupt / Fraudulent / Collusive / Coercive practices in this regard, apart from forfeiture of EMD/ Bid Security, if any.

29 EXAMINATION OF BIDS AND DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIVENESS

- 29.1 The employer's determination of a bid's responsiveness is based on the content of the bid only. Prior to the detailed evaluation of Bids, the Employer will determine whether each Bid:-
- (a) Meets the "Bid Evaluation Criteria" of the Bidding Documents;
 - (b) Has been properly signed;
 - (c) Is accompanied by the required 'Earnest Money / Bid Security / Bid Security Declaration ';
 - (d) Is substantially responsive to the requirements of the Bidding Documents; and
 - (e) Provides any clarification and/or substantiation that the Employer may require to determine responsiveness pursuant to "ITB: Clause-29.2"
- 29.2 A substantially responsive Bid is one which conforms to all the terms, conditions and specifications of the Bidding Documents without material deviations or reservations or omissions for this purpose employer defines the foregoing terms below:-
- a) "Deviation" is departure from the requirement specified in the tender documents.
 - b) "Reservation" is the setting of limiting conditions or withholding from complete acceptance of the requirement in the tender documents.
 - c) "Omission" is the failure to submit part or all of the information or documentation required in the tender document for evaluation of bid.
- 29.3 A material deviation, reservation or omission is one that,
- a) If accepted would,
 - i) Affect in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the job as specified in tender documents.
 - ii) Limit, in any substantial way, inconsistent with the Tender Document, the Employer's rights or the tenderer's obligations under the proposed Contract.
 - b) If rectified, would unfairly affect the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.
- 29.4 The employer shall examine all aspects of the bid to confirm that all requirements have been met without any material deviation, reservation or omission.
- 29.5 Tenders that do not meet the basic requirements specified in the bid documents are to be treated as unresponsive and will be ignored. All tenders received will first be scrutinized to see whether the tenders meet the basic requirements as incorporated in the Bid document and to identify unresponsive tenders, if any. Unresponsive offers may not subsequently be made responsive by correction or withdrawal of the non-conforming stipulation. Some important points on the basis of which a tender may be declared as unresponsive and be ignored during the initial scrutiny are :
- i) The tender is not in the prescribed format or is unsigned or not signed as per the stipulations in the bid document;



- ii) The required EMD has not been provided or exemption from EMD is claimed without acceptable proof of exemption;
- iii) The bidder is not eligible to participate in the bid as per laid down eligibility criteria
- iv) The bid departs from the essential requirements specified in the bidding document (for example, the tenderer has not agreed to give the required contract performance security); or
- v) Against a schedule in the list of requirements in the tender enquiry, the tenderer has not quoted for the entire requirement as specified in that schedule (example: in a schedule, it has been stipulated that the tenderer will supply the equipment, install and commission it and also train the BGCL's personnel for operating the equipment. The tenderer has, however, quoted only for supply of the equipment).

30 CORRECTION OF ERRORS: VOID

31 CONVERSION TO SINGLE CURRENCY FOR COMPARISON OF BIDS: VOID

32 EVALUATION AND COMPARISON OF BIDS

Bid shall be evaluated as per evaluation criteria mentioned in Section-II of bidding documents on lowest bid.

- a. The work will be awarded to top TEN bidders among eligible applicants arranged in descending order as per value of Working capital.
- b. The work order will be awarded as per estimated quantity and rate published in EOI.

33 COMPENSATION FOR EXTENDED STAY: VOID

34 PURCHASE PREFERENCE: VOID

[F] – AWARD OF CONTRACT

35 **AWARD**

Subject to "ITB: Clause-29", BGCL will award the Contract to the successful Bidder whose Bid has been determined to be substantially responsive and has been determined as the lowest provided that bidder, is determined to be qualified to satisfactorily perform the Contract.

“BGCL intent to place the contract directly on the address from where Goods are produced/dispatched or Services are rendered. In case, bidder wants contract at some other address or supply of Goods/ Services from multiple locations, bidder is required to provide in their bid address on which order is to be placed”.

BGCL will place the Contract directly on the successful bidder from whom the bid has been received & evaluated and will not place order on other entities such as subsidiary, business associate or partner, dealer/distributor etc. of the Bidder.



36 NOTIFICATION OF AWARD / FAX OF ACCEPTANCE

- 36.1 Prior to the expiry of 'Period of Bid Validity', Notification of Award for acceptance of the Bid will be intimated to the successful Bidder by BGCL either by E - mail /Letter or like means defined as the "Fax of Acceptance (FOA)". The Contract shall enter into force on the date of FOA and the same shall be binding on BGCL and successful Bidder (i.e. Contractor). The Notification of Award/FOA will constitute the formation of a Contract. The detailed Letter of Acceptance shall be issued thereafter incorporating terms & conditions of Tender Document, Corrigendum, Clarification(s), Bid and agreed variation(s)/acceptable deviation(s), if any. BGCL may choose to issue Notification of Award in form of detailed Letter of Acceptance without issuing FOA and in such case the Contract shall enter into force on the date of detailed Letter of Acceptance only.
- 36.2 Contract period shall commence from the date of "Notification of Award" or as mentioned in the Notification of Award. The "Notification of Award" will constitute the formation of a Contract, until the Contract has been effected pursuant to signing of Contract Agreement as per "ITB: Clause-37".
- 36.3 Upon the successful Bidder's / Contractor's furnishing of 'Contract Performance Security / Security Deposit', pursuant to "ITB: Clause-38", BGCL/ PMC will promptly discharge his 'Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security', pursuant to "ITB: Clause-16"
- 36.4 The Order/ contract value mentioned above is subject to Price Reduction Schedule clause.
- 36.5 BGCL will award the Contract to the successful Bidder, who, within 'fifteen [15] days' of receipt of the same, shall sign and return the acknowledged copy to BGCL.

37 SIGNING OF AGREEMENT

- 37.1 The successful Bidders/Contractors shall be required to execute an 'Agreement' in the proforma given in this Bidding Document on a 'non-judicial stamp paper' of appropriate value [cost of the 'stamp-paper' shall be borne by the successful Bidder/Contractor] and of ' State of India' specified in Bidding Data Sheet (BDS) only, within 'fifteen [15] days' of receipt of the "Fax of Acceptance [FOA]" of the Tender by the successful Bidder/Contractor failure on the part of the successful Bidder/Contractor to sign the 'Agreement' within the above stipulated period, shall constitute sufficient grounds for forfeiture of EMD/Security Deposit / Action as per Bid Security declaration.
- 37.3 Bidders can request Bilingual (Hindi & English) Contract Agreement. The format for signing Contract Agreement in English is attached with this Bidding Document.

38 CONTRACT PERFORMANCE SECURITY / SECURITY DEPOSIT [CPS/SD]

- 38.1 Within 30 days of the receipt of the notification of award/ Fax of Acceptance from BGCL, the successful bidder shall furnish the Contract Performance Security (CPS) in accordance with of General Conditions of the Contract. The CPS shall be in the form of either Banker's Cheque or Demand Draft (DD) or Insurance Surety Bond or Fixed Deposit Receipt [in favour of **Bengal Gas Company Limited** payable at place mentioned in **BDS**] or Bank Guarantee or online banking transaction or Letter of Credit (to be denominated in the currency of contract) and shall be in the currency of the Contract. However, there shall be no Contract Performance security / PBG requirement for contracts bid value up to Rs 5 Lakh



- 38.2 The contract performance security shall be for an amount equal to specified in Bidding Data Sheet (BDS) towards faithful performance of the contractual obligations and performance of equipment. For the purpose of CPS, Contract/order value shall be exclusive of **GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST)**.

Bank Guarantee towards CPS shall be from any Indian scheduled bank (excluding Co-operative banks and Regional Rural bank) or a branch of an International bank situated in India and registered with Reserve bank of India as scheduled foreign bank. However, in case of bank guarantees from banks other than the Nationalized Indian banks, the bank must be a commercial bank having net worth in excess of Rs 100 crores and a declaration to this effect should be made by such commercial bank either in the Bank Guarantee itself or separately on its letterhead.

- 38.3 The Service Provider shall submit CPS as per Form F-4 of Tender Document only. Further, they also submit covering letter along with CPS as per format at F-4.

- 38.4 Failure of the successful bidder to comply with the requirements of this article shall constitute sufficient grounds for consideration of the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the EMD / action as per declaration for Bid Security.

- 38.5 The CPS has to cover the entire contract value including extra works/services also. As long as the CPS submitted at the time of award take cares the extra works/ services executed and total executed value are within the awarded contract price, there is no need for additional CPS. As soon as the total executed value is likely to burst the ceiling of awarded contract price +10%, the Service Provider should furnish additional CPS as per terms of contract. However, as long as the CPBG/security deposit already submitted at the time of award take cares of extra work executed and the total executed value is within the 110% of original contract value, there is no need to submit additional security deposit/CPS for such extra work.

If the executed contract value decreases by more than 10% of the original contract value and vendor/contractor request for reduction in Contract Performance Security (CPS)/ Security Deposit (SD), the same is allowed after certification of EIC/ Site-in-charge. In case the CPS/SD is submitted in form of DD or online transfer or deducted from payment, CPS/SD amount in excess of required CPS/SD shall be released/returned to contractor/ vendor. In case Contract Performance Security (CPS) is submitted in the form of Bank Guarantee/FDR/ Insurance Surety Bond, the Vendor/ Contractor can reduce the Bank Guarantee/FDR/ Insurance Surety Bond and submit amended Bank Guarantee/FDR/ Insurance Surety Bond accordingly. BGCL will provide the necessary communication for the same to issuing bank/Insurance company, if required. Alternatively, Vendor/ Contractor has option to submit the new Bank Guarantee/FDR/ Insurance Surety Bond of requisite value and upon receipt & confirmation of same, the earlier Bank Guarantee/FDR/ Insurance Surety Bond can be returned.

Decision of EIC/ Site-in-charge shall be final and binding in respect of requirement of additional security deposit/CPS or reduction of security deposit/CPS.

- 38.6 Further, Ministry of Finance (MOF) Department of financial service has issued direction for submission of Bank Guarantee through online vide letter ref number F.No.7/112/2011- BOA dated 17th July 2012. The successful bidder can submit CPS online through issuing bank to BGCL directly as per the above direction including its revisions, if any. In such



cases confirmation will not be sought from issuing banker by BGCL.

- 38.7 In addition to existing specified form (i.e. Demand Draft (DD)/ Banker's Cheque/ Bank Guarantee/Letter of Credit) mentioned in tender documents for submission of Security Deposit/ Contract Performance Security, the successful bidder can also submit the Security Deposit/ Contract Performance Security through online banking transaction i.e. IMPS/NEFT/RTGS/SWIFT etc. For this purpose, the details of BGCL's Bank Account is mentioned in BDS. Further, in case a successful Bidder is willing to furnish CPS through SWIFT, the details may be obtained from Purchase Officer immediately after receipt of FOA.

While remitting such online transaction, the bidder must indicate "**Security Deposit/ Contract Performance Guarantee against FOA/DLOA no. _____(service provider to specify the FOA/DLOA No.)**" under remarks column of such transaction of respective bank portal. The contractor/vendor shall be required to submit the successful transaction details to the dealing officer immediately through email/letter and necessarily within 30 days from the date of Fax of Acceptance."

- 38.8 In case of forfeiture of Contract Performance Security/ Security Deposit in terms of GCC, the forfeited amount will be considered inclusive of tax and tax invoice will be issued by BGCL. The forfeiture amount will be subject to final decision of BGCL based on other terms and conditions of order/ contract.
- 38.9 CPBG/Security Deposit will not be accepted in case the same has reference of 'remitter'/'financer' other than bidder on the aforementioned financial instrument of CPBG/ Security Deposit submitted by the Service Provider.
- 38.10 The first payment to vendor is to be released only after submission of CPS / Security Deposit (SD).
- 38.11 Before the CPS / Security Deposit (SD) is released a "No Claim Certificate" is to be submitted by the supplier/vendor.
- 38.12 CPBG/SD/CPS shall be submitted within 30 days from the date of Award/FOA. **In case, BGCL allows additional time for submission of CPBG/SD beyond 30 days, a penal interest of Marginal Cost of Fund based Lending Rate (MCLR) for one year charged by SBI (applicable on due date of submission of CPBG/SD i.e. 30th day after issuance of FOA/Notification of award) plus 4.0% p.a. (on CPBG/SD amount) shall be charged for delay beyond 30 days i.e. from 31st days after issuance of FOA.**

Validity of CPS will be valid for 22 months

CONTRACT PERFORMANCE SECURITY/SECURITY DEPOSIT

The value/ amount of Contract Performance Security/ Security Deposit:
SD / CPBG @ 10% of Annualized 'Order /Contract value' within 30 days of FOA/notification of award.

OR

Initial security deposit (ISD) @ 2.5% of Annualized 'Order / Contract value' within 30 days of FOA/notification of award and deduction @ 7.5% of the RA bill, subsequently from RA bills, till the total amount of security deposit (including ISD and deducted amount) reaches 10% of Annualized 'Order / Contract value'.

Note:

1) The 'Annualized Order/ Contract value' referred above shall be 'Order/ Contract value' divided by 'ARC period' in years.

2) The Contract Performance Security/ Security Deposit shall be valid till

completion of Warranty/ Guarantee period/Defect Liability period

38.13 *In case submission of CPS in the form of FDR, the points mentioned below shall be applicable:*

(i) The Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) submitted by Vendor/Contractor from a Bank based in India shall be duly pledged / lien in favour of “Bengal Gas Company Limited”. The FDR shall be in the name of the Bengal Gas Company Limited (BGCL) A/c(Name of Vendor/Contractor) and the Vendor/Contractor cannot encash / pre-mature this FDR without the discharge letter / NOC/approval of BGCL. However, BGCL can encash this FDR without the approval of the Vendor/Contractor in case of non-compliance of the terms of the order/contract. The original FDR shall be accompanied by a confirmation letter in original on letter head from the issuing bank to BGCL as per the format of “**Third Party Deposit Confirmation Letter**” placed as Form F-4A.

Note: FDR (free from any encumbrance payable at place mentioned in BDS) along with original confirmation letter in the manner mentioned above shall be submitted by the Vendor/Contractor within 30 days of the receipt of the notification of award/ FOA from BGCL.

Here **Bank** means – Any Indian scheduled Bank (excluding Co-operative banks and Regional Rural bank) or a branch of an International Bank situated in India and registered with ‘Reserve Bank of India’ as Scheduled Foreign Bank. However, in case of “Fixed Deposit” from Banks other than the Nationalized Indian Banks, the Bank must be commercial Bank having net worth in excess of Rs. 100 Crores [Rupees One Hundred Crores] and a declaration to this effect should be made by such commercial Bank either in the “Fixed Deposit” itself or separately on its letterhead. BGCL will verify the Fixed Deposit Receipt from issuing bank.

- (iii) The FDR submitted should have a validity of at least ‘three [03] months’ beyond the Warranty Period/Defect Liability Period.
- (iv) Any dispute arising out of or in relation to the said FDR shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of courts at Kolkata.
- (v) FDR in Original and Third Party Deposit Confirmation Letter in Original has to be kept in Custody of BGCL

39 PROCEDURE FOR ACTION IN CASE CORRUPT/ FRAUDULENT/COLLUSIVE/ COERCIVE PRACTICES

- 39.1 Procedure for action in case Corrupt/ Fraudulent/Collusive/Coercive Practices is enclosed at Annexure-I.
- 39.2 The Fraud Prevention Policy document is available on BGCL’s website (<https://www.bgcl.co.in/>)
- 39.3 Name and contact details of nodal officer- Refer BDS for details



39.4 NON-APPLICABILITY OF ARBITRATION CLAUSE IN CASE OF BANNING OF VENDORS/ SUPPLIERS / CONTRACTORS/BIDDERS/ CONSULTANTS INDULGED IN FRAUDULENT/ COERCIVE PRACTICES

Notwithstanding anything contained contrary in GCC and other "CONTRACT DOCUMENTS", in case it is found that the Contractors / Bidders indulged in fraudulent/coercive practices at the time of bidding, during execution of the contract etc., and/or on other grounds as mentioned in BGCL's "Procedure for action in case Corrupt/Fraudulent/Collusive/Coercive Practices" (Annexure-I to Section-III), the contractor/bidder shall be banned (in terms of aforesaid procedure) from the date of issuance of such order by Bengal Gas Company Limited (BGCL) to such Contractors/Bidders.

The Contractor/ Bidder understands and agrees that in such cases where Contractor/ Bidder has been banned (in terms of aforesaid procedure) from the date of issuance of such order by Bengal Gas Company Limited (BGCL), such decision of Bengal Gas Company Limited (BGCL) shall be final and binding on such Contractor/ Bidder and the 'Arbitration clause' in the GCC and other "CONTRACT DOCUMENTS" shall not be applicable for any consequential issue /dispute arising in the matter.

40 PUBLIC PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES

40.1 Government of India, vide Gazette of India No. 503 dated 26.03.2012 proclaimed the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs). The following benefit is available in case of work contract also:

- (i) Issue of tender document to MSEs free of cost.
- (ii) Exemption to MSEs from payment of EMD/Bid Security.

In case Bidder is a Micro or Small Enterprise, the Bidder shall submit Udyam Registration Certificate for availing benefit under Public Procurement Policy for MSEs-2012.

Vide Gazette notification dated 18.10.2022 of Ministry of MSME, the following is notified:

"In case of an upward change in terms of investment in plant and machinery or equipment or turnover or both, and consequent re-classification, an enterprise shall continue to avail of all nontax benefits of the category (micro or small or medium) it was in before the re-classification, for a period of three years from the date of such upward change"

Accordingly, in case of upward change in status, MSE bidder is required to submit the previous certificate also to get the MSE benefit.

The above documents submitted by the bidder shall be duly certified by the Chartered Accountant (not being an employee or a Director or not having any interest in the bidder's company/firm) and notary public with legible stamp.

If the bidder does not provide the above confirmation or appropriate document or any evidence, then it will be presumed that they do not qualify for any preference admissible in the Public Procurement Policy (PPP) 2012.

Further, MSEs who are availing the benefits of the Public Procurement Policy (PPP) 2012 get themselves registered with MSME Data Bank being operated by NSIC, under SME



Division, M/o MSME, in order to create proper data base of MSEs which are making supplies to CPSUs.

- 40.3 If against an order placed by BGCL, successful bidder(s) (other than Micro/Small Enterprise) is procuring material/services from their sub-vendor who is a Micro or Small Enterprise as per provision mentioned at clause no.40.3 above with prior consent in writing of the purchasing authority/Engineer-in-charge, the details like Name, Registration No., Address, Contact No. details of material & value of procurement made, etc. of such Enterprises shall be furnished by the successful bidder at the time of submission of invoice/Bill.
- 40.4 The benefit of policy are not extended to the traders/dealers/ Distributors /Stockiest/Wholesalers.
- 40.5 NSIC has initiated a scheme of “Consortia and Tender Marketing Scheme” under which they are assisting the Micro & Small enterprises to market their products and services through tender participation on behalf of the individual unit or through consortia. Accordingly, if the MSEs or the consortia, on whose behalf the bid is submitted by NSIC, is meeting the Bid Evaluation Criteria and other terms and conditions of tender their bid will be considered for further evaluation. Further, in such cases a declaration is to be submitted by MSE/ consortia on their letter head (s) that all the terms and conditions of tender document shall be acceptable to them.
- 40.6 Interest payment on delayed payments to MSME is payable in line with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006.

41 AHR ITEMS

For Abnormally High Rates (AHR) items, payment beyond the SOR stipulated quantities shall be made at rate calculated based on prevailing market rates of machine, material and labour plus 15% to cover contractor’s supervision profit, overhead & other expenses.

42 VENDOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: VOID

43 INCOME TAX & CORPORATE TAX

- 43.1 Income tax deduction shall be made from all payments made to the contractor as per the rules and regulations in force and in accordance with the Income Tax Act prevailing from time to time.



43.2 Corporate Tax liability, if any, shall be to the contractor's account.

43.3 TDS

(i) TDS, wherever applicable, shall be deducted as per applicable act/law/rule.

(ii) *Higher rate of TDS for non-filers of ITR*

As per Section 206AB of Income Tax Act, 1961, in case of any vendor/customer who does not file their Income Tax Return for both of the two previous years preceding to current year and aggregate amount of TDS is more than or equal to 50,000/- in each of those previous two years (or limit defined by Govt. from time to time), then TDS will be deducted at the higher of following rates:

(I) Twice the rate mentioned in relevant TDS section.

(II) Twice the rate or rates in force

(III) 5%

43.4 MENTIONING OF PAN NO. IN INVOICE/BILL

As per CBDT Notification No. 95/2015 dated 30.12.2015, mentioning of PAN no. is mandatory for procurement of goods / services/works/consultancy services exceeding Rs. 2 Lacs per transaction or as amended from time to time.

Accordingly, contractor should mention their PAN no. in their invoice/ bill for any transaction exceeding Rs. 2 lakhs or as amended from time to time. As provided in the notification, in case contractor do not have PAN no., they have to submit declaration in Form 60 along with invoice/ bill for each transaction.

Payment of contractor shall be processed only after fulfilment of above requirement

44 DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM:

44.1 QUARTERLY CLOSURE OF THE CONTRACT AND VENDOR GRIEVANCE

PORTAL: Void

44.2 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION

1.0 CONCILIATION : VOID

2.0 ARBITRATION

All issue(s)/dispute(s) excluding the matters that have been specified as excepted matters and listed at clause no. 2.6 and which cannot be resolved, such issue(s)/dispute(s) shall be referred to arbitration for adjudication by Sole Arbitrator.

The party invoking the Arbitration shall have the option to either opt for Ad-hoc Arbitration as provided at Clause 2.1 below or Institutionalized Arbitration as provided at Clause 2.2 below, the remaining clauses from 2.3 to 2.7 shall apply to both Ad-hoc and Institutional Arbitration:-

1.1 On invocation of the Arbitration clause by either party, BGCL shall suggest a panel of three independent and distinguished persons (Retd Supreme Court & High Court Judges only) to the other party from the Panel of Arbitrators maintained by 'Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) to select any one among them to act as the Sole Arbitrator. In the event of failure of the other party to select the Sole Arbitrator within 30 days from the receipt of the communication from BGCL suggesting the panel of arbitrators, the right of selection of the sole arbitrator by the other party shall

stand forfeited and BGCL shall appoint the Sole Arbitrator from the suggested panel of three Arbitrators for adjudication of dispute(s). The decision of BGCL on the appointment of the sole arbitrator shall be final and binding on the other party.



The fees payable to Sole Arbitrator shall be governed by the fee Schedule of ‘‘Delhi International Arbitration Centre’.

OR

- 1.2 If a dispute arises out of or in connection with this contract, the party invoking the Arbitration shall submit that dispute to any one of the Arbitral Institutions i.e ICADR/ICA/DIAC/SFCA and that dispute shall be adjudicated in accordance with their respective Arbitration Rules. The matter shall be adjudicated by a Sole Arbitrator who shall necessarily be a Retd Supreme Court/High Court Judge to be appointed/nominated by the respective institution. The cost/expenses pertaining to the said Arbitration shall also be governed in accordance with the Rules of the respective Arbitral Institution. The decision of the party invoking the Arbitration for reference of dispute to a specific Arbitral institution for adjudication of that dispute shall be final and binding on both the parties and shall not be subject to any change thereafter. The institution once selected at the time of invocation of dispute shall remain unchanged.
- 1.3 The cost of arbitration proceedings shall be shared equally by the parties.
- 1.4 The Arbitration proceedings shall be in English language and the seat, venue and place of Arbitration shall be Kolkata, India only.
- 1.5 Subject to the above, the provisions of Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996 and any amendment thereof shall be applicable. All matter relating to this Contract and arising out of invocation of Arbitration clause are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court(s) situated at Kolkata.
- 1.6 List of Excepted matters:
 - 1.6.1 Dispute(s)/issue(s) involving claims below Rs 25 lakhs and above Rs 25 crores.
 - 1.6.2 Dispute(s)/issue(s) relating to indulgence of Contractor/Vendor/Bidder in corrupt/fraudulent/collusive/coercive practices and/or the same is under investigation by CBI or Vigilance or any other investigating agency or Government.
 - 1.6.3 Dispute(s)/issue(s) wherein the decision of Engineer-In-Charge/owner/BGCL has been made final and binding in terms of the Contract.
 - 1.6.4 Disputes involving claims below Rs 25 Lakhs and above Rs. 25 crores:- Parties mutually agree that dispute(s)/issue(s) involving claims below Rs 25 Lakhs and above Rs 25 crores shall not be subject matter of Arbitration and are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court(s) situated at Kolkata.

GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION:

The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws in force in India. The Parties hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts situated at Kolkata for adjudication of disputes, injunctive reliefs, actions and proceedings, if any, arising out of this Contract.

45. **DISPUTES BETWEEN CPSE’S/GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT’S/ ORGANIZATIONS: void**
46. **INAM-PRO (PLATFORM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND MATERIALS PROVIDERS): Void**

**47. PROMOTION OF PAYMENT THROUGH CARDS AND DIGITAL MEANS:
Void**

48 CONTRACTOR TO ENGAGE CONTRACT MANPOWER BELONGING
TO SCHEDULED CASTES AND WEAKER SECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY

While engaging the contractual manpower, Contractors are required to make efforts to provide opportunity of employment to the people belonging to Scheduled Castes and weaker sections of the society also in order to have a fair representation of these sections.

49 PROVISION REGARDING INVOICE FOR REDUCED VALUE OR CREDIT
NOTE TOWARDS PRS

PRS is the reduction in the consideration / contract value for the services covered under this contract. In case of delay in execution of contract, service provider should raise invoice for reduced value as per Price Reduction Schedule Clause (PRS clause). If service provider has raised the invoice for full value, then service provider should issue Credit Note towards the applicable PRS amount with applicable taxes.

In such cases if service provider fails to submit the invoice with reduced value or does not issue credit note as mentioned above, BGCL will release the payment to service provider after giving effect of the PRS clause with corresponding reduction of taxes charged on service provider's invoice, to avoid delay in payment.

In case any financial implication arises on BGCL due to issuance of invoice without reduction in price or non-issuance of Credit Note, the same shall be to the account of service provider. BGCL shall be entitled to deduct / setoff / recover such GST amount (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST) together with penalties and interest, if any, against any amounts paid or becomes payable by BGCL in future to the service provider under this contract or under any other contract.

**50. PROVISION REGARDING INVOICE FOR REDUCED VALUE OR CREDIT NOTE
TOWARDS PRS: VOID**

**51. UNIQUE DOCUMENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER BY PRACTICING CHARTERED
ACCOUNTANTS: VOID**

52. SUB-LETTING OF WORKS: VOID



Annexure -1

PROCEDURE FOR ACTION IN CASE OF CORRUPT /FRAUDULENT/COLLUSIVE/COERCIVE PRACTICES

A Definitions:

- A.1 “Corrupt Practice” means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, anything of value to improperly influence the actions in selection process or in contract execution.
- “Corrupt Practice” also includes any omission for misrepresentation that may mislead or attempt to mislead so that financial or other benefit may be obtained or an obligation avoided.
- A.2 “Fraudulent Practice” means and include any act or omission committed by a agency or with his connivance or by his agent by misrepresenting/ submitting false documents and/ or false information or concealment of facts or to deceive in order to influence a selection process or during execution of contract/ order.
- A.3 “Collusive Practice amongst bidders (prior to or after bid submission)” means a scheme or arrangement designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the Employer of the benefits of free and open competition.
- A.4 “Coercive practice” means impairing or harming or threatening to impair or harm directly or indirectly, any agency or its property to influence the improperly actions of an agency, obstruction of any investigation or auditing of a procurement process.
- A.5 “Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant/Bidder” is herein after referred as “Agency”
- A.6 “Appellate Authority” shall mean Committee of Directors.
- A.7 “Competent Authority” shall mean the authority, who is competent to take final decision for Suspension of business dealing with an Agency/ ies and Banning of business dealings with Agency/ies and shall be the CEO.
- A.8 “Allied Agency” shall mean all concerns which come within the sphere of effective influence of the banned/suspended agency shall be treated as allied agency. In determining this, the following factors may be taken into consideration:
- a) Whether the management is common;
 - b) Majority interest in the management is held by the partners or directors of banned/ suspended agency;
 - c) Substantial or majority shares are owned by the banned/ suspended agency and by virtue of this it has a controlling voice.
 - d) Directly or indirectly controls, or is controlled by or is under common control with another bidder.
 - e) All successor agency will also be considered as allied agency.



A.9 “Investigating Agency” shall mean any department or unit of GAIL /BGCL investigating into the conduct of Agency/ party and shall include the Vigilance Department of the GAIL/ BGCL, Central Bureau of Investigation, State Police or any other agency set up by the Central or state government having power to investigate.

A.10 "Obstructive practice": materially impede the procuring entity's investigation into allegations of one or more of the above mentioned practices either by deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering; or by concealing of evidence material to the investigation; or by making false statements to investigators and/ or by threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or by impeding BGCL 's rights of audit or access to information.

B *Actions against bidder(s) indulging in corrupt /fraudulent/ collusive/ coercive practice*

B.1 Irregularities noticed during the evaluation of the bids:

If it is observed during bidding process/ bids evaluation stage that a bidder has indulged in corrupt/fraudulent /collusive/coercive practice, the bid of such Bidder (s) shall be rejected and its Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be forfeited.

Further, such agency shall be banned for future business with BGCL for a period specified in para B 2.2 below from the date of issue of banning order.

B.2 *Irregularities noticed after award of Contract*

(i) During execution of contract:

If an agency, is found to have indulged in corrupt/fraudulent/ collusive/coercive practices, action shall be initiated as per procedure mentioned at Clause no. E for putting the agency on banning list.

After conclusion of process and issuance of Speaking order for putting party on banning list as per process defined in para E, the order (s)/ contract (s) where it is concluded that such irregularities have been committed shall be terminated and Contract cum Performance Bank Guarantee (CPBG) submitted by agency against such order (s)/ contract (s) shall also be forfeited. Further such order/ contract will be closed following the due procedure in this regard.

The amount that may have become due to the contractor on account of work already executed by him shall be payable to the contractor and this amount shall be subject to adjustment against any amounts due from the contractor under the terms of the contract. No risk and cost provision will be enforced in such cases.

Suspension of order/ contract:

Further, only in the following situations, the concerned order (s)/ contract(s) (where Corrupt/Fraudulent/Collusive/ Coercive Practices are observed) and payment shall be suspended after issuance of Suspension cum Show Cause Notice:



- (i) Head of Corporate Vigilance Department/CVO based on the investigation by them, recommend for specific immediate action against the agency.
- (ii) Head of Corporate Vigilance Department/CVO based on the input from investigating agency, forward for specific immediate action against the agency.

Suspension cum Show Cause Notice being issued in above cases after approval of the competent authority (as per provisions mentioned under Clause no. D) shall also include the provision for suspension of Order (s)/Contract (s) and payment. Accordingly, after issuance of Suspension cum Show Cause Notice by C&P Department, the formal communication for suspension of Order (s)/ Contract (s) and payment with immediate effect will be issued by the following with copy to concerned F&A:

- (i) **For Projects cases:** concerned Project Managers in case of Purchase Orders and concerned Construction-in Charge (where PMC is EIC)/ Engineer-in-Charge (EIC) in case of Contracts.
- (ii) **For other than Projects cases:** concerned Dealing officer in case of Purchase Orders and concerned Engineer-in-Charge (EIC) in case of Contracts.

During suspension, Contractor/ Service Providers will be allowed to visit the plant/ site for upkeep of their items/ equipment, BGCL's issued materials (in case custody of same is not taken over), demobilizing the site on confirmation of EIC, etc.

In addition to above, Recovery of payments including advance payments, if any, made by along with interest thereon at the prevailing rate shall be recovered.

- (ii) *After execution of Contract and during Defect Liability Period (DLP)/ Warranty/Guarantee Period:*

If an Agency is found to have indulged in corrupt/fraudulent/ collusive/coercive practices, after execution of contract and during DLP/Warranty/Guarantee Period, the Agency shall be banned for future business with BGCL for a period specified in para B 2.2 below from the date of issue of banning order.

Further, the Contract cum Performance Bank Guarantee (CPBG)/CPS submitted by Agency against such order (s)/ contract (s) shall be forfeited.

- (iii) *After expiry of Defect liability period (DLP)/ Warranty/Guarantee Period*

If an Agency is found to have indulged in corrupt/fraudulent/ collusive/coercive practices, after expiry of Defect liability period (DLP)/ Warranty/Guarantee Period, the Agency shall be banned for future business with BGCL for a period specified in para B 2.2 below from the date of issue of banning order.

B.2.2 Period of Banning

The period of banning of agencies indulged in Corrupt/Fraudulent/Collusive/Coercive Practices shall be as under and to be reckoned from the date of banning order:



S. No.	Description	Period of banning from the date of issuance of Banning order
1	Misrepresentation/False information other than pertaining to BEC of tender but having impact on the selection process. For example, if an agency confirms not being in holiday in BGCL/ GAIL/PSU's PMC or banned by PSUs/ Govt. Dept., liquidation, bankruptcy & etc. and subsequently it is found otherwise, such acts shall be considered in this category.	06 Months
2	Corrupt/Fraudulent (except mentioned sl. no. 1 above) /Collusive/Coercive Practices	01 years
2.1	If an agency again commits Corrupt/Fraudulent (except mentioned sl. no. 1 above) /Collusive/Coercive Practices in subsequent cases after their banning, such situation of repeated offense to be dealt with more severity	2 years (in addition to the period already served)
3	Indulged in unauthorized disposal of materials provided by BGCL.	2 years
4	If act of vendor/ contractor is a threat to the National Security	2 years

C Effect of banning on other ongoing contracts/ tenders

- C.1 If an Agency is put on Banning, such Agency should not be considered in ongoing tenders/future tenders.
- C.2 However, if such an Agency is already executing other order (s)/ contract (s) where no corrupt/fraudulent/ collusive/coercive practice is found, the Agency should be allowed to continue till its completion without any further increase in scope except those incidental to original scope mentioned in the contract.
- C.3 If an Agency is put on the Banning List during tendering and no irregularity is found in the case under process:
- C.3.1 After issue of the enquiry /bid/tender but before opening of Technical bid, the bid submitted by the Agency shall be ignored.
- C.3.2 After opening Technical bid but before opening the Price bid, the Price bid of the Agency shall not be opened and BG/EMD submitted by the Agency shall be returned to the Agency.
- C.3.3 After opening of price, BG/EMD made by the Agency shall be returned; the offer of the Agency shall be ignored & will not be further evaluated. In case such agency is lowest (L-1), next lowest bidder shall be considered as L-1.



D. Procedure for Suspension of Bidder

D.1 Initiation of Suspension

Action for suspension business dealing with any agency/(ies) shall be initiated when

- (i) Corporate Vigilance Department, based on the fact of the case gathered during investigation by them recommend for specific immediate action against the Agency.
- (ii) Corporate Vigilance Department, based on the input from Investigating agency, forward for specific immediate action against the Agency.
- (iii) Non performance of Bidder/Service Provider leading to termination of Contract/ Order.

D.2 Suspension Procedure:

D.2.1 The order of suspension would operate initially for a period not more than six months and shall be communicated to the Agency and also to Corporate Vigilance Department. Period of suspension can be extended with the approval of the Competent Authority by one month at a time with a ceiling of six months pending a conclusive decision to put the Agency on banning list.

D.2.2 During the period of suspension, no new business dealing shall be held with the Agency.

D.2.3 Period of suspension shall be accounted for in the final order passed for banning of business with the Agency.

D.2.4 The decision regarding suspension of business dealings shall also be communicated to the Agency.

D.2.5 If a prima-facie, case is made out that the agency is guilty on the grounds which can result in banning of business dealings, proposal for issuance of suspension order and show cause notice shall be put up to the Competent Authority. The suspension order and show cause notice must include that (i) the agency is put on suspension list and (ii) why action should not be taken for banning the agency for future business from BGCL.

The competent authority to approve the suspension will be same as that for according approval for banning.

D 3 Effect of Suspension of business:

Effect of suspension on other on-going/future tenders will be as under:

D.3.1 No enquiry/bid/tender shall be entertained from an Agency as long as the name of Agency appears in the Suspension List.

D.3.2 If an Agency is put on the Suspension List during tendering:

D.3.2.1 After issue of the enquiry /bid/tender but before opening of Technical bid, the bid submitted by the Agency shall be ignored.

D.3.2.2 After opening Technical bid but before opening the Price bid, the Price bid of the Agency shall not be opened and BG/EMD submitted by the Agency shall be returned to the Agency.

D.3.2.3 After opening of price, BG/EMD made by the agency shall be returned; the offer of the



- agency shall be ignored & will not be further evaluated. In case such agency is lowest (L-1), next lowest bidder shall be considered as L-1.
- D.3.3 The existing contract (s)/ order (s) under execution shall continue.
- D.3.4 Tenders invited for procurement of goods, works, services and consultancy services shall have provision that the bidder shall submit a undertaking to the effect that (i) neither the bidder themselves nor their allied Agency/(ies) are on banning list of BGCL or the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and (ii) bidder is not banned by any Government department/ Public Sector.
- F. Appeal against the Decision of the Competent Authority:*
- F.1 The Agency may file an appeal against the order of the Competent Authority for putting the Agency on banning list. The appeal shall be filed to Appellate Authority. Such an appeal shall be preferred within one month from the of receipt of banning order.
- F.2 Appellate Authority would consider the appeal and pass appropriate order which shall be communicated to the party as well as the Competent Authority.
- F.3 Appeal process may be completed within 45 days of filing of appeal with the Appellate Authority.
- G. Wherever there is contradiction with respect to terms of 'Integrity pact', 'GCC' and 'Procedure for action in case of Corrupt/Fraudulent/ Collusive/Coercive Practice', the provisions of 'Procedure for action in case of Corrupt/Fraudulent/ Collusive/Coercive Practice' shall prevail.



Annexure- 2

PROCEDURE FOR EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF VENDORS/ SUPPLIERS/ CONTRACTORS/ CONSULTANTS

1.0 GENERAL

A system for evaluation of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants and their performance is a key process and important to support an effective purchasing & contracting function of an organization.

Performance of all participating Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants need to be closely monitored to ensure timely receipt of supplies from a Vendor, completion of an assignment by a Consultant or complete execution of order by a contractor within scheduled completion period. For timely execution of projects and meeting the operation & maintenance requirement of operating plants, it is necessary to monitor the execution of order or contracts right from the award stage to completion stage and take corrective measures in time.

2.0 OBJECTIVE

The objective of Evaluation of Performance aims to recognize and develop reliable Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants so that they consistently meet or exceed expectations and requirements.

The purpose of this procedure is to put in place a system to monitor performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants associated with BGCL so as to ensure timely completion of various projects, timely receipt of supplies including completion of works & services for operation and maintenance of operating plants and quality standards in all respects.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

i) Preparation of Performance Rating Data Sheet

Performance rating data Sheet for each and every Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/Consultant for all orders/Contracts with a value of Rs. 50 Lakhs and above is recommended to be drawn up. Further, Performance rating data Sheet for orders/contracts of Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant who are on watch list/holiday list/ banning list shall be prepared irrespective of order/ contract value. These data sheets are to be separately prepared for orders/ contracts related to Projects and O&M within 30 days after execution of Order/ Contract. Format, Parameters, Process, responsibility for preparation of Performance Rating Data Sheet are separately mentioned.

ii) Measurement of Performance

Based on the parameters defined in Data Sheet, Performance of concerned Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant would be computed and graded accordingly. The measurement of the performance of the Party would be its ability to achieve the minimum scoring of 60% points in the given parameters.



iii) Initiation of Measures:

Depending upon the Grading of Performance, corrective measures would be initiated by taking up the matter with concerned Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant. Response of Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant would be considered before deciding further course of action.

iv) Implementation of Corrective Measures:

Based on the response of Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant, concerned HOD would recommend for continuation or discontinuation of such party from the business of BGCL.

v) Orders/contracts placed on Proprietary/OEM basis for O&M will be evaluated and, if required, corrective action will be taken for improvement in future.

4.0 EXCLUSIONS:

The following would be excluded from the scope of evaluation of performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants:

- i) Orders/Contracts below the value of Rs. 50 Lakhs if Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant is not on watch list/holiday list/ banning list.
- ii) Orders for Misc./Administrative items/ Non stock Non valued items.

However, concerned HOD will continue to monitor such cases so as to minimize the impact on Projects/O&M plants due to non-performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants in all such cases.

5.0 PROCESS OF EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF VENDORS/ SUPPLIERS/ CONTRACTORS/ CONSULTANTS

5.1 FOR PROJECTS

- i) Evaluation of performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants in case of PROJECTS shall be done immediately with commissioning of any Project.
- ii) On commissioning of any Project, EIC (Engineer-in-charge)/ Project-in-charge shall prepare a Performance Rating Data Sheet (Format at Annexure-1) for all Orders and Contracts.
- iii) Depending upon the Performance Rating, following action shall be initiated by Engineer-in-charge/Project-in-charge:

S1. No.	Performance Rating	Action
1	POOR	Seek explanation for Poor performance
2	FAIR	Seek explanation for Fair performance
3	GOOD	Letter to the concerned for improving performance in future
4	VERY GOOD	No further action



- iv) Reply from concerned Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall be examined. In case of satisfactory reply, Performance Rating data Sheet to be closed with a letter to the concerned for improving performance in future.
- v) When no reply is received or reasons indicated are unsatisfactory, the following actions need to be taken:

A) Where performance rating is “POOR” (as per Performance Rating carried out after execution of Order/ Contract and where no reply/ unsatisfactory reply is received from party against the letter seeking the explanation from Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant along with sharing the performance rating)

Recommend such defaulting Vendor / Supplier / Contractor / Consultant for the following action:

1. Poor Performance on account of Quality (if marks obtained against Quality parameter is less than 20):

(a) *First Instance: Holiday (Red Card) for One Year*

(b) Subsequent instance (s) in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant: Holiday (Red Card) for Two Years

2. Poor Performance on account of other than Quality (if marks obtained against Quality parameter is more than 20):

(a) **First such instance: Advisory notice (Yellow Card)** shall be issued and Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall be put on watch list for a period of Two (2) Years.

(b) Second such instance in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/Consultant: Putting on Holiday (Red Card) for a period of One Year.

(c) Subsequent instances (more than two) in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant: Putting on Holiday (Red Card) for a period of Two Years.

B) Where Poor/Non-Performance leading to termination of contract or Offloading of contract due to poor performance attributable to Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant (under Clause no. 32 (C) of GCC-Works)

(a) **First instance: Advisory notice (Yellow Card)** shall be issued and Vendor/Supplier/Contractor /Consultant shall be put on watch list for a period of Two (2) Years.

Further such vendor will not be allowed to participate in the re-tender of the same supply/work/services of that location which has terminated / offloaded. Moreover, it will be ensured that all other action as per provision of contract including forfeiture of Contract Performance Security (CPS) etc. are undertaken.



However, such vendor will be allowed to participate in all other tenders and to execute other ongoing order/ contract(s) or new contract/ order (s).

The Yellow card will be automatically revoked after a period of two years unless the same is converted into Red Card due to subsequence instances of poor/ non-performance in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant.

(b) **Second instances** in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant: **Holiday (Red Card)** for period of One Year and they shall also to be considered for Suspension.

(c) **Subsequent instances (more than two)** in other ongoing order (s)/ contract(s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant: **Holiday (Red Card) for period of Two Years and they shall also to be considered for Suspension.**

(C) Where Performance rating is “FAIR”:

Issuance of warning to such defaulting Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant to improve their performance.

5.2 FOR CONSULTANCY JOBS

Monitoring and Evaluation of consultancy jobs will be carried out in the same way as described in para 5.1 for Projects.

5.3 FOR OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

- i) Evaluation of performance of Vendors/ Suppliers/Contractors/ Consultants in case of Operation and Maintenance shall be done immediately after execution of order/ contract.
- ii) After execution of orders a Performance Rating Data Sheet (Format at Annexure- 2) shall be prepared for Orders by Site C&P and for Contracts/Services by respective Engineer-In-Charge.
- iii) Depending upon Performance Rating, following action shall be initiated:

Sl. No.	Performance Rating	Action
1	POOR	Seek explanation for Poor performance
2.	FAIR	Seek explanation for Fair performance
3	GOOD	Letter to the concerned for improving performance in future.
4	VERY GOOD	No further action



- iv) Reply from concerned Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall be examined. In case of satisfactory reply, Performance Rating data Sheet to be closed with a letter to the concerned for improving performance in future.
- v) When no reply is received or reasons indicated are unsatisfactory, the following actions need to be taken:

A) Where performance rating is “POOR” (as per Performance Rating carried out after execution of Order/ Contract and where no reply/ unsatisfactory reply is received from party against the letter seeking the explanation from Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant along with sharing the performance rating)

Recommend such defaulting Vendor / Supplier / Contractor / Consultant for the following action:

1. Poor Performance on account of Quality (if marks obtained against Quality parameter is less than 20):

(a) First Instance: Holiday (Red Card) for One Year

(b) Subsequent instance (s) in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant: Holiday (Red Card) for Two Years

2. Poor Performance on account of other than Quality (if marks obtained against Quality parameter is more than 20):

(a) First such instance: Advisory notice (Yellow Card) shall be issued and Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall be put on watch list for a period of Two (2) Years.

(b) Second such instance in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/Consultant: Putting on Holiday (Red Card) for a period of One Year

(c) Subsequent instances (more than two) in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant: Putting on Holiday (Red Card) for a period of Two Years.

B) Where Poor/Non-Performance leading to termination of contract or offloading of contract due to poor performance attributable to Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant (under Clause no. 32 (C) of GCC-WORKS)

(a) First instance: Advisory notice (Yellow Card) shall be issued and Vendor/Supplier/Contractor /Consultant shall be put on watch list for a period of Two (2) Years.



Further such vendor will not be allowed to participate in the re-tender of the same supply/work/services of that location which has terminated / offloaded. Moreover, it will be ensured that all other action as per provision of contract including forfeiture of Contract Performance Security (CPS) etc. are undertaken.

However, such vendor will be allowed to participate in all other tenders and to execute other ongoing order/ contract(s) or new contract/ order (s).

The Yellow card will be automatically revoked after a period of two years unless the same is converted into Red Card due to subsequent instances of poor/ non-performance in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant.

(b) **Second instances** in other ongoing order (s)/ contract (s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant: **Holiday (Red Card)** for period of One Year and they shall also to be considered for Suspension.

(c) **Subsequent instances (more than two)** in other ongoing order (s)/ contract(s) or new order (s) /contact (s) on such Vendor/ Supplier/ Contractor/ Consultant: **Holiday (Red Card) for period of Two Years and they shall also to be considered for Suspension.**

(C) Where Performance rating is “FAIR”: Issuance of warning to such defaulting Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant to improve their performance.

6.0 REVIEW & RESTORATION OF PARITES PUT ON HOLIDAY

6.1 An order for Holiday passed for a certain specified period shall deemed to have been automatically revoked on the expiry of that specified period and it will not be necessary to issue a specific formal order of revocation.

Further, in case Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant is put on holiday due to quality, and new order is placed on bidder after restoration of Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant, such order will be properly monitored during execution stage by the concerned site.

7.0 EFFECT OF HOLIDAY

7.1 If a Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant is put on Holiday, such Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall not be considered in ongoing tenders/future tenders.

7.2 However, if such Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant is already executing any other order/ contract and their performance is satisfactory in terms of the relevant contract, should be allowed to continue till its completion without any further increase in scope except those incidental to original scope mentioned in the contract. In such a case CPBG will not be



forfeited and payment will be made as per provisions of concerned contract. However, this would be without prejudice to other terms and conditions of the contract.

7.3. Effect on other ongoing tendering:

7.3.1 After issue of the enquiry /bid/tender but before opening of Technical bid, the bid submitted by the party shall be ignored.

7.3.2 After opening Technical bid but before opening the Price bid, the Price bid of the party shall not be opened and BG/EMD submitted by the party shall be returned to the party.

7.3.3 After opening of price, BG/EMD made by the party shall be returned; the offer of the party shall be ignored & will not be further evaluated. In case such agency is lowest (L-1), next lowest bidder shall be considered as L-1.

8.0 While putting the Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant on holiday as per the procedure, the holding company, subsidiary, joint venture, sister concerns, group division of the errant Vendor/ Supplier/Contractor/ Consultant shall not be considered for putting on holiday list.

Any bidder, put on holiday, will not be allowed to bid through consortium route also in new tender during the period of holiday.

9.0 If an unsuccessful bidder makes any vexatious, frivolous or malicious complaint against the tender process with the intention of delaying or defeating any procurement or causing loss to BGCL or any other bidder, such bidder will be put on holiday for a period of six months, if such complaint is proved to be vexatious, frivolous or malicious, after following the due procedure.

10. APPEAL AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY:

(a) The party may file an appeal against the order of the Competent Authority for putting the party on Holiday list. The appeal shall be filed to Appellate Authority. Such an appeal shall be preferred within one month from the receipt of Holiday order.

(b) Appellate Authority would consider the appeal and pass appropriate order which shall be communicated to the party as well as the Competent Authority.

(c) Appeal process may be completed within 45 days of filing of appeal with the Appellate Authority.

(d) “Appellate Authority” shall mean Committee of Directors.



11. ERRANT BIDDER

In case after price bid opening the lowest evaluated bidder (L1) is not awarded the job for any mistake committed by him in bidding or withdrawal of bid or modification of bid or varying any term in regard thereof leading to re-tendering, BGCL shall forfeit EMD if paid by the bidder and such bidders shall be debarred from participation in retendering of the same job(s)/item(s).

Further, such bidder will be put on Watch List (Yellow Card) for a period of two years after following the due procedure. However, during the period in watch list such vendor will be allowed to participate in all other tenders and to execute other ongoing order/ contract (s) or new contract/ order (s).

In case of subsequent instances of default in other tender(s) during aforesaid watch list period, the action shall be initiated as per provision of sl. no. 2 of para A of Clause no. 5.1 (v) and 5.3 (v).

The Yellow card will be automatically revoked after specified period unless the same is converted into Red Card.

12. In case CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs)/ any tax authority / any equivalent government agency brings to the notice of BGCL that the Supplier has not remitted the amount towards GST (CGST & SGST/UTGST or IGST) collected from BGCL to the government exchequer, then, that Supplier shall be put under Holiday list of BGCL for period of six months after following the due procedure. This action will be in addition to the right of recovery of financial implication arising on BGCL.



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Annexure 1

Bengal Gas Company Limited
PERFORMANCE RATING DATA SHEET (FOR PROJECTS JOBS)

- i) Project/Work Centre
- ii) Order/ Contract No. & Date
- iii) Brief description of Items
Works/Assignment
- iv) Order/Contract value (Rs.)
- v) Name of Vendor/Supplier/
Contractor/ Consultant
- vi) Contracted delivery/
Completion Schedule
- vii) Actual delivery/
Completion date

Performance Parameter	Delivery/ Completion Performance	Quality Performance	Reliability Performance#	Total
Maximum Marks	40	40	20	100
Marks Allocated				

Note:

Remarks (if any)

PERFORMANCE RATING (**)

Note

(#) Vendor/Supplier/Contractor/Consultant who seek repeated financial assistance or deviation beyond contract payment term or seeking direct payment to the sub- vendor/sub-contractor due to financial constraints, then '0' marks should be allotted against Reliability Performance.

(*) Allocation of marks should be as per enclosed instructions (**)

Performance rating shall be classified as under:

Sl. No.	Range (Marks)	Rating
1	60 & below	POOR
2	61-75	FAIR
3	76-90	GOOD
4	More than 90	VERY GOOD

Signature of Authorized Signatory:

Name:

Designation:



Instructions for allocation of marks

1. Marks are to be allocated as under:

1.1 DELIVERY/ COMPLETION PERFORMANCE 40 Marks

Delivery Period/ Completion Schedule	Delay in Weeks	Marks
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a) Upto 3 months	Before CDD	40
Delay upto 4 weeks		35
	8 weeks	30
	10 weeks	25
	12 weeks	20
	16 weeks	15
More than 16 weeks		0

b) Above 3 months	Before CDD	40
Delay upto 4 weeks		35
	8 weeks	30
	10 weeks	25
	16 weeks	20
	20 weeks	15
	24 weeks	10
More than 24 weeks		0

1.2 QUALITY PERFORMANCE **40 Marks**

For Normal Cases: No Defects/ No Deviation No failure: 40 marks

i) Rejection Defects	Marks to be allocated on prorata basis for acceptable quantity as compared to total	10 marks
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quantity for normal cases

ii) When quality failure endanger	Failure of severe nature - Moderate nature	0 marks 5 marks
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system integration - low severe nature and safety of the system 10-25 marks

iii) Number of deviations	1. No deviation	5 marks
	2. No. of deviations < 2	2 marks
	3. No. of deviations > 2	0 marks



1.3

RELIABILITY PERFORMANCE

20 Marks

A.	FOR WORKS/CONTRACTS	
i)	Submission of order acceptance, agreement, PBG, Drawings and other documents within time	4 marks
ii)	Mobilization of resources as per Contract and in Time	4 marks
iii)	Liquidation of Check-list points	4 marks
iv)	Compliance to statutory and HS&E requirements or Reliability of Estimates/Design/Drawing etc. in case of Consultancy jobs	4 marks
v)	Timely submission of estimates and other documents for Extra, Substituted & AHR items	4 marks
B.	FOR SUPPLIES	
i)	Submission of order acceptance, PBG, Drawings and other documents within time	5 marks
ii)	Attending complaints and requests for after sales service/ warranty repairs and/ or query/ advice (upto the evaluation period).	5 marks
iii)	Response to various correspondence and conformance to standards like ISO	5 marks
iv)	Submission of all required documents including Test Certificates at the time of supply	5 marks



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*Annexure-III : ADDENDUM TO INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS
(INSTRUCTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN E-TENDER)*

Bidders are advised to download Notice Inviting Tender along with other tender documents from the e- Tendering portal (e-tender Portal/ e-tendering portal) using their digital signature & registered used ID. The tender should be submitted online on our e-Tendering portal only.

Please visit e procurement web portal

Bidders are advised to go to “Support” section available at left hand side on home page where detailed procedure for submission of bids is available.

Below mention support topic available in support section:-

1. User Manual
2. Verify Browser PKI Setting
3. E-Payment for DSC (Vendors only)
4. Syst

em Requirement

Bidders may refer

these and submit

bid.

Notes:

- I. Bidders are advised to ensure that their bids are uploaded in e-Tender system well before the closing date and time of bid submission by pressing “Submit” button. It has been seen that bidder who try to upload his bid at the last moment often failed because of last minute unforeseen reasons. Therefore, bidders are requested to upload & submit all documents (Technical/Un-Priced Bid and Priced Bid) well in advance and refrain from submitting their bid at the last moment. Once bid is submitted successfully, bidders shall receive a system generated acknowledgement and response on their registered E-mail Id confirming successful submission of bid.
- II. Client or ITI Limited shall not be responsible for any failure on the part of the bidder in submission of Bid.
- III. Demo Session/ practice of e-tendering portal shall be arranged by M/s ITI Limited, on request. Interested bidders may directly approach ITI Limited.
- IV. Uploading the documents relevant to bid before the bid submission date and time is the sole responsibility of the bidder. No Manual/Hard copy of bid is acceptable. Bids submitted manually shall be rejected.
- V. Bid Sheets (Schedule of Rates (Price Bid)/ Schedule of Rates (Unpriced Bid)) must be downloaded for bid submission on the e-tender portal.
- VI. **Bidders to note that any change in Price Schedule format shall be notified through corrigendum/ addendum and the same shall be considered for submission of price bid. In case bidders have already submitted their bid before publishing of corrigendum/ addendum related to change in price schedule format, the bidders are requested to re-submit price bid as per the changed Price Schedule format. Failure to re-submit the bid in such case may lead to auto rejection of the bid by the system for which bidder shall be solely responsible.**

