

PRE-BID QUERIES AND RVPN'S REPLY FOR TENDER No.
RVPN/ADB/Tranche-2/ICB-9

ANNEXURE-A

Sr. No.	Clause No.	Original Description in the Document	RVPN's Reply
1.	Various Taxes & Duties	We understand that all requisite certificates pertaining to various deductions shall be provided by RVPNL. And also specify the heads under which employer intends to deduct tax under applicable law along with the percentage of deduction thereon. Kindly confirm	Please refer Clause No. GCC 14 at Sr. no. 9 of Special Condition of Contract (Section-8, where it is clearly stated).
2.	ITB-21	Bank guarantee Kindly provide the Bank Account Number of RVPNL with Name of Bank, Branch Address and IFSC Code which shall be required for issue of Bank Guarantee towards Earnest Money Deposit	There is no need of this information for issue of bank guarantee towards Bid Security.
3.	2.4.2 Specific Experience (a) Contracts of Similar Size and Nature	<p>Query:1</p> <p>Participation as contractor, management contractor, or subcontractor, in at least Three (3) contracts within the last Five (5) years, each with a value of at least INR 1904 Million that have been successfully or are substantially completed and that are similar to the proposed plant and services. The similarity shall be based on the physical size, complexity, methods, technology or other characteristics as described in Section 6 (Employer's Requirements)</p> <p>Against Query:1,</p> <p>We request you to reduce the value of (3) contracts to 25% of the project value, i.e. to INR 595 Mn.</p> <p>Query:2 Compliance requirement</p>	Please adhere to the bidding document.

Single Entity	Joint Venture		
	All Partners combined	Each Partner	One Partner
Must meet	Any two partners must each demonstrate one(1) successfully or substantially completed contract	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Against Query:2

We understand that the clause is applicable to Joint venture with more than two firms, In case of Joint venture with two firms including lead partner the qualification requirement shall be as mentioned in the table below, Pl. confirm our understanding is correct.

Compliance requirement

Single Entity	Joint Venture		
	All Partners combined	Each Partner	One Partner
Must meet	(For JV with more than 2 partners) Any two partners must each demonstrate one(1) successfully or substantially completed contract (For JV with 2 partners(Including Lead	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

It is clearly stated in the bidding document

		Partner) Any one must meet requirement			
		Also, there was no such clause / condition in previous ADB Funded Tenders published by RVPNL in past			
4.	Regarding PAC (Project Authority Certificate) & Excise Duty Exemption Certificate	<p><u>SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT</u></p> <p>GCC 14.11 The ADB funded project are exempted from Excise Duty as per Notification No. 108 / 95-CE dated 28.08.95. Goods supplied to UN / Intl. Organizations or Proj. As amended vide Central Excise Notification No. 7 / 98 - CE dated 02.06.98; 33 / 98-CE dated 13.10.98; 4 / 99-CE dated 11.02.99 and 40 / 99-CE dated 02.11.99.</p> <p>GCC 14.12 The ADB funded project are exempted from Custom Duty as per Notification No. 84 / 97 -Customs dated 11.11.97 as amended by Notification No. 85 / 99 - Cus. Dated 06.07.99; 119 / 99 - Cus. Dated 02.11.99; 75 / 2001 dated 07-2001 and 107 / 2001 - Cus. Dated 12.10.2001.</p> <p>As per Special Conditions of Contract it is mentioned that ADB Funded projects are exempted from Excise Duty and Custom Duty.</p> <p>Kindly confirm the Project Authority Certificate (PAC) and Excise Duty Exemption Certificate (EDEC) shall be issued to the bidder by Employer for claiming Excise Duty exemption subsequently with our Suppliers</p> <p>Kindly confirm the entitlement of Excise Duty exemption under notification 108/95CE for transmission line project</p>			These notifications are applicable for transmission line projects also.
5.	Regarding Completion Period (BID ENQUIRY NO.RVFN /ADB/Tranche-	<p><u>SECTION - 3: EVALUATION AND QUALIFICATION CRITERIA - Clause No.: 1.2.2</u></p> <p><u>SECTION - 8: SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT-</u></p>			The time of completion of the facility shall be 578 days (Five seventy eight days).

	2/ICB-9)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sr. No. 8 (GCC 8.2)</u></p> <p>As per Clause No.: 1.2.2 of Section-3: Evaluation and Qualification Criteria - The completion period is 578 Days As per Appendix - 4 TIME SCHEDULE in Contract Forms, The Completion Period is 578 Days But as per Sr. No.: 5 (GCC 8.2) as specified in Special Conditions of Contract it is mentioned that "The Time for Completion of the whole of the Facilities shall be: Five Hundred Forty Eight Days (548 days) from the Effective Date as described in the Contract Agreement" of Special Conditions of Contract.</p> <p>Kindly specify the actual Time Completion Period for this ICB-9 Package.</p>	
6.	Change in Law and GST Implementation	<p>The Goods and Service Tax shall be implemented by April 2017.</p> <p>The Project Completion period of ICB-9 Package is 548 Days which implies GST implication to be applicable very much in time span of the contract.</p> <p>Kindly confirm that all the implications on Taxes & Duties due to GST Implementation and any other Change in Law during the period of contract shall be considered by RVPNL and Contractor shall be reimbursed at actual for Supply Part & Services Part.</p>	<p>Please refer the clause GCC 14 at S. No. 9 of Special Conditions of Contract & GCC 36 at S. no. 22 of Special Condition of Contract (Section-8) of bidding Document</p>
7.	GCC 2.2.3 (7)	<p>The Owner will arrange the right-of-way for the land required for tower foundation, tower erection and stringing. Any avoidable or deliberate damage done to standing crop or private property by the Contractor's labour shall be the Contractor's responsibility.</p> <p>Kindly confirm that all the permits, statutory clearances such as Forest, Defense, Railways, Notified Areas, etc. required for Right of Way shall be arranged by Employer.</p>	<p>Please adhere to the bidding document.</p>

8.	Section-03, 1.2.3 (7)	<p>Payment towards ROW / Crop compensation</p> <p>We understand that any/all payments pursuant to acquiring Right Of Way shall be arranged by Employer and Only Payments towards Crop Compensation shall be in Contractor's Scope. Kindly confirm.</p>	Please refer Clause No. 3.6 of Chapter-3 (Vol-II) of the bidding document.
9.	Section -09, Appendix-08	<p>Functional Guarantee</p> <p>Formula for Functional guarantee is not given and as such it shall be considered not applicable on any supply item. Please confirm.</p>	The supply of conductor is in the scope of contractor for this project. However functional guarantee is not applicable for transmission line project.
10.	Section-09, Appendix-02	<p>Price Variation items</p> <p>Kindly allow price variation on Insulators and Hardware & Accessories also. Provide PV Formula</p>	Please adhere to the bidding Document.
11.	ITB-39	<p>Price bid evaluation</p> <p>It is not clearly mentioned in the said clause; kindly provide the methodology and considerations to evaluate the price bid.</p>	Please refer Clause no. 39 of ITB i.e. Section -1 (VOL-I).
12.	Prices with Taxes & Duties (Supply Part)	<p>Price Schedules for online submission</p> <p>We understand that Unit Ex-Works at Column No.: 13 under BoQ 2 (Supply BoQ) is Exclusive of Entry Tax, if any and the same will be reimbursed at actual by RVPNL And Taxes & Duties at Column No.: 14 under BoQ 2 (Supply BoQ) contains amount of applicable VAT / CST. Kindly confirm</p>	Please refer Clause No. 18 of ITB i.e. Section (Vol-I).
13.	Prices with Taxes & Duties (Services Part)	<p>We understand that Unit Ex-Works at Column No.: 13 under BoQ 3 (Services BoQ) is Exclusive of Service Tax. The same will be reimbursed at actual by RVPNL. Kindly confirm</p>	Please refer Clause No. GCC-14 at Sr. no. 9 of Special Conditions of Contract(Section-8).
14.	Reimbursement of Entry Tax / Octroi	<p>However, octroi /entry tax as applicable for destination site / state on all items of supply including bought-out finished items, which shall be dispatched directly from the sub</p>	Please adhere to the bidding Document

		<p>vendors works to the Employers Site (sale-in-transit) Is not included in the Contract price. The applicable octroi/ entry tax in respect of the said items of supply would be reimbursed to the Contractor separately by the Employer subject to furnishing of documentary proof.</p> <p>As we understand Entry tax will be payable by bidder will be reimbursed at actual over and above the contract price, which shall not be considered for price bid evaluation and not covered under the contract price. Kindly confirm.</p>	
15.	Issuance of Bid Security towards Earnest Money Deposit	<p>Kindly confirm Bank Guarantee towards Earnest Money Deposit shall be issued under the name and address of beneficiary as under:</p> <p>Superintending Engineers (Contracts-1) RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LTD. New MM Building of RVPN, Near Ram Mandir, Bani Park, Jaipur-302006.</p> <p>Please specify the value of Stamp Paper to be used for issue of EMD Bank Guarantee.</p>	<p>The Value of Stamp shall be as per GOR Policy. The bid Security shall be furnished in favour of Chief Engineer (Contracts) Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited New MM Building of RVPN, Near Ram Mandir, Bani Park, Jaipur-302006.</p>
16.	C-Form & Sale-in-Transit	<p>We understand that C-Form will be issued by RVPNL and Sale-in- Transit for Bought out Items is allowed under the contract.</p>	<p>C form shall be issued as per Sales Tax Rules of Rajasthan.</p>
17.	Section - 2: BDS ITB 18.3	<p>Price Schedules for online submission</p> <p>Upon checking the Price Bid Excel Price Schedules for online submission, the following schedules are not provided:</p> <p>1.) Schedule BoQ- 7: Grand Summary (Schedule Nos. 1 to 6) 2.) Schedule BoQ- 9: Recommended Spare Parts</p> <p>Kindly provide these BoQ Schedules</p>	<p>No Spares part are recommended for transmission line project and schedule 7 Grand Summary can be furnished in PDF format.</p>

Sl. No.	Query	Clarification from RRVPNL
1	<p>With reference to above e-tender notice we note that the closing date of the tender is 18th October 2016 (1800 hrs) and opening of the Technical Bid is on 19th October 2016 (1100 hrs).</p> <p>We wish to inform you that all the offices in state of West Bengal would remain closed on account of Festival Holidays / Puja Holidays from 07th October 2016 to 12th October 2016.</p> <p><u>Considering that we will have to put in a large amount of pre-tender work, we shall be grateful for extending closing date of the Tender by one week from its present closing date enabling us to submit a more comprehensive and competitive bid.</u></p>	Bids will be opened on the scheduled date.

S. No.	Bidder's Query	RVPN's Reply
1	BoQ for Recommended Spare Parts is not furnished in Tender Documents. Kindly confirm whether the scope of Supply of Recommended Spare Parts is in the scope of Contractor or not.	No Spare parts are required for transmission line project.
2	. We understand that Octroi & Entry Tax on all items including bought-out finished items is not included in Contract Price and would be reimbursed to the Contractor on furnishing of documentary proof as per SCC Clause 14.6. Service Tax is included in Contract Price and is not reimbursable as per SCC Clause 14.6. Kindly confirm the same.	Please adhere to the bidding Document.
3	Regarding ROW & Access we understand the following, (i) The scope of ROW including compensation for value of crops, trees and other vegetation required for requisite safety clearance of right of way is in the scope of the Owner as per Clause 1.10.4 and Clause 1.4 of Sub Section I Technical Specifications, Volume II. (ii) Access from road side to work sites including compensation for Crop and other vegetation required for the access to be built shall be in Contractor Scope as per Clause 3.6.2 of Chapter 3 of Specific Technical Requirements Volume II. (iii) Tree Cutting shall be in the scope of Contractor as per Clause 1.10.1 of Chapter 1 of Specific Technical Requirements Volume II. Kindly confirm the same.	Please adhere to the bidding Document.
4	Kindly refer to Declaration in Section 4, Bidding Forms wherein it is mentioned that supply and erection price components are FIRM Prices whereas we understand that the Contract is Variable in nature. Kindly confirm.	The prices are variable.
5	We understand that the scope of Supply of Conductor is in Contractor scope, however Clause 1.1.2 (vii) and Clause 1.1.2 (vi) of Sub Section I Technical Specifications, states Conductor shall be provided by M/s RVPN. Kindly clarify.	The supply of conductor is in the Scope of contractor.
6	. Kindly refer to SCC 7 wherein contractor agrees to supply spare parts for a period of 5 years (both mandatory and recommended) (As per BOQ 1 & 2). Kindly clarify the scope and if applicable the items for the same.	No Spare parts are required for transmission line project.

7	Kindly confirm and clarify whether LD for Performance Shortfall is applicable for the subject Tender and if the same is applicable, kindly mention the deductions and parameters on which the same is applicable.	Please refer Clause No. GCC 26 at S. No. 13 of Special Condition Of Contract of Bidding Document
8	. Kindly confirm that whether in case of introduction of GST or any new imposition in the course of performance of subject Contracts, M/s RRVPNL shall examine its impact on the affected transactions (for both Direct & Bought Out Transactions) under the contract in totality, for equitable adjustment in the Contract Price, if required against which the Contractor shall furnish the relevant details/documents for this purpose, as may be required by RRVPNL.	Please refer the clause GCC 14 at S. No. 9 of Special Conditions of Contract & GCC 36 at S. no. 22 of Special Condition of Contract (Section-8) of bidding Document.
9	Kindly confirm whether WCT shall be deducted from the whole contract price that is supply & Services portion or only from Services portion.	ITB 18.4 gives instructions on how to quote prices of supply and service
10	Being an ADB Funded Project, we understand that taxes and duties (including Entry Tax) shall not be taken into consideration for comparing the price bids of various Bidders. Kindly confirm that our understanding is correct.	Taxes & Duties shall not be taken in Account for evaluation of the bid.

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1	Appendix 5, Contract Forms, Page 9	List of major items of plant and services and list of approved sub contractors	No details have been provided, we request you to provide the approved vendor list	There is no provision of providing Vendor list in bidding document in ADB funded Projects. As such vendor list is to be provide by the bidder. The bidder meeting requirement of clause no. 2.5 of Section-3 of Vol-I shall be approved by the employer.
2	2.5, Evaluation & Qualifying Criteria, Page 12	2.5 Subcontractors Subcontractors/manufacturers for the following major items of supply or services must meet the following minimum criteria, herein listed for that item. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in rejection of the subcontractor	We understand that we need to furnish the qualification data only for the sub vendors which are not in the RRVPN approved vendor list. For the approved vendors we only need to provide the Manufacturer's Authorization form. Please confirm	There is no approved vendor in the bidding document. The vendors will be approved by the RVPN as per Clause No. 2.5 Section 3.
3	1.0.4, Chapter 1, Specific Technical Requirement, Page 15	Payment for compensations of the value of crops, trees will be the responsibility of the owner.	In line with the GOI circular dated 15-Oct-15, if any compensation towards land/ land diminuation value needs to be paid, same shall be paid by the owner directly. Please confirm our understanding	Please adhere to the bidding document.
4	1.9.11, Chapter 1, Specific Technical Requirement, Page 14	All the requisite data for processing the case for statutory clearances such as PTCC, Forest and Railway etc. shall be provided along with the report.	We understand that the bidder will provide all data for processing the case for obtaining stututory approvals. However arranging all statutory approvals along with the payment required to be made as per the law shall be paid by the owner directly to the athority Please confirm our understanding	Please read Clause No. 1.9.11 with Clause No. 1.9.10 of Chapter-1 of Vol-II, where things are stated clearly.
5	3.36, Chapter 3, Specific Technical Requirements, Page 74	However, for ground wire and ACSR MOOSE conductor an extra allowance @ 0.3% shall be allowed towards sag and jumpering which shall be unaccountable	We would like to bring to your kind notice that the wastages including sag and jumpering are approx 1%. Also PGCIL and other SEB's consider allowable wastages as 1%. Hence we request you to increase the allowable wastages to 1%	Please adhere to the bidding document.
6	5.1, Chapter 5, Page 2	SCOPE The scope covers for design, manufacture, engineering, inspection & testing at manufacturer's works before despatch, supply of Disc Insulators (Ball & Socket type) for 400 kV double circuit transmission line. The bidder may quote for disc/long rod insulator, made of either porcelain or toughened glass	We request you to provide the technical specifications and a line item in the BoQ to quote for porcelain or toughened glass insulators	Please adhere to the bidding document.

7			<p>We understand that RRVPNL is using PGCIL design suitable for 400 KV DC Quad wind zone IV. These towers have been designed as per IS Code 802 (PT. I)/1995 for structural steel used in overhead transmission line and therefore in view of the better reliability for present and future transmission jobs, towers needs to be redesigned and tested along with the revised deign of foundations as per revised code IS:802 (Pt.I/Sec I):2015 (fourth edition). Many other Electricity boards have already adopted the new code. We understand that the new design will be 10 - 15% lesser in tower weights and volumes as compared to existing design.</p> <p>We sugget you to please review our proposal and arrange to make necessary changes in the specification regarding designing and testing of towers</p>	<p>Necessary amendment to this effect shall be issue in due course, if felt appropriate by RVPN.</p>
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