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Dated, 15th December, 2017

From: Shri A. Ghosh
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

- To: 1. Chief Engineer (South)
Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
2. Chief Engineer (West)
Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
3. Chief Engineer (South West)
Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
4. Chief Engineer (North)
Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
5. Chief Engineer (Design & Research)
Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
6. Chief Engineer (North East)
Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
7. Chief Engineer
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Irrigation & Waterways Directorate

Sub: Proceedings of the "State Level Bidders' Conference 2017" organised by the Irrigation & Waterways Department at Jalasampad Bhavan, Salt Lake on 28th November, 2017.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the proceedings of the "State Level Bidders'-Conference 2017" organized by this Department at Jalasampad Bhavan on the 28th November 2017 for favour of his information and necessary action.

A copy of the booklet and other related material prepared for the said Bidders' Conference along with proceedings of the conference have been sent to Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, ACS, Public Health Engineering Department, ACS, Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs Department, Pr. Secretary, Finance Department, Pr. Secretary, Public Works Department, Pr. Secretary, Sundarban Affairs Department and Secretary, Water Resources Investigation & Development Department for their appraisal.

Encl: As stated


Sd/-
(A. Ghosh)
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

Copy forwarded for information to:

1. Financial Advisor
Irrigation & Waterways Department
2. Shri P. Mathai
Scientist, National Informatics Centre
e-Tender Help Desk
Jalasampad Bhavan, Ground Floor
Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 091
- ✓ 3. Sri Sujoy Saha
Executive Engineer
Irrigation & Waterways Department

He is requested to upload this order in the order link of the Departmental website www.wbiwd.gov.in

Encl: As stated


(A. Ghosh) 15.12.17
Deputy Secretary to the
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BIDDERS' CONFERENCE
ORGANISED BY
IRRIGATION & WATERWAYS DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
28TH NOVEMBER 2017
FROM 11 AM TO 2.30 PM
Jalasampad Bhavan,
Bidhannagar, Sector-II, Kolkata 700 091

Proceedings of the "State Level Bidders' Conference 2017" organised by the Irrigation & Waterways Department on 28th November, 2017 at the Ground Floor Training Hall of Jalasampad Bhavan at Salt Lake, Kolkata.

The purpose of this "Bidders' Conference 2017" organized by the Irrigation & Waterways Department was to assemble reputed contractors / agencies interested to bid in various works & procurements under the Irrigation & Waterways Department with representations from different corners and districts of the State in a common platform for participating in an interactive deliberation for developing a more efficient healthy and transparent working environment.

This "**Bidders' Conference**" provided a common forum for bridging gaps between the Government and the actual implementing agencies who are the contractors to apprise and familiarise them of recent reforms introduced by the State Government in the tendering procedure, provide a glimpse of work plans programmes and priorities of the Irrigation & Waterways Department at the very onset of another new working season after monsoon. This conference targeted to address the queries and concerns of the prospective bidders for inculcating confidence in them so that developmental public works are delivered efficiently and implemented on target dates adhering to desired specifications and quality.

Shri Naveen Prakash, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary of Irrigation & Waterways and Water Resources Investigation & Development Departments inaugurated the "State Level Bidders' Conference 2017" at 11 AM on the 28th November, 2017 at the Training Hall of Jalasampad Bhawan in Kolkata.

Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department, Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Investigation & Development Department, officers of National Informatics Centre, Finance Department, Irrigation & Waterways Department dealing with tender rules, Departmental Financial Advisor, Joint Commissioner (GST Policy Unit) of State Commercial Tax Directorate and the Superintending Engineers of Irrigation & Waterways Directorate involved in invitation of works tenders above Rs 45 lakh value participated in the Conference.

In all 55 prospective bidders representing various Firms, Companies, and Organisations from almost all the districts of the State attended the Conference. At the outset, each of the participant bidders and Departmental officers were provided with a brochure containing a query sheet format.

Agenda 1: Inaugural session

Shri Naveen Prakash, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department and Shri K.K Nag Chowdhury, Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Investigation & Development Department delivered

inaugural speeches highlighting the reforms adopted for improvement of performance and quick output delivery mechanism.

Agenda 2: This was followed by a brief power-point presentation delivered by Deputy Secretary-II, Irrigation & Waterways Department on 'Key Reforms' introduced by the Irrigation & Waterways Department towards improvement of quality and performance works during various stages of project planning, tendering and implementation.

Agenda 3: Interactive session between bidders and Government officials:

All the participating bidders/contractors/Agencies and their representatives were requested to fill up a query sheet for posing questions for being redressed jointly by officers of Finance Department, e-Governance Cell, Irrigation & Waterways Department, Commercial Tax Directorate, NIC which were collected at 12 noon, sorted and Departmental Joint Secretary (Works) who anchored the interactive session.

Issues addressed directly to the Department

- Complaint of some of item rates in the existing regional Schedule of Rates of Circle offices being abnormally low.
-Irrigation & Waterways Department has already constituted a Unified Schedule of Rates (USoR) Revision Committee headed by the Departmental Secretary after considering GST, market prices materials and labour rates and the said USoR shall be applicable in all districts with local variation indices to be finalised shortly.
(Action: Departmental Unified Schedule of Rates Committee)
- Further simplification of the standard format of e-NIT format and standard forms of e-tender:
-The Departmental Secretary recently took a meeting to review the prevailing NIT format to further simplify the e-Tender procedure within the ambit of Financial Rules, which would be brought into effect shortly.
(Action: Works branch of the Department)
- A copy of final bill after 100% completion of a work in a tender would be supplied to the contractor on demand.
-It was agreed and an order would be issued accordingly.
(Action: All DDO & I&W Department)
- Delay in refund of EMD submitted in e-tenders for unsuccessful bids after declaration of financial result:
-Procedure for prompt refund of EMD of unsuccessful bidders would be further streamlined. Fund transfer from minor head of accounts-108 of security deposit from the minor head of accounts-103 under major receipt head of -8443 has to be done.
(Action: All Departmental Tender Inviting Authorities)
- Contractual Profit @10% too low to attract bidders:
-Unified Schedule of Rates would duly consider the overhead costs in identified work item components following the same principles as being done by Public Works Department, Central Public Works Department.
(Action: Departmental Unified Schedule of Rates Committee)

- Request for revival of enlistment of bidders for prompt dealing of emergent works through limited tender procedure:
-Proposal was rejected except what is guided by West Bengal Financial Rules (WBFR).

Issues relating to e-Procurement system software :

- Website certificate validity error:
- to be solved by NIC shortly.
(Action: NIC)
- Enhancement of 25MB document storage capacity in OID folder.
-The proposal would be considered by NIC during up-gradation of systems software.
(Action: NIC)
- On-line EMD submission through other RBI approved corporate private banks in addition to existing ones:
-Finance Department is to be requested to include more banks.
(Action: I&W Department)
- Incorporating a search option for identifying a particular work in the e-Tender portal.
-NIC would look into the matter. (Action: NIC)
- Incorporating a Delete option in e-tender due to inadvertent uploading by a bidder before bid submission end date.
-NIC would look into the matter. (Action: NIC)
- Difficulty in receiving SMS/e-mail alerts and irregular alerts. Mobile No & e-mail address of Shri P. Mathai, Scientist, NIC was given for prompt redress on a case to case basis.
(Action: NIC)
- Demand for manning of 24 x 7 Help Desk of e-Tender of State Government. The present service is only on working days and office hours.
- -Finance Department will be approached.
(Action: Finance Department & NIC)

Issues related to GST:

- Finance Department Orders are made available in their website wbfin.nic.in, that of Irrigation & Waterways Department available in wbiwd.gov.in, and of State Commercial Taxes Directorate order available in wbcomtax.nic.in.
- Unified Standard Schedule of Rates of items comprising basic costs plus corresponding GST would be brought into effect shortly.


Joint Commissioner, Commercial Tax Directorate explained the mandatory responsibilities.

- For bidders, no STDS deduction of GST upto March 2018
- Issuance of invoice is mandatory for all bills of works contracts/ procurements.
- Canal/Dam/Irrigation works- GST @ 12%
- Tax input credit available

Other issues:

- It is mandatory for the Lead member in case the bidder is a Joint Venture/Consortium to submit declaration during bid submission.
- Revival of Contractor Enlistment:
-It is a policy decision taken by the Government which is not negotiable.
- Demand for splitting of big projects during tendering:
-The matter is to be dealt on a case basis as per technical requirements by the Departmental Tender Committee and the Tender Accepting Authority.
- Final completion cost of work actually done value should be made compulsory during evaluation of PQ credential and not evaluated on the value of tender awarded / BOQ value.
-To be considered by Irrigation & Waterways Department later after discussion in the right forum)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the bidders for taking part in the conference.


(G.K. Chattopadhyay) 14/12/17
Secretary