

RFQ (Request for Qualification)

(NATIONAL COMPETITIVE e-BIDDING)

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NOTICE INVITING e-RFP or Request For Qualification

e- RFP No.-WBIW/SE/NBMEC/RFP-01(e)/2016-17

Request for Qualification (e-RFQ) through on-line bidding process is being invited by the **Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate having office at Siliguri, West Bengal** on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal in the e-Procurement portal of the State Government for the work mentioned in next page from eligible and resourceful bonafide Contractors/Agencies/registered JV and Consortiums having desired previous credential and financial capabilities for execution of works of similar nature.

Intending contractors/bidders interested for participating in the e-Request for Proposal (e-RFP) are to login the website www.wbiwd.gov.in (the official website of Irrigation & Waterways Department, Government of West Bengal) and click to search in the Tenders" link provided therein. They may also visit the designated Government of West Bengal e-Procurement website having URL <https://wbtenders.gov.in> for the same e-RFP. The e-RFP can be searched in the "e-Procurement" link provided therein in the search engine provided in the website, by logging-in the designated link and typing WBIW/SE?NBMEC/RFP in the search engine. Contractors/Agencies willing to take part in the of e-Request for Proposal (e-RFP) are required to obtain valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from any of the authorized 'Certifying Authorities' (CA) under Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA), The Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DEIT), Govt. of India. (viz. NIC, n-Code Solution, Safescrypt, e-Mudhra Consumer Services Ltd, TCS, MTNL, IDRBT) or as notified by the CA /Finance Department, Government of West Bengal from time to time. DSC is given as a USB e-Token. After obtaining the Class 2 or Class 3 Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from any of the above CA, they are required to register the fact of possessing the DSC through the registration system available in the above mentioned e-Procurement webpage. A list of such licensed CAs' is also available in the CCA website cca.gov.in. The prospective contractors / bidders may contact the e-Tender State Level Help desk located at 7th Floor, Jalasampad Bhavan, Bidhannagar(Salt Lake), Sector-II, Kolkata through e-mail ID: irrigationhelpdesk@gmail.com or ID: dvsc6816@gmail.com and Telephone No. 033-23346098 on any working week day between 11.00 AM-5.00 PM for any query on e-Procurement, obtaining DSC, training on e-procedure free of cost.

Intending contractors/bidders are required to download the e-RFP documents directly from URL <https://wbtenders.gov.in> stated above. The interested bidders eligible for the e-RFP may submit their bids through the e-Procurement system using their valid DSC e-Token with assigned PIN and using login ID and password. This is the only mode of submission of bids. Detailed procedure of submission procedure has been explained in the 'Bidders Manual' for participating in e-tender of the State Government, which is available in the Departmental website www.wbiwd.gov.in . Minimum period of time to be given to the contractors/Bidders for submission of e-RFP is counted from the date on which the notice inviting e-RFQ containing e-RFP-EPC is actually published in the newspaper(s). In case of publication of the e-RFQ notice in more than one newspaper, all the advertisements would appear simultaneously on the same day in all newspapers. Also, uploading of the notice including e-RFP-EPC documents in the State Government e-Procurement portal shall be such the e-RFP documents are to be visible in the website <https://wbtenders.gov.in> as soon as the brief referral advertisement appears in the newspaper(s).

Last date & time of submission of on-line bid in this e-RFP is on 18.03.2017 till 17.00 hours (IST).

The interested bidders/contractors must read the 'Terms & Conditions' contained in the Notice Inviting e-RFP (e-RFQ) carefully. He/she should particularly go through the eligibility criteria, and satisfy himself/herself of the mandatory requirements. Contractors/bidders desirous of participating in the e-RFP are eligible to bid for the Project only if they fulfill the minimum eligibility criteria and are in possession of all the required credential and documents **in original**.

All information hosted in the website consisting of e-RFQ , e-RFP, EPC Agreement with Schedules A to Q, Appendix-1 to VII, Forms-1 to 4, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), Scope of Work, Technical Specifications & Standards, Corrigenda if any Drawings, Bidders credential related all details & Work Programme etc. shall form a part of the electronic bid document.

LIST OF WORK
e-RFP No- WBIW/SE/NBMEC./RFP-01(e)/2016-17

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Designated Executive Engineer with Headquarter	Assessed Estimated Value of work* (Rs)	Bid Security to be Deposited as EMD (Rs)	Total time allowed for completion (In days)	Source of Fund	Financial requirements to match the credential in terms of execution of similar items in previous project (**)	'Physical Milestones' for completion of the Project within stipulated time (Refer to Article 10 of the EPC Agreement)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Remote monitoring and control of Teesta Barrage and Head Regulator Gates of two off-taking canals at both ends comprising design planning supply installation testing trial commissioning, operation, training and five years extended O & M warranty through a state-of-the art communication based Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems including repair, maintenance & overhauling of electro-mechanical barrage components, rust removal treatments and epoxy painting of gates and other structural steel members located at Gazoldoba within P.S Mal & Rajgunj in District Jalpaiguri of West Bengal under Teesta Barrage Project, Irrigation & Waterways Department, Government of West Bengal".	Executive Engineer, Teesta Barrage Electrical Division, Siliguri	Rs.20.30 Crore (INR)	Rs.0.41 Crore (INR)	560 calendar days or 80 (Eighty) Weeks including monsoon	GOWB Core State Plan	<p>Minimum eligibility for technically qualifying in financial bid stage:</p> <p>A. Previous Work Credential: Net notional CC amount (defined at clause 7 of the RFQ)of at least one single works contract having successfully completed within last 5(five) FY, for Individual owned, Partnership, Limited Companies including Consortiums & Joint Ventures of 100% completed single project CC with SCADA system of remote control in Water Resources Sector under any Govt. organization within India of Rs 6.00 Crore, out of which Remote control work of SCADA system of Gate operation component of minimum Rs 2.00 crore & electro-mechanical work comprising barrages/dam/Hydel gates of value of at least Rs 3.00 crore, both components in a single contract CC.</p> <p>B. Average Annual turnover of three FY within last five FY : a) Average Annual Turnover of a bidder except for Consortiums or Joint Venture Company for three FYs within preceding five FY as stated in clause 7.3 (c) and in Form-2 should be at least of Rs 8.00 crore b) The same for a Consortiums or any JV should be at least Rs 10.00 crore. (Both A. & B stated above should be simultaneously fulfilled as a minimum eligibility for qualifying in the Technical Evaluation stage of bid, and all claims for credentials are to be substantiated with valid authentic legible documents during submission of on-line bid)</p> <p>C. Additional qualifications desired from bidders: For technically qualifying, the bidder should justify the high evaluation standards desired in the RFP for Technical evaluation by Departmental Quotation-cum-Bid Evaluation Committee guided by the Technical specifications & Standards of the EPC and RFQ with all Forms and Appendices of RFP. Decision of the QBEC on Technical Evaluation of bids received would be final.</p>	Physical Project Milestones determined to complete the implementation of 100% Project work within the scheduled date of completion have been stated at Appendix-III of RFP in CPM Networking in terms of EPC-Agreement. The bidders are required to discuss with the Authority only during Pre-Bid Meetings on 6.2.2017 and 22.2.2017 regarding any improvement /modification on CPM Work Programme uploaded along with modified Work Programme/ for consideration if agreed by QBEC. Further modification of time of Completion of Project after last date of on line bid submission shall not be allowed.

(**) For Consortium & JV, additional criteria may be referred under Clause 1, Cl.4.2, Cl.7 & Cl. 8 of General Terms & Conditions.

General Terms & Conditions for the e-RFP

1. Eligibility for participation

All Bonafide contractors/Agencies/Organizations, viz Registered Companies/ Firms and Registered Partnership Firms, Proprietorship Firms, Registered Consortiums & valid 'Joint Venture Firms' and contractors/bidders of equivalent grade or class having previous credential with the State Government of West Bengal, Union Government Departments/ Other State Government Departments/ Engineering Wings of GoI /IRCON/RVNL/NHPC, Autonomous Dam/Barrage/Irrigation Canal Project Authority and other similar organizations of GoI and State Governments/PSU and Corporations of Government of India and other States of successful 100% completion of similar project are eligible to participate depending on the criteria as laid down in the subsequent Para.

2. Participation in bid process in e-RFP

Only registered Consortiums and Joint Venture Firms having valid original documents to form Consortiums and Joint Venture Firms are eligible. In cases of both Consortiums and Joint Ventures, maximum number of constituents shall be restricted to 3 (three) and each of the constituent must have at least Rs 1.00 crore previous 100% CC credential of at least any subcomponent of work desired in this e-RFQ within the zone of consideration viz. within last Five financial years not before 2011-12. Individual Constituents of a Consortium/JV cannot form another Consortium/JV. Only single bid submission per entity/bidder is permitted.

3. A 'Pre-Bid' meetings will be held at **Jalasampad Bhavan, Salt Lake (Bidhannagar), Sector-II, Kolkata, Pin 700091** (The Head Quarters of Irrigation & Waterways Department, GoWB) at the Ground Floor, NIC Conference Hall to be chaired by the Superintending Engineer, *North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle*, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate on Day 5 & Day 21 from the date of publication of e-RFQ. The first pre-bid meeting shall be held on **06.02.2017** from 12.00 noon till 2.00 PM and the second pre-bid meeting is scheduled to be held on **22.02.2017** at the same place and venue, in order to acclimatize the prospective contractors/bidders through an interactive open session, replying to their queries, and clear doubts in connection with the work/s, if any. (100% CC in Remote Control projects & Electro-mechanical projects both are mandatory as detailed in the e-RFQ)

4. Submission of electronic bid (Comprising both Technical and Financial offer)

4.1 General procedure for submission of e-RFP

Bids are to be submitted on-line through the website/s as stated earlier. **All the documents uploaded in the e-RFQ and e-RFP by the Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate forms an integral part of the contract/ agreement. Contractors/bidders are required to upload the entire set of bid documents along with other related documents as asked for in the e-RFP through the above website/s within the stipulated date and time as given in the e-RFQ notice.** Bids are to be submitted in two folders at a time for the e-RFP, one being 'Technical Proposal' and the other 'Financial Proposal'. The contractor/bidder shall carefully go through all the documents of the e-RFP and prepare to upload the scanned documents in Portable Document Formats (PDF) files in the designated link in the web portal as their Technical Bid. He/she needs to quote his / her offered rates of items/amounts in Rupees in the BOQ downloaded for the work in the designated cell of Excel sheet only and upload the same again in the designated link in the portal as their Financial Bid. Documents uploaded are virus scanned and digitally signed using the Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). Contractors/bidders should especially take note of all the addenda and corrigenda related to the e-RFP and upload all of these documents also as a part of their bid document.

Documents & data once finally submitted on-line by the bidders comprising his/her/their Technical bid (under Technical/Pre Qual. Cover) together with Financial bid (in Financial Cover) cannot be changed or withdrawn after last/end date & time of electronic bid submission in the e-RFP. The Departmental Quotation-cum-Bid Evaluation Committee shall scrutinize all documents submitted by the bidders and apply their jurisprudence during technical evaluation of the bids. The decision of the QBEC shall be final and binding in connection with the RFP.

4.2 Technical Proposal

Technical Proposal should contain scanned copies and/or declarations in the following standardized formats in two covers (folders).

A. Technical Cover containing:-

- (a) i. e-Notice of RFP (RFQ) : (to be downloaded digitally signed and uploaded in pdf format and submitted in "e-NOTICE" folder)
ii. Addenda/Corrigenda: If published; (to be downloaded, digitally signed and uploaded in pdf format and submitted in 'e-NOTICE' folder merged with 'e- NOTICE' already uploaded as pdf file at i. above)
- (b) RFP and EPC Agreement with all Schedules A to Q: (to be downloaded, digitally signed and uploaded in pdf format in "EPC-RFP AGREEMENT" folder)
- (c) Project specific detailed Scope of Work : (to be downloaded, digitally signed and uploaded in pdf format in "SCOPE OF WORK" folder).

- (d) Project specific detailed Technical Specifications and Standards: (to be downloaded, digitally signed and uploaded in pdf format in “**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS**” folder.)
- (e) Project specific detailed Forms and Appendix: Form-1 to 4 and Appendix I to VIII (to be downloaded, digitally signed and uploaded in pdf format in “**FORMS AND APPENDICES**” folder).
- (f) Project specific Drawings in the RFP: Drawings of RFP and further drawings desired for this project from bidders (to be digitally signed and uploaded in pdf format in “**DRAWINGS**” folder)
- (g) Project specific Work programme: in Critical Path Method (CPM) Networking Analysis contained in the RFP (to be downloaded, digitally signed and uploaded in pdf format to be submitted in “**WORK PROGRAMME**” folder)

NOTE: i. Contractors/bidders are to keep track in the stated website for all Addenda and Corrigenda published for the e-RFP and upload all the above, digitally signed by him/her along with his/her complete bid. e-bids submitted without addendum/corrigendum are liable to be treated as informal and thereby rejected.

ii. e-bid will be summarily rejected if any of the aforesaid items (both Technical cover, Credentials and Financial proposed in BOQ) are found to be missing in the on-line e-bid submitted and cannot be incorporated at the latest stage.

4.2 B. My Document [OID* Cover] containing:

Note: Maximum permissible size of total OID document in pdf (from Sl. A to G) is 25 MB.

Sl. No.	Folder Name	File Description	Details	Remarks if any
A	Certificates	certificates.pdf 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Tax Payment Certificate (PTPC) 2. PAN Card 3. Value Added Tax (VAT) Registration Certificate in West Bengal (TIN)/CST Registration for other States 4. Latest I.T Return Receipt 	Details under Clause 4.2.C
B	Company Details	companydetails.pdf 1 companydetails.pdf 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proprietorship Firms (Trade License) 2. Partnership Firms (Partnership Deed, Trade License, Form-VIII (optional) or Memorandum of Registration) 3. Companies (Incorporation Certificate, Trade License, Memorandum of Articles of ROC, List of owners/ Directors/Board Members) 4. Consortiums and Joint Venture (JV). Trade License, Certified copy of Form-VIII, Deed of Consortium/JV. 	-do-
C	Credential	Credential pdf 1 Credential pdf 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BOQ duly authenticated by issuing authority as per Cl.6&7, and work order/LOA containing cluster of items of major sub component. 2. Completion Certificates of 100% completed work containing PLC-SCADA work of value desired in the RFQ, or, 3. Gross bill of 100% completed work including excess and supplementary items beyond the scope of original BOQ mandatorily authenticated by appropriate authority. 	-do-
D	Declarations	Declaration.pdf1 Declaration.pdf2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. .Modified Work program me proposed by bidder if any in CPM Networking Method within Construction period of 580 days. ii. Certificates on Warranty related services, software licenses, Design, Installation and commissioning & calibration services. Manufacturers’ certificates of equipments and spares. 	

E	Financial credential	P/L Audited Balance-sheet for year -1.pdf P/L Audited Balance-sheet for year -2.pdf P/L Audited Balance-sheet for year- 3.pdf	Profit & Loss account audited by Licensed Firm balance sheets with annexure containing the appropriate designated Forms 3CA/3CB/3CD, as applicable for at least preceding 3 financial years within zone of 5 financial years.	-do-
F	Machinery	Machinery.pdf.1 Machinery.pdf.2	List of major machineries and equipments owned and hired to be deployed for the project, (Authenticated copies of Invoice/Challans/Waybills are desirable). (vide Appendix-VI)	
G	Manpower	Technical-Manpower-details.pdf1 Organizational-Structure.pdf2 O&M, Training personnel-details.pdf.3	i. Technical manpower for implementation of the project on pay role of the bidder/ company or on contract, ii. For extended warranty period defect liability, iii. Training experts, security, organizational setup and iv. Hierarchy of the Company Management, (vide Appendix-V)	

* OID denotes Other Important Documents.

4.2 C. i. Certificate/s: (name of the file should be "**certificates.pdf**")

- a. Professional Tax Payment Certificate (PTPC) valid for the current financial year/latest as per rules and PAN Card. Application for PAN addressed to the competent authority may also be considered.
- b. Value Added Tax (VAT) /CST Customs and Excise duty Registration Certificate for bidders;
- c. Latest Income Tax Return receipt.

ii. Company Details: (name of file should be "**companydetails.pdf**")

A. Details for Consortiums/Joint Ventures formed out of Proprietorship Firms / Partnership Firms

Deed of Consortiums formed with Partnership Firm etc, and documents of their registration in the form of certified copy of 'Form No. VIII,' issued under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 (Act-IX of 1932) by the Registrar of Firms.

Any change in the constituent of the Consortium/Partnership Firm/Joint Venture Company should also be intimated to the office of the Registrar of Firms prior to submission of application in the e-RFP and a certified copy of the revised Form No. VIII showing changes in its constituents are required to be submitted. If the Consortium is yet to receive a certified copy of the revised Form No. VIII, it would be required to submit the aforesaid undertaking on-line along with his/her bid.

Note: An affidavit regarding authorized user of DSC for Consortium and a declaration regarding such authorization for Limited Companies is required to be submitted on-line with the e-RFP. Scanned copies in pdf file of competent authority are to be submitted, if the power is delegated for signing of bid/s to persons other than the applicant contractor/bidder.

B. Registered Companies ("**companydetails.pdf**")

- a. Trade License for Proprietorship Firms/ Partnership Firms/Companies.
- b. 'Memorandum of Articles', for Companies registered by the Registrar of Companies (ROC) under Indian Companies Act 1956.
- c. Any other document, showing name with signature of all latest Owners/Directors/Board Members.

iii. Credential: Scanned copy of previous work credential within last 5 years issued in favour of the contractor/bidder as detailed under clause 6 of RFQ (e-Notice).

Bill of Quantities (BOQ) along with Work Order/LOA, duly authenticated by the competent authority as supporting document against Form-3 to be submitted under OID cover in the credential folder (name of file should be "**credential.pdf 1**").

In case of execution of supplementary/substitute supplementary items having value more than 30% of BOQ, final gross value of bill (without contractual rates) including such supplementary / substitute supplementary items may be considered to ascertain similarity in nature of work and authenticated copy of such bills may be uploaded with the on-line bid submitted, if made available and desired by the bidder (name of file should be "**credential pdf 2**").

iv. Financial Information:

- a. **Balance Sheet:** Audited Balance Sheets including Profit & Loss Accounts of the preceding three financial years with licensed auditor's certificate regarding Annual Turnover from business in Forms 3CA/3CB/3CD as applicable in a financial year. The audited Balance Sheet shall contain Annexure Form 3CA/3CB/3CD as applicable u/s 44AB of IT Act 1961. **Auditor's certificate must contain his/her Membership No./ Registration No. of Registered Audit Firm/CA Firm with valid licenses.**

The Annual Turn Over undertaking for 3 financial years out of last 5 (five) financial years is to be submitted under Technical/Pre-Qual. cover in 'FORMS AND APPENDIX' folder, vide Form- 2.

Profit & Loss Accounts of the preceding three financial years within zone and certified by licensed company to be submitted under OID cover in the 'Financial- Credential' folder. Clause 4.2B(E)

Note: The QBEC would verify the documents from the source of issue and fully satisfy them before technically qualifying the bidder for going ahead with the next stage of financial bid opening in the e-RFP.

If the company was set up less than three years ago, audited balance sheet for the number of years since inception is to be submitted.

- v. Others: Major Machinery both owned and to be hired and Technical Manpower details both under Pay Roll and to be hired for the project is to be furnished as per **Appendix VI** and **Appendix-V** to be furnished under separate 'FORMS AND APPENDIX' folder under Technical cover.

Note: Failure to submit of any of the above mentioned documents in the e-RFP may render the bid liable to summarily rejection.

4.3 Financial proposal / bid under Financial cover:-

The financial bid should contain the following documents in one cover (folder).

Bill of Quantities (BOQ): The contractor/bidder is required to quote the rate in Rupees (INR) both in numeric as well as in words in English against each item of the on-line BOQ in the space marked for quoting offered bid in the BOQ. **However the L1 bid (Lowest bid price) would be determined only on the basis of overall bid price in respect of the total BOQ of the RFP and not on the rates of individual items or subcomponent works of BOQ.**

NOTE:

- a. *BOQ without a valid offered bid prices in INR (Rupees) at the designated space provided in the BOQ will be rejected.*
- b. *In cases where BOQ has been changed by the **Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate** by way of on-line issuance/uploading of addendum/corrigendum, contractors/bidders are required to upload the revised offer. If bids are submitted prior to the date of publication /uploading of addendum/corrigendum, the contractor/bidder is required to resubmit the bid on-line along with the BOQ.*
- c. *Only downloaded "BOQ" from e-RFP in excel sheet is to be uploaded by the contractor/bidder during on-line e-bid submission incomplete financial bid would be rejected).*

5. Bid Security Deposit also identified as EMD

- i. **RFP document Fees:** Entire set of e-RFP documents are made available free of cost through the State Government e-procurement portal having URL <https://wbtenders.gov.in> and also the 'The Departmental website www.wbiwd.gov.in. No cost for e-RFP document shall be charged even during signing of the formal contract / agreement. However, the contractors/bidders may wherever necessary be charged suitably for asking for additional/multiple copies of maps, specifications, Schedule of Rates booklet (SoR) etc. and such fee may be suitably determined by the **Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate, Siliguri** as per norms.

ii. **Bid Security or Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):**

Payment of 'BID SECURITY' is compulsory for being considered as eligible and valid bid. Traditional procedure of depositing 'BID SECURITY' through off-line instruments like Bank Draft, Pay order, Bank Guarantee, Bankers Cheque etc. has been completely dispensed with for all e-RFPs/e-procurements of the State Government, w.e.f 1st September, 2016. **Intending bidders desiring to make payment of Earnest Money ('BID SECURITY') have to transact in the on-line system of e-Tender Portal of Government of West Bengal <https://wbtenders.gov.in> and should beforehand read the instructions carefully, particularly in the challan generated in the system of e-procurement, if opted for 'BID SECURITY' payment through RTGS/NEFT.**

A. Login by bidder:

- a. A bidder desirous of taking part in an e-RFP shall login to the e-Procurement portal of the Government of West Bengal using his/her login ID and password by a valid DSC.
- b. He/she will select the e-tender /RFP to bid and initiate payment of pre-defined 'BID SECURITY' for that e-RFP by selecting from either of the following payments modes:
 - i. Net-Banking (any of the banks listed in the ICICI Bank Payment Gateway) in case of payment through ICICI Bank Payment Gateway;
 - ii. RTGS/NEFT in case of off-line payment through bank accounts in any Bank approved by RBI in India.

B. Bid Security or EMD payment procedure:

- a. Payment by Net Banking (any of the listed banks) through ICICI Bank Payment Gateway:

- i. On selection of Net banking as the payment mode, the bidder will be directed to ICICI Bank Payment Gateway web Bid page (along with a string containing a Unique ID) where he/she will select the Bank through which he/she wants to do the on-line 'BID SECURITY' transaction.
 - ii. Bidders will make the payment after entering his/her Unique ID and password of the bank to process the e-transaction.
 - iii. Bidders will receive a confirmation message regarding success/failure of the transaction.
 - iv. If the transaction is successful, the amount paid by the bidder will get credited in the respective Pooling account of the State Government maintained with the Focal Point Branch of ICICI Bank at R.N Mukherjee Road, Kolkata for collection of Bid Security(EMD) against unique codes for identification of the e-RFP Inviting Authority.
 - v. If the transaction is failure, the bidder will again try for payment by going back to the first step.
- b. Payment through RTGS/NEFT:
- i. On selection of RTGS/NEFT as the payment mode, the e-procurement portal will show a pre-filled challan having the details to process RTGS/NEFT transaction.
 - ii. The bidder will print the challan and use the pre-filled information to make RTGS/NEFT payment using his/her own Bank account.
 - iii. Once payment is made, the bank would provide an "UTR remittance number" for successful transaction with which the bidder will come back to the e-Procurement portal after expiry of 2 to 3 bank working days to enable the NEFT/RTGS process to complete, in order to verify the payment made and continue with his/her bidding process.
 - iv. If verification is successful, the fund get credited to the respective Pooling account of the State Government maintained with the Focal Point Branch of ICICI Bank at R.N Mukherjee Road, Kolkata for collection of 'BID SECURITY'.
 - v. Hereafter, the bidder will go to e-Procurement portal for final e-submission of his/her bid within pre-assigned last date of submission of e-RFP.
 - vi. If the payment verification is unsuccessful, the amount will be returned automatically by the system to the bidder's bank account.

Note: Bid Security or EMD payment made through RTGS/NEFT would require additional 2 to 3 bank working days after date of physical transaction in the bank before the procedure is completed for enabling the bidder to continue with the bidding process in the on-line e-RFP final bid submission. Thus, the bidder is to take precaution in case of RTGS/NEFT transfers so that the entire process of submission of e-RFP is completed within last date of on-line submission of his/her e-bid. However, Net-banking transaction through ICICI bank by their Net Banking payment Gateway would be on real time basis.

C. Refund/Settlement Process for Bid Security or EMD:

- i. After opening of his/her bids and technical evaluation of the same by the Authority through electronic processing in the e-Procurement portal of the State Government, the e-bid inviting authority will declare the status of the bid as successful or unsuccessful which will be made available along with the details of the unsuccessful bidders to ICICI Bank by the e-Procurement portal through web services.
- ii. On receipt of the information from the e-Procurement portal, the Bank will refund through an automated process the 'BID SECURITY' of the bidders disqualified at the technical evaluation to the respective bidders' bank accounts from which they made the 'BID SECURITY' on-line transaction. Such refund will take place within T+2 Bank working days where T will mean the date on which information on rejection of bid is uploaded to the e-Procurement portal by the e-bid Inviting Authority.
- iii. Once the financial bid evaluation is electronically processed in the e-Procurement portal, 'BID SECURITY' of the technically qualified bidders other than that of the L1 and L2 bidders will be refunded, through an automated process, to the respective bidders' bank accounts from which they made the payment transaction. Such refund will take place within T+2 Bank working days where T will mean the date on which information on rejection of financial bid is uploaded to the e-Procurement portal by the authority. However, the L2 bidder should not be rejected till the LOI process is successful.
- iv. If the L1 bidder accepts the LOI and the same is processed electronically in the e-Procurement portal, 'BID SECURITY' of the L2 bidder will be refunded through an automated process, to his/her bank account from which he/she had made the payment transaction. Such refund will take place within T+2 Bank working days where T will mean the date on which information on Award of Contract (AOC) to the L1 bidder is uploaded to the e-Procurement portal by the E-bid Inviting Authority.
- v. As soon as the L1 bidder is awarded the contract (AOC), the same is processed electronically in the e-Procurement portal for transfer to Government Receipt under Public Accounts through GRIPS (Government Receipt Portal System) where under the security deposit will also be collected in connection with the work.
- vi. All refunds will be made mandatorily to the Bank account from which the payment of 'Bid Security' (EMD) and Bid Fees (if any) were initiated.
- vii. If the e-RFP is cancelled, then the 'Bid Security' would be reverted to the original bidders account automatically after such cancellation order is affected online by the e-Request for Proposal (e-RFP) Inviting Authority.

- viii. Once the Bid Security (EMD) of L1 bid gets transferred to the GRIPS of the State Government, the **Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate, Siliguri** using his/her e-token and valid DSC shall enter the GRIPS portal to identify the 'Bid Security' credited against the particular e-RFP by taking out a hard copy of the credit confirmation containing the GRN No. and forward to the Treasury concerned, the designated Executive Engineer for future raising of refund back after completion of defect liability period (Security Period).

6. Credential Certificates

- i. Completion Certificates (CC) for 100% completed works during the current year and within last five financial years from 2011-12 onwards only will only be accepted as valid credential.
- ii. CC should clearly show the name, postal address, (contact Tel. No. and FAX or e-mail ID if issued outside the jurisdiction of the State) of the office and designation of the officer/ authority issuing the CC for the work along with the name of work and bid value/Tender value. Illegible certificates and those having incomplete information is liable to be rejected.
- iii. CC of works executed directly under any Department of Government of West Bengal will be considered as valid credential. CC of works executed under Union Government Ministries, Departments, other State Government Departments, PPP Authorities having more than 50% holdings of Government having JV with Union or State Government, State & Union Govt. Corporations, Engineering Units of Government of India and State, Port Trust, Autonomous Dam or Barrage Project Authorities, Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) owned or managed by Government of India or other State Governments may also be considered. **(Outside India CC is invalid)**
All above CC are required to be issued by an officer/authorized engineer not below the rank of Executive Engineer/Divisional Engineer/District Engineer/Project Manager of the State/Union Government/ Authority/ Organization, authorized signatories of CC for PSU, other State Government Organizations. **It is mandatory that CC would contain contacts of issuing authority in the form of telephone and FAX or e-mail, postal address of the signatory of the CC for all offices outside the State of West Bengal, for verification purpose.** Such CC is desired (not mandatory) to be further countersigned by the immediate superior authority of the issuing authority for all cases outside the State of West Bengal other than those executed directly under Union & State Government Departments. Also, such certificate when issued in other States other than those directly by Union/State Government Departments/Ministries, should contain a declaration that the work has been executed to the satisfaction of the concerned Organization/PSU/Company and has been declared 100% complete in all respect by the competent authority in the concerned Organization/PSU/Company.

7. Eligibility criteria

- i. Eligibility of a contractor / bidder based on his/her work credential will be determined as per norms stated below:
- ii. Monetary value of work value without considering contractual rate of the work executed or its final gross final bill value excluding contractual rate, inclusive of supplementary /substitute supplementary items (to be considered if original BOQ is increased by at least 30%) as the case may be, if submitted, will be further multiplied by the following factors to take care of the inflationary effect to arrive at the net national amount.

Year	Description	Multiplying factor to arrive at net notional value
Current	-	1.00
1 st	1 year preceding the current financial year	1.08
2 nd	2 years preceding the current financial year	1.16
3 rd	3 years preceding the current financial year	1.26
4 th	4 years preceding the current financial year	1.36
5 th	5 years preceding the current financial year	1.47

Note: For cases where two contractors/bidders are participating in a e-RFP for the particular work are such that one happens to have worked as a sub-contractor of the other, and both the contractors/bidders submit work credential of having completed the same job either wholly or partly, then in such case the credential of the principal contractor will be considered while that of the sub-contractor will not be taken into consideration for determining the eligibility criteria of the contractor/bidder towards the e-RFP. If the credentials submitted by hitherto contractors/bidders are for different works, then both the work credentials will be considered towards determining the eligibility criteria of the individual contractors/bidders.

- iii. **Financial proposal of any contractor/bidder will come under consideration only when both the criteria mentioned below are satisfied and fulfilled (viz. Notional value over CC and Average Annual Turn Over)**

7a. Net notional amount calculated from the Completion Certificate (CC) of a single work in any Water Resources Sector Project under any Govt. organization within India completed within last 5(FIVE) financial years issued in favour of the contractor/bidder/agency/Firm/Company, Registered Consortium, Registered Joint Venture Companies (JV) **should be at least Rs 600 Lakh (Rupees Six Hundred Lakh only),** and that the credential should comprise SCADA system of remote control gate operation component for a single contract at least value Rs 200 Lakh and simultaneously Electro-mechanical works component implemented in any barrages/dam/Hydel gates for a single contract for at least Rs 300 Lakh.

7b. However, for Consortiums and JV where CC of individual entities of the Consortium/JV are to be considered and shall sum/add up, the sum total of net notional amounts calculated from the Completion Certificate (CC) of separate single works CC each within last 5(FIVE) financial years of individual entities in the Consortium or JV (maximum one CC credential for each entity and maximum three entities permitted to form JV/Consortiums), the aggregate net notional value relating to any Water Resources Sector Project under any Govt. organization within India should be at least notional value Rs 600 Lakh, containing at least one entity having specifically executed a single contract containing Automation Project by SCADA-PLC of value at least Rs 200 Lakh, and other entity for Electro-mechanical works in major Barrages/Dams/ Hydel Projects/other Hydraulic structures of at least Rs 300 Lakh value in another single works contract.

And,

7c. **Average Annual Turnover of three years within zone of preceding five FY** from construction business as stated in clause 4.2B(E) and in Form-2 under Clause 4.2 A (e) for the contractor/bidder/agency/Firm/Company except for Consortiums and JV, who intends to participate in e-bid **should be at least Rs 800 Lakh.** However, for Consortiums & Joint Ventures where Average Annual Turnover of individual entities is to be considered, sum of Average Annual Turnovers in preceding three FY from construction business of such Consortiums or JV who intends to bid (Maximum three individual entities permitted) summation should be at least **Rs 1000 Lakh,** with the lead member entity having minimum Average Annual Turn Over of Rs 400 Lakh within the zone of preceding five FY (supported 3CA/3CB/3CD as applicable by Licensed Auditor with Registration No.).

iv. Additional guidelines for ascertaining eligibility credential of works

Monetary values of each of the items is to be multiplied by **Multiplying factor to arrive at net notional amount** stated in the table under clause 7 (ii) to take care of the inflationary factors as the financial requirement to match work credential in terms of execution of similar items and to be integrated with column 8 of list of works.

Experience and Technical Capacity

The Bidder will have to substantiate that they have capacity to design procedure, supply, install & commission and complete Remote Control Architecture of SCADA-by open protocol of MODBUS and PROFIBUS as desired in the technical specification & standards in the RFP, competent technically and financially in procurement, providing Manufacturer's Guarantee and Warranty of all replaced spares & equipments in Electrical and mechanical works of Barrage, having desired technical & other permanent work force and machineries of best category and not just minimum required for the work with no uncertainty of hiring and all such parameters for the purpose of technically qualifying in e-bid, and the Bidder will have to submit authentic genuine legible certificates/**documents in English or Hindi only** as under:

1. They should have previous successful experience in supply, commissioning, operation, maintenance, emergency repair, security arrangement of automation equipments for major projects of similar technical parameters .offered by them.
2. The bidder must have experience in design, construction, Procurement, installation, commissioning of Remote Control automation, and Electro-mechanical works of hydraulic gates and operation & maintenance of automated gates.
3. The Automation system commissioned by him/her is desired(not mandatory) to have been in satisfactory operation for at least 1(one) full year, post commissioning in at least one location.
4. Firm should also have all required statutory licenses and certificates/manufacturer's authorization guarantee and warranty. All Customs, Excise, Import duties, Taxes, Rents, License fees, permit fees, other statutory taxes shall have to be borne by the Contractor which should be inclusive in bid price.
5. The bidder must have all necessary testing facilities at their works for carrying out such routine and acceptance tests as prescribed in the relevant Indian **Standards/BIS/DIN/ANSI or DectY Standard Books//IEC/IEEE** specifications, and preferably IP65 protection markings. Documentary evidence of such facilities must be submitted.
6. The supplied equipments must have been fully type tested as per relevant BIS and/or any other specified national international standards and matching the desired Project Specifications under Technical Cover executed during last 5 financial years from date of bid opening. Scanned PDF of such type test reports/certificates must be submitted with the online bid.

7. Bids of Bidders quoting as authorized representative of an equipment manufacturer, meeting the above requirements in full, can also be considered provided:
The manufacturer furnishes authorization in the prescribed format assuring full guarantee and warranty obligations as per Agreement, and
The Bidder, as authorized representative of their manufacturer has supplied, installed and commissioned satisfactorily at least one similar system in the last five financial years from the date of bid opening.
8. The bidder shall guarantee that adequate specialized maintenance capability and expertise will be made available.
9. The Bidder shall provide evidence to the satisfaction of the Authority to the effect of having in house or externally engaged expertise to:
 - a. Conduct the Operations, Security Maintenance & Repair and provide trained man power.
 - b. Develop the conversion the special category works.
10. The Bidder shall provide the CVs of the experts, field operators and the list of Machinery & equipments and Technical Manpower. The CV of these personnel should demonstrate the successful operation of at least one such assignment.
 - i. The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that the Goods it offers meet the following Authority requirement in general and also the Authority requirements specified in detail in Technical Specifications of this bidding document. In case the Bidder is not the manufacturer or producer of the goods it offers to supply and has submitted the bid in accordance with the Specifications desired, the bid shall include the above information about the manufacturer whose equipments are being offered.
 - ii The Bidder should furnish the information on all past supplies and satisfactory performance for Clause 7C above, in Performa under Appendix 1 to VII and specifications offered against desired standards..
 - iii All the Bids submitted shall also include the following information along with formats under Appendices I to VIII
 - iv Copies of original documents defining the constitution or legal status place of registration and principle place of business of the Company or Firm or Partnership etc.
 - v The Bidder should furnish a brief write up backed with adequate data explaining his available capacity and experience (both technical and commercial) for the manufacture and supply of the manufacturer and supply of the required systems and equipment within the specified time of completion after meeting all their current commitments.
 - vi The Bidder should clearly confirm that all the facilities exist in his factory for inspection and testing and these will be made available to the Authority or his representative for inspection. The Authority shall decide and propose necessary tests as it may deem fit for the purpose of evaluation.
 - vii Details of Service Centers and information on service support facilities that would be provided after the warranty/extended warranty period.

8. Eligibility criteria for participating in the e-RFP

Average Annual Turnover of three financial years in the zone of preceding 5 (Five) FY only would be considered
Average Annual Turnover of the bidder except for Consortium or JV for a particular FY within preceding five FY as stated in clause 4.2 A(v) and in Form-2 should be at **least Rs 8.00 crore**

However for Consortiums and JV, where Annual Turnover of individual entities of the Consortiums or JV are to be considered, the sum of the Average Annual Turnover adding up those of individual entities including the lead member should be at least **Rs 1000 Lakh** and individual not less than Rs 100 Lakh.

General Note:-

- a. Additional qualifications desired from bidders:
For technically qualifying, the bidder should justify the high evaluation standards desired in the RFP for Departmental Quotation-cum-Bid Evaluation Committee guided by the Technical specifications & Standards of the EPC and RFQ with all Forms and Appendices of RFP. Decision of the QBEC on Technical Evaluation of bids received would be final.
- b. In case authenticated copy of item wise gross completed bill value is not uploaded for any reason whatsoever, eligibility for similar nature of work will be judged on the basis of items of works in the BOQ.

9. Penalty for suppression / distortion of facts and withdrawal of L1 bidder before acceptance of LOI

If any contractor/bidder fails to produce the original documents (especially Completion Certificates and Audited balance sheets), or any other document on demand by the Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle within a specified time frame or if any deviation is detected in the hard copies from the corresponding uploaded soft copies or if there is any suppression / distortion / falsification

noticed/detected/pointed out at any stage of e-RFP process prior to the issue of work order, the Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle will immediately bring the matter to the notice of the Quotation-cum-Bid Evaluation Committee (QBEC) who upon recommending suitable punitive actions against the bidder will place the matter before the concerned Chief Engineer within 15 days of receipt of the complaint from the Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle and the contractor/bidder may be suspended from participating in all future bids on the e-tender platform of Government of West Bengal as per approval of the Chief Engineer, Teesta Barrage Project for a maximum period of 3(Three) years. **In addition, his/her 'BID SECURITY' will stand forfeited by the Government.**

The Chief Engineer, Teesta Barrage Project, then will issue the necessary suspension order in writing with intimation to the defaulting contractor/bidder, other Chief Engineers, Central e-Tendering Cell and also the Government. Copy of such suspension order should invariably be communicated to the Nodal Officer, e-Governance Cell of the Department with a request to upload the order in the 'Departmental website. Besides, the Irrigation & Waterways Department, Government of West Bengal may also take appropriate legal actions including blacklisting of the defaulting contractor/bidder and debarring him/her from participating in any Government e-tenders/e-Procurement for a period up to three years, and the e-Procurement Cell of this Department may be advised to block the incumbents DSC in order to **debar him/her from participating in any 'Government e-Procurement work** during such suspension period. For e-bids where such suppression / distortion / falsification is detected at an advanced stage of e-RFP processing, the concerned Chief Engineer will be the deciding authority as to what further necessary actions are to be taken regarding the fate of the e-RFP.

10. Taxes & duties to be borne by the Contractor/bidder

Income Tax, VAT/CST, Customs & Exercise duty, GST, Entry Tax, Royalty, License Fees, Permits, Construction Workers' Welfare Cess, Labour Welfare schemes of Govt, Service Tax/Krishi Kalyan Cess and similar other all statutory levies/Cess will have to be borne by the contractor/bidder and his/her quoted rate should be quoted accordingly after considering all these charges.

11. Site inspection prior to submission of e-bid

Before submitting a e-RFP, the intending contractor/bidder should make themselves acquainted thoroughly with the local conditions prevailing at site of implementation of the work by undertaking rigorous field inspections and taking into consideration all probable likely factors and difficulties to be involved in execution of the work as per specification in all respects including transportation of materials, communication facilities, climate conditions, nature of soil, availability of local laborers and market rates prevailing in the locality etc. and no claim whatsoever will be entertained on those accounts afterwards. In this connection intending contractors/bidders are advised to attend the **'Pre-Bid' meetings** with the Authority scheduled be held at **Jalasampad Bhavan, Salt Lake (Bidhannagar), Sector-II, Kolkata, Pin 700091 (The Head Quarter of I&WD, GoWB) at the Ground Floor, NIC Conference Hall to be chaired by the Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate, Siliguri on Day 5 & 21 from the date of publication of e-RFQ (the first pre-bid meeting shall be held on 06.02.2017 from 12.00 noon till 2.00 PM and the second pre-bid meeting is scheduled to be held on 22.02.2017 at the same place and venue)**, in order to acclimatize the prospective contractors/bidders through an interactive open session, replying to their queries, and clear doubts in connection with the work/s, if any.

12. Conditional and incomplete bids

Conditional and incomplete bids submitted on-line are liable to be summary rejected.

13. Opening and evaluation of e-bids

13.1 Opening/decrypting of a Technical Proposal

- i. Technical proposal will be opened by the **Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate, Siliguri** or his/her authorized representative/s electronically in the official website stated earlier using their authorized valid Digital Signature Certificate/s (DSC).
- ii. Participating contractors/bidders may remain present if they so desire.
- iii. Technical cover documents (vide Clause 4.2.A) will be opened /decrypted first and if found in order, Cover (Folder) for OID (vide Clause 4.2.B) will be opened/decrypted. If there is any deficiency in either of the Technical cover documents, the offered bid of the bidder will summarily be rejected.
- iv. Decrypted (transformed into readable format) documents of the OID (Other Important Document) Cover will be decrypted/downloaded and handed over to the 'The Departmental Quotation-cum-Bid Evaluation Committee (QBEC).
- v. Procedure to be followed for opening/decrypting of a financial bid is explained later under clause 13.5

13.2 'Quotation-cum-Bid Evaluation Committee' (QBEC)

Committee constituted by the Government in the Irrigation & Waterways Department for evaluation of bids

and entire selection process in the RFP will function as the QBEC. And the Government Appointed Tender Committee as regards to acceptance of final L1 bid price.

13.3 Uploading of list of technically qualified contractors / bidders in the web portal/s

- i. Pursuant to scrutiny and decision of the QBEC, the list of eligible bidders/ contractors for a particular serial of work whose Technical proposal will be considered and uploaded in the web portal/s.
- ii. While evaluating, the QBEC, may, if they so desire summon the contractors/bidders and seek further clarification/information or additional documents or seek verifications of original hard copy of any of/all the documents already submitted on-line and if these cannot be produced within a reasonably stipulated timeframe, their bids will be liable for rejection.

13.4 Opening and evaluation of Financial Proposal

- i. Financial proposals of the bidders/contractors declared technically eligible by the QBEC will be opened electronically by the **Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate** in the web portal stated above on the pre-notified date and time.
- ii. The encrypted copies will be decrypted and the rates will be read out to the contractors/ bidders remaining present at that time, else they may login their respective e-tender accounts to see the (CS) comparative statement in the web portal.
- iii. After opening/decrypting the financial proposal, the preliminary summary result containing inter-alia the names of contractors/bidders and the rates and amount quoted by them will be evaluated and the result will however not be made available in the e-tender web platform . The same would only be uploaded after obtaining recommendation from Quotation-cum-Bid Evaluation Committee (QBEC) and the Government Appointed Departmental Tender Committee (DTC) and Administrative Approval.
- iv. If the QBEC and the Government Appointed Tender Committee (DTC) of the Irrigation & Waterways Department is satisfied that the L1 bid price obtained is fair and reasonable and there is no scope of further lowering down of rate, after having the comparative statement test checked by the Divisional Accountant / Divisional Accounts Officer of the Office attached to Executive Engineer, Teesta Barrage Electrical Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate, Tinbatti, Siliguti and after going through the recommendations of the QBEC and obtaining recommendation of the Government Appointed Departmental Tender Committee (DTC) instruct the **Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate** to upload the final summary result containing the name of contractors/bidders and the financial bids offered by them against BOQ in the RFP.
- v. If there is any scope for lowering down of bid price in the opinion of the QBEC or the 'Government Appointed Departmental Tender Committee (DTC), all the bidders qualified in technical bid may be notified through system generated e-mail and mobile phone sms to attend e-bid-cum-reverse auction (online Negotiation bid) on a predetermined date and time to be held in the office of the **Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate, Siliguri**. Off-line negotiations are not permitted from the point of view of confidentiality and transparency. However, in exceptional cases with prior recommendation and advice of Government 'The Departmental Tender Committee (DTC) open off-line bid negotiations with **only the L1 bidder** to lower down the offered bid may be held by the **Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate** in presence of QBEC members for reasons to be recorded in writing. Otherwise the RFP would be cancelled and invited afresh.
- vi. If there is no contractor/bidder or the number of contractors / bidders in the 1st e-RFP is less than three, the e-RFP has to be cancelled. In case of participation of more than three bidders, if the number of technically qualified bidder falls below three, the e-RFP is to be cancelled as well and fresh e-RFP (i.e 2nd e-RFQ/3rd e-RFQ) may be invited by suitably lowering down the minimum eligibility criteria for all bidders.
- vii. After uploading of Financial bid result upon obtaining recommendation of the QBEC and the Government Appointed Departmental Tender Committee (DTC) as regards to the L1 bid, the financial Comparative Statement of the e-RFP or the FBE sheet so prepared of L1 bid, with Approved Feasibility Report, recommendations and Rate analysis justifications with comments of CE, QBEC, DTC is to be referred to the Government for administrative approval. Letter of Invitation (LOI) and the Award of Contract (AOC) would however not be sent or given to the L1 bidder before receipt of Administrative Approval from the Government in the Irrigation & Waterways Department.
- viii. The QBEC may ask any of the bidders/contractors to submit analysis of rates to justify the rate quoted by that bidder/or the L1 bidder.
- ix. If the L1 bidder/contractor backs out there should be fresh e-RFP floated on-line once again in a transparent and fair manner. In such a situation the QBEC may opt for Short Notice e-RFP with time periods stipulated for e-RFP, if so necessitated in the interest of public works and take decision on the basis of L1 bid in the 2nd e-RFP

or subsequent 3rd e-RFP with 14 days and 10 days minimum bid submission/notice period. Penal action for premature withdrawal by bidder has been stated under clause 9 earlier.

13.5 Procedure to be followed for acceptance of bid for selection of contractor to implement the work.

- i. Selection of contractor/bidder should be made on the basis of at least three valid bids both in technical proposal as well as financial proposal/bid, which shall be opened preferably in presence of their willing agents. If the number of bids received is less than three, e-RFP would be cancelled and invited afresh with relaxed eligibility criteria to be determined by the QBEC.
- ii. If the number of contractors /bidders qualified in the technical bid is less than three, e-RFP would be invited afresh.
- iii. The lowest bid for the work is accepted as a rule. If for any reason the L1 bid is not accepted, reference is to be made to the appropriate Government for orders as to which of the contractor /bidder the work should be awarded.
- iv. L1 bid received in the e-RFP in all cases prior to issuance of LOI /LOA is to be recommended and placed before the Government Appointed Departmental Tender Committee (DTC) subject to the conditions that valid e-bids should not be less than three and L1 is recommended for acceptance. Then a formal administrative approval would be accorded by the Government in the Irrigation & Waterways Department after recommendation of the Government Appointed Departmental Tender Committee (DTC) as mentioned earlier, only after which the Letter of Invitation (LOI)/Award of Contract (AOC) is to be uploaded in the e-Procurement web page and L1 bidder asked to sign Agreement.
- v. If the response to an e-RFP is less than three, then e-RFP should be invited afresh. Such e-RFQ notice shall be published in widely circulated dailies as per guidelines and also through e-RFP e-Tender web portals. Prior to invitation of 2nd or 3rd e-RFP, the eligibility criteria and other terms & conditions as contained in the first 'Notice Inviting e-RFP' (e-RFQ notice) shall have to be reviewed by the Quotation-cum-Bid Evaluation Committee (QBEC), to ascertain whether (i) it was too much restrictive, say, specifications and qualifications were fixed at higher standards than required, (ii) advertisements in the widely circulated Newspapers were properly published and (iii) other related procedural matters were observed in its entirety.
- vi. Even if, after taking appropriate steps in regard to relaxation of criteria to the extent as decided by the QBEC and also wider publicity of 2nd e-RFP or 3rd subsequent e-RFP in widely circulated dailies and through web-site/s, the response to the subsequent e-RFP is still less than three, that case may be forward by the Quotation-cum-Bid Evaluation Committee (QBEC) with recommendation by the 'The Departmental Tender Committee (DTC) to the Government in the Irrigation & Waterways Departmental for consideration.

14. Determination of Lowest bid and acceptance of Bid.

Bidders are required to quote the financial rates/bids/offers in Lump Sum against each and every item of the e-BOQ as already stated under clause 4.3. It is being clarified that selection of the lowest bidder (L1) would be made on the basis of total bid price against the BOQ as a whole and not on individual items or any subcomponent of the project. L1 bid on an overall basis should normally be accepted as a rule. However, the Accepting Authority does not bind himself/herself to do so and reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning reasons subject to fulfillment of clause 13.5 (iii) and further reserves the right to distribute the work amongst more than one contractor/bidder.

15. Bid Accepting Authority

Chief Engineer, Teesta Barrage Project, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate is the final bid accepting authority & also the LOI/LOA issuing authority who will however only act on the recommendations of the QBEC, DTC and the Government.. But the L1 bid received in the e-RFP would be recommended by the Superintending Engineer to the Chief Engineer who would firstly obtain clearance of the Quotation-cum-Bid Evaluation Committee (QBEC) and then place it before the 'Government Appointed Departmental Tender Committee (DTC) for recommendation. However formal acceptance and issuance of LOI and LOA would only be undertaken by him after obtaining Administrative Approval from the Government.

16. Execution of formal contract/ agreement after acceptance of lowest valid bid

The contractor/bidder, whose bid is approved for acceptance, shall within 15 days of the receipt of Letter of Invitation (LOI) or Letter of Acceptance (LOA) in his / her favour by the Chief Engineer, Teesta Barrage Project, will have to execute a 'Formal Agreement' in the EPC Agreement with the Superintending Engineer, Teesta Barrage Electrical Division, having his office at Teesta Administrative Building, Tinbatti, Siliguri, WestBengal, Phone no Phone No03532468681, FaxNo 03532468681, e-mail ID senorthbengal@gmail.com, acting on behalf of the State in quadruplicate hard copies containing all e-RFP document, e-RFQ, drawings, credential certificates, eligibility certificates, corrigendum and all other documents. Entire sets may be obtained free of cost from the office of the Executive Engineer, Teesta Barrage Electrical Division designated with implementation of the work. Award of Contract (AOC)/Work order is to be issued by the Engineer-in-charge and also uploaded in the e-Tender portal.

17. Payment against bills raised by the contractor

The payment of Running Account as well as final bill for any work based on achieving Specific Project Milestones and performance as per Schedules of EPC-Agreement and approved Work Programme in CPM,

according to availability of fund and no claim due to delay in payment will be entertained.

18. Bid validity

The Bid will be normally valid for **120 days** from the date of opening of the financial proposal. However, extension of bid validity may be suitably considered by the Chief Engineer, Teesta Barrage Project, if required, subject to written confirmation of the contractor/bidder (s) to that effect.

19. Definition of Physical Milestones:

The time allowed for carrying out the work as entered in the bid shall be strictly observed by the contractor, and which shall be reckoned from the date on which the order to commence work is given to the contractor. The work shall throughout the stipulated period of the contract be proceeded with all due diligence. Time being deemed to be the essence of contract on the part of the contractor; the contractor shall be bound in all cases, to achieve the 'Project Specific Milestones' as specified in this e-RFQ notice into various 'Identifiable and quantifiable construction related stages' pertaining to the work as per Schedules and Work Programme. In the event of the contractor failing to comply with any of the conditions related to achieving the 'Milestones' within the specified time period prescribed for such 'Milestone' plus one month, he/she shall be liable to pay compensation.

If the contractor fails to commence and/or maintain required progress viz. Milestones defined in the e-Notice inviting e-RFQ over the total time allotted for its full completion and fails to complete the work and clear the site on or before the end of contract period or extended date of completion, he/she shall, without prejudice to any other rights or remedy available under the law on account of such breach, pay as agreed compensation to the implementing Authority. This will also apply to items or group of items for which a separate period of completion has been specified.

20. Withdrawal of e-bid

Withdrawal of e-RFP once the bid has been submitted online and after passing of end date for submission and has been accepted for further processing, is not allowed. 'BID SECURITY' will be forfeited by the Government and the bidder/contractor penalized in terms of clause 9 referred earlier would be applicable.

21. Schedule of dates of the e-RFP

Sl. No	Activity	Date & Time	Remarks
1.	e-RFP Publishing Date	2 nd February 2017 (Thursday)	
2.	On-line RFP Document Download start date	2 nd February 2017 from 17.30 hours (IST)	
3.	Two Pre-bid Meetings to be held at the office of Superintending Engineer, North Bengal M&E Circle at Tinbatti Siliguri office.	At Jalasampad Bhavan, NIC Conference Hall, Ground Floor, Salt Lake from 12 Noon on 06.02.2017 and again on 22.02.2017	
4.	e-Bid submission start date	08.02.2017	
5.	Document Download end date & bid submission end date	18.03.2017 upto 16.59 hours (IST)	
6.	e-Bid submission end date	18.03.2017 upto 17.00 hours (IST)	
7.	Technical Bid opening date	20.03.2017 at 17.00 hours (IST)	
8.	Uploading of list of Technically qualified bidders	04.04.2017 after 17.00 hours (IST)	
9.	Financial Bid on-line opening date	06.04.2017 after 17.00 hours (IST)	
10.	Uploading of Financial Bid evaluation sheet	To be decided by TAA	
11.	Uploading of the Letter of Invitation / Acceptance (LOI/LOA) and Award of Contract (AOC)	After administrative approval is accorded by appropriate Government	To be notified to all bidders through e-mail & SMS through auto-generation in the on-line system.

*TIA: Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle, I & W Directorate, GoWB

*TAA: Chief Engineer, Teesta Barrage Project, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal

Sd/- (D.Pal) dated 02.02.2017
 Superintending Engineer
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 Irrigation & Waterways Directorate