

Pre-Bid Clarification for Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Containerised TV-Guided Grab (TVG) & Seafloor Observation System (SFOS).

Tender No.: NCPOR/PS/DOM-30/GT-06/ET-01.

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1	Section IV. II SFOS Additional balancing weights and thrusters are to be provided as per the offered design in order to improve the stability upon towing.	The tender specifies that thrusters are to be provided. Based on our assessment, we believe it is not necessary to implement control over the SFOS. Could NCPOR elaborate on the need for thruster?	The thruster may be provided to improve the stability of the system under towing, as per the design. If the design does not require thrusters or additional weights, please detail how stability is achieved without them in the bid document.
2	SCC – Payments LC payment option for the Foreign bidders: iii) 10 % of the total contract amount will be paid through wire transfer, after the successful completion of TWO years warranty.	The tender states that 10% of the total contract amount will be paid via wire transfer upon successful completion of a two-year warranty period. We propose the provision of a bank guarantee in lieu of withholding 10% of the contract value.	Milestone V and LC payment iii has been modified. Please see corrigendum.
3	Section IV: Additional specifications, serial no. 8 item. a. Bidders are required to list the name and price of each spare part. The spare parts quotation should be submitted separately from the main bid and clearly labelled as "Spare Parts Quotation." b. Important Note: The rates quoted for individual spare parts will not be considered for comparison purposes, i.e, the rates quoted for spare parts will not influence the evaluation of the main tender. Instead, they will serve as a reference for potential future requirements.	Kindly confirm whether we are required to submit the spare parts quotation. If so, should it be included as a separate page following the financial bid document within the same PDF file? We would like to highlight that it may not be feasible to provide accurate pricing for spare parts that may or may not be required in the future. Estimating prices in 2025 for requirements during 2029–2033 may not be practical.	The terms have been modified to include the list of spare parts, without price quotation. The list may be attached with the technical bid. Please see corrigendum.
4		NCPOR will be responsible for handling and settling any applicable taxes, customs duties, or import charges incurred in India. Please confirm?	Confirmed. NCPOR will be responsible for handling and settling any applicable taxes, customs duties, or import charges incurred in India.

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5	Bid Security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD). a) Foreign Bidders shall submit EMD along with their tender, in the form of bank guarantee only for a sum of US \$ 1,10,300.00 (US \$ One Lakh Ten Thousand Three Hundred only) b) Indian bidders shall submit EMD along with their tender, either by DD drawn in favor of NCPOR, for a sum of Rs. 96,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Six Lakhs only) payable at Vasco-da-Gama, Goa only. Or In the form of a bank guarantee for a sum of Rs. 96,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Six Lakhs only)	We kindly request an exemption for EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) as VARYA Tech is a registered MSME.	EMD exemption for MSME is applicable for the Manufacturers in the appropriate categories, upon validation of the appropriate documents.
6	Performance Bond/Security The amount of Performance Security is 5% of the PO/Contract price denominated in Indian Rupees or the currency of the contract and shall be in one of the following forms: a) Account Payee Demand Draft or Fixed Deposit Receipt or Banker's Cheque is drawn on any commercial bank in India, in favour of Director, NCPOR payable at Vasco-da-Gama, Goa, India. b) Bank Guarantee issued by a commercial bank in India, in the prescribed form provided In Format 1.1	Due to the project's high capital intensity, we kindly request a reduction in the Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) to a maximum of 3%.	PBG terms will remain unchanged as per the tender terms.
7	Payment Section—III: Special conditions of Contract (SCC) ClauseNo.13	You are kindly requested to revise the payment terms for the Indian bidder as follows: Milestone I – 10%, Milestone II & III – each 40% Milestone IV – 10%. You are also requested to kindly waive the Bank Guarantees of 110% along with milestones 1, 2 and milestone 3. Upon completion of each	Payment terms have been slightly modified. Please see corrigendum.

		milestone, and submission of all necessary documents and invoices; we expect you to release the payment of the portion completed.	
8	Section IV –Technical Specification II.TV-GUIDED GRAB(TVG)	Through numerous repeated trials, it has been determined that a force requirement exceeding 40kN on the jaws is necessary for the effective collection of deep-sea samples. Kindly confirm Min. force requirement is 40kN or more. Therefore, it might be wise to incorporate established and proven companies into the technical qualification criteria to guarantee the delivery of a suitable product for the intended application.	The min. force is set at a min. of 35kN in the tender specifications.
9	Section IV –Technical Specification VI. DECK CONTROL AND MONITORING UNIT	Window 10 support expires on October 14, 2025.	Latest version of Windows OS may be provided. Please see corrigendum.
10	Section IV –Technical Specification VI.DECK CONTROL AND MONITORING UNIT	As the image enhancement software provider solely serves scientific institutions and government bodies, and not private parties, we kindly ask for its removal from the vendor's scope.	The image enhancement software is required as part of the scope of supply. The name and details of the software, including any modules, must be specified in the bid. Any supporting letter to facilitate the purchase of the software will be provided by NCPOR to the successful bidder.

Note: The bidders may also please refer to the corrigendum uploaded for this tender.