

Tender No. NCAOR/LH (20)/2013

Onsite Operation, Non-Comprehensive Maintenance and Repairs Contract (OMRC)  
for Bharati - Indian Research Station at Larsemann Hills, Antarctica

Pre Bid Meeting – Tuesday 16 July 2013-07-16

**CLARIFICATIONS OF BIDDER'S QUERIES**

S. No.	Bidder's Queries	NCAOR's Replies
1.	Whether foreign companies will have to undergo medical examination and pre-expedition training in India in accordance to Clause 5.2.5 and 5.2.6 ?	For foreign companies medical examination and pre-expedition training can be done in their own country. However, for Indian companies clause 5.2.5 and 5.2.6 is applicable.
2.	Contract period: The contract period mentioned in item 1, Table 1 of the tender document is from 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013 to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2014. However the contract period mentioned at all other places in the document is 12 months. Request you to please clarify the same?	Ideally the contract period would be for 12 months. However, considering the logistics involved for travel between Antarctica and India and with due consideration to weather related uncertainties the contract duration may be considered as 12 ± 2 months with tentative start date as 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013.
3.	Bid bond/ draft/ bank guarantee: EMD as per section 1.11 is to be paid in the form of Bid Bond or Demand Draft or a bank guarantee. Can it also be paid in the form of FDR (Fixed Deposit Receipt) for the FD taken in the name of NCAOR with the validity of 90 days?	EMD is not acceptable in the form of FDR. It shall be accepted only as the bank draft or bank guarantee.
4.	Power of Attorney for authorized signatory: As mentioned in 4.4.3.4, what's the format of the written POA? Does it need to be registered or just a notarized will be ok? What value stamp paper will be required for this POA?	There is no specific format for the written POA. The POA has to be drawn by the company and should be notarized. For Indian companies minimum value of stamp paper should be Rs. 100.
5.	Item 5.15: The service tax is mentioned as extra. What other taxes shall be applicable for Indian Private Limited company?	All taxes and levies applicable for the work shall be calculated by the company.

6.	Item 5.15: Will there be any tax deduction at source while payment of invoices?	Income tax shall be deducted at source as per the Indian Income Tax laws in force and necessary TDS certificate shall be issued to the company.
7.	Annexure III Item 3 B: For providing details about the bids already submitted by the contractor, do we need to attach entire techno-commercial bid or can submit the summary of the bids submitted?	Summary of the bids submitted in prescribed format are acceptable.
8.	Annexure III Item 4: What documents are required to be submitted from the partner company?	Letter of consent from the partner companies through duly authorized representative need to be submitted.
9.	As per NIT, Section 3 - Scope of Work, we wanted to clarify do the spares and consumables need to be forecasted by the contractor over and above the maintenance service contract.	Your understanding is correct. The contractor shall be responsible for forecasting the need for spares and consumables. Refer clause 5.2.17; 5.2.18; 5.2.19 and 5.2.20.
10.	As per Annexure III, Point No. 2 contractor needs to provide turnover of past 3 years, as we are a subsidiary company can we provide financial statements of our parent company.	The financial statement of the bidding company is to be provided. Further the contract agreement would be signed only with the bidding company.
11.	Please advise on the EMD bank guarantee format, our bankers Citibank has advised and asked us to include "at the Banks sole discretion".	No deviation in the format of the EMD bank guarantee except for the logical amendments like bank name/address/date of expiry etc. shall be entertained.
12.	As per NIT, Section 5.8, Contractor's risk, please clarify if the Insurance cover will be provided by NCAOR or Contractor.	The Insurance of the contractor's crew will be sole responsibility of the contractor. Refer clause 5.2.3; 5.2.9; 5.2.12; 5.2.14; 5.2.15 and 5.2.16.
13.	Please provide more clarification on Annexure IX, Point No. 5	Any service rendered by client to the contractor over and above as specified in the document shall be chargeable. Further, for payments to the client towards loss, damage to the client's equipment, materials, etc. you may refer clause 5.2.19 and 5.2.20.