

Submission and Opening of Bids

22. Submission Sealing and Marking of Bids

- 22.1 Bidders may always submit their bids by mail or by hand.
- (a) Bidders submitting bids by mail or by hand, shall enclose the original and the Bids copy of the in separate sealed envelopes, duly marking the envelopes as “ORIGINAL” and “COPY.” These envelopes containing the original and the copy shall then be enclosed in one single envelope.
- 22.2 The inner and outer envelopes shall:
- (a) Bear the name and address of the Bidder;
- (b) be addressed to the Purchaser in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 23.1;
- (c) bear the specific identification of this bidding process as indicated in the BDS; and
- (d) bear a warning not to open before the time and date for bid opening, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 26.1.

If all envelopes are not sealed and marked as required, the Purchaser will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the bid.

23. Deadline for Submission of Bids

- 23.1 Bids must be received by the Purchaser at the address and no later than the date and time **specified in the BDS**
- 23.2 The Purchaser may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids by amending the Bidding Documents in accordance with ITB Clause 8, in which case all rights and obligations of the Purchaser and Bidders previously subject to the deadline shall thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

24. Late Bids

- 24.1 The Purchaser shall not consider any bid that arrives after the deadline for submission of bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 23. Any bid received by the Purchaser after the deadline for submission of bids shall be declared late, rejected, and returned unopened to the Bidder.

25. Withdrawal and Modification of Bids

- 25.1 A Bidder may withdraw, or modify its Bid after it has been submitted by sending a written notice in accordance with ITB Clause 22, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of

the authorization in accordance with ITB Sub- Clause 21.2, (except that no copies of the The corresponding substitution or modification of the bid must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be:

- (a) submitted in accordance with ITB Clauses 21 and 22 (except that withdrawal notices do not require copies), and in addition, the respective envelopes shall be clearly marked “WITHDRAWAL,” or “MODIFICATION;” and
- (b) received by the Purchaser prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 23.

25.2 Bids requested to be withdrawn in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 25.1 shall be returned to the Bidders only upon notification of contract award to the successful bidder in accordance with sub clause 41.1.

25.3 No bid may be withdrawn, substituted, or modified in the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the

expiration of the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Submission Form or any extension thereof.

26.1 The Purchaser shall conduct the bid opening in public at the address, date and time **specified in the BDS.**

26. Bid Opening

26.2 First, envelopes marked “WITHDRAWAL” shall be opened and read out and the envelope with the corresponding bid may be opened at the discretion of the Purchaser. No bid withdrawal shall be permitted unless the corresponding withdrawal notice contains a valid authorization to request the withdrawal and is read out at bid opening. Envelopes marked “MODIFICATION” shall be opened and read out with the corresponding Bid. No Bid modification shall be permitted unless the corresponding modification notice contains a valid authorization to request the modification and is read out at Bid opening. Only envelopes that are opened and read out at Bid opening shall be considered further.

26.3 All other envelopes shall be opened one at a time, reading out: the name of the Bidder and whether there is a modification; the Bid Prices, including any discounts and alternative offers; the presence of a Bid Security or Bid- Securing Declaration, if required; and any other details as the Purchaser may consider appropriate. Only discounts and alternative offers read out at Bid opening shall be

considered for evaluation. No Bid shall be rejected at Bid opening except for late bids, in accordance with ITB Sub- Clause 24.1.

- 26.4 The Purchaser shall prepare a record of the Bid opening that shall include, as a minimum: the name of the Bidder and whether there is a withdrawal, or modification; the Bid Price, per lot if applicable, including any discounts, and the presence or absence of a Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration. The bids that were opened shall be resealed in separate envelopes, promptly after the bid opening. The Bidders' representatives who are present shall be requested to sign the attendance sheet. A copy of the record shall be distributed to all Bidders who submitted bids in time

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Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

- 27. Confidentiality**
- 27.1 Information relating to the examination, evaluation, comparison, and post-qualification (if applicable) of bids, and recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until publication of the Contract Award.
- 27.2 Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Purchaser in the examination, evaluation, comparison, and post-qualification of the bids or contract award decisions may result in the rejection of its Bid.
- 27.3 Notwithstanding ITB Sub-Clause 27.2, if any Bidder wishes to contact the Purchaser on any matter related to the bidding process, from the time of bid opening to the time of Contract Award, it should do so in writing.
- 28. Clarification of Bids**
- 28.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation, comparison and post-qualification of the bids, the Purchaser may, at its discretion, request any Bidder for a clarification of its Bid. Any clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Bid and that is not in response to a request by the Purchaser shall not be considered for purpose of evaluation. The Purchaser's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing. No change in the prices or substance of the Bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Purchaser in the Evaluation of the bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 30.
- 29. Responsiveness of Bids**
- 29.1 The Purchaser's determination of a bid's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the bid itself.
- 29.2 A substantially responsive Bid is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the Bidding Documents without material deviation, reservation, or omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is one that:
- (a) affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the Goods and Related Services specified in the Contract; or
 - (b) limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the Bidding Documents, the Purchaser's rights or the Bidder's obligations under the Contract; or

- (c) if rectified would unfairly affect the competitive Position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.

29.3 If a bid is not substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, it shall be rejected by the Purchaser and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.

30. Nonconformities, Errors, and Omissions

30.1 Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, the Purchaser may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Bid that do not constitute material deviation.

30.2 Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, the Purchaser may request that the Bidder submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the bid related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Bid. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Bid.

30.3 Provided that the Bid is substantially responsive, the Purchaser shall correct arithmetical errors on the following basis:

- (a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of the Purchaser there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price, in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected;

- (b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and

- (c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail subject to (a) and (b) above.

31. Preliminary Examination of Bids

30.4 If the Bidder that submitted the lowest evaluated Bid does not accept the correction of errors, its Bid shall be disqualified and its Bid Security shall be forfeited or its Bid-Securing Declaration shall be executed.

- 31.1 The Purchaser shall examine the bids to confirm that all documents and technical documentation requested in ITB Clause 11 have been provided, and to determine the completeness of each document submitted.
- 31.2 The Purchaser shall confirm that the following documents and information have been provided in the Bid. If any of these documents or information is missing, the Bid shall be rejected.
- (a) Bid Submission Form, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 12.1;
 - (b) Price Schedules, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 12;
 - (c) Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration, in Accordance with ITB Clause 20.

32. Examination of Terms and Conditions; Technical Evaluation

- 32.1 The Purchaser shall examine the Bid to confirm that all terms and conditions specified in the CC and the **Contract Data** have been accepted by the Bidder without any material deviation or reservation.
- 32.2 The Purchaser shall evaluate the technical aspects of the Bid submitted in accordance with ITB Clause 17, to confirm that all requirements specified in Section V, Schedule of Requirements of the Bidding Documents have been met without any material deviation or reservation.
- 32.3 If, after the examination of the terms and conditions and the technical evaluation, the Purchaser determines that the Bid is not substantially responsive in accordance with ITB Clause 29, the Purchaser shall reject the Bid.

33. Conversion to Single Currency

- 33.1 If the bidders are allowed to quote in foreign currencies in accordance with sub clause 15.1, for evaluation and comparison purposes, the Purchaser shall convert all bid prices expressed in foreign currencies in to Sri Lankan Rupees using the selling rates prevailed 28 days prior to closing of bids as published by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. If this date falls on a public holiday the earliest working day prior to the date shall be applicable.

34. Domestic Preference

- 34.1 Not Applicable

35. Evaluation of Bids

- 35.1 The Purchaser shall evaluate each bid that has been determined, up to this stage of the evaluation, to be substantially responsive.
- 35.2 To evaluate a Bid, the Purchaser shall only use all the factors, methodologies and criteria defined in this ITB Clause 35.
- 35.3 To evaluate a Bid, the Purchaser shall consider the following:
- (a) the Bid Price as quoted in accordance with clause 14;
 - (b) price adjustment for correction of arithmetic errors in accordance with ITB sub-clause 30.3
 - (c) price adjustment due to discount offered in accordance with ITB sub clause 14.2; and 14.3;
 - (d) adjustment due to the application of the evaluation criteria specified in the BDS from amongst those set out in section III, evaluation and qualification criteria;
 - (e) adjustment due to the application of a domestic preference, in accordance with ITB clause 34 if applicable.
- 35.4 The Purchaser's evaluation of a bid may require the consideration of other factors, in addition to the factors stated in ITB Sub-Clause 35.3, if specified in BDS. These factors may be related to the characteristics, performance, and terms and conditions of purchase of the Goods and Related Services. The effect of the factors selected, if any, shall be expressed in monetary terms to facilitate comparison of bids

36. Comparison of Bids

- 36.1 The Purchaser shall compare all substantially responsive bids to determine the lowest-evaluated bid, in accordance with ITB Clause 35

37. Post qualification of the Bidder

- 37.1 The Purchaser shall determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is selected as having submitted the lowest evaluated and substantially responsive bid is qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.
- 37.2 The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted by the Bidder, pursuant to ITB Clause 18.
- 37.3 An affirmative determination shall be a prerequisite for award of the Contract to the Bidder. A negative determination shall result in disqualification of the bid, in which event the Purchaser shall proceed to the next lowest evaluated bid to make a similar determination of that Bidder's capabilities to perform satisfactorily.

38. Purchaser's Right to Accept Any Bid, and to Reject Any or All Bids

38.1 The Purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to Bidders

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Award of Contract

- 39. Award Criteria**
- 39.1 The Purchaser shall award the Contract to the Bidder whose offer has been determined to be the lowest evaluated bid and is substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, provided further that the Bidder is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.
- 40. Purchaser's Right to Vary Quantities At Time of Award**
- 40.1 At the time the Contract is awarded, the Purchaser reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of Goods and Related Services originally specified in Section V, Schedule of Requirements, provided this does not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) or one unit whichever is higher and without any change in the unit prices or other terms and conditions of the bid and the Bidding Documents.
- 41. Notification of Award**
- 41.1 Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the Purchaser shall notify the successful Bidder, in Writing, that its Bid has been accepted.
- 41.2 Until a formal Contract is prepared and executed, the notification of award shall constitute a binding Contract.
- 41.3 Upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the signed Contract Form and performance security pursuant to ITB Clause 43, the Purchaser will promptly notify each unsuccessful Bidder and will discharge its bid security, pursuant to ITB Clause 20.4.
- 42. Signing of Contract**
- 42.1 Within fourteen (14) days after notification, the Purchaser shall complete the Agreement, and inform the successful Bidder to sign it.
- 42.2 Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of such information, the successful Bidder shall sign the Agreement.
- 43. Performance Security**
- 43.1 Within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of notification of award from the Purchaser, the successful Bidder, if required, shall furnish the Performance Security in accordance with the CC, using for that purpose the Performance Security Form included in Section VIII Contract forms. The Employer shall promptly notify the name of the winning Bidder to each unsuccessful Bidder and discharge the Bid Securities of the unsuccessful bidders pursuant to ITB Sub-Clause 20.4.

43.2 Failure of the successful Bidder to submit the above-mentioned Performance Security or sign the Contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the Bid Security or execution of the Bid- Securing Declaration. In that event the Purchaser may award the Contract to the next lowest evaluated Bidder, whose offer is substantially responsive and is determined by the Purchaser to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.

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Section II. Bidding Data Sheet (BDS)

The following specific data for the goods to be procured shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions in the Instructions to Bidders (ITB). Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in ITB.

[Instructions for completing the Bid Data Sheet are provided, as needed, in the notes in italics mentioned for the relevant ITB Clauses.]

ITB Clause Reference	A. General
ITB 1.1	The Purchaser is: Department of Government Information
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ITB 2.1	The source of funding is: GOSL
	B. Contents of Bidding Documents
ITB 7.1	For <u>Clarification of bid purposes</u> only, the Purchaser's address is: Attention: Chief Accountant Address: Department of Government Information 163, Kirulapana Avenue, Colombo 05. Sri Lanka. Telephone: +94 112512332, +94 112512053 Facsimile number: +940112512332 Electronic mail address: haujyalathdeptinfo@gmail.com Clarifications may be requested not later than 07 days before the deadline for submission of bids
	C. Preparation of Bids
ITB 11.1 (e)	The Bidder shall submit the following additional documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proof of previous experience. (Purchasing Orders, Completion reports of previous projects, etc...) 2. Audited finance reports (2015, 2016,2017) 3. After sales service agreement for 3 years after the warranty period 4. Accredited Manufacturer Authorization

	5. Warranty Certification
ITB 14.3¹	Bidder shall quote Full quantity
ITB 15.1²	The bidder shall quote all expenditure in Sri Lankan Rupees.
ITB 17.3³	Period of time the Goods are expected to be functioning (for the purpose of spare parts): 5 Years
ITB 18.1 (b)	After sales service is Required
ITB 19.1⁴	The bid shall be validity until 120 days from the date of closing of bids.
ITB 20.1	Bid shall include a Bid Security (issued by bank or surety) included in Section IV Bidding Forms;
ITB 20.2⁵	The amount of the Bid Security shall be Rs. 120,000/= <i>The validity period of the bid security shall be until⁶150 days from the date of closing of bids.</i>
ITB 21.1	Applicable
	D. Submission and Opening of Bids
ITB 22.2 (c)	The inner and outer envelopes shall bear the following identification marks: Implementation of Wi-Fi Network Infrastructure for the Department of Government Information DI/PRO/MT/04/17/2016. The bidder shall quote their bids in two set of documents, “Original” and “Copy”.
ITB 23.1	For bid submission purposes, the Purchaser’s address is: Director General of Government Information, Department Procurement Committee, Department of Government Information, No: 163, Kirulapone Avenue, Colombo 05, Sri Lanka. Attention: Chief Accountant Address: Department of Government Information,

	<p style="text-align: center;">No: 163, Kirulapana Avenue, Colombo 05, Sri Lanka.</p> <p>Telephone: +94112512332, +94112512053 Fax +94112512332</p> <p>The deadline for the submission of bids is: Date : 2019.01.29 Time : 11.00 am</p>
ITB 26.1	<p>The bid opening shall take place at: The office of Chief Accountant, Address: Department of Government Information, No: 163, Kirulapone Avenue, Colombo 05.</p> <p>Date: Time: Immediately after deadline for bid submission.</p>
	E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids
ITB 34.1	Domestic preference shall not be a bid evaluation factor.
ITB 35.3(d)	<p>The adjustments shall be determined using the following criteria, from amongst those set out in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria⁷:</p> <p>(a) Deviation in Delivery schedule: Option 1 is selected and the adjustment is:1%</p> <p>(b) Deviation in payment scheduled - No</p> <p>(c) The cost of major replacement components. Mandatory spare parts and service – No</p>
ITB 35.4	<p>The following factors and methodology will be used for evaluation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technical Compliance 2. Previous Track Record 3. Post Qualification 4. Lowest Qualified Bid 5. Compliance to Terms and Conditions

ITB 35.5

Bidders *shall not* be allowed to quote for one or more lots.

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