JOINT VENTURE GUIDELINES

JOINT VENTURE (JV) IN WORKS TENDERS AS PER PARA 17 of GCC APRIL 2022 INCLUDING CORRECTION SLIPS ISSUED UP TO DATE OF INVITING OF TENDER-

17. Participation of Joint Venture (JV) in Works Tender: This para shall be applicable for works tenders wherein tender documents provide for the same.

17.1 Separate identity/name shall be given to the Joint Venture.

17.2 Number of members in a JV shall not be more than three, if the work involves only one department (say Civil or S&T or Electrical or Mechanical) and shall not be more than five, if the work involves more than one Department. One of the members of the JV shall be its Lead Member who shall have a majority (at least 51%) share of interest in the JV. The other members shall have a share of not less than 20% each in case of JV with upto three members and not less than 10% each in case of JV with more than three members. In case of JV with foreign member(s), the Lead Member has to be an Indian firm/company with a minimum share of 51%.

17.3 A member of JV shall not be permitted to participate either in individual capacity or as a member of another JV in the same tender.

17.4 The tender form shall be purchased and submitted only in the name of the JV and not in the name of any constituent member. The tender form can however be submitted by JV or any of its constituent member or any person authorized by JV through Power of Attorney to submit tender.

17.5 Bid Security shall be submitted by JV or authorized person of JV either as :

(i) Cash through e-payment gateway or as mentioned in tender document, or

(ii) Bank Guarantee bond either in the name of JV, or in the name of all members of JV as per MOU irrespective of their share in the JV if the JV has not been constituted legally till the date of submission of tender.

17.6 A copy of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) duly executed by the JV members on a stamp paper, shall be submitted by the JV alongwith the tender. The complete details of the members of the JV, their share and responsibility in the JV etc. particularly with reference to financial, technical and other obligations shall be furnished in the MoU.

17.7 Once the tender is submitted, the MoU shall not normally be modified / altered / terminated during the validity of the tender. In case the tenderer fails to observe/comply with this stipulation, the full Bid Security shall be liable to be forfeited.

17.8 Approval for change of constitution of JV shall be at the sole discretion of the Railway. The constitution of the JV shall not normally be allowed to be modified after submission of the bid by the JV, except when modification becomes inevitable due to succession laws etc., provided further that there is no change in qualification of minimum eligibility criteria by JV after change of composition. However, the Lead Member shall continue to be the Lead Member of the JV. Failure to observe this requirement would render the offer invalid.

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17.9 Similarly, after the contract is awarded, the constitution of JV shall not be normally allowed to be altered during the currency of contract except when modification become inevitable due to succession laws etc. and minimum eligibility criteria should not get vitiated. Failure to observe this stipulation shall be deemed to be breach of contract with all consequential penal action as per contract conditions.

17.10 On award of contract to a JV, a single Performance Guarantee shall be submitted by the JV as per tender conditions. All the Guarantees like Performance Guarantee, Bank Guarantee for Mobilization Advance, Machinery Advance etc. shall be accepted only in the name of the JV and no splitting of guarantees amongst the members of the JV shall be permitted.

17.11 On issue of LOA (Letter of Acceptance), the JV entity to whom the work has been awarded, with the same shareholding pattern as was declared in the MOU/JV Agreement submitted alongwith the tender, shall be got registered before the Registrar of the Companies under 'The Companies Act - 2013' (in case JV entity is to be registered as Company) or before the Registrar/Sub-Registrar under the 'The Indian Partnership Act, 1932' (in case JV entity is to be registered as Partnership Firm) or under 'The LLP Act 2008' (in case JV entity is to be registered as LLP). A separate PAN shall be obtained for this entity. The documents pertaining to this entity including its PAN shall be furnished to the Railways before signing the contract agreement for the work. In case the tenderer fails to observe/comply with this stipulation within 60 days of issue of LOA, contract is liable to be terminated. In case contract is terminated railway shall be entitled to forfeit the full amount of the Bid Security and other dues payable to the Contractor under this contract. The entity so registered, in the registered documents, shall have, inter-alia, following Clauses:

17.11.1 Joint and Several Liability - Members of the entity to which the contract is awarded, shall be jointly and severally liable to the Railway for execution of the project in accordance with General and Special Conditions of Contract. The members of the entity shall also be liable jointly and severally for the loss, damages caused to the Railways during the course of execution of the contract or due to non-execution of the contract or part thereof.

17.11.2 Duration of the Registered Entity - It shall be valid during the entire currency of the Contract including the period of extension, if any and the maintenance period after the work is completed.

17.11.3 Governing Laws - The Registered Entity shall in all respect be governed by and interpreted in accordance with Indian Laws.

17.12 Authorized Member - Joint Venture members in the JV MoU shall authorize Lead member on behalf of the Joint Venture to deal with the Contract, sign the agreement or enter into contract in respect of the said tender, to receive payment, to witness joint measurement of work done, to sign measurement books and similar such action in respect of the said tender/contract. All notices/correspondences with respect to the contract would be sent only to this authorized member of the JV.

17.13 No member of the Joint Venture shall have the right to assign or transfer the interest right or liability in the contract without the written consent of the other members and that of the Railway in respect of the said tender/contract.

17.14 Documents to be enclosed by the JV along with the tender:

17.14.1 In case one or more of the members of the JV is/are partnership firm(s), following Documents shall be submitted:

(i) A notarized copy of the Partnership Deed or a copy of the Partnership deed registered with the Registrar.

(ii) A copy of consent of all the partners or individual authorized by partnership firm, to enter into the Joint Venture Agreement on a stamp paper,

(iii) A notarized or registered copy of Power of Attorney in favour of the individual to sign the MOU/JV Agreement on behalf of the partnership firm and create liability against the firm.

(iv) An undertaking by all partners of the partnership firm that they are not blacklisted or debarred by Railways or any other Ministry / Department of the Govt. of India from participation in tenders / contracts as on the date of submission of bids, either in their individual capacity or in any firm/LLP in which they were / are partners/members. Any Concealment / wrong information in regard to above shall make the bid ineligible or the contract shall be determined under Clause 62 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract.

17.14.2 In case one or more members is/are Proprietary Firm or HUF, the following documents shall be enclosed:

(i) A copy of notarized affidavit on Stamp Paper declaring that his Concern is a proprietary Concern and he is sole proprietor of the Concern OR he who is signing the affidavit on behalf of HUF is in the position of 'Karta' of Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) and he has the authority, power and consent given by other members to act on behalf of HUF.

17.14.3 In case one or more members of the JV is/are companies, the following documents shall be submitted:

(i) A copy of resolutions of the Directors of the Company, permitting the company to enter into a JV agreement,

(ii) The copies of MOA (Memorandum of Association) / AOA (Articles of Association) of the company

(iii) A copy of Certificate of Incorporation

(iv) A copy of Authorization/copy of Power of Attorney issued by the Company (backed by the resolution of Board of Directors) in favour of the individual, to sign the tender, sign MOU/JV Agreement on behalf of the company and create liability against the company

17.14.4 In case one or more members of the JV is/are LLP firm/s, the following documents shall be submitted:

(i) A copy of LLP Agreement

(ii) A copy of Certificate of Incorporation of LLP

(iii) A copy of resolution passed by partners of LLP firm, permitting the Firm to enter into a JV agreement

(iv) A copy of Authorization /copy of Power of Attorney issued by the LLP firm (backed by resolution passed by the Partners) in favour of the individual, to sign the tender and/or sign the MOU/ JV agreement on behalf of the LLP and create liability against the LLP.

(v) An undertaking by all partners of the LLP that they are not blacklisted or debarred by Railways or any other Ministry / Department of the Govt. of India from participation in tenders / contracts as on the date of submission of bids, either in their individual capacity or in any firm/LLP or JV in which they were / are partners/members. Any Concealment / wrong information in regard to above shall make the contract liable for determination under Clause 62 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract.

17.14.5 In case one or more members of the JV is/are Society/s or Trust/s, the following documents shall be submitted:

(i) A copy of Certificate of Registration

(ii) A copy of Memorandum of Association of Society/Trust Deed

(iii) A copy of Rules & Regulations of the Society

(iv) A copy of Power of Attorney, in favour of the individual to sign the tender documents and create liability against the Society/Trust.

17.14.6 All other documents in terms of Para 10 of the Tender Form (Second Sheet) above.

17.14.7- A Power of Attorney executed and issued overseas, the document will also have to be legalized by the Indian Embassy and Notarized in the Jurisdiction where the Power of Attorney is being issued. However, the Power of Attorney provided by Bidders, from Countries that have signed the Hague Legislation Convention 1961 are not required to be legalized by the Indian Embassy if it carries a conforming Appostille Certificate.

17.15 Credentials & Qualifying Criteria: Technical, financial eligibility and Bid capacity of the JV shall be adjudged based on satisfactory fulfillment of the following criteria:

17.15.1 Technical Eligibility Criteria ('a' or 'b' mentioned hereunder):

(a) For Works without composite components

The technical eligibility for the work as per para 10.1 above, shall be satisfied by either the 'JV in its own name & style' or 'Lead member of the JV'.

Each other (non-lead) member(s) of JV, who is/ are not satisfying the technical eligibility for the work as per para 10.1 above, shall have technical capacity of minimum **10%** of the cost of work i.e., each non-lead member of JV member must have satisfactorily completed or substantially completed during the last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited, one similar single work for a minimum of **10%** of advertised value of the tender.

(b) For works with composite components

The technical eligibility for major component of work as per para 10.1 above, shall be satisfied by either the 'JV in its own name & style' or 'Lead member of the JV' and technical eligibility for other component(s) of work as per para 10.1 above, shall be satisfied by either the 'JV in its own name & style' or 'any member of the JV'.

Each other (non-lead)member(s) of JV, who is/ are not satisfying the technical eligibility for any component of the work as per para 10.1 above, shall have technical capacity of minimum **10%** of the cost of any component of work mentioned in technical eligibility criteria. i.e., each other (non-lead) member of must have satisfactorily completed or substantially completed during the last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited, one similar single work for a minimum of **10%** of cost of any component of work mentioned in technical eligibility criteria.

Note *for Para 17.15.1:*

a) The *Major component of the work for this purpose shall be the component of work having highest value. In cases where value of two or more component of work is same, any one work can be classified as Major component of work.*

b) Value *of a completed work done by a Member in an earlier JV shall be reckoned only to the extent of the concerned member's share in that JV for the purpose of satisfying his/her compliance to the above mentioned technical eligibility criteria in the tender under consideration.*

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17.15.2 Financial Eligibility Criteria - The JV shall satisfy the requirement of "Financial Eligibility" mentioned at para 10.2 above. The"financial capacity" of the lead member of JV shall not be less than 51% of the financial eligibility criteria mentioned at para 10.2 above. The arithmetic sum of individual "financial capacity" of all the members shall be taken as JV's "financial capacity" to satisfy this requirement. Note: Contractual payment received by a Member in an earlier JV shall be reckoned only to the extent of the concerned member's share in that JV for the purpose of satisfying compliance of the above mentioned financial eligibility criteria in the tender under consideration.

17.15.3 Bid Capacity The JV shall satisfy the requirement of "Bid Capacity" requirement mentioned at para 10.3 above. The arithmetic sum of individual "Bid capacity" of all the members shall be taken as JV's "Bid capacity" to satisfy this requirement.