

Instructions to Tenderers

1. Instructions to Tenderers and Conditions of Tender: The following documents form part of Tender / Contract:

- (a) Tender Forms (shown in all tabs of online bid submission form on IREPS website)
- (b) Special Conditions/Specifications included in the documents uploaded on IREPS website against this tender.
- (c) Schedule of approximate quantities (as shown in the relevant tab in the bid submission form on IREPS website)
- (d) Standard General Conditions of Contract and Standard Specifications (Works and Materials) of Indian Railways as amended/corrected up to latest correction slips, copies of which can be seen in the office of DRM/Engg/LJN or obtained from the office of the Chief Engineer, N. E. Railway, Gorakhpur on payment of prescribed charges.
- (e) Schedule of Rates as amended / corrected up to latest correction slips, copies of which can be seen in the office of DRM/Engg/LJN or obtained from the office of the Chief Engineer, N. E. Railway, Gorakhpur on payment of prescribed charges.
- (f) All general and detailed drawings pertaining to this work which will be issued by the Engineer or his representatives (from time to time) with all changes and modifications.

1.(a)Applicability: These instructions and conditions of contract shall be applicable for all the tenders and contracts of railways for execution of 'Works' as defined in GFR 2017.

1(b)Order of Precedence of Documents: In a contract agreement, in case of any difference, contradiction, discrepancy, with regard to conditions of tender/contract, specifications, drawings, Bill(s) of Quantities etc., forming part of the tender/contract, the following shall be the order of precedence:

- (i) Letter of Award/Acceptance(LOA)
- (ii) Bill(s) of Quantities
- (iii) Special Conditions of Contract
- (iv) Technical Specifications as given in tender documents
- (v) Drawings
- (vi) Indian Railways Standard General Conditions of Contract updated with correction slips issued up to date of inviting tender or as otherwise specified in the tender documents.
- (vii) Indian Railways Unified Standard Specification (IRUSS-2019) updated with correction slips issued up to date of inviting tender or as otherwise specified in the tender documents, if applicable in the contract.
- (viii) Specifications of CPWD DSR-2021 updated with correction slips issued up to date of inviting tender or as otherwise specified in the tender documents, if applicable in the contract.
- (ix) Indian Railways Unified Standard Specifications (Works and Material) 2021 updated with correction slips issued up to date of inviting tender or as otherwise specified in the tender documents, if applicable in the contract.
- (x) IR Specifications/Guidelines updated with correction slips issued up to date of inviting tender or as otherwise specified in the tender documents.
- (xi) Relevant B.I.S. Codes updated with correction slips issued up to date of inviting tender or as otherwise specified in the tender documents.

2. Drawings for the Work: The Drawing for the work can be seen in the office of the DRM/Engg/LJN and / or Chief Engineer, N. E. Railway, Gorakhpur at any time during the office hours. The drawings are only for the guidance of Tenderer(s). Detailed working drawings (if required) based generally on the drawing mentioned above, will be given by the Engineer or his representative from time to time.

3. The Tenderer(s) shall quote his / their rates as a percentage above or below the Schedule of Rates of North Eastern Railway as applicable to Lucknow Division except where he/they are required to quote item rates and must tender for all the items shown in the Schedule of approximate quantities attached. The quantities shown in the attached Schedule are given as a guide and are approximate only and are subject to variation according to the needs of the Railway. The Railway does not guarantee work under each item of the

Schedule. The tenderer(s) shall quote rates / rebates only at specified place in Tender Form supplied by Railway. Any revision of rates / rebates submitted (quoted) through a separate letter whether enclosed with the bid (Tender Form) or submitted separately or mentioned elsewhere in the document other than specified place shall be summarily ignored and will not be considered.

4. Tenders containing erasures and / or alterations of tender documents are liable to be rejected. Any correction made by tender(s) in his/their entries must be attested by him / them.

5. The works are required to be completed within a period as stipulated in the tender document from the date of issue of acceptance letter.

(6) Bid Security :

- (1) (a) The tenderer shall be required to submit the Bid Security with the tender for the due performance with the stipulation to keep the offer open till such date as specified in the tender, under the conditions of tender. The Bid Security shall be as under:

Value of the Work	Bid Security
For works estimated to cost up to ₹ 1 crore	2% of the estimated cost of the work
For works estimated to cost more than ₹ 1 crore	₹ 2 lakh plus ½% (half percent) of the excess of the estimated cost of work beyond ₹ 1 crore subject to a maximum of ₹ 1 crore

Note :-

- (i) The Bid Security shall be rounded off to the nearest ₹100. This Bid Security shall be applicable for all modes of tendering.
- (ii) Any firm recognized by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) as 'Startups' shall be exempted from payment of Bid Security detailed above
- (iii) Labour Cooperative Societies shall submit only 50% of above Bid Security detailed above.
- (b) It shall be understood that the tender documents have been issued to the tenderer and the tenderer is permitted to tender in consideration of stipulation on his part, that after submitting his tender he will not resile from his offer or modify the terms and conditions thereof in a manner not acceptable to the Engineer. Should the tenderer fail to observe or comply with the said stipulation, the aforesaid amount shall be liable to be forfeited to the Railway.
- (c) If his tender is accepted, this Bid Security mentioned in sub para (a) above will be retained as part security for the due and faithful fulfilment of the contract in terms of Clause 16 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract. The Bid Security of other Tenderers shall, save as herein before provided, be returned to them, but the Railway shall not be responsible for any loss or depreciation that may happen thereto while in their possession, nor be liable to pay interest thereon.
- (2) The Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. The Bank Guarantee bond shall be as per Annexure- C and shall be valid for a period of 90days beyond the bid validity period.
- (3) In case, submission of Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee, following shall be ensured:
 - (i) A scanned copy of the Bank Guarantee shall be uploaded on e-Procurement Portal (IREPS) while applying to the tender
 - (ii) The original Bank Guarantee should be delivered in person to the C.O.S. Tender Section, Office of the DRM/Engg. N.E. Railway, Ashok Marg, Lucknow before closing date for submission of bids (i.e., excluding the last date of submission of bids)
 - (iii) Non submission of scanned copy of Bank Guarantee with the bid on e-tendering portal (IREPS) and/or non submission of original Bank Guarantee within the specified period shall lead to summary rejection of bid.
 - (iv) The Tender Security shall remain valid for a period of 90 days beyond the validity period for the Tender.

- (vi) The Bank Guarantee shall be placed in an envelope, which shall be sealed. The envelope shall clearly bear the identification “Bid for the ***** Project” and shall clearly indicate the name and address of the Bidder. In addition, the Bid Due Date should be indicated on the right hand top corner of the envelope.
- (vii) The envelope shall be addressed to the officer and address as mentioned in the tender document.
- (viii) If the envelope is not sealed and marked as instructed above, the Railway assumes no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the contents of the Bid submitted and consequent losses, if any, suffered by the Bidder.
- (ix) The original Bank Guarantee should be delivered in person to the C.O.S., Tender section, office of DRM/Engineering N.E. Railway Ashok Marg Lucknow before closing date for submission of bids (i.e., excluding the last date of submission of bids).

7 Care in Submission of Tenders:

- (a) (i) Before submitting a tender, the tenderer will be deemed to have satisfied himself by actual inspection of the site and locality of the works, that all conditions liable to be encountered during the execution of the works are taken into account and that the rates he enters in the tender forms are adequate and all inclusive to accord with the provisions in Clause-37 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract for the completion of works to the entire satisfaction of the Engineer.
- (ii) Tenderers will examine the various provisions of The Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017(CGST)/ Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017(IGST)/ Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017(UTGST)/ respective state's State Goods and Services Tax Act (SGST) also, as notified by Central/State Govt.& as amended from time to time and applicable taxes before bidding. Tenderers will ensure that full benefit of Input Tax Credit (ITC) likely to be availed by them is duly considered while quoting rates
- (iii) The successful tenderer who is liable to be registered under CGST/IGST/UTGST/SGST Act shall submit GSTIN along with other details required under CGST/IGST/UTGST/SGST Act to railway immediately after the award of contract, without which no payment shall be released to the Contractor. The Contractor shall be responsible for deposition of applicable GST to the concerned authority.
- (iv) In case the successful tenderer is not liable to be registered under CGST/IGST/UTGST/ SGST Act, the railway shall deduct the applicable GST from his/their bills under reverse charge mechanism (RCM) and deposit the same to the concerned authority.
- (b) When work is tendered for by a firm or company, the tender shall be signed by the individual legally authorized to enter into commitments on their behalf.
- (c) The Railway will not be bound by any power of attorney granted by the tenderer or by changes in the composition of the firm made subsequent to the execution of the contract. It may, however, recognize such power of attorney and changes after obtaining proper legal advice, the cost of which will be chargeable to the Contractor.

The tenderers shall submit a copy of certificate stating that all their statements/documents submitted along with bid are true and factual. Standard format of certificate to be submitted by the bidder is enclosed as **Annexure-A**. In case of other than company/Proprietary firm - **Annexure-B** shall also be submitted by the each member of partnership Firm/Joint venture(JV)/ Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) / Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) etc.) **Non submission of above certificate by the bidder shall result in summarily rejection of his/their bid.** It shall be mandatorily incumbent upon the tenderer to identify, state and submit the supporting documents duly self attested/digitally signed by which they/he is qualifying the Qualifying Criteria mentioned in the Tender Document.

8. Right of Railway to Deal with Tenders: The Railway reserves the right of not to invite tenders for any of Railway work or works or to invite open or limited tenders and when tenders are called to accept a tender in whole or in part or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning reasons for any such action.

9. Two Packets System of Tendering: With a view to assess the tenders technically without being influenced by the financial bids, 'Two Packets System of tendering' shall be adopted wherein tender documents provide for the same.

10. Provisions of Make in India Policy 2017 issued by Govt. of India, as amended from time to time, shall be followed for consideration of tenders.

11 Eligibility Criteria :

11.1 Technical Eligibility Criteria:

- (a) The tenderer must have successfully completed or substantially completed any one of the following categories of work(s) during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited:
 - (i) Three similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of the tender, or
 - (ii) Two similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or
 - (iii) One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of advertised value of the tender.
- b(1) In case of tenders for composite works (e.g. works involving more than one distinct component, such as Civil Engineering works, S&T works, Electrical works, OHE works etc. and in the case of major bridges – substructure, superstructure etc.), tenderer must have successfully completed or substantially completed any one of the following categories of work(s) during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited:
 - (i) Three similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of each component of tender, or
 - (ii) Two similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of each component of tender, or
 - (iii) One similar work each costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of advertised value of each component of tender.

Note for b(1): Separate completed works of minimum required values shall also be considered for fulfilment of technical eligibility criteria for different components

- b(3) To evaluate the technical eligibility of tenderer, only components of work as stipulated in tender documents for evaluation of technical eligibility, shall be considered. The scope of work covered in other remaining components shall be either executed by tenderer himself if he has work experience as mentioned in clause 7 of the Standard General Conditions of Contractor through subcontractor fulfilling the requirements as per clause 7 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract or jointly i.e., partly himself and remaining through subcontractor, with prior approval of Chief Engineer in writing

However, if required in tender documents by way of Special Conditions, a formal agreement duly notarised, legally enforceable in the court of law, shall be executed by the main contractor with the subcontractor for the component(s) of work proposed to be executed by the subcontractor(s), and shall be submitted along with the offer for considering subletting of that scope of work towards fulfilment of technical eligibility. Such subcontractor must fulfill technical eligibility criteria as follows:

The subcontractor shall have successfully completed at least one work similar to work proposed for subcontract, costing not less than 35% value of work to be subletted, in last 5 years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited through a works contract

Note: for subletting of work costing up to Rs 50 lakh, no previous work experience of subcontractor shall be asked for by the Railway.

In case after award of contract or during execution of work it becomes necessary for contractor to change subcontractor, the same shall be done with subcontractor(s) fulfilling the requirements as per clause 7 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract, with prior approval of Chief Engineer in writing.

Note Item for 11.1 :

Work experience certificate from private individual shall not be considered. However, in addition to work experience certificates issued by any Govt. Organisation, work experience certificate issued by Public listed company having average annual turnover of Rs 500 crore and above in last 3 financial years excluding the current financial year, listed on National Stock Exchange or Bombay Stock Exchange, incorporated/registered at least 5 years prior to the date of closing of tender, shall also be considered provided the work experience certificate has been issued by a person authorized by the Public listed company to issue such certificates.

In case tenderer submits work experience certificate issued by public listed company, the tenderer shall also submit along with work experience certificate, the relevant copy of work order, bill of quantities, bill wise details of payment received duly certified by Chartered Accountant, TDS certificates for all payments received and copy of final/last bill paid by company in support of above work experience certificate.

- 11.2 Financial Eligibility Criteria: The tenderer must have minimum average annual contractual turnover of V/N or V whichever is less ; where

V= Advertised value of the tender in crores of Rupees

N= Number of years prescribed for completion of work for which bids have been invited

The average annual contractual turnover shall be calculated as an average of "total contractual payments" in the previous three financial years, as per the audited balance sheet. However, in case balance sheet of the previous year is yet to be prepared/ audited, the audited balance sheet of the fourth previous year shall be considered for calculating average annual contractual turnover.

The tenderers shall submit requisite information as per Annexure-D, along with copies of Audited Balance Sheets duly certified by the Chartered Accountant/ Certificate from Chartered Accountant duly supported by Audited Balance Sheet.

11.3 No Technical and Financial credentials are required for tenders having value up to Rs 50 lakh.

- 11.4 Credentials if submitted in foreign currency shall be converted into Indian currency i.e., Indian Rupee as under:

The conversion rate of US Dollars into Rupees shall be the daily representative exchange rates published by the Reserve Bank of India for the relevant date. Where, relevant date shall be as on the last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited. In case of any other currency, the same shall first be converted to US Dollars as on the last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited, and the amount so derived in US Dollars shall be converted into Rupees at the aforesaid rate. The conversion rate of such currencies shall be the daily representative exchange rates published by the International Monetary Fund for the relevant date.

Explanation for Para 11 of the Tender Form (Second Sheet) including Para 11.1 to 11.4 - Eligibility Criteria:

- 1 *Substantially Completed Work means an ongoing work in which payment equal to or more than 90% of the present contract value (excluding the payment made for adjustment of Price variation (PVC), if any) has been made to the contractor in that ongoing contract and no proceedings of termination of contract on Contractor's default has been initiated. The credential certificate in this regard should have been issued not prior to 60 days of date of invitation of present tender.*

- 2 *In case a work is started prior to 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited, but completed in last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited, the completed work shall be considered for fulfillment of credentials.*

- 3 *If a work is physically completed and completion certificate to this extent is issued by the concerned organization but final bill is pending, such work shall be considered for fulfillment of credentials*

- 4 *In case of completed work, the value of final bill (gross amount) including the PVC amount (if paid) shall be considered as the completion cost of work. In case final bill is pending, only the total gross amount already paid including the PVC amount (if paid) shall be considered as the completion cost of work.*

In case of substantially completed work, the total gross amount already paid including the PVC amount (if paid), as mentioned in the certificate, shall be considered as the cost of substantially completed work.

- 5 *If a bidder has successfully completed a work as subcontractor and the work experience certificate has been issued for such work to the subcontractor by a Govt. Organization or public listed company as defined in Note for Item 10.1 Para 10 of the Tender Form (Second Sheet), the same shall be considered for the purpose of fulfilment of credentials.*

- 6 *In case a work is considered similar in nature for fulfilment of technical credentials, the overall cost including the PVC amount (if paid) of that completed work or substantially completed work, shall be considered and no separate evaluation for each component of that work shall be made to decide eligibility*

- 7 *In case of newly formed partnership firm, the credentials of individual partners from previous propriety firm(s) or dissolved previous partnership firm(s) or split previous partnership firm(s), shall be considered only to the extent of their share in previous entity on the date of dissolution / split and their share in newly formed partnership firm. For example, a partner A had 30% share in previous entity and his share in present partnership firm is 20%. In the present tender under consideration, the credentials of partner A will be considered to the extent of $0.3 \times 0.2 \times \text{value of the work done in the previous entity}$. For this purpose, the tenderer shall submit along with his bid all the relevant documents which include copy of previous partnership deed(s), dissolution deed(s) and proof of surrender of PAN No.(s) in case of dissolution of partnership firm(s) etc.*
- 8 *In case of existing partnership firm, if any one or more partners quit the partnership firm, the credentials of remaining partnership firm shall be re-worked out i.e., the quitting partner(s) shall take away his credentials to the extent of his share on the date of quitting the partnership firm(e.g. in a partnership firm of partners A, B & C having share 30%, 30% & 40% respectively and credentials of Rs 10 crore; in case partner C quits the firm, the credentials of this partnership firm shall remain as Rs 6 crore). For this purpose, the tenderer shall submit along with his bid all the relevant documents which include copy of previous partnership deed(s), dissolution deed(s) and proof of surrender of PAN No.(s) in case of dissolution of partnership firm(s) etc.*
- 9 *In case of existing partnership firm if any new partner(s) joins the firm without any modification in the name and PAN/TAN no. of the firm, the credentials of partnership firm shall get enhanced to the extent of credentials of newly added partner(s) on the same principles as mentioned in item 6 above. For this purpose, the tenderer shall submit along with his bid all the relevant documents which include copy of previous partnership deeds, dissolution/splitting deeds and proof of surrender of PAN No.(s) in case of dissolution of partnership firm etc.*
- 10 *Any partner in a partnership firm cannot use or claim his credentials in any other firm without leaving the partnership firm i.e., In a partnership firm of A&B partners, A or B partner cannot use credentials of partnership firm of A&B partners in any other partnership firm or propriety firm without leaving partnership firm of A&B partners.*
- 11 *In case a partner in a partnership firm is replaced due to succession as per succession law, the proportion of credentials of the previous partner will be passed on to the successor*
- 12 *If the percentage share among partners of a partnership firm is changed, but the partners remain the same, the credentials of the firm before such modification in the share will continue to be considered for the firm as it is without any change in their value. Further, in case a partner of partnership firm retires without taking away any credentials from the firm, the credentials of partnership firm shall remain the same as it is without any change in their value.*
- 13 *In a partnership firm "AB" of A&B partners, in case A also works as propriety firm "P" or partner in some other partnership firm "AX", credentials of A in propriety firm "P" or in other partnership firm "AX" earned after the date of becoming a partner of the firm AB shall not be added in partnership firm AB.*
- 14 *In case a tenderer is LLP, the credentials of tenderer shall be worked out on above lines similar to a partnership firm.*
- 15 *In case company A is merged with company B, then company B would get the credentials of company A also.]*

12. Tenderer Credentials:

Documents testifying tenderer previous experience and financial status should be produced along with the tender.

Tenderer(s) who is / are not borne on the approved list of the Contractors of North Eastern Railway shall submit along with his / their tender:

- (i) Certificates and testimonials regarding contracting experience for the type of job for which tender is invited with list of works carried out in the past.
- (ii) Certificates which may be an attested Certificate from the client, Audited Balance Sheet duly certified by the Chartered Accountant etc regarding contractual payments received in the past.
- (iii) The list of personnel / organization on hand and proposed to be engaged for the tendered work. Similarly list of Plant & Machinery available on hand and proposed to be inducted and hired for the tendered work.
- (iv) The tenderers shall submitted a copy of certificate stating that all their statements/documents submitted along with bid are true and factual. Standard format of certificate to be submitted by the bidder is enclosed as **Annexure-A & B**. Non submission of above certificate by the bidder shall result in summarily rejection of his/their bid. It shall be mandatorily incumbent upon the tenderer to identify, state and submit the supporting documents duly self attested by which they/he are/is qualifying the Qualifying Criteria mentioned in the Tender Document.
- (v) The Railway reserves the right to verify all statements, information and documents submitted by the bidder in his tender offer, and the bidder shall, when so required by the Railway, make available all

such information, evidence and documents as may be necessary for such verification. Any such verification or lack of such verification, by the Railway shall not relieve the bidder of its obligations or liabilities hereunder nor will it affect any rights of the Railway there under.

- (vi) (a) In case of any information submitted by tenderer is found to be false forged or incorrect at any time during process for evaluation of tenders, it shall lead to forfeiture of the tender Earnest Money Deposit besides banning of business for a period of up to five years.
(b) In case of any information submitted by tenderer is found to be false forged or incorrect after the award of contract, the contract shall be terminated. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Performance Guarantee and Security Deposit available with the railway shall be forfeited. In addition, other dues of the contractor, if any, under this contract shall be forfeited and agency shall be banned for doing business for a period of up to five years.
13. Non-compliance with any of the conditions set forth therein above is liable to result in the tender being rejected.

14. Execution of Contract Documents: The successful Tenderer(s) shall be required to execute an agreement with the President of India acting through the authority stipulated in the tender document, N. E. Railway for carrying out the work according to Standard General Conditions of Contract, Special Conditions / Specifications annexed to the tender and Standard Specifications (Works and Materials) of Railway as amended/corrected upto latest correction slips, mentioned in tender form (First Sheet).

15. Documents to be Submitted Along with Tender

(i) The tenderer shall clearly specify whether the tender is submitted on his own (Proprietary Firm) or on behalf of a Partnership Firm / Company / Joint Venture (JV) / Registered Society / Registered Trust/HUF etc. The tenderer(s) shall enclose the attested copies of the constitution of their concern, and copy of PAN Card along with their tender. Tender Documents in such cases are to be signed by such persons as may be legally competent to sign them on behalf of the firm, company, association, trust or society, as the case may be.

(ii) Following documents shall be submitted by the tenderer:

(a) Sole Proprietorship Firm:

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

(b) HUF :

(i) A copy of notarized affidavit on Stamp Paper declaring that he who is submitting the tender 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.

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

(c) Partnership Firm :

(i) All documents as mentioned in para 18 of the Tender Form (Second Sheet).

(d) Joint Venture :

(i) All documents as mentioned in para 17 of the Tender Form (Second Sheet).

(e) Company registered under Companies Act 2013:

(i) The copies of **MOA (Memorandum of Association) / AOA (Articles of Association)** of the company.

(ii) A copy of Certificate of Incorporation.

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

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

(f) LLP (Limited Liability Partnership):

(i) A copy of LLP Agreement

(ii) A copy of Certificate of Incorporation

(iii) A copy of Power of Attorney/Authorization issued by the LLP in favour of the individual to sign the tender on behalf of the LLP and create liability against the LLP.

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. Concealment / wrong information in regard to above shall make the contract liable for determination under Clause 62 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract

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

(g) Registered Society & Registered Trust:

(i) A copy of Certificate of Registration

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

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

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

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

(iii) If it is NOT mentioned in the submitted tender that tender is being submitted on behalf of a Sole Proprietorship firm / Partnership firm / Joint Venture / Registered Company etc., then the tender shall be treated as having been submitted by the individual who has signed the tender

(iv) After opening of the tender, any document pertaining to the constitution of Sole Proprietorship Firm / Partnership Firm / Registered Company/ Registered Trust / Registered Society / HUF/LLP etc. shall be neither asked nor considered, if submitted. Further, no suo moto cognizance of any document available in public domain (i.e., on internet etc.) or in Railway's record/office files etc. will be taken for consideration of the tender, if no such mention is available in tender offer submitted.

(v) A tender from JV / Partnership firm etc. shall be considered only where permissible as per the tender conditions.

(vi) The Railway will not be bound by any change in the composition of the firm made subsequent to the submission of tender. Railway may, however, recognize such power of attorney and changes after obtaining proper legal advice, the cost of which will be chargeable to the Contractor.

16 The tenderer whether sole proprietor / a company or a partnership firm / joint venture (JV) / registered society / registered trust / HUF / LLP etc if they want to act through agent or individual partner(s), should submit along with the tender, a copy of power of attorney duly stamped and authenticated by a Notary Public or by Magistrate in favour of the specific person whether he/they be partner(s) of the firm or any other person, specifically authorizing him/them to sign the tender, submit the tender and further to deal with the Tender/ Contract up to the stage of signing the agreement except in case where such specific person is authorized for above purposes through a provision made in the partnership deed / Memorandum of Understanding / Article of Association/Board resolution, failing which tender shall be summarily rejected.

A separate power of attorney duly stamped and authenticated by a Notary Public or by Magistrate in favour of the specific person whether he/they be partner(s) of the firm or any other person, shall be submitted after award of work, specifically authorizing him/them to deal with all other contractual activities subsequent to signing of agreement, if required.

Note: 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 Apostille certificate.

17. Employment/Partnership etc. of Retired Railway Employees:

(a) Should a tenderer

(i) be a retired Engineer of the gazetted rank or any other gazetted officer working before his retirement, whether in the executive or administrative capacity or whether holding a pensionable post or not, in the Engineering or any other department of any of the railways owned and administered by the President of India for the time being, OR

(ii) being partnership firm / joint venture (JV) / registered society / registered trust etc have as one of its partners/members a retired Engineer of the gazetted rank or any other gazetted officer working before his retirement, OR

(iii) being an incorporated company have any such retired Engineer of the gazetted rank or any other gazetted officer working before his retirement as one of its directors

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in case where such Engineer or officer had not retired from government service at least 1 year prior to the date of submission of the tender

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the tenderer will give full information as to the date of retirement of such Engineer or gazetted officer from the said service and as to whether permission for taking such contract, or if the Contractor be a partnership firm or an incorporated company, to become a partner or director as the case may be, has been obtained by the tenderer or the Engineer or officer, as the case may be from the President of India or any officer, duly authorized by him in this behalf, shall be clearly stated in writing at the time of submitting the tender.

- (b) In case, upon successful award of contract, should a tenderer depute for execution of the works under or to deal matters related with this contract, any retired Engineer of gazette rank or retired gazetted officer working before his retirement in the Engineering or any other department of any of the railways owned and administered by the President of India for the time being, and now in his employment, then the tenderer will ensure that retired Engineer or retired gazetted officer had retired from government service at least 1 year prior to the date of his employment with tenderer and in case he had retired from service within a year then he possesses the requisite permission from the President of India or any officer, duly authorized by him in this behalf, to get associated with the tenderer.
- (c) Should a tenderer or Contractor being an individual, have member(s) of his family or in the case of partnership firm/ company / joint venture (JV) / registered society / registered trust etc. one or more of his partner(s)/shareholder(s) or member(s) of the family of partner(s)/shareholder(s) having share of more than 1% in the tendering entity employed in gazetted capacity in the Engineering or any other department of the railway, then the tenderer at the time of submission of tender, will inform the authority inviting tenders the details of such persons.

Note: -If information as required as per 16.a), b), c) above has not been furnished, contract is liable to be dealt in accordance with provision of clause 62 of the Standard General Condition of contract.

JOINT VENTURE (JV) IN WORKS TENDERS

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

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

18.2 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%.

18.3 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.

18.4 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.

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.

18.5 A copy of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) duly executed by the JV members on a stamp paper, shall be submitted by the JV along with 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. (The MoU format for this purpose shall be finalized by the Railway in consultation with their Law Branch and shall be enclosed along with the tender).

18.6 Once the tender is submitted, the MoU shall not be modified / altered / terminated during the validity of the tender. In case the tenderer fails to observe/comply with this stipulation, the full Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be liable to be forfeited.

18.7 Approval for change of constitution of JV shall be at the sole discretion of the Railway. The constitution of the JV shall not be allowed to be modified after submission of the tender 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.

18.8 Similarly, after the contract is awarded, the constitution of JV shall not be 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.

18.9 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.

18.10 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 along with 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:

18.10.1 Joint And Several Liability - Members of 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.

18.10.2 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.

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

18.11 Joint Venture members in the JV MoU shall authorize Lead member on behalf of the Joint Venture to deal with the tender, 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.

18.12 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.

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

18.13.1 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

18.14.2 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 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.

18.14.3 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

In case one or more members of the JV is/are companies, 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

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.

18.14.4 All the Members of JV shall certify that they are not blacklisted or debarred by Railways or any other Ministry / Department / PSU (Public Sector Undertaking) of the Govt. of India/State Govt. from participation in tenders/contract on the date of opening of bids either in their individual capacity or as a member of the JV in which they were/are members.

18.14.5 All other documents in terms of explanatory notes in clause 11 above.

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

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

(a) For Works without composite components

The technical eligibility for the work as per para 11.1 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 11.1 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 11.1 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 11.1 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 11.1 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 Clause 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.*

18.15.2 Financial Eligibility Criteria

The JV shall satisfy the requirement of "Financial Eligibility" mentioned at para 11.2 above. The "financial capacity" of the lead partner of JV shall not be less than 51% of the financial eligibility criteria mentioned at para 11.2 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.

19. Participation of Partnership Firms in works tenders:

19.1 The Partnership Firms participating in the tender should be legally valid under the provisions of the Indian Partnership Act.

19.2 The partnership firm should have been in existence or should have been formed prior to submission of tender. Partnership firm should have either been registered with the Registrar or the partnership deed should have been notarized as per the Indian Partnership Act, prior to submission of tender

19.3 Separate identity / name should be given to the partnership firm. The partnership firm should have PAN / TAN number in its own name and PAN / TAN number in the name of any of the constituent partners shall not be considered. The valid constituents of the firm shall be called partners.

19.4 Once the tender has been submitted, the constitution of the firm shall not **normally** be allowed to be modified / altered / terminated during the validity of the tender as well as the currency of the contract except when modification becomes inevitable due to succession laws etc., in which case prior permission should be taken from Railway and in any case the minimum eligibility criteria should not get vitiated. The re-constitution of firm in such cases should be followed by a notary certified Supplementary Deed. The approval for change of constitution of the firm, in any case, shall be at the sole discretion of the Railways and the tenderer shall have no claims what-so-ever. Any change in the constitution of Partnership firm after opening of tender shall be with the consent of all partners and with the signatures of all partners as that in the Partnership Deed. Failure to observe this requirement shall render the offer invalid and full EMD shall be forfeited.

If any Partner/s withdraws from the firm after opening of the tender and before the award of the contract, the offer shall be rejected and Bid Security of the tenderer will be forfeited. If any new partner joins the firm after opening of tender but prior to award of contract, his / her credentials shall not qualify for consideration towards eligibility criteria either individually or in proportion to his share in the previous firm. In case the tenderer fails to inform Railway beforehand about any such changes / modification in the constitution which is inevitable due to succession laws etc. and the contract is awarded to such firm, then it will be considered a breach of the contract conditions liable for determination of the contract under Clause 62 of General Conditions of Contract.

19.5 A partner of the firm shall not be permitted to participate either in his individual capacity or as a partner of any other firm in the same tender.

19.6 The tender form shall be submitted only in the name of partnership firm. The Bid Security shall be submitted by partnership firm. The Bid Security submitted in the name of any individual partner or in the name of authorized partner (s) shall not be considered.

19.7 On issue of Letter of Acceptance (LOA) to the partnership firm, all the guarantees like Performance Guarantee, Guarantee for various Advances to the Contractor shall be submitted only in the name of the partnership firm and no splitting of guarantees among the partners shall be acceptable.

19.8 On issue of Letter of Acceptance (LOA), contract agreement with partnership firm shall be executed in the name of the firm only and not in the name of any individual partner.

19.9 In case the Letter of Acceptance (LOA) is issued to a partnership firm, the following undertakings shall be furnished by all the partners through a notarized affidavit, before signing of contract agreement.

(a) Joint and several liabilities:

The partners of the firm to which the Letter of Acceptance (LOA) is issued, shall be jointly and severally liable to the Railway for execution of the contract in accordance with General and Special Conditions of the Contract. The partners shall also be liable jointly and severally for the loss, damages caused to the Railway during the course of execution of the contract or due to non-execution of the contract or part thereof.

(b) Duration of the partnership deed and partnership firm agreement:

The partnership deed/partnership firm agreement shall normally not be modified/altered/ terminated during the currency of contract and the maintenance period after the work is completed as contemplated in the conditions of the contract. Any change carried out by partners in the constitution of the firm without permission of Railway, shall constitute a breach of the contract, liable for determination of the contract under Clause 62 of the General Conditions of Contract.

(c) Governing laws: The partnership firm agreement shall in all respect be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the Indian laws.

(d) No partner of the firm shall have the right to assign or transfer the interest right or liability in the contract without the written consent of the other partner/s and that of the Railway.

19.10 The tenderer shall clearly specify that the tender is submitted on behalf of a partnership firm. The following documents shall be submitted by the partnership firm, with the tender:

(a) A notarized copy of partnership deed.

(b) A notarized or registered copy of Power of Attorney (duly registered as per prevailing law) in favour of the individual to tender for the work, sign the agreement etc. and create liability against the firm.

(c) 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 / any State Govt. from participation in tenders / contracts as on the date of opening of bids, either in their individual capacity or in any firm in which they were / are partners. Concealment / wrong information in regard to above shall make the contract liable for determination under Clause 62 of the General Conditions of Contract.

(d) All other documents in terms of explanatory notes in clause 11 above.

19.11 Evaluation of eligibility of a partnership firm:

Technical and financial eligibility of the firm shall be adjudged based on satisfactory fulfilment of the eligibility criteria laid down in Clause 11 above by the partnership firm: