

(b) The Tenderer(s) shall keep the offer open for a minimum period of 60 days (in case of two packet system of tendering 90days) from the date of closing of the Tender. It is understood that the tender documents have been issued to the Tenderer(s) and the Tenderer(s), is / are permitted to tender in consideration of the stipulation on his / their part that after submitting his / their tender subject to the period being extended further, if required by mutual agreement from time to time, he will not resile from his offer or modify the terms and conditions thereof in a manner not acceptable to _____ Railway. Should the tenderer fail to observe or comply with the foregoing stipulation, the amount deposited or Bank guarantee bond submitted as Bid Security for the due performance of the above stipulation, shall be forfeited to the Railway.

(c) If his tender is accepted,

- (i) the Bid Security mentioned in sub para(a) above deposited in cash through e-payment gateway will be retained as part security for the due and faithful fulfillment of the contract in terms of Clause 16 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract;
- (ii) the Bid Security mentioned in sub para(a) above submitted as Bank guarantee bond, will be encashed as part security for the due and faithful fulfillment 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 to the Bid Security that may happen thereto while in their possession, nor be liable to pay interest thereon.

(d) In case Contractor submits the Term Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee Bond towards either the Full Security Depositor the Part Security Deposit equal to or more than Bid Security, the Railway shall return the Bid Security so retained as per sub para(c) above, to the Contractor.

7. Rights of the Railway to deal with Tender: The authority for the acceptance of the tender will rest with the Railway. It shall not be obligatory on the said authority to accept the lowest tender or any other tender, and tenderer(s) shall neither demand any explanation for the cause of rejection of his/ their tender nor the Railway to assign reasons for declining to consider or reject any particular tender or tenders.

8. If the tenderer(s) deliberately gives / give wrong information in his / their tender or creates / create circumstances for the acceptance of his / their tender, the Railway reserves the right to reject such tender at any stage.

9. If any partner(s) of a partnership firm expires after the submission of its tender or after the acceptance of its tender, the Railway shall deem such tender as cancelled/contract as terminated under clause 61 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract, unless the firm retains its character as per partnership agreement. If a sole proprietor expires after the submission of tender or after the acceptance of tender, the Railway shall deem such tender as cancelled / contract as terminated under clause 61 of the Standard General Conditions of Contract.

10. Eligibility Criteria:

10.1 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 fulfillment of technical eligibility criteria for different components.

(b)(2) In such cases, what constitutes a component in a composite work shall be clearly pre-defined with estimated tender cost of it, as part of the tender documents without any ambiguity.

(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 fulfillment 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 for Item 10.1:

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.

10.2. Financial Eligibility Criteria: The tenderer must have minimum average annual contractual turnover of 1.5 V/N crores; 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-VIB, along with copies of Audited Balance Sheets duly certified by the Chartered Accountant/ Certificate from Chartered Accountant duly supported by Audited Balance Sheet.

10.3 Bid Capacity: The tender/technical bid will be evaluated based on bid capacity formula detailed as Annexure-VI.

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

10.5 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 or entity authorized by RBI to do so for the relevant date or immediately previous date for which rates have been published. 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