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minutes. In case, there is no bid in the last {...} minutes of closing of Reverse Auction, the auction shall get closed automatically without any extension. However, bidders are advised not to wait till the last minute or last few seconds to enter their bid during the auto-extension period to avoid complications related with internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, power failure, etc.

The above process will continue till completion of Reverse Auction.

Complaints/ Grievances, if any, regarding denial of service or any related issue should be given in writing thru e-mail/ fax to M/s. {Service provider} with a copy to BHEL within 15 minutes prior to initial closing time of Reverse Auction.

4. **Bid price:** The Bidder has to quote the {...} Price inclusive of Packing & Forwarding charges, all the routine & type tests as per tender scope, taxes, duties, freight and insurance as specified in tender document, including loading (if indicated by BHEL due to deviations in technical/ commercial terms) for the Items specified. Details are as shown in Excel Sheet for calculation of total cost to BHEL (To be specified by Unit as per NIT conditions).
5. **Bidding currency and unit of measurement:** Bidding will be conducted in *Indian Rupees per Unit* of the material as per the specifications {...}  
  
In case of foreign currency bids, exchange rate (TT selling rate of State Bank of India) as on scheduled date of tender opening (Part-I bid) shall be considered for conversion in Indian Rupees. If the relevant day happens to be a Bank holiday, then the forex rate as on the previous bank (SBI) working day shall be taken.
6. **Validity of bids:** Price shall be valid for {... days} from the date of reverse auction. These shall not be subjected to any change whatsoever.
7. **Lowest bid of a bidder:** In case the bidder submits more than one bid, the lowest bid at the end of Reverse Auction will be considered as the bidder's final offer to execute the work.
8. Unique user IDs shall be used by bidders during bidding process. All bids

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made from the Login ID given to the bidders will be deemed to have been made by the bidders/ bidders' company.

9. **Post auction procedure:** BHEL will proceed with the Lowest Bid in the Reverse Auction for further processing.
11. Reverse auction shall be conducted by BHEL (through M/s {Service Provider}), on pre-specified date, while the bidders shall be quoting from their own offices/ place of their choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidders themselves.

During the RA process if a bidder is not able to bid and requests for extension of time by FAX/ email/ phone then time extension of additional 15 minutes will be given by the service provider provided such requests come before 5 minutes of auction closing time. However, only one such request per bidder can be entertained.

In order to ward-off contingent situation of connectivity failure bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/ alternatives whatever required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and still be able to participate in the reverse auction successfully. Failure of power or loss of connectivity at the premises of bidders during the Reverse auction cannot be the cause for not participating in the reverse auction. On account of this, the time for the auction cannot be extended and neither BHEL nor M/s. {Service provider} is responsible for such eventualities.

12. Proxy bids: Proxy bidding feature is a pro-bidder feature to safe guard the bidder's interest of any internet failure or to avoid last minute rush. The proxy feature allows bidders to place an automated bid in the system directly in an auction and bid without having to enter a new amount each time a competing bidder submits a new offer. The bid amount that a bidder enters is the minimum that the bidder is willing to offer. Here the software bids on behalf of the bidder. This obviates the need for the bidder participating in the bidding process until the proxy bid amount is decrementally reached by other bidders. When proxy bid amount is reached, the bidder (who has submitted the proxy bid) has an option to start participating in the bidding process.

The proxy amount is the minimum amount that the bidder is willing to offer.

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During the course of bidding, the bidder cannot delete or change the amount of a proxy bid.

Bids are submitted in decrements (decreasing bid amounts). The application automates proxy bidding by processing proxy bids automatically, according to the decrement that the auction originator originally established when creating the auction, submitting offers to the next bid decrement each time a competing bidder bids, regardless of the fact whether the competing bids are submitted as proxy or standard bids. However, it may please be noted that if a manual bid and proxy bid are submitted at the same instant manual bid will be recognized as the L1 at that instant.

In case of more than one proxy bid, the system shall bid till it crosses the threshold value of 'each lowest proxy bid' and thereafter allow the competition to decide the final L1 price.

Proxy bids are fed into the system directly by the respective bidders. As such this information is privy only to the respective bidder(s).

13. Bidders are advised to get fully trained and clear all their doubts such as refreshing of Screen, quantity being auctioned, tender value being auctioned etc from M/s {Service provider}.
14. M/s. {Service provider}, shall arrange to demonstrate/ train the bidder or bidder's nominated person(s), without any cost to bidders. M/s. {Service provider}, shall also explain the bidders, all the business rules related to the Reverse Auction. Bidders are required to submit their acceptance to the terms/ conditions/ modalities before participating in the Reverse Auction in the process compliance form as enclosed. Without this, the bidder will not be eligible to participate in the event.
15. Successful bidder shall be required to submit the final prices (L1) in prescribed format (Annexure – VI) for price breakup, quoted during the Reverse Auction, duly signed and stamped as token of acceptance without any new condition (other than those already agreed to before start of auction), after the completion of auction to M/s. {Service provider} besides BHEL within two working days of Auction without fail.
16. Any variation between the final bid value and that in the confirmatory

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signed price breakup document will be considered as tampering the tender process and will invite action by BHEL as per extant guidelines for suspension of business dealings (as available on www.bhel.com).

17. Bidders' bid will be taken as an offer to execute the work/ supplies the item as per enquiry no. {...} dt. {...}. Bids once made by the bidder, cannot be cancelled/ withdrawn and bidder shall be bound to execute the work as mentioned above at bidder's final bid price. Should bidder back out and not execute the contract as per the rates quoted, BHEL shall take action as per extant guidelines for suspension of business dealings (as available on www.bhel.com).
18. Bidders shall be able to view the following on their screen along with the necessary fields during Reverse Auction:
  - a. Leading (Running Lowest) Bid in the Auction (only total price of package)
  - b. Bid Placed by the bidder
  - c. Start Price
  - d. Decrement value
  - e. Rank of their own bid during bidding as well as at the close of auction.
19. BHEL's decision on award of contract shall be final and binding on all the Bidders.
20. BHEL reserves the right to extend, reschedule or cancel the Reverse Auction process at any time, before ordering, without assigning any reason, with intimation to bidders.
21. BHEL shall not have any liability to bidders for any interruption or delay in access to the site irrespective of the cause. In such cases, the decision of BHEL shall be binding on the bidders.
22. Other terms and conditions shall be as per bidder's techno-commercial offers and other correspondences, if any, till date.
23. If there is any clash between this business document and the FAQ available, if any, in the website of M/s. {Service provider}, the terms & conditions given in this business document will supersede the information contained in the FAQs. Any changes made by BHEL/ service provider (due to unforeseen

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contingencies) after the first posting shall be deemed to have been accepted if the bidder continues to access the portal after that time.

24. Bidder shall not divulge either his Bids or any other exclusive details of BHEL to any other party. If the Bidder or any of his representatives are found to be involved in Price manipulation/ cartel formation of any kind, directly or indirectly by communicating with other bidders, action as per extant BHEL guidelines for suspension of business dealings (as available on [www.bhel.com](http://www.bhel.com)), shall be initiated by BHEL.

ABRIDGED VERSION



## INTEGRITY PACT

### **Between**

Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL), a company registered under the Companies Act 1956 and having its registered office at "BHEL House", Siri Fort, New Delhi - 110049 (India) hereinafter referred to as "The Principal", which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning hereof shall include its successors or assigns of the ONE PART

### **and**

\_\_\_\_\_, (description of the party along with address), hereinafter referred to as "The Bidder/ Contractor" which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning hereof shall include its successors or assigns of the OTHER PART

### Preamble

The Principal intends to award, under laid-down organizational procedures, contract/s for

\_\_\_\_\_. The Principal values full compliance with all relevant laws of the land, rules and regulations, and the principles of economic use of resources, and of fairness and transparency in its relations with its Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s).

In order to achieve these goals, the Principal will appoint Independent External Monitor(s), who will monitor the tender process and the execution of the contract for compliance with the principles mentioned above.

### **Section 1- Commitments of the Principal**

1.1 The Principal commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption and to observe the following principles:-

1.1.1 No employee of the Principal, personally or through family members, will in connection with the tender for, or the execution of a contract, demand, take a promise for or accept, for self or third person, any material or immaterial benefit which the person is not legally entitled to.

1.1.2 The Principal will, during the tender process treat all Bidder(s) with equity and reason. The Principal will in particular, before and during the tender process, provide to all Bidder(s) the same information and will not provide to any Bidder(s) confidential/ additional information through which the Bidder(s) could obtain an advantage in relation to the tender process or the contract execution.

1.1.3 The Principal will exclude from the process all known prejudiced persons.

1.2 If the Principal obtains information on the conduct of any of its employees which is a penal offence under the Indian Penal Code 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 or any other statutory penal enactment, or if there be a substantive suspicion in this regard, the Principal will inform its Vigilance Office and in addition can initiate disciplinary actions:



## **Section 2 - Commitments of the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s)**

- 2.1 The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) commit himself to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption. He commits himself to observe the following principles during his participation in the tender process and during the contract execution.
- 2.1.1 The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will not, directly or through any other person or firm, offer, promise or give to the Principal or to any of the Principal's employees involved in the tender process or the execution of the contract or to any third person any material, immaterial or any other benefit which he/ she is not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange any advantage of any kind whatsoever during the tender process or during the execution of the contract.
- 2.1.2 The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will not enter with other Bidder(s) into any illegal or undisclosed agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal. This applies in particular to prices, specifications, certifications, subsidiary contracts, submission or non-submission of bids or any other actions to restrict competitiveness or to introduce cartelization in the bidding process.
- 2.1.3 The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will not commit any penal offence under the relevant Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Prevention of Corruption Act; further the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others, any information or document provided by the Principal as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained or transmitted electronically.
- 2.1.4 Foreign Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) shall disclose the name and address of agents and representatives in India and Indian Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) to disclose their foreign principals or associates. The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will, when presenting his bid, disclose any and all payments he has made, and is committed to or intends to make to agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the award of the contract.
- 2.2 The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will not instigate third persons to commit offences outlined above or be an accessory to such offences.
- 2.3 The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) shall not approach the Courts while representing the matters to IEMs and will await their decision in the matter.

## **Section 3 - Disqualification from tender process and exclusion from future contracts**

If the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s), before award or during execution has committed a transgression through a violation of Section 2 above, or acts in any other manner such as to put his reliability or credibility in question, the Principal is entitled to disqualify the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) from the tender process or take action as per the separate "Guidelines on Banning of Business dealings with Suppliers/ Contractors", framed by the Principal.

## **Section 4 - Compensation for Damages**

- 4.1 If the Principal has disqualified the Bidder from the tender process prior to the award according to Section 3, the Principal is entitled to demand and recover the damages equivalent Earnest Money Deposit/ Bid Security.
- 4.2 If the Principal has terminated the contract according to Section 3, or if the Principal is entitled to terminate the contract according to section 3, the Principal shall be entitled to



demand and recover from the Contractor liquidated damages equivalent to 5% of the contract value or the amount equivalent to Security Deposit/ Performance Bank Guarantee, whichever is higher.

### **Section 5 - Previous Transgression**

- 5.1 The Bidder declares that no previous transgressions occurred in the last 3 years with any other company in any country conforming to the anti-corruption approach or with any other Public Sector Enterprise in India that could justify his exclusion from the tender process.
- 5.2 If the Bidder makes incorrect statement on this subject, he can be disqualified from the tender process or the contract, if already awarded, can be terminated for such reason.

### **Section 6 - Equal treatment of all Bidders/ Contractors / Sub-contractors**

- 6.1 The Principal will enter into agreements with identical conditions as this one with all Bidders and Contractors. In case of sub-contracting, the Principal contractor shall be responsible for the adoption of IP by his sub-contractors and shall continue to remain responsible for any default by his sub-contractors.
- 6.2 The Principal will disqualify from the tender process all bidders who do not sign this pact or violate its provisions.

### **Section 7 - Criminal Charges against violating Bidders/ Contractors /Subcontractors**

If the Principal obtains knowledge of conduct of a Bidder, Contractor or Subcontractor, or of an employee or a representative or an associate of a Bidder, Contractor or Subcontractor which constitutes corruption, or if the Principal has substantive suspicion in this regard, the Principal will inform the Vigilance Office.

### **Section 8 - Independent External Monitor(s)**

- 8.1 The Principal appoints competent and credible Independent External Monitor for this Pact. The task of the Monitor is to review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this agreement.
- 8.2 The Monitor is not subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and performs his functions neutrally and independently. He reports to the CMD, BHEL.
- 8.3 The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) accepts that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction to all contract documentation of the Principal including that provided by the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s). The Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) will grant the monitor, upon his request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to his contract documentation. The same is applicable to Sub-contractor(s). The Monitor is under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) / Sub-contractor(s) with confidentiality in line with Non- disclosure agreement.
- 8.4 The Principal will provide to the Monitor sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the contract provided such meetings could have an impact on the contractual relations between the Principal and the Contractor. The parties offer to the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings.



- 8.5 The role of IEMs is advisory, would not be legally binding and it is restricted to resolving issues raised by an intending bidder regarding any aspect of the tender which allegedly restricts competition or bias towards some bidders. At the same time, it must be understood that IEMs are not consultants to the Management. Their role is independent in nature and the advice once tendered would not be subject to review at the request of the organization.
- 8.6 For ensuring the desired transparency and objectivity in dealing with the complaints arising out of any tendering process, the matter should be examined by the full panel of IEMs jointly as far as possible, who would look into the records, conduct an investigation, and submit their joint recommendations to the Management.
- 8.7 The IEMs would examine all complaints received by them and give their recommendations/ views to CMD, BHEL, at the earliest. They may also send their report directly to the CVO and the Commission, in case of suspicion of serious irregularities requiring legal/ administrative action. IEMs will tender their advice on the complaints within 10 days as far as possible.
- 8.8 The CMD, BHEL shall decide the compensation to be paid to the Monitor and its terms and conditions.
- 8.9 IEM should examine the process integrity, they are not expected to concern themselves with fixing of responsibility of officers. Complaints alleging mala fide on the part of any officer of the organization should be looked into by the CVO of the concerned organisation.
- 8.10 If the Monitor has reported to the CMD, BHEL, a substantiated suspicion of an offence under relevant Indian Penal Code/ Prevention of Corruption Act, and the CMD, BHEL has not, within reasonable time, taken visible action to proceed against such offence or reported it to the Vigilance Office, the Monitor may also transmit this information directly to the Central Vigilance Commissioner, Government of India.
- 8.11 The number of Independent External Monitor(s) shall be decided by the CMD, BHEL.
- 8.12 The word 'Monitor' would include both singular and plural.

### **Section 9 - Pact Duration**

- 9.1 This Pact shall be operative from the date IP is signed by both the parties till the final completion of contract for successful bidder and for all other bidders 6 months after the contract has been awarded. Issues like warranty / guarantee etc. should be outside the purview of IEMs.
- 9.2 If any claim is made/ lodged during currency of IP, the same shall be binding and continue to be valid despite the lapse of this pact as specified above, unless it is discharged/ determined by the CMD, BHEL.

### **Section 10 - Other Provisions**

- 10.1 This agreement is subject to Indian Laws and jurisdiction shall be registered office of the Principal, i.e. New Delhi.

- 10.2 Changes and supplements as well as termination notices need to be made in writing. Side agreements have not been made.
- 10.3 If the Contractor is a partnership or a consortium, this agreement must be signed by all partners or consortium members.
- 10.4 Should one or several provisions of this agreement turn out to be invalid, the remainder of this agreement remains valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to their original intentions.
- 10.5 Only those bidders / contractors who have entered into this agreement with the Principal would be competent to participate in the bidding. In other words, entering into this agreement would be a preliminary qualification.

  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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