



NTPC VIDYUT VYAPAR NIGAM LIMITED

(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of NTPC Limited, A Maharatna Organization,

under Ministry of Power, Government of India)

**5th Floor, Engineering Office Complex,
A-8A, Sector -24, Noida – 201301 (U.P.)**

Request for Selection (RfS) Document

For

Selection of Hybrid Power Developers for Setting up of 100 MW ISTS-Connected Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects in India under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding

as per

Scheme for flexibility in Generation and Scheduling of Thermal/ Hydro Power Stations through bundling with Renewable Energy and Storage Power notified by Ministry of Power, GoI.

RfS No. NVVN/ RE-272 /2024-25/

Dated: 20/06/2024

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DISCLAIMER

This Bid Document is not an agreement or an offer or invitation by NVVN to Bidders or any third party. The purpose of this Bid Document is to provide Bidders with information to assist in the formulation of their Bids.

This Bid Document does not purport to contain all the information each Bidder may require. This Bid Document may not be appropriate for all persons, and it is not possible for NVVN to consider the particular needs of each party who reads or uses this Bid Document. Each Bidder should conduct its own investigations and analysis and should verify the accuracy, reliability and completeness of the information in this Bid Document and obtain independent advice from appropriate sources.

NVVN does not make any representation or warranty as to the accuracy, reliability or completeness of the information in this Bid Document.

Neither NVVN nor its employees shall have any liability to any Bidder or any other person under the law of contract, or the principles of restitution or unjust enrichment or otherwise for any loss, expense or damage which may arise from or be incurred or suffered in connection with this Bid Document, or any matter deemed to form part of this Bid Document, the award of the Contract, or any other information supplied by or on behalf of NVVN or its employees or otherwise arising in any way from the selection process for the award of the Contract.

NVVN reserves the right in its sole and unfettered discretion, without any obligation or liability whatsoever to accept or reject any or all of the Bids at any stage of the bidding process without assigning any reasons.

NVVN reserves the right to change, modify, add or alter the Bid Document at any time during the bidding process.

BID INFORMATION SHEET

The brief details of the RfS are as under:

(A)	NAME OF WORK/ BRIEF SCOPE OF WORK/ JOB	Selection of Hybrid Power Developers for Setting up of 100 MW ISTS-Connected Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects in India under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding as per Scheme for flexibility in Generation and Scheduling of Thermal/ Hydro Power Stations through bundling with Renewable Energy and Storage Power notified by Ministry of Power, GoI.					
(B)	RfS NO. & DATE	NVVN/ RE-272 /2024-25/,					
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(E)	COMPLETION/ CONTRACT PERIOD	As mentioned in RfS Document					
(F)	BID PROCESSING FEE	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">APPLICABLE</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">NOT APPLICABLE</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	APPLICABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	NOT APPLICABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Rs. 5 Lakh +18% GST for this project, to be submitted either through NEFT/RTGS transfer in the account of NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited, or in the form of DD/Pay Order along with the response to RfS in favour of “NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited”, payable at New Delhi.</p>
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(G)	EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD)	APPLICABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>
		NOT APPLICABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
		Amount: INR 12,26,000/- (Indian Rupees Twelve Lakhs and Twenty Two Thousand) per MW per Project to be submitted in the form of Bank Guarantee/Payment on Order Instrument, along with the Response to RfS.	
(H)	PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE	APPLICABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
		NOT APPLICABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>
(I)	DATE, TIME & VENUE OF PRE-BID MEETING	<p>NTPC VIDYUT VYAPAR NIGAM LIMITED (A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of NTPC Limited, A Maharatna Organization, under Ministry of Power, Government of India) 5th Floor, Engineering Office Complex, A-8A, Sector -24, Noida – 201301 (U.P.) Scheduled as per NIT on www.eprocurementpc.nic.in.</p>	
(J)	OFFLINE & ONLINE BID-SUBMISSION DEADLINE	As per NIT on Tender portal	
(K)	TECHNO-COMMERCIAL BID OPENING	As per NIT on Tender portal	
(L)	e-Reverse Auction (e-RA)	<p>Will be informed to eligible bidders. Date and time of e-RA shall be intimated through email.</p>	
(M)	CONTACT DETAILS OF GePNIC Portal	<p>i. Please use ‘Online Bidder Enrollment’ link provided on portal https://eprocurementpc.nic.in (GePNIC) to register ii. Go through Help, FAQ etc. as provided on the above portal. iii. Class III digital signature (DSC) is required for submission of BID on above portal. iv. Important Note: It is strongly recommended that all authorized users of Supplier organizations should thoroughly peruse the information provided under the relevant links and take appropriate action. This will prevent hiccups and minimize teething problems during the use of GePNIC.</p> <p>GePNIC Helpdesk Telephone: 24X7 Customer Support +91-120-4001</p>	



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(N)	Name, Designation, Address and other details (For Submission of Response to RfS)	Sr. Manager (C&M) NTPC VIDYUT VYAPAR NIGAM LIMITED Engineering Office Complex, Plot No. A-8A Sector 24, Block A, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201301 Email: nvncontracts@ntpc.co.in Corporate Identification Number: U40108DL2002GOI117584, website: www.eprocurementpc.nic.n Phone No: 0120-4947239
(O)	Details of persons to be contacted in case of any assistance required	Sr. Manager (C&M) NTPC VIDYUT VYAPAR NIGAM LIMITED Engineering Office Complex, Plot No. A-8A Sector 24, Block A, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201301 Email: nvncontracts@ntpc.co.in Corporate Identification Number: U40108DL2002GOI117584, website: www.eprocurementpc.nic.n Phone No: 0120-4947239



SECTION - I

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS



Following terms used in the documents will carry the meaning and interpretations as described below:

1. **"ACT" or "ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003"** shall mean the Electricity Act, 2003 and include any modifications, amendments and substitution from time to time;
2. **"AFFILIATE"** shall mean a company that, directly or indirectly,
 - i. Controls, or
 - ii. Is controlled by, or
 - iii. Is under common control with, a company developing a Project or a member in a Consortium developing the Project and control means ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty percent) of the voting shares of such company or right to appoint majority Directors;
3. **"APPROPRIATE COMMISSION"** shall mean as defined in the PPA;
4. **"BID" or "PROPOSAL"** shall mean the documents submitted by the Bidder towards meeting the techno-commercial and financial qualifying requirements, along with the price bid submitted by the Bidder as part of its response to the RfS issued by NVVN.
5. **"BIDDER"** shall mean Bidding Company (including a foreign company) or a Bidding Consortium submitting the Bid. Any reference to the Bidder includes Bidding Company/ Bidding Consortium, Member of a Bidding Consortium including its successors, executors and permitted assigns and Lead Member of the Bidding Consortium jointly and severally, as the context may require; foreign companies participating in the bidding process shall be registered as companies as per the rules of their country of origin;
6. **"BIDDING CONSORTIUM" or "CONSORTIUM"** shall refer to a group of Companies that collectively submit the response in accordance with the provisions of this RfS under a Consortium Agreement;
7. **"CAPACITY UTILIZATION FACTOR (CUF)"** shall have the same meaning as provided in CERC (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2009 as amended from time to time;

The CUF shall be calculated based on the annual energy injected and metered at the Delivery Point. In any Contract Year, if 'X' MWh of energy has been metered out at the Delivery Point for 'Y' MW Project capacity, $CUF = (X \text{ MWh} / (Y \text{ MW} * 8766)) * 100\%$;

8. **"CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT"** shall mean a person practicing in India or a firm whereof all the partners practicing in India as a Chartered Accountant(s) within the meaning of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.

For bidders incorporated in countries other than India, "Chartered Accountant" shall mean a person or a firm practicing in the respective country and designated/ registered under the corresponding Statutes/ laws of the respective country;



9. **“COMPANY”** shall mean a body corporate incorporated in India under the Companies Act, 2013 or any law in India prior thereto relating to Companies, as applicable;
10. **“COMMERCIAL OPERATION DATE (COD)”** shall mean the date as defined in Clause no. 17, Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS Documents;
11. **“CONTRACTED CAPACITY”** shall mean the AC capacity in MW contracted with NVVN for supply by the HPD to NVVN at the Delivery Point from the Project, and shall be equal to the Project Capacity as defined;
12. **“CONTRACT YEAR”** shall mean the period beginning from the Effective Date and ending on the immediately succeeding 31st March and thereafter each period of 12 months beginning on 1st April and ending on 31st March provided that:
 - (a) in the financial year in which the Scheduled Commissioning Date would occur, the Contract Year shall end on the date immediately before the Scheduled Commissioning Date and a new Contract Year shall commence once again from the Scheduled Commissioning Date and end on the immediately succeeding 31st March, and thereafter each period of 12 (Twelve) Months commencing on 1st April and ending on 31st March, and
 - (b) provided further that the last Contract Year of this Agreement shall end on the last day of the Term of this Agreement;
13. **“CONTROL”** shall mean the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty percent) of the voting shares of such Company or right to appoint majority Directors;
14. **“CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDING”** shall mean more than 50% of the voting rights and paid up share capital in the Company/ Consortium;
15. **“CENTRAL TRANSMISSION UTILITY (CTU)”** shall mean the Central Transmission Utility as defined in sub-section (10) of section 2 of the Electricity Act 2003;
16. **“DAY”** shall mean calendar day;
17. **“EFFECTIVE DATE”** shall mean the date as on 60th day from the date of issuance of Letter of Intent (LOI), which shall be indicated in the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) executed by both the parties;
18. **“EQUITY”** shall mean Net Worth as defined in Companies Act, 2013
19. **“FINANCIAL CLOSURE” or “PROJECT FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS”** means arrangement of necessary funds by the Hybrid Power Developer either by way of commitment of funds by the Company from its internal resources and/or tie up of funds through a bank/ financial institution by way of sanction of a loan or letter agreeing to finance.



20. **“GUIDELINES”** shall mean the “Guidelines for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Process for Procurement of Power from Grid Connected RE Power Projects under the scheme for flexibility in Generation and Scheduling of Thermal/ Hydro Power Stations through bundling with Renewable Energy and Storage power” issued by the Ministry of Power vide Resolution dated 26.08.2022, as amended from time to time.
21. **“GROUP COMPANY”** of a Company means:
- (a) a Company which, directly or indirectly, holds 10% (Ten Percent) or more of the share capital of the Company or;
 - (b) a Company in which the Company, directly or indirectly, holds 10% (Ten Percent) or more of the share capital of such Company or;
 - (c) a Company in which the Company, directly or indirectly, has the power to direct or cause to be directed the management and policies of such Company whether through the ownership of securities or agreement or any other arrangement or otherwise or;
 - (d) a Company which, directly or indirectly, has the power to direct or cause to be directed the management and policies of the Company whether through the ownership of securities or agreement or any other arrangement or otherwise or;
 - (e) a Company which is under common control with the Company, and control means ownership by one Company of at least 10% (Ten Percent) of the share capital of the other Company or power to direct or cause to be directed the management and policies of such Company whether through the ownership of securities or agreement or any other arrangement or otherwise;

Provided that a financial institution, scheduled bank, foreign institutional investor, Non-Banking Financial Company, and any mutual fund, pension funds and sovereign funds shall not be deemed to be Group Company, and its shareholding and the power to direct or cause to be directed the management and policies of a Company shall not be considered for the purposes of this definition unless it is the Project Company or a Member of the Consortium developing the Project;

22. **“INTER-CONNECTION POINT/ DELIVERY/ METERING POINT”** shall mean the 220KV side of 400/220 kV CTU Grid Substation (GSS), where the power from the solar/wind/solar-wind hybrid power Projects are injected into the CTU substation (including the dedicated transmission line connecting the solar/wind/solar-wind hybrid power Projects with the substation system) as specified in the section VIII of this RfS document. Metering shall be done at this interconnection point where the power is injected into. For interconnection with grid and metering, the HPDs shall abide by the relevant CERC/ SERC



Regulations, Grid Code and Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006 as amended and revised from time to time.

23. **“JOINT CONTROL”** shall mean a situation where a company has multiple promoters (but none of the shareholders has more than 50% of voting rights and paid-up share capital);
24. **“LEAD MEMBER OF THE BIDDING CONSORTIUM” or “LEAD MEMBER”:** There shall be only one Lead Member, having the shareholding of not less 51% in the Bidding Consortium.

Note: *The shareholding of the Lead member in the Project Company (Special Purpose Vehicle) cannot be changed till 01 (One) year after the Commercial Operation Date (COD) of the Project.*

25. **“LETTER OF AWARD” or “LOA”** shall mean the letter issued by the Procurer to the selected Bidder for award of the Project;
26. **“LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP” or “LLP”** shall mean a Company governed by Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 or as amended;
27. **“LLC” shall mean Limited Liability Company;**
28. **“MEMBER IN A BIDDING CONSORTIUM” or “MEMBER”** shall mean each Company in a Bidding Consortium. In case of a Technology Partner being a member in the Consortium, it has to be a Company;
29. **“MONTH”** shall mean calendar month;
30. **“NET-WORTH”** shall mean the Net-Worth as defined section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013;
31. **“PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL”** shall mean the paid-up share capital as defined in Section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013;
32. **“PARENT”** shall mean a Company, which holds more than 50% voting rights and paid up share capital, either directly or indirectly in the Project Company or a Member in a Consortium developing the Project;
33. **“POOLING SUBSTATION/ POOLING POINT”** shall mean an intermediary Substation where more than one Solar PV Project may connect for further connectivity through a common transmission line to STU / CTU System for evacuation of power if solar is installed in Solar Park.
34. **“PPA”** shall mean the Power Purchase Agreement signed between the Selected bidder and Procurer according to the terms and conditions of the standard PPA enclosed with this RfS;



35. **“POWER PROJECT” or “PROJECT”** shall mean the Wind-Solar Hybrid Renewable power generation facility having separate points of injection of solar power and wind power into the grid at Inter- connection/ Delivery/ Metering Point, or in case of sharing of transmission lines by separate injection at Pooling Point and having a separate boundary, control systems and metering. The Project shall include all units/ modules and auxiliaries and associated facilities, bay(s) for transmission system in the switchyard, dedicated transmission line up to the Delivery Point and all the other assets, buildings/structures, equipment, plant and machinery, facilities and related assets required for the efficient and economic operation of the power generation facility, whether completed or at any stage of development and construction or intended to be developed and constructed for the purpose of supply of power to Procurer;
36. **“PROJECT CAPACITY”** shall mean the maximum AC capacity at the delivery point that can be scheduled on which the Power Purchase Agreement shall be signed;
37. **“PROJECT COMMISSIONING”**: The Project will be considered as commissioned if all equipment as per rated project capacity has been installed and energy has flown into grid, in line with the Commissioning procedures defined in the RfS/ PPA.
38. **“PROJECT DEVELOPER” or “DEVELOPER” or “HYBRID POWER DEVELOPER (HPD)”** shall mean the Bidding Company or a Bidding Consortium participating in the bid and having been selected and allocated a project capacity by NVVN (through a competitive bidding process), including the SPV formed by the selected bidder/ consortium for the purpose of setting up of project and signing of PPA with Procurer;
39. **“PROJECT LOCATION”** shall mean the area identified by the HPD, comprising village(s), Tehsil(s)/Taluk(s) and District(s) within a State, where the Project is being implemented, anywhere in India;
40. **“RfS” or “RfS DOCUMENT” or “BIDDING DOCUMENT(S)” or “TENDER DOCUMENTS”** shall mean the “Request for Selection” document issued by NVVN including standard Power Purchase Agreement along with subsequent clarifications and amendments thereof vide Rfs No. **NVVN/RE-272/2024-25**
41. **“SCHEDULED COMMISSIONING DATE” or “SCD”** shall be the date as indicated in Clause 16, Section-III of the RfS;
42. **“SELECTED BIDDER” or “SUCCESSFUL BIDDER”** shall mean the Bidder selected pursuant to this RfS to set up the Project and supply electrical output as per the terms of PPA;



43. **“STATE TRANSMISSION UTILITY” or “STU”** shall mean the Board or the Government Company notified by the respective State Government under Sub-Section I of Section 39 of the Electricity Act, 2003;
44. **“TOE”** shall mean Tender Opening Event.
45. **“ULTIMATE PARENT”** shall mean a Company, which owns more than 50% (Fifty Percent) voting rights and paid-up share capital, either directly or indirectly in the Parent and Affiliates;
46. **“WEEK”** shall mean calendar week;
47. **“PROCURER”** shall mean Electricity Generation Company, which intends to Purchase power from Hybrid Developer. For the current RfS, Procurer is Pragati Power Corporation Limited.
48. **“Authorised Representative of the Procurer”** shall mean NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited.



SECTION - II

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Selection of Hybrid Power Developers for Setting up of 100 MW ISTS-Connected Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects in India under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding



Invitation for Bids (IFB)
for
(Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Under e-Tendering)

1. NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC Ltd, A Maharatna Organisation, under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, was formed in the year 2002. NVVN holds the highest Category 'I' power trading license as per latest CERC regulation NVVN is also diversified in renewables, e-mobility, waste to energy and presently offers complete business solution across the Power Value Chain. NVVN has enlisted bidders for Engineering, Procurement and Construction of Solar Power Projects up to 50 MW.
2. Ministry of Power (MoP) has issued “Guidelines for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Process for Procurement of Power from Grid Connected RE Power Projects for utilisation under scheme for flexibility in Generation and Scheduling of Thermal/ Hydro Power Stations through bundling with Renewable Energy and Storage power” vide Gazette Resolution dated 26.08.2012. These Guidelines have been issued under the provisions of Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for long term procurement of electricity by the ‘Procurers’, from grid-connected RE Power Projects through competitive bidding. This RfS document has been prepared in line with the above Guidelines issued by MoP.
3. Government of India has set a target to achieve replacement of 58,000 MU of thermal generation in Central, State and Private sector with RE generation. A RE capacity of about 30 GW (@ 22% CUF) would be required for the purpose.
4. NVVN has been nominated as one of the *Bid Process Coordinators* and wishes to invite proposals for setting up of ISTS-connected co-located or non-co-located Hybrid Power Projects (50 MW Solar + 50 MW Wind) located *anywhere in India* on “Build Own Operate” (B-O-O) basis for an aggregate capacity of 100 MW(AC). Procurer shall enter into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the successful Bidder selected based on this RfS for purchase of Hybrid Power for a period of 15 years based on the terms, conditions, and provisions of the RfS.
5. Power procured by Procurer from the above Project has been provisioned to be sold to the different Buying Utilities of India under their existing PPA. The details of Buying Utilities shall be intimated at a later date.

OVERVIEW OF THE RfS

6. Hybrid Power Developers (hereinafter referred to as HPDs) selected by NVVN based on this RfS, shall set up 50 MW Solar PV Project & 50 MW Wind Power Project, on Build Own Operate (BOO) basis in accordance with the provisions of this RfS document and standard Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). PPA formats shall be shortly uploaded and can be downloaded from e-bidding portal www.eprocurementpc.nic.in.
7. Procurer shall enter into PPA with successful HPDs for a period of 15 years from the date as per the provisions of PPA. The Tariff quoted by Bidders shall be inclusive of all statutory

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taxes, duties, levies, cess etc. if applicable as on the last date of bid submission.

It is clarified that any change in the rates of any Taxes after the last day of submission of the bid, including any duties and cess or introduction of any new tax made applicable for setting up the solar power project & Wind Power Project and supply of power from the Hybrid Power project by the HPD which have a direct effect on the Project, shall only be considered as change in law. However, Change in Law shall not include (i) any change in taxes on corporate income; or (ii) any change in any withholding tax on income or dividends.

The Bidders will be free to avail fiscal incentives like Accelerated Depreciation, Concessional Customs and Excise Duties, Tax Holidays etc. as available for such Projects. The same will not have any bearing on comparison of bids for selection. As equal opportunity is being provided to all bidders at the time of tendering itself, it is up to the bidders to avail various tax and other benefits. No claim shall arise on NVVN or Procurer for any liability if bidders are not able to avail fiscal incentives and this will not have any bearing on the applicable tariff. NVVN or Procurer does not however, give a representation on the availability of fiscal incentive and submission of bid by the bidder shall be independent of such availability or non-availability as the case may be of the fiscal incentives.

8. Bidders shall submit their bid by offering a single tariff for complete 100 MW Hybrid Power Project, which shall be applicable for the term of the PPA.
9. If the Project is transferred or sold to a third party during its tenure (after initial lock-in period of 01 year after COD), Procurer will retain full rights to operationalize the PPA with the third party, which will be under full obligation to honour all the obligations and terms & conditions of the PPA.

SELECTION OF TECHNOLOGY & ELIGIBLE PROJECTS UNDER THIS RfS

10. The Projects to be selected under this RfS for capacity of 100 MW to be installed anywhere in India. The projects provide for establishment of 50 MW Solar PV Project and 50 MW Wind Power Project. Though, the selection of Projects would be technology agnostic, only commercially established and operational technologies can be used, to minimize the technology risk and to achieve the timely commissioning of the Projects. Bay construction at ISTS substation shall be under the scope of the entity as notified in the applicable procedures/regulations issued by CERC and updated from time to time.
11. Already commissioned projects cannot be considered under this RfS. Projects under construction or projects which are not yet commissioned will, however, be considered, in case these projects are not already accepted under any other Central or State Government Schemes. Enhancement and augmentation of already commissioned Projects, irrespective of their capacities will not be considered as eligible Project under this scheme.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RfS

12. This RfS document has been prepared based on the “Guidelines for Tariff Based Competitive

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Bidding Process for Procurement of Power from Grid Connected RE Power Projects for utilisation under scheme for flexibility in Generation and Scheduling of Thermal/ Hydro Power Stations through bundling with Renewable Energy and Storage “power” issued by Ministry of Power vide Gazette Notification dated 26.08.2022 with subsequent amendments and clarifications thereof. These guidelines and their elaborations/ clarifications form the basis for selection of New Projects under this RfS.

13. NVVN has issued this RfS in the capacity of “Bid Process coordinator” as defined by Ministry of Power having F.No. 09/11/2021- RCM- Part (1) dated 17th June, 2022.
14. MNRE may also lay down conditions in order to meet forecasting and scheduling requirements by appropriate commission or such other requirements including partial storage, to improve power quality.

GENERAL

15. The complete RfS Documents are available at e-bidding portal www.eprocurementpc.nic.in. Interested bidders shall download the RfS Documents from the portal as per the provisions available therein.
16. Interested bidders have to necessarily register themselves on the portal www.eprocurementpc.nic.in to participate in the bidding under this invitation for bids. It shall be the sole responsibility of the interested bidders to get themselves registered at the aforesaid portal. Contact details of <https://eprocurementpc.nic.in> (GePNIC) is mentioned on the Bid Information Sheet.

They may obtain further information regarding this IFB from the office of NVVN at the address given on the Bid Information Sheet from 10:00 hours to 17:00 hours on all working days.

For proper uploading of the bids on the portal namely <https://eprocurementpc.nic.in> (GePNIC), it shall be the sole responsibility of the bidders to apprise themselves adequately regarding all the relevant procedures and provisions as detailed in the portal as well as by contacting GePNIC directly, as and when required, for which contact details are also mentioned on the Bid Information Sheet. NVVN in no case shall be responsible for any issues related to timely or properly uploading/ submission of the bid in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section III - ITB of the Bidding Documents.

17. While submitting/ uploading the bids, the system through portal asks Class III Digital Signature, bidder is required to obtain Class III Digital Signature.
18. A Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure will be adopted and will proceed as detailed in the RfS Documents. Bidding will be conducted through the competitive bidding procedures as per the provisions of ITB and the contract shall be executed as per the provisions of the Contract. The respective rights of NVVN and the Bidder/ HPD shall be governed by the RfS Documents.
19. Bidders should submit their bid proposal online complete in all aspect on or before last date and

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time of Bid Submission as mentioned on e-Portal (<https://www.eprocurentpc.nic.in>).

20. Bidder shall submit bid proposal along with non-refundable Bid Processing Fees, and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) complete in all respect as per the Bid Information Sheet. Techno-Commercial bids will be opened as per the Bid Information Sheet in online presence of authorised representatives of bidders who wish to be present online. Bid proposals received without the prescribed Bid Processing Fees and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be rejected. **In the event of any date indicated is a declared Holiday, the next working day shall become operative for the respective purpose mentioned herein.**
21. RfS documents which include Eligibility Criteria, Technical Specifications, various Conditions of Contract, Formats etc. can be downloaded from e-Portal (<https://www.eprocurentpc.nic.in>). Any amendment(s)/ corrigendum(s)/ clarification(s) with respect to this RfS shall be uploaded on GePNIC Portal only. The Bidder should regularly check for any Amendment(s)/ Corrigendum(s)/ Clarification(s) on the above-mentioned portal.
22. EMD shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and shall be submitted in the office of NVVN (offline) whose mailing address is mentioned in the Bid Information Sheet.
23. The detailed Qualifying Requirements (QR) are given in Section-IV of RfS.
24. NVVN shall conduct e-Reverse Auction (e-RA), after opening of price bid.
25. NVVN reserves the right to cancel/ withdraw/ defer this invitation for bids without assigning any reason and shall bear no liability whatsoever consequent upon such a decision.

INTERPRETATIONS

1. Words comprising the singular shall include the plural & vice versa.
2. An applicable law shall be construed as reference to such applicable law including its amendments or re-enactments from time to time.
3. A time of day shall save as otherwise provided in any agreement or document be construed as a reference to Indian Standard Time.
4. Different parts of this contract are to be taken as mutually explanatory and supplementary to each other and if there is any differentiation between or among the parts of this contract, they shall be interpreted in a harmonious manner so as to give effect to each part.
5. The table of contents and any headings or sub-headings in the contract has been inserted for case of reference only & shall not affect the interpretation of this agreement.



SECTION - III

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (ITB)



Preamble

This part (Section - III) of the RfS Document provides the information necessary for bidders to prepare responsive bids, in accordance with the requirements of NVVN. It also provides information on bid submission and uploading the bid on portal <https://www.eprocurementpc.nic.in>, bid opening, evaluation and on contract award. This Section (Section III) contains provisions that are to be used unchanged unless consists of provisions that supplement, amend, or specify in detail, information or requirements included in RfS and that are specific to each procurement, states otherwise.

Bidders may note that the respective rights of NVVN and Bidders/HPDs shall be governed by the RfS Documents.

Further in all matters arising out of the provisions of this Section - III and the RfS Documents, the laws of India shall be the governing laws subject to regulatory and adjudicatory jurisdiction of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission and courts of New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

1. OBTAINING RfS DOCUMENTS

The RfS document can be downloaded from the GePNIC Portal <https://www.eprocurementpc.nic.in>.

Note: Interested bidders have to download the official copy of RfS & other documents after login into the e-portal by using the Login ID & Password during registration. The bidder shall be eligible to submit/ upload the bid document only after logging into the e-bidding portal.

2. PROCESSING FEES

Prospective Bidders interested to participate in the bidding process are required to submit their Project proposals in response to this RfS document along with a non- refundable processing fee as mentioned in the Bid Information Sheet. A bidding Company/ Consortium will be eligible to participate in the bidding process only on submission of entire financial amounts as per the Bid Information Sheet. In case the Bidder chooses to submit the amounts pertaining to Bid Processing Fee through NEFT/RTGS (electronic transfer), the Bidder shall submit the transaction receipt instead of the corresponding DDs, as part of the offline bid submission.

Bidders may opt for Online Transfer through NEFT/RTGS to NVVN's Bank account whose details are provided below.

- i. NAME: NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited.
- ii. Bank Name: ICICI Bank Limited
- iii. Branch: CONNAUGHT PLACE BRANCH
- iv. Bank Address: 9A, PHELPS BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, NEW DELHI- 110001
- v. IFSC Code: ICIC0000007
- vi. Account No.: 000705008910

Bids submitted without Bid Processing Fee and/or Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (including partial submission of any one of the respective amounts), may be liable for rejection by NVVN. MSEs (Micro, and Small Enterprises) registered under NSIC/DIC/Udyog Aadhaar only are exempted

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from submission of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).

3. TOTAL CAPACITY OFFERED

- 3.1. Selection of ISTS Connected Hybrid Power Projects for total capacity of 100 MW will be carried out through e-bidding followed by e-Reverse Auction process. The Solar PV & Wind Power Projects will be setup anywhere in India.
- 3.2. The interested Bidders are required to participate in the Request for Selection (RfS) for installation of Grid Connected Solar PV and Wind Power Projects on Build-Own- Operate (B-O-O) basis under the scheme.
- 3.3. **Capacity of each Project:**
For each Project, the Project capacity of Solar Power PV & Wind Power shall be 50 MW each. The HPD shall demonstrate the contracted capacity at the injection point, as defined in the Commissioning procedure enclosed in Annexure-A and Appendix A-1.

The Hybrid Power Plant shall be designed for inter-connection with (a) a Pooling Substation where other projects also inter-connect prior to the STU / CTU substation or, (b) directly with the STU / CTU substation; through a dedicated transmission line at the appropriate voltage level.

Project Configuration:

The term “Project” shall have the meaning as defined in Section I of the RfS and shall refer to the Project capacity as quoted by the bidder (at the time of bidding)/awarded to the Bidder (after issue of LOA).

The Bidder may however, set up the 50 MW Solar PV Project capacity at a single location, or he may configure the “Project” as being sub-divided into a number of “blocks”, being set up at multiple locations within the Solar Park, if required. Following points are to be noted in this regard:

- (a) The Solar Project may consist of any number of blocks. The minimum size of block shall be 5 MW and higher.
- (b) The HPD may modify the Project configuration in terms of blocks, subsequent to issuance of LOA until the deadline of Financial Closure. Neither NVVN nor Procurer shall be responsible for any delay in reconfiguration of the Project, which might lead to delay in achieving financial closure and in-turn, commissioning of the Project.

However, a single tariff shall be quoted by the Bidder for complete hybrid plant its response to RfS, irrespective of the single location solar project or individual block configuration. A Single Power Purchase Agreement shall be signed for the Complete Hybrid Project.

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4. PROJECT LOCATION

The Projects can be located anywhere in India.

5. PROJECT SCOPE & TECHNOLOGY SELECTION

Under this RfS, the HPD shall set up 50 MW Solar PV Project & 50 MW Wind Power Project including the dedicated transmission network up to the Interconnection/ Delivery Point, at its own cost and in accordance to the provisions of this RfS document. All approvals, permits and clearances required for setting up of the Project and/ or dedicated transmission network up to interconnection/ delivery point (including connectivity and LTA) including those required from State Government and local bodies shall be in the scope of the HPD.

The Projects to be selected under this scheme provide for deployment 50 MW Solar & 50 MW Wind Power Project.

The HPD shall be required to follow the applicable rules regarding project registration with the State Nodal Agency in line with the provisions of the applicable policies/regulations of the State where the Project are being located. It shall be the responsibility of the HPD to remain updated and pay applicable charges to the SNA/any State Government instrumentality under the respective State Policies.

6. MAXIMUM ELIGIBILITY FOR PROJECT CAPACITY ALLOCATION FOR A BIDDER

Following conditions shall be applicable to the Bidders for submission of bids against this RfS:

- (i) A Bidder including its Parent, Affiliate or Ultimate Parent or any Group Company may submit a single bid for complete 100 MW Hybrid Project, in the prescribed formats.
- (ii) Only one bid can be quoted by the Bidder including its Parent, Affiliate or Ultimate Parent or any Group Company. Multiple bids from same company including its Parent/ Ultimate Parent/ Affiliates/Group Companies shall make all the bids submitted by the group invalid.
- (iii) The evaluation of bids shall be carried out as described in Section-V of RfS. The methodology for Allocation of Projects is elaborated in Section-V of RfS.
- (iv) Both Wind and Solar Power Project can be co-located, or 50 MW Wind & 50 MW Solar Projects can be at different locations, then the Projects would need to be physically identifiable for the Project Capacity with separate boundary wall, separate injection points and metering arrangement.



7. CONNECTIVITY WITH THE GRID

- 7.1 The Project should be designed for interconnection with the ISTS in accordance with the prevailing CERC regulations in this regard. For interconnection with the grid and metering, the HPD shall abide by the applicable Grid Code, Grid Connectivity Standards, Regulations on Communication System for transmission of electric and other regulations (as amended from time to time) issued by Appropriate Commissions and Central Electricity Authority (CEA). Minimum voltage for interconnection at the ISTS shall be 220 kV.
- 7.2 The Bidders are free to choose the ISTS substations for Interconnection of the Project to the grid on a pan-India basis from available margin in existing substations and in line with clause 7.10 below.
- 7.3 As intimated above, the responsibility of getting the ISTS connectivity under GNA Regulation and Long-Term Network Access shall entirely be of the HPD and shall be at the cost of the HPD. The transmission of power up to the point of interconnection where metering is done for energy accounting shall be the responsibility of the HPD at his own cost. In case an HPD is required to use Intrastate STS to bring power at ISTS point, he may do so as per rules and regulations prescribed by the respective SERC in this regard. The maintenance of the Transmission system up to the interconnection point shall be the responsibility of the HPD, to be undertaken entirely at its cost and expense.
- 7.4 The arrangement of connectivity shall be made by the HPD through a dedicated transmission line. The entire cost of transmission including cost of construction of line, wheeling charges, SLDC/Scheduling charges, System Operation Charges (SOC), Market Operation Charges (MOC), maintenance, losses etc. and any other charges from the project up to and including at the interconnection point will be borne by the HPD. The maintenance of the Transmission system up to the Inter-connection Point shall be the responsibility of the HPD, to be undertaken entirely at its cost and expense.
- 7.5 The transmission connectivity to the HPD may be provided by the CTU/STU, as the case may be, prior to commissioning of the project on the request of the HPD, to facilitate testing and allow flow of infirm power generated into the grid to avoid wastage of power.
- 7.6 Metering arrangement of each project shall have to be adhered to in line with relevant clause of the PPA. Two or more Projects can be connected to a common pooling substation from which the pooled power can be transferred to the CTU substation through a common transmission line subject to the following conditions.
- Acceptance of such an arrangement by CTU.
 - Energy injected by each Project will be recorded and signed jointly by all Project owners and copies of the same will be submitted to Procurer/CTU as required.
 - The energy accounts are divided and clearly demarcated for the power generated at solar project and are issued by the STU/SLDC/RLDC/RPC concerned.
 - In case of Pooling substation, losses in the transmission line between the Pooling substation and the CTU substation, shall be apportioned among the HPDs who share such a Pooling arrangement, based on their monthly generation.



- 7.7 The HPD shall comply with CERC/SERC regulations on Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement, as applicable and are responsible for all liabilities related to LTA and Connectivity. The scheduling of the power from the project as per the applicable regulation shall be the responsibility of the HPD and any financial implication on account thereof shall be borne by the HPD. In order to remove potential discrepancies and ambiguities, the HPDs are hereby instructed that, as part of scheduling of power from the Project, they will be required to punch-in their respective schedules and subsequent revisions, by themselves, at the interfaces of all the RLDCs concerned for the corridor of power flow, including the RLDC of the Buying Entity/Discom, as per the Regulations in force, under intimation to Procurer. Procurer may facilitate in identification of any discrepancy and assist the HPD for its early rectification without any liability on Procurer. The HPD shall be solely responsible for discrepancy identification and its rectification to avoid any rejection/less payment of invoices.
- 7.8 Reactive power charges and charges against power drawn from grid as per CERC/SERC regulations, shall be payable by HPD as per provisions of PPA.
- 7.9 The Procurer will be responsible for all transmission charges and losses and any other charges as applicable under the respective regulations beyond Delivery Point and up to the draw point.
- 7.10 The HPD shall be required to follow the detailed Connectivity Procedure as issued by CERC on 15.05.2018 and amended from time to time. The entire cost of transmission including cost of construction of line, wheeling charges, SLDC/Scheduling charges, SOC, MOC, maintenance, losses etc. and any other charges from the project up to and including at the interconnection point will be borne by the HPD. The Bidders are free to choose the ISTS substations for Interconnection of the Project to the Grid on a pan-India basis. While doing so, the Bidders shall apply due diligence while choosing the proposed substation, and may choose their substations from any one of the following options:
- i. Existing substations have an available margin as indicated by the respective substation owner.
 - ii. Existing substations where augmentation is under process or plans for augmentation have been announced.
 - iii. Substations located in the Northern, Western and Southern regions under the updated plan made available by the Minutes of meeting for Northern, Western and Southern Region Standing Committees and as displayed by the CTU on its website, <https://webapps.powergrid.in/ctu/u/Default.aspx>, subject to availability of connectivity.

Bids indicating substations outside the above three choices will be liable for rejection. The SPDs shall be required to apply for connectivity at the identified substations within 30 days of issuance of LOAs and shall furnish copies of the application as well as granted connectivity, to Procurer at the earliest. In case the HPD fails to obtain the Stage-II connectivity at a Substation identified by the Bidder, the same shall be immediately notified by the HPD to



Procurer. The LTA shall be applied for by the HPD, within 60 days of issuance of LOAs or within 30 days of intimation of Buying Entity/Buying Utility provided by Procurer, whichever is later.

8. ENERGY SUPPLY BY HYBRID POWER DEVELOPER

8.1. Criteria for Energy Supply

The Generator(s) will declare the annual CUF of its Project at the time of bid submission and will be allowed to revise the same once within the first one year of COD. Calculation of CUF will be on yearly basis from 1st April of the year to 31st March of next year. The declared annual CUF shall in no case be less than 35 per cent. The Generator(s) shall maintain generation so as to achieve annual CUF of not less than 90% of the declared value (i.e. Minimum CUF) and not more than 120% of the declared CUF value (i.e. Maximum CUF), during the PPA duration of 15 years. The lower limit will, however, be relaxable to the extent of non-availability of grid for evacuation of hybrid power, which is beyond the control of the HPD. Energy supplied between COD and the commencement of the first financial year after COD will not be taken into consideration for the purpose of calculation of CUF. Subsequently, the annual CUF will be calculated every year from 1st April of the year to 31st March next year.

8.2. Shortfall in Generation

If for any Contract Year, it is found that the HPD has not been able to generate minimum energy corresponding to the value of annual CUF within the permissible lower limit of CUF declared by the HPD, on account of reasons primarily attributable to the HPD, such shortfall in performance shall make the HPD liable to pay the compensation to the Procurer.. This compensation shall be applied to the amount of shortfall in generation during the Contract Year. The amount of compensation will be calculated @ one and a half times (1.5 times) of the PPA tariff for the shortfall in energy terms, in accordance with the terms of the PPA.

HPD shall agree that the methodology specified herein above for calculation of liquidated damages payable by the HPD for shortfall in generation is a genuine and accurate pre-estimation of the actual loss that will be suffered by the Procurer. HPD shall further acknowledge that a breach of any of the obligations contained herein result in injuries and that the amount of the liquidated damages or the method of calculating the liquidated damages specified in this document is a genuine and reasonable pre- estimate of the damages that may be suffered by the Procurer in each case specified under this Agreement.

However, this compensation shall not be applicable in events of Force Majeure identified under the PPA with Procurer, affecting supply of solar power by the HPD.

8.3. Excess Generation

Any excess generation over and above maximum annual CUF specified, will be purchased by Procurer at its discretion {without any obligation to do so} at the fixed tariff of 75% (seventy- five percent) of the PPA tariff, provided Procurer is able to get any buyer for sale of such excess generation. However, the HPD shall inform at least 30 days in advance of such excess generation to Procurer, to enable Procurer take necessary actions for sale of this excess generated energy. The procurer shall be required to intimate its approval/refusal to the HPD, for buying such excess generation not later than 15 days of receiving the above offer from the



HPD. In the event the offer of the HPD is not accepted by the Procurer within the said period of 30 15 days, such right shall cease to exist and the HPD, at its sole discretion, may sell such excess power to any third party. HPD will not be allowed to sell any excess power to any other entity other than Procurer (unless the offer is not accepted by Procurer).

HPD may also sell the power which was offered on a day ahead basis to the procurer(s) (within maximum CUF) but not scheduled by the Procurer(s), to any third party or power exchange without requiring NOC from the Procurer(s).

In case at any point of time, the peak of capacity reached is higher than the rated capacity and causes disturbance in the system at the point where power is injected, the HPD will have to forego the excess generation and reduce the output to the rated capacity to ensure compliance with grid requirement.

8.4. **Offtake Constraints due to Transmission Infrastructure/ Grid Unavailability & Backdown Generation Compensation in offtake constraint due to Transmission Infrastructure not complete/ ready (Transmission constraint):**

Offtake constraints due to non-availability of Transmission Infrastructure

After the scheduled commissioning date, if the plant is ready but the necessary power evacuation/ transmission infrastructure is not ready, for reasons not attributable to the HPD, then SCD for such projects may be revised as the date as on 30th day subsequent to the readiness of the Delivery Point and power evacuation infrastructure. Decision on requisite extension on account of the above factor shall be taken by Procurer on case-to-case basis after examining the issue.

Or

The HPD may seek compensation as per extant Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) Regulations.

However, it is clarified that if the Project is ready for commissioning prior to the Scheduled Commissioning Date, but the offtake is constrained because of inadequate/incomplete power evacuation infrastructure, no compensation shall be permissible.

Offtake constraints due to temporary Grid Unavailability:

During the operation of the plant, there can be some periods where the plant can generate power but due to temporary transmission unavailability the power is not evacuated, for reasons not attributable to the HPD. In such cases, the Generation compensation shall be addressed by the procurer in following manner:

Duration of Grid unavailability	Provision for Generation Compensation
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<p>Grid unavailability in a contract year as beyond 50 hours in a contract year as defined in the agreement.</p>	<p>Generation Compensation = ((Tariff x RE power (MW) offered but not scheduled by Procurer)) x 1000 x No. of hours of grid unavailability.</p> <p>However, in the case of third-party sale or sale in the power exchange, as price taker, the 95% of the amount realized, after deducting expenses, shall be adjusted against the Generation compensation payable, on monthly basis.</p>
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Payment in case of reduced offtake

In case the plant is available to supply power but the off take of power is not done by the procurer, including non-dispatch of power due to non-compliance with “Electricity (Late payment surcharge and Related matters) Rules, 2022 notified by the Ministry of Power vide Gazette Notification dated 3rd June 2022” and any clarifications or amendment thereto, considering the principle of ‘Must run’ status of RE power, the procurer shall pay to the HPD, corresponding to reduced off take, in terms of the following manner:

Duration of Reduced offtake	Provision for Generation Compensation
<p>Reduced off-take beyond 50 hours in a contract year as defined in the agreement.</p>	<p>Generation Compensation = ((Tariff x RE power (MW) offered but not scheduled by Procurer)) x 1000 x No. of hours of reduced offtake.</p> <p>However, in the case of third-party sale or sale in the power exchange, as price taker, the 95% of the amount realized, after deducting expenses, shall be adjusted against the Generation compensation payable, on monthly basis.</p>

(a) The Generation Compensation is to be paid as part of the energy bill for the



successive month after receipt of Regional Energy Accounts (REA)/SEA/JMR. No compensation shall be payable, however, if the backdown/ curtailment is on account of considerations of grid security/ safety. Such a backdown will be recorded and reported to RLDC/ NLDC. RLDC/ NLDC will examine the issue of grid safety/ security and give a finding that the issue of grid safety existed.

9. For claiming compensation, the HPD must sell their power in the power exchange as a price taker. Thus, the compensation would be limited to the difference of the actual generation up to declared capacity subject to a maximum of up to the contracted capacity and the quantum of power scheduled by the procurer. CLEARANCES REQUIRED FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER LOCAL BODIES

The Hybrid Power Developers are required to obtain all necessary clearances and permits as required for setting up the Solar & Wind Power Projects, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) **Land acquisition:** Submission of documents/Lease Agreement to establish possession/right to use 100% (hundred per cent) of the required land in the name of the Hybrid Power Developer for a period not less than the complete term of the PPA, on or before the Scheduled Commissioning Date (SCD). Wherever leasing of private land is involved, the lease should allow transfer of land lease rights to the lenders or Procurer, in case of default of the Hybrid Power Developer.”
- (b) No Objection Certificate (NoC)/Environmental Clearance (if applicable) for the Project.
- (c) Forest Clearance (if applicable) for the land for the Project.
- (d) Approval for Water from the concerned authority (if applicable) required for the Project.
- (e) A letter from State Transmission Utility (STU)/Central Transmission Utility (CTU) [or Solar Power Park Developer, in case of selected site being a solar park] confirming technical feasibility of connectivity of the plant to STU/CTU substation. If the Project(s) site(s) is/are located in the same State as the Procurer/End Procurer, State Govt. shall endeavor to provide necessary support to facilitate the connectivity of the plant to STU/CTU substation.
- (f) Any other clearances may be legally required, in order to establish and operate the Project.

The above clearances, as applicable for the Project, shall be required to be submitted to the Procurer prior to commissioning of the Project. In case of any of the clearances as indicated above being not applicable for the said Project, the HPD shall submit an undertaking in this regard, and it shall be deemed that the HPD has obtain all the necessary clearances for establishing and operating the Project. Any consequences contrary to the above shall be the responsibility of the HPD.

Note: The HPD shall apply for all the necessary approvals, permits and clearances not more than 30 days from the issuance of LOA, which shall be complete in all respects, incorporating the clarifications/changes as required by the concerned authorities. The above timeline shall be adhered to, in order to examine cases where the HPD faces delay in grant of the necessary approvals and permits, for a period substantially greater than the standard period of grant of approval by the respective organizations.

10. EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD)

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- 10.1. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of **INR 12,26,000/ MW** per Project in the form of Bank Guarantee according to Format 7.3A and valid for 09 months from the last date of bid submission, shall be submitted by the Bidder along with their bid, failing which the bid shall be summarily rejected. The Bank Guarantees towards EMD have to be issued in the name of the Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Bidding Consortium. In the event of encashment of EMD, the encashed amount shall include all applicable taxes. In case bid security amount is deposited as EFT, Proof of e-payment of Earnest Money Deposit, shall be submitted in the e-tendering portal or in a separate sealed envelope.
- 10.2. The Bidder shall furnish the Bank Guarantees towards EMD from any of the Scheduled Commercial Banks as listed on the website of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and amended as on the date of issuance of bank guarantee. Bank Guarantee issued by foreign branch of a Scheduled Commercial Bank is to be endorsed by the Indian branch of the same bank or State Bank of India (SBI).
- The EMD shall be valid as per the timelines stipulated above. However, shortfall in the EMD validity, if any, up to a period of seven (7) days shall be acceptable. Further, an additional shortfall only in the following cases shall be acceptable: If bidder has submitted the EMD with validity as per original bid submission date or as per any revised submission date and if the deadline for submission of bids has been extended further, the Bid Guarantee shall be acceptable provided, the EMD is valid for more than two months from the actual date of bid submission and the Bidder submits the EMD extension for the requisite period within seven days from the date of actual bid submission, if required.
- 10.3. NVVN has agreed to accept the EMD in the form of an unconditional and irrevocable Bank Guarantee instead of the cash deposit with the clear position intimated to the bidder that the EMD Bank Guarantee shall be encashable for being appropriated by NVVN in terms of the guarantee as in the case of appropriation of the cash deposit lying with NVVN.
- 10.4. Confirmation of BGs Through Structured Financial Messaging System (SFMS)/SWIFT
While issuing the physical BGs, the Bidder's Bank shall also send electronic message through secure SFMS (in case of BGs issued from within India) or SWIFT (in case of BGs issued from outside India) to Employer's Beneficiary Bank whose details are provided herein below:
(i) Bank Name: ICICI Bank Limited
(ii) Branch: CONNAUGHT PLACE BRANCH
(iii) Bank Address: 9A, PHELPS BUILDING, INNER CIRCLE, NEW DELHI-110001
(iv) IFSC Code: ICIC0000007
- BG issuing/amending bank must send the BG advice in the form of message format via SFMS (Structured Financial Messaging System) as provided by RBI. The format of the message for confirmation of the BG shall be as below:
BG advising message: IFN 760COV/ IFN 767COV via SFMS.
Field Number: Particulars (to be mentioned in Row 1)
7037: NVVNBG8910 (unique identifier)

11. PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE (PBG) / PAYMENT ON ORDER INSTRUMENT (POI)

- 11.1. Bidders selected by NVVN based on this RfS shall submit Performance Guarantee for a value @

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INR 18.39 Lakh/ MW within 30 days of issuance of Letter of Intent (LoI) or before signing of PPA, whichever is earlier. It may be noted that successful Bidders shall submit the Performance Guarantee in favour of the Procurer according to Format 7.3B with a validity period up to (& including) the date as on 9 months after the Scheduled Commissioning Date of the Project. On receipt and after successful verification of the total Performance Bank Guarantee in the acceptable form, the BG submitted towards EMD shall be returned by NVVN to the successful Bidder.

Non-submission of PBG within the above-mentioned timelines shall be treated as follows:

- (a) Delay upto 1 month from due date of submission of PBG: Delay charges @1% of the PBG amount per month +18% GST levied on per day basis shall be paid by the HPD to Procurer in addition to the PBG amount.

In case of delay in making full payment of above delay charges, the amount paid, if any until the above deadline, along with interest, shall be first reduced from the total amount due towards the delay charges and interest amount (i.e. rate of interest as stated below). Further, balance amount to be paid shall attract Interest rate @ one-year SBI MCLR rate /annum +18% GST on pro-rata basis.

- (b) Delay beyond 1 month from the due date of submission of PBG: The BG against EMD submitted by the HPD shall be encashed by Procurer and the Project shall stand terminated.

For the purpose of calculation of the above delay charges, 'month' shall be considered as a period of 30 days.

- 11.2. **Payment on Order Instrument (POI):** As an alternative to submission of PBG as above, the HPD also has an option to submit a letter of undertaking issued by either of the following three organizations, viz. (i) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) or (ii) Power Finance Corporation Limited or (iii) REC Limited. This Letter of Undertaking shall be issued as "Payment on Order Instrument" (POI), wherein the POI issuing organization undertakes to pay in all scenarios under which the PBG would be liable to be encashed by Procurer within the provisions of RfS/PPA. This instrument would have to be furnished as per Format 7.3 C of the RfS, within the timelines as per Sl. 11.1. above, for the amount and validity period as per those in Sl. 11.1 above. In case the HPD chooses to submit POI, delay in submission of the POI beyond the timeline stipulated at Sl. 11.1 above will be applicable in this case too.

Note: The PBGs/POIs are required to be submitted in the name of the entity signing the PPA. In case of PPA being eventually signed with the SPV incorporated/utilized by the successful bidder, the PBG/POI may be submitted in the name of the successful bidder within the above prescribed deadline, if the bidder chooses to do so, and the same shall be replaced by the PBG/POI issued in the name of the SPV, prior to signing of PPA.

- 11.3. The HPD shall furnish the PBG from any of the Scheduled Commercial Banks as listed on the website of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and amended as on the date of issuance of bank guarantee. Bank Guarantee issued by foreign branch of a Scheduled Commercial Bank is to be

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endorsed by the Indian branch of the same bank or State Bank of India (SBI). In case of the Project being implemented through an SPV incorporated by the successful bidder, the PBG shall be furnished in the name of the SPV, except for the case as indicated in Section-IV, Clause C.1 (b) of the RfS.

- 11.4. The format of the Bank Guarantees prescribed in the Formats 7.3 A (EMD) and 7.3 B (PBG)/7.3 C (POI) shall be strictly adhered to and any deviation from the above Formats shall result in rejection of the EMD/ PBG/POI and consequently, the bid. In case of deviations in the formats of the Bank Guarantees, the corresponding PPA shall not be signed.

Procurer has agreed to accept the PBG in the form of an unconditional and irrevocable Bank Guarantee instead of the cash deposit with the clear position intimated to the bidder that the PBG shall be encashable for being appropriated by Procurer in terms of the guarantee as in the case of appropriation of the cash deposit lying with Procurer.

- 11.5. The selected Bidder for the Project selected based on this RfS is required to sign PPA with Procurer within 60 Days after the issue of Lol. In case, Procurer offers to execute the PPA with the Selected Bidder and if the Selected Bidder does not submit the requisite documents as per Clause No. 14, Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS documents or does not meet eligibility criteria upon submission of documents or does not execute the PPA within the stipulated time period, then the Bank Guarantee equivalent to the amount of the EMD shall be encashed by Procurer/NVVN from the Bank Guarantee available with Procurer/NVVN (i.e. EMD or PBG/POI) as liquidated damages not amounting to penalty, the selected Project shall stand cancelled and the selected Bidder expressly waives off its rights and objections, if any, in that respect.

- 11.6. The Bank Guarantees/POI have to be executed on non-judicial stamp paper of appropriate value as per Stamp Act relevant to the place of execution.

- 11.7. All expenditure towards execution of Bank Guarantees/POI such as stamp duty etc. shall be borne by the Bidders/HPDs. Any Bank Guarantee or amendment to be submitted as part of the bidding process / contract execution, shall be effective only when the BG issuance message is transmitted by the issuing bank through SFMS

- (i) Bank Name:
- (ii) Branch:
- (iii) Bank Address:
- (iv) IFSC Code:

In case of Bank Guarantees issued by foreign branch of a Scheduled Commercial Bank, the same is to be endorsed by the Indian branch of the same bank or SBI, and the endorsing bank would be required to provide the SFMS confirmation.

- 11.8. In order to facilitate the Bidders to submit the Bank Guarantee as per the prescribed format and in line with the requirements, checklist at Annexure-B has been attached. Bidders are advised to take note of the above checklist while submitting the Bank Guarantees.

- 11.9. After the bidding process is over, NVVN shall release the Bank Guarantees towards EMD of the



unsuccessful Bidders within 15 days after the completion of e-Reverse Auction. The PBG/POI of HPDs shall be returned to them, immediately after successful commissioning of their projects as per Terms of PPA, after taking into account any liquidated damages due to delays in commissioning as per Clause No. 17, Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS.

12. BPC CHARGES

The Selected Bidder shall have to pay **INR 1.00 Lakh/ MW/ Project + 18% GST** to NVVN towards administrative overheads, as a Bid Processing Coordinator (BPC) charges. The payment has to be made by the HPD in the form of DD/ Pay Order/ NEFT/ RTGS within 30 days of issuance of Lol. Any delay in depositing the said amount to NVVN as mentioned above within the stipulated time shall attract late payment surcharges @12% per annum+18% GST, levied on ~~per day basis,~~ on the total BPC Charges, till (and including) the date of payment of BPC Charges, which shall not be later than the date of signing of PPA.

PPA shall only be signed after deposit of the BPC Charges to NVVN. In case of delay in making full payment of above delay charges, the amount paid, if any until the above deadline, along with interest, shall be first reduced from the total amount due towards the delay charges and interest amount (i.e. rate of interest as stated below). Further, balance amount to be paid shall attract Interest rate @ 12% per annum on pro- rata basis.

13. FORFEITURE OF EMD

The Earnest Money Deposit may be forfeited in Following Cases:

- 13.1. If the Bidder refuses to withdraw, without any cost to the Employer, any deviation, variation, additional condition or any other mention anywhere in the bid, contrary to the provisions of bidding documents.
- 13.2. In the case of a successful Bidder, if the Bidder fails within the specified time limit to furnish the required Contract Performance Guarantee in accordance with relevant clause of ITB Clause 11
- 13.3. If the bidder/ his representatives commit any fraud while competing for this contract pursuant to Fraud Prevention Policy of Employer.
- 13.4. If the bidder withdraws or varies the bid after due date and time of bid submission and during the validity of bid;
- 13.5. In case, NVVN offers to execute the PPA between the Procurer and the Selected Bidder and if the Selected Bidder does not submit the requisite documents as per Clause No. 14, Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS or does not execute the PPA within the stipulated time period;
- 13.6. If after issuance of Lol, it is found that the documents furnished by the bidders as part of response to RfS are misleading or misrepresented in any way;

14. POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PPA)

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14.1. Procurer shall enter into Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Bidders selected based on this RfS. A copy of standard Power Purchase Agreement to be executed between Procurer and the selected HPD will be made available on e- Portal <https://www.eprocurementpc.nic.in> and also in NVVN website www.nvvn.co.in. The PPA shall be signed within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of issue of LoI (for e.g. If the LoI is dated 20.12.2023, then the last date of signing of PPA shall be 19.02.2024). PPA will be executed between Procurer and selected bidder or its SPV separately for each Project. The PPA shall be valid for a period of 15 years as per provisions of PPA.

Note: PPA will be executed between Procurer and the HPD as per the breakup of the cumulative Project capacity awarded to the Bidder. The Bidder shall provide the project breakup for the cumulative capacity quoted, in the Covering Letter (Format 7.1), which can be changed by the HPD prior to signing of PPA. The final project configuration, adding up to the cumulative capacity awarded to the Bidder, may be intimated to Procurer at the time of signing of PPA, which shall then remain unchanged subsequent to signing of PPA. Delays in connectivity and/or LTA for the Project(s) on account of changes in the project parameters from the data as submitted in the Covering letter, shall be at the risk and cost of the Successful Bidder. The PPAs shall be valid for a period of 15 years from the Scheduled Commissioning Date of the Projects.

14.2. The Performance Bank Guarantee as per Clause 11 above and Success Charges as per Clause 12 above, shall be submitted by the HPD prior to signing of PPA. Before signing of PPA between Procurer and the HPDs, Procurer will verify the shareholding of the Project Company along with a copy of complete documentary evidence. If at this stage it is found that the documents furnished by the HPDs are false / misleading or misrepresented in any way, then the provisions contained in this RfS will be applicable.

14.3. Successful bidders will have to submit the required documents to Procurer within 30 days from the issue of LoI. In case of delay in submission of documents beyond the 30 days as mentioned above, Procurer shall not be liable for delay in verification of documents and subsequent delay in signing of PPA.

Irrespective of the date of signing of PPA, the Effective Date of the PPA shall be the date as on 60th day from the date of issuance of LoI.

14.4. The HPDs will be free to repower the project from time to time during the PPA duration. Repowering shall mean replacement of defective components of the power plant with new ones to ensure guaranteed generation. However, Procurer will be obliged to buy power only within the Capacity Utilization Factor (CUF) range laid down in Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) as per guidelines.

14.5. Any extension of the PPA period beyond 15 years shall be through mutual agreement between the HPD, Buying Entity and Procurer.

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15. FINANCIAL CLOSURE OR PROJECT FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS AND LAND ARRANGEMENTS

- (i) The Projects shall achieve Financial Closure within 09 (Nine) months from the Effective Date of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) (for e.g., if Effective Date of the PPA is 17.03.2024, then scheduled Financial Closure date shall be 16.12.2024).
Any delay in adoption of tariff by the Appropriate Commission, beyond 120 (one hundred and twenty) days after Effective Date of the PPA, shall entail a corresponding extension in financial closure.
- (ii) At the stage of financial closure, the SPDs shall report 100% tie-up of Financing Arrangements for the Projects. In this regard, the SPD shall submit a certificate/necessary document from all financing agencies regarding the tie-up of 100% of the funds indicated for the Project, including arrangements of funds in the form of Equity.
- (iii) A checklist of documents to be submitted at this stage is provided at Annexure-D of the RfS.
- (iv) In case of default in achieving above condition as may be applicable within the stipulated time, Procurer shall be entitled to encash Performance Bank Guarantees/Payment on Order Instrument and shall remove the Project from the list of the selected Projects, unless the delay is on account of factors not owing to any action or inaction on the part of the HPD, or caused due to a Force Majeure as per PPA. An extension can however be considered, on the sole request of HPD, on advance payment of extension charges of INR 1,000/- per day per MW. This extension will not have an impact on the obligation of HPD to achieve commissioning by the Scheduled Commissioning Date of the Project. Subsequent to the completion of deadline for achieving financial closure, Procurer shall issue notices to the HPDs who are not meeting the requirements of Financial Closure as per the RfS deadlines. The notice shall provide a period of 7 business days to the respective HPDs to either furnish the necessary documents or make the above-mentioned payment of Rs. 1,000/MW/day. In case of non submission of either the requisite documents or the necessary amount upon expiry of the above-mentioned notice period of 7 days Procurer shall encash the PBG of the corresponding HPDs and terminate the PPA for the corresponding Project. The amount of Rs. 1,000/MW/day shall be paid by the HPDs in advance prior to the commencement of the said delay period and shall be calculated based on the period of delay as estimated by the HPD. In case of the HPD meeting the requirements of Financial Closure before the last date of such proposed delay period, the remaining amount deposited by the HPD shall be returned by Procurer. Interest on account of delay in deposition of the above-mentioned charges or on any subsequent extension sought, shall be levied @ one year SBI MCLR rate/annum on pro-rata basis.
Any extension charges paid so, shall be returned to the HPD without any interest on achievement of successful commissioning within the Scheduled Commissioning Date, on pro-rata basis, based on the project capacity commissioned as on Scheduled Commissioned Date.
- (v) The HPD will have to submit the required documents to the Procurer at least 14 days prior to the



scheduled Financial Closure date. In case of delay in submission of documents mentioned above, Procurer shall not be liable for delay in verification of documents and subsequent delay in Financial Closure.

(vi) Land arrangements:

- a. The HPD shall be entirely responsible for acquiring the land required for setting up the project and NVVN/Procurer shall not in any manner be responsible for the same.
- b. The HPD shall submit documents/Lease Agreement to establish possession/right to use 100% (hundred per cent) of the required land in the name of the HPD for a period not less than the complete term of the PPA, on or before the Scheduled Commissioning Date (SCD). Wherever leasing of private land is involved, the lease should allow transfer of land lease rights to the lenders or Procurer/Buying Utility, in case of default of the HPD. The HPD shall be required to demonstrate possession of a minimum area of 1.5 ha/MW for the awarded Project Capacity.
- c. The HPD shall submit a sworn affidavit from the authorized signatory of the HPD listing the details of the land and certifying that total land required for the Project is under clear possession of the HPD.
- d. With respect to demonstration of land possession by the HPD, commissioning of the Project will not be allowed until the demonstration of land possession by the HPD in terms of Clause 15. (vi)-b above and Clause 16.a below. However, in case of delays in demonstrating land possession by the HPD on account of Government delay (including but not limited to delay in land use pattern change, and/or relaxation under respective State land ceiling Act, and/or land lease permission from State Government/Authorities) or delay caused due to a Force Majeure as per PPA, SCD shall be suitably extended.

16. COMMISSIONING

The Commissioning of the Project shall be carried out by the HPD in line with the procedure given in draft PPA document (Commissioning Procedure at Annexure-A and Appendix-A-1 are for reference). Procurer may authorize any individual or committee or organization to witness and validate the commissioning procedure on site.

Commissioning certificates shall be issued by the State Nodal Agency or Procurer after successful commissioning.

16.1. PART COMMISSIONING

Part commissioning of the Project shall be accepted by Procurer subject to the condition that the minimum capacity for acceptance of first and subsequent part(s) commissioning shall be 50 MW, without prejudice to the imposition of liquidated damages, in terms of



the PPA on the part which is not commissioned. In case of part-commissioning of the Project, land corresponding to the part capacity being commissioned, shall be required to be demonstrated by the HPD prior to declaration of commissioning of the said part capacity. For example, a project of 100 MW may be commissioned in 2 parts: First being a part capacity of 50 MW and the remaining part capacity being 50 MW. However, if one or more component (wind or Solar) is commissioned, the right of refusal vests with the Procurer.

However, the SCD will not get altered due to part commissioning. Irrespective of dates of part commissioning or full commissioning, the PPA will remain in force for a period of 15 (fifteen) years from the SCD.

16.2. COMMISSIONING SCHEDULE AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES NOT AMOUNTING TO PENALTY FOR DELAY IN COMMISSIONING

- a) The Scheduled Commissioning Date (SCD) for commissioning of the full capacity of the Project shall be the date as on 15 months from the Effective Date of the PPA (for e.g. if Effective Date of the PPA is 07.03.2024, then SCD shall be 06.06.2025).
- b) The maximum time period allowed for commissioning of the full Project Capacity with applicable liquidated damages, shall be limited to the date as on 6 months from the SCD or the extended SCD (if applicable) (for e.g. if SCD of the Project is 07.06.2024, then the above deadline for Project commissioning shall be 07.12.2025).
- c) In case of delay in commissioning of the Project beyond the SCD until the date as per Clause 16.2.b above, as part of the liquidated damages, the total PBG/POI amount for the Project shall be encashed on per-day basis and proportionate to the balance capacity not commissioned. For example, in case of a Project of 240 MW capacity, if commissioning of 100 MW capacity is delayed by 18 days beyond the SCD, then the liquidated damages shall be: PBG/POI amount X (100/240) X (18/180). For the purpose of calculation of liquidated damages, 'month' shall be considered consisting of 30 days.
- d) In case the Commissioning of the Project is delayed beyond the date as per Clause 16.2.b above, the PPA capacity shall stand reduced/ amended to the Project Capacity commissioned and the PPA for the balance capacity will stand terminated and shall be reduced from the selected Project Capacity.
- e) It is presumed that in terms of Clause 12-b of the Guidelines issued by MoP, the tariff will be adopted by the Appropriate Commission within 60 days of such submission. However, notwithstanding anything contained in the Guidelines, any delay in adoption



of tariff by the Appropriate Commission beyond 120 (one hundred and twenty) days after Effective date of the PPA, shall entail a corresponding extension in Scheduled Commissioning Date.

16.3. DELAY IN COMMISSIONING ON ACCOUNT OF DELAY IN LTA OPERATIONALIZATION

General Network Access (GNA) shall be obtained by the HPD. Subsequent to grant of connectivity, in case there is a delay in grant/operationalization of GNA by the CTU and/or there is a delay in readiness of the Pooling sub-station (PSS) in the Solar Park, if applicable and/or ISTS substation at the Delivery Point, including readiness of the power evacuation and transmission infrastructure of the ISTS network until SCD of the Project, and it is established that:

(i) The HPD has complied with the complete application formalities as per Clause 7.10 above,

(ii) The HPD has adhered to the applicable Procedure in this regard as notified by the CERC/CTU, and

(iii) The delay in grant of connectivity/LTA by the CTU and/or delay in readiness of the ISTS substation at the Delivery Point, including readiness of the power evacuation and transmission infrastructure of the ISTS network, is a factor attributable to the CTU/transmission licensee and is beyond the control of the HPD;

The above shall be treated as delays beyond the control of the HPD and SCD for such Projects shall be revised as the date as on 30 days subsequent to the readiness of the Pooling point at PSS and/or Delivery Point at GSS and power evacuation infrastructure and/or operationalization of LTA. Decision on requisite extension on account of the above factor shall be taken by Procurer.

In case of delay in commissioning of Project due to reasons beyond the reasonable control of the HPD, Procurer may extend the SCD after examining the issue on a case-to- case basis.

16.4. EARLY COMMISSIONING

The HPD shall be permitted for full commissioning as well as part commissioning of the Project even prior to the Scheduled Commissioning Date, subject to availability of transmission connectivity and GNA. Early commissioning of the Project will be allowed solely at the risk and cost of the HPD, and Procurer may purchase the energy from such early commissioned Project at the PPA tariff, only in the case the Procurer agrees to purchase power from the Project at an earlier date, and at the PPA tariff.

In case Procurer does not agree to purchase such energy, early part/full commissioning



of the Project shall still be allowed and the HPD will be free to sell such energy to a third party; subject to grant of connectivity and GNA, until SCD or the date of commencement of procurement of power from the Project as notified by Procurer, whichever is earlier.

17. COMMERCIAL OPERATION DATE (COD)

Commercial Operation Date (COD) shall be the date on which the commissioning certificate is issued upon successful commissioning of the full capacity of the Project. The 15-year tenure of PPA shall be as per the provisions of PPA. The following milestone dates may therefore be observed and may fall on separate dates.

(a) Interconnection with Grid: This may be provided by the STU/ CTU/ SPIA (as applicable) on the request of the project developer, even if the project is only partially ready to facilitate testing and allow flow of power generated into the grid to avoid wastage of Power.

(b) Commissioning of the Project: This will be on a date when the project meets the criteria defined for project commissioning. The procurer may authorize any individual or committee or organization to declare the project commissioned on site.

Any energy produced and flowing into the grid before COD shall not be at the cost of the Procurer under this scheme and developers will be free to make short-term sale to any organization or individual. Procurers may agree to buy this power as a trader if they find it viable outside this RfS.

18. MINIMUM PAID UP SHARE CAPITAL TO BE HELD BY PROJECT PROMOTER

18.1. The Bidder shall provide complete information in their bid in reference to this RfS about the Promoters and upon issuance of LoA, the HPD shall indicate its shareholding in the company indicating the controlling shareholding before signing of PPA with Procurer.

18.2. No change in the controlling shareholding of the Bidding Company or Bidding Consortium shall be permitted from the date of submission of response to RfS till the execution of the PPA. However, in case the Project is being set up by a listed Company, this condition will not be applicable.

Following shall not be considered as change in shareholding as mentioned above:

1. Infusion of Fresh equity capital amongst the existing shareholders/promoters at the time of Bid Submission to meet equity requirements.
2. Conversion of CCDs, CCPs etc. already issued to existing shareholders.
3. Death, marriage, Divorce, minor attaining major (any legal heir who was minor at the time of signing of PPA), insolvent, insane of existing shareholders.



4. Transfer of shares within the members of Promoter Group.
 5. Transfer of shares to IEPF.
 6. Issue of Bonus Shares.
- 18.3. **In case of Project being executed through SPVs:** The Selected Bidder executing the project, if being a single company, shall ensure that its shareholding in the SPV/ Project Company executing the PPA, shall not fall below 51% at any time prior to 03 (Three) years after the COD, except with the prior approval of Procurer. In the event the selected Bidder is a consortium, then the combined shareholding of the consortium members in the SPV/ Project Company executing the PPA, shall not fall below 51% at any time prior to 03 (Three) years after COD, except with the prior approval of Procurer. However, in case the Project is being set up by a listed Company, this condition will not be applicable.
- 18.4. **In case of the selected Bidder itself executing the PPA,** it shall ensure that its promoters Shall not cede control (Control shall mean the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the voting shares of such Company or right to appoint majority Directors), till 03 (Three) years from the COD, except with the prior approval of Procurer. However, in case the Project is being set up by a listed Company, this condition will not be applicable.
- 18.5. **In case of companies having multiple promoters** (but none of the shareholders having more than 50% of voting rights and paid-up share capital), it shall be considered as a company under joint control. In such cases, the shareholding pattern in the company as submitted at the time of bidding shall be maintained for a period of 03 (Three) years after COD.
- 18.6. Any change in the shareholding after the expiry of 03 years after COD can be undertaken under intimation to Procurer. Transfer of controlling shareholding of the company developing the project within the same group of companies will however be allowed after COD with the permission of Procurer, subject to the condition that, the management control remains within the same group of companies.
- 18.7. In the event of Change in Shareholding/ Substitution of Promoters triggered by the Financial Institutions leading to signing of fresh PPA with a new entity, an amount of INR 10 Lakh +18% GST per Transaction as Facilitation Fee (non-refundable) shall be deposited by the developer to Procurer.

19. STRUCTURING OF THE BID SELECTION PROCESS

- 19.1. Single stage, Double Envelope bidding followed by e-Reverse Auction followed by L-1 Matching, has been envisaged under this RfS. Bidders have to submit both Techno- Commercial Bid and Financial Bid (Tariff) together in response to this RfS online. The preparation of bid proposal has to be in the manner described in Clause No. 23, Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS.
- 19.2. Aggregate capacity offered under this RfS is 100 MW with projects to be configured as 50 MW for each Solar and Wind Power. The Bidders may submit their proposals accordingly. The proposals may be enclosed in the same envelope in the manner described in Clause No. 23,

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Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS.

20. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS FOR STRUCTURING OF BID PROPOSALS IN RESPONSE TO RfS

The bidder including its Parent, Affiliate or Ultimate Parent or any Group Company shall submit single response to RfS.

Detailed Instructions to be followed by the bidders for online submission of response to RfS are stated at Annexure – C.

Submission of bid proposals by Bidders in response to RfS shall be in the manner described below:

1. Covering Letter as per **Format 7.1**
2. In case of a Bidding Consortium, a Power of Attorney in favour of the Lead Member issued by the other Members of the Consortium shall be provided in original as per format attached hereto as **Format 7.2**

In the event any Member of the Bidding Consortium (other than Lead Member) is a foreign entity, it may submit Board Resolutions in place of Power of Attorney for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements under this clause. Provided that such Board Resolutions shall be supported by an unqualified opinion issued by the legal counsel of such foreign entity stating that the Board Resolutions are in compliance with the applicable laws of the respective jurisdictions of the issuing Company and the authorizations granted therein are true and valid.

3. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the form as per **Format 7.3 A**
4. Board Resolutions, as per prescribed formats enclosed as per **Format 7.4** duly certified by the Company Secretary or the Director of the relevant Bidder, as applicable to the Bidder and mentioned hereunder:
 - a. Board Resolution from the Bidding Company or the Lead Member of the Consortium, as the case may be, in favour of the person signing the response to RfS and in the event of selection of the Projects and to sign the PPA with Procurer. Board Resolution from each of the Consortium Members in favour of the person signing Consortium Agreement
 - b. Board Resolution from the Bidding Company committing 100% (One Hundred Percent) of the equity requirement for the Project/ Board Resolutions from each of the Consortium Members together in aggregate committing to 100% (One Hundred Percent) of equity requirement for the Project (in case of Bidding Consortium); and
 - c. Board Resolutions from each of the Consortium Members and Lead member contributing such additional amount over and above the percentage limit (specified for

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the Lead Member and other member in the Consortium Agreement) to the extent becoming necessary towards the total equity share in the Project Company, obligatory on the part of the Consortium pursuant to the terms and conditions in the Consortium Agreement.

5. In case of a Consortium, the Consortium Agreement between the Members in the Consortium as per **Format 7.5** along with Board resolution from each Member of the Consortium for participating in Consortium.
6. Format for Financial Requirements as per **Format 7.6** along with the certificate from practicing Chartered Accountant/ Statutory Auditors showing details of computation of the financial credentials of the Bidder.
7. Undertaking regarding no willful default and no major litigation pending as per **Format 7.7**.
8. A disclosure statement as per **Format 7.8** regarding participation of any related companies in the bidding process.
9. Format for Technical Criteria as per **Format 7.9**.
10. Declaration by the Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Bidding Consortium for the Proposed Technology Tie Up as per **Format 7.10** (to be filled out separately for each Project).

11. Attachments

- a. Memorandum of Association, Article of Association needs to be attached along with the bid. The bidder should also highlight the relevant provision which highlights the objects relating to Power/ Energy/ Renewable Energy/ Solar Power plant development/ Wind Power Plant Development.
 - In case, there is no mention of the above provisions in the MoA/ AoA of the bidding company, the same has to be amended and submitted prior to signing of PPA, if the bidder is selected as Successful bidder.
 - If the selected bidder wishes to execute the project through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), the MoA/ AoA of the SPV highlighting the relevant provision which highlights the objects relating to Power/ Energy/ Renewable Energy/ Solar Power plant development/ wind Power Plant Development has to be submitted prior to signing of PPA.
- b. Certificate of Incorporation of Bidding Company/ all member companies of Bidding Consortium.



- c. A certificate of shareholding of the bidding company, its Parent and Ultimate Parent (if any) duly certified by a practicing Chartered Accountant/ Company Secretary as on a date within 30 days prior to the last date of bid submission. Procurer reserves the right to seek additional information relating to shareholding in promoter companies, their parents/ ultimate parents and other group companies to satisfy themselves that RfS conditions have been complied with and the bidder will ensure submission of the same within the required time lines.
- d. Certified copies of annual audited accounts for the last financial year, i.e. FY 2022-23, and provisional audited accounts, along with certified copies of Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Account, Schedules and Cash Flow Statement supported with bank statements as on the date at least 7 days prior to the due date of bid submission (if applicable), shall be required to be submitted.
- e. Details of all types of securities/instruments which are pending conversion into equity whether optionally or mandatorily.
- f. The bidder shall be additionally required to furnish the break-up of the Preliminary Estimate of Cost of Solar PV Project as well as Cost of Wind Power Project as per Format 7.12 (separately for each project) as part of the response to RfS.

21. IMPORTANT NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- 21.1. Wherever information has been sought in specified formats, the Bidders shall fill in the details as per the prescribed formats and shall refrain from any deviations and referring to any other document for providing any information required in the prescribed format.
- 21.2. The Bidders shall be shortlisted based on the declarations made by them in relevant schedules of RfS. The documents submitted online will be verified before signing of PPA in terms of Clause No. 14, Section-III, Instructions to Bidders, ITB of RfS.
- 21.3. If the Bidder/ Member in a Bidding Consortium conceals any material information or makes a wrong statement or misrepresents facts or makes a misleading statement in its response to RfS, in any manner whatsoever, Procurer reserves the right to reject such response to RfS and/ or cancel the Letter of Award, if issued, and the Bank Guarantee provided up to that stage shall be encashed. Bidder shall be solely responsible for disqualification based on their declaration in the submission of response to RfS.
- 21.4. If the event specified at 21.3 is discovered after the Effective Date of PPA, consequences specified in PPA shall apply.



- 21.5. Response submitted by the Bidder shall become the property of the NVVN/ Procurer and NVVN/ Procurer shall have no obligation to return the same to the Bidder. However, the EMDs submitted by unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned as specified in Clause no. 11, Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS.
- 21.6. All documents of the response to RfS (including RfS and subsequent Amendments/ Clarifications/ Addenda, PPA and PSA) submitted online must be digitally signed by the person authorized by the Board as per **Format 7.4**.
- 21.7. The response to RfS shall be submitted as mentioned in Clause No. 21, Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS. No change or supplemental information to a response to RfS will be accepted after the scheduled date and time of submission of response to RfS. However, Procurer reserves the right to seek additional information from the Bidders, if found necessary, during the course of evaluation of the response to RfS.
- 21.8. All the information should be submitted in English language only. In case of foreign bidders having documents in other than English language, then the documents shall be translated in English language by certified translator and submitted.
- 21.9. Bidders shall mention the name of the contact person and complete address and contact details of the Bidder in the covering letter.
- 21.10. Response to RfS that are incomplete, which do not substantially meet the requirements prescribed in this RfS, will be liable for rejection by Procurer.
- 21.11. Response to RfS not submitted in the specified formats will be liable for rejection by Procurer.
- 21.12. Bidders delaying in submission of additional information or clarifications sought will be liable for rejection.
- 21.13. Non-submission and/ or submission of incomplete data/ information required under the provisions of RfS shall not be construed as waiver on the part of Procurer of the obligation of the Bidder to furnish the said data/ information unless the waiver is in writing.
- 21.14. The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission shall be the appropriate commission to exercise the regulatory and adjudicatory jurisdiction in regard to matters between HPD and Procurer as well as Procurer and buying utility(ies). Subject to the above, only New Delhi Courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to this RfS.



21.15. All the financial transactions to be made with NVVN/Procurer including success fee, delay charges (except charges for delay in Financial Closure), and any additional charges (if required), shall attract 18% GST on each transaction, irrespective of the same being mentioned in the RfS/PPA.

22. NON-RESPONSIVE BID

The electronic response to RfS submitted by the bidder along with the documents submitted online to NVVN shall be scrutinized to establish “Responsiveness of the bid”. Each bidder’s response to RfS shall be checked for compliance with the submission requirements set forth in this RfS.

Any of the following conditions shall cause the Bid to be “Non-responsive”:-

- (a) Non-submission of the requisite Processing Fee as mentioned in the Bid Information Sheet;
- (b) Non-submission or partial submission of EMD in acceptable form along with RfS document.
- (c) Response to RfS not received by the due date and time of bid submission;
- (d) Any indication of tariff in any part of response to the RfS, other than in the financial bid;
- (e) Data filled in the Electronic Form of Financial Bid (Second Envelope), not in line with the instructions mentioned in the same electronic form;
- (f) In case it is found that the Bidding Company including Ultimate Parent Company/ Parent Company/ Affiliate/ Group Companies have submitted more than one response to this RfS, then all these bids submitted shall be treated as non-responsive and rejected.

In any of the above cases, the bid shall not be considered for bid opening and evaluation process. **Further, in case of (b), such bidder will be debarred from participating in any of the tenders issued by NVVN and Procurer for a period of 6 (six) months, starting from the last date of bid submission of this RfS.**

23. METHOD OF SUBMISSION OF RESPONSE TO RfS BY THE BIDDER

23.a Documents to be Submitted Offline (in Original)

The bidder has to submit original of following documents **offline**.

- i) DD/Pay order or NEFT/RTGS/ details towards Bid Processing Fee as mentioned in Bid Information Sheet.
- ii) Bank Guarantee towards EMD as mentioned in the Bid Information Sheet (as per Format 7.3 A). One EMD may be submitted for the cumulative capacity quoted by the bidder, or individual EMDs may be submitted for each Project.
- iii) Power of Attorney in the name of person signing the bid.

No documents will be accepted after the last date & time of bid submission.

Bank Guarantee against EMD needs to be submitted in both online and offline modes.

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The Bidders will be required to submit the bank guarantee, either in person or through post, at the office of NVVN before the closing date & time of bid submission.

The bidding envelope shall contain the following sticker:

Request for Selection (RfS) Document	
For	
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As per	
Scheme for flexibility in Generation and Scheduling of Thermal/Hydro Power Stations through bundling with Renewable Energy and Storage Power	
<i>Cumulative Capacity of the projects applied for</i>	100 MW
<i>RfS Reference No.</i>	NVVN/RE-272/2024-25/
<i>Submitted by</i>	<i>(Enter Full name and address of the Bidder)</i>
<i>Authorized Signatory</i>	<i>(Signature of the Authorized Signatory)</i> <i>(Name of the Authorized Signatory)</i> <i>(Stamp of the Bidder)</i>
<i>Bid Submitted to</i>	NTPC VIDYUT VYAPAR NIGAM LIMITED (A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of NTPC Limited, A Maharatna Organization, under Ministry of Power, Government of India) 5th Floor, Engineering Office Complex, A-8A, Sector -24, Noida – 201301 (U.P.)

23.b Documents to be Submitted Online

Detailed instructions are to be followed by the Bidders for online submission of response to RfS as stated as Annexure-C. The bidders shall strictly follow the instructions mentioned in the electronic form in respective technical bid and financial bid while filling the form.

All documents of the response to RfS submitted online must be digitally signed and uploaded on the website, <https://www.eprocurementpc.nic.in> which should contain the following:

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1. Technical Bid (First Envelope)

The Bidder shall upload single technical bid containing the scanned copy of following documents duly signed and stamped on each page by the authorized signatory as mentioned below.

- (a) Formats - 7.1, 7.2 (if applicable), 7.3 A, 7.4, 7.5 (if applicable), 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9 and 7.10 as elaborated in Clause No. 20, Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB).
- (b) All attachments elaborated in Clause No. 20, Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB), under the sub-clause 10, Attachments with proper file names.
- (c) All supporting documents regarding meeting the eligibility criteria.
- (d) Scanned Copies of NEFT/RTGS/DD/Pay order details towards Bid Processing Fee as mentioned in Bid Information Sheet.
- (e) Scanned Copies of requisite amount of Bank Guarantee towards EMD as mentioned in the Bid Information Sheet.

The Bidder will have to fill the Electronic Form provided at the e-tender portal as part of Technical Bid.

2. Financial Bid (Second Envelope)

Bidders shall submit the single Financial Bid containing the scanned copy of following document(s):

- (a) Covering letter as per Format - 7.11 of this RfS document
- (b) Preliminary Estimate of Cost of Solar PV Project & Cost of Wind Project as per Format 7.12

Only single tariff bid for all the Projects applied for, shall have to be filled online in the Electronic Form provided at the e-portal www.eprocurementpc.nic.in. The instructions mentioned in the Financial Bid Electronic Form have to be strictly followed without any deviation, else the bid shall be considered as non-responsive.

Important Note:

- (a) The Bidders shall not deviate from the naming and the numbering formats of envelopes mentioned above, in any manner.
- (b) In each of the Envelopes, all the documents enclosed shall be indexed and flagged



appropriately, with the index list indicating the name of the document against each flag.

- (c) All the Envelopes shall be properly sealed with the signature of the Authorized Signatory running across the sealing of the envelopes.
- (d) In case the Bidder submits the online documents on e-portal within the bid submission deadlines and fails to submit the offline documents in the office of NVVN within the bid submission deadlines, the online bid of the Bidder shall not be opened. Similarly, bids submitted offline but without any online submission on e-portal shall not be opened and the EMD shall be returned to the respective bidder.
- (e) In case of submission of Bank Guarantee against EMD online on or before the bid submission deadline, and non-submission of the hard copy of the Bank Guarantee to NVVN within the date as on 2 working days subsequent to bid submission deadline, the respective bidder will be debarred from participating in any of the tenders issued by NVVN and Procurer, for a period of 6 (six) months, starting from the last date of bid submission of this RfS.

24. NOTICE BOARD FOR DISPLAY

**100 MW Grid Connected Hybrid
Power Project by
----- (insert name of the HPD)
[Under RfS for Selection of Hybrid Power Developers for Setting up
of 100 MW ISTS-Connected Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects in India
under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding]
As per
Scheme for flexibility in Generation and Scheduling of Thermal/ Hydro
Power Stations through bundling with Renewable Energy and Storage Power
by
NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited]**

The HPD will have to put a notice board (at least 180cm x 120cm) at its project site (both Solar as well as Wind Project) main entrance prominently displaying the above message before declaration of COD.

25. VALIDITY OF THE RESPONSE TO RfS

The Bidder shall submit the response to RfS which shall remain valid up to 180 (One Hundred Eighty) days from the last date of submission of response to RfS (“Bid Validity”). NVVN reserves the right to reject any response to RfS which does not meet the aforementioned validity requirement.

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26. BID PREPARATION COST

The Bidder shall be responsible for all the costs associated with the preparation of the response to RfS and participation in discussions and attending pre-bid meeting(s) etc. NVVN shall not be responsible in any way for such costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bid process.

27. CLARIFICATIONS/ PRE-BID MEETING/ ENQUIRIES/ AMENDMENTS

- 27.1. Clarifications/ Doubts, if any, on RfS document may be emailed to nvncontracts@ntpc.co.in, and/ or uploaded at e-tender portal.
- 27.2. NVVN will make effort to respond to the same in the Pre-Bid Meeting to be held as mentioned in the Bid Information Sheet. A compiled list of such questionnaire and NVVN's response will be uploaded in the e-portal www.eprocurementpc.nic.in. If necessary, amendments, clarifications, elaborations shall be issued by NVVN which will be notified on e-tender Portal only. No separate reply/ intimation will be given for the above, elsewhere.
- 27.3. A Pre-Bid Meeting shall be held as mentioned in the e-tender Portal (Venue as mentioned in Bid Information Sheet).

28. RIGHT OF NVVN TO REJECT A BID

NVVN reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses to RfS or cancel the RfS or annul the bidding process for any project at any stage without assigning any reasons whatsoever and without thereby any liability. In the event of the tender being cancelled at any stage, the processing fee (excluding GST, if amount credited to NVVN account), without any interests, and EMD submitted by the Bidders shall be returned to the respective Bidders.

29. POST AWARD COMPLIANCES

Timely completion of all the milestones i.e. signing of PPA, meeting Financial Closure Requirements/ Conditions Subsequent (PPA), Commissioning etc. will be the sole responsibility of HPD. NVVN/Procurer shall not be liable for issuing any intimations/ reminders to HPDs for timely completion of milestones and/ or submission of compliance documents.

Any checklist shared with HPD by Procurer/NVVN for compliance of above-mentioned milestones to be considered for the purpose of facilitation only. Any additional documents required as per the conditions of Guidelines, RfS and PPA must be timely submitted by the HPD.



SECTION - IV

QUALIFYING

REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS (QR)

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Short listing of Bidders will be based on meeting the following Criteria:

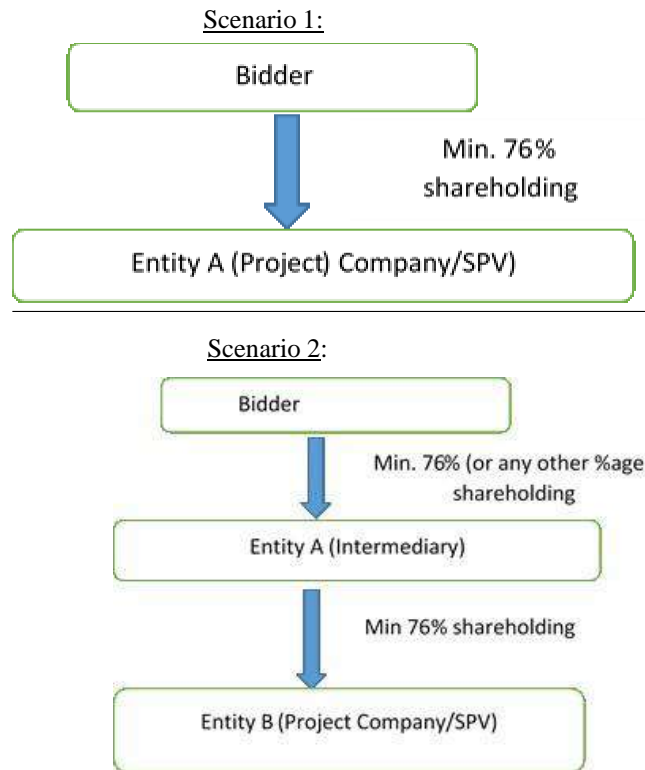
A. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Bidders participating in the RfS will be required to meet the following eligibility criteria (as applicable).

- A.1 The Bidder shall be a Company as defined.
- A.2 Bidding Consortium with one of the Companies as Lead member. Consortium shortlisted and selected based on this RfS has to necessarily form a Project Company and get it registered under the Companies Act, 2013 prior to signing of PPA, keeping the original shareholding of the Bidding Consortium unchanged. In case applications for multiple Projects have been made by a Consortium, separate Project Companies can be formed for each Project. For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby clarified that the shareholding pattern of the Project Company shall be the identical to the shareholding pattern of the Consortium as indicated in the Consortium Agreement (Format 7.5).
- A.3 A foreign company can also participate on standalone basis or as a member of consortium at the RfS stage. In case of foreign company participating on standalone basis and its selection as successful Bidder, it has to form a “Special Purpose Vehicle” (SPV), i.e. an Indian Company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 as its subsidiary Company, with at least 76% shareholding in the SPV, before signing of PPA. In case a Foreign Company is selected as the successful Bidder, it shall comply with all the laws and provisions related to Foreign Direct Investment in India.
- In case the foreign company participating as a member of consortium, the clause no. A.7 mentioned below shall be applicable.
- A.4 In line with the O.M. issued by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, vide No. 6/18/2019-PPD Dated 23.07.2020 and subsequent amendments and clarifications thereto, the Bidder shall meet the following criteria for its bid to be considered for evaluation under the RfS:
- i. Any bidder from a country which shares a land border with India will be eligible to bid in this tender only if the bidder is registered with the Competent Authority (as defined in the OM as referred above).
 - ii. “Bidder” in this reference, means any person or firm or company, including any member of a consortium, every artificial juridical person not falling in any of the descriptions of bidders stated hereinbefore, including any agency branch or office controlled by such person, participating in this tender.
 - iii. “Bidder from a country which shares a land border with India” for the purpose of this clause, means:
 - i. An entity incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or
 - ii. A subsidiary of an entity incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or



- iii. An entity substantially controlled through entities incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or
 - iv. An entity whose beneficial owner is situated in such a country; or
 - v. An Indian (or other) agent of such an entity; or
 - vi. A natural person who is a citizen of such a country; or
 - vii. A consortium where any member of the consortium falls under any of the above.
- iv. In support of the above, the Bidder shall be required to submit necessary Undertaking, as per Format 7.8/7.8A of the RfS.
 - v. Other provisions of the referred OM dated 23.07.2020, except Sl. 11 of the OM, will also be applicable for this tender. Any interpretation of the above clauses will be made in line with the referred OM, including subsequent amendments and clarifications thereto.
- A.5 Limited Liability Partnership (LLPs) are not eligible for participation.
- A.6 A Bidder which has been selected as Successful Bidder based on this RfS can also execute the Project through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) i.e. a Project Company especially incorporated/acquired as a subsidiary Company of the successful bidder for setting up of the Project, with at least 76% shareholding in the SPV which has to be registered under the Indian Companies Act, 2013, before signing of PPA. Multiple SPVs may also be utilized for executing more than one Project.
- A.7 Any consortium, if selected as Successful Bidder for the purpose of supply of power to Procurer, shall incorporate a Project company with equity participation by the Members in line with consortium agreement (to be submitted along with the response to RfS) before signing of PPA with Procurer, i.e. the Project Company incorporated shall have the same shareholding pattern as that indicated in the Consortium Agreement given at the time of submission of response to RfS. This shall not change till the signing of PPA and the Controlling Shareholding (held by the Lead Member holding not less than 51% of the voting rights and paid up share capital) shall not change from submission deadline of response to RfS up to three years after the COD of the Project. Transfer of controlling shareholding within the same group of companies will however be allowed after COD with the permission of Procurer, subject to the condition that, the management control remains within the same group of companies.
- A.8** The Bidder or any of its Affiliates should not be a willful defaulter to any lender, and that there is no major litigation pending or threatened against the Bidder or any of its Affiliates which are of a nature that could cast a doubt on the ability or the suitability of the Bidder to undertake the Project. **The Bidder shall submit an undertaking to this effect as per Format 7.7.**
- A.9 For avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that the fully owned subsidiary Company as mentioned in Clauses A.3 and A.6 above should be an immediate subsidiary of the bidder, without any intermediaries involved. The following illustrations are provided to clarify the same



As per provisions of the RfS, only Scenario 1 will be permissible under this RfS.

B. TECHNICAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- B.1 Under this RfS, it is proposed to promote only commercially established and operational technologies to minimize the technology risk and to achieve timely commissioning of the Projects. The Bidder shall provide information about the solar PV panels and wind turbines proposed to be installed in the project at the time of Financial Closure.
- B.2 In order to ensure only quality systems are installed, and in order to bring-in advantage of latest development/Models, the type-certified wind turbine models listed in Revised List of Models and Manufacturers (RLMM) issued by MNRE as updated as on the date of commissioning of the Projects will be allowed for deployment under the RfS.
- B.3 The HPD shall strictly comply with the detailed technical parameters for Solar PV Component of a Project, as provided in Annexure-A of this document. Further, the provisions as contained in the O.M. dated 10.03.2021 issued by MNRE on the subject “Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019-Implementation-Reg.” and its subsequent amendments and clarifications issued until the bid submission deadline, shall be applicable for this RfS. The modules used in the Projects under this RfS should have been included in the List-I under the above Order, valid as on the date of invoicing of such modules.



- B.4 The wind power projects will be developed as per the Guidelines issued by the Government for development of Wind Power Projects. For solar modules and balance of systems, the technical guidelines issued by the Government from time to time for grid connected Solar PV systems and the technical guidelines prevalent at the time of commissioning of the Project, will be followed.
- B.5 The Projects shall also comply with the criteria for power generation detailed in Clause No. 8 in Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS.

C. FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

C.1 Net-worth

- a. The Net Worth of the Bidder should be equal to or greater than **INR 1.226 Crores Lakhs per MW** of the quoted capacity, as on the last date of the previous Financial Year, i.e. FY 2022-23 or as on the day at least 7 days prior to the bid submission deadline.
- b. The net worth to be considered for the above purpose will be the cumulative net-worth of the Bidding Company or Consortium together with the Net Worth of those Affiliates of the Bidder(s) that undertake to contribute the required equity funding and performance bank guarantees in case the Bidder(s) fail to do so in accordance with the RfS.
- c. The Net Worth to be considered for this clause shall be the total Net Worth as calculated in accordance with the Companies Act, 2013 and any further amendments thereto.

C.2 Liquidity

In order to ascertain that the Bidder has sufficient means to manage the fund requirements for the Project, the Bidder shall be required to demonstrate at least one of the following parameters:

- a. A minimum annual turnover of **INR 1.108 Cr. /MW** of the quoted capacity during the previous financial year, 2022-23 or as on the day at least 7 days prior to the bid submission deadline. It is hereby clarified that “Other Income” as indicated in the annual accounts of the Bidder shall not be considered for arriving at the annual turnover.
- b. Internal resource generation capability, in the form of Profit Before Depreciation Interest and Taxes (PBDIT) for a minimum amount of **INR 22.16 Lakhs/ MW** of the quoted capacity, as on the last date of previous financial year, 2022-23, or as on the day at least 7 days prior to the bid submission deadline.

In-principle sanction letter from the lending institutions/ banks of the Bidder, committing a Line of Credit for a minimum amount of **INR 27.70 Lakhs/ MW** of the quoted capacity, towards meeting the working capital requirement of the project



quoted under this RfS. Such letter can also be obtained by the Affiliate(s) of the Bidder.

- C.3 The Bidder may seek qualification on the basis of financial capability of its Affiliate(s) for the purpose of meeting the qualification requirements as per C.1 and C.2 above. In case of the Bidder being a Bidding Consortium, any Member may seek qualification on the basis of financial capability of its Affiliate(s). In such cases, the Bidder shall be required to submit Board Resolutions from the respective Affiliate(s), undertaking to contribute the required equity funding and Performance Bank Guarantees in case the Bidder(s) fail to do so in accordance with the RfS. In case of non-availability of the Board Resolution as required above, a letter from the CEO/ Managing Director of the respective Affiliate(s), undertaking the above, shall be required to be submitted and the requisite Board Resolution from the Affiliate(s) shall be required to be submitted prior to signing of PPA.
- C.4 For the purposes of meeting financial requirements, only latest unconsolidated audited annual accounts shall be used. However, audited consolidated annual accounts of the Bidder may be used for the purpose of financial requirements provided the Bidder has at least twenty six percent (26%) equity in each Company whose accounts are merged in the audited consolidated account.
- C.5 A Company/ Consortium would be required to submit annual audited accounts for the last financial year, 2022-23, along with a net worth, annual turnover and PBDIT certificate (as applicable) from a practicing Chartered Accountant/ Statutory Auditor; or in case of the bidder meeting the criteria on the date at least 7 days prior to due date of bid submission, provisional audited accounts as on the date at least 7 days prior to the due date of bid submission along with copies of Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Account, Schedules and Cash Flow Statement supported with bank statements certified by a practicing Chartered Accountant; in order to demonstrate fulfilment of the criteria. In case of foreign companies, the Bidders shall be required to submit the annual audited accounts for the last respective financial year as per the general norm in the country where the Bidder or its Affiliate(s) is/ are located, or provisional accounts as on the day at least 7 days prior to the bid submission deadline.

Note: In case of foreign Bidders, in the event the Bidder is unable to furnish the audited annual accounts for the previous financial year as per the prevalent norm in the respective country, the Bidder shall submit the annual audited accounts of the last financial year for which the audited accounts are available. This, however, would be acceptable, subject to the condition that the last date of response to this RfS falls on or within the deadline for completion of audit of annual accounts of companies, as stipulated by the laws/rules of the respective country, and the Bidder shall submit the corresponding documentary evidence against the same. In case the annual accounts or provisional accounts as on the day at least 7 days prior to the bid submission deadline, are submitted in a language other than English, a certified English translation from an approved translator shall be required to be submitted by the Bidder.



- C.6 For meeting the above financial eligibility criteria, if the data is provided by the Bidder in a foreign currency, equivalent Indian Rupees of Net Worth and other financial parameters will be calculated by the Bidder using Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) reference rates prevailing on the date of closing of the accounts for the respective financial year.
- C.7 In case of any currency for which RBI reference rate is not available, Bidders shall convert such currency into US Dollar (USD) as per the exchange rates certified by their banker prevailing on the relevant date and used for such conversion. After such conversion, Bidder shall follow the procedure/ submit document as elaborated in Clause C.6 above.
- C.8 In case the response to RfS is submitted by a Consortium, then the financial requirement (both the Net-Worth and Liquidity requirements) to be met by each Member of the Consortium shall be computed in proportion to the equity commitment made by each of them in the Project Company.

For example, if two companies A and B form a Consortium with equity participation in 70:30 ratio and submit their bid for a capacity of 100MW, then, total Net-Worth to be met by the Consortium is Rs. 1.226 Crores x 100MW = Rs. 122.6 Crores. The minimum requirement of Net-Worth to be met by Lead Member A would be minimum Rs. 85.82 Crores and to be met by Consortium Member B would be Rs. 36.78 Crores. Similar methodology shall be followed for computation of liquidity requirement.



SECTION - V

BID EVALUATION AND SELECTION OF PROJECTS



1. BID EVALUATION

Bid evaluation will be carried out considering the information furnished by Bidders as per provisions specified in Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of this RfS. The detailed evaluation procedure and selection of bidders are described in subsequent clauses in this Section.

2. TECHNO-COMMERCIAL EVALUATION OF BIDDERS

2.a First Envelope (Technical Bid) Evaluation (Step 1)

2.a.1 The first envelope (Technical Bid submitted online) of only those bidders will be opened by NVVN whose required documents as mentioned at Clause No. 23.a, Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of this RfS are received at NVVN office. Bid opening (online) will be done only after the deadline for submission of NEFT and/or DDs/Payorder against Bid processing fee. For e.g., if the bid submission deadline is 17:00 hrs on 05.12.2023, the online bid opening will be conducted on 15:00 hrs on 06.12.2023. In case of the above deadline being a holiday, the bids will be opened on the next working day.

2.a.2 Documents (as mentioned in the previous clause) received after the bid submission deadline specified in the Bid Information Sheet shall be rejected and returned unopened, if super-scribed properly with address, to the bidder.

2.a.3 Subject to Clause No. 22, Section-III, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of this RfS, NVVN will examine all the documents submitted by the Bidders and ascertain meeting of eligibility conditions prescribed in the RfS. During the examination of the bids, NVVN may seek clarifications/ additional documents to the documents submitted etc. from the Bidders if required to satisfy themselves for meeting the eligibility conditions by the Bidders. Bidders shall be required to respond to any clarifications/ additional documents sought by NVVN within 07 (seven) days from the date of such intimation from NVVN. All correspondence in this regard shall be made through email/ e-portal only. It shall be the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure that the email id of the authorized signatory of the Bidder is functional. The Bidder may provide an additional email id of the authorized signatory in the covering letter. No reminders in this case shall be sent. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Bidders to remove all the discrepancies and furnish additional documents as requested. NVVN shall not be responsible for rejection of any bid on account of the above.

2.a.4 The response to RfS submitted by the Bidder shall be scrutinized to establish Techno-Commercial eligibility as per RfS.

2.b Second Envelope (Financial Bid) Evaluation (Step 2)

In this step evaluations of Techno-Commercially Qualified Bids shall be done based on the "First Round Tariff Bid" quoted by the bidders in the Electronic Form of Financial Bid. After this step, the shortlisted bidders shall be invited for the Reverse Auction.



- 2.b.1 Second Envelope (containing First Round Tariff) of only those bidders shall be opened whose technical bids are found to be qualified.
- 2.b.2 The Bidder including its Parent, Affiliate or Ultimate Parent or any Group Company will have to submit a single bid (single application) quoting a single tariff in Indian Rupee per kWh for the complete 100 MW Hybrid Power Project. The tariff has to be quoted in Indian Rupee per kWh up to two places of decimal only. If it is quoted with more than two digits after decimal, digits after first two decimal places shall be ignored. (For e.g. if the quoted tariff is INR 2.337, then it shall be considered as INR 2.33).
- 2.b.3 On completion of Techno-Commercial bid evaluation, if it is found that only one or two Bidder(s) is/are eligible for the next stage, opening of the financial bid of the Bidder(s) will be at the discretion of NVVN. Thereafter, NVVN will take appropriate action as deemed fit.
- 2.b.4 If the first-round tariff quoted is same for two or more Bidders, then all the Bidders with same tariff shall be considered of equal rank/ standing in the order.
- 2.b.5 All Bidders with same tariff shall be eligible for reverse auction round (provided their rank is equal to or less than nth Bidder as mentioned in Clause No. 3.2 of this Section- V.
- 2.b.6 Ranking of bidders after Financial Bid Evaluation: Following illustrates an example of ranking of bidders after financial bid opening and evaluation

Bidder	Submitted Financial Bid	Ranking
B1	₹ 2.10 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L1
B2	₹ 2.20 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L2
B3	₹ 2.30 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L3
B4	₹ 2.30 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L3
B5	₹ 2.43 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L4
B6	₹ 2.60 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L5
B7	₹ 2.65 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L6
B8	₹ 2.69 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L7
B9	₹ 2.70 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L8



3. REVERSE AUCTION (STEP - 3)

- 3.1 The reverse auction for the complete 100 MW Hybrid Power Project shall be conducted through www.eprocurementpc.nic.in, portal on the day as intimated by NVVN to the eligible bidders.
- 3.2 After completion of evaluation of Techno-Commercial bids, price bids from all qualified bidders shall be opened. Ranking of all the qualified bidders shall be done based on their Evaluated Price, Tariff quoted in ₹/ kWh. Highest Rank will be given to the bidder who has quoted the lowest Tariff (i.e. L1 Bidder) and so on. Further, the following methodology shall be adopted while carrying out the Reverse Auction Process:

Sl. No.	No. of Qualified Bidders for the Project	Action to be done
a)	1 Bidder	No Reverse Auction shall be carried out.
b)	2 to 3 Bidders	Reverse Auction process shall be carried out without removing any Bidder.
c)	4 or more Bidders	Reverse Auction process shall be carried out after removing the one (1) Highest Evaluated Bidder (i.e., H1 Bidder).

All the short listed bidders for Reverse Auction shall be intimated about their eligibility for participation in Reverse Auction, two hours before the start of Reverse Auction. The Reverse Auction shall be carried out on Landed Tariff in ₹/ kWh.

- 3.3 **Schedule of Reverse Auction:** After evaluation of Techno-Commercial Bids, date and time of start of Reverse Auction shall be intimated to all the bidders who have submitted their bids at least two days prior to Reverse Auction. Initial duration of Reverse Auction shall be **One hour**.
- 3.4 **Auction extension time:** If a valid bid is placed within 8 (Eight) minutes of End Time of the RA and if that bid gets accepted, then Reverse Auction duration shall get automatically extended for another 8 (Eight) minutes from the existing end time. It may be noted that the auto-extension will take place only if a valid bid comes in those last 8 minutes. If a bid does not get accepted as the lowest bid, the auto-extension will not take place even if that bid might have come in the last 8 minutes. The above process will continue till no bid is received in last 8 minutes which shall mark the completion of Reverse Auction. However, bidders are advised not to wait till the last moment to enter their bid to avoid complications related to internet connectivity, their network problems, system crash down, power failure etc.
- 3.5 **Bid Price:** Bidders has to quote the Price in ₹/ kWh.
- 3.6 **Bid Decrement:** Bidders can reduce price in the multiple of INR 0.01(01 Paise)



4. ISSUANCE OF LoI's

After reverse auction, bidders would be ranked in ascending order as L-1, L-2, L-3, L- 4 and so on with L-1 being the lowest Evaluated Bid Price. A Letter of Intent (LOI) will be issued to the L-1 Bidder post Reverse Auction for the whole 100 MW Hybrid Power Project. In case of a Consortium being selected as the L-1 Bidder, the LOI shall be issued to the Lead Member of the Consortium.

In case NVVN/Procurer is unable to find buyers/off-takers for the tariffs as discovered after the bidding process, NVVN reserves the right to annul the bid process without any financial implications to any of the parties concerned.

In all cases, NVVN's decision regarding selection of Bidder through Reverse Auction or otherwise based on tariff or annulment of tender process shall be final and binding on all participating bidders.



SECTION - VI

OTHER PROVISIONS



1. ROLE OF STATE NODAL AGENCIES

It is envisaged that the State Government shall appoint any Agency as a State Level Agency which will provide necessary support to facilitate the required approvals and sanctions in a time bound manner so as to achieve commissioning of the Projects within the scheduled Timeline. This may include facilitation in the following areas:

- Coordination among various State and Central agencies for speedy implementation of projects
- Support during commissioning of projects and issue of commissioning certificates.

2. ROLE OF CENTRE TRANSMISSION UTILITY/PGCIL

It is envisaged that the State CTU/PGCIL will provide transmission system to facilitate the evacuation of power from the Project which may include the following:

- i) Upon application of Connectivity as per SERC/CERC Regulations, CTU shall coordinate with the concerned agencies for grant of connectivity and LTA.
- ii) Support during commissioning of projects.
- iii) Coordination among various State and Central agencies for evacuation of power.

3. ROLE OF NTPC VIDYUT VYAPAR NIGAM (NVTN)

It is envisaged that NVTN is an authorized representative of the procurer.

- i) NVTN is working as bid process coordinator on behalf of Procurer.
- ii) NVTN is engaged till signing of power purchase agreement between successful bidder and Procurer.



SECTION - VII

SAMPLE FORMS & FORMATS FOR BID **SUBMISSION**



FORMATS FOR BID SUBMISSION

The following formats are required to be submitted as part of the RfS. These formats are designed to demonstrate the Bidder's compliance with the Qualification Requirements set forth in Section - IV and other submission requirements specified in the RfS

- i) Format of Covering Letter (Format 7.1)
- ii) Format for Power of Attorney (Format 7.2)
- iii) Format for Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Format 7.3 A)
- iv) Format for Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) (Format 7.3 B)
- v) Payment on Order Instrument (POI) (Format 7.3 C)
- vi) Format for Board Resolutions (Format 7.4)
- vii) Format for Consortium Agreement (Format 7.5)
- viii) Format for Financial Requirement (Format 7.6)
- ix) Undertaking regarding no willful default and no major litigation pending (Format 7.7)
- x) Format for Disclosure (Format 7.8)
- xi) Format for Technical Criteria (Format 7.9)
- xii) Format for Proposed Technology Tie-up (Format 7.10)
- xiii) Format for submission of Financial Bid (Format 7.11)
- xiv) Format for Preliminary Cost Estimate of Solar PV & Wind Power Project (Format 7.12)
- xv) Technical Requirements for ISTS Connected Hybrid Power Projects (Annexure - A)
- xvi) Check List for Bank Guarantees (Annexure-B)
- xvii) Special Instructions to Bidders for e-Tendering and Reverse Auction (Annexure-C)
- xviii) Checklist for Financial Closure (Annexure-D)



Format 7.1

COVERING LETTER

(The Covering Letter should be submitted on the Letter Head of the Bidding Company/Lead Member of Consortium)

Ref.No. _____

Date: _____

From: _____ (Insert name and address of Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

Tel.#: _____

Fax#: _____

E-mail address# _____

To
NTPC VIDYUT VYAPAR NIGAM LIMITED
5th Floor, Engineering Office Complex,
A-8A, Sector -24, Noida – 201301 (U.P.)

Sub:..... Response to RfS No. dated for Selection of Solar Power Developers for Setting up of 100 MW ISTS-Connected Hybrid Power Projects (50 MW Solar Power & 50 MW Wind Power Projects) in India under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We, the undersigned [insert name of the 'Bidder'] having read, examined and understood in detail the RfS including Qualification Requirements in particular, terms and conditions of the standard PPA for supply of power for 15 years to the Procurer, hereby submit our response to RfS.

We confirm that in response to the aforesaid RfS, neither we nor any of our Ultimate Parent Company/ Parent Company/ Affiliate/ Group Company has submitted response to RfS other than this response to RfS, directly or indirectly, in response to the aforesaid RfS (as mentioned in Format 7.7 under Disclosure).

We also confirm that we including our Ultimate Parent Company/ Parent Company/ Affiliate/ Group Companies directly or indirectly have not submitted more than one response.

We are submitting RfS for the development of following Solar PV Project & Wind Power Project -

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Capacity (MW)	Location of Project (Village, Tehsil, Distt, State)	Proposed CUF	Interconnection Point Details
100 MW (Solar 50 MW, Wind 50 MW)			

**The preferences of the Projects shall be considered only for the last successful bidder whose total quoted capacity is more than the balance capacity. In this case, allocation will be done as described in Section V, Clause 4 (iii).*

1. We give our unconditional acceptance to the RfS, dated[Insert date in **dd/mm/yyyy**], standard PPA documents attached thereto, issued by NVVN. In token of our acceptance to the RfS and PPA documents along with the amendments and clarifications issued by NVVN, the same have been digitally signed by us and enclosed with the response to RfS. We shall ensure that the PPA is executed as per the provisions of the RfS and provisions of PPA and shall be binding on us. Further, we confirm that the Project shall be commissioned within the deadline as per clause No. 16 of ITB of the RfS. We further undertake that we shall demonstrate possession of 100% area of the identified land, within the timelines as per the RfS.
2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): - (Please read Clause No. 10, Section-III, ITB carefully before filling)
We have enclosed EMD of INR (Insert Amount), in the form of Bank Guarantee no..... [Insert bank guarantee number] dated [Insert date of bank guarantee] as per Format 7.3A from [Insert name of bank providing bank guarantee] and valid up to.....in terms of Clause No. 10, Section-III, ITB of this RfS. The total capacity of the Hybrid Power Project offered by us is 100 MW [Insert cumulative capacity proposed].
3. We hereby declare that in the event our Project(s) get selected and we are not able to submit Bank Guarantee of the requisite value(s) towards PBG/POI, Success charge for the selected Projects, within due time as mentioned in Clause Nos. 11 & 12, Section-III, ITB of this RfS on issue of LoI by NVVN for the selected Projects and/ or we are not able to sign PPA with Procurer within 90 Days of issue of LoI by NVVN for the selected Projects, NVVN shall have the right to encash the EMD submitted by us and return the balance amount (if any) for the value of EMD pertaining to unsuccessful capacity.
4. We have submitted our response to RfS strictly as per Section - VII (Sample Forms and Formats) of this RfS, without any deviations, conditions and without mentioning any assumptions or notes in the said Formats.
5. Acceptance: -

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We hereby unconditionally and irrevocably agree and accept that the decision made by NVVN in respect of any matter regarding or arising out of the RfS shall be binding on us. We hereby expressly waive and withdraw any deviations and all claims in respect of this process.

6. We also unconditionally and irrevocably agree and accept that the decision made by NVVN in respect of award of Projects according to our preference order as above and in line with the provisions of the RfS, shall be binding on us.

7. Familiarity with Relevant Indian Laws & Regulations: -

We confirm that we have studied the provisions of the relevant Indian Laws and Regulations as required to enable us to submit this response to RfS and execute the PPA, in the event of our selection as Successful Bidder.

8. In case of our selection as the Successful bidder under the scheme and the project being executed by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) incorporated by us which shall be our subsidiary, we shall infuse necessary equity to the requirements of RfS. Further we will submit a Board Resolution prior to signing of PPA with Procurer, committing total equity infusion in the SPV as per the provisions of RfS.

9. We are submitting our response to the RfS with formats duly signed as desired by you in the RfS online for your consideration.

10. It is confirmed that our response to the RfS is consistent with all the requirements of submission as stated in the RfS, including all clarifications and amendments and subsequent communications from NVVN.

11. The information submitted in our response to the RfS is correct to the best of our knowledge and understanding. We would be solely responsible for any errors or omissions in our response to the RfS.

12. We confirm that all the terms and conditions of our Bid are valid up to (Insert date in dd/mm/yyyy) for acceptance [i.e. a period of 180 (One Hundred Eighty) Days from the last date of submission of response to RfS].

13. Contact Person

Details of the representative to be contacted by NVVN are furnished as under:

Name :

...

Designation :

...

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Company :
...
Address :
...
Phone Nos. :
...
Mobile Nos. :
...
Fax Nos. :
...
E-mail address :

14. We have neither made any statement nor provided any information in this Bid, which to the best of our knowledge is materially inaccurate or misleading. Further, all the confirmations, declarations and representations made in our Bid are true and accurate. In case this is found to be incorrect after our selection as Successful Bidder, we agree that the same would be treated as a Seller's event of default under PPA and consequent provisions of PPA shall apply.

Dated the day of , 20....

Thanking you,
We remain,
Yours
faithfully,

Name, Designation, Seal and Signature of Authorized Person in whose name Power of Attorney/ Board Resolution/ Declaration.



Format 7.2

FORMAT FOR POWER OF ATTORNEY

(Applicable Only in case of Consortiums)

(To be provided by each of the other members of the Consortium in favor of the LeadMember)

(To be stamped in accordance with Stamp Act, the Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Appropriate Value)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT M/s..... having its registered office at,, and M/s..... having its registered office at, (Insert names and registered offices of all Members of the Consortium) the Members of Consortium have formed a Bidding Consortium named (insert name of the Consortium if finalized) (hereinafter called the 'Consortium') vide Consortium Agreement dated..... and having agreed to appoint M/s..... as the Lead Member of the said Consortium do hereby constitute, nominate and appoint M/s..... a company incorporated under the laws of and having its Registered/ Head Office at as our duly constituted lawful Attorney (hereinafter called as Lead Member) to exercise all or any of the powers for and on behalf of the Consortium in regard to submission of the response to RfS No.....

We also authorize the said Lead Member to undertake the following acts:

- i) To submit on behalf of Consortium Members response to RfS.
- ii) To do any other act or submit any information and document related to the above response to RfS Bid.

It is expressly understood that in the event of the Consortium being selected as Successful Bidder, this Power of Attorney shall remain valid, binding and irrevocable until the Bidding Consortium achieves execution of PPA.

We as the Member of the Consortium agree and undertake to ratify and confirm all whatsoever the said Attorney/ Lead Member has done on behalf of the Consortium Members pursuant to this Power of Attorney and the same shall bind us and deemed to have been done by us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF M/s , as the Member of the Consortium have executed these presents on this..... day of under the Common Seal of our company.



For and on behalf of Consortium Member

M/s.....

----- (Signature of person authorized by the board)(Name

Designation

Place:

Date:)

Accepted

(Signature, Name, Designation and Address of the person authorized by the board of the Lead Member)

Attested

(Signature of the executant)

(Signature & stamp of Notary of the place of execution)

Place:

Date:

Lead Member in the Consortium shall have the controlling shareholding in the Company as defined in Section-I, Definition of Terms of the RfS.



Format 7.3A

FORMAT FOR EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD)

(To be stamped in accordance with Stamp Act, the Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Appropriate Value)

Reference:

Bank Guarantee No.:

Date:

In consideration of the [Insert name of the Bidder] (hereinafter referred to as 'Bidder') submitting the response to RfS inter alia for Selection of Hybrid Power Developers for Setting up of 100 MW ISTS-Connected Hybrid Power Projects in India under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding for supply of power there from on long term basis, in response to the RfS No..... dated issued by NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (hereinafter referred to as NVVN) and NVVN considering such response to the RfS of [insert the name of the Bidder] as per the terms of the RfS, the [insert name & address of bank] hereby agrees unequivocally, irrevocably and unconditionally to pay to NVVN at [Insert Name of the Place from the address of NVVN] forthwith without demur on demand in writing from NVVN or any Officer authorized by it in this behalf, any amount upto and not exceeding Rupees [Insert amount not less than that derived on the basis of Rs. 4 Lakhs per MW of cumulative capacity proposed], only, on behalf of M/s [Insert name of the Bidder].

This guarantee shall be valid and binding on this Bank up to and including..... [insert date of validity in accordance with Clause No. 10, Section-III, ITB of this RfS] and shall not be terminable by notice or any change in the constitution of the Bank or the term of contract or by any other reasons whatsoever and our liability hereunder shall not be impaired or discharged by any extension of time or variations or alternations made, given, or agreed with or without our knowledge or consent, by or between parties to the respective agreement.

Our liability under this Guarantee is restricted to INR (Indian Rupees only).

Our Guarantee shall remain in force until [insert date of validity in accordance with Clause No. 10, Section-III, ITB of this RfS]. NVVN shall be entitled to invoke this Guarantee till..... [insert date of validity in accordance with Clause No. 10, Section-III, ITB of this RfS].

The Guarantor Bank hereby agrees and acknowledges that the NVVN shall have a right to invoke this BANK GUARANTEE in part or in full, as it may deem fit.

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The Guarantor Bank hereby expressly agrees that it shall not require any proof in addition to the written demand by NVVN, made in any format, raised at the above mentioned address of the Guarantor Bank, in order to make the said payment to NVVN.

The Guarantor Bank shall make payment hereunder on first demand without restriction or conditions and notwithstanding any objection by [Insert name of the Bidder] and/ or any other person. The Guarantor Bank shall not require NVVN to justify the invocation of this BANK GUARANTEE, nor shall the Guarantor Bank have any recourse against NVVN in respect of any payment made hereunder.

This BANK GUARANTEE shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of India and the courts at New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

The Guarantor Bank represents that this BANK GUARANTEE has been established in such form and with such content that it is fully enforceable in accordance with its terms as against the Guarantor Bank in the manner provided herein.

This BANK GUARANTEE shall not be affected in any manner by reason of merger, amalgamation, restructuring or any other change in the constitution of the Guarantor Bank.

This BANK GUARANTEE shall be a primary obligation of the Guarantor Bank and accordingly NVVN shall not be obliged before enforcing this BANK GUARANTEE to take any action in any court or arbitral proceedings against the Bidder, to make any claim against or any demand on the Bidder or to give any notice to the Bidder or to enforce any security held by NVVN or to exercise, levy or enforce any distress, diligence or other process against the Bidder.

This BANK GUARANTEE shall be effective only when the Bank Guarantee issuance message is transmitted by the issuing Bank through SFMS to ICICI Bank and a confirmation in this regard is received by NVVN

Notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove, our liability under this Guarantee is restricted to INR (Indian Rupees Only) and it shall remain in force until..... [Date to be inserted on the basis of Clause No. 10, Section-III, ITB of this RfS].

We are liable to pay the guaranteed amount or any part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only if NVVN serves upon us a written claim or demand.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Power of Attorney No.: _____



For

_____ *[Insert Name and Address of the Bank]* _____

Contact Details of the Bank:

E-mail ID of the Bank:

Banker's Stamp and Full Address.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____



Format 7.3B

FORMAT FOR PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE (PBG)

(To be submitted separately for each Project)

(To be stamped in accordance with Stamp Act, the Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Appropriate Value)

Reference:

Bank Guarantee No.:

Date:

In consideration of the [Insert name of the Bidder] (hereinafter referred to as 'selected Solar Power Developer') submitting the response to RfS inter alia for Selection of Hybrid Power Developers for Setting up of 100 MW ISTS-Connected Hybrid Power Projects in India under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding of the capacity of MW, at.....[Insert name of the place], for supply of power there from on long term basis, in response to the RfS dated..... issued by NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (hereinafter referred to as NVVN) and NVVN considering such response to the RfS of[Insert name of the Bidder] (which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof include its executors, administrators, successors and assignees) and selecting the Solar Power Project of the Solar Power Developer and issuing Letter of Award No to (Insert Name of selected Solar Power Developer) as per terms of RfS and the same having been accepted by the selected SPD resulting in a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to be entered into, for purchase of Power [from selected Solar Power Developer or a Project Company, M/s {a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed for this purpose}, if applicable] with the Procurer.

As per the terms of the RfS, the _ [Insert name & address of Bank] hereby agrees unequivocally, irrevocably and unconditionally to pay to Procurer at [Insert Name of the Place from the address of the Procurer] forthwith on demand in writing from Procurer or any Officer authorised by it in this behalf, any amount up to and not exceeding Indian Rupees..... [Total Value] only, on behalf of M/s [Insert name of the selected Hybrid Power Developer/ Project Company]

This guarantee shall be valid and binding on this Bank up to and including..... and shall not be terminable by notice or any change in the constitution of the Bank or the term of contract or by any other reasons whatsoever and our liability hereunder shall not be impaired or discharged by any extension of time or variations or alternations made, given, or agreed with or

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without our knowledge or consent, by or between parties to the respective agreement.

Our liability under this Guarantee is restricted to INR (Indian Rupees Only).

Our Guarantee shall remain in force until..... Procurer shall be entitled to invoke this Guarantee till

The Guarantor Bank hereby agrees and acknowledges that Procurer shall have a right to invoke this BANK GUARANTEE in part or in full, as it may deem fit.

The Guarantor Bank hereby expressly agrees that it shall not require any proof in addition to the written demand by Procurer , made in any format, raised at the above mentioned address of the Guarantor Bank, in order to make the said payment to Procurer .

The Guarantor Bank shall make payment hereunder on first demand without restriction or conditions and notwithstanding any objection by [Insert name of the selected Solar Power Developer/ Project Company as applicable] and/ or any other person. The Guarantor Bank shall not require Procurer to justify the invocation of this BANK GUARANTEE, nor shall the Guarantor Bank have any recourse against Procurer in respect of any payment made hereunder

This BANK GUARANTEE shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of India and the courts at New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

The Guarantor Bank represents that this BANK GUARANTEE has been established in such form and with such content that it is fully enforceable in accordance with its terms as against the Guarantor Bank in the manner provided herein.

This BANK GUARANTEE shall not be affected in any manner by reason of merger, amalgamation, restructuring or any other change in the constitution of the Guarantor Bank.

This BANK GUARANTEE shall be a primary obligation of the Guarantor Bank and accordingly Procurer shall not be obliged before enforcing this BANK GUARANTEE to take any action in any court or arbitral proceedings against the selected Solar Power Developer/ Project Company, to make any claim against or any demand on the selected Solar Power Developer/ Project Company or to give any notice to the selected Solar Power Developer/ Project Company or to enforce any security held by Procurer or to exercise, levy or enforce any distress, diligence or other process against the selected Solar Power Developer / Project Company.

This BANK GUARANTEE shall be effective only when the Bank Guarantee issuance message is transmitted by the issuing Bank through SFMS to Procurer's Bank and a confirmation in this regard is received by Procurer.

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The Guarantor Bank acknowledges that this BANK GUARANTEE is not personal to Procurer and may be assigned, in whole or in part, (whether absolutely or by way of security) by Procurer to any entity to whom Procurer is entitled to assign its rights and obligations under the PPA.

Notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove, our liability under this Guarantee is restricted to INR (Indian Rupees Only) and it shall remain in force until..... We are liable to pay the guaranteed amount or any part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only if Procurer serves upon us a written claim or demand.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Power of Attorney No.: _____

For _____ [Insert Name and Address of the Bank] _____

Contact Details of the Bank:

E-mail ID of the Bank:

Banker's Stamp and Full Address.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

Witness:

1.

Signature
Name and Address

2.

Signature
Name and Address



Notes:

1. The Stamp Paper should be in the name of the Executing Bank and of appropriate value.
2. The Performance Bank Guarantee shall be executed by any of the Schedule Commercial Banks as listed on the website of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and amended as on the date of issuance of bank guarantee. Bank Guarantee issued by foreign branch of a Scheduled Commercial Bank is to be endorsed by the Indian branch of the same bank or State Bank of India (SBI).



Format 7.3C

Format of Payment on Order Instrument to be issued by IREDA/REC/PFC (to be submitted separately for each Project)

No.

Date

NVVN

Registered

Reg: M/s____(insert name of the PPA signing entity) (Project No. _____(insert project ID issued by NVVN) – **Issuance of Payment on OrderInstrument for an amount of Rs._**

Dear Sir,

1. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India vide its letter dated 12th March 2020 has decided that to facilitate the promotion of solar and wind power development and implementation of the project by the Solar and Wind Power Developers who have entered into financing and funding agreements with IREDA/REC/PFC, the security by way of PBG in the form of Performance Bank Guarantee given by the Developers be allowed to be substituted by Letter of Undertaking/ Payment on Order Instrument issued by Non-Banking Finance Companies under the control of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and Ministry of Power. Any nodal agencies appointed by the Government of India with whom the power developers have entered into Power Purchase Agreement may accept the same in place of PBG. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy vide letter dated 12.03.2020 has, inter-alia, decided as under:

6. After carefully examining the matter, the Ministry have decided as follows:

- b) (i) Any implementing agency on behalf of MNRE (henceforth called implementing agencies) may release the Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) of any project if RE developers are able to replace the same with Letter(s) of Undertaking to pay in case situation of default of RE developer in terms of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) arises, from Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) or Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) or REC Limited (REC), the three non-banking financial institutions

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under Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)/ Ministry of Power (MoP). These three financial institutions - IREDA or PFC or REC may issue such Letter(s) of Undertaking to pay only after securing their financial interests taking into account the security(ies) available with them as per their policy and after due diligence. These non-banking financial institutions would ensure that the security(ies) available with them are enough to cover full risk/ or exposure, which may arise on account of issue of such Letter(s) of Undertaking. Such Letter(s) may be termed as "Payment on Order instrument" and will have same effect as that of a Bank Guarantee issued by any public sector bank. This "Payment on Order instrument" would have terms and conditions similar to that of any Bank Guarantee given by any public sector bank and would promise to pay the implementing agencies on demand within stipulated time.

(ii) RE developers can seek such Letters(s) by offering due security to the above mentioned three non-banking financial institutions mentioned above (IREDA, PFC & REC) for seeking replacement of their Bank Guarantees already pledged with the implementing agencies.

(iii) For future projects, RE developers would be at liberty to either pledge Bank Guarantee(s) or Letter(s) of Undertaking as stated above towards Performance Bank Guarantee.

(iv) The above decisions may be treated as amendments to the respective Standard Bidding Guidelines (SBG) (solar/wind) and notified accordingly.

(v) Implementing agencies shall not accept the instrument of 'Letter of Undertaking' as described above or in any other form, from any other non-banking financial institutions or bank, except IREDA, PFC & REC.

2. It is to be noted that M/s. (insert name of the POI issuing Agency) ('IREDA/REC/PFC') has sanctioned a non-fund based limit loan of Rs. (Rupees only) to M/s under the Loan Agreement executed on to execute Renewable Energy Projects.
3. At the request of M/s , on behalf of (insert name of the SPV), this Payment on Order Instrument (POI) for an amount of Rs. (Rupees(in words)). This Payment on Order Instrument comes into force immediately.
4. In consideration of the [Insert name of the Bidder] (hereinafter referred to as selected Solar Power Developer') submitting the response to RfS inter alia for selection of the Project of the capacity of MW, at [Insert name of the place] under RfS for (insert name of the RfS), for supply of power there from on

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long term basis, in response to the RfS date d issued by NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (hereinafter referred to as NVVN) and NVVN considering such response to the RfS of [insert the name of the selected Solar Power Developer] (which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof include its executors, administrators, successors and assignees) and selecting the Solar Power Project of the Solar Power Developer and issuing Letter of Intent No to (Insert Name of selected Solar Power Developer) as per terms of RfS and the same having been accepted by the selected SPD resulting in a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to be entered into, for purchase of Power [from selected Solar Power Developer or a Project Company, M/s ----- {a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed for this purpose}, if applicable]. As per the terms of the RfS, the [insert name & address of IREDA/PFC/REC] hereby agrees unequivocally, irrevocably and unconditionally to pay to NVVN at [Insert Name of the Place from the address of the NVVN] forthwith on demand in writing from NVVN or any Officer authorized by it in this behalf, any amount up to and not exceeding Rupees [Total Value] only, on behalf of M/s [Insert name of the selected Solar Power Developer / Project Company]

5. In consideration of the above facts, IREDA/REC/PFC, having its registered office at, agrees to make payment for the sum of Rs. lakhs (in words...) to NVVN on the following conditions:-
- (a) IREDA/REC/PFC agrees to make payment of the above said amount unconditionally, without demur and without protest within a period of _days of receipt of request from NVVN within the validity period of this letter as specified herein;
 - (b) The commitment of IREDA/REC/PFC, under this Payment of Order Instrument will have the same effect as that of the commitment under the Bank Guarantee issued by any Public Sector Bank and shall be enforceable in the same manner as in the case of a Bank Guarantee issued by a Bank and the same shall be irrevocable and shall be honored irrespective of any agreement or its breach between IREDA/REC/PFC or its constituents notwithstanding any dispute that may be raised by the against NVVN ;
 - (c) The liability of IREDA/REC/PFC continues to be valid and binding on IREDA/REC/PFC and shall not be terminated, impaired and discharged, by virtue of change in its constitution and specific liability under letter of undertaking shall be binding on its successors or assignors;
 - (d) The liability of IREDA/REC/PFC shall continue to be valid and binding on IREDA/REC/PFC and shall not be terminated/ impaired/ discharged by any extension of time or variation and alternation made given or agreed with or



without knowledge or consent of the parties (NVVN and Bidding Party), subject to the however to the maximum extent of amount stated herein and IREDA/REC/PFC is not liable to any interest or costs etc;

- (e) This Payment of Order Instrument can be invoked either partially or fully, till the date of validity;
 - (f) IREDA/REC/PFC agrees that it shall not require any proof in addition to the written demand by NVVN made in any format within the validity period. IREDA/REC/PFC shall not require NVVN to justify the invocation of the POI against the SPV/SPD, to make any claim against or any demand against the SPV/SPD or to give any notice to the SPV/SPD;
 - (g) The POI shall be the primary obligation of IREDA/REC/PFC and NVVN shall not be obliged before enforcing the POI to take any action in any court or arbitral proceedings against the SPV/SPD;
 - (h) Neither NVVN is required to justify the invocation of this POI nor shall IREDA/REC/PFC have any recourse against NVVN in respect of the payment made under letter of undertaking;
6. Notwithstanding anything contrary contained anywhere in this POI or in any other documents, this POI is and shall remain valid upto and IREDA/REC/PFC shall make payment thereunder only if a written demand or request is raised within the said date and to the maximum extent of Rs... and IREDA/REC/PFC shall in no case, be liable for any interest, costs, charges and expenses and IREDA's/REC's/PFC's liability in no case will exceed more than the above amount stipulated.
7. In pursuance of the above, IREDA/REC/PFC and NVVN have signed an Umbrella Agreement dated setting out the terms and conditions for issue of letter of undertaking by IREDA/REC/PFC to NVVN and the said terms and conditions shall be read as a part of this letter of undertaking issued for the project of the project of PP mentioned above.

Thanking you,



Copy to:-

M/s. __PP_____

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of
M/s. _____(name of the POI issuing
agency).

()
General Manager (TS)

_____As per their request

()
General Manager (TS)



Format 7.4

FORMAT FOR BOARD RESOLUTIONS

The Board, after discussion, at the duly convened Meeting on [Insert date], with the consent of all the Directors present and in compliance of the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act 2013, as applicable, passed the following Resolution:

- 1. RESOLVED THAT** Mr/ Ms....., be and is hereby authorized to do on our behalf, all such acts, deeds and things necessary in connection with or incidental to our response to RfS vide RfS No. ____ for “**Selection of Hybrid Power Developers for Setting up of 100 MW ISTS-Connected Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects in India under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding**” including signing and submission of all documents and providing information/ response to RfS to NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN), representing us in all matters before NVVN and generally dealing with NVVN in all matters in connection with our bid for the said Project. *(To be provided by the Bidding Company or the Lead Member of the Consortium)*
- 2. FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act, 2013, as applicable and compliance thereof and as permitted under the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, approval of the Board be and is hereby accorded to invest total equity in the Project. *(To be provided by the Bidding Company)*

[Note: In the event the Bidder is a Bidding Consortium, in place of the above resolution at Sl. No. 2, the following resolutions are to be provided]

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act, 2013, as applicable and compliance thereof and as permitted under the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, approval of the Board be and is hereby accorded to invest (----%) equity [Insert the % equity commitment as specified in Consortium Agreement] in the Project. **(To be provided by each Member of the Bidding Consortium including Lead Member such that total equity is 100%)**

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT approval of the Board be and is hereby accorded to participate in consortium with M/s [Insert the name of other Members in the Consortium] and Mr/Ms... -----, be and is hereby authorized to execute the Consortium Agreement. **(To be provided by each Member of the Bidding Consortium including Lead Member)**

And

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT approval of the Board be and is hereby accorded to contribute such additional amount over and above the percentage limit (specified for the Lead Member in the Consortium Agreement) to the extent becoming necessary towards the total equity share in the Project Company, obligatory on the part of the Consortium pursuant to the

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terms and conditions contained in the Consortium Agreement dated..... executed by the Consortium as per the provisions of the RfS. **[To be passed by the Lead Member of the Bidding Consortium]**

Certified True Copy

(Signature, Name and Stamp of Company Secretary)Notes:

- 1) This certified true copy should be submitted on the letterhead of the Company, signed by the Company Secretary/ Director.
- 2) The contents of the format may be suitably re-worded indicating the identity of the entity passing the resolution.
- 3) This format may be modified only to the limited extent required to comply with the local regulations and laws applicable to a foreign entity submitting this resolution. For example, reference to Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act, 2013 as applicable may be suitably modified to refer to the law applicable to the entity submitting the resolution. However, in such case, the foreign entity shall submit an unqualified opinion issued by the legal counsel of such foreign entity, stating that the Board resolutions are in compliance with the applicable laws of the respective jurisdictions of the issuing Company and the authorizations granted therein are true and valid.



Format 7.5

FORMAT FOR CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

(To be Submitted Separately for each Project)

(To be stamped in accordance with Stamp Act, the Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Appropriate Value)

THIS Consortium Agreement (“Agreement”) executed on this _____ Day of Two Thousand _____ between M/s _____ [Insert name of Lead Member] a Company incorporated under the laws of _____ and having its Registered Office at _____ (hereinafter called the “**Member-1**”, which expression shall include its successors, executors and permitted assigns) and M/s _____ a Company incorporated under the laws of _____ and having its Registered Office at _____ (hereinafter called the “**Member-2**”, which expression shall include its successors, executors and permitted assigns), M/s _____ a Company incorporated under the laws of _____ and having its Registered Office at _____

(hereinafter called the “**Member-n**”, which expression shall include its successors, executors and permitted assigns), [The Bidding Consortium should list the details of all the Consortium Members] for the purpose of submitting response to RfS and execution of Power Purchase Agreement (in case of award), against RfS No. _____ dated _____ issued by NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN) a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, and having its Registered Office at Core-7, SCOPE Complex, 7, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.

WHEREAS, each Member individually shall be referred to as the “Member” and all of the Members shall be collectively referred to as the “Members” in this Agreement.

WHEREAS Purchaser desires to purchase Power under Rfs for **Selection of Hybrid Power Developers for Setting up of 100 MW ISTS-Connected Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects in India under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding**

WHEREAS, NVVN had invited response to RfS vide its Request for Selection (RfS) dated _____

WHEREAS the RfS stipulates that in case response to RfS is being submitted by a Bidding Consortium, the Members of the Consortium will have to submit a legally enforceable Consortium Agreement in a format specified by NVVN wherein the Consortium Members have to commit equity investment of a specific percentage for the Project.

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NOW THEREFORE, THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSTH AS UNDER:

In consideration of the above premises and agreements all the Members in this Bidding Consortium do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. We, the Members of the Consortium and Members to the Agreement do hereby unequivocally agree that Member-1 (M/s _____), shall act as the Lead Member as defined in the RfS for self and agent for and on behalf of Member-2, Member-n and to submit the response to the RfS.
2. The Lead Member is hereby authorized by the Members of the Consortium and Members to the Agreement to bind the Consortium and receive instructions for and on their behalf.
3. Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in this Agreement, the Lead Member shall always be liable for the equity investment obligations of all the Consortium Members i.e.for both its own liability as well as the liability of other Members.
4. The Lead Member shall be liable and responsible for ensuring the individual and collective commitment of each of the Members of the Consortium in discharging all of their respective equity obligations. Each Member further undertakes to be individually liable for the performance of its part of the obligations without in any way limiting the scope of collective liability envisaged in this Agreement.
5. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the share of each Member of the Consortium in the issued equity share capital of the Project Company is/shall be in the following proportion:

Name	Percentage
Member 1	---
Member 2	---
Member n	---
Total	100%

We acknowledge that after the execution of PPA, the controlling shareholding (having not less than 51% of the voting rights and paid up share capital) in the Project Company developing the Project shall be maintained for a period of 01 (One) Year after commencement of supply of power.

6. The Lead Member, on behalf of the Consortium, shall inter alia undertake full responsibility for liaising with Lenders or through internal accruals and mobilizing debt resources for the Project, and ensuring that the Seller achieves Financial Closure in

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terms of the PPA.

7. In case of any breach of any equity investment commitment by any of the Consortium Members, the Lead Member shall be liable for the consequences thereof.
8. Except as specified in the Agreement, it is agreed that sharing of responsibilities as aforesaid and equity investment obligations thereto shall not in any way be a limitation of responsibility of the Lead Member under these presents.
9. It is further specifically agreed that the financial liability for equity contribution of the Lead Member shall not be limited in any way so as to restrict or limit its liabilities. The Lead Member shall be liable irrespective of its scope of work or financial commitments.
10. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the Laws of India and courts at New Delhi alone shall have the exclusive jurisdiction in all matters relating thereto and arising thereunder.
11. It is hereby further agreed that in case of being selected as the Successful Bidder, the Members do hereby agree that they shall furnish the Performance Guarantee in favour of Procurer in terms of the RfS.
12. It is further expressly agreed that the Agreement shall be irrevocable and shall form an integral part of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and shall remain valid until the expiration or early termination of the PPA in terms thereof, unless expressly agreed to the contrary by Procurer.
13. The Lead Member is authorized and shall be fully responsible for the accuracy and veracity of the representations and information submitted by the Members respectively from time to time in the response to RfS.
14. It is hereby expressly understood between the Members that no Member at any given point of time, may assign or delegate its rights, duties or obligations under the PPA except with prior written consent of Procurer.
15. This Agreement
 - a) has been duly executed and delivered on behalf of each Member hereto and constitutes the legal, valid, binding and enforceable obligation of each such Member;
 - b) sets forth the entire understanding of the Members hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof; and
 - c) may not be amended or modified except in writing signed by each of the Members and with prior written consent of NVVN and Procurer.



16. All the terms used in capitals in this Agreement but not defined herein shall have the meaning as per the RfS and PPA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Members have, through their authorized representatives, executed these present on the Day, Month and Year first mentioned above.

For M/s.....[Member 1]

(Signature, Name & Designation of the person authorized vide Board Resolution Dated _____)

Witnesses:

1) Signature-----
Name:
Address:

2) Signature -----
Name:
Address:

For M/s.....[Member 2]

(Signature, Name & Designation of the person authorized vide Board Resolution Dated _____)

Witnesses:

1) Signature -----
Name:
Address:

2) Signature -----
Name:
Address:

For M/s.....[Member n]

(Signature, Name & Designation of the person authorized vide Board Resolution Dated _____)

Witnesses:

1) Signature -----
Name:
Address:

(2) Signature -----
Name:
Address:

Signature and stamp of Notary of the place of execution

Note: - Technology Partner in a Consortium shall be a Company with equity participation less than 10%.

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Format 7.6

FORMAT FOR FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

(This should be submitted on the Letter Head of the Bidding Company/ Lead member of Consortium)

Ref.No. _____

Date: _____

From: _____ (Insert name and address of Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

Tel. #:

Fax #:

E-mail address #

To
NTPC VIDYUT VYAPAR NIGAM LIMITED
5th Floor, Engineering Office Complex,
A-8A, Sector -24, Noida – 201301 (U.P.)

Sub: Response to RfS No. XXXX dated DD/MM/YYYY
_____ for **Selection of Hybrid Power Developers for Setting up of 100 MW ISTS-Connected Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects in India under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We certify that the Bidding Company/Member in a Bidding Consortium is meeting the financial eligibility requirements as per the provisions of the RfS. Accordingly, the Bidder, with the support of its Affiliates, (strike out if not applicable) is fulfilling the minimum Net Worth criteria, by demonstrating a Net worth of INR Crore (.....in words) as on **the end of Financial Year 2022-23 or as on the day at least 7 days prior to the bid submission deadline (choose one)**. This Net Worth has been calculated in accordance with instructions provided in Clause No. C1, Section-IV, Qualifying Requirements (QR) of the RfS as amended.

Exhibit (i): Applicable in case of Bidding Company

For the above calculations, we have considered the Net Worth by Bidding Company and/ or its Affiliate(s) as per following details:

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Name of Bidding Company	Name of Affiliate(s) whose net worth is to be considered	Relationship with Bidding Company*	Net Worth (in Rs. Crore)
Company 1			
Total			

**The column for “Relationship with Bidding Company” is to be filled only in case the financial capability of Affiliate has been used for meeting Qualification Requirements. Further, documentary evidence to establish the relationship, duly certified by a practicing company secretary/ chartered accountant is required to be attached with the format.*

Exhibit (ii): Applicable in case of Bidding Consortium

(To be filled by each Member in a Bidding Consortium separately)

Name of Member: [Insert name of the Member]

Net Worth Requirement to be met by Member in Proportion to the Equity Commitment: INR ---
----- Crore (Equity Commitment (%) * Rs. [] Crore)

For the above calculations, we have considered Net Worth by Member in Bidding Consortium and/ or its Affiliate(s) per following details:

Name of Consortium Member Company	Name of Affiliate(s) whose net worth is to be considered	Relationship with Bidding Company* (If Any)	Net Worth (in Rs. Crore)	Equity Commitment (in %age) in Bidding Consortium	Committed Net Worth (in Rs. Crore)
Company 1					

Total					

** The column for “Relationship with Bidding Company” is to be filled only in case the financial capability of Affiliate has been used for meeting Qualification Requirements. Further, documentary evidence to establish the relationship, duly certified by a practicing company secretary/chartered accountant is required to be attached with the format*

Further, we certify that the Bidding Company/ Member in the Bidding Consortium has an Annual Turnover of INR _____ (_____ in words) as on **the end of Financial Year 2022-23 or**

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as on the day at least 7 days prior to the bid submission deadline (choose one). *(Strike out if not applicable)*

Exhibit (i): Applicable in case of Bidding Company

For the above calculations, we have considered the Annual Turnover by Bidding Company and/ or its Affiliate(s) as per following details:

Name of Bidding Company	Name of Affiliate(s) whose Annual Turnover is to be considered	Relationship with Bidding Company*	Annual Turnover(In Rs. Crore)
Company 1			
Total			

**The column for “Relationship with Bidding Company” is to be filled only in case the financial capability of Affiliate has been used for meeting Qualification Requirements. Further, documentary evidence to establish the relationship, duly certified by a practicing company secretary/chartered accountant is required to be attached with the format.*

Exhibit (ii): Applicable in case of Bidding Consortium

(To be filled by each Member in a Bidding Consortium separately)

Name of Member: [Insert name of the Member]

Annual Turnover Requirement to be met by Member in Proportion to the Equity Commitment:
 INR ----- Crore (Equity Commitment (%) * Rs. [] Crore)

For the above calculations, we have considered Annual Turnover by Member in Bidding Consortium and/ or its Affiliate(s) as per following details:

Name of Consortium Member Company	Name of Affiliate(s) whose Annual Turnover is to be considered	Relationship with Bidding Company* (If Any)	Annual Turnover (in Rs. Crore)	Equity Commitment (in %age) in Bidding Consortium	Proportionate Annual Turnover (in Rs. Crore)
Company 1					

Total					



* The column for “Relationship with Bidding Company” is to be filled only in case the financial capability of Affiliate has been used for meeting Qualification Requirements. Further, documentary evidence to establish the relationship, duly certified by a practicing company secretary/chartered accountant is required to be attached with the format

Further, we certify that the Bidding Company/ Member in the Bidding Consortium has a Profit Before Depreciation Interest and Taxes (PBDIT) of INR_____ (in words) as on **the end of Financial Year 2022-23** or as on the day at least 7 days prior to the bid submission deadline. (Strike out if not applicable)

Exhibit (i): Applicable in case of Bidding Company

For the above calculations, we have considered the PBDIT by Bidding Company and/ or its Affiliate(s) as per following details:

Name of Bidding Company	Name of Affiliate(s) whose PBDIT is to be considered	Relationship with Bidding Company*	PBDIT (in Rs. Crore)
Company 1			
Total			

*The column for “Relationship with Bidding Company” is to be filled only in case the financial capability of Affiliate has been used for meeting Qualification Requirements. Further, documentary evidence to establish the relationship, duly certified by a practicing company secretary/chartered accountant is required to be attached with the format.

Exhibit (ii): Applicable in case of Bidding Consortium

(To be filled by each Member in a Bidding Consortium separately)

Name of Member: [Insert name of the Member]

PBDIT Requirement to be met by Member in Proportion to the Equity Commitment: INR -----
-----Crore (Equity Commitment (%) * Rs. [] Crore)

For the above calculations, we have considered PBDIT by Member in Bidding Consortium and/ or its Affiliate(s) as per following details:

Name of Consortium Member Company	Name of Affiliate(s) whose PBDIT is to be considered	Relationship with Bidding Company* (If Any)	PBDIT (in Rs. Crore)	Equity Commitment (in %age) in Bidding Consortium	Proportionate PBDIT (in Rs. Crore)



Company 1					

Total					

** The column for "Relationship with Bidding Company" is to be filled only in case the financial capability of Affiliate has been used for meeting Qualification Requirements. Further, documentary evidence to establish the relationship, duly certified by a practicing company secretary/chartered accountant is required to be attached with the format*

(Signature & Name of the Authorized Signatory)

(Signature and Stamp of CA)

Membership No.

Regn. No. of the CA's Firm:

Date:

Note: (i) Along with the above format, in a separate sheet on the letterhead of the Chartered Accountant's Firm, provide details of computation of Net Worth and Annual Turnover duly certified by the Chartered Accountant.

(ii) Certified copies of Balance sheet, Profit & Loss Account, Schedules and Cash Flow Statements are to be enclosed in complete form along with all the Notes to Accounts.



Format 7.7

UNDERTAKING

(To be submitted on the letterhead of the Bidder)

We, hereby provide this undertaking to NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited, in respect to our response to RfS vide RfS No. _____ dated _____, that M/s _____ (insert name of the Bidder), or any of its Affiliates is not a willful defaulter to any lender, and that there is no major litigation pending or threatened against M/s _____ (insert name of the Bidder) or any of its Affiliates which are of a nature that could cast a doubt on the ability or the suitability of the Bidder to undertake the Project.

(Name and Signature of the Authorized Signatory)



Format 7.8

FORMAT FOR DISCLOSURE

(This should be submitted on the Letter Head of the Bidding Company/ Each Member of Consortium)
DISCLOSURE

Ref.No. _____

Date: _____

From: _____ (Insert name and address of Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

Tel.#:

Fax#:

E-mail address#

To

NTPC VIDYUT VYAPAR NIGAM LIMITED

5th Floor, Engineering Office Complex,

A-8A, Sector -24, Noida – 201301 (U.P.)

Sub: Response to RfS No. XXXX dated DD/MM/YYYY

_____ for **Selection of Hybrid Power Developers for Setting up of 100 MW
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

We hereby declare and confirm that only we are participating in the RfS Selection process for the RfS No. _____ and that our Parent, Affiliate or Ultimate Parent or any Group Company with which we have direct or indirect relationship are not separately participating in this selection process.

We further declare that the above statement is true & correct. We are aware that if at any stage it is found to be incorrect, our response to RfS will be rejected and if LoI has been issued or PPA has been signed, the same will be cancelled and the bank guarantees will be encashed and recoveries will be effected for the payments done.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20....

Thanking you,

We remain,

Yours

faithfully,

Name, Designation, Seal and Signature of Authorized Person in whose name Power of Attorney/ Board Resolution/ Declaration.

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Format 7.9

FORMAT FOR TECHNICAL CRITERIA

(This should be submitted on the Letter Head of the Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

(To be Submitted Separately for each Project)

Ref.No. _____

Date: _____

From: _____ (Insert name and address of Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

Tel.#: _____

Fax#: _____

E-mail address# _____

To

NTPC VIDYUT VYAPAR NIGAM LIMITED

5th Floor, Engineering Office Complex,

A-8A, Sector -24, Noida – 201301 (U.P.)

Sub: Response to RfS No. XXXX dated DD/MM/YYYY

_____ for **Selection of Hybrid Power Developers for Setting up of 100 MW ISTS-Connected Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects in India under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We hereby undertake to certify in line with **Clause No. 15, Section-III, ITB** under the title “Financial Closure” that the following details shall be furnished within **12 (twelve) months** from Effective Date of the PPA.

1.0 Evidence of achieving complete-tie-up of the Project Cost through internal accruals or through a Financing Agency.

Failure or delay on our part in achieving the above conditions shall constitute sufficient grounds for actions as per the provisions of the RfS.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20....

Thanking you,

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

Name, Designation, Seal and Signature of Authorized Person in whose name Power of Attorney/ Board Resolution/ Declaration.

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Format 7.10

DECLARATION BY THE BIDDER FOR THE PROPOSED TECHNOLOGY TIE-UP

(To be Submitted Separately for 50 MW Solar & 50 MW Wind)

1	Name of Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Bidding Consortium	
2	Project Location	
3	Capacity Proposed	50 MW
4	Technology Proposed to be adopted for the Project	
5	Estimated Annual Generation of Electrical Energy	kWh
6	Brief about the Proposed Technology)	

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20....

Thanking you,

We remain,

Yours

faithfully,

Name, Designation, Seal and Signature of Authorized Person in whose name Power of Attorney/ Board Resolution/ Declaration.



Format 7.11

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF FINANCIAL BID

(The Covering Letter should be submitted on the Letter Head of the Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

Ref.No. _____

Date: _____

From: _____ (Insert name and address of Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

Tel.#: _____

Fax#: _____

E-mail address# _____

To

NTPC VIDYUT VYAPAR NIGAM LIMITED
5th Floor, Engineering Office Complex,
A-8A, Sector -24, Noida – 201301 (U.P.)

Sub: Response to RfS No. NVVN/2024-25/RE-272, dated _____ for **Selection of Hybrid Power Developers for Setting up of 100 MW ISTS-Connected Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects in India under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I/ We, _____ (Insert Name of the Bidder) enclose herewith the Financial Proposal for selection of my/ our firm for _____ number of Project(s) for a cumulative capacity of _____ MW in India as Bidder for the above.

I/ We agree that this offer shall remain valid for a period of 180 (One Hundred and Eighty) days from the due date of submission of the response to RfS such further period as may be mutually agreed upon.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20....

Thanking you,

We remain,

Yours

faithfully,

Name, Designation, Seal and Signature of Authorized Person in whose name Power of Attorney/ Board Resolution/ Declaration.

Notes:

1. There can be only one tariff for all the complete project..

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2. *If the bidder submits the financial bid in the Electronic Form at e-Tendering Portal not in line with the instructions mentioned therein, then the bid shall be considered as non-responsive.*
3. *Tariff requirement shall be quoted as a fixed amount in Indian Rupees only. Conditional proposal shall be summarily rejected.*
4. *In the event of any discrepancy between the values entered in figures and in words, the values entered in words shall be considered.*
5. *Tariff should be in Indian Rupee up to two places of decimals only.*



Format 7.12

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF COST OF WIND-SOLAR HYBRID POWER PROJECT

(To be submitted separately for each Project)

Project Capacity: 100 MW

Location:

No standard break-up for the Project Cost, the Bidder shall indicate the break-up in terms of major components in the Hybrid Project.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20....

Thanking you,

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

Name, Designation, Seal and Signature of Authorized Person in whose name Power of Attorney/ Board Resolution/ Declaration.

SECTION - VIII

ANNEXURES AND APPENDIX

TECHNICAL PARAMETER OF PV MODULE AND VARIOUS OTHER COMPONENTS FOR USE IN GRID CONNECTED SOLAR POWER PLANTS

The Project selected under the RfS shall strictly adhere to the Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid) Regulations, 2007, as amended vide the Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019, and subsequent amendments and clarifications.

All components of the PV plant shall be in accordance with technical specifications given in relevant IS/ IEC Standards. The design and commissioning also shall be as per latest IS/ IEC standards. The following are some of the technical measures required to ensure quality of the major components used in grid connected solar power Projects.

1. SPV Modules

1.1 The SPV modules used in the grid solar power Projects must qualify to the latest edition of any of the following IEC PV module qualification test or equivalent BIS standards.

Crystalline Silicon Solar Cell Modules	IEC 61215
Thin Film Modules	IEC 61646
Concentrator PV modules	IEC 62108

1.2 In addition, SPV modules must qualify to IEC 61730 for safety qualification testing at 1000 V DC or higher. The modules to be used in a highly corrosive atmosphere throughout their lifetime must qualify to IEC 61701.

2. Power Conditioners/ Inverters

The Power Conditioners/Inverters of the SPV power plant must conform to the latest edition of IEC/ equivalent Standards as specified below:

Efficiency Measurements	IEC 61683
Environmental Testing	IEC 60068-2/ IEC 62093
Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)	IEC 61000-6-2, IEC 61000-6-4 & other relevant parts of IEC 61000
Electrical Safety	IEC 62103/ 62109-1&2
Anti-Islanding Protection	IEEE1547/IEC 62116/ UL1741 or equivalent BIS Standards

3. Other Sub-systems/Components

Other subsystems/components used in the SPV power plants (Cables, Connectors, Junction Boxes, Surge Protection Devices, etc.) must also conform to the relevant international/national Standards for Electrical Safety besides that for Quality required for ensuring Expected Service Life and Weather Resistance. It is recommended that the Cables of 600-1800 Volts DC for outdoor installations should comply with the BS EN 50618:2014/2pfg 1169/08.2007 for service life expectancy of 25 years.

4. Authorized Test Centers

The PV modules/Power Conditioners deployed in the power plants must have valid test certificates for their qualification as per above specified IEC/ BIS Standards by one of the NABL Accredited Test Centers in India. In case of module types like Thin Film and CPV / equipment for which such Test facilities may not exist in India at present, test certificates from reputed ILAC Member body accredited Labs abroad will be acceptable.

5. Warranty

PV modules used in grid connected solar power plants must be warranted for peak output wattage, which should not be less than 90% at the end of 10 years and 80% at the end of 25 years.

- PV modules used in grid connected solar power plants must be warranted for peak output wattage, which should not be less than 90% at the end of 10 years and 80% at the end of 25 years.
- The modules shall be warranted for at least 10 years for failures due to material defects and workmanship.
- The mechanical structures, electrical works and overall workmanship of the grid solar power plants must be warranted for a minimum of 5 years.
- The Inverters/ PCUs installed in the solar power plant must have a warranty for 10 years.

6. Identification and Traceability

Each PV module used in any solar power Project must use a RF identification tag. The following information must be mentioned in the RFID used on each module (This can be inside or outside the laminate, but must be able to withstand harsh environmental conditions):

- i. Name of the manufacturer of PV Module
- ii. Name of the Manufacturer of Solar cells
- iii. Month and year of the manufacture (separately for solar cells and module)
- iv. Country of origin (separately for solar cells and module)
- v. I-V curve for the module at Standard Test Condition (1000 W/m², AM 1.5, 25°C)
- vi. Wattage, I_m, V_m and FF for the module
- vii. Unique Serial No. and Model No. of the module
- viii. Date and year of obtaining IEC PV module qualification certificate
- ix. Name of the test lab issuing IEC certificate
- x. Other relevant information on traceability of solar cells and module as per ISO9000.

Site owners would be required to maintain accessibility to the list of Module IDs along with the above parametric data for each module.

7. Performance Monitoring

The HPD must install necessary equipment to continuously measure wind and solar resource data and other weather parameters and simultaneously measure the generation of DC power as well as AC power generated (electrical parameters) from the plant. They will be required to submit this data through online portal to Procurer, National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE), National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) and/or any other designated agency online and/or through a report on regular basis every month for the entire duration of PPA. In this regard they shall mandatorily also grant



access to Procurer National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE), National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) and/or any other designated agency to the remote monitoring portal of the power plants on a 24x7 basis.

8. Safe Disposal of Solar PV Modules

The developers will ensure that all Solar PV modules from their plant after their 'end of life' (when they become defective/ non-operational/ non- repairable) are disposed of in accordance with the "e-waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011" notified by the Government and as revised and amended from time to time.

9. Capacity Of Solar PV Projects

- i) The rated capacity to be installed shall be considered as minimum DC Arrays Capacity and maximum AC Capacity at the delivery point as described below:

Sr. No.	Solar PV Project Capacity Bid	Minimum DC Arrays Capacity to be installed	Minimum Rated Inverter Capacity	Maximum AC Capacity Limit at Delivery point
1	50 MW	50 MW	50 MW	50 MW

- ii) Higher DC capacity arrays so as to achieve AC capacity limit as mentioned above for scheduling at the delivery point in compliance to Article 4.4 "Right to Contracted Capacity & Energy" of the PPA is allowed.
- iii) For commissioning of the Project, capacity of DC arrays installed shall be considered in multiple of 50 MW per unit. In case of part commissioning of 100 MW Project, each unit shall be required to have minimum 50 MW DC Arrays Capacity be installed.
- iv) Provisions of Article 4.6.1 of the PPA with HPD shall apply for the capacity not commissioned by the scheduled commissioning date.
- v) If generation at any time exceeds the maximum permissible AC capacity at delivery point, the excess generation during that period shall not be considered under PPA.

CHECK LIST FOR BANK GUARANTEES

Sl. No.	Details of Checks	Yes/ No
1.	Is the BG on non-judicial Stamp paper of appropriate value, as per applicable Stamp Act of the place of execution	
2.	Whether date, purpose of purchase of stamp paper and name of the purchaser are indicated on the back of Stamp Paper under the Signature of Stamp vendor? (The date of purchase of stamp paper should be not later than the date of execution of BG and the stamp paper should be purchased either in the name of the executing Bank or the party on whose behalf the BG has been issued.	
3.	In case of BGs from Banks abroad, has the BG been executed on Letter Head of the Bank endorsed by the Indian branch of the same bank or SBI, India?	
4.	Has the executing Officer of BG indicated his name, designation and Power of Attorney No./ Signing Power no. on the BG?	
5.	Is each page of BG duly signed/ initialed by executant and whether stamp of Bank is affixed thereon? Whether the last page is signed with full particulars including two witnesses under seal of Bank as required in the prescribed proforma?	
6.	Do the Bank Guarantees compare verbatim with the Proforma prescribed in the Bid Documents?	
7.	Are the factual details such as Bid Document No./ Specification No./ LOA No. (if applicable)/ Amount of BG and Validity of BG correctly mentioned in the BG	
8.	Whether overwriting/ cutting, if any, on the BG have been properly authenticated under signature & seal of executant?	
9.	Whether the BG has been issued by a Bank in line with the provisions of Bidding documents?	
10.	In case BG has been issued by a Bank other than those specified in Bidding Document, is the BG confirmed by a Bank in India acceptable as per Bidding documents?	



Annexure - C

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS FOR e-TENDERING AND REVERSE AUCTION

GENERAL

The Special Instructions (for e-Tendering) supplement 'Instructions to Bidders', as given in these RfS Documents. Submission of Online Bids is mandatory for this RfS.

e-Tendering is a new methodology for conducting Public Procurement in a transparent and secured manner. Now, the Government of India has made e-Tendering mandatory. Suppliers/ Vendors will be the biggest beneficiaries of this new system of procurement. For conducting electronic tendering, NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVVN) has adopted a secured and user-friendly e-tender system enabling bidders to Search, View, Download tender document(s) directly from the e-tendering portal (GePNIC) <https://www.eprocurementpc.nic.in> .

Benefits to Suppliers are outlined on the Home-page of the portal.

INSTRUCTIONS

Tender Bidding Methodology:

- i. Sealed Bid System
- ii. Single Stage Two Envelope

Reverse Auction:

The sealed bid system would be followed by an 'e-Reverse Auction'

For participating in this tender online, the following instructions are to be read carefully. These instructions are supplemented with more detailed guidelines on the relevant screens of the GePNIC Portal.

Digital Certificates

For integrity of data and authenticity/ non-repudiation of electronic records, and to be compliant with IT Act 2000, it is necessary for each user to have a Digital Certificate (DC), also referred to as Digital Signature Certificate (DSC), of Class III, issued by a Certifying Authority (CA) licensed by Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) [refer <http://www.cca.gov.in>].

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF REVERSE AUCTION

Against this RfS, Employer shall resort to "REVERSE AUCTION PROCEDURE". The philosophy followed for Reverse Auction shall be English Reverse.

- 1) For the Reverse Auction, technically and commercially acceptable shortlisted bidders only shall be eligible to participate.
- 2) Bidders shall ensure online submission of their 'Bid Price' in ₹/ kWh.
- 3) Business rules for Reverse Auction like event date, time, bid decrement, extension etc. shall be as per the business

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rules, enumerated in the bidding documents, for compliance.

- 4) For access to the Auction site, the following URL is to be used: <https://eprocurmentpc.nic.in>
- 5) NVVN will not be responsible for any PC configuration/Java related issues, software/hardware related issues, telephone line glitches and breakdown / slow speed in internet connection of PC at Bidder's end.
- 6) No queries shall be entertained while Reverse Auction is in progress.

Important Instructions:

- i. Please use 'Online Bidder Enrollment' link provided on portal <https://eprocurmentpc.nic.in> (GePNIC) to register
- ii. Go through Help, FAQ etc. as provided on the above portal.
- iii. Class III digital signature (DSC) is required for submission of BID on above portal.
- iv. **Important Note:** It is strongly recommended that all authorized users of Supplier organizations should thoroughly peruse the information provided under the relevant links and take appropriate action. This will prevent hiccups and minimize teething problems during the use of GePNIC.

GePNIC Helpdesk Telephone: 24X7 Customer Support +91-120-4001 002/+91-120-4200 462/ +91-120-4001 005/+91-120-6277 787



Annexure-D

Check List for Financial Closure

(To be signed by the Authorized signatory of the SPD) (RfS No. _____ dated _____)

Last Date for submission of documents related to Financial Closure – _____
(9 months from Effective Date of PPA)

Project Company Name _____ Project ID: - _

LOA No. - _____ Dtd. - _____ Effective Date of PPA - _____

Scheduled Commissioning Date: - _____

1.0 Financial Closure - (Section III, Clause 15 of the RfS, including subsequent amendments & clarifications)

Details	Presently given in PPA
(1)	(2)
Location	
Technology	
Certificate from all financial institutions	<p><u>In case of tie up through Bank / Financial Institutions: -</u></p> <p>Document from Bank / Financial Institutions certifying arrangement of necessary funds by way of sanction of Loan (to be enclosed as <u>Annexure-I</u>).</p> <p><u>In case of Internal Resources: -</u></p> <p>Copy of Board Resolution, Audited/Certified Balance sheet, Profit & Loss Account Statement, Bank Statement and Cash Flow Statement in support of availability of Internal resources of the Project Company and of the Company other than Project Company (in case the required funding will be raised from Company other than Project Company) (to be enclosed as <u>Annexure-I</u>).</p> <p><i>Performa for the cases where funding will be from Company other than Project Company is at 'D-1'.</i></p>

Note:-

- (i) Copy of Final Detailed Project Report (DPR) is to be enclosed as **Annexure – II A**
- (ii) Undertaking by the Project Company that all Consents, clearances and permits required for supply of Power to NRVN as per the terms of PPA have been obtained is to be enclosed as Annexure – II B



2.0 Copy of Agreement/ MOU entered into / Purchase Order with acceptance, for the supply of Plants and Equipment (to be enclosed as **Annexure-III**)

3.0 **Technical** Parameters of the Project (Section-IV, Cl. B of the RfS)

3.0.1 Certificate from Project Company that Technical specifications and directives given in Annexure-A of the RfS will be adhered to (to be enclosed as **Annexure-IV A**)

3.0.2 Proposed Project configuration as part of DPR of the Project (to be enclosed as **Annexure-IV B**)

4.0 **Ownership of the RPD:** Latest Shareholding Pattern of the Project Company (including Compulsorily Convertible Debentures (CCDs), Compulsorily Convertible Preferential Shares (CCPS) of the Project Company certified by Chartered Accountant (to be enclosed as **Annexure V A**)

Shareholding pattern is not required to be submitted by a Listed Company.

Note: Declaration of Shareholding Pattern of the Project Company is to be submitted to NVVN on monthly basis, i.e., by the 10th day of every month for shareholding status of the Company upto the end of the previous month, till 1 year from the date of commissioning of the project.

5.0 The SPD shall execute Implementation and Support Agreement and/ or Lease Deed/ Right to Use Agreement (as applicable) with the SPIA.

6.0 The SPD shall obtain requisite approvals from the STU/SPIA/appropriate authority as applicable, to connect the Power Project switchyard with the Interconnection Facilities at the Delivery Point;

7.0 The above checklist is to facilitate financial closure of projects. For any interpretation the respective provision of RfS / PPA shall prevail.



Performa 'D-1'

For cases where funding will be from a Company other than Project Company

Board Resolution from _____ (Name of the Company from where therequired funding will be raised)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY AT THEIR MEETING HELD ON _____ AT THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY

RESOLVED that approval of the Board be and is hereby accorded to the company extending unconditional and full financial support whether by way of equity, debt, or a combination thereof, towards meeting the full project cost of Rs. _____ (in words and figures) to M/s _____ (Name of Project Company), a company within the meaning of The Companies Act, 1956 and/or The Companies Act, 2013, and having its registered office at _____ which was selected by NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVVN) to develop the.....MW Wind-Solar Hybrid Power Project (Project ID.....), for generation and sale of solar power under the RfS No. _____ in respect of which Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) was signed between Procurer and _____ (Name of Project Company). Funds will be released for the project as per the request of _____ (Name of Project Company) to meet the financial requirement for the said Project.

Board Resolution from _____ (Project Company)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY AT THEIR MEETING HELD ON _____ AT THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY

RESOLVED that approval of the Board be and is hereby accorded to the Company which was selected by NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVVN) to develop the.....MW Wind-Solar Hybrid Project (Project ID.....), for generation and sale of solar power under theRfS No. _____ in respect of which Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) was signedbetween NVVN and the Company, to request and undertake to accept unconditional and full financial support and getting release of funds for project as per requirement from the Company i.e. _____, a Company within the meaning of The Companies Act, 1956 and/or The Companies Act, 2013, and having its registered office at _____ whether by way of equity, debt, or a combination thereof for meeting the financial requirements of the project being developed by the Project Company. Further Resolved that in the event the Company i.e. _____, agrees to extend full financial support as sought above, Sh. _____, Director, Sh _____, Director.... be and are hereby severally or collectively authorized to accept any terms and conditions that may be imposed by _____ (Name of the Company), for extending such support and thatthey are also severally or collectively authorized to sign such documents, writings as may be necessary in this connection.