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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (Press-Notice)

Tender ID: 2025_NHPC_870158_1

Dated: 29-07-2025

Online electronic bids are invited by NHPC on International Competitive Bidding (ICB) basis for works of **“Lot-1 Package : Planning, Design & Engineering (PDE) works for execution of 1856 MW Sawalkote Hydro Project located near Sidhu village in Ramban District of UT of J&K, India.”** Complete bid document can be downloaded and submitted through the portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. The bid documents can be downloaded with effect from 18:55 Hrs. (Indian Standard Time) on 29-07-2025. The site can also be viewed through e-procurement corner of NHPC website www.nhpcindia.com. The last date of online submission of bids is 10-09-2025. For further details, please visit <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Subsequent amendments, if any, shall be posted only on the aforesaid websites.

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International Competitive Bidding

(E-tendering-Web Notice)

Tender Reference No.: NH/CCW/CC-III/CO-409/PR14325/42 Dated:29-07-2025

1. Online electronic bids are invited by NHPC on International Competitive Bidding (ICB) basis for the work of **“Lot-1 Package : Planning, Design & Engineering (PDE) works for execution of 1856 MW Sawalkote Hydro Project located near Sidhu village in Ramban District of UT of J&K, India”** as briefly described hereunder:

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| 1. | Tender Specification No. | NH/CCW/CC-III/CO-409/PR14325/42 |
| 2. | Tender ID | 2025_NHPC_870158_1 |
| 3. | Mode of tendering | e-Procurement System (online) Cover-I: Qualification Particulars and Techno-Commercial Bid Cover- II: Price Bid through web portal of Central Public Procurement Portal https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app |
| 4. | Time for Completion | 113 Months |
| 5. | Estimated Cost | INR 209.80 Crore |
| 6. | i) Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security ii) Tender Document Fees (non- refundable) by way of Demand Draft. | i) INR 30 million or US \$ 0.34 million ii) Rs.10,000/- (INR Rupees Ten Thousand Only) in favour of NHPC Limited, Faridabad |
| 7. | NIT Issue date & Tender View Date and time | 29.07.2025 (18:55 Hrs.) |
| 8. | Last date of Receipt of clarification of Bid | 08.08.2025 (18:00 Hrs.) |
| 9. | Date & Venue of Pre bid Conference | 20.08.2025 (14:30 Hrs.) i) 2 nd Floor, Jyoti Sadan, NHPC Office Complex, Sector-33, Faridabad, Haryana, India-121003 ii) through Video Conference <i>Meeting ID and password to be shared to the prospective bidder</i> |

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| 10. | Date of Starting of submission of e-Tender for online Techno-Commercial Bid and price Bid at https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app | 03.09.2025 (17:00 Hrs) |
| 11. | Deadline for submission of online Techno-Commercial Bid & Price Bid. | 10.09.2025 (17:00 Hrs) |
| 12. | Deadline for submission of Hard Copy (Offline documents) to Tender Inviting Authority | 12.09.2025 (11:00 Hrs) |
| 13. | Venue, Date & time of opening of online bids and offline documents: a) Part-I - Techno-Commercial Bid | <u>Venue:</u> O/o General Manager (CC-III), Contracts- Civil Division, 2nd Floor, Jyoti Sadan, NHPC Office Complex, Sector-33, Faridabad-121003 (Haryana) a) 12.09.2025 (11:30 Hrs) |
| | b) Part II - Price Bid | b) Date and Time to be intimated later to the bidders whose Techno-commercial bids will be found responsive. |
| 14. | Tender Inviting Authority | General Manager (CC-III), Contracts (Civil) Division, 2nd Floor, Jyoti Sadan, NHPC Office Complex, Sector-33, Faridabad-121003 (Haryana), India e-mail: contcivil3-co@nhpc.nic.in |

Note: Time wherever is mentioned is Indian Standard Time.

2. Complete tender can be viewed and submitted through Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> (link to reach at site is also available at Tender & Bids corner as 'e-Procurement' at www.nhpcindia.com). Bids shall be submitted online at CPPP website only i.e. at <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Bidders are advised to follow the instructions provided in the 'Instructions to the Bidders' for the e-submission of the bids online through the Central Public Procurement Portal.

3. Special Instructions to Bidders for E-tendering:

3.1 Registration:

- i) Bidders are required to enroll on the e-Procurement module of the Central Public Procurement Portal by using the "Online Bidder Enrollment" option available on the home page. **Enrolment on the CPP Portal is free of charge.**
- ii) During enrolment/ registration, the bidders should provide the correct/ true information including valid email-id & mobile no. All the correspondence shall be made directly with the contractors/ bidders through email-id provided.

- iii) As part of the enrolment process, the bidders will be required to choose a unique username and assign a password for their accounts.
- iv) For e-tendering possession of valid Digital Signature Certificate (Class II or Class III Certificates with signing key usage) is mandatory which can be obtained from SIFY / nCode/eMudra or any Certifying Authority recognized by CCA India on eToken/ Smartcard.
- v) Upon enrolment on CPP Portal for e-tendering, the bidders shall register their valid Digital Signature Certificate with their profile.
- vi) Only one valid DSC should be registered by a bidder. Bidders are responsible to ensure that they do not lend their DSCs to others which may lead to misuse and should ensure safety of the same.
- vii) Bidders can then log into the site through the secured login by entering their user ID/ password and the password of the DSC/eToken.

3.2 Searching for Tender Documents:

- i) There are various search options built in the CPP Portal to facilitate bidders to search active tenders by several parameters. These parameters could include Tender ID, Organization Name, Location, Date, Value, etc. There is also an option of advanced search for tenders, wherein the bidders may combine a number of search parameters such as Organization Name, Form of Contract, Location, Date, other keywords etc. to search for a tender published on the CPP Portal.
- ii) Once the bidders have selected the tenders they are interested in, they may download the required documents/ tender schedules. **These tenders can be moved to the respective 'My Tenders' folder.** This would enable the CPP Portal to intimate the bidders through SMS/ e-mail in case there is any corrigendum issued to the tender document.
- iii) The bidder should make a note of the unique Tender ID assigned to each tender, in case they want to obtain any clarification/ help from the Helpdesk.

3.3 Preparation for submission of Bid:

The Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid to be submitted online at <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

- i) For preparation of bid, Bidders shall search the tender from published tender list available on site and download the complete tender document and should take into account corrigendum if any published before submitting their bids.

After selecting the tender document same shall be moved to the 'My favourite' folder of bidders account from where bidder can view all the details of the tender document.
- ii) Bidder shall go through the tender document carefully to understand the documents required to be submitted as part of the bid. Bidders shall note the number of covers in which the bid documents have to be submitted, the number of documents – including the names and content of each of the document that need to be submitted. Any deviations from these may lead to rejection of the bid.
- iii) Any pre-bid clarifications, if required, may be obtained online through the tender site, or through the contact details given in the tender document.
- iv) Bidders should get ready in advance the bid documents in the required format

(PDF/xls/rar/dwf/jpg formats) to be submitted as indicated in the tender document/schedule. **Bid documents may be scanned with 100 dpi with black and white option which helps in reducing size of the scanned document.**

- v) Bidders can update well in advance, the documents such as experience certificates, annual report, Permanent Account Number (PAN), Employee Provident Fund (EPF) & other details etc., under “My Space/ Other Important Document” option, which can be submitted as per tender requirements. This will facilitate the bid submission process faster by reducing upload time of bids.

3.4 Submission of Bids:

- i) Bidder should log into the site well in advance for bid submission so that he/ she upload the bid in time i.e. on or before the bid submission time.
- ii) Bidder should prepare the Tender Fee and Bid Security/EMD as per the instructions specified in the NIT/ tender document. The details of the DD/BC/BG/Insurance Surety Bond physically sent, should tally with the details available in the scanned copy and the data entered during bid submission time. Otherwise the uploaded bid will be rejected.
- iii) While submitting the bids online, the bidder shall read the terms & conditions (of CPP portal) and accepts the same in order to proceed further to submit their bid.
- iv) Bidders shall select the payment option as offline to pay the Tender Fee/ Bid Security (EMD) and enter details of the DD/BC/ BG/Insurance Surety Bond.
- v) Bidder shall digitally sign and upload the required bid documents one by one as indicated in the tender document.
- vi) Bidders shall note that the very act of using DSC for downloading the tender document and uploading their offers is deemed to be a confirmation that they have read all sections and pages of the tender document without any exception and have understood the complete tender document and are clear about the requirements of the tender document.
- vii) Bid documents may be scanned with 100 dpi with black and white option which helps in reducing size of the scanned document. For the file size of less than 1 MB, the transaction uploading time will be very fast.
- viii) If price quotes are required in XLS format, utmost care shall be taken for uploading Schedule of quantities & Prices and any change/ modification of the price schedule shall render it unfit for bidding.

Bidders shall download the Bill of Quantities, in XLS format and **save it without changing the name** of the file. Bidder shall quote their rate in figures in the appropriate cells, thereafter save and upload the file in financial bid cover (Price bid) only. If the template of Bill of Quantities file is found to be modified/corrupted in the eventuality by the bidder, the bid will be rejected and further dealt as per provision of the tender document.

- ix) The bidders are cautioned that uploading of financial bid elsewhere i.e. other than in Cover-II will result in rejection of the tender.
- x) Bidders shall submit their bids through online e-tendering system to the Tender Inviting

Authority (TIA) well before the bid submission end date & time (as per Server System Clock). **The TIA will not be held responsible for any sort of delay or the difficulties faced during the submission of bids online by the bidders at the eleventh hour.**

- xii) After the bid submission (i.e. after Clicking “Freeze Bid Submission” in the portal), the bidders shall **take print out of system generated acknowledgement** number, and keep it as a record of evidence for online submission of bid, which will also act as an entry pass to participate in the bid opening.
- xiii) Bidders should follow the server time being displayed on bidder’s dashboard at the top of the tender site, which shall be considered valid for all actions of requesting, bid submission, bid opening etc., in the e-tender system.
- xiv) All the documents being submitted by the bidders would be encrypted using PKI (Public Key Infrastructure) encryption techniques to ensure the secrecy of the data. The data entered cannot be viewed by unauthorized persons until the time of bid opening. The confidentiality of the bids is maintained using the secured Socket Layer 128 bit encryption technology.
- xv) After submission of the bid, the bidder can re-submit revised bid any number of times but before stipulated deadline for submission of bid. The bidders are advised not to withdraw their bids as once the bid is withdrawn, they cannot participate in same tender again.

3.5 Assistance to Bidders:

- i) Any queries relating to the tender document and the terms and conditions contained therein should be addressed to the Tender Inviting Authority for a tender or the relevant contact person indicated in the tender.
- ii) Any queries relating to the process of online bid submission or queries relating to CPP Portal in general may be directed to the 24X7 CPP Portal Helpdesk Number 0120-4001002, 0120-4001005, 0120-4493395 (International Bidders are requested to prefix +91 as country code) E-mail: support-eproc[at]nic[dot]in

3.6 Four Key Instructions for Bidders:

The following ‘**Four Key Instructions for Bidders**’ must be assiduously adhered to:-

- i) Obtain individual Digital Signature Certificate (DSC or DC) well in advance of tender submission deadline.
- ii) Register your organization on CPPP well in advance of tender submission deadline.
- iii) Get your organization’s concerned executives trained on CPPP well in advance of tender submission deadline.

- iv) Submit your bids well in advance of tender submission deadline on portal (There could be last minute problems due to internet timeout, breakdown, etc.) While the first three instructions mentioned above are especially relevant to first-time users of portal, the fourth instruction is relevant at all times.

Note: Electronic procurement system will not allow any bidder to place their bids after the expiry of scheduled date & time. NHPC/NIC/CPPP shall not be responsible for any delays / problems related to bandwidth, connectivity etc., which are beyond the control of the NHPC/ NIC/CPPP.

4. Eligible Bidders:

To be eligible to participate in the bidding, the prospective bidder should meet the minimum Qualification Criteria set forth hereunder:

4.1 Technical Criteria

- (i) The Bidder should have experience in detailed Planning, Design and Engineering of at least one completed Roller Compacted Concrete Dam/ Concrete Dam having minimum height of **80 m** in a single contract in past 20 years in its individual capacity or as partner of JV.
- (ii) The Bidder should have experience of Construction Planning & Monitoring of at least one completed Roller Compacted Concrete Dam having minimum height of 80 m and minimum volume of 0.3 M Cum with average rate of placement of RCC material of 30,000 Cum/Month [Average rate of placement means, volume of RCC placed in any continuous period of 06 months (Period of RCC placement i.e. 06 months)] in a single contract in past 20 years in its individual capacity or as partner of JV.
- (iii) During the period of last 7 years, the Bidder should have experience for providing consultancy services of amount more than **11 Million USD** in a single, ongoing construction or completed, Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) dam project in its individual capacity or as partner of JV.
- (iv) The Bidder shall have experience of execution of the Planning, Design and Engineering of the following works in individual capacity or as a partner of Joint Venture (JV) in the preceding twenty(20) years:
- a) one completed Hydro Project with underground Power House and minimum capacity of **500 MW**, and
- b) Minimum one completed hydroelectric project(s) of one unit of more than **115 MW** or more.
- (v) The Bidder should have experience in detailed Planning, Design and Engineering of the following major structures in past 20 years in its individual capacity or as partner of JV.
- a) Underground cavern of minimum width **18.0 m**,

- b) Tunnel with minimum finished diameter of **8.0 m** and
 - c) Steel Lined Pressure shaft of minimum height/depth of 80 m.
- (vi) The Bidder should have experience in detailed Planning, Design and Engineering of at least one completed work in Design & Engineering of the Fixed wheel type Vertical Gate having minimum $A \times H \geq 3900 \text{ m}^3$ in a single contract in past 20 years in its individual capacity or as partner of JV.

Where:

“A” denotes as area (Clear width by clear height) for one gate in m^2

“Clear Width” denotes distance between inner faces of two opposite piers.

“Clear Height” denotes the vertical height between the sill to center line of top seal.

“H” denotes the normal design head at the bottom of the gate in meter.

Note:

1. The period of 20 years shall be considered from the date of invitation of tender.
2. Experience of Planning, Design and Engineering work done by the firm shall only be considered. The experience of review of Planning, Design and Engineering shall not be considered.

In case the bidder does not possess experience of Planning, Design and Engineering of item at Sl.no 4.1 (vi) above, then he may propose a Specialist or engage Sub-Consultant having suitable experience to design the same.

3. In case of Technical Criteria mentioned at Si. no. 4.1(iii), for such works with payment received in other than INR shall be converted in INR by adopting the Exchange rate between that Currency and INR as prevailing on the completion date mentioned in the completion certificate and if month of completion is mentioned in the Completion Certificate, then the exchange rate of last working day of the Month shall be taken. The value of work in INR or converted into INR as above from the currency other than INR shall be enhanced by 7% simple rate per annum up to the date of Bid Opening.
4. The bidder can claim experience for 4.1(iv) (a) and 4.1(iv) (b) from same or different projects.
5. The evaluation of Bidder's Technical experience for a work executed on JV basis shall be based on his role and scope of work in such joint ventures. To establish his role and scope of work in such Joint Venture contracts, the Bidders shall provide documentary evidence such as JV Agreement/Contract of the Work to the extent of experience claimed by him. In case the quantum of work as per experience certificate does not match with the scope of work as defined in the JV/consortium agreement, then the experience credentials shall be considered as per the experience certificate issued by the employer /client.

6. In case scope of work of individual partners is not clearly defined in the JV/consortium agreement then credential of Bidders being partner in a JV/consortium shall be decided in the following manner: -
- a) Where Technical experience certificate in respect of individual JV partners is available, the same shall be considered to the extent of work executed by such JV partner.
 - b) Where Technical experience certificate is not available, or experience certificate is issued in the name of JV/consortium, the evaluation shall be done in the following manner: -
 - i) In case the participation / profit sharing percentage of Bidders as per JV agreement is at least 35%, full credit of the work executed by the JV/consortium shall be given to such Bidders.
 - ii) In case the participation / profit sharing percentage of Bidder in JV agreement is less than 35%, no credit of work executed under such JV shall be given to such Bidder.
 - iii) Notwithstanding (i) and (ii) above, in case of availability of Technical experience certificate, (a) above shall apply.
In case both participation share and profit sharing ratio are available in the JV Agreement, participation share shall prevail.
7. For the portion of work executed through a sub-consultant, full experience for that portion of work can be claimed by the consultant as well as sub-consultant for fulfilling criteria for evaluation of Bidder's Technical experience.

4.2 FINANCIAL CRITERIA:

- i) **Turnover:** The bidder should have Minimum average annual consultancy turnover of **INR 24 Crores** or equivalent **US\$ 3 Million (excluding GST)** for the immediately preceding two (02) consecutive financial years.
- ii) **Net worth:** The bidder should have positive "Net Worth" in at least 02 (two) Financial years out of the last 03(three) financial years, with the condition of Positive Net Worth in immediately preceding financial year.

'Net Worth' means the aggregate value of the paid-up share capital and all reserves created out of the profits, securities premium account and debit or credit balance of profit and loss account, after deducting the aggregate value of the accumulated losses, deferred expenditure and miscellaneous expenditure not written off, as per the audited balance sheet, but does not include reserves created out of revaluation of assets, write-back of depreciation and amalgamation.

For assessment, relevant pages of Annual Report containing Net worth figure duly certified by Authorized representative of bidders, otherwise, figure duly authenticated by the statutory Auditors should be submitted.

- iii) **Working Capital:** The working capital (current assets minus current liabilities) shall be at least 2 (two) times the monthly cash flow requirement. The minimum

working capital shall not be less than INR 4.00 Crores or equivalent US\$ 0.46 Million.

For this purpose, current assets and current liabilities will be considered as classified in the audited balance sheet/equivalent financial statements including profit and loss statement of the immediately preceding financial year. If audited financial statement of the immediately preceding financial year is not available, then the bidder shall submit these statements certified by a Chartered Accountant.

Note:

- i) Other income shall not be considered for arriving at the Annual Turnover.
- ii) The Bidder's financial evaluation vis a vis the requirement as stipulated above shall be done on the basis of duly printed (offset) Annual Report/Equivalent financial statement for the immediately preceding 03 (three) years submitted by the Bidder along with the Bid. In case, bid submission date falls upto 30th September, the annual reports/ Equivalent financial statement up to previous year of the immediate preceding Financial Year shall be considered and for the Tenders having bid Submission date after September, the annual reports/ Equivalent financial statement up to immediate preceding Financial Year shall be considered. Further, standalone audited Annual Financial Statement of Bidder shall be forming part of the Annual Report/ Equivalent financial statement.

In case, if the Bidder has not submitted the above Annual Report/ Equivalent financial statement along with the Bid, then a certificate from CEO/CFO of the Bidder shall be submitted along with Bid mentioning that the requirement of Annual Report as per governing law of country is not mandatory in case of such bidders Equivalent financial statement shall be considered. In such cases duly notarized copies of Audited Printed Annual Financial Statement (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement, cash flow statement, Auditor's Report thereon including all relevant Schedules/ annexure etc.) for the immediately preceding 3(three) years be submitted by the Bidder along with the Bid. The Annual Financial Statement shall be considered for evaluation in same manner as defined in above Para for consideration of Annual Reports/ Equivalent financial statement.

- iii) In case where Audited financial results for the immediately preceding year are not available, then a statement of account as on the closing date of the immediately preceding financial year depicting the Turnover and Net Worth (calculated as per laid down criteria) duly certified by their Statutory Auditor/ Certified Public Accountant carrying out the statutory audit shall be enclosed with the Bid along with copy of appointment letter of the statutory auditor. The certificate should be issued with Unique Documents Identification Number (UDIN) as per Gazette Notification No.1-CA(7)/192/2019 dated 02.08.2019 or any other document Identification number issued to Certified public Accountants by their respective Institute, if applicable.
- iv) Wherever, the Annual Report/ duly notarized copies of Audited Printed Annual Financial Statement are in language other than English, then copy duly translated & printed in English language and certified by approved/ recognized English translator shall be submitted with the Bid.

- v) The qualification given by statutory Auditors on the Financial Statements which have impact on Net Worth, Turnover, Working Capital or any other financial item shall be taken into account for calculating the above financial parameters of Qualifying Criteria.
- vi) For conversion to US\$ the exchange rate at the end of the respective accounting year shall be considered.
- vii) For working out the turnover and working capital criteria, the bidder's figures which could be in any currency, the respective year figures of turnover & working capital from the Annual Statement shall be converted to US\$ equivalent by adopting the exchange rate(s) prevailing on the last date of the respective accounting year(s)
- viii) For the purpose of compliance to the stipulated turnover criteria given at Financial Criteria, the relevant turnover from Joint Venture(s) as declared in the Joint Venture Agreement shall also be considered. The proportionate JV Turnover shall be certified by their Chartered Accountant in the absence of not appearing the same in Audited Financial Statement.

4.3 Bids of any insolvent firm

The Bidder or Partner of JV, against whom an application for initiating corporate insolvency resolution process has been admitted by the Adjudicating Authority under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy code 2016, or as amended from time to time (IBC 2016 hereafter) (equivalent laws of the country where the firm has been incorporated / registered shall be applicable), shall not be eligible for bidding. The same shall also be applicable to the bidder company who has taken unconditional technical and/or financial support from their Parent/Holding company, against whom an application for initiating corporate insolvency resolution process has been admitted by the Adjudicating Authority under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016, or as amended from time to time (equivalent laws of the country where the firm has been incorporated / registered shall be applicable).

In case, bidder or partner of JV in respect of whom any application for initiating corporate insolvency resolution process was not admitted at the time of submission of bid but subsequently during the period of evaluation of bids or any time before the work is awarded, any such application is admitted by the Adjudicating Authority under the IBC 2016 (equivalent laws of the country where the firm has been incorporated / registered shall be applicable), the bidder shall be considered as ineligible and his bid shall be rejected.

An undertaking (as per ApplicationForm-6) that “no insolvency proceedings are admitted by the Adjudicating Authority against bidder or partner of JV under the IBC 2016 (equivalent laws of the country where the firm has been incorporated / registered shall be applicable)” shall be submitted on letter head duly signed by the authorized representative of bidder or all the partners of JV.

Further, the bidder after submitting the bid till the time of award of work, shall inform NHPC regarding any admission of application for corporate insolvency resolution process by the Adjudicating Authority under the IBC 2016 (equivalent laws of the country where the firm has been incorporated / registered shall be

applicable) against bidder or partner of JV and any suppression of such fact shall render the bidder liable for rejection of his bid and banning of business dealing as per terms and conditions of Guidelines of banning of business dealings under Integrity Pact.

4.4 Bid Capacity

The available Bid capacity of the Bidder at the time of submission of Price bid, calculated as under should not be less than **INR 209.80 Crores or equivalent US\$ 24.05 Million.**

$$\text{Available Bid capacity} = (2.0 \times A \times N) - B$$

Where;

A= Indexed value of Maximum value of Works executed (in an ongoing or completed project) in any one year during last 5 (five) years, keeping index of inflation as 6% (compounded annually) for calculating 'A' at present price level.

N = Number of years prescribed for completion of the subject contract package i.e., $113/12 = 9.41$ years.

B = Value of existing commitments (as on last date of bid submission) and on-going works to be completed in next "N" years.

The bid capacity shall be assessed at the time of submission of Bid and should not be less than the estimated cost of the work.

For Conversion to INR the exchange rate at the end of the respective accounting year shall be considered.

The Bidder shall submit documentary evidence together with a certificate from its statutory auditors in support of establishing 'A' and 'B' above, along with their Bid.

4.5 Nature of Bidders

The Bidder should either be a Sole Consultant or a JV/ consortium, in association sub-consultant(s), formed for participating in the tendering for this Project.

4.6 Joint Venture/Consortium Bidders:

Joint Venture or Consortium bidder shall comply with the following minimum qualifying requirements:

- (i) The number of partners in the Joint Venture not to exceed two (2) with one of the Partners designated as Lead Partner.
- (ii) The Lead Partner to fully meet the following:
 - a) Technical experience Criteria mentioned at 4.1(i), 4.1(ii), 4.1(iii) and 4.1(iv)
 - b) Average annual turnover (4.2(i)) not less than 50% of criteria specified under Financial Capacity.
 - c) Working Capital Criteria (4.2(iii))

- (iii) The Lead Partner can also meet Technical experience Criteria mentioned at 4.1 (v) (a) and/or 4.1 (v) (b) and/or 4.1 (v) (c).
- (iv) The other partner to individually meet the following requirements:
 - a) Technical experience Criteria not met by the Lead Partner mentioned at 4.1 (v) (a) and/or 4.1 (v) (b) and/or 4.1 (v) (c).
 - b) Average annual turnover of other partner (4.2(i)) not less than 20% of criteria specified under financial capacity.
- (v) The technical criteria specified under 4.1 (vi) can be met by either of the partners of the JV themselves or the JV can engage specialized sub-consultant for qualification under these technical criteria.
- (vi) All the partners of the Joint Venture to individually fulfil the Net Worth and Insolvency criteria specified under Financial Capacity.
- (vii) The Joint Venture to collectively satisfy, as a whole, the specified financial as well as technical requirements.
- (viii) The Bid Capacity requirement shall be satisfied by individual partner of Joint Venture in proportion to their participation share of work in Joint Venture.
- (ix) The parties shall be required to form the Joint Venture/Consortium before applying for the tender which shall be evinced by submitting a copy of the Joint Venture/Consortium agreement already entered into for the purpose. The Joint Venture agreement should contain the roles and responsibilities of each constituent, the proposed participation share of each partner along with the items of work to be executed by each partner. It shall also be brought out in the Joint Venture/Consortium agreement that in case the Contract is awarded to the Joint Venture, each partner of the Joint Venture/Consortium shall be responsible for execution of that item of work for which he claims to have technical experience.
- (x) Lead partner of the Joint Venture should have at least 50% share.

4.7 Bidders with Sub-Consultants:

In case the Bidder does not have all requisite specific experience and also does not wish to enter into a Joint Venture or wants to restrict the joint venture partnership, he can associate sub-consultant(s) for specified activities in which he does not have the relevant experience as brought out below. The criteria to be met by such Bidder shall be as follows:

- (i) The Bidder himself to fully meet the following:
 - a) Technical criteria mentioned at 4.1(i) and 4.1(ii) and 4.1(iii) and 4.1 (iv) and/or 4.1 (v) (a) and/or 4.1 (v) (b) and/or 4.1 (v) (c) and/or 4.1 (vi).
 - b) All criteria mentioned under Financial capacity in para 4.2.
 - c) Bid Capacity as mentioned in Para 4.4.
- (ii) The number of sub-consultants not to exceed **two (2)** for meeting the

Technical experience criteria.

- (iii) The Bidder can propose the sub consultant (s) to meet the Technical Experience Criteria deliberated 4.1 (v) (a) and/or 4.1 (v) (b) and/or 4.1 (v) (c) and/or 4.1 (vi) which is not met by the bidder.
- (iv) The Bidder and his proposed sub-consultant(s) should submit separate undertaking that the Bidder/Sub- consultants shall be responsible for execution of that item of work for which they claim to have technical experience.
- (v) The Bidders and his proposed sub-consultant(s) should collectively satisfy, as a whole all the Technical experience requirements.
- (vi) Sub- consultant(s) shall submit Performance Bank Guarantee equivalent to 5% of value of Work sublet in addition to the Performance Bank Guarantee/Insurance Surety Bond for whole contract submitted by the Bidders on award of Work.
- (vii) All the Proposed sub-consultant(s) to individually fulfil the Insolvency criteria specified under Para 4.3.

4.8 Bids by Merged/ Acquired/ Subsidiary Companies:

In case of Bidder Company, formed after merger and/ or acquisition of other companies, past experience and other antecedents of the merged/acquired companies will be considered for qualification of such Bidder Company provided such Bidder Company continues to own the requisite assets and resources of the merged/ acquired companies needed for execution and successful implementation of the work package put to tender.

Similarly, if the Bidder Company is a subsidiary company and applies for qualification on the unconditional technical and financial strength of the Parent/ Holding company, the same shall be considered provided the Parent/ Holding company commits to sign a Separate Agreement with NHPC in the prescribed Format confirming full support for the technical and financial requirements of the Subsidiary Company and commits to take up the work itself in case of non-performance by the Subsidiary Company in the event of award of the work to the Bidder Subsidiary Company. An undertaking by the Parent/Holding company to this effect shall be submitted along with the bid (in the Prescribed Format). A subsidiary company intending to tender/pre-qualify on the strength of Parent / Holding Company shall not be allowed to participate as a 'Sub-Consultant'.

For the purpose stated herein above in this clause, 'Parent Company' shall mean the 'Holding Company' owning majority (more than 50%) shares of such Bidder (Subsidiary) Company. Similarly, by extensions of this interpretation, if "A" is owned by a 'Holding Company' "B" which in turn is owned by another Holding Company "C" then "C" is construed as the 'Parent Company' of "A" as well as and so on. An apex 'Parent Company' may own number of independent Subsidiary / Group Companies and if any of these Subsidiary/Group Company commits assured support and unhindered access to its assets and resources to another Subsidiary/Group Company (Bidder in this case) under the same apex 'Parent Company' then experience and other credentials of such Subsidiary/Group

Company shall also be considered for qualification of the Bidder Subsidiary Company provided such commitment is evidenced /authorised and guaranteed by the apex 'Parent Company'.

In case Bidder Company (Subsidiary Company) gets qualified and awarded the work package, the Parent company/Holding Company will be required to furnish an additional performance bank guarantee/Insurance Surety Bond of value equivalent to (5%) five percent of the Contract Price or portion of work (where subsidiary Company is Joint Venture Partner) as the case may be, in addition to normal Performance Bank Guarantee/Insurance Surety Bond to be submitted by the Bidder Company to the Employer besides entering into a separate Agreement (in the requisite Format). The experience of the subsidiary companies of the Parent/ Holding Company will be considered experience of the Parent/ Holding Company.

However, for fulfilment of financial criteria, financial evaluation vis-à-vis the requirement as stipulated above shall be done on the basis of consolidated printed Annual Report for the immediately preceding 5 (five) years of the Parent Company/Apex Parent Company submitted by the Bidder along with the Bid.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR TECHNICAL ELIGIBILITY

The bidders, who meet the Qualification Criteria under clause 4.0 above shall be further evaluated as below on Quality Cum Cost Based System (QCBS) Basis:

Under QCBS selection, the technical proposals may be allotted weightage of 70% (Seventy per cent) while the financial proposals may be allotted weightages of 30% (Thirty per cent).

5.1 Technical Score

The Technical Score is based on overall suitability and experience to carry out the proposed work. The Technical Score for Quality of Consultants shall be worked out as per the details given in Table-1 & 2 below and score assigned as Technical Score. The Minimum Technical Score for qualification eligibility of the Bidder shall be 50 in each Table 1 & 2. The score of each Tables 1 & 2 shall be allotted a 50% (fifty percent) weightage for the overall technical score.

In case of Joint Venture/Consortium Bidders or Sub Consultants, consideration of experience for awarding marks under Table-1 & 2 shall be done as follows:

- a) Experience of the **Lead Partner / Sole Bidder** meeting the requirements of Technical criteria under Para 4.1 (i), shall be considered for awarding the marks under Sl. No. 1 of Table-1.
- b) Experience of the **Lead Partner / Sole Bidder** meeting the requirements of Technical criteria under Para 4.1 (i), shall be considered for awarding the marks under Sl No. 2 of Table-1.
- c) Experience of the **Lead Partner / Sole Bidder** meeting the requirement of Technical criteria under para 4.1(ii) shall be considered for awarding the marks under Sl No.3 of Table 1.
- d) Experience of the personnel employed by any of the **Sole Bidder /JV partners/Sub consultant** shall be considered for awarding marks under Sl. No. 4(i) of Table-1 & Sl. No. 5(i) of Table-2 respectively.

- e) Experience of the personnel employed by any of the **Lead Partner / Sole Bidder** shall be considered for awarding marks under Sl. No 4(ii) & 4(viii) of Table-1.
- f) Experience of the personnel employed by the **Partner / Sole Bidder** shall be considered for awarding marks under Sl. No. 4(iii), 4(iv), 4(v) & 4(vi) of Table-1.
- g) Experience of the personnel employed by the **Lead Partner /Sole Bidder** meeting the requirements of Technical criteria under Para 4.1(ii) shall be considered for awarding marks under Sl. No. 4(vii) of Table-1.
- h) Experience of the **JV partner/Sole Bidder/sub consultant** meeting the requirements of Technical criteria under Para 4.1 (v), shall be considered for awarding the marks under Sl. No. 1 to 4 of Table-2.
- i) Experience of the personnel employed by the **JV partner/Sole Bidder/sub consultant** meeting the requirements of Technical criteria under Para 4.1(v) shall be considered for awarding marks under and Sl. No 5(ii) to 5(v) of Table-2.

Table -1
Criteria for Technical Score of Bidder

| Sl. No. | Parameters | Maximum Marks |
|----------|--|---------------|
| 1 | Experience of Planning, Design, Engineering & involvement during construction stage of completed Roller Compacted Concrete Dam/ Concrete Dam in Numbers of Dams of Height 80 m or above in the last 20 years Number of Dam 3 or more : 20 Marks Number of Dam =2 nos : 15 Marks Number of Dam =1 nos: 10 Marks | 20 |
| 2 | Experience of Design, and Engineering of construction stage of completed/ongoing Roller Compacted Concrete Dam/ Concrete Dam of maximum height of Dam in the last 20 years: For Height ≥ 150 m : 25 Marks For Height ≥ 100 m < 150 m: 20 Marks For Height > 80 m < 100 m : 15 Marks | 25 |

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| 3 | <p>Experience of Construction, Planning, Equipment Planning, Material Management and Monitoring of construction of Roller Compacted Concrete Dam (RCC dam) having minimum average rate of placement of RCC material of 30,000 Cum/Month in one RCC Dam of minimum quantity of – 0.3 MCum.</p> <p>For Average Placement Rate of RCC $\geq 50,000$ Cum/Month in one RCC Dam of minimum quantity of – 0.3 M Cum: 25 Marks.</p> <p>For Average Placement Rate of RCC $\geq 40,000$ Cum/Month < 50,000 Cum/ Month in one RCC Dam of minimum quantity of – 0.3 MCum: 20 Marks</p> <p>For Average Placement Rate of RCC $\geq 30,000$ Cum/Month < 40,000 Cum/ Month in one RCC Dam of minimum quantity of – 0.3 MCum: 15 Marks</p> | | | 25 |
| 4 | Team composition proposed - Qualification, experience in the relevant field. | | | 30 |
| | Team Member* | Minimum Qualification in the relevant field | Experience (years) | |
| (i) | Chief Consultant | Post Graduate Worked as Consultant/ Specialist for any Water Resources Project for the period of claimed experience. | ≥ 25 years: 6 marks ≥ 20 years < 25 years: 4 marks ≥ 15 years < 20 years: 3 marks | 6 |
| (ii) | RCC Dam Design Specialist | Post Graduate Carried out the responsibilities for the designated post for RCC/Concrete Dam Projects for the period of claimed experience. | ≥ 15 years: 3 marks ≥ 10 years < 15 years: 1.5 marks | 3 |
| (iii) | Structural Design Specialist | Post Graduate Carried out the responsibilities for the designated post for Water Resources Projects for the period of claimed experience. | | 3 |
| (iv) | Numerical (FEM / FDM) method Specialist | Post Graduate Carried out the responsibilities for the designated post for water Resources Projects for the period of claimed experience. | | 3 |

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| (v) | Geotechnical Specialist | Post Graduate Carried out the responsibilities for the designated post for Water Resources Projects for the period of claimed experience. | | 3 |
| (vi) | Computational Fluid Dynamic Specialist | Post Graduate Carried out the responsibilities for the designated post for Water Resources Projects for the period of claimed experience. | | 3 |
| (vii) | RCC Dam Construction Planning, and Monitoring Specialist | Graduate Carried out the responsibilities for the designated post for Roller Compacted Concrete Dam Projects for the period of claimed experience. | ≥25 years: 6 marks ≥20 years<25 years: 4marks ≥15 years < 20 years:3 marks | 6 |
| (viii) | RCC Material Specialist | Post Graduate Carried out the responsibilities for the designated post for Roller Compacted Concrete Dam Projects for the period of claimed experience. | ≥15years : 3 marks ≥10years<15years: 1.5marks | 3 |
| <p><u>Note#1:</u> A team member may be in multiple roles (maximum 2) for sl. No. 4(i), 4(ii) and 4(viii).</p> <p><u>Note#2:</u> Evaluation shall be done as per stated relevant experience in CV in the format provided in the bid document. More than one name can also be proposed by the bidder for similar positions. In case, a proposed team member is not found eligible, alternate most suitable member from the originally submitted list shall be considered for evaluation. In case of the proposed personnel not being employed with the bidder, joint undertaking (bidder and the proposed member) for undertaking the position in case of award of work, shall be provided along with the CV.</p> | | | | |

Table -2
Criteria for Technical Score of Bidder for underground works

| Sl. No. | Parameters | | | Maximum Marks |
|---------|---|---|---|---------------|
| 1 | Experience of Planning, Design, Engineering & involvement during construction stage of underground caverns in Numbers of cavern of width more than 18 m or above in the last 20 years Number of caverns 3 or more : 15 Marks Number of caverns = 2 Nos : 10 Marks Number of caverns = 1 Nos : 5 Marks | | | 15 |
| 2 | Experience of Design, and Engineering of construction stage of completed/ ongoing cavern of maximum width of cavern in the last 20 years: For Width ≥ 22 m : 25 Marks For Width ≥ 20 m < 22 m : 20 Marks For Width ≥ 18 m < 20 m : 10 Marks | | | 25 |
| 3 | Experience of Design, and Engineering of construction stage of completed/ ongoing cavern of maximum height of cavern in the last 20 years: For Height ≥ 40 m : 15 Marks For Height ≥ 20 m < 40 m : 10 Marks For Height: ≥ 15 m < 20 m : 5 Marks | | | 15 |
| 4 | Experience of Design, and Engineering of construction stage of completed/ ongoing tunnel of maximum diameter of tunnel in the last 20 years: For Diameter ≥ 12 m : 15 Marks For Diameter ≥ 10 m < 12 m : 10 Marks For Diameter ≥ 8 m < 10 m : 5 Marks | | | 15 |
| 5 | Team composition proposed - Qualification, experience in the relevant field. | | | 30 |
| | Team Member* | Minimum Qualification in the relevant field | Experience (years) | |
| (i) | Chief Consultant | Post Graduate Worked as Consultant/ Specialist for any underground works for the period of claimed experience. | ≥ 25 years: 10 marks ≥ 20 years < 25 years: 6 marks ≥ 15 < 20 years: 3 marks ≥ 10 < 15 years: 1 mark | 10 |

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| (ii) | Power house complex Design Specialist | Post Graduate Carried out the responsibilities for the designated post for underground works for the period of claimed experience. | ≥15 years: 5 marks ≥10 < 15 years: 3 marks | 5 |
| (iii) | Structural Design Specialist | Post Graduate Carried out the responsibilities for the designated post for underground structure and powerhouse works for the period of claimed experience. | | 5 |
| (iv) | Numerical FEM method Specialist | Post Graduate Carried out the responsibilities for the designated post for underground structure and powerhouse works for the period of claimed experience. | | 5 |
| (v) | Geotechnical Specialist | Post Graduate Carried out the responsibilities for the designated post for underground structure and powerhouse works for the period of claimed experience. | | 5 |
| <p><u>Note#1:</u> A team member may be in multiple roles (maximum 2) for sl. No. 5(i), 5(ii) and 5(iv).</p> <p><u>Note#2:</u> Evaluation shall be done as per stated relevant experience in CV in the format provided in the bid document. More than one name can also be proposed by the bidder for similar positions. In case, a proposed team member is not found eligible, alternate most suitable member from the originally submitted list shall be considered for evaluation. In case of the proposed personnel not being employed with the bidder, joint undertaking (bidder and the proposed member) for undertaking the position in case of award of work, shall be provided along with the CV.</p> | | | | |

5.2 Overall Criteria for Selection of Successful Bidder

Under QCBS selection, the technical proposals will be allotted weightage of 70% (Seventy per cent) while the financial proposals will be allotted weightages of 30% (Thirty per cent).

Proposal with the lowest cost will be given a financial score of 100 (Hundred) and other proposals given financial scores that are inversely proportional to their prices w.r.t. the lowest offer. Similarly, proposal with the highest technical marks (as allotted by the evaluation Committee) shall be given a score of 100 (Hundred) and other proposals be given technical score that are proportional to their marks w.r.t. the highest technical marks. The total score, both technical and financial, shall be obtained by weighing the quality and cost scores and adding them up. On the basis of the combined weighted score for quality and cost, the consultant shall be ranked in terms of the total score obtained. The proposal obtaining the highest total combined score in evaluation of quality and cost will be ranked as H-1 followed

by the proposals securing lesser marks as H-2, H-3 etc. The proposal securing the highest combined marks and ranked H-1 will be invited for negotiations, if required and shall be recommended for award of contract.

In the event two or more bids have the same score in final ranking, the bid with highest technical score will be H-1. An Evaluated Bid Score (B) will be calculated for each responsive Bid using the following formula, which permits a comprehensive assessment of the Bid price and the technical merits of each Bid:

$$B = \frac{C_{low}}{C} X + \frac{T}{T_{high}} (1 - X)$$

Where,

C = Evaluated Bid Price

C_{low} = the lowest of all Evaluated Bid Prices among responsive Bids

T = the total Technical Score awarded to the Bid

T_{high} = the Technical Score achieved by the Bid that was scored best among all responsive Bids

X = weightage for the Price as specified in the BDS

The Bid with the best evaluated Bid Score (B) among responsive Bids shall be the Most Advantageous Bid.

As an example, the following procedure can be followed. In a particular case of selection of consultant, it was decided to have minimum qualifying marks for technical qualifications as 75 (Seventy five) and the weightage of the technical bids and financial bids was kept as 70: 30 (Seventy: Thirty). In response to the RfP, three proposals, A, B & C were received. The technical evaluation Committee awarded the following marks as under:

A: 75 Marks

B: 80 Marks

C: 90 Marks

The minimum qualifying marks were 75 (Seventy five) thus, all the three proposals were found technically suitable. Using the formula T/T_{high}, the following technical points are awarded by the evaluation Committee:

A: $75/90 \times 100 = 83$ points

B: $80/90 \times 100 = 89$ points

C: $90/90 \times 100 = 100$ points

The financial proposals of each qualified consultant were opened after notifying the date and time of bid opening to the successful participants. The price

evaluation Committee examined the financial proposals and evaluated the quoted prices as under:

A: Rs.120.

B: Rs.100.

C: Rs.110.

Using the formula Clow/C , the Committee gave them the following points for financial proposals:

A: $100/120 \times 100 = 83$ points

B: $100/100 \times 100 = 100$ points

C: $100/110 \times 100 = 91$ points

In the combined evaluation, thereafter, the evaluation Committee calculated the combined technical and financial score as under:

Proposal A: $83 \times 0.30 + 83 \times 0.70 = 83$ points.

Proposal B: $100 \times 0.30 + 89 \times 0.70 = 92.3$ points

Proposal C: $91 \times 0.30 + 100 \times 0.70 = 97.3$ points.

The three proposals in the combined technical and financial evaluation were ranked as under:

Proposal A: 83 points: H-3

Proposal B: 92.3 points: H-2

Proposal C: 97.3 points: H-1

Proposal C at the evaluated cost of Rs.110 (Rupees One hundred and ten) was, therefore, declared as winner and recommended for negotiations/approval, to the competent authority.

6. **Signing of Integrity Pact**

To improve transparency and fairness in the tendering process the Employer is **implementing Integrity Pact**

The Integrity Pact, signed by all the prospective Bidders and the Employer, shall commit the persons/ officials of both the parties, not to exercise any corrupt/ fraudulent/ collusive/ coercive practices in the Tendering process and also during implementation of the Contract. On award of the tender, the Integrity Pact shall be signed by the successful bidder and the Employer and commit the persons/ officials of both the parties, not to exercise any corrupt/ fraudulent/ collusive/ coercive practices during implementation of the Contract. Only those Bidders who have entered into Integrity Pact with the Employer shall be eligible to participate in the bidding process. Entering into Integrity Pact as per Performa provided into Tender Document is a basic qualifying requirement.

To oversee the compliance of obligation under the Integrity Pact, Shri Prabhsh

Singh, ITS (Retd.), Dr. Vinod Aggarwal, IAS (Retd.) and Shri Upendra Malik have been appointed as Independent External Monitor(s) (IEMs) by the Employer.

The Contact address of IEMs are as under:

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Integrity pact is to be executed on plain paper at the time of submission of bid, irrespective of whether it is from Foreign/ Indian Bidder. The successful bidder (contractor) shall submit duly executed Integrity Pact on Non-judicial Stamp Paper of appropriate value as per stamp act applicable in the state of Haryana, prior to signing of Contract Agreement.

7. Bids of only those prospective Bidders who have downloaded the Bid Documents and are meeting the Eligibility Criteria specified above will only be considered for further evaluation and award of the Contract. Bidders will submit requisite supporting documents and testimonials with their Bids to prove their credentials and claim of meeting the Eligibility Criteria. The Employer will, check and ascertain whether the bidder fulfils the Qualifying Criteria specified. In case, the qualifying criteria is not found meeting as per the requirement of tender document, the Bid of such bidder shall be considered as non-responsive and their Price Bid shall not be opened.
8. The Employer may impose certain restrictions on the foreign companies participating in any form and their employees in view of the national security, in the Project situated in the sensitive region and border areas. The Employer shall obtain clearance of Govt. of India regarding security implications prior to qualification of such companies. The Employer would evaluate and determine the optimum number of foreign employees required to be deployed at the works site, being awarded or sub-contracted to a foreign companies, keeping in view the requirements of works, location and technical necessities. The number of foreign employee would be kept to the minimum and shall be limited to only technical/supervisory staff. The foreign company shall provide the details (passports details, job profile/expertise, location and duration of stay etc.) and Company information for security clearance as per Application Form-1A for foreign nationals proposed to be engaged at Site.
9. The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any bids, or cancel/ withdraw invitation to bid for any reason including national defence and security considerations, and annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to the award of Contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder(s). However, the bidder(s), who wish to seek reason for such decision of cancellation/rejection, shall be informed of the same by Employer unless its disclosure reasonably could be expected to affect the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security, strategic, scientific or economic interests of the

state, relation with foreign State or lead to incitement of an offence.

10. Further, bidders from countries which share land border with India (except to which the Government of India has extended line of credit or in which the Government of India is engaged in development projects as mentioned in order Public Procurement No.2 dated 23.07.2020 or its subsequent revisions/amendments), shall comply with the provisions of “Restrictions under Rule 144(xi) of the General financial Rules (GFRs) 2017” dated 23.07.2020 and its subsequent amendments.
11. **Deleted**
12. In the event of the specified date for the submission of bids being declared a holiday for the Client, the hard copies of the documents will be received up to the specified time on the next working day. However, the date and time for online submission of the bids shall continue to be the date and time specified above or any amendment for the same.
13. Online submission of the Bids (incl. attachments) will not be permitted on the portal after expiry of submission time and the Bidders shall not be permitted to submit the same by any other mode. In such case, even if the bidder has submitted the specific documents in hard copy(ies) in original within the stipulated deadline, its bid shall be considered as late and shall not be considered at all any further. Offline documents, if received by the Employer after the deadline for submission of hardcopies, then it will be considered as late bid even if the bidder has uploaded the bid online with in the deadline. In such a case, the bid uploaded on the portal shall not be considered at all any further.
14. Bids will be opened as per the schedule at the aforesaid venue. In case the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of bid as specified, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
15. Tenderer who has downloaded the tender from the NHPC website nhpcindia.com or Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP) website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>, shall not tamper/modify the tender document including downloaded price bid template in any manner. In case if the same is found to be tempered/ modified in any manner, tender will be completely rejected and EMD would be forfeited and tenderer is liable to be banned from doing business with NHPC.
16. The bids, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the qualification exchanged by the bidders and the Client, shall be in the English language.
17. The details/ information regarding online tendering i.e. Registration on CPP portal, Preparation of Bid and Submission of bid are available in the tender document.
18. Any corrigendum/modification to tender documents shall be published in NHPC/CPP (e- Procurement service provider) website only and the bidders are advised to visit the site regularly before deadline for submission of bids.

- 19.** In case of any difference between wordings of English and Hindi version of 'Notice Inviting Tender', English version shall prevail.

Note: Mere issuance/downloading of Bid document to/by prospective Bidder shall not be construed that such a bidder automatically fulfills the prescribed eligibility Criteria. Whether the bidder meets the specific eligibility Criteria or not, shall be checked or ascertained, on opening their bids by scrutinizing documentary evidences furnished by them along with their Bid.

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