

पावर ग्रिड कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड

भारत सरकार का उद्यम)

POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED

(A Government of India Enterprise)

Ref: C/MM/FLORITECH/Blacklist/2023

Date: 18/04/2023

To

Floritech Associates, M/s 1625, HOUSING BOARD COLONY, SECTOR 10 A, Gurgaon, HARYANA-122001,

Kind Attention: Sh. Harish Chauhan, Mobile no.: +91-9818045866

- Sub: Declaration of firm M/s FLORITECH ASSOCIATES (FLORITECH) as Non-responsive/Ineligible to participate in all tenders issued from Power Grid Corporation of India Limited for a period of three years.
- **Ref:** (i) Tenders mentioned at 1.0 below.
 - (ii) Showcause Notice dated 09 January 2023 issued to FLORITECH.
 - (iii) Reply dated 18 January 2023 received from FLORITECH.

Dear Sir,

- **1.0** WHEREAS M/s Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) had invited bids for Horticulture in GeM Portal for following tenders:
 - (i) Tender reference: GEM/2022/B/2387095 dated 10.08.2022 for "Greenbelt under CSR in Sector-43, Gurugram".
 - (ii) Tender reference: GEM/2022/B/2440043 dated 30.8.2022 for "Horticulture Package for PAL Manesar".
- **2.0** WHEREAS, FLORITECH submitted their bids against the invitation for bids for the above packages.
- 3.0 WHEREAS, First Envelope of the bids were opened on following schedule:

Sl. No.	GeM Tender Ref No.	Date of First Envelope bid opening
1	GEM/2022/B/2387095	09.09.2022
2	GEM/2022/B/2440043	14.09.2022

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Website: www.powergridindia.com

- **4.0** WHEREAS, FLORITECH had submitted the Work Order (Ref. No. SBA/ADMIN/139 dated 30/11/2017) and Work Completion Certificate dated 09/02/2022 issued by State Academy of State Bank of India (SBI) as documentary evidence for meeting the stipulated Qualification Requirements.
- 5.0 WHEREAS, it was observed that the Contract value was indicated as ₹ 1,78,13,000/- in the Certificate submitted against the Tender Ref. GEM/2022/B/2440043 while it was indicated as ₹ 80,08,500/- in the Certificate submitted against the Tender Ref. GEM/2022/B/2387095 for the same work completed in SBI.
- 6.0 WHEREAS, this act raised strong apprehensions regarding veracity and genuineness of the certificates submitted by your good self and hence, POWERGRID vide communication dated 16/09/2022 sought verification of the Certificates from SBI.
- 7.0 WHEREAS, vide communication dated 22/09/2022, SBI provided the copies of the Work allotment letter and Work Completion Certificate issued wherein the Contract Value was indicated as ₹ 80,08,500/- and there were other differences, which confirmed that the aforementioned Certificates submitted by FLORITECH against the packages were forged documents and were not issued by SBI.
- 8.0 WHEREAS, as part of the due process and following the principles of natural justice, three independent showcause notices dated 09.01.2023 for each package were issued to FLORITECH seeking reasons as to why FLORITECH should not be declared ineligible from participating in any future bids/contracts of POWERGRID including termination of the ongoing contract in terms of section-III of the integrity pact.
- 9.0 WHEREAS, FLORITECH against the three showcause notices issued had submitted a single reply vide letter dated 18/01/2023 wherein FLORITECH had accepted that for meeting the eligibility/qualification criteria fraudulent practice was followed/forged documents were submitted by them.
- 10.0 WHEREAS, after considering all relevant aspects, including the reply to showcause it has been established that FLORITECH has committed a transgression during the tenders by furnishing false/forged Documents towards meeting the stipulated Qualification Requirements, which is a serious



violation of the Integrity Pact applicable for these packages. In such an event, the Integrity Pact enables POWERGRID to (i) disqualify the bidder from tendering process (ii) exclude from future contracts of POWERGRID for a specified period and (iii) terminate the contract if already awarded.

- 11.0 WHEREAS, POWERGRID's policy on exclusion from future Business stipulates that POWERGRID may decide to exclude business with them, for specified time or indefinitely, inter-alia on the grounds of "Corrupt or Fraudulent practices resorted to by Contractor including mis-representation of facts".
- 12.0 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby informed that without prejudice to any other rights available to POWERGRID in terms of the provisions under section-III clause (2) of the Integrity Pact/ Bidding Documents, it has been decided that M/s Floritech Associates, Gurgaon, is to be declared as Non-responsive/Ineligible to participate as a bidder in all tenders issued by POWERGRID for a period of three (03) years from the date of issuance of this letter. As such bids submitted for any package shall be treated as non-responsive whose originally scheduled date of bid opening/actual date of bid opening (First envelope or Second Envelope) falls within the above-mentioned timeline.

This is being issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully, For & on behalf of POWERGRID,

Sangeeta Saxena

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