

SECTION-I

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

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For

765kV AIS Substation Extension Package SS-74T (RETENDER) for (i) Extension of 765/400/220 kV Koppal-II S/S (ii) Extn of 400/220kV Gadag-II S/S under "System strengthening at Koppal-II and Gadag-II for integration of RE generation projects" under TBCB route.

Mode of bidding	: Domestic Competitive Bidding under e-procurement
Bidding process	: Single Stage Two Envelope
Tender invitation procedure	: LIMITED TENDER INVITATION
Financing/Funding	: Domestic
Date of Issuance of IFB	: 06/05/2025
Specification Number	: CC/T/W-AIS/DOM/A10/25/03196
Name of e-Tendering portal	: POWERGRID Reverse Auction and Integrated Tendering (PRANIT) portal

1.0 This invitation for bids follows the e-procurement notice for the subject package(s) published on **06/05/2025** on POWERGRID's website and e-procurement portal given at para **5.0** below and on Government of India's Central Public Procurement Portal (<https://eprocure.gov.in>). Any Corrigendum and/or amendments, etc shall also be published only on the above website/portals.

2.0 Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (POWERGRID) (A Government of India Enterprise) incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered Office at B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi has been selected as Transmission Service Provider (TSP) for **"System strengthening at Koppal-II and Gadag-II for integration of RE generation projects"**.

POWERGRID has acquired one hundred percent (100%) equity shares of "Project Specific Transmission Companies (incorporated by the Bid Process Coordinator (BPC))" namely **"GADAG II AND KOPPAL II TRANSMISSION LIMITED"** (hereinafter referred to as the "SPV"/"Project SPV Company") alongwith all its related assets and liabilities, which will be responsible as TSP for **System strengthening at Koppal-II and Gadag-II for integration of RE generation projects** on Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis.

3.0 POWERGRID, therefore, invites bids from the shortlisted bidders for the following package for this project on Limited Competitive Bidding basis under secured e-procurement procedure:

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This Invitation for Bids extended through portal and issuance of Bidding Documents shall not be construed to mean that the prospective bidders to whom the Invitation for Bids has been extended and/or Bidding Documents have been issued is deemed to be an eligible bidder. The eligibility of the bidders shall be determined as per the provisions of Bidding Documents

3.1 The scope of works covered under the package inter-alia includes the following:

Design, engineering, manufacture, testing at manufacturer's works, supply including transportation and insurance, unloading, storage, erection, testing and commissioning at site, complete in all respects for :

- (i) Extension of 765/400/220 kV Koppal-II S/S**
- (ii) Extn of 400/220kv Gadag-II S/S**

The above scope of work is indicative and the detailed scope of work is given in the Technical Specification (Volume-II) of the Bidding Documents.

3.2 The completion period for the subject Package(s) shall be as specified in ITB Sub-Clause 24.1(c) as mentioned below:

3.3 Bidding will be conducted through the **Domestic Competitive Bidding** under **Limited Tender Invitation** procedures as per the provisions of ITB/BDS of the Bidding Documents and the contract shall be executed as per the provisions of the Contract. Bidders may note that the Employer has uploaded its 'Works and Procurement Policy and Procedures' (WPPP) document along with its Modification/Amendment on "Ineligibility of Firms for Participation in the Bidding Process" and on "Black-Listing of Firms / Banning of Business" **and its updates** on POWERGRID's website referred to at para 5.0 below. It shall be noted that no other party, including the Bidder/Contractor, shall derive any right from this 'Works and Procurement Policy and Procedures' (WPPP) document or have any claim on the Employer on the basis of the same. The respective rights of the Employer and the Bidder/Contractor shall be governed by the Bidding Documents/Contract signed between the Employer and the Contractor for the package(s). The provisions of the Bidding Documents shall always prevail over that of 'Works and Procurement Policy and Procedures' (WPPP) document in case of contradiction.

3.4 The complete Bidding Documents including tender drawings have been issued to the shortlisted bidders through portal <https://etender.powergrid.in>.

Note: *The bidding documents are meant for the exclusive purpose of bidding against this specification and shall not be transferred to any parts or reproduced or used otherwise for any purpose other than for which they are specifically uploaded.*

4.0 The bidders are requested to note that the invitation alongwith Bidding Documents have been forwarded to them on their Organization ID registered on '**POWERGRID Reverse Auction and Integrated Tendering (PRANIT)**' portal i.e. <https://etender.powergrid.in>. The bidder may check the various details associated with the registration of their organization for updation, if any.

5.0 Important Instruction for participation in subject e-Tendering:

- a) Bidders are requested to read the 'Bidders Manual and Pre-Requisite Document' available on '**POWERGRID Reverse Auction and Integrated Tendering (PRANIT)**' portal through website <https://etender.powergrid.in> before proceeding for submission of bids. It is important to note that bidders can submit their bids online only through <https://etender.powergrid.in>.
- b) The complete Bidding Documents including tender drawings are available at POWERGRID's website <http://www.powergrid.in> as well as on portal <https://etender.powergrid.in>. However, in case of any contradiction between the Bidding Documents at POWERGRID's website and those at the portal, the latter shall prevail. Interested bidders shall download the Bidding Documents from the portal <https://etender.powergrid.in>, as per the provisions available therein. Interested bidders can download the Bidding Documents and commence preparation of bids to gain time. From e-Tendering portal, the bidders can download the bidding documents as a 'Guest' and/or after registering, as detailed below at (6.0).

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- c) Bidders shall ensure that their bids, complete in all respects, are submitted online through POWERGRID's e-tendering portal only. **No DEVIATION in this regard is acceptable.**

6.0 **Kindly note that to submit the bids electronically, bidders must have a valid Class 3B Digital Certificate (signing and encryption/ decryption certificate).**

Interested bidders may obtain further information regarding this IFB from the office of **Sr. DGM (CS-G11)/ Engineer (CS-G11)**, POWERGRID at the address given at para 11.0 below from 15:00 hours to 17:00 hours on all working days.

For proper uploading of the bids on the portal namely <https://etender.powergrid.in> (hereinafter referred to as the 'portal'), it shall be the sole responsibility of the bidders to apprise themselves adequately regarding all the relevant procedures and provisions as detailed at the portal as well as by contacting from POWERGRID, as and when required, for which contact details are mentioned above below. The Employer 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 II – ITB of the Bidding Documents.

- 7.0 A Pre-bid meeting will be held at the office of the Employer at Gurgaon (Haryana), India on **13/05/2025** at **1130 Hrs.** (IST) to clarify the bidder's various issues raised in accordance with clause 6.4 of ITB.
- 8.0 A Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure on **Limited Tender Invitation** (LTI) basis will be adopted and will proceed as detailed in the Bidding Documents.
- 8.1 Soft Copy Part of the Bids must be uploaded under Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure on the portal at or before **11:00 hours** on **21/05/2025**. The e-Procurement system would not allow any late submission of bids through the portal after due date & time as specified.

The documents required to be submitted as part of Hard Copy Part of the Bid shall be scanned and uploaded as part of First Envelope in Soft Copy Part of the Bid as per provisions of ITB Clause 9 (II)..

First Envelope i.e. Techno -Commercial Part shall be opened on **21/05/2025** at **11:30 hours** in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below or may be viewed by the bidders by logging in to the portal. Second Envelope i.e. Price Part shall be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the time and date and at the address given in the intimation for opening of Second Envelope in accordance with Clause 25 of ITB or may be viewed by the bidders by logging in to the portal.

Bidding Documents fee is not applicable, as the Bidding Documents are issued to the shortlisted bidders.

- 8.2 Under the Integrity Pact Program (IPP), a panel of Independent External Monitors (IEMs) comprising **Sh. Madan Mohan Bhatia, Sh. Nand Lal Singh and Sh. R. Govindrajan** has been appointed by CVC. Correspondence, if any, to the panel of IEMs be addressed to the following:

Independent External Monitor
C/o CGM (CS-P&S), Contract Service Department
Power Grid Corporation of India Limited,
'Saudamini', 3rd Floor,

Plot No. – 2, Sector – 29,
Gurgaon – 122001, Haryana

E-mail IDs of IEMs:

mmbhatia2001@yahoo.com

nlsingh3@gmail.com

rgrvig@gmail.com

- 9.0 The Employer reserves the right to conduct e-Reverse Auction (e-RA) in accordance with clause 29 of ITB.
- 10.0 POWERGRID reserves the right to cancel/withdraw this invitation for bids without assigning any reason and shall bear no liability whatsoever consequent upon such a decision.
- 11.0 All correspondence with regard to the above shall be to the following address.

(By Post/In Person)

Sr. DGM (CS-G11)/ Engineer (CS-G11),
Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
'Saudamini', 3rd Floor, Plot No.-2, Sector-29
Gurgaon (Haryana) - 122001.

(Thru Board) +91-124-282- 2387/3321
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Email IDs: dilpreet@powergrid.in
prashantverma@powergrid.in

For more information on POWERGRID, visit our site at:
<http://www.powergrid.in>

- 12.0 Bidders are requested to open the following link for pre-requisite system settings of PRANIT portal and manual/video tutorial regarding information for bid submission:

https://etender.powergrid.in/new_logon2/User_Help_Menu.html

In case any technical issue remains unresolved, Bidder may contact the ERP SRM Helpdesk support as per the details below:

- PRANIT Helpdesk Number - 0124-2823456 / 0124-5063900
- Working Time - 09.30 am to 05.30 pm
- Working days - Monday to Friday
- Holiday calendar of POWERGRID Corporate office Gurgaon shall be followed.

Bidders are advised to contact the Helpdesk minimum 2 working days before Bid Submission Deadline for assistance.

Note- At the time of submission of the bid, Bidders are required to make sure that:

1. The First Envelope excel with file named **"First Envelope and Bid Forms"** must be uploaded alongwith the bid.
2. The Second Envelope excel with file name as indicated on the RFx Parameters section under RFx information on the portal <https://etender.powergrid.in> must be uploaded alongwith the bid.

As per the provisions of the portal, it is mandatory to upload aforesaid excel files with titled as per above (Bidders may refer user manuals at the portal <https://etender.powergrid.in> regarding submission of bid).

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