

SECTION - I

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

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For
Procurement of 400kV Circuit Breakers (CBs) and replacement of existing CBs under O&M
Additional capitalization at Itarsi and Jabalpur Substation of POWERGRID WR-II for
VSTPP-ADDL Project

Mode of bidding	: Domestic Competitive Bidding
Bidding process	: Single Stage Two Envelope
Tender invitation procedure	: Open Tender Invitation
Financing/Funding	: Domestic
Date of Issuance of IFB	: 19.05.2026
Specification Number	: WR2/NT/W-CB/DOM/G01/26/07169
Rfx No.:	: 5002005375
Name of e-Tendering portal	: PRANIT portal (https://etender.powergrid.in)

1.0 This invitation for bids follows the e-procurement notice (Invitation for Bids) for the subject package published on **19.05.2026** on POWERGRID's website and e-procurement portal.

2.0 POWERGRID Energy Services Limited (A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (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 - 110 016 (hereinafter referred to as Owner') has decided to set up, as an Owner for the following the projects:

- (i) **Procurement of 400kV Circuit Breakers (CBs) and replacement of existing CBs under O&M Additional capitalization at Itarsi and Jabalpur Substation of POWERGRID WR-II for VSTPP-ADDL Project**

The procurement activities in respect of the aforesaid Project above shall be carried out by the POWERGRID and it intends to use domestic funding for eligible payments under the contract for the package(s) as mentioned above. For the purpose of all procurement activities, the Owner shall also be referred to as 'Employer'.

3.0 POWERGRID, therefore, invites bids from eligible bidders for the subject package on Domestic Competitive Bidding basis under secured e-procurement procedure. This Invitation for Bids extended through media, website or written communication or by any other means, shall not be construed to mean that the prospective bidders to whom the Invitation for Bids has been extended 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 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 shall be the period as specified in ITB Sub-Clause 24.1(c).
- 3.3 Bidding will be conducted through the Domestic Competitive Bidding procedures as per the provisions of ITB/BDS 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 updation 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. The provisions of the Bidding Documents shall always prevail over that of 'Works and Procurement Policy and Procedures' (WPPP) document in case of contradiction.
- 4.0 The detailed Qualifying Requirements (QR) are given in the Bidding Document.
- 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).

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.

- 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 Interested bidders have to necessarily register themselves on the portal <https://etender.powergrid.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.

The said registration shall be free of cost. On completion of registration process, the registering bidders will be provided with User ID and Log-In password.

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**, 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.

6.1 The Bidding Documents can be downloaded from the portal www.etender.powergrid.in.

6.2 All the Bidders except those exempted shall submit a nonrefundable fee as stipulated in the BDS towards the cost of Bidding Documents online payment through POWERGRID ONLINE PAYMENT UTILITY - <https://epay.powergrid.in>, a link of which is provided on the POWERGRID website www.powergrid.in. While making such online payment, the bidder shall choose Segment as "Suppliers" and fill in details as follows:

Payment Category	Tender fee
Sub-category	Tender Fee Payment-WR-II
Name of Depositor	Name of the Bidder (<i>name of the Sole bidder</i>)
Vendor Code, if applicable	POWERGRID vendor code of the bidder, if existing (<i>vendor code of the Sole bidder</i>)
Payment Remarks	Tender fee for [<i>enter the name of the package</i>]

6.3 Following categories of Sellers shall, however, be exempted from Tender Fee:

Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) applying for exemption and relaxation shall be registered with Udyam Registration Portal specified by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises as per the Provisions of the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) order 2012, Notification dated 01/06/2020 and 26/06/2020 read in conjunction with related notifications issued from time to time for such enterprises. This shall be subject to submission of 'Udyam Registration Certificate' with regard to registration with authorities mentioned above in accordance with the relevant notifications/orders.

MSEs having activity categorized as TRADING in UDYAM certificate, are not entitled for any non-tax benefits

In case of an upward change in terms of investment in plant and machinery or equipment or turnover or both, and consequent re-classification, an enterprise shall continue to avail of all non-tax benefits of the category (micro or small or medium) it was in before the re-classification, for a period of three years from the date of such upward change.

Bidders claiming exemption from Tender Fees have to upload valid UDYAM certificate with soft copy part of the bid.

6.4 Bidder's failure to submit nonrefundable fee towards the cost of Bidding Documents or subsequently pursuant to ITB Clause 21.1, except as exempted above shall lead to outright rejection of the Bid

7.0 ~~A online pre bid meeting will be held on xx/12/2025 at 1130 Hrs. (IST) to clarify the bidders various issues raised in accordance with clause 6.4 of ITB.~~

8.0 A Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure 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 **15:00 hours on 09.06.2026**. The e-Procurement system would not allow any late submission of bids through the portal after due date & time as specified.

~~Hard Copy Part of the Bids must be submitted under Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure at the address given in BDS at or before **15:00 hours on 24.11.2025**. In case Hard copy part of the bid is not received by the Employer till the deadline for submission of the same prescribed by the Employer, but the bidder has uploaded the soft copy part of the bid, the soft copy part of the first envelope bid uploaded on the portal shall be opened. Such bids will be rejected during preliminary examination.~~

First Envelope i.e. Techno -Commercial Part shall be opened on **09.06.2026** in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at **15:30 hours** 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.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security Declaration

Power of Attorney, Joint Deed of Undertaking (if applicable), Joint Venture Agreement (if applicable), Integrity Pact and Safety Pact must be submitted in physical form at the address given at para 11.0 below at or before **1500 Hrs. 09.06.2026**. POWERGRID shall not be responsible for any postal delay in respect of submission of hard copy part of the bids.

- 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 (C&M),
Power Grid Corporation of India Limited,
Western Region II,
Regional Head Quarter,
Sama Savli Road - Vadodara - 390008
Mobile: +91- 6264002998/9904754872
Email: nitesh.verma@powergrid.in
cnmwr2@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:

Phone No - 0124-2823456 (with call hunting feature)
Timings - 9:00 am To 6:00 pm

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 named "**Price_schedule**" must be uploaded alongwith the bid.

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

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