

Ref. No.: CC-CS/TWT/Amend-1 & Clar-1

Date: 16.03.2022

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Sub: Package for procurement of Smart Meters including associated Communication Infrastructure, Head End System (HES), Meter Data Management system (MDM) for implementation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project(s) in Central & Western India; Specification No.: RTN1001566/OTHERS/DOM/A02; GeM Bid Number: GEM/2022/B/2006757 dated 08.03.2022

...Reg. Amendment No. 1 and Clarification No 1 to the Bidding Documents

Dear Sir(s),

- 1.0 This has reference to the bidding documents for the subject package uploaded on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Portal [GeM Bid No. GEM/2022/B/2006757 dated 08.03.2022].
- 2.0 **Amendment No. 1 and Clarification No. 1** to the bidding documents enclosed herewith are uploaded on the GeM Portal.
- 3.0 Save and Except for the changes brought-out in the above mentioned amendments, all other terms and conditions of the original bidding documents shall remain unaltered.

Thanking you,

For and On behalf of
Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

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Aakash Khandelwal
Deputy Manager (CS)

Encl: As above

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Sl. No.	Clause No.	Existing Clause in the Bidding Documents	Amended as
1.	ITB Clause 6.1, Section-II, Volume-I of the Bidding Documents	Prospective bidder may seek clarification through GeM portal only as per provisions available on the portal. . If a Bidder feels that any important provision in the documents, such as those listed in ITB Sub-Clause 22.3.1, will be unacceptable, such an issue should be raised as above. The Employer will respond through the GeM portal to any request for clarification or modification of the Bidding Documents that it receives through the GeM portal only. Further, the mere request for clarification from the Bidders shall not be a ground for seeking extension in the deadline for submission of bids. Employer’s response (including an explanation of the query but not identification of its source) will be uploaded on GeM portal where all the bidders can see clarification/reply to query.	<p><u>Replace ITB Clause 6.1 in BDS with the following:</u></p> <p>Prospective bidder may seek clarification in writing or by cable (hereinafter, the term cable is deemed to include Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) or telefax) at the Employer’s mailing address indicated in the BDS or through GeM portal. Similarly, if a Bidder feels that any important provision in the documents, such as those listed in ITB Sub-Clause 22.3.1, will be unacceptable, such an issue should be raised as above. The Employer will respond through the portal GeM portal to any request for clarification or modification of the Bidding Documents that it receives no later than twenty-eight (28) days (unless otherwise specified in BDS) prior to the original deadline for submission of bids prescribed by the Employer. The Employer shall not be obliged to respond to any request for clarification received later than the above period. Further, the mere request for clarification from the Bidders shall not be a ground for seeking extension in the deadline for submission of bids. Employer’s response (including an explanation of the query but not identification of its source) will be uploaded on GeM portal where all the bidders can see clarification/reply to query.</p>
2.	ITB/ BDS Clause 6.1, Section-III, Volume-I of the Bidding Documents		<p><u>Supplementing ITB Clause 6.1 in BDS with the following:</u></p> <p>Address of the Employer:</p> <p>Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, `Saudamini`, Plot No.-2, Sector-29, Gurgaon (Haryana) - 122001.</p>

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			Kind Attn.: Sr. Dy. General Manager/ Dy. General Manager / Dy. Manager (CS-G3) Telephone Nos.: +91-124-282 2387/2383/3311 Mobile: : +91- 9873918533/9650089825 /9599814157 Fax Nos.:- 0091-(0)124-2571831 Email: lakshmi@powergrid.in ; pankajjangid@powergrid.in ; aakashkhandelwal@powergrid.in
3.	ITB Clause 6.4, Section-II, Volume-I of the Bidding Documents	The Bidder's designated representative(s) is/are invited to attend a pre-bid meeting, which, if convened, will take place at the venue and time stipulated in the BDS. The purpose of the meeting will be to clarify any issues regarding the e-procurement method, the Bidding Documents in general and the Technical Specifications in particular. The Bidder is requested, as far as possible, to submit any question on GeM Portal, to reach the Employer not later than one week before the meeting.....	<u>Replace ITB Clause 6.4 in BDS with the following:</u> The Bidder's designated representative(s) is/are invited to attend a pre-bid meeting, which, if convened, will take place at the venue and time stipulated in the BDS. The purpose of the meeting will be to clarify any issues regarding the e-procurement method, the Bidding Documents in general and the Technical Specifications in particular. The Bidder is requested, as far as possible, to submit any question in writing, to reach the Employer not later than one week before the meeting.....
4.	ITB/BDS Clause 6.4, Section-III, Volume-I of the Bidding Documents	Supplementing Clause ITB 6.4 with the following: <u>Venue, date and time for Pre-bid Meeting:</u> The Bidder's designated representatives are invited to attend a pre-bid meeting, which will take place through Video Conferencing. The web link to join the meeting shall be shared before the scheduled date of the meeting.	Supplementing Clause ITB 6.4 with the following: <u>Venue, date and time for Pre-bid Meeting:</u> The Bidder's designated representatives are invited to attend a pre-bid meeting, which will take place through Video Conferencing. The web link to join the meeting shall be shared before the scheduled date of the meeting.

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		<p>Date of pre-bid conference : 22.03.2022 Time: 1100 Hours (IST) onwards</p> <p>Link for Joining the Pre-Bid Meeting:</p> <p>https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDc3NTRjZWYtZTQwMS00YmYyLWEwYmYtMDQ1ZWE1ZTJkNjhk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e35a43cc-1701-4900-b387-6e7388b1c481%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22658803c8-9db3-4a2e-9f0b-b9b3dcfe339f%22%7d</p>	<p>Date of pre-bid conference : 22.03.2022 Time: 1100 Hours (IST) onwards</p> <p>Link for Joining the Pre-Bid Meeting:</p> <p>https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDc3NTRjZWYtZTQwMS00YmYyLWEwYmYtMDQ1ZWE1ZTJkNjhk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e35a43cc-1701-4900-b387-6e7388b1c481%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22658803c8-9db3-4a2e-9f0b-b9b3dcfe339f%22%7d</p> <p>Kind Attn.: Sr. Dy. General Manager/ Dy. General Manager / Dy. Manager (CS-G3) Telephone Nos.: +91-124-282 2387/2383/3311 Mobile : +91- 9873918533/9650089825 /9599814157 Fax Nos.:- 0091-(0)124-2571831 Email:lakshmi@powergrid.in; pankajjangid@powergrid.in ; aakashkhandelwal@powergrid.in</p>
5.	GeM Bid Number: GEM/2022/B/2006757 dated 08.03.2022	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 1	<p>Supplementing Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 1 with the following:</p> <p>10. Bid Opening Date/Time displayed in the GeM Bid is indicative. Actual Bid Opening date/Time shall be governed as per the bidding schedule mentioned in Section-I (IFB) and Section-III (BDS) of Volume-I of the Bidding Documents and subsequent extension of the same, if any.</p>

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Bidder's Query/Comments:

we would like to request you to please provide clarity on structure of bid documents uploaded on GeM portal

POWERGRID'S Reply/Clarification to above Query

As per the provisions of the Bidding Documents inter-alia at ITB Clause 5.1, the Bidding Documents comprise of the following and shall include amendments, if any, thereto:

- GeM GTC
- VOLUME – I: Conditions of Contract
 - Section I Invitation for Bids (IFB)
 - Section II Instructions to Bidders (ITB)
 - Section III Bid Data Sheet (BDS)
 - Section IV General Conditions of Contract (GCC)
 - Section V Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)
 - Section VI Sample Forms and Procedures (SFP)
- Volume-II: Technical Specification
- Volume-III: Bid Form and its Attachments & Technical Data Sheets (if any)

The e-procurement portal for conducting Bidding process for the subject package is Government e-Marketplace (GeM), accordingly, the provisions of GeM GTC pertaining to Bidding process shall be applicable. However, provisions of Volume-I, Volume-II and Volume-III of the Bidding Documents uploaded under the heads: **'Buyer Added Bid Specific Terms and Conditions' (ATC) / Additional Specification Documents / Specification Document** of GeM Bid, shall always prevail and supersede provisions of the GeM GTC.

Further, the provisions governing the performance of the Contractor, payments under the contract or matters affecting the risks, rights and obligations of the parties under the contract shall be governed as per the provisions of Volume-I (Conditions of Contract) of the Bidding Documents read in conjunction with Volume-II (Technical Specifications).

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Different sections of the Bidding Documents can be accessed by the Bidders in GeM Bid Number: GEM/2022/B/2006757 dated 08.03.2022, as per following:

Sl. No.	Bidding Documents Section/Component	Bidding Documents Section/Component can be assessed/downloaded from Hyperlink provided under different heads [<i>Buyer Added Bid Specific Terms and Conditions (ATC) / Additional Specification Documents / Specification Document</i>] of GeM Bid	Page no. of GeM Bid and file name
1.	GeM GTC	Hyperlink to download GeM GTC is " This Bid is also governed by the General Terms and Conditions " provided in Disclaimer head of GeM Bid.	Page No 100 / 100
2.	VOLUME – I: Conditions of Contract		
2.1	Section I Invitation for Bids (IFB)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 8	Page No 99 / 100 [01_Volume-I_Section - I IFB SSTE Vol-I]
2.2	Section II Instructions to Bidders (ITB)	'Additional Document 1' in each of the BOQ item.	The uploaded Section-II (ITB) is reflected in each of the BOQ item. Bidders can download Section-II (ITB) from the hyperlink available at 'Additional Document 1' from any of the BOQ item listed in the GeM bid. [02_Volume-I_Section - II ITB SSTE SI DCB-GeM]
2.3.1	Section III Bid Data Sheet (BDS)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 9	Page No 99 / 100 [03_Volume-I_Section - III BDS SSTE Vol-I]

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2.3.2	Annexure-A (BDS) to Section-III BDS	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 10	Page No 99 / 100 [04_Volume-I_ANNEXURE-A (BDS)_]
2.3.3	Annexure-B (BDS) to Section-III BDS	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 11	Page No 99 / 100 [05_Volume-I_Annexure-B(BDS)]
2.4	Section IV General Conditions of Contract (GCC)	'Additional Document 2' in each of the BOQ item.	The uploaded Section-IV (GCC) is reflected in each of the BOQ item. Bidders can download Section-IV (GCC) from the hyperlink available at 'Additional Document 2' from any of the BOQ item listed in the GeM bid. [06_Volume_1_Section_4_General_Conditions_of_Contract_GCC_SI_Rev_3_DCB]
2.5.1	Section V Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 12	Page No 99 / 100 [07_Volume-I_Section-V-Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) (Autosaved)]
2.5.2	Appendix-I to Section-V SCC	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 2	Page No 98 / 100 [08_Volume-I_Appendix-I to SCC]
2.5.3	Appendix-II to Section-V SCC	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 3	Page No 99 / 100 [09_Volume-I_Appendix-II to SCC]
2.5.4	Annexure-I to Section-V SCC	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 13	Page No 99 / 100 [10_Volume-I_Annexure-I to SCC_Exit Management Plan]

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2.6	Section VI Sample Forms and Procedures (FP)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 4	Page No 99 / 100 [11_Volume-I_Section - VI Forms and Procedures Vol-I_]
3.	Volume-II: Technical Specification	'Specification Document' under 'Technical Specifications' in each of the BOQ item	The uploaded 'Technical Specifications' is reflected in each of the BOQ item. Bidders can download 'Technical Specifications' from the hyperlink available at 'Specification Document' from any of the BOQ item listed in the GeM bid.
4.	Volume-III: Bid Form and its Attachments & Technical Data Sheets (if any)		
4.1	Bid Form and First Envelope Bid Attachments	'Additional Document 3' in each of the BOQ item.	The uploaded 'Bid Form and First Envelope Bid Attachments' is reflected in each of the BOQ item. Bidders can download 'Bid Form and First Envelope Bid Attachments' from the hyperlink available at 'Additional Document 3' from any of the BOQ item listed in the GeM bid. [13_Volume_3_First_Envelope_and_Bid_Forms]
4.2	Format for Attachment-3 (QR) to Bid Form (First Envelope Bid)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 5	Page No 99 / 100 [14_Volume-III_Attachment-3 (QR)]

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4.3	Format for Attachment-8 (Manufacturer Authorization Form) to Bid Form (First Envelope Bid)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 6	Page No 99 / 100 <i>[15_Volume-III_Attachment-8- Manufacturer Authorization Form]</i>
4.4	Format for Attachment-18 (Safety Pact) to Bid Form (First Envelope Bid)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 14	Page No 99 / 100 <i>[16_Volume-III_Attachment-18(SAFETY PACT)]</i>
4.5	Format for Attachment-20 (KMP Declaration) to Bid Form (First Envelope Bid)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 7	Page No 99 / 100 <i>[17_Volume-III_Attachment-20_KMP Declaration]</i>
4.6	Format for Attachment-21 (Authorization Certificate) to Bid Form (First Envelope Bid)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 15	Page No 99 / 100 <i>[18_Volume-III_Attachment-21- Authorization Certificate issued by Domestic Manufacturer]</i>
4.7	Format for Attachment-22 (Affidavit for Self Certificaion) to Bid Form (First Envelope Bid)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 16	Page No 99 / 100 <i>[19_Volume-III_Attachment-22- Affidavit for Self Certificaion-Iron & Steel]</i>
4.8	Format for Attachment-23 (Affidavit for self-Certification – MII Policy) to Bid Form (First Envelope Bid)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 17	Page No 99 / 100 <i>[20_Volume-III_Attachment-23- Affidavit for self-Certification]</i>
4.9	Format for Attachment-24 (Certificate by Auditor – MII Policy) to Bid Form (First Envelope Bid)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 18	Page No 100 / 100 <i>[21_Volume-III_Attachment-24- Certificate by Auditor]</i>

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4.10	Format for Attachment-25 (Compliance to the process related to the e-RA) to Bid Form (First Envelope Bid)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 19	Page No 100 / 100 [22_Volume-III_Attachment-25-Compliance to the process related to the e-RA]
4.11	Format for Attachment-26 (Declaration regarding events encountered) to Bid Form (First Envelope Bid)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 20	Page No 100 / 100 [23_Volume-III_Attachment-26_Declaration regarding events encountered pursuant to ITB Clause 2-1]
4.12	Format for Attachment-27 (Certification as per DoE Order) to Bid Form (First Envelope Bid)	Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 21	Page No 100 / 100 [24_Volume-III_Attachment-27-Certification by the Bidder per DoE Order in line with ITB Clause 2-1]
4.13	Format for Attachment-28 (Declaration reg GST) to Bid Form (First Envelope Bid)	'Additional Document 4' in each of the BOQ item.	The uploaded 'Format for Attachment-28' is reflected in each of the BOQ item. Bidders can download 'Format for Attachment-28' from the hyperlink available at ' Additional Document 4 ' from any of the BOQ item listed in the GeM bid. [25_Volume_3_Attachment_28_Declaration_reg_GST]
4.14	Note to Volume-III: BOQ items of various Price Schedules against which prices are required to be quoted by the bidders are available on GeM portal itself.	The description of the BOQ items in GeM bid is identified as 'Price Schedule-x_Item No y_Description of BOQ Item'. For understanding Price Schedule wise break-up of BOQ items displayed on GeM bid, bidders may refer ITB/BDS Clause 11.3	Page No 7/100 to Page No 97/100.

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5.0	General clause/information displayed in GeM bid pertaining to Consignee, Local Content (MII Policy), Delivery Period, EMD %, e-PBG, MII policy, Reverse Auction, Exemption to Start-Ups / MSEs, Total Quantity / Primary product	<p>Provisions pertaining to said clause shall be superseded by the provisions mentioned in Buyer Added Bid Specific ATC at Sl. No. 1 of Buyer Added Bid Specific Terms and Conditions. To get further clarity on these aspects, Bidder may note the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provisions of Vol-I, II & III of the Bidding Documents uploaded in ATC, 'Specification Document' & 'Additional Specification Documents' in GeM Bid, will supersede the GeM GTC and the provisions displayed in the GeM Bid. Further, the documents uploaded under the head 'Specification Document' & 'Additional Specification Documents' are Part of ATC. 2. Consignee displayed in GeM Bid is indicative only. Actual Consignee details shall be shared with successful bidder(s) during project execution. 3. Local Content of 50% for Class-I Local Supplier indicated against every BOQ item in GeM bid is for the entire package and not for the respective individual item. The % of MLC to qualify as Class-I LS and Class-II LS is 50% and 20% respectively as defined in Sec-III, BDS, Vol-I in ATC. Purchase preference to Class-I LS shall be governed as per the provisions of ITB/BDS, Vol-I in ATC, which shall supersede the provisions of MII Policy displayed in the GeM Bid. 4. Delivery Period (DP) & Specification Documents displayed against every BOQ item in GeM Bid is total Contract duration & Technical Specifications respectively for the entire package. DP shall be as per Sec-III, BDS, Vol-I in ATC. 	Page No 98 / 100
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		<p>5. Bid Security/EMD provisions shall be governed as per ITB/BDS, Vol-I in ATC, superseding the displayed provisions of EMD in GeM Bid. EMD % displayed in the GeM Bid is indicative only and is not correlated with EMD amount.</p> <p>If bidder chooses to submit EMD in BG form, the same shall be submitted in the BG format enclosed at Sec-VI, Vol -I in ATC.</p> <p>6. e-Reverse Auction (e-RA or RA) shall be conducted as per the provisions of ITB, Vol-I in ATC, superseding the displayed provisions of RA in the GeM Bid.</p> <p>7. Total Quantity / Primary product displayed in the GeM Bid is indicative. The provisions for same shall be governed as per ATC.</p> <p>8. Document required from seller shall be governed as per the ATC.</p> <p>9. Exemption to Start-Ups / MSEs and provisions of e-PBG shall be governed as per ATC.</p>	