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Power Grid Corporation of India Limited सचना का अधिकार अभिनियम 2005 के अंतर्गत अपीलीय अधिकारी

Appellate Authority under the RTI Act, 2005

केन्द्रीय कार्यालय, 'सौदामिनी', प्लाट नं.2, सैक्टर-29, गृडगांव, हरियाणा-122007 Corporate Centre, 'Saudamini', Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurgaon, Haryana-122007

Ref: C/CP/AA/RTI / 2016/90

Date: 9th September, 2016

Appellant:

M/s Alpha Communication, B-7/B-8, Sector A-2, Tronica City, Loni, Ghaziabad,

UP 201102

Appeal letter dated: 14th June, 2016

Public Authority: Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Corporate Centre, Gurgaon.

Respondents: 1. Executive Director (Contract Services), Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon.

> 2. Dy. General Manager (CP) & CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon.

ORDER

Grounds of Appeal

Appellate Authority, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID has received an appeal dated 14th June, 2016 from M/s Alpha Communication Ltd. under RTI Act, 2005. Earlier, an application dated 10th May, 2016 was filed by the applicant with the CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon, under RTI Act, 2005 to obtain the following information regarding procurement of Arial bunched cables under contract No. CC/DDUGJY & IPDS/EMP:

- (i) List of parties and amount of EMD feceived at the time of RfP opening, i.e. on 29.02.2016
- (ii) List of suppliers to whom contract agreements made with quantity, size, price (without breakup) and name of states.
- (iii) List of PBG's received per party with the amount and period of validity.

On receipt of the appeal, comments/opinion of CPIO and concerned department was heard and relevant papers perused. CPIO stated that on receipt of the RTI request, desired information was sought from concerned department. Based on the inputs from concerned department, vide letter dated 9th June, 2016 applicant was informed that procurement process under the subject scheme has been envisaged to be carried in various tranches. The bidding process for tranche-1 has been completed in May, 2016, however, the other activities inter-alia including placement of rate contract is still under progress and disclosure of information related to competing parties would jeopardize the commercial interest of all stake holder. Applicant was also informed that rate contract with the bidder will be issued by the respective State utility.

The applicant not satisfied with the reply provided, has filed the appeal before the Appellate Authority, Corporate Centre vide letter dated 16th June, 2016, stating that as the bidding of the first part is over, the results should be open to all other participants as generally done in all online open tenders.

With regard to above, CPIO stated that the reply to the applicant was given based on the input received from concerned department. Contract Services department submitted that bidding process for Tranche-1 was completed in May, 2016, however, the other activities inter-alia including placement of rate contract is still under progress, disclosure of information related to competing parties would jeopardize the commercial interest of all stake holder. However, as requested by the appellant, list of the name of the firms, who have been considered for empanelment or otherwise, for Aerial Bunched Cable can be shared.

Decision: After going through the appeal and the submissions made by the CPIO and Contract Services, I understand that though bidding process for Tranche-1 has been completed in May, 2016, however, the other activities inter-alia including placement of rate contract is still under progress and disclosure of information related to competing parties would jeopardize the commercial interest of all stake holder. Considering the above, as advised by Contract department, CPIO is directed to collect the list of the name of the firms, who have been considered for empanelment or otherwise, for Aerial Bunched Cable from the concerned department and same may be furnished to the appellant within 15 days from the issuance of this order.

The appeal is accordingly disposed off.

Yours sincerely,

Appellate Authority

To:

M/s Alpha Communication B-7/B-8, Sector A-2, Tronica City Loni, Ghaziabad, UP 201102

Copy to: 1. Executive Director (Contract Services), Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon.
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