

## INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS / PROCURING AGENCIES

### GENERAL RULES AND DIRECTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF CONTRACTORS

This section of the bidding documents should provide the information necessary for bidders to prepare responsive bids, in accordance with the requirements of the Procuring Agency. It should also give information on bid submission, opening and evaluation, and on the award of contract.

Matters governing the performance of the Contract or payments under the Contract, or matters affecting the risks, rights, and obligations of the parties under the Contract are included as Conditions of Contract and *Contract Data*.

The *Instructions to Bidders* will not be part of the Contract and will cease to have effect once the contract is signed.

1. All work proposed to be executed by contract shall be notified in a form of Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) / Invitation for Bid (IFB) hoisted on website of Authority and Procuring Agency and also in printed media where ever required as per rules.

NIT must state the description of the work, dates, time and place of issuing, submission, opening of bids, completion time, cost of bidding document and bid security either in lump sum or percentage of Estimated Cost/Bid Cost. The interested bidder must have valid NTN also and others requirements shown in NIT.

2. Content of Bidding Documents must include but not limited to: Conditions of contract, Contract Data, specifications or its reference, Bill of Quantities containing description of items with scheduled/item rates with premium to be filled in form of percentage above/ below or on item rates to be quoted, Form of Agreement and drawings.

3. **Fixed Price Contracts:** The Bid prices and rates are fixed during currency of contract and under no circumstance shall any contractor be entitled to claim enhanced rates for any item in this contract.

4. The Procuring Agency shall have right of rejecting all or any of the tenders as per provisions of SPP Rules 2010.

5. **Conditional Offer:** Any person who submits a tender shall fill up the usual printed form stating at what percentage above or below on the rates specified in Bill of Quantities for items of work to be carried out: he is willing to undertake the work and also quote the rates for those items which are based on market rates. Only one rate of such percentage, on all the Scheduled Rates shall be framed. Tenders, which propose any alternative in the works specified in the said form of invitation to tender or in the time allowed for carrying out the work, or which contain any other conditions, will be liable to rejection. No printed form of tender shall include a tender for more than one work, but if contractor wish to tender for two or more works, they shall submit a separate tender for each. The envelope containing the tender documents shall refer the name and number of the work.

6. All works shall be measured by standard instruments according to the rules.

7. Bidders shall provide evidence of their eligibility as and when requested by the Procuring Agency (District Council, Tando Mohammad Khan).
8. Any bid received by the Agency after the deadline for submission of bids shall be rejected and returned unopened to the bidder.
9. Prior to the detailed evaluation of bids, the Procuring Agency will determine whether the bidder fulfills all codal requirements of eligibility criteria given in the tender notice such as registration with tax authorities, registration with PEC (where applicable), turnover statement, experience statement, and any other condition mentioned in the NIT and bidding document. If the bidder does not fulfill any of these conditions, it shall not be evaluated further.
10. Bid without bid security of required amount and prescribed form shall be rejected.
11. Bids determined to be substantially responsive shall be checked for any arithmetic errors. Arithmetical errors shall be rectified on the following basis;
  - i. **In case of schedule rates**, the amount of percentage quoted above or below will be checked and added or subtracted from amount of bill of quantities to arrive the final bid cost.
  - ii. **In case of item rates**, .If there is a discrepancy between the unit rate and the total cost that is obtained by multiplying the unit rate and quantity, the unit rate shall prevail and the total cost will be corrected unless in the opinion of the Agency there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit rate, in which case the total cost as quoted will govern and the unit rate corrected. If there is a discrepancy between the total bid amount and the sum of total costs, the sum of the total costs shall prevail and the total bid amount shall be corrected.
  - iii. Where there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and in words, the amount in words will govern.