RAILTEL CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED (A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Plate-A, 6th Floor, Office Block Tower-2, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023 (CIN: L64202DL2000GOI107905)

ELECTRONIC TENDER DOCUMENT

FOR

Appointment of CA Firms / Practicing CAs/Cost Accountants, Law Firms to undertake work of tax consultancy (Direct Tax and GST/Indirect Tax) and for its Corporate Office at New Delhi and its Regional offices at Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and New Delhi. (Two-Packet System)

खुली-E-निविदान: RailTel/Tender/OT/CO/Fin/2025-26/Appointment of tax consultant /01

OPEN E-TENDER NO: RailTel/Tender/OT/CO/Fin/2025-26/Appointment of tax consultant /01

Closing Date for Submission of E-Bid(s): 01/07/2025 at 15:00 hours

Two Packet System

Cost of Tender Document: Nil

Sandeep Kumar Sharma General Manager/Finance RailTel Corporation of India Limited

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E-Tender Notice No. RailTel/Tender/OT/CO/Fin/2025-26/Appointment of tax consultant/ 01 Date: 04-06-2025

RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. (RailTel) invites e-Tenders (Two Packet System) from reputed firms of CAs/Cost Accountants / Law firms for "Appointment of tax consultant to undertake work of Tax Consultancy (Direct Tax as well as indirect tax) for its Corporate Office at New Delhi and its Regional offices at Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and New Delhi". The other details are as under:

| a) | Availability of Tender on https://railtel.enivida.com Portal for bidding will start | From 06/06/2025 |
|----|---|---|
| b) | Last date & Time for submission of queries for any clarification | 18:00 Hrs. 20/06/2025 |
| c) | Last date & Time for Submission of bids | Up to 15:00 hrs. of 01/07/2025 |
| d) | Opening of bids | 15:30 Hrs. of 01/07/2025 |
| e) | Estimated Cost | Rs. 99.84 Lakh only for 3 years (2 year+1 year) |
| f) | Earnest Money (EMD)#* | Rs. 2 Lakh only |
| g) | Cost of Tender Document#* | Nil |
| h) | e-Tendering portal for submission of bids | https://railtel.enivida.com |
| i) | SORs are mentioned in Chapter-1 | • |

Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) registered under Udyam Registration and Startups as recognized by Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) are exempted from cost of Tender Documents and EMD. However, Bidders exempted from submission of bid security are required to submit Bid Security Declaration Annexure-F.

Note: Tender Notice and Tender Document are available on RailTel's website and can be downloaded from www.railtelindia.com. or from the e-Tendering portal https://railtel.enivida.com. For online bid submission the tenderer will have to necessarily download an official online copy of the tender document from portalhttps://railtel.enivida.com. All future Information viz. corrigendum /addendum/ amendments etc. for this Tender shall be posted on the e-Tendering Portal only. Printed copy of Tender document will not be sold from RailTel office.

The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation, submission/participation in the bid. RailTel in no way will be responsible or liable for these costs regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

Sandeep Kumar Sharma General Manager/Finance RailTel Corporation of India Limited

^{*} To be submitted through https://railtel.enivida.com portal.

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Chapter-1: SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENT (PRICE SCHEDULE)

(To be filled up completely, duly signed & stamped and uploaded on https://railtel.enivida.com)

Name of the Bidder:

Name & Address of the Company:

1. Invitation to bidder

This invitation to Bidder is for open tender from reputed firms of CAs/Cost Accountants / Law firms for "Appointment of Tax consultant to undertake work of Tax Consultancy (Direct Tax as well as indirect tax) for its Corporate Office at New Delhi and its Regional offices at Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and New Delhi"

The key requirement of the work:

A) SOR for Direct Tax and Indirect Tax & GST

| S. No | Particulars | Unit | Nature of Work | Estim ated Quant ity for 3 years (A) | Rate Per Unit excluding GST (Rs) | Total Value excludin g GST (Rs) C= A x B | GST (Rs) D= GST on C | Total price Inclusive of GST (Rs) |
|----------|--|-------------|----------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------|---|
| 1. | Review/preparation and filing of reply before the AO including attending personal hearing in regard to assessment case. Review of AO's order to identify the issues requiring rectification or filing of appeal. | Per Case | Direct Tax | 8 | | | | |
| 2. | In respect of Intimation u/s 143(1), as and when required review/preparation and filing of reply to Intimation u/s 143(1)(a) etc. and review of Intimation to identify the issues requiring rectification or filing of appeal and follow up thereof. | Per Case | Direct Tax | 3 | | | | |

| 3. | Handling show cause/rectification applications /penalty proceedings /stay and other notices i.e. All work upto AO' level. Maximum amount payable under this head shall be limited to three case per Assessment year even if nos. of applications/cases are more than three. However, consultant shall handle all such case within the said maximum amount. | Per Case | Direct Tax | 11 | | |
|----|--|-------------------------------|---------------|----|--|--|
| 4. | Getting income tax refund of the company. | Per Asses sment Year | Direct Tax | 7 | | |
| 5. | Filing of Income Tax Return of the company including hand on assistance in preparation of Form 3CD and other certificates to be filed by tax auditors of the company prior to filing of return as mentioned in para 5 of scope of work. | Per Asses sment Year | Direct Tax | 3 | | |
| 6. | Filing of revised income tax return of the company. | Per case | Direct Tax | 3 | | |
| 7. | Opinion on Direct tax issues. | Per opinio n | Direct Tax | 15 | | |
| 8. | Appeal before CIT(A) or revision by CIT u/s 263 or 264 of income tax actPreparation & submission of ground of appeal and statements of fact before CIT(A) including representation before CIT(A) and attending hearing and analyzing the order of AO Any other work at CIT/PCIT level - Perusing CIT(A)' order for-a. Giving effect to the appeal documents. | Per Case | Direct Tax | 7 | | |

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| | b. Filing of Rectification application u/s 154 of Income tax Act, for errors apparent from order of CIT(A). | | | | | | |
| 9. | Appeal before ITAT - Preparation & submission of Ground of Appeal and statement of facts before ITAT including representation before ITAT and analyzing the order of ITAT Perusing the ITAT 'order for- a. Giving effect to the appeal order. b. Filing of Rectification application for errors apparent from order of ITAT. | Per case | Direct Tax | 5 | | | |
| 10 | Review/preparation & filing of written submission before Service tax authorities/GST Authorities / Customs Authorities in relation to notices/ proceedings. | Per Case | Indirect Tax & GST | 34 | | | |
| 11 | New Registration number or amendment in the existing registration | Per Case | Indirect Tax & GST | 4 | | | |
| 12 | Opinion on Taxation matters | Per Case | Indirect Tax & GST | 12 | | | |
| 13 | Handling show cause/re- assessment/ departmental audit /penalty proceeding/stay and other notices before Service Tax Authorities/GST Authorities/ Custom Authorities and attending hearing thereof. | Per Case | Indirect Tax & GST | 34 | | | |
| 14 | Drafting & filing of appeal & attending hearing before - Comm (ST)/GST Authority | Per case | Indirect Tax & GST | 34 | | | |
| | - CESTAT/GST | | | | | | <u>L</u> |

| | Authority | | | | | |
|----|---|-------------|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| 15 | Getting Service Tax Refund/ GST Refund from tax authorities | Per case | Indirect Tax & GST | 6 | | |
| | Total | | | | | |

Note:

- 1. The above prices are inclusive of all taxes, duties including GST, Octroi, Local levies, freight, insurance etc.
- 2. Selection will be made based on Lowest Financial Bids (L-1 Basis).
- 3. The rates are invited for Rate Contract. Bidders would be expected to perform tax consultancy work for Corporate Office and Regional offices in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and other places in India as and when need arises.

Chapter 2: Bid Data Sheet (BDS)

The Chapter consists of provisions that are specific to various Clauses of the tender document

| Reference | Description |
|------------------|--|
| Tender Notice | Appointment of tax consultant to undertake work of Tax Consultancy (Direct Tax as well as indirect tax) for its Corporate Office at New Delhi and its Regional offices at Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and New Delhi |
| Chapter-12 | Validity of offer |
| | The offer should remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening |
| | Eligibility Criteria: |
| | 1. The firm should have office in Delhi/NCR. |
| | The firm must have strength of minimum five full time partners and additional ten full time qualified CAs/Advocates/Cost Accountants (or its Partners). |
| | 3. The firm must have knowledge of Oracle/SAP based ERP/Accounts in any of the company having turnover of Rs 340 Crore or more in any one of last seven years (i.e. FY 18-19 to FY 24-25). |
| | 4. The firm should be Tax Consultant in any of the companies having turnover of Rs. 340 Crore or more (excluding Banks and cooperative society) in any one of last seven years (i.e. FY 18-19 to FY 24-25). Taxation experience shall include following- |
| Chapter-5 | <u>Direct Tax</u> : Handling assessment/re-assessment cases, handling case before CIT(A), handling case at ITAT level etc. |
| | Indirect Tax & GST: Handling cases under Service Tax/VAT/CST/GST Law, filing appeal before Commissioner (Service Tax/GST Authorities), filing appeal before CESTAT/GST Authority, Return filing etc. |
| | Note-1: Firm should ensure that it has experience of tax consultancy for both Direct Tax and Indirect Tax & GST consultancy. |
| | Note-2: Firm having experience in only one field i.e, either Direct Tax or Indirect Tax will be summarily rejected. |
| | 5. The firm should have experience of tax consultancy engagement (Direct Tax or Indirect Tax) with one Telecom sector Company (Any Telecom operator having UASL, NLD, ISP, IP, UL License) having turnover of Rs 340 Crore or more or Central PSU having turnover of Rs 340 Crore or more in any two of last seven financial years (i.e. FY 18-19 to FY 24-25). The firm will submit Experience Certificate or Completed PO/Completed work order issued in favour of firm. |

| Reference | Description | | | | | |
|-----------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 6. Firm should have minimum turnover of Rs. 2.5 Crore in FY 2023-24 or FY 2022-23. | | | | | |
| | 7. The firm should not be blacklisted or banned by any of the government department or PSU in last seven years (i.e. FY 18-19 to FY 24-25) | | | | | |
| | 8. Certify that the firm has not provided any internal audit service to RailTel during the preceding three Financial Years (i.e. FY 22-23, 23-24, 24-25). | | | | | |
| | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bid Security: Rs. 2 Lakh | | | | | |
| Chapter-8 | Note: Bidders exempted from submission of bid security are required to submit Bid Security Declaration Annexure-F (on Company Letter-head). | | | | | |
| | Security Deposit: On receipt of Letter of Acceptance of Tender from the RailTel, | | | | | |
| | the tenderer shall, within a period of 30 days, deposit Security Deposit in favour | | | | | |
| Chapter-8 | of M/s RailTel Corporation of India Limited, New Delhi an amount in terms of | | | | | |
| | clause-C of chapter-8 (Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Tender Fee and Security | | | | | |
| | Deposit) for due fulfillment of contract | | | | | |
| | Last Date of Submission of Offer | | | | | |
| Tender | Date: 01.07.2025 | | | | | |
| Notice | Time: 15:00 hours | | | | | |
| | Date of Opening of Tender | | | | | |
| | Date: 01.07.2025 | | | | | |
| Tender | Time: 15:30 hours | | | | | |
| Notice | Venue: RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. | | | | | |
| | Plate-A, 6th Floor, Office Tower-2, | | | | | |
| | NBCC Building, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023 | | | | | |
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Chapter 3: Background of RailTel

3.0 Background

RailTel, a "Navratna" Central Public Sector Enterprise is an ICT provider and one of the largest neutral telecom infrastructure providers in the country owning a Pan-India optic fiber network. The OFC network covers important towns & cities of the country and several rural areas.

RailTel was incorporated on September 26, 2000 with the aim of modernizing the existing telecom system for train control, operation, and safety and to generate additional revenues by creating nationwide broadband and multimedia network, laying optical fiber cable using the right of way along railway tracks. Presently, the optic fiber network of RailTel covers over 61000+ route kilometers and covers 6108+ railway stations across India. Our citywide access across the country is 21000+ kms.

RailTel's various operations are certified for, ISO 27001:2022-Certified for Information Security Management System, ISO 20000-1:2018-Certified for Information Technology Service Management System, ISO 9001:2015-Certified for Quality Management System, ISO 27017:2015 Certified for Information Security for Cloud Services, ISO 27018:2019-Certified for Data Privacy in Cloud Service, ISO 14001:2015-Certified for Environmental Management System Standard, ISO 17024:2012- Certified for Telecom Services, Railway Signalling & Telecom Training, Design Testing and Licensing Services and CMMI Maturity Level-4-Certified for Process Improvement. The RailTel's Data Centres are Tier-III (Design & Facility) certified.

RailTel has a strategic relationship with the Indian Railways and it undertakes a wide variety of projects including provision of mission critical connectivity services like IP based video surveillance system at stations, 'e-Office' services and implementing short haul connectivity between stations and long haul connectivity to support various organizations within the Indian Railways. RailTel also provide various passenger services including content on demand services and Wi-Fi across major railway stations in India.

3.1 Network Infrastructure

RailTel has seamless Right of Way (RoW) along 67,956 KM of Railway Track passing through 7325 stations across the country. We are one of the largest neutral telecom infrastructure providers in the country owning a Pan-India optic fiber network.

3.2 Backbone Network

The Company has Network Operations and Data Center Office at 143, Institutional Area, Sector-44, Gurugram–122003. In addition, the Company has NOC at New Delhi, Secunderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai and also a central NOC in Delhi.

3.3 Licenses & Services

Presently, RailTel holds Unified License for NLD, ISP (Class A), ILD license and IP-1 registration from DoT under which the NLD, ISP & IP-1 services are being offered to various customers.

3.4 Organizational Structure

Corporate Office of RailTel is based out of New Delhi where head of the organization i.e Chairman and Managing Director sits. He is assisted by dedicated Directors for Finance, Project operation & maintenance (POM) Network Planning & Marketing (NPM). These directors in turn are assisted by respective General Managers/ED's each having their own dedicated team.

For ensuring efficient administration across India, country has been divided into four regions namely, Eastern, Northern, Southern & Western each headed by Executive Directors/RGM's and Headquartered at Kolkata, New Delhi, Secunderabad & Mumbai respectively. These regions are further divided into territories for efficient working. RailTel has got territorial field offices in various State Capitals.

Director (Finance) is the overall head of finance and accounts team of the company. He is assisted by ED/Finance and GM/Finance at CO and a team of other managers including professionals. Similarly finance and accounts functions of the regions are looked after by regional finance heads. They are also assisted by a team of managers including professionals.

Accounting records are maintained at Regional Offices at New Delhi, Kolkata, Secunderabad and Mumbai with coordination at Corporate Office, New Delhi. RailTel holds 35 GST registrations in different states and union territories across India, ensuring conduct of business operations on a Pan-India basis.

3.5 Financial Performance

As per the Audited Financial Statements FY 2024-25, financial aspects of RailTel are as under-

| Particulars | Rs. (In Crore) |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Total Income | 3551.04/- |
| Profit Before Tax | 401.78/- |
| Share Capital | 320.94 |

Bidders are requested to also please go through Annual Reports of RailTel available on www.railtelindia.com.

The appointment of Tax Consultant (Direct as well as Indirect/GST) will be <u>initially for a period of 2 years, which can be extended through mutual consent at the same rates, for a further period of one year.</u> The appointment of Consultant (For Direct Tax as well as Indirect Tax/GST) will not amount to any kind of employment obligation on the part of RailTel.

3.5.1 Selection will be made on L-1 basis in financial E-bids of Technically Eligible Bidders.

Out of Technically Eligible Bidders, Tax Consultant will be selected based on L-1 of Financial Bids for handling both Direct Tax as well as Indirect Tax/GST. Accordingly, only 1 firm will be selected on L-1 basis for handling both Direct Tax and Indirect Tax/GST. Hence, the firm should ensure that it has experience of tax consultancy for both Direct Tax and Indirect Tax & GST consultancy as detailed in eligibility criteria in Chapter-5

Note: "L-1" means lowest price bid.

Chapter 4: Scope of Work

4.1 **The rates are invited for Rate Contract.** Bidders would be expected to perform tax consultancy work for Corporate Office and Regional offices in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and other places in India **as and when need arises**. The scope of tax consultancy work is as mentioned hereunder-

Scope of Tax Consultancy

A) Direct Tax

- 1. In respect of Income Tax, appearance as and when required review/preparation and filing of written statement before the Assessing officer for the purpose of assessment (Including assessment proceedings at Transfer pricing officer level) etc.
 - In connection with Income Tax, review of AO's order to identify the issues requiring rectification or filing of appeal and filing & follow up thereof.
- 2. In respect of Intimation u/s 143(1), as and when required review/preparation and filing of reply to Intimation u/s 143(1)(a) etc. and review of Intimation to identify the issues requiring rectification or filing of appeal and follow up thereof.
- 3. Handling show cause/re-assessment /penalty proceeding/stay and other notices i.e all work up to Assessing Officer's level.
- 4. Getting Income Tax refund of the Company.
- 5. Vetting of Form 3CD and other certificates such as but not limited to MAT certificate/ Transfer Price (If applicable) and such other certificate related to deductions or otherwise as applicable at the time of tax audit of the company. Hands on assistance in preparation of such forms and certificates with necessary disclosure as per ICDS (Income Computation and Disclosure Standard). It is clarified that scope of work does not include certification work but only hands on assistance to company officers in compiling the said forms / information in regard thereto as per law.
- 6. Filing/revising income tax return of the company.
- 7. Advice/opinion on direct tax matters including detailed written opinions.
- 8. Appeal before CIT(A) or revision by CIT under section 263 or 264 of Income Tax Act-
 - (i) Analyzing the order of AO for the disallowances made by him.
 - (ii) Preparation of Grounds of Appeal and statement of facts for appealing before CIT (A).
 - (iii) Submission(s) of the company before CIT(A) including personal hearing(s).
 - (iv) Any other work at CIT/PCIT level.

- (v) Perusing the order of CIT(A) for:
 - a. Giving effect to the appeal order.
 - b. Filing of rectification application u/s 154 of I.T tax for the errors apparent from the order of CIT (A).
- 9. Appeal before the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT)
 - a. Analyze the order of CIT (A) for the addition ordered by him.
 - b. Preparation of Grounds of Appeal for filing appeal before ITAT.
 - c. Submission of appeal documents.
 - d. Representation before ITAT.
 - e. Perusing the order of ITAT for: -
 - (ii) Giving effect of order of ITAT.
 - (iii) Filing of any rectification u/s 154 of I. Tax act for the errors apparent from the orders of ITAT.
- 10. Any other Direct Tax introduced or applicable in the case of company, to be advised by the consultant.

Note: For Income Tax, Tax jurisdiction is Delhi and for TDS, tax jurisdiction is Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Hyderabad.

B) Indirect Tax & GST

The consultancy under this section will cover all indirect taxes prevailing before GST Regime. This will also cover consultancy under GST.

- 1. Appearance(s) as & when required and review/preparation & filing of written submission before the Service Tax Authorities/ GST Authorities/Customs Authorities.
- 2. Attendance in office at the time of audit by department.
- 3. Filing of application for new Registration number or amendment in the existing registration.
- 4. Providing Opinion on matters covered under GST Law & all other indirect taxes not covered under GST Law.
- 5. Handling show cause/re-assessment/departmental audit/penalty proceeding/stay and other notices before Service Tax Authorities/GST Authorities / Custom Authorities and attending hearing(s) thereof.
- 6. Drafting & filing of appeal & attending hearings before
 - 6.1 Comm (ST) / GST Authority
 - **6.2** CESTAT / GSTAT
- 7. Getting Service Tax Refund/GST Refund from Tax authorities

Note: Other Instructions

- I. This assignment will not be sublet or awarded to any other professional /other firms or persons.
- II. While providing services to RailTel all the concerned Laws shall be followed.
- III. Senior Qualified Partner (having experience of at least 7 years including experience of working in any PSUs/Telecom Sector Company) to be deployed for handling the assignment.
- IV. The scope of work also includes any clarification to Statutory Auditors/Board in regard to tax matters. No professional fee will be paid for this.
- V. Deliverables and payment terms are mentioned at point no. 24 of Index.
- VI. The senior partner of the Firm shall monitor the Consultancy Engagement and shall submit the progress report to CO, on fortnightly basis. The senior partner of the firm is required to visit atleast once in a month for a discussion regarding the status of ongoing work. The meeting shall be conducted at corporate office of RailTel at Plate-A, 6th Floor, Office Block Tower-2, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023
- VII. Reimbursement of travelling expenses for visiting the regional offices shall be paid at **actuals** restricted to 40% of fee of the case concerned. No TA/DA/travel expenses for local travel shall be allowed.
- VIII. Selection will be made based on fulfilment of eligibility condition(s) & L-1 on total quoted cost basis.
 - IX. Only new cases arising during the period of engagement will be handed over to consultants, only if company feels that assistance of consultant is required.

Chapter 5: Eligibility Criteria

Mandatory Eligibility Conditions for appointment of Tax Consultant (Direct and Indirect Tax/GST) are as mentioned hereunder. Bidder must satisfy all these conditions, before participation in the tender.

| S.No | Eligibility Condition |
|------|---|
| 1 | The firm should have office in Delhi/NCR. |
| 2 | The firm must have strength of minimum five full time partners and additional ten full time qualified CAs/Advocates/Cost Accountants (or its Partners). |
| 3 | The firm must have knowledge of Oracle/SAP based ERP/Accounts in any of the company having turnover of Rs 340 Crore or more in any one of last seven years (i.e. FY 18-19 to FY 24-25). |
| 4 | The firm should be Tax Consultant in any of the companies having turnover of Rs. 340 Crore or more (excluding Banks and cooperative society) in any one of last seven years (i.e. FY 18-19 to FY 24-25). Taxation experience shall include following- |
| | <u>Direct Tax:</u> Handling Scrutiny assessment/re-assessment cases, handling case before CIT(A), handling case at ITAT level etc. |
| | Indirect Tax & GST: Handling cases under Service Tax/VAT/CST/GST Law, filing appeal before Commissioner (Service Tax/GST Authorities), filing appeal before CESTAT/GST Authority, Return filing etc. |
| | Note: Firm should ensure that it has experience of tax consultancy for both Direct Tax and Indirect Tax & GST consultancy. |
| | Firm having experience in only one field i.e, either Direct Tax or Indirect Tax will be summarily rejected. |
| 5 | The firm should have experience of tax consultancy engagement (Direct Tax or Indirect Tax/GST) with one Telecom sector Company (Any Telecom operator having UASL, NLD, ISP, IP, UL License) having turnover of Rs 340 Crore or more or Central PSU having turnover of Rs 340 Crore or more in any two of last seven financial years (i.e. FY 18-19 to FY 24-25). The firm will submit Experience Certificate or Completed PO/Completed work order issued in favour of firm. |
| 6 | Firm should have minimum turnover of Rs. 2.5 Crore in FY 2022-23 or FY 2023-24. |
| 7 | The firm should not be blacklisted or banned by any of the government department or PSU in last seven years (i.e. FY 18-19 to FY 24-25) |
| 8 | Certify that the firm has not provided any internal audit service to RailTel during preceding three Financial Years (i.e, FY 22-23, 23-24, 24-25). |

Note:

- 1. Consortium or Joint Ventures are not allowed.
- 2. Tax Consultants (Direct / IDT & GST) of RailTel, will not be allowed to do any work of RailTel other than the tax consultancy work assigned from time to time, during the period of consultancy and for next 2 years after the completion of consultancy engagement.

All the credential documents including notarized or registered copy of Power of Attorney on non-judicial stamp paper of the value of Rs. 100/- need to be scanned and submitted ONLINE only through ENIVIDA Portal.

Chapter 6: E-Bidding Process

- a. Submission of Bids only through online process is mandatory for this Tender.
- b. Bidders are advised to study the Tender Document carefully. Submission of the Bid will be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of all instructions, eligibility norms, terms, and requirement specifications in the Tender document with full understanding of its implications. Bidder(s) not furnishing the Compliance Statement, their bids(s) are as mentioned in Annexure-D of tender document, are liable to be rejected. Failure to furnish all information required in the Tender Document or submission of a bid not substantially responsive to the Tender document in all respects will be at the bidder's risk and may result in the rejection of the bid.
- c. All the bids must be valid for a period of 120 days from the date of Tender opening. If necessary, RailTel will seek extension in the bid validity period beyond 120 days. The bidders, not agreeing for such extensions will be allowed to withdraw their bids without forfeiture of their EMD.
- d. E- submission of documents as mentioned in Chapter:5 Eligibility Criteria and Credential Bid Form (Annexure-A), said documents are also required to be submitted online as per the date and time for closing of submission of E-bid(s).

e. Online Submissions:

The bidder is required to submit all the relevant documents online only with the following documents.

- a) Bid Security Declaration as per Annexure-F is to be submitted through ENIVIDA portal.
- b) Tender Cost submission through ENIVIDA portal.
- c) Bidder should ensure that Scanned copy of notarized or registered copy of Power of attorney on non-judicial stamp paper of the value of Rs. 100/- is submitted online. Original copy is needed to be submitted by the successful bidder before issuance of LOA.
- d) In case bidder happens to be an MSE bidder, the documentary evidence for same shall be submitted online.

Chapter-7: E-Bid(s) Composition

- a) The bid(s) shall be submitted through ENIVIDA' Portal only.
- b) Bid(s) documents as mentioned in clause (d) of Chapter-6: Bidding Process, shall be addressed to:

Sandeep Kumar Sharma General Manager/Finance RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. (A Govt. of India Undertaking, Ministry of Railways) Plate-A, 6th Floor, Office Block Tower-2, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023

1. Credential Bid/ Technical Bid(s)

Documents as per the eligibility criteria and Credential Bid shall be scanned and submitted ONLINE only through ENIVIDA' Portal. (Annexure-A)

- 2. Offer Letter: As per Annexure C
- 3. Compliance Statement: As per Annexure-D
- 4. <u>Financial Bid(s):</u> Financial bid(s) are required to be submitted through enivida portal only. (Chapter-1)
- 5. <u>Certificate to Avoid Conflict of Interest:</u> As per Annexure-E
- 6. **Bid Security Declaration:** Scanned copy of Bid Security Declaration as per Annexure-F
- 7. <u>Credential Verification Affidavit:</u> Scanned copy as per Annexure-G on Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs. 100/-.
- 8. **Power of Attorney:** Scanned copy of notarized or registered copy of Power of Attorney on non-judicial stamp paper of the value of Rs. 100/- in favor of authorized signatory shall be submitted online.

Chapter-8: Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Tender Fee and Security Deposit

a. Bid Security/Earnest Money Deposit:

1. The tenderer shall deposit earnest money of amount as per tender through the e-tendering portal.

In lieu of Bid Security, **MSE/startup** Bidders shall furnish/ upload a Bid Security Declaration (BSD) as Annexure-F along with its Technical bid.

Without Submission of EMD or Bid Security Declaration, Bid will be summarily rejected.

- 2. Bid securities of the unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them at the earliest after expiry of the final bid validity period and latest by the 30th day after the award of the contract
- 3. The EMD may be forfeited if a bidder withdraws his offer or modifies the terms and conditions of the offer during validity period and in the case of a successful bidder, if the bidder fails to accept the Purchase order and fails to furnish performance bank guarantee.

b. Tender Fee:

Nil

c. Security Deposit/Performance Bank Guarantee:

Successful tenderer(s) is required to submit separate security deposit/Performance Bank Guarantee (Annexure-B), towards "Appointment as Tax Consultant for Direct Tax and IDT/GST.

The successful tenderer shall submit security deposit in the form of Performance Bank Guarantee @ 10% of issued PO/LOA value including tax in the form of DD/Pay Order or irrevocable Bank Guarantee with validity of 3 months beyond contract period, from any scheduled bank for due fulfilment of contract, within 30 days of issue of PO/LOA. Verification of the Bank Guarantee shall be carried out through SFMS (Structured Financial Messaging System)

The Security Deposit/Performance Bank Guarantee shall be released after successful completion of Contract, duly adjusting any dues recoverable from the successful tenderer. Security Deposit in the form of DD/Pay Order should be submitted in favour of "RailTel Corporation of India Limited" payable at New Delhi Only.

Note: Any performance security upto a value of Rs. 5 Lakhs is to be submitted through online transfer only.

d. No Interest on Security Deposit/Performance Bank Guarantee:

No interest shall be paid on the amount of Security Deposit/Performance Bank Guarantee held by the RailTel, at any stage.

Note:

- 1. A separate advice of the BG will invariably be sent by the BG issuing bank to the RailTel's Bank through SFMS and only after this the BG will become acceptable to RailTel. It is therefore in interest of bidder to obtain RailTel's Bank IFSC code, its branch and address and advise these particulars to the BG Issuing bank and request them to send advice of BG through SFMS to the RailTel's Bank.
- 2. Any performance security upto a value of Rs. 5 Lakh is to be submitted through online transfer only.

Chapter-9: Credential Verification

- 1. The tenderer shall submit along with the tender document, documents in support of his/their claim to fulfill the eligibility criteria as mentioned in the tender document. Each page of the copy of documents/ certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer, shall be self-attested/digitally signed by the tenderer or authorized representative of the tendering firm. Self-attestation shall include signature, stamp and date (on each page). Only those documents which are declared explicitly by the tenderer as "documents supporting the claim of qualifying the laid down eligibility criteria", will be considered for evaluating his/their tender.
- 2. The tenderer shall submit a notarized affidavit on a non-judicial stamp paper stating that they are not liable to the disqualified and all their statements/documents submitted along with bid are true and factual. Standard format of the affidavit to be submitted by the bidder is enclosed as Annexure-G. Non-submission of an affidavit by the bidder shall result in summary rejection of his/their bid and it shall be mandatory incumbents upon the tenderer to identify, state and submit the supporting documents duly self-attested by which they/he is qualifying the Qualification Criteria mentioned in the tender document. It will not be obligatory on the part of the RailTel to scrutinize beyond the submitted document of tenderer as far as his qualification for the tender is concerned.
- 3. The RailTel reserves the right to verify all statements, information and documents submitted by the bidder in his tender offer, and the bidder shall, when so required by the RailTel, make available all such information, evidence and documents as may be necessary for such verification. Any such verification or lack of such verification, by the RailTel shall not relieve the bidder of its obligations or liabilities here under nor will it affect any rights of the RailTel thereunder.
- 4. In case of any **wrong information** submitted by the tenderer, the contract shall be terminated, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Performance Guarantee (PG) and Security Deposit (SD) of contract forfeited and agency barred for doing business on entire RailTel for 5 (five) years.

Chapter-10: Last date for E-bid(s) submission

- a. E-Bids, complete in all respects as mentioned in Chapter 5, 6, 7 and 8 must be submitted through ENIVIDA Portal as per the date and time for closing of submission of E-bid(s). In the event of the specified date for the submission of Bids being declared a holiday, the Bids can be submitted up to the appointed time on the next working day for which RailTel will make necessary provisions.
- b. RailTel may, at its own discretion, extend the date for E-bid(s) submission. In such a case all rights and obligations of RailTel and the Bidders shall be applicable to the extended time frame.
- c. Any bid received by RailTel after the prescribed deadline for submission of bids will be summarily rejected and returned unopened to the Bidder. RailTel shall not be responsible for any postal delay or non-receipt / non-delivery of the documents. No further correspondence on this subject will be entertained.
- d. The bids submitted by telex/telegram/fax/Email or any manner other than specified above will not be considered. No correspondence will be entertained on this matter.
- e. At any time prior to the last date for receipt of bids, RailTel, may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective bidder, modify the tender document by an amendment. The amendment will be notified on RailTel's website www.railtelindia.com and should be taken into consideration by the prospective bidders while preparing their bids.
- f. In order to give prospective bidders reasonable time to take the amendment into account in preparing their bids, RailTel may, at its discretion, extend the last date for the receipt of bids. No bid may be modified subsequent to the last date for receipt of bids. No bid may be withdrawn in the interval between the last date for receipt of bids and the expiry of the bid validity period specified by the bidder in the bid. Withdrawal of a bid during this interval may result in forfeiture of Bidder's EMD.
- g. The bidders will bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of their bids. RailTel will, in no case, be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the outcome of the tender process.
- h. Printed terms and conditions of the bidders will not be considered as forming part of their bid. In case terms and conditions of the contract applicable to the Invitation of bid are not acceptable to any bidder, they should clearly specify the deviations in their bids.

Chapter-11: Opening of E-Tender

11.1 Bids received form the Bidders shall be opened on due date and time. The opening of the Bids shall be carried out in the physical presence of the designated representatives of RailTel and the Bidders on 01.07.2025 at 15:30 Hours. However, this tender does not mandate the physical presence of the Bidders. The absence of the physical presence of the Bidders shall in no way affect the outcome of the evaluation of the Bids. During bid opening, only two authorized representatives of each bidder shall be allowed to be present.

11.2 Opening of - Credential / Technical E-Bid

Credential/Technical E-bid (and credential bid modifications, if any) of only those bidders, whose EMD is in order, shall be opened in the same session. The E-bids will then be passed on to a duly constituted Tender Committee for evaluation.

11.3 Opening of Financial Bid:

Financial bids will be opened only for bidders, whose bids qualify based on evaluation of credential bids/Technical Bids.

Chapter-12: E-Bid(s) Validity

All the E-bids must be valid for a period of 120 days from the date of tender opening for placing the initial order. If necessary, RailTel will seek extension in the bid validity period beyond 120 days. The bidders, not agreeing for such extensions will be allowed to withdraw their bids without forfeiture of their EMD.

Chapter-13: Evaluation of bids

13.1

- a. When deemed necessary, RailTel may seek clarifications on any aspect of their bid from the bidder. However, that would not entitle the bidder to change or cause any change in the substance of the tender submitted or price quoted at the time of bid submission. This would also not mean that their bid has been accepted.
- b. Any effort by a bidder to influence RailTel's E-bid(s) evaluation, bid comparison or contract award decisions may result in the rejection of the bidder's bid and forfeiture of the bidder's EMD.

c. RailTel reserves the right to accept any bid, and to cancel/abort the tender process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of Contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidders or bidders and of any obligation to inform the affected bidders of the grounds for RailTel's action and without assigning any reasons.

13.2 Credential Evaluation / Technical Evaluation

The credential E-bids will be evaluated by a duly nominated Tender Committee. E-Bids, not satisfying the eligibility criteria will be rejected. tender committee will evaluate information submitted in **Annexure-A** as per Tender terms. On request from the tender committee, the bidders may have to submit additional information. The tender committee may call the eligible bidders for a presentation of the work handled by them. The time limit, in which the bidders have to submit the additional information or present their work, will be decided by the tender committee and its decision will be final in this regard. Bidders failing to adhere to the specified time limit will be rejected.

Chapter-14: Signing of contract and Award of Contract (Appointment)

- (a) On written communication from RailTel for having qualified for appointment the bidder will sign the contract (letter of appointment) within 7 days of such communication. Failing which the offer will be treated as withdrawn and EMD forfeited. RailTel reserves the right to extend the offer to the next eligible bidder.
- (b) The conditions stipulated in the contract will be strictly adhered to and violation of any of these conditions will entail termination of the contract without prejudice to the rights of the RailTel. In addition, RailTel will be free to forfeit the EMD/Security deposit and getting the assigned work done from alternate sources at the risk and cost of the defaulting bidder.

Chapter-15 Termination for Insolvency, Dissolution etc

If the supplier becomes bankrupt or becomes otherwise insolvent or undergoes liquidation or loses substantially the technical or financial capability (based on which he was selected for award of contract), at any time, the contract may be terminated, by giving a written notice to the supplier, without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to RailTel.

Chapter-16: Change in Name of the Firm

During the period of engagement if the bidder's name got changed due to acquisition, amalgamation etc., bidder must inform RailTel with all required documents within one month of its name change. RailTel will not entertain any name change requests during the bidding process. In this case the bid will be rejected straightaway.

Chapter-17: Termination for Convenience

RailTel reserves the right to terminate by prior written notice, the whole or part of the contract. The notice of termination will specify that termination is for RailTel convenience, the extent to which performance of work under the contract is terminated and the date on which such termination becomes effective.

Chapter-18: No Claim Certificate

The bidder will not be entitled to make any claim, whatsoever, against RailTel under or by virtue of or arising out of this contract nor will RailTel entertain or consider any such claim for the jobs accepted after expiry of the term of engagement of consultancy.

Chapter-19: Suspension

RailTel may by a written notice of suspension, suspend all payments to the bidder under the contract, if the bidder fails to perform any of its obligations under this contract provided that such notice of suspension:

- a. will specify the nature of the failure and
- b. will request the bidder to remedy such failure within a specified period from the date of issue of such notice of suspension.

Chapter-20: Confidentiality

The Bidder and their personnel will not, either during the term or after expiration of this contract, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the services, contract or business or operations of RailTel or its clients without the prior written consent/permission of RailTel.

Chapter-21: SECURITY

- a) The agency or its deployed personnel, by virtue of working on RailTel, can't claim any rights on the work performed by them. RailTel will have absolute rights on the work assigned and performed by them. Neither any claims of the agency or its deployed professionals will be entertained on the deliverables.
- b) The agency will ensure that no information shall be leaked out about the software, hardware, including Electronic form or otherwise, by the manpower posted by them.

Chapter-22: Termination for Insolvency & Default

Termination for Insolvency

RailTel may at any time terminate the work order / contract by giving written notice of four weeks to the appointed firm, without any compensation to the said firm, if the said firm becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent.

Termination for Default

- a. Default is said to have occurred-
- i. If the agency fails to deliver any or all of the services within the time period(s) specified in the work order or any extension thereof granted by RailTel.
- ii. If the agency fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract / work order.
- b. If the agency, in either of the above circumstances, does not take remedial steps within a period of 30 days after receipt of the default notice from RailTel (or takes longer period in spite of what RailTel may authorize in writing), RailTel may terminate the contract / work order in whole or in part. In addition to above, RailTel may at its discretion also take the following actions.
- c. RailTel may transfer upon such terms and in such manner, as it deems appropriate work order for similar support service to other firm and the defaulting firm will be liable to compensate RAILTEL for any extra expenditure involved towards support service to complete the scope of work totally.
- d. RailTel has full right on all the document related to assignment carried out for RailTel. The same may be asked by RailTel at any time from the bidder and it will be the duty of bidder to return all such document to RailTel.

Chapter 23: Review of Progress of allotted work

23.1 Review of progress of work

RailTel will monitor the progress of work very closely and will have the right to terminate the contract, in case of non-satisfaction or non-performance or for non-completion of work within the stipulated time.

Supervise the progress of work until its full completion. Bidder will ensure that the assigned job is completed as per the schedules given in the work order.

Chapter 24: Payment Terms & Deliverable

A) <u>Direct Tax:</u> The payment will be released against submission of relevant documents as mentioned below: -

| | Particulars | Payment and deliverables |
|----|--|---|
| 1. | Review/preparation and filing of reply before the AO including attending personal hearing in regard to assessment case. Review of AO's order to identify the issues requiring rectification or filing of appeal. | On receipt of assessment order of Assessing Officer and receipt of review report of consultant on the said order. |
| 2. | In respect of Intimation u/s 143(1), as and when required review/preparation and filing of reply to Intimation u/s 143(1)(a) etc. and review of Intimation to identify the issues requiring rectification or filing of appeal and follow up thereof. | On receipt of Intimation u/s 143(1) and receipt of review report of consultant on the said order. |
| 3. | Handling show cause/rectification applications /penalty proceedings /stay and other notices i.e. All work upto AO' level. | 50% payment on filing of applications/ submissions before assessing authorities. 50% on receipt of respective orders. |
| 4. | Getting income tax refund of the company. | 100% payment after credit of refund in the bank a/c of the Company. |
| 5. | Filing of Income Tax Return of the company including hand on assistance in preparation of Form 3CD and other certificates to be filed by tax auditors of the company prior to filing of return as mentioned in para 5 of scope of work. | After generation of ITR-V acknowledgement and certification of work. |
| 6. | Filing of revised income tax return of the | After generation of ITR-V |

| | company. | acknowledgement and certification of work. |
|----|--|--|
| 7. | Opinion on Direct tax issues. | After receipt of opinion. |
| 8. | Appeal before CIT(A) or revision by | |
| | CIT u/s 263 or 264 of income tax act- | |
| | -Preparation & submission of ground of | |
| | appeal and statements of fact before | 30% after filing appeal on receipt of |
| | CIT(A) including representation before | acknowledgement of filing appeal or |
| | CIT(A) and attending hearing and | application for any other work at |
| | analyzing the order of AO. | CIT/PCIT level. |
| | - Perusing CIT(A)' order for- | 100/ |
| | a. Giving effect to the appeal order. | 40% on receipt of appeal order/final |
| | b. Filing of Rectification application u/s | orders of application made. |
| | 154 of Income tax Act, for errors | 200/ |
| | apparent from order of CIT(A). | 30% on receipt of order of appeal effect |
| 9. | Appeal before ITAT | |
| | - Preparation & submission of Ground of | |
| | Appeal and statement of facts before | 30% after filing appeal on receipt of |
| | ITAT including representation before | acknowledgement of filing appeal. |
| | ITAT and analyzing the order of ITAT. | |
| | - Perusing the ITAT 'order for- | 40% on receipt of appeal order. |
| | a. Giving effect to the appeal order. | |
| | b. Filing of Rectification application for | 30% on receipt of order of appeal effect. |
| | errors apparent from order of ITAT. | |

B) Indirect Tax and GST: In respect of GST & Indirect Tax payment terms and deliverables are as under-

| S.No. | Description of Work | Documents | Payment & Deliverable |
|-------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | required for | |
| | | <u>payment</u> | |
| 1 | Review/preparation & filing | Submission of | 40% payment after submission of |
| | of written submission before | reply approved | reply to tax authorities. |
| | Service tax authorities/GST | from corporate | |
| | Authorities / Customs | office and | Balance 60% payment after getting |
| | Authorities in relation to | attending of | order from the tax authorities in |
| | notices/ proceedings. | hearings. | relation to the said case including |
| | | | attending hearing, if necessary. |
| 2 | New Registration number or | Issuance of new/ | |
| | amendment in the existing | amended | 100% payment after granting of |
| | registration | registration | registration. |
| | | certificate | |
| 3 | Opinion on Taxation matters | Providing | 100% payment after certification |
| | | Opinion and | of work done. |

| | | certification of work | |
|---|--|---|--|
| 4 | Handling show cause/re- assessment/ departmental audit /penalty proceeding/stay and other notices before Service Tax Authorities/GST Authorities/ Custom Authorities and attending hearing thereof. | Filing of reply to show-cause notice. | 50% payment on submission reply with GST Department/tax authority Balance 50% payment on final order of the case including attending of hearing. |
| 5 | Drafting & filing and attending relating to appeal before - Comm (ST)/GST Authority - CESTAT/GST Authority | Submission of acknowledgement of filing of appeal and attending hearing against order of tax authorities. | Deliverable and Payment 40% payment on submission of appeal. 30% payment after getting order from the tax authorities in relation to said case including attending of hearing. Balance 30% after getting appeal effect in case of Company is eligible for refund based on Appeal Effect order (Including any part deposit with Tax Authorities at the time of filing of Appeal). |
| 6 | Getting Service Tax Refund/ GST Refund from Tax authorities | After credit of refund in the bank a/c of the Company. | 100% payment after credit of refund in the bank a/c of the Company. |

Note

- b. GST, as applicable, will be paid extra.
- b. The agencies may provide service all over India. No TA/DA is admissible to the deployed Resources. However, if a resource has to undertake a tour in the interest of the Company with the prior approval of the RailTel, the TA/DA as per RailTel rates will be applicable. TA/DA for Partner (as applicable to the General Manager), for Chartered Accountant/Cost Accountant employee (Deputy General Manager) and for other staff (Manager) in RailTel respectively will be **reimbursed on submission of original documents**. Each work order will be considered a separate work. TA/DA **shouldn't exceed 40% of the fee of the case concerned**.
- c. All payments will be made subject to TDS (Tax deduction at Source) as per the income- Tax Act, 1961 and other taxes if any as per Government of India rules.

Chapter 25: General Terms and Conditions

- a. The bidder is not allowed to outsource the work to any other associate/franchisee/third party under any circumstances. If it so happens then RailTel will impose sanctions which will include forfeiture of the security deposit, revocation of bank guarantees (including the ones submitted for other work orders) and termination of the contract for default.
- b. RailTel may by written notice sent to the bidder; terminate the work order and/or the Contract, in whole or in part at any time of its convenience. The notice of termination will specify that termination is for RailTel's convenience, the extent to which performance of work under the work order and /or the contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. RailTel reserves the right to cancel the remaining part and pay to an agreed amount for partially completed Services.
- c. In the event of the bidder's company or the concerned division of the company is taken over / bought over by another company, all the obligations under the agreement with RailTel, should be passed on for compliance by the new company / new division in the negotiation for their transfer.
- d. All bidders automatically agree with RailTel for honoring all aspects of fair-trade practices in executing the work orders placed by RailTel.
- e. The bidder will be responsible for any damage to equipment's, property and third-party liabilities caused by acts on part of its deployed person at RailTel/User's premises.
- f. The staff deployed by the bidder will maintain office decorum. They will be courteous, polite and cooperative and able to resolve the users' problems
- g. Intellectual Property Rights: The Bidder will indemnify RailTel of any infringement of third-party rights be they under the Patents Act.

Chapter 26: Force Majeure

In the event of either party being rendered unable by force majeure conditions to perform any obligation to be performed by them under the contract, the relative obligation of the party affected by such force majeure shall upon notification to the other party be suspended for the period during which force majeure events last. The cost and loss sustained by either party shall be borne by respective parties.

The term force majeure employed herein shall mean Act of God, war (declared or not), storms, floods, tsunami, restraints imposed by Governments, Riots, Strikes, Go Slow, Lock Out or any labour unrest at the works of the contractor (to be substantiated by the contractor with document), civil commotion, fire, accident, sabotage, earthquake or any other natural calamities, plague, quarantine, import or export embargoes, or change in Govt. policies or

the like circumstances or any happening affecting the performance by the contractor or its obligations under this contract which, in the opinion of RailTel, the contractor cannot reasonably prevent or control against.

Chapter 27: Arbitration and Jurisdiction

The parties through respective signatories shall settle any dispute or disagreement with respect to performance, non-performance or defective performance of respective obligation amicably. In the event of disputes remaining unresolved, the parties shall refer the matter to a single arbitrator under arbitration law that may be applicable, whose appointment shall be done by Chairman and Managing Director, RailTel Corporation of India Limited, Plate-A, 6th Floor, Office Block Tower-2, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023. The place of arbitration shall be New Delhi and the language used shall be English.

Chapter 28: Applicable Law

The work orders will be governed by the laws and procedures established by Govt. of India, within the framework of applicable legislation and enactment made from time to time concerning such commercial dealings/processing. Any default in the terms and conditions of the tender by the bidder will lead to rejection of bid/work order and forfeiture of EMD/Security Deposit.

Chapter 29: Instructions to the Bidders

1. These are the Special Instructions to the Bidders for e-Tendering.

2. Submission of Bids only through online process is mandatory for this Tender-

E-Tendering is a new methodology for conducting Public Procurement in a transparent and secured manner. Now, the Government of India has made e-tendering mandatory. Suppliers/ Vendors will be the biggest beneficiaries of this new system of procurement. For conducting electronic tendering, RailTel has decided to use the portal https://railtel.enivida.com, e-Procurement Portal of RailTel.

Benefits to Suppliers are outlined on the Home-page of the portal. Bidders are advised to visit the ENIVIDA Portal for details related to E-Tender i.e. Registration, FAQ, Helpdesk, Learning Center etc.

3. Tender Bidding Methodology:

<u>Sealed Bid System - 'Single Stage - Two Envelope'</u>: In this, bidder has to submit each the bid (Part I – Credential/ Techno-commercial Bid and Part II - Price Bid) in separate envelope "ONLINE".

ENIVIDA Helpdesk

Please visit Helpdesk section on ENIVIDA Portal

4. Bid related information for this Tender (Sealed Bid)-

The entire bid-submission would be online on ENIVIDA Portal. Broad outline of online submissions are as follows-

- 4.1 Submission of Bid Security Declaration (Annexure-F) to be submitted with the offer.
- 4.2 Submission of digitally signed copy of Tender document/ Addenda (If any).
- 4.3 Two packet (Part-I Technical Credential Bid and Part-II Price Bid).
- 4.4 Online response to Terms & Conditions of Tender.
- 4.5 PAN, GST Registration Certificate of Firm.

NOTE-1: Bidder must ensure that the bid must be successfully submitted online as per instructions of ENIVIDA Portal.

NOTE-2: The Bidder has to upload the scanned copy of all the documents mentioned in Credential Bid Form (Annexure-A), Profile of the Team to be deployed, during Online Bid-Submission.

5. Offline Submissions of Power of Attorney on non-judicial stamp paper of the value of Rs. 100/-:

In addition to E-submission of all the documents, the **Successful bidders** are required to submit the notarized or registered Power of Attorney offline to **RailTel Corporation of India Ltd, Plate-A, 6th Floor, Office Tower-2, NBCC Building, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi, Pin - 110023,** before issue of LOA.

6. In case of internet related problem at a bidder's end, especially during 'critical events' such as - a short period before bid-submission deadline, during online public tender opening event, during e-auction, it is the bidder's responsibility to have backup internet connections.

7. Instructions for Tender Document to the Bidders

The RailTel Tenders are published on www.railtelindia.com and on ENIVIDA Portal https://railtel.enivida.com

NOTE: For online bid submission the bidder will have to necessarily download an official online copy of the tender documents from ENIVIDA portal, and this should be done well before the deadline for bid-submission.

8. Submission of Offers and Filling of Tender:

This e-tender should be duly submitted online using the e-Procurement Portal https://railtel.enivida.com. For detailed instructions please refer to ENIVIDA Portal.

9. Fax Quotations & Late Tenders:

Fax Tender documents and Late/Delayed tenders would not be considered.

10. Attendance of Representatives for Tender Opening

Representatives of bidders desirous of attending the tender opening can do so on production of a proper letter of authority from the respective firm, failing which they may not be allowed to attend the tender opening.

11. Bid submission and Opening date

The bid should be submitted online along with Credential/Techno commercial & Price bid document (all documents) and Scanned copy of notarized or registered Power of Attorney on non-judicial stamp paper of the value of Rs. 100/-.

Bids received after due date and time shall be summarily rejected and shall not be opened.

Credential Bid Form

Annexure – A

To, Sh. Sandeep Kumar Sharma General Manager/Finance RailTel Corporation of India Ltd Plate-A, 6th Floor, Office Block Tower-2, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023

| S.No | Particulars | Supporting Evidence |
|------|--|--|
| 1 | The firm should have office in Delhi/NCR. | Attach ICAI Constitution Certificate |
| 2 | The firm must have strength of minimum five full time partners and additional ten full time qualified CA/Cost Accountant (or Partner), qualified advocates (or Partners). | generated online from The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India or LLP Registration or any other document in support of constitution of firm i.e, Data Generated from MCA, Partnership Deed etc. |
| 3 | The firm must have knowledge of Oracle/SAP based ERP/Accounts in any of the company having turnover of Rs 340 Crore or more in any one of last seven years (i.e. FY 18-19 to FY 24-25). Note: Along with each PO, please provide name, email Id, contact number of PO issuing Authority. | Attach copy of Completed PO/Completed Work Order and Certificate received from any such company along with audited P&L account and confirmation of the Company that they are using ORACLE/SAP based ERP. |
| 4 | The firm should be Tax consultant of any of the companies having turnover of more than 340 Crore or more (excluding Banks and cooperative society) in any one of last seven years (i.e. FY 18-19 to FY 24-25) | Attach copy of Completed PO/Completed Work Order received from any such company along with audited P&L account of that company. |
| 5 | The firm should have experience of Consultancy Engagement (Direct Tax or Indirect Tax & GST as the case may be) with one Telecom Sector Company having turnover of Rs 340 Crore or more (Any Telecom operator having UASL, NLD, ISP, IP, UL License) Or Central PSU having turnover of Rs 340 Crore or more in any two of last seven financial years (i.e. FY 18-19 to FY 24-25) | Attach copy of Completed PO/Completed Work Order received from any such company along with audited P&L account of that company. |
| 6 | Firm should have minimum turnover of Rs. 2.5 Crore during FY 2022-23 or FY 2023-24. | Attach audited P&L account of the firm along with copy of income tax return. |
| 7 | The firm should not be blacklisted or banned by any of the government department or PSU in last seven years (i.e. FY 18-19 to FY 24-25) | Self-attested affidavit on stamp paper of Rs. 100 to be given in this regard by the partner of the firm. |
| 8. | Certify that the firm has not provided any internal audit service to RailTel during preceding three Financial Years (i.e. FY 22-23, 23-24, 24-25). | Self certification |

Annexure-B

Performa for Performance Bank Guarantee

PERFORMANCE BANK GURANTEE BOND

(On Stamp Paper of Rs one hundred) (To be used by approved Scheduled Banks)

| 1. | In consideration of the RailTel Corporation of India Limited: Plate-A, 6th Floor, Off Tower-2, NBCC Building, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023 (Herein after call RailTel) having agreed to exen (Hereinafter called "the sa | led npt |
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| | Contractor(s)") from the demand, under the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between dated made between made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions of an Agreement Made between the terms and conditions are the terms and conditions and the terms are the terms and conditions of the terms and conditions are the terms are | No. een and |
| | for (hereinafter called "to said Agreement") of security deposit for the due fulfillment by the said Contractor (s) of terms and conditions contained in the said Agreement, or production of a Bank Guarantee Rs | the for the ing |
| 2. | We, | eby nur, s or the son the |
| 3. | We, |) in lity this |
| 4. | We, | the ues ims |

| | writing on or before t Guarantee thereafter. | he | We shall be disch | narged from all liabilit | y under this |
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| 5. | We,the RailTel that the laffecting in any manner the Agreement or to expowers exercisable by of the terms and concour liability by reason forbearance, act or or said Contractor(s) or sureties would, but for | RailTel shall have a er our obligations have the RailTel against litions relating to the of any such variations on the part by any such matter | the fullest liberty ereunder to vary a stpone for any tine the said contract e said Agreement on, or extension to of RailTel or any or thing whatsoev | without our consent any of the terms and cone or from time to time or(s) and to forbear or and we shall not be re to the said Contractor(s) indulgence by the Ra er which under the law | and without conditions of the any of the enforce any lieved from s) or for any ailTel to the |
| | This Guarantee will n Contractor(s) / Tender | • | e to the change in | the Constitution of the | Bank or the |
| 6. | We,the invokable at our place of local New Delhi accordingly. | e of business at | /Ne | w Delhi (indicate deta | iled address |
| | (indicate the name of except with the previous | | | this Guarantee during | its currency |
| | Da | ted the | day of | 2025 | |
| | | | For | | |
| | | | | (Indicate the name | of the Bank) |
| | Witness 1. Signature Name | | | | |
| | 2 Signature | | | | |

Agreement have been fully and properly carried out by the said Contractor(s) and accordingly discharges this Guarantee. Unless a demand or claim under the Guarantee is made on us in

NOTE: - Annexure-B is applicable only for successful bidder and need not be submitted at the time of submission of bid.

Name

OFFER LETTER

| To RailTel Corporation of India Limited, (A Govt. of India Undertaking, Ministry of Railways) Plate-A, 6th Floor, Office Block Tower-2, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023 Subject: - Appointment of CA/Cost Accountant Firms/ (Direct Tax and Indirect Tax /GST) for its Corpora | ate Office at New Delhi and its |
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| Regional offices at Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and N | lew Delhi. |
| I/We have retender documents attached here to and hereby agree to ABIDE BY THE keep this offer open for acceptance for a period of 120 days from the dat I/We will be liable for forfeiture of my/our Earnest Money. I/We offer to quoted in the attached schedules and hereby bind myself/ourselves to cace. CA/Cost Accountant Firms/ Law Firms for Tax Consultancy (Direct Corporate Office at New Delhi and its Regional offices at Mumbai, I within 120 days from the date of issue of Purchase Order. I/We also Conditions of Contract and to carry out the supplies according to the Spe down by RailTel. | te of submission and in default thereof, supply various equipment at the rates omplete the work of "Appointment of Tax and Indirect Tax/ GST) for its Kolkata, Hyderabad and New Delhi." hereby agree to abide by the Various |
| A sum of Rs through https://railtel.enivida.com Portal he The full value of Earnest Money shall stand forfeited without prejudice t withdraw or modify the offer within validity period or do not deposit the Guarantee) within 15 days after issue of Purchase Order. | o any other rights or remedies if, I/We |
| | SIGNATURE OF Bidder (s) |
| | Date: |
| | Date. |
| | Bidder address. |
| SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: | |
| 1. 2. | |

Annexure-D

Compliance statement

| <u>S. no</u> | Chapter No | Compliance (Yes/No) |
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| | | |
| <u>1</u> | Schedule of Requirement | |
| <u>2</u> <u>3</u> | Bid Data Sheet | |
| | Background of RailTel | |
| <u>4</u> <u>5</u> | Scope of work | |
| <u>5</u> | Eligibility Criteria | |
| <u>6</u> | E-Bidding Process | |
| <u>7</u> <u>8</u> | E-Bid(s) Composition | |
| <u>8</u> | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Tender Fee and | |
| | Security Deposit | |
| <u>9</u> | Credential Verification | |
| <u>10</u> <u>11</u> | Last date for E-bid(s) submission | |
| <u>11</u> | Opening of E-Tender | |
| <u>12</u> | E-Bid(s) validity | |
| <u>13</u> | Evaluation of E-bids | |
| <u>14</u> | Signing of contract and Award of Contract | |
| | (Appointment) | |
| <u>15</u> | Termination for Insolvency, Dissolution etc. | |
| <u>16</u> | Change in Name of the Firm | |
| <u>17</u> | Termination for Convenience | |
| <u>18</u> | No Claim Certificate | |
| | Suspension | |
| <u>20</u> | Confidentiality | |
| <u>21</u> | Security | |
| 19 20 21 22 23 | Termination for Insolvency & Default | |
| <u>23</u> | Review of progress of allotted work | |
| <u>24</u> | Payment Terms and Deliverables | |
| <u>25</u> | General Terms and Conditions | |
| | Force Majeure | |
| 26 27 28 | Arbitration and Jurisdiction | |
| <u>28</u> | Applicable Law | |
| <u>29</u> | Instructions to the Bidders | |

| SIGN | IATI | URE | OF | Bid | der |
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Name of Firm

Date:

Bidder address.

Certificate to avoid conflict of interest

"The Tax Consultant is independent and has arm's length relationship with the Company. Certified that firm including all of its partners will not be engaged in any other activity of RailTel including audit, during the consultancy period."

As per the terms and condition, tax consultancy will be awarded for 2 years from the date of issue of Letter of Acceptance. In case of extension for further 1 year for tax consultancy at the same rates and terms and conditions.

SIGNATURE OF Bidder

Name of Firm

Date:

Bidder address.

Format for Bid Security Declaration

(Note: Bidders exempted from submission of bid security are required to submit this form.)

(on Company Letter-head)

| Раде |
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| b. of the name of the successful bidder or |
| a. of cancellation of the entire tender process or rejection of all bids or |
| 3) receipt by us of your notification |
| We know that this bid-Securing Declaration shall expire if the contract is not awarded to us, upon: |
| b. Fail or refuse to sign the contract. |
| a. refused to or failed to produce the original documents for scrutiny or the required Performance Security within the stipulated time under the conditions of the Tender Document. |
| 2) being notified within the bid validity of the acceptance of our bid by the Procuring Entity: |
| 1) withdraw/ amend/ impair/ derogate, in any respect, from our bid, within the bid validity; or |
| We unconditionally accept the conditions of this Bid Securing Declaration. We understand that we shall stand automatically suspended from being eligible for bidding in any tender in RailTel Corporation of India Ltd for 2 years from the date of opening of this bid if we breach our obligation(s) under the tender conditions if we: |
| We understand that according to the conditions of this Tender Document, the bid must be supported by a Bid Securing Declaration in lieu of Bid Security. |
| We, the undersigned, solemnly declare that: |
| Sir/ Madam |
| Ref: Tender Document No. Tender No. |
| East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023 |
| Plate-A, 6th Floor, Office Block Tower-2, |
| RailTel Corporation of India Ltd |
| То |
| [Address and Contact Details] |
| Bidder's Name |

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| 4) forty-five days after the expiration of the bid validity or any extension to it. |
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| (Signature with date) |
| (Name and designation) Duly authorized to sign bid for and on behalf of |
| [name & address of Bidder and seal of company] |
| Dated on[insert date of signing] |
| Place[insert place of signing] |
| DA: |
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FORMAT FOR AFFIDAVIT TO BE UPLOADED BY TENDERER ALONGWITH THE TENDER DOCUMENTS

(To be executed in presence of Public notary on non-judicial stamp paper of the value of Rs. 100/-.

The paper has to be in the name of the tenderer) **

| I (Name and designation)** appointed as the attorney/authorized signatory of the tenderer (including its constituents), |
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| M/s(hereinafter called the tenderer) for the purpose of the Tender documents for the work of as per the tender No of (RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.), do hereby solemnly affirm and state on the |
| behalf of the tenderer including its constituents as under: |
| I/we the tenderer (s), am/are signing this document after carefully reading the contents. I/we the tenderer(s) also accept all the conditions of the tender and have signed all the pages in confirmation thereof. I/we hereby declare that I/we have downloaded the tender documents from RailTel website www.railtelindia.com/" https://railtel.enivida.com |
| 3. I/we have verified the content of the document from the website and there is no addition, no deletion or no alternation to be content of the tender document. In case of any discrepancy noticed at any stage i.e. evaluation of tenders, execution of work or final payment of the contract, the master copy available with the RailTel Administration shall be final and binding upon me/us. 4. I/we declare and certify that I/we have not made any misleading or false representation in the |
| forms, statements and attachments in proof of the qualification requirements. I/we also understand that my/our offer will be evaluated based on the documents/credentials submitted along with the offer and same shall be binding upon me/us. |
| I/we declare that the information and documents submitted along with the tender by me/us are correct and I/we are fully responsible for the correctness of the information and documents, submitted by us. |
| 7. I/we undersigned that if the certificates regarding eligibility criteria submitted by us are found to be forged/false or incorrect at any time during process for evaluation of tenders, it shall lead to forfeiture of the tender EMD besides banning of business for five years on entire RailTel. Further, I/we (insert name of the tenderer)** and all my/our constituents understand |
| that my/our constituents understand that my/our offer shall be summarily rejected. 8. I/we also understand that if the certificates submitted by us are found to be false/forged or incorrect at any time after the award of the contract, it will lead to termination of the contract, along with forfeiture of EMD/SD and Performance guarantee besides any other action provided in the contract including banning of business for five years on entire RailTel. |
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SEAL AND SIGNATURE OF THE TENDERER

VERIFICATION

I/We above named tender do hereby solemnly affirm and verify that the contents of my/our above affidavit are true and correct. Nothing has been concealed and no part of it is false.

DEPONENT SEAL AND SIGNAUREOF THE TENDERER

Place:

Dated:

^{**}The contents in Italics are only for guidance purpose. Details as appropriate, are to be filled in suitably by tenderer. Attestation before Magistrate/Notary Public.