

## **VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST**

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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## TENDER FORM

- 1. ORGANISATION
- 2. DEPARTMENT
- 3. REF NUMBER
- 4. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES
- 5. ESTIMATED TENDER COST
- 6. CONTRACT PERIOD

- 7. LAST DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS
- 8. OFFICER INVITING BIDS
- 9. BID OPENING AUTHORITY
- 10. OFFICE ADDRESS
- 11. CONTACT DETAILS

- : VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST (VPT)
- : FINANCE DEPARTMENT
- : FA/TAX-IDT/2021-22/001
- : INDIRECT TAXES CONSULTANCY SERVICES & AUDIT
- : Rs. 63,00,000/- (RUPEES IN WORDS: SIXTY THREE LAKHS ONLY) EXCL. G.S.T
- : PERIOD OF 3 (THREE) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF AWARD OF THE CONTRACT & EXTENDABLE FOR ANOTHER 2 (TWO) YEARS ON MUTUAL CONSENT ON SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS & RATE OF THE CONTRACT.
- : 30/08/2021 up to 15.00 Hours (Technical Bid will be opened on 31/08/2021)
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- : O/o F.A & C.A.O, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING, VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST, PORT AREA, VISAKHAPATNAM – 530 035 ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA.
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### F.A & C.A.O

# VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST

Visakhapatnam Port Trust is an Autonomous body form under Major Port Trust Act, 1963. The Port Services are subject to income Tax and other tax proposed by Government time to time. The information about the Visakhapatnam Port Trust is available in the website of the port at https://www.vizagport.com/

Annual Accounts & Administration Reports: The annual accounts of Visakhapatnam Port Trust for the financial years 2014-15 to 2019-20 are available at <u>https://www.vizagport.com/annual-accounts/</u> & <u>https://www.vizagport.com/reports/adminstrative-report/</u>

#### VPT Financials & Non-Financial Data:

The following is the VPT financials for the last 3 (Three) years as general information

			(R	s. in Crores)
Sr.	Particulars	FY 2019-20	FY 2018-19	FY 2017-18
1	Operating Income	1404.18	1201.39	1063.81
2	Operating Expenditure	662.55	591.01	541.70
3	Operating Surplus (1-2)	741.63	610.38	522.11
4	Finance & Misc. Income	107.65	99.41	133.57
5	Finance & Misc. Expenditure	543.45	508.89	396.16
6	Net Surplus (3+4-5) (PBT)	305.83	200.90	259.52
7	Provision for Taxation	31.44	76.40	63.66
8	Profit After Tax (6-7) (PAT)	274.40	124.50	195.86

The following is the other relevant data for the last 3 (Three) years as general information

Particulars	FY 2019-20	FY 2018-19	FY 2017-18
Total Traffic (in Million Tonnes)	72.72	65.30	63.54
Container Traffic (TEUs)	5,03,630	4,50,460	3,88,624
Total Ships entered	2,165	2,055	2,012
Total Input GST (*Rs. In Cr.)	41.30	47.14	38.49
Total Output GST (*Rs. In Cr.)	470.88	400.38	272.05
GST Input Line Items in SAP (*No.)	39,000	40,000	30,000
GST Output Line Items in SAP (*No.)	1,71,000	1,68,000	1,17,000

\* Approximately

Sources of Revenue:

VPT revenue is broadly categorised as Traffic, Non-Traffic and Other F&M.

Major Areas of Expenditure:

- Construction of berths, buildings, rail track and other capital expenditures.
- Procurement of plant & machinery, equipment, furniture, vehicles, store, spares, software, computers etc
- Works contracts including annual maintenance contracts.
- Security services provided by Government Agencies like CISF etc.
- Hiring of manpower, vehicles, legal services, professional services
- Salaries and wages
- Expenditure on CSR activities
- Import of Tug spares

THE VPT BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS ARE BEING MAINTAINED IN SAP (ERP) & OTHER MODULES AND THE BILLING IS BEING DONE IN POS SOFTWARE.

Indirect Taxes pending notice summary is stated below (approximately)

No. of Cases	Pending Cases with	Amount Involved
14	Service Tax Regime	Rs. 50.00 Crores (Approx.)

## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE BIDDER**

Procedure for Bid Submission:

- 1. Bids shall be submitted online on VPT e-procurement website (https://www.etenders.gov.in) platform.
- 2. The participating bidders in the tender should register themselves cost e-procurement free of on platform (https://www.etenders.gov.in). Bidders can log-in to e-procurement platform in secure mode only by signing with the Digital signature certificates. Digital Signature Certificates can be obtained from one of the Authorised Certifying Authority, such as SIFY (www.safescrypt.com) Tata Consultancy Services / (www.tcs.ca.tcs.co.in) / n code (www.ncodesolutions.com) etc., The bidders who are desirous of participating in e-procurement shall submit their bids as per the standard formats available at the site (https://etenders.gov.in).
- 3. All bidders are requested to enroll in the Portal (https://etenders.gov.in), if not already enrolled with their user ID in the new portal (https://etenders.gov.in). Those bidders who have already enrolled in the new portal (https://etenders.gov.in) can participate in all tenders using the existing user id and password and their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). New users should use the Online Bidder enrolment button available in the Home page for enrolling in the Portal(https://etenders.gov.in).Considering enhanced security, Digital Signature Certificate Class III is enforced for new enrolments. Bidders are requested to use Class III certificates for using the system.
- 4. The bidders should scan and upload relevant documents in connection with this tender. The bidders shall sign and sealed on all the documents uploaded by him, owning responsibility for their correctness/ authenticity.
- 5. If any of the certificates, documents, etc., furnished by the tenderer is found to be false/fabricated/bogus, the bidder will be suspended from participating in tenders on e-procurement platform for a period of three years.

#### Instructions to be Bidder:

- 1. The tender has to be submitted "On-line" in two bid system failing which the tender will be liable for rejection. The technical bid should contain the scanned copies of all relevant documents as required in this tender notice. The rate should be mentioned on "online" in the Price bid (BOQ) only.
- 2. The bid received through Fax or E-mail or in any mode other than through online (i.e. through https://www.etenders.gov.in) will be rejected.
- 3. Tender Fees is waived off
- 4. The firm should provide a Bid Security Declaration to VPT as per **Format A**
- 5. The bidder shall sign and seal all the documents in the Technical Bid, owning the responsibility for their correctness / authenticity otherwise, it will be rejected.
- 6. Bid received after the said date and time will be rejected. Hence, such bid shall be returned unopened to the bidder.
- 7. In the event that the specified date for the submission of bid offers is declared a holiday, then the bid will be received up to the prescribed time on the next working day.
- 8. Any change that will be made in the tender document by competent authority after issue of tender will be intimated in the form of corrigendum for incorporating the same in the tender document in the VPT website.
- 9. No alteration and addition anywhere in the tender document are permitted. If any of these are found, the tender document will be summarily rejected.
- 10. The tender will be valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of tender. The firm quote shall remain valid for 90 days from the last date of submission of the tender. Validity of price bid shall be 90 days from the date of opening of the Tender.
- 11. The bidder or authorized person of the bidder is allowed to take part in the opening of bid and for the same they should submit the identification card or authorization letter. Absence of bidder or representative shall not impair legality of the opening procedure.

- 12. After opening of Technical bid, the same shall be evaluated subsequently, so as to ensure that, the bidders meets the minimum eligibility criteria as specified in the tender document.
- 13. The technical bids shall be evaluated based on the available documents submitted by the bidder. To assist the examination, evaluation, comparison and qualification of the bidders, the VPT may, seek clarification from the bidder. If the reply is not received within the stipulated time, the Technical Bid will not be considered.
- 14. Only the bidders who qualify the technical bid shall be invited in advance for financial bid opening.
- 15. Tender Notice and the General Conditions shall form the part of the Contract.
- 16. Visakhapatnam Port Trust reserves the right to suitably increase/reduce the scope of the work put to this Bid.
- 17. The bidder shall quote the financial bid in the specified page only (**Format III (BOQ)**).
- 18. Visakhapatnam Port Trust reserves the right to cancel the tender at any time.
- 19. <u>Pre-bid Meeting</u>: Bidder may get clarification on the tender/scope on or before 16/08/2021. Any queries may be sent before 16/08/2021 17:00 Hrs to the email id: <u>srirokkam.vpt@gov.in</u>. No individual replies will be given to the bidders. All the replies will be uploaded in the website (www.etenders.gov.in) as pre bid queries which will form part of tender conditions.

## **GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- 1. <u>Period of Contract</u>: The Period of engagement of consultant shall be for 3 (Three) years from the date of award of contract. If VPT feels satisfied with services provided during the period of contract, the contract may be extended for another 2 (Two) years with the approval of Competent Authority and mutual consent, with same terms and conditions and rate of the contract.
- 2. <u>Payment Terms</u>: No Advance shall be paid by VPT. The payment shall be released every month. All payment shall be subject to recoveries towards statutory deductions. The payment will be made by electronic transfer.
- 3. <u>Commencement of Work</u>: The successful bidder shall commence the work on or before 7 days from the day of receipt of the "Work Order"<u>.</u>
- 4. <u>Performance Bank Guarantee</u>: The successful tenderer will be required to submit account payee performance bank guarantee of 3% of the value of the entire contract on or before 15 days from the date of receipt of the "Work Order". The same will be receivable in the form of Bank Guarantee from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank. Performance Bank Guarantee should remain valid for a period of 6 months beyond the date of completion of all contractual obligations.
- 5. <u>Indemnity Clause</u>: VPT shall recover damages/losses in the event of deficiency in services, certifications, opinions and non-compliances of GST Law which results in pecuniary loss to VPT. Also in the event of non-completion of the contract or inadequate performance loss, the loss will be recovered from the performance guarantee / charges payable to the consultant. In the event of non-compliance of GST rules like non filing of returns within due date, the penalty as provided in the GST Act/Rules shall be recovered from the consultants.
- 6. <u>Foreclosure of the contract</u>: Either party can foreclose the contract by giving two months' notice in advance. The fees shall be payable up to the period of completed service and no compensation under any circumstances is payable on account of foreclosure.
- 7. <u>Termination of the contract</u>: The contract is liable for termination for any deficiency in any service by giving one month notice. No compensation is payable under any circumstances on account of such termination. The fees shall be payable only up to the date of serving the notice of termination. In case of termination, the fact

will be brought to the notice of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India or Institute of Cost Accountants of India. The decision of VPT in this regard is final and binding.

- 8. <u>Undertaking</u>: The successful bidder has to execute an undertaking on Rs. 100/- stamp paper for undertaking the assignment as per the scope of work specified under special terms and conditions of the tender and to comply with the general terms and conditions of the tender.
- 9. <u>Declarations</u>: A self-declaration should be provided by the bidder on the letterhead of their organisation/firm as per **Format II** on the following points
  - a. The bidder should not have been blacklisted for supply of any services to VPT or any other Government department/agency in India.
  - b. The bidder should not be owned or controlled by any employee (or any of his/her relative) of VPT.

Note: All the documents shall be certified by the authorised signatory of the firm who is competent to make any declarations.

- 10. <u>Jurisdiction</u>: The court at VISAKHAPATNAM will alone have jurisdiction to decide any dispute arising out of or in respect of contract.
- 11. All the conditions appearing in Tenderer's letter head or elsewhere stands cancelled and the conditions as mentioned in this tender, pre bid queries, corrigendum's & addendums will alone be valid and supersede any or all the conditions appearing in any of the papers submitted by the tenderer.

## SPECIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS (Part 1 to Part 2)

#### <u>Part 1</u>

#### BROAD SCOPE OF WORK

To provide all necessary and relevant services in connection with Indirect Taxation (Service Tax, GST etc.,) compliances as per extant Acts and rules made there under and subsequent amendments and carry out audit as mandated under Act and rules thereto. Responsible for the correctness of the information compiled, high level of accuracy and promptness is expected to avoid penalties, interest etc. from Tax Authorities.

- A. Preparation & filing of returns
- B. Consultancy Service
- C. Notices/Scrutiny/Assessment
- D. Reporting
- E. Audit

#### A. Preparation & filing of returns:

To prepare/check/scrutinize and file all requisite periodical returns (like monthly, annual) of VPT within the prescribed time in the requisite format prescribed under the GST regime from time to time including preparation of necessary schedules and attachments required for filing the return but not limited to the following.

- 1. Review of accounting in SAP environment as per GST Law and incorporating the changes in SAP as per GST Act amended from time to time.
- 2. Ensure proper records as prescribed under GST Acts and rules made there under are being maintained by VPT.
- 3. Verification of receipts, payments, bills, records to be maintained under the GST regime on daily basis.
- 4. Compliance with latest notifications and circulars issued by CBIC in determination of GST Output Tax Liability and GST ITC.
- 5. Preparing the primary data for e-filing by duly ensuring the authenticity of data being received at the centralized platform.
- 6. Review of output liability as per GL & report extracted from SAP & identifying for any error related to place of supply, nature of tax etc., before filing the monthly return.
- 7. Review of output GL's in SAP and verification of invoices to comply with the GST Law.

- 8. Verification of POS / service / any other bills soft / hard copy to identify the accounting entries mismatch and HSN Codes / Service Codes and rates to be levied on the services.
- 9. Identifying the activities not reflecting in POS/SAP/ERP to consolidate the data to file the GST returns.
- 10. Computation of output tax by duly identifying wrong tax tags/wrong accounting/wrong GST numbers/wrong state code entries/non-GST transactions and determination of GST liability for filing of GSTR-1.
- 11. Reconciliation of VPT monthly revenue before arriving the GST output tax liability.
- 12. Reconciliation of GL's & report extracted from SAP & analysing the difference if any under revenue heads before filing the monthly return.
- 13. Revenue reconciliation of invoices reflected in the GST Portal under GSTR-1 with VPT Books of Account.
- 14. Verification of 100% physical invoices of purchase bills (including imprest bills)
- 15. Review of GL in SAP to ensure eligible input tax credit is claimed in the returns so filed.
- 16. Determination of eligibility of ITC as per the GST Law.
- 17. Reconciliation of ITC availed in GSTR-3B vis-à-vis GSTR-2A/2B.
- 18. Reconciliation/matching of input tax credit availed in books of accounts with GSTR 2A & 2B on regular intervals
- 19. Generating Challans for payment of GST on behalf of VPT.
- 20. Monthly reconciliation of GST Electronic cash ledger and Electronic credit ledger as per GST Portal with cash and credit ledger as per books of accounts.
- 21. Computation of GST TDS liability for filing of GSTR-7 by duly verifying the data for TDS on GST payment, generation of challan, filing of monthly TDS on GST return, issuance of certificate etc.,
- 22. Any changes related to GST Return (Inward & Outward) filing in GST portal need to be available after necessary changes in SAP/POS billing system is to be done and along with necessary SOP.
- 23. Preparation of GST Annual Return.
- 24. Revenue reconciliation of VPT Financials, Income Tax return with GST Return.
- 25. Compilation of information required for GSTR-9 annual return and filing the same.
- 26. Compilation of information for GSTR-9C reconciliation statement.
- 27. Preservation of all related records incl. invoices in digital form.
- 28. Development / up gradation of standardized format for compilation data from SAP for GST returns required to be filed under GST laws.

29. Designing the reports that are to be generated in SAP based on which GST returns are to be filed.

#### **B. Consultancy Service:**

To offer opinion within three working days on issues/matters as referred by VPT from time to time in relation to indirect taxation issues.

To advise VPT on issues arising out of or connected to subsumed tax laws and GST Acts and rules made there under including ongoing litigation, assessment, etc. and on any matter relating to GST considered important and significant according to the consultant or as per the requirement of VPT and to guide/advice for developing necessary tools for review, monitoring, reporting & compliance with reports required in GST regime not limiting to the following

- 1. Advise in respect of billing, records to be maintained under the GST regime.
- 2. Advise on the tax-planning benefits / rebates / deductions / exemptions available under GST act.
- 3. Suggest suitable changes required under GST regime for minimizing the tax burden, effective utilization of available Input tax credits (ITC).
- 4. Suggest the review mechanism for availing all eligible input tax credits and utilization under GST.
- 5. Guidance regarding valuation, classification and tax rate of transfer/permanent disposal of assets, job works, goods used both for exempt and taxable services, etc. to ensure availing of maximum eligible tax benefits under the GST regime.
- 6. Opinion on availing of CENVAT credit / Input Tax credit of various input services utilized/goods purchased by VPT.
- 7. Opinion on matters relating to Accounting of GST/Service tax (including but not limited to output and input services.
- 8. Opinions/comments/clarifications on various GST/Service tax issues raised by the VPT Officials.
- 9. Review of various circulars to be issued internally/externally in respect of GST/Service tax and related matters.
- 10. Update the VPT officials regularly through email and in monthly reports about various amendments (more specifically having implications on VPT) taking place in indirect tax laws, rules, regulations, circulars, directions etc. from time to time and assist in making policy for the same.
- 11. To examine any order/communication received from GST authorities and to advise the further course of action.
- 12. Assist in preparing replies/submissions for various notices received from GST / Service Tax Authorities including show cause notices.

- 13. Opinion on the issues raised in audit conducted by the various authorities and to assist in preparing the replies to the queries raised by Statutory Auditor and Internal Auditor in connection with GST & Service Tax.
- 14. Provide general consultancy services in any other work related to GST/Service Tax as and when required.
- 15. Highlight areas of potential non-compliance for immediate regulation.
- 16. Guide & assist in facing the periodical audit by the statutory authorities.

### C. Notices/Scrutiny/Assessment:

To represent VPT and appear before GST/Service Tax Officer(s) or Commissioner(s) of Central Board of Indirect Tax and Customs and to perform all the necessary work (including drafting & submission of replies, rectification, etc. to questionnaire/notices received from GST/Service tax Department & GST Intelligence) for successful completion of scrutiny, assessments including re- assessments not limiting to the following

- 1. To file the Appeal(s), Show Cause Notice(s) and attending Hearing(s)/Personal Hearings related to GST/Service Tax matters with tax authorities (other than Tribunal/Judicial Authorities) (including all the pending cases of Service Tax/GST)
- 2. To monitor refunds of GST/Service tax from Central Board of Indirect tax and Custom along with details and Appeal Effect orders and update the refund status to VPT and preparation of letters in this respect to be submitted to the Dept.
- 3. Assist the senior counsel as appointed by VPT for representing the case before the Tribunal/Judicial Authorities.

### **D. Reporting:**

Submission of monthly report on review conducted on GST accounting in SAP by duly providing the guidance to resolve the areas of concern along with the opinions provided during the month, important update in the tax law, notices received during the period and its replies, pending litigation under the tax law and any other observation made during the period.

Handout a reconciliation procedure for monitoring input / output / final monthly returns and guidance to track un-reconciled transactions etc.,

## E. GST Audit:

Collecting the information from the sections/departments of VPT and finalize the GST Audit by duly filing the GSTR-9C.

Note:

#### Manpower requirement:

- The successful bidder has to ensure that all the key team members deployed personnel on the project matches the job profile with the scope of work.
- The partner or a qualified representative (CA/CMA) who is having an experience in SAP based environment will be required to visit at least 4 days (minimum of 3-4 hours a day) in a week to carry out the above referred scope of work and as and when required at VPT.
- Partner to visit and attend meetings as and when required for discussion with Senior Officers of VPT.
- The bidder has to depute suitable man-power to manage the GST issues in VPT on daily basis. However, a
  - Minimum of 2 audit assistant who has completed their graduation in commerce with a working level knowledge in GST, SAP & MS Office should be available during workhours of VPT. AND
  - Minimum of 2 article student who have completed their CA/CMA Intermediate with a working level knowledge inGST, SAP & MS Office should be available during workhours of VPT.

### **Office arrangements:**

- The successful bidder shall make their own arrangements for office stationery and other office equipment facilities such as laptops etc.,
- VPT shall provide one/two computers with a printer and suitable sharing office room (Non Air Conditioner) for free of cost.

#### **Other arrangements:**

• The bid awardee has to make necessary arrangement to take over the entire data (including disputed cases) hard & soft copies from the existing tax consultants.

Note: The above-mentioned "Scope of Work" is illustrative / indicative and not in exhaustive nature i.e. Scope of Work shall include providing professional assistance for all activities/matters required for all the work relating to Indirect Tax Law (Service Tax, GST etc.,) and subsequent notifications as and when issued by GOI/CBIC.

## <u> Part 2</u>

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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1	Legal Status of the Bidder The bidder should be a Chartered Accountant Firm/LLP or Cost Accountant Firm/LLP registered in India with a minimum experience of 15 (Fifteen) years and having a full-fledged functional office in Visakhapatnam headed by full time partner (hereafter bidder is also called as firm)	Accountants of India. Copy of valid PAN & GST	
2	<b>Resources of the Bidder</b> The firm should have minimum 3 (Three) full time qualified CAs / qualified CMAs as partners having minimum 10 Years of Post Qualification Experience each.	India / Institute of Cost	
3	<b>Financial Capacity of the bidder:</b> The bidder should have average annual gross receipts of Rs. 1 (One) Crore during the last 3 (Three) financial years i.e. F.Y. 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-20.		
4	Indirect Tax Assignments Undertaken by the bidder: The firm's full-fledged functional office located in Visakhapatnam (headed by a full time partner) should have performed minimum 3 (Three) No. of Indirect Tax Consultancy Service Assignments (Out of 3 (Three) No. of Indirect Tax Consultancy	contract should be issued / addressed to the firm's full- fledged functional office	

	Service Assignments, The firm's full-fledged functional office located in Visakhapatnam (headed by a full time partner) should have performed at least 1 (One) No. of GST Consultancy Services Assignment) with a Port / Central Govt. / State Govt. / Central Autonomous Body / State Autonomous Body / Central PSU / State PSU / Any Company having annual turnover of Rs. 100 (One Hundred) Crores or more during the FY 2011-12 to FY 2020-21. Note: 1 (One) year of Indirect Tax Consultancy Service Assignment from 1 (One) client may be treated as 1 (One) No. 1 (One) year of GST Consultancy Service Assignment from 1 (One) client may be treated as 1 (One) No.	(headed by a full time partner) Details to be furnished at <b>Annexure - 3</b>
5	Experience of the Bidder SAP Experience: The firm's full-fledged functional office located in Visakhapatnam (headed by a full time partner) should have an exposure in SAP based accounting.	Proper documentary evidence i.e. certificate from the respective company (client) who operates SAP based environment and for whom the work has been carried out by the bidder.

Note: -

- 1. The requisite documentary evidence needs to be submitted by the bidder for each of the eligibility criteria. Any more information want to provide by the bidder can be made available.
- 2. The bidder shall submit necessary documentary proof showing that they meet the eligibility criteria along with their bid. All documents submitted should be self-attested by the Authorized Signatory of the firm/bidder for each of the eligibility criteria.
- 3. Self-declaration needs to be signed by authorized signatory(s) of the firm.
- 4. During evaluation of the bids, VPT may at its discretion ask the bidders for clarification on the bids / ask for any additional information, if required.

5. Price bids shall be opened only for technically qualified bidder. The technically qualified bidder will be informed and invited in advance for witnessing the opening of Price Bid (Cover – II).

## <u> Technical Bid (Cover – I)</u>

The Technical bid prepared by the bidder shall comprise of the following

- 1. Covering letter as specified at Format I
- 2. Unconditional acceptance letter as specified in Format II
- 3. Other requisite documentary evidences to support the eligibility criteria.

All the requisite documentary evidence needs to be submitted by the bidder for each of the eligibility criteria and may provide any additional documents for evaluation purpose in addition to Annexures specified in the tender.

<u>Note</u>: Financial/Price Bid included in the Technical Bid will be strictly rejected.

#### <u> Price Bid (Cover – II)</u>

Price Bids shall be opened only for technically qualified bidders.

The price shall be firm exclusive of GST as applicable (No other taxes / statutory levies will be entertained separately). While quoting the price, the bidder shall consider all expenses **including** travelling, boarding, conveyance, stationary, other miscellaneous and out of pocket expenditure. No claim for expenditure other than the price quoted will be entertained by VPT on account of Scope of Work provided in tender.

Rate quoted shall be firm & shall not be quoted with price variation clause.

The bidder shall quote the price in Indian rupees for the entire scope of work as per Price Bid format **(Format – III (BOQ)).** If there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the figures written in words shall prevail.

The bidder has to submit the bill on monthly basis only.