

SECTION - XX

PRE-CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT

PRO-FORMA OF THE PRE-CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT

(To be executed on plain paper and applicable for all tenders of value above Rs.1 crore)

PRE-CONTRACT INTEGRITY ACT

General

This pre-bid pre-contract Agreement (hereinafter called the Integrity Pact) is made onday of the month of 201_ between on one hand, BRBNMPL through BRBNMPL,, Bangalore/Mysuru/Salboni on behalf of the General Manager/Managing Director hereinafter called the “BUYER” which expression shall mean and include unless the context otherwise requires his successors in office and assigns of the First Part and represented by..... hereinafter called the BIDDER / SELLER which expression shall mean and include unless the context otherwise requires his successors and permitted assigns of the Second Part.

WHEREAS the BUYER proposes to procure..... suitable forand the BIDDER / SELLER is willing to offer / has offered to supplysuitable for

And

WHEREAS the BIDDER is a private company / public company / Government undertaking partnership / registered export agency constituted in accordance with the relevant law in the matter and the BUYER is a Company wholly owned by Reserve Bank of India on behalf of its General Manager/Managing Director.

NOW THEREFORE

To avoid all forms of corruption by following a system that is fair, transparent free from any influence / prejudiced dealings prior to, during and subsequent to currency of the contract to be entered into with a view to enabling the BUYER to obtain the desired said stores / equipment at a competitive price in conformity with the defined specifications by avoiding the high cost and the distortionary impact of corruption on public procurement and Enabling BIDDERS to abstain from bribing or indulging in any corrupt practice in order to secure the contract by providing assurance to them that their competitors will

also abstain from bribing and other corrupt practices and the BUYER will commit to prevent corruption in any form by its officials by following transparent procedures.

The parties hereto hereby agree to enter into this Integrity Pact and agree as follows:

I. Definitions:

In pursuance of the above Pact, for the purpose of this provision, the Buyer defines the relevant terms set forth therein as under:

- 1) “Contract” means the contract entered into between the Buyer and Bidder (or Tenderer) / Contractor for the execution of work mentioned in the preamble above.
- 2) “Contractor” means the bidder or tenderer whose tender (bid) has been accepted by the Buyer or Company whose tender (bid) has been accepted and shall be deemed to include his/its/their successors, representatives, heirs, executors and administrators unless excluded by the Contract.
- 3) “Coercive practice” means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in the procurement process or affect the execution of a contract;

In order to achieve these goals, the Buyer proposes to appoint one or more External Independent Monitor/s who will monitor the tender process and the execution of the contract for compliance with the principles mentioned above.

- 4) “Collusive practice” means a scheme or arrangement between two or more bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Buyer designed to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels; and
- 5) “Corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution;
- 6) “External Independent Monitor” means a person, hereinafter referred to as EIM, appointed, in accordance with Section X below, to verify compliance with this agreement.
- 7) “Fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Buyer and includes collusive practices among Bidders (Prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels and to deprive the Buyer of the benefits of free and open competition;

- 8) “Party” means a signatory to this agreement.
- 9) “Purchaser or Buyer” means Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited, incorporated under the Companies Act 1956, having their registered Office at Bangalore 560029 and includes their successors.
- 10) “Bidder or Tenderer” means the person, firm or company submitting a tender (bid) against the invitation to Tender (bid) and includes his/its/their staff, consultants, parent and associate and subsidiary companies, agents, consortium and joint venture partners, sub-contractors and suppliers, heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, successors.

II. Commitments of the BUYER

1. The BUYER commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption and to observe the following principles:
 - 1.1 The BUYER undertakes that no official of the BUYER connected directly or indirectly with the contract will demand, take a promise for or accept, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, consideration, gift, reward, favour or any material or immaterial benefit or any other advantage from the BIDDER either for themselves or for any person, organization or third party related to the contract in exchange for an advantage in the bidding process bid evaluation, contracting or implementation process related to the contract.
 - 1.2 The BUYER will during the pre-contract stage treat all BIDDERS alike and will provide to all BIDDERS the same information and will not provide any such information to any particular BIDDER which could afford an advantage to that particular BIDDER in comparison to other BIDDERS.
 - 1.3 All the officials of the BUYERS will report to the Director (Technical)/Director (Operations) / General Manager of any attempted or completed breaches of the above commitments as well as any substantial suspicion of such a breach.
2. In case any such preceding misconduct on the part of such official(s) is reported by the BIDDER to the BUYER with full and verifiable facts and the same is prima facie found to be correct by the BUYER, necessary disciplinary proceedings or any other action as deemed fit including criminal proceedings may be initiated by the BUYER and such a person shall be debarred from further dealings related to the contract process. In such a case while an enquiry is being conducted by the BUYER, the proceedings under the contract would not be stalled.

III. Commitments of BIDDERS

1. The BIDDER commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent corrupt practices, unfair means and illegal activities during any stage of its bid or during any pre-contract or post-contract stage in order to secure the contract or in furtherance to secure it and in particular, commit itself to the following:
 - 1.1. The BIDDER will not offer directly or through intermediaries any bribe, gift consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit, other advantage, commission, fees brokerage or inducement to any official of the BUYER connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process or to any person, organization or third party related to a contract in exchange for any advantage in the bidding, evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.
 - 1.2. The BIDDER further undertakes that it has not given, offered, promised to give directly or indirectly any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the BUYER or otherwise in procuring the Contract or forbearing to do or having done any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the contract or any other contract with the Government for showing or forbearing to show favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the contract or any other contract with buyer.
 - 1.3. BIDDERS of foreign origin shall disclose the name and address of the Agents / representatives in India, if any. Similarly, the bidders of Indian nationality shall furnish the name and address of the foreign principals, if any.
 - 1.4. BIDDERS shall disclose the payments to be made by them to agents / brokers or any other intermediary in connection with this bid / contract.
 - 1.5. The BIDDER further confirms and declares to the BUYER that the BIDDER is the original manufacturer / integrator / authorized Government sponsored export entity of the stores and has not engaged any individual or firm or company whether Indian or foreign to intercede facilitate or in any way to recommend to the BUYER or any of its functionaries, whether official or unofficially to the award of the contract to the BIDDER, nor has any amount been paid, promised or intended to be paid to any such individual firm or company in respect of any such intercession, facilitation or recommendation.
 - 1.6. The BIDDER, either while presenting the bid or during pre-contract negotiations or before signing

the contract shall disclose any payment he has made is commented to or intends to make to officials

of the BUYER or their family members' agents brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the contract and the details of services agreed upon for such payments.

- 1.7. The BIDDER will not collude with other parties interested in the contract to impair the transparency fairness and progress of the bidding process, bid evaluation contracting and implementation of the contract.
- 1.8. The BIDDER will not accept any advantage in exchange for any corrupt practice unfair means and illegal activities.
- 1.9. The BIDDER shall not use improperly for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others any information provided by the BUYER as part of the business relationship regarding plans, technical proposals and business details including information contained in any electronic data carrier. The BIDDER also undertakes to exercise due and adequate care lest any such information is divulged.
- 1.10. The BIDDER commits to refrain from giving any complaint directly or through any other manner without supporting it with full and verifiable facts.
- 1.11. The BIDDER shall not instigate or cause to instigate any third person to commit any of the actions mentioned above.

2. If the BIDDER or any employee of the BIDDER or any person acting on behalf of the BIDDER either directly or indirectly is a relative of any serving / ex-employees of the officers of the BUYER or alternatively if any relative of any serving / ex-employees of the officers of the BUYER has financial interest / stake in the BIDDER's firm, the same shall be disclosed by the BIDDER at the time of filing of tender.

The term relative for this purpose would be as defined in 2(77) of the Companies Act, 2013 as amended from time to time.

3. The BIDDER shall not lend to or borrow any money from or enter into any monetary dealings of transaction directly or indirectly with any employee of the BUYER.

IV. Disqualification from tender process and exclusion from future contracts.

1. If the Bidder, before contract award has committed a transgression through a violation of Section

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(Commitment of the Bidder) or in any other form such as to put his reliability or credibility as Bidder into question, the Buyer is entitled to disqualify the Bidder from the tender process or to terminate the contract, if already signed, for such reason.

2. If the Bidder / Contractor have committed a transgression through a violation of Section III such as to put his reliability or credibility into question, the Buyer is entitled also to exclude the Bidder / Contractor from future contract award processes. The imposition and duration of the exclusion will be determined by the severity of the transgression. The severity will be determined by the circumstances of the case, in particular the number of transgressions, the position of the transgressors within the company hierarchy of the Bidder and the amount of the damage. The exclusion will be imposed for a minimum of 1 year and maximum of 3 years.
3. A transgression is considered to have occurred if the Buyer after due consideration of the available evidence, concludes that no reasonable doubt is possible.
4. The Bidder/ Contractor accepts and undertakes to respect and uphold the Buyer's absolute right to resort to and impose such exclusion after giving opportunity of hearing to the bidder. This undertaking is given freely and after obtaining independent legal advice.
5. If the Bidder / Contractor can prove that he has restored / recouped the damage caused by him and has installed a suitable corruption prevention system, the Buyer may revoke the exclusion prematurely, provided such systems has been audited by an independent agency.

V. Compensation for Damages

1. If the Buyer has disqualified the Bidder from the tender process prior to the award according to Section IV, the Buyer is entitled to demand and recover from the Bidder liquidated damages equivalent to Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security.
2. If the Buyer has terminated the contract according to Section IV or if the Buyer is entitled to terminate the contract according to Section III, the Buyer shall be entitled to demand and recover from the Contractor liquidated damages equivalent to Security Deposit / Performance Bank Guarantee.

VI. Previous Transgression

1. The BIDDER declares that no previous transgression occurred in the last three years immediately before signing of this Integrity Pact, with any other company in any country confirming to anticorruption approach in respect of any corrupt practices envisaged hereunder or with any Public Sector Enterprise in India or any Government Department in India that could justify BIDDER's exclusion from the tender process.

2. The BIDDER agrees that if it makes incorrect statement on this subject BIDDER can be disqualified from the tender process or the contract already awarded, can be terminated for such reason.

VII. Earnest Money (Security Deposit)

1. While submitting commercial bid, the BIDDER shall deposit an amount 2% of the total value of the contract as Earnest Money / Security Deposit, with the BUYER through any of the following instruments:
 - a. Bank Draft or a Pay Order in favour of Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited. A confirmed guarantee by an Indian Nationalised Bank promising payment of the guaranteed sum to the BUYER or demand within three working days without any demur whatsoever and without seeking any reasons whatsoever. The demand for payment by the BUYER shall be treated as conclusive proof of payment.
 - b. Any other mode or through any other instrument (as specified in the tender document).
2. The Earnest Money shall be valid for 45 days beyond the final tender validity period. Security Deposit shall be valid for 60 days after complete conclusion of the contractual obligations to the complete satisfaction of both the BIDDER and the BUYER and after completion of warranty period.
3. In case of successful BIDDER a clause would also be incorporated in the Article pertaining to Performance Bond in the Purchase Contract that the provisions of Sanctions for Violation shall be applicable for forfeiture of Performance Bond in case of a decision by the BUYER to forfeit the same by assigning reason for imposing sanction to violation of this Pact.
4. No interest shall be payable by the BUYER to the BIDDER on Earnest Money / Security Deposit for the period of its currency.

VIII. Sanctions for Violations

1. Any breach of the aforesaid provisions by the BIDDER or any one employed by it or acting on its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the BIDDER) shall entitle the BUYER to take all or any one of the following actions wherever recurred.
 - i) To immediately call off the pre-contract negotiations after assigning any reason. However, the proceedings with the other BIDDER(s) would continue.
 - ii) The Earnest Money Deposit (in pre-contract stage) and / or Security Deposit / Performance Bond (after the contract is signed) shall stand forfeited either fully or partially as decided by the BUYER and the BUYER shall assign reason therefore.

- iii) To immediately cancel the contract if already signed, without giving any compensation to the BIDDER.
 - iv) To recover all sums already paid by the BUYER and in case an Indian BIDDER with interest thereon at 2% higher than the prevailing Prime Lending Rate of State Bank of India, while in case of BIDDER from a country other than India with interest thereon at 2% higher than the LIBOR. If any outstanding payment is due to the BIDDER from the BUYER in connection with any other contract for other stores, such outstanding payment could also be utilized to recover the aforesaid sum and interest.
 - v) To encash the advance bank guarantee and performance bond / warranty bond if furnished by the BIDDER in order to recover payments already made by the BUYER along with interest.
 - vi) To cancel all or any other contracts with the BIDDER. The BIDDER shall be liable to pay compensation for any loss or damage to the BUYER resulting from such cancellation / rescission and the BUYER shall be entitled to deduct the amount so payable from the money due to the BIDDER.
 - vii) To debar the BIDDER from participating in future bidding processes of the buyer for a minimum period of 5 years, which may be further extended at the discretion of the BUYER.
 - viii) To recover all sums paid in violation of this Pact by BIDDER(s) any middlemen or agent or broker with a view to securing the contract.
 - ix) Any letter of credit, including revolving Letter of Credit, opened by buyer, shall be rendered infructuous from the date of advice of violation by buyer.
 - x) Forfeiture of Performance Bond in case of a decision by the BUYER to seek for the forfeiture for imposing sanction for violation of this Pact.
2. The BUYER will be entitled to take all or any of the actions mentioned at Section VIII para 1 (i) to (x) of this Pact also on the Commission by the BIDDER or any one employed by it or acting on its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the BIDDER) of an offence as defined in Chapter IX of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 or Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 or any other statute enacted for prevention of corruption.
3. The decision of the BUYER to the effect that a breach of the provisions of this Pact has been

committed by the BIDDER shall be final and conclusive on the BIDDER. However, the BIDDER can approach the independent Monitor (s) appointed for the purposes of this Pact.

IX. Fall Clause

The bidder undertakes that it has not supplied/is not supplying similar product /systems or subsystems at a lower price than that offered in the present bid in respect of any other customer in India, Ministry /Department of the Government of India or PSU and if it is found at any stage that similar products/systems or such systems was supplied by the Bidder to any of these entities at a lower price than that very price with due allowance for elapsed time would be applicable to the present case and the difference in the cost would be refunded by the Bidder to the Buyer if the contract has already been concluded.

X. External Independent Monitor-

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1. The BUYER appoints competent and credible external independent Monitor for this Pact. The task of the Monitor is to review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this agreement.
2. The Monitor is not subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and performs his functions, neutrally and independently. He reports to the Chairperson of the Board of the Buyer.
3. The Contractor accepts that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction to all Tender/Contract documentation of the Buyer including that provided by the Contractor. The Contractor will also grant the Monitor, upon his request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to tender/contract documentation. The same is applicable to Subcontractors. The Monitor is under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the Bidder / Contractor / Subcontractor with confidentiality, provided that this clause is subject to the general confidentiality clause.
4. The Buyer will provide to the Monitor sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the Project provided such meetings could have an impact on the contractual relations between the Buyer and the Contractor. The parties offer to the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings.
5. As soon as the Monitor notices, or believes to notice, a violation of this agreement, he will so inform the Management of the Buyer and request the Management to discontinue or heal the violation, or to take other relevant action. The monitor can in this regard submit non-binding

recommendations. Beyond this, the Monitor has no right to demand from the parties that they act in a specific manner, refrain from action or tolerate action. However, Independent External Monitor shall give an opportunity to the bidder/contractor to present its case before making its recommendations to the management of the buyer.

6. The Monitor will submit a written report to the Chairperson of the Board of the Buyer within 8 to 10 weeks from the date of reference or intimation to him by the 'Buyer' and, should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.
7. Monitor shall be entitled to compensation on the same terms as being extended to / provided to Outside Expert Committee members / Chairman as prevailing with Buyer.
8. If the Monitor has reported to the Chairperson of the Board a substantiated suspicion of an offence under relevant Anti-Corruption Laws of India, IPC/PC Act and the Chairperson has not, within reasonable time, taken visible action to proceed against such offence or reported it to the Vigilance Office, the Monitor may also transmit this information directly to the Central Vigilance Commissioner, Government of India.
9. The word 'Monitor' would include both singular and plural.

XI. Facilitation of Investigation

In case of any allegation of violation of any provisions of this Pact or payment of commission, the BUYER or its agencies shall be entitled to examine all the documents including the Book of Accounts of the BIDDER and the BIDDER shall provide necessary information and documents in English and shall extend all possible help for the purpose of such examination.

XII. Law and Place of Jurisdiction

This Pact is subject to Indian Law. The place of performance and jurisdiction is the seat of the BUYER.

XIII. Other Legal Actions

1. The actions stipulated in this Integrity Pact are without prejudice to any other legal action that may follow in accordance with the provisions of the extant law in force relating to any civil or criminal proceedings.
2. Changes and supplements as well as termination notices need to be made in writing.
3. If the Contractor is a partnership or a consortium this agreement must be signed by all partners or consortium members.

XIV. Validity

1. The validity of this Integrity Pact shall be from the date of its signing and valid for 60 days after complete conclusion of the contractual obligations to the complete satisfaction of both the BUYER and the BIDDER and after completion of warranty period. In case the BIDDER is unsuccessful this Integrity Pact shall expire after conclusion of the tender. If any claim is made/lodged during this time, the same shall be binding and continue to be valid despite the lapse of this pact as specified above, unless it is discharged/determined by Chairman of the buyer.
2. Should one or several provisions of this Pact turn out to be invalid, the remainder of this Pact shall remain valid. In this case the parties will strive to come to an agreement to their original intentions.
3. The parties hereby sign this integrity pact at ____ on _____.

BUYER

BIDDER

Name of the Officer

“Authorized signatory of the Bidder”

Designation

Witness

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1. _____

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