

**Ministry of External Affairs  
(Development Partnership Administration-III)**  
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Tender No. DPA-III/205/02/2020/1

30 September 2020

**CORRIGENDUM-II**

**Sub:- Tender for hiring a Consultant for Procurement and Delivery of 109 Ambulances to Bangladesh on Cost Insurance and Freight (CIF) Basis**

With reference to the above-mentioned-subject, the following amendment is hereby issued:

Clause no. 5.0 (i) under “Eligibility Requirements” [Clause No. 5 under Section-III] is amended as under:

“The bidder shall be an Indian Company registered with the Registrar of Companies under Companies Act 1956 or a PSU owned by GoI. The Company/PSU must be in existence for the last **5 (five) years** [as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020] and have ample experience in providing consultancy services to Central/State Government owned projects/hospital. The Company/PSU will provide proof of incorporation. ‘Memorandum of Article of Association’ of the Company/PSU to be submitted along with the bid.”

- All other terms and conditions of the tender document shall remain unchanged.

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**Sub:- Pre-bid clarifications in connection with e-Tender for hiring a Consultant for Procurement and Delivery of 109 Ambulances to Bangladesh on Cost Insurance and Freight (CIF) Basis**

A pre-bid meeting was held in the Ministry at 1500 hrs on 18 September 2020 in connection with hiring of a consultant for procurement of 109 BLS ambulances to Bangladesh. Some prospective bidders also submitted queries through email also. Various clarifications to the queries sought by different bidders are as under:

**Query No.1:** What is the timeline for procurement of 109 Ambulance which is excluding the timeline for tender processing? It is also difficult to assess the actual tender processing time which may take time for certain complaints from bidders, decisions or approval of the Competent Authority, etc.

**Clarification:** Ambulances are to be supplied in 120 days from the date of placement of order on the supplier after tendering process. No timeline has been prescribed for tender processing but consultant is expected to make all efforts to expedite the process to the extent possible.

**Query No.2:** Submission of Project Report within 21 days appears to be a very short time compared to the required time for the tasks to be completed for need assessment in Bangladesh. It requires at least 60 days.

**Clarification:** GOI is committed for early supply of ambulances to the Government of Bangladesh. Based on the estimates of task for preparing project report and tender document, the timeline of 21 days has been prescribed for submission of project report and draft tender document.

**Query No.3:** Coordination with High Commission of India in Dhaka and authorities in Bangladesh for facilitating various duty exemptions to the supplier - May clarify why this is required as the terms of offer for Ambulances are in CIF. Whose responsibility for custom clearing at Bangladesh and its inland transportation to different Hospital/Medical facilities?

**Clarification:** Consultant would be responsible for coordination among supplier, MEA and High Commission of India in Bangladesh for submission of various documents and completion of formalities for smooth custom duty exemptions in Bangladesh. Actual custom clearances and inland transportation to various delivery location would be the responsibility of supplier/ Government of Bangladesh.

**Query No.4:** Cost of execution as highlighted in the tender is not very conducive and gives a negative feeling that any time in the name of delay in execution the MEA Authority may say that they would intervene in the matter and any expenditure on account of travelling or any other cost incurred would be debitable to the Consultant. This may be discussed.

**Clarification:** No cost on account of travel by MEA personnel will be debitable to the Consultant.

**Query No.5:** An initial advance for kick starting the work of need assessment at Bangladesh may be provided for an amount in the range of Rs. 10 to 12 Lac on signing of the Contract which shall be adjusted in the 1st stage bill of consultancy as stated in the bid document. This may also be termed as mobilization advance.

**Clarification:** Since preparation of project report and draft tender document is not a capital intensive job for an experienced consultant, mobilization advance will not be paid to the consultant.

**Query No. 6:** Whether Consultant would be held accountable for delay, if any, in tendering process for procurement of ambulances?

**Clarifications:** The consultants will be held responsible to the extent the delays are caused due to them such as poor drafting of tender document or non-generic specifications of ambulance vehicle/medical equipment, leading to genuine objections by prospective suppliers during the tendering process.

**Query No. 7:** Is there any specific requirement for ambulances to be procured?

**Clarifications:** While consultant will be recommending detailed specifications of ambulances to be procured, the spirit would be to supply best quality ambulances suitable for Bangladesh from Indian OEM/suppliers which have their sales service network in Bangladesh.

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