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Section -1

Instructions to Bidders

This section specifies the procedures to be followed by Bidders in the preparation and submission of their Bids. Information is also provided on the submission, opening, and evaluation of bids and on the award of contract.

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Section 1 – Instructions to Bidders

1.1.0 General

1.1.1. Scope of Bid

- 1.1.1.1. In support of the Invitation for Bids indicated in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS), the Chief General Manager (PP&D) on behalf of Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited (AEGCL) (hereinafter referred to as "the Purchaser" or "AEGCL"), issues this Bidding Document for Services incidental thereto as specified in Section 3 (Employer's Requirements). The name and identification nos. of this Competitive Bidding are provided in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS) attached as Appendix to ITB-1 of this Section.
- **1.1.1.2.** Unless otherwise stated, throughout this Bidding Document definitions of terms shall be as prescribed in **Section 5** (Special Conditions of Contract).

1.1.2. Eligible Bidders

- **1.1.2.1.** Subject to meeting the Qualifying Requirements, a Bidder may be a firm or company. When the bidder is a firm, the names and address of the partners should be indicated and a copy of the certificate of registration with the concerned Registrar of firms should be enclosed with the Bid.
- **1.1.2.2.** When the bidder is a Company, the company registration document along with Memorandum of Association should be submitted.
- **1.1.2.3.** When the bidder is an individual carrying on business in a firm's name, the tender should be submitted by the owner of the firm, who may describe himself as carrying on business in the firm's name.

1.2.0 Contents of Bidding Document

1.2.1. Sections of Bidding Document

- **1.2.1.1.** The Bidding Document consists of following five Sections, and should be read in conjunction with any Addenda issued in accordance with ITB *Clause* 1.2.3.
 - Section 1 Instructions to Bidders (ITB) with Appendix-1 and Appendix-2
 - Section 2 Bidding Forms (BDF)
 - Section 3 Purchaser's Requirements (PRQ)
 - Section 4 "General Conditions of Supply and Erection of AEGCL"
 - (This section is supplied separately)
 - Section 5- Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)
- **1.2.1.2.** The Invitation for Bids issued by the Purchaser is not part of the Bidding Document.
- **1.2.1.3.** The Purchaser is not responsible for the completeness of the Bidding Document and its addenda, if they were not obtained directly from the source stated by the Purchaser in the Invitation for Bids.
- **1.2.1.4.** The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms, and specifications in the Bidding Document. Failure to furnish all information or documentation required by the Bidding Document may result in the rejection of the bid.

1.2.2. Clarification of Bidding Document, Site Visit

1.2.2.1. A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the Bidding Document shall contact the Purchaser through email or in writing at the Purchaser's address indicated in the **BDS**. The Purchaser will respond to any request for clarification, provided that such request is received no later than ten (10) days prior to the deadline for submission of bids. The Purchaser's response shall be in writing / e-mail with copies to all Bidders who have acquired the Bidding Document in accordance with *ITB Clause* 1.2.1.3, including a description of the inquiry but without identifying its source. Should the Purchaser deem it necessary to amend the Bidding Document as a result of a request for clarification, it shall do so following the procedure under *ITB Clause* 1.2.3 and *ITB Clause* 1.4.2.2.

1.2.3. Amendment of Bidding Document

- **1.2.3.1.** At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, the Purchaser may amend the Bidding Document by issuing addenda.
- **1.2.3.2.** Any addendum issued shall be part of the Bidding Document and shall be communicated in writing to all who have obtained the Bidding Document from the Purchaser in accordance with *ITB Clause* 1.2.1.3.
- **1.2.3.3.** To give prospective Bidders reasonable time in which to take an addendum into account in preparing their bids, the Purchaser may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, pursuant to *ITB Clause* 1.4.2.2.

1.3.0 Preparation of Bids

1.3.1. Cost of Bidding

1.3.1.1. The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Bid, and the Purchaser shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

1.3.2. Language of Bid

1.3.2.1. The Bid, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Purchaser, shall be written in the English language. Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Bid may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages into the English language, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Bid, such translation shall govern.

1.3.3. Documents Comprising the Bid

- 1.3.3.1. The Bid shall comprise two envelopes submitted simultaneously, one called the 'Technical Bid' containing the documents listed in *ITB Clause 1.3.3.2* and the other the Price Bid containing the documents listed in *ITB Clause 1.3.3.3*, both envelopes must be submitted online through e-tendering portal http://assamtenders.gov.in.
- **1.3.3.2.** The Technical Bid submitted by the Bidder shall comprise the following:
 - (a) Letter of Technical Bid;
 - (b) Bid Security, in accordance with *ITB Clause* 1.3.8;
 - (c) Documents in accordance with *ITB Clause 1.3.5* establishing the Bidder's eligibility and qualifications to perform the contract if its Bid is accepted;
 - (d) Documents as called for in *ITB Clauses*1.1.2.1, 1.1.2.2, and1.1.2.3;
 - (e) Any other document required in the **BDS**.
- **1.3.3.3.** The Price Bid submitted by the Bidder shall comprise the following:
 - (a) Completed schedules as required, including Price Schedules, in accordance with *ITB Clauses*1.3.4 and 1.3.6;
 - (b) Discount letter (if any)

(c) any other document required in the BDS

1.3.4. Letter of Bid and Schedules

1.3.4.1. The Letters of Technical Bid and Price Bid (not required in case of e – tender), and the Schedules, and all documents listed under *ITB Clause*1.3.3, shall be prepared using the relevant forms furnished in Section 2 (Bidding Forms). The forms must be completed without any alterations to the text, and no substitutes shall be accepted. All blank spaces shall be filled in with the information requested.

1.3.5. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder

1.3.5.1. To establish its eligibility and qualifications to perform the Contract in accordance with Appendix 2 of ITB (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), the Bidder shall provide the information requested in the corresponding information sheets included in Section 2 (Bidding Forms).

1.3.6. Bid Prices

- 1.3.6.1. Unless otherwise specified in the BDS and/or Section 3 (Purchaser's Requirements), bidders shall quote for the entire scope of services on a "single responsibility" basis such that the total bid price covers all the Bidder's obligations mentioned in or to be reasonably inferred from the bidding document in respect of completion of the entire scope.
- **1.3.6.2.** Bidders are required to quote the price for the obligations outlined in the bidding document. No deviation in this regard normally, shall be accepted.
- 1.3.6.3. Bidders shall give a breakdown of the prices in the manner and detail called for in the Price Schedules included in Section 2 (Bidding Forms), given for reference.In case of e-tender, the bidder shall fill up the Price schedules as provided in the online tender.

Schedule No. 1: SCHEDULE OF WORK

- **1.3.6.4.** In the Schedules, bidders shall give the required details and a breakdown of their prices as called for in these Schedules.
- **1.3.6.5.** The prices shall be fixed as specified in the **BDS**.

1.3.7. Period of Validity of Bids

- **1.3.7.1.** Bids shall remain valid for the period specified in the **BDS** after the bid submission deadline date prescribed by the Purchaser. A bid valid for a shorter period **shall be rejected** by the Purchaser as non-responsive.
- 1.3.7.2. In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the bid validity period, the Purchaser may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their bids. The request and the responses shall be made in writing. If a bid security is requested in accordance with *ITB Clause*1.3.8, it shall also be extended for a corresponding period. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting its bid security. A Bidder granting the request shall not be required or permitted to modify its bid.

1.3.8. Bid Security

- **1.3.8.1.** The Bidder shall furnish as part of its bid, in original form, a Bid Security as specified in the **BDS**. The amount of Bid Security shall be as specified in the **BDS**.
- 1.3.8.2. The bid security shall be a demand guarantee, in the form of an unconditional irrevocable bank guarantee (BG) / Demand Draft (DD)from a Scheduled or Nationalized Bank. The bid security shall be submitted using the 'Bid Security Form (in case of a BG)' included in Section 3 (Bidding Forms). The form must include the complete name of the Bidder. The bid security shall be valid for thirty days (30) beyond the original validity period of the bid, or beyond any period of extension if requested under *ITB Clause* 1.3.7.2.

- **1.3.8.3.** The bid security of the successful Bidder shall be returned as promptly as possible once the successful Bidder has signed the Contract and furnished the required performance security.
- **1.3.8.4.** The bid security of unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned as promptly as possible upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the performance security pursuant to *ITB Clause*1.5.14.
- **1.3.8.5.** The bid security may be forfeited:
 - (a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Letter of Bid Form, except as provided in *ITB Clause*1.3.7.2or
 - (b) if the successful Bidder fails to:
 - (i) Submit acknowledgement for the receipt of Work Order in accordance with ITB Clause 1.5.12.1; or
 - (ii) Furnish a performance security in accordance with *ITB Clause*1.5.13.

1.3.9. Format and Signing of Bid

- **1.3.9.1.** The Bidder shall upload one original of the Technical Bid and one original of the Price Bid comprising the Bid as described in *ITB Clause*1.3.3
- 1.3.9.2. The uploaded Bid shall be signed by a person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder. This authorization shall consist of a written confirmation as specified in the *BDS* and shall be attached to the bid. The name and position held by each person signing the authorization must be typed or printed below the signature. All pages of the bid where entries or amendments have been made shall be signed or initialised by the person signing the bid.

1.4.0 Submission and Opening of Bids

1.4.1. On-line submission of Bids

- **1.4.1.1.** The Technical as well as Price Bid should be submitted through online portal only.
- **1.4.1.2.** For Technical bid, all forms and supporting documents as required by ITB Clause 1.3.2 and duly signed and stamped as per ITB Clause 1.3.10 are to be uploaded to the e-tendering portal. The documents are to be uploaded in pdf format (as specified in the e-tender portal <u>www.assamtenders.gov.in</u>).
- **1.4.1.3.** The Price Bid must be submitted in the Price Schedule provided on the e-tendering portal as per the online format.

1.4.2. Deadline for Submission of Bids

- 1.4.2.1. Bids shall be received **ONLINE** only on or before the date and time indicated in the **BDS**.
- 1.4.2.2. The Purchaser may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids by amending the Bidding Document in accordance with *ITB Clause*1.2.3, in which case all rights and obligations of the Purchaser and Bidders previously subject to the deadline shall thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

1.4.3. Late Bids

1.4.3.1. The e-tendering portal shall allow the bidders to submit bids up to the date and time specified in ITB Clause 1.4.2 as per Server Clock. Bidders are advised to submit their bids well in advance of the deadline for submission of bids to avoid any last-minute difficulties.

1.4.4. Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Bids

1.4.4.1. E-tendering portal shall allow modification of bids any time before the deadline for Bid Submission. A bidder may withdraw its bid, by sending a written notice duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of

the authorization in accordance with *ITB Clause*1.3.9.1, Notices must be received by the purchaser prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of bids, in accordance with *ITB Clause* 1.4.2.

1.4.4.2. No bid may be withdrawn, substituted, or modified in the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Letter of Technical Bid or any extension thereof.

1.4.5. Bid Opening

- **1.4.5.1.** The Purchaser shall conduct the opening of Technical Bids through online process at the address, date and time specified in the BDS. The Bid Opening Committee shall open the bids received online in the presence of Bidders' designated representatives who choose to attend. The Price Bids will remain unopened until the specified time of their opening.
- **1.4.5.2.** Technical Bids and alternative Technical Bids read out and recorded at bid opening shall only be considered for evaluation. No bid shall be rejected at the opening of Technical Bids except for withdrawn bids.
- 1.4.5.3. The Purchaser shall prepare a record of the opening of Technical Bids that shall include, as a minimum: the name of the Bidder and whether there is a withdrawal and alternate proposals and the presence or absence of a bid security or a bid securing declaration, if one was required. The Bidders' representatives who are present shall be requested to sign the record (not applicable in case of e-tendering). The omission of a Bidder's signature on the record shall not invalidate the contents and effect of the record.
- **1.4.5.4.** At the end of the evaluation of the Technical Bids, the Purchaser will invite bidders who have submitted substantially responsive Technical Bids and who have been determined as being qualified for award to attend the opening of the Price Bids. The date, time, and location of the opening of Price Bids will be informed in writing by the Purchaser. Bidders shall be given notice well in advance of the opening of Price Bids.
- 1.4.5.5. The Purchaser shall conduct the opening of Price Bids of all Bidders who submitted substantially responsive Technical Bids, in the presence of Bidders` representatives who choose to attend at the address, date and time specified by the Purchaser. The Bidder's representatives who are present shall be requested to sign a register evidencing their attendance.
- **1.4.5.6.** Bid Prices and discounts read out and recorded during the opening of Price Bids shall only be considered for evaluation. No Bid shall be rejected at the opening of Price Bids.

1.5.0 Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

1.5.1. Confidentiality

Information relating to the evaluation of bids and recommendation of contract award shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process.

- **1.5.1.1.** Any attempt by a Bidder to influence the Purchaser in the evaluation of the bids or Contract award decisions may result in the rejection of its bid.
- **1.5.1.2.** Notwithstanding *ITB Clause*1.5.1.1, from the time of bid opening to the time of Contract award, if any Bidder wishes to contact the Purchaser on any matter related to the bidding process, it should do so in writing duly signed by an authorized representative.

1.5.2. Clarification of Bids

1.5.2.1. To assist in the examination, evaluation, and comparison of the Technical and Price Bids, and qualification of the Bidders, the Purchaser may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its bid. Any clarification submitted by a Bidder that is not in response to a request by the Purchaser shall not be considered. The Purchaser's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing. No change in the substance of the Technical Bid or prices in the

Price Bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Purchaser in the evaluation of the bids, in accordance with *ITB Clause*1.5.8.

1.5.2.2. If a Bidder does not provide clarifications of its bid by the date and time set in the Purchaser's request for clarification, its bid may be rejected.

1.5.3. Deviations, Reservations, and Omissions

- **1.5.3.1.** During the evaluation of bids, the following definitions apply:
 - a) "Deviation" is a departure from the requirements specified in the Bidding Document;
 - **b)** "Reservation" is the setting of limiting conditions or withholding from complete acceptance of the requirements specified in the Bidding Document; and
 - c) "Omission" is the failure to submit part or all of the information or documentation required in the Bidding Document.

1.5.4. Responsiveness of Technical Bid

- **1.5.4.1.** The Purchaser's determination of a bid's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the bid itself, as defined in *ITB Clause*1.3.3.
- **1.5.4.2.** A substantially responsive Technical Bid is one that meets the requirements of the Bidding Document without material deviation, reservation, or omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is one that,
 - a) if accepted, would:
 - (i). affect in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the plant and services specified in the Contract; or
 - (ii). limit in any substantial way, inconsistent with the Bidding Document, the Purchaser's rights or the Bidder's obligations under the proposed Contract; or
 - b) if rectified, would unfairly affect the competitive position of other Bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.
- 1.5.4.3. The Purchaser shall examine the technical aspects of the Bid submitted in accordance with *ITB Clause*1.3.6, Technical Proposal, in particular to confirm that all requirements of Section 3 (Purchaser's Requirements) have been met without any material deviation or reservation.
- **1.5.4.4.** If a bid is not substantially responsive to the requirements of the Bidding Document, it shall be rejected by the Purchaser and will not be made responsive by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.

1.5.5. Non material Nonconformity

- **1.5.5.1.** Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, the Purchaser may waive any nonconformity in the bid that does not constitute a material deviation, reservation or omission.
- **1.5.5.2.** Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, the Purchaser may request that the Bidder submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial non conformity in the Bid related to documentation requirements. Requesting information or documentation on such non conformity shall not be related to any aspect of the Price Bid. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Bid.
- **1.5.5.3.** Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, the Purchaser shall rectify nonmaterial nonconformities related to the Bid Price. To this effect, the Bid Price shall be adjusted, for comparison purposes only, to reflect the

price of a missing or non-conforming item or component. The adjustment shall be made using the method indicated in *Appendix-2 of ITB (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria*).

1.5.6. Detailed Evaluation of Technical Bids

- **1.5.6.1.** The Purchaser will carry out a detailed technical evaluation of the bids not previously rejected as being substantially non-responsive, in order to determine whether the technical aspects are in compliance with the Bidding Document. In order to reach such a determination, the Purchaser will examine and compare the technical aspects of the bids on the basis of the information supplied by the bidders, taking into account the following:
 - a) overall completeness and compliance with the Purchaser's Requirements; deviations from the Purchaser's Requirements; conformity of the goods and services offered with specified performance criteria; suitability of the goods and services offered in relation to the environmental and climatic conditions prevailing at the site; and quality, function and operation of any process control concept included in the bid. The bid that does not meet minimum acceptable standards of completeness, consistency and detail will be rejected for non-responsiveness;
 - **b)** type, quantity and long-term availability of mandatory and recommended spare parts and maintenance services; and
 - c) other relevant factors, if any, listed in Appendix to ITB-2 (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria).

1.5.7. Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder

- 1.5.7.1. The Purchaser shall determine to its satisfaction during the evaluation of Technical Bids whether a Bidder meets the eligibility and qualifying criteria specified in *Appendix to ITB-2* (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria).
- **1.5.7.2.** The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted by the Bidder, pursuant to relevant *ITB Clause*.
- 1.5.7.3. An affirmative determination shall be a prerequisite for the opening and evaluation of a Bidder's Price Bid. A negative determination shall result into the disqualification of the Bid, in which event the Purchaser shall not open the Price Bid of the Bidder.

1.5.8. Correction of Arithmetical Errors

- **1.5.8.1.** During the evaluation of Price Bids, the Purchaser shall correct arithmetical errors, if any on the following basis:
 - a) where there are errors between the total of the amounts given under the column for the price breakdown and the amount given under the Total Price, the former shall prevail and the latter will be corrected accordingly;
 - b) where there are errors between the total(sum) of the amounts of the different Schedule(s) and the amount given in terms of a Grand Total or Grand Summary, as the case may be the former shall prevail and the latter will be corrected accordingly; and
 - c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetical error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail subject to (a) and (b) above.
- **1.5.8.2.** If the Bidder that submitted the lowest evaluated bid does not accept the correction of errors, its bid shall be *disqualified and its bid security may be forfeited*.

1.5.9. Evaluation of Price Bids

- **1.5.9.1.** The Purchaser shall use the criteria and methodologies listed in this Clause. No other evaluation criteria or methodologies shall be used.
- **1.5.9.2.** To evaluate a Price Bid, the Purchaser shall consider the following:
 - a) the bid price, including taxes, as quoted in the Price Schedules;
 - b) price adjustment for correction of arithmetical errors in accordance with *ITB Clause*1.5.8.1; and
 - c) the evaluation factors if any indicated in Appendix 2 (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria).

1.5.10. Comparison of Bids

1.5.10.1. The Purchaser shall compare all substantially responsive Bids to determine the lowest evaluated bid.

1.5.11. Purchaser's Right to Accept Any Bid, and to Reject Any or All Bids

1.5.11.1. The Purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to Bidders. In case of annulment, all bids submitted and specifically, bid securities, shall be promptly returned to the Bidders.

1.5.12. Issue of Work Order

1.5.12.1. The Purchaser shall issue Work Order to the Bidder whose offer has been determined to be the lowest evaluated bid and is substantially responsive to the Bidding Document, provided further that the Bidder whose offer is substantially responsive and is determined by the Purchaser to be qualified to perform the work satisfactorily

1.5.13. Acknowledgement of Work Order

1.5.13.1. Within **three (3)** days of receipt of the Work Order, the successful Bidder shall be required to submit an acknowledgement for the receipt of Work Order along with an affirmative declaration for submission of Performance Security in accordance with Clause 1.5.14.

1.5.14. Performance Security

- **1.5.14.1.** Within **ten (10)** days of the receipt of Work Order (W.O.) from the Purchaser, the successful Bidder shall furnish the performance security in the form of irrevocable BG/DD, from a Scheduled or Nationalized Bank, in accordance with the conditions of W.O. and conforming to the Performance Security Form included in *Section-2, (Bidding Forms)*.
- **1.5.14.2.** Failure of the successful Bidder to submit the above-mentioned Performance Security shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the bid security. In that event the Purchaser may award the work to the next lowest evaluated Bidder whose offer is substantially responsive and is determined by the Purchaser to be qualified to perform the work satisfactorily.

APPENDIX TO ITB – 1

Bid Data Sheet (BDS)

A. Introduction

ITB 1.1.1.1	The Purchaser is: Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited.
	The name of the Bid is:
	"Route alignment and detailed survey of Three (3) nos. of transmission lines under AEGCL"
	Identification Number of the Bid is: AEGCL/MD/New Proposal- 2030/ Preliminary Works/2020-21/Part (KHM-GOG)/BID

B. Bidding Document

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ITB 1.2.2.1	For clarification purposes only, the Purchaser's address is:
	The Chief General Manager (PP&D), AEGCL
	Street Address: Bijulee Bhawan, Paltanbazar
	Floor/Room number: First Floor
	City: Guwahati
	PIN Code: 781001
	Country: India
	Telephone: +91 361 2739520
	Facsimile number: +91 361 2739513
	Electronic mail address: cgm.ppd@aegcl.co.in(Subject: Route Survey _3 nosNP)
	Email from prospective bidders should have "Subject" of the email in the format as stated above.

C. Preparation of Bids

ITB 1.3.3.2(e)	Bidder shall submit documents as per Section-2 (Bidding forms). The registration certificate / GST/ Income tax certificate etc. of the contractor/ firm etc. participating as the bidder
ITB 1.3.6.1	Unless otherwise specifically indicated in the Section 3 (Purchaser's Requirements), bidders shall quote for the entire plant and services on 'single responsibility basis'.
ITB 1.3.6.5	The prices quoted by the Bidder shall be FIXED for entire period of the Contract.
ITB 1.3.7.1	The bid validity period shall be 180 (One Hundred and Eighty) days.
ITB 1.3.8.1	The Bidder shall furnish a bid security in the form of irrevocable Bank Guarantee/ Demand Draft amounting to Rs.1,50,000/- only.
ITB 1.3.9.1	The bidding is through E-tendering portal and received online. However, a bidder has to submit any document(s) in hard copy if asked by the Purchaser.
ITB 1.3.9.1	The written confirmation of authorization to sign on behalf of the Bidder shall consist of Notarized Power of Attorney .

ITB 1.4.2.1	For <u>bid submission purposes</u> only, (E-tenders shall be accepted through online portal <u>http://assamtenders.gov.in</u> only) The purchaser's address is: Attention: The Chief General Manager (PP&D), AEGCL Street Address: Bijulee Bhawan, Paltanbazar Floor/Room number: First Floor City: Guwahati PIN Code: 781001 The deadline for bid submission is Date: 21.07.2021 Time: - 12.00 Hours
ITB 1.4.5.1	The bid opening of Technical Bids shall take place at Office of The Chief General Manager (PP&D), AEGCL Street Address: Bijulee Bhawan, Paltanbazar Floor/Room number: First Floor City: Guwahati (Assam) PIN Code: 781001 Country: India Date: 22.07.2021 Time: 14.00 Hours

APPENDIX TO ITB - 2 Evaluation and Qualification Criteria (ECQ)

This Appendix contains all the criteria that the Purchaser shall use to evaluate bids and qualify Bidders. In accordance with ITB 1.5.6 and ITB 1.5.7, no other methods, criteria and factors shall be used. The Bidder shall provide all the information requested in the forms included in Section 2 (Bidding Forms).

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1. Evaluation

1.1 Technical Evaluation

In addition to the criteria listed in ITB 1.5.6.1 (a) – (c), no other factor shall apply.

1.2 Economic Evaluation

Any adjustments in price that result from the procedures outlined below shall be added, for purposes of comparative evaluation only, to arrive at an "Evaluated Bid Price." Bid prices quoted by bidders shall remain unaltered.

1.2.1 Quantifiable Deviations and Omissions

Quantifiable Deviations and Omissions from the contractual obligations: No financial assessment shall be made by the Purchaser for deviations and omissions from the requirements of the Bidding Document. All such deviations, omissions or reservations s[hall be dealt with in accordance with ITB Clauses 1.5.4.2, 1.5.4.3, 1.5.4.4, 1.5.5.1, 1.5.5.2, 1.5.5.3, 1.5.6.1(a) and 1.5.8.

1.3 Time Schedule

Time to complete Works from the Date of issue of Work Order specified is **Ninety (90) days.**

1.4 Specific additional criteria

In addition to the above, no additional criteria shall be considered for evaluation of Bids.

2 Qualification

Qualification of bidder will be based on meeting the minimum pass / fail criteria specified below

2.1 General

2.1.1 EXPERIENCE

- **2.1.1.1** The Bidder must satisfy the requirement of ITB Sub-Clause 1.1.2 and shall submit necessary document as per the said Clause.
- 2.1.1.2 The bidder should have successfully completed, as a prime contractor, the work of surveying (including geotechnical investigation) works using the latest available technology, digitization of profile and optimization of minimum 20 kms of transmission line of 132 kV or above during the previous five (5) financial years.
- 2.1.1.3 Bidder shall have carried out atleast one surveying work involving a transmission line having a major river crossing for any state/central power sector utility within India. Documentary Evidence of work experience/completion certificate from officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer strictly in the name of the Contractor/Firm for works as mentioned in 2.1.1.2, 2.1.1.3 and volume for each such work shall have to be submitted by the bidder.

2.1.2 CAPABILITY

- 2.1.2.1 Each bid shall be accompanied by a statement by the bidder declaring that he/she/it is a bona-fide engineering contractor and has in possession adequate equipment, qualified personnel to fill positions required for execution of the work.
- **2.1.2.2** The Bidder will supply information of the key personnel, design & engineering staff, support staff, field staff etc. proposed for the work along with details of their experience in similar nature of work.
- **2.1.2.3** The Bidder should also substantiate availability (either owned or leased) of the tools, tackles, spare parts etc. for carrying out the works.

2.2 Litigation

Using the 'Form LIT- 1' (Section 2, Bidding Form), bidder shall list all Pending Litigation. All pending litigation shall be treated as resolved against the Bidder and so shall in total not represent more than **50% percent** of the Bidder's net worth.

2.3 Financial

Minimum average annual turnover of Rs. 26,00,000.00 (Twenty-Six Lakhs only) calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last 3 years and audited balance sheets for the same.

Section - 2

BIDDING FORMS

This Section contains the forms that are to be completed by the Bidder and submitted as part of his Bid.

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Document checklist

SL. No.	Document to be submitted	Submitted (Yes/No)	Name of uploaded pdf
1.	Letter of technical bid		
2.	Notarised Power of attorney for the person signing the tender		
3.	Bank Guarantee for EMD		
4.	Bidders company/firm registration certificate/certificate of incorporation		
5.	GST registration		
6.	Bidder's Information Sheet (Filled up form)		
7.	Pending Litigation (Filled up form)		
8.	Experience (Filled up form along with substantiating documents viz. Order/Contract copies establishing service offered in past)		
9.	Manpower and Equipment(s) List (Filled up form)		
10.	Document certifying the confirmation to Financial Eligibility criteria in the Bid along with Audited Balance sheet for last three years.		
11.	Additional documents if any		

Note: Bidders are requested to submit all required documents in e-tender portal.

1 Letter of Technical Bid

[Bidder's Letterhead]

	Date:
	Bid Identification No (s):
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	Invitation for Bid No.:
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	ne undersigned, declare that:
(a)	We have examined and have no reservations to the Bidding Documents, including Addenda issued in accordance with Instructions to Bidders (ITB) 1.2.3;
(b)	We offer to design, manufacture, test and deliver, in conformity with the Bidding Document the following Goods and Related Services:
(c)	Our Bid consisting of the Technical Bid and the Price Bid shall be valid for a period of 180 days from the date fixed for the bid submission deadline in accordance with the Bidding Documents, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period
Name	·
In the	capacity of
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Duly a	authorized to sign the Bid for and on behalf of

2 Letter of Price Bid (NOT REQUIRED FOR E-TENDERING)

[Bidder's Letterhead]

Date:	
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Bid Identification No:

То:....

We, the undersigned, declare that:

- We have examined and have no reservations to the Bidding Document, including Addenda issued in accordance with Instructions to Bidders (ITB) 1.2.3;
- (ii). We offer to design, manufacture, test and deliver in conformity with the Bidding Document the following Goods and Related Services:;

(iii). The total price of our Bid is the sum of:,

- (iv). Discount offered (if any) for (i) Supply (Schedule 1)%, and (ii) Related Services (Schedule 2, F& I,)%
- (v). Our bid shall be valid for a period of days from the date fixed for the submission deadline in accordance with the Bidding Documents, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period;
- (vi). If our bid is accepted, we commit to obtain a performance security in accordance with the Bidding Document;
- (vii). We understand that this bid, together with your written acceptance thereof included in your notification of award, shall constitute a binding contract between us, until a formal contract is prepared and executed; and
- (viii). We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest evaluated bid or any other bid that you may receive.

Name	•
In the capacity of	
Signed	
Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and on behalf of	
Date	

3 Price Schedule

PREAMBLE

General

1. The Price Schedules are divided into separate Schedules as follows:

Schedule No. 1: Schedule of Works

- 2. The entered rates and prices shall be deemed to cover the full scope as specified in the bidding document, including overheads and profit.
- 3. If bidders are unclear or uncertain as to the scope of any item, they shall seek clarification in accordance with *ITB* 1.2.2 prior to submitting their bid.
- 4. Preparation of BOQ as per approved Tower Schedule

Pricing

- 4. Prices shall be filled in indelible ink/ on-line and any alterations necessary due to errors, etc., shall be initialed by the Bidder if asked for hardcopy.
- 5. Bid prices shall be quoted on-line in the manner indicated in Schedules.

As specified in the Bid Data Sheet and Special Conditions of Contract, prices shall be fixed and firm for the duration of the Contract, or prices shall be subject to adjustment in accordance with the corresponding Appendix (Price Adjustment) to the Contract Agreement.

Prices given in the Schedules against each item shall be for the scope covered by that item as detailed in Section 3 (Purchaser's Requirements) or elsewhere in the Bidding Document.

NOTE: For E-Tendering these forms are indicative only. All prices to be filled in the price schedule provided in the e-tendering portal only.

SI No.	Details	Unit	Qty.	Unit Rate (exclusive of taxes)	Amount		
1	2	3	4	5	6=4x5		
1(a)	Preliminary/walkover survey for identification of three alternate route and finalization of most economical and optimum route and digitalization of the route map showing Topographical and other features and indicating the final selected route alignment, Soil resistivity measurement, Tree enumeration and submission of reports as per format enclosed and as mentioned in the technical specification.	Kms	340				
1(b)	Detailed Survey using GPS, total work station, digital theodolite /ALTM including profiling, tower spotting & optimization of locations using computer aided techniques as well as other activities in the scope of work	Kms	340				
1(c)	Preparation of BoQ	Job	1				
	Total	1	<u> </u>	1			

Schedule No1: SCHEDULE OF WORK

- 1. All amounts (for route alignment & detailed survey, including geotechnical investigation for the river crossings) shall be quoted in Rupees
- 2. Prices shall be exclusive of taxes

4 Format of Bid Security

Bank Guarantee

(To be stamped in accordance with Stamp Act)

(The non-Judicial Stamp Paper should be in the name of issuing Bank)

Bank's Name and Address of Issuing Branch or Office							
Beneficiary:	Name and Address of Purchaser						
Date:							

Furthermore, we understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a bid guarantee.

At the request of the Bidder, we **name of Bank**. . . . hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of **amount in figures** (. **amount in words**) upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Bidder is in breach of its obligation(s) under the bid conditions, because the Bidder:

- (a) has withdrawn its Bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder in the Form of Bid; or
- (b) does not accept the correction of errors in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders (hereinafter "the ITB"); or
- (c) having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid by the Purchaser during the period of bid validity, (i) fails or refuses to execute the Contract Agreement, or (ii) fails or refuses to furnish the Performance Security, in accordance with the ITB.

This guarantee will expire: (a) if the Bidder is the successful Bidder, upon our receipt of copies of the Contract Agreement signed by the Bidder and the performance security issued to you upon the instruction of the Bidder; and (b) if the Bidder is not the successful Bidder, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of a copy your notification to the Bidder of the name of the successful Bidder; or (ii) twenty-eight days after the expiration of the Bidder's bid.

Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at the office on or before that date.

Note: All italicized text is for use in preparing this form and shall be deleted from the final document

5Contract Execution Schedule

The Bidder shall indicate here his proposed Contract Execution Schedule if the contract is awarded to him. The Schedule shall match with the time for completion specified.

6 Bidders Qualification

To establish its qualifications to perform the contract in accordance with Appendix 2 of ITB (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria) the Bidder shall provide the information requested in the corresponding Information Sheets included hereunder.

6.1 Bidder's Information Sheet

Bidder's name									
Bidder's address									
Bidder's authorized representative									
(name, address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e- mail address)									
Attached are copies of the f	Attached are copies of the following original documents.								
1. In case of single ent	ty/firm, documents, in accordance with ITB 1.1.2.1.								
□ 2. In case of single Cor	npany, documents, in accordance with ITB 1.1.2.2.								

6.2 Pending Litigation

(Fill in this form if applicable, otherwise specify 'NIL')

Each Bidder must fill in this form

	.	1.3 of Appendix 2 of ITB (Ev	
Year	Matter in Dispute	Value of Pending Claim in Rupees	Value of Pending Claim as Percentage of Net Worth

6.3 Experience

Each Bidder must fill in this form

Experience											
Starting Month	Ending Month	Months	Contract Identification and Name Name and Address of Purchaser Brief Description of the Works Executed by the Bidder	Role of Bidder							

6.4 Manpower and Equipment(s) List

(As per requirements of scope of work of the bid document)

6.5 - Form of Performance Security

Bank Guarantee

(To be stamped in accordance with Stamp Act)

[name of Purchaser]

To:

[address of Purchaser]

WHEREAS	[name an	d address of Surveyor/Contractor/Manufacturer] has
undertaken, in pursuance of Contract No.	dated	to execute
	[name of Sur	veyor/Contractor/Manufacturer and brief description of Scope

(hereinafter called "the Contract");

AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by you in the said Contract that the Surveyor/Contractor/Manufacturer shall furnish you with a Bank Guarantee by a recognized/scheduled bank for the sum specified therein as security for compliance with its obligations in accordance with the Contract;

AND WHEREAS we have agreed to give the Surveyor/Contractor/Manufacturer such a Bank Guarantee;

NOW	THEREFORE	we	hereby	af	firm	that	we	are	the	Guarantor	and	responsible	to	you,	on	behalf	of	the
Surveyor/Contractor/Manufacturer, up to a total of												[amo	unt	of Gua	arant	ee]1		
	[in words], such sum being payable in the currencies in which the Contract																	
Price is payable, and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums																		
within the limits of									_ [amount c	f Gua	rantee] as afo	oresa	aid wit	hout	your ne	edin	g to	
prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand for the sum specified therein.																		

We hereby waive the necessity of your demanding the said debt from the Surveyor/Contractor/Manufacturer before presenting us with the demand.

We further agree that no change or addition to or other modification of the terms of the Contract or of the scope to be performed thereunder or of any of the Contract documents which may be made between you and the Contractor shall in any way release us from any liability under this guarantee, and we hereby waive notice of any such change, addition or modification. This guarantee shall be valid until the date, 30 days beyond the Warranty Period as per the Contract.

Signature and Seal of the Guarantor _____

Name of Bank

Address _____

Date _____

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An amount is to be inserted by the Guarantor, representing the percentage of the Contract Price specified in the Contract.

Section 3 Employer's Requirements

3.1.0 Scope of Works

The brief description of the scope covered under this bidding document is furnished below:

a) Preparation of Route Alignment and Detailed survey report to initiate the process of construction of the following Transmission Lines at various locations in Assam:

SI No	Item Description	Length in Kms (approx.)
1	400kV D/C Khumtai (AEGCL New)- Biswanath Chariali (PGCIL) D/C (Twin Moose)	190
2	220kV Bihpuria-Gogamukh D/C line	80
3	132kV North Lakhimpur- Dhemaji line along with LILO at Gogamukh	70

- b) The different tasks need to be carried out in the scope of work are as laid out in the attached Sch 1-Schedule of Work in Section-2 (Bidding Forms) as well as Section-3, Employer's Requirements, which briefly comprises Preparation of Preliminary/Walkover Survey Report, Detailed Survey Report and preparation of BOQ as per approved tower schedule.
- c) It may be noted that geotechnical investigation is required to be carried out for the river crossings.

3.2.0 Contractor to Inform Himself Fully

- 3.2.1 The Contractor should ensure that he has examined the Specifications and Schedules as brought out in this Section as well as other Sections of The Bidding document and has satisfied himself as to all the conditions and circumstances affecting the contract price and fixed his price according to his own views on these matters and acknowledge that no additional allowances except as otherwise provided therein will be levied.
- 3.2.2 The Employer shall not be responsible for any misunderstanding or incorrect information obtained by the contractor other than information given to the contractor in writing by the Employer.
- 3.2.3 Contractor must note that the employer shall not be responsible for loss or damage of properties, trees etc. due to contractors work during survey. The contractor shall indemnify the employer for any loss or damage to properties, trees etc. during the survey works.
- 3.2.4 The quantities indicated in the scope of work are provisional. The final quantities for route alignment & survey (quantities in "kms" unit) shall be the route length along the optimized route alignment. The route alignment shall be carried out by the Contractor as per the technical specifications stipulated herein.
- 3.2.5 The Contractor should note that AEGCL will not furnish the NRSA satellite imageries or topographical maps prepared by Survey of India but will make available assistance that may be required in obtaining these by providing letters of recommendations, if required to concerned authorities. Bidder shall give along with their bid, clause by clause commentary indicating their confirmation / comments/ observation in respect of all clauses of technical specification.
- 3.2.6 The work shall be carried out by the contractor using modern surveying techniques. The bidder shall indicate in his offer, the detailed description of the procedure to be deployed. The details of the equipment & facilities including software's for image processing, etc. available with the bidder or his associates shall also be furnished with the bid.
- 3.2.7 Any other activity not specifically mentioned in this specification but required for successful completion of the scope of work shall be deemed included in the scope of the Consultant, without any cost implication to the Owner.

3.3.0 Conformity with Indian Electricity Rules & Other Local Regulations

- 3.3.1 The Contractor shall note that all transmission line works shall comply with the latest provisions of Indian Electricity Rules and with any other regulations. Local authorities concerned in the administration of the rules and regulation relating to such works shall be consulted, if necessary, about the rules and regulations that may be applicable.
- 3.3.2 All registration and statutory inspection fees, if any, in respect of his work pursuant to this Contract shall be to the account of the Contractor.

3.4.0 Standards

- 3.4.1 Contractor is required to follow statutory regulations stipulated in Electricity (Supply) Act 1948, Indian Electricity Rules and other local rules & regulations.
- 3.4.2 The codes and standards referred to in these specifications shall govern. In case of a conflict between such codes/standards and these specifications, the provisions of the specifications shall prevail. Such codes, standards referred to shall mean latest revisions, amendments, changes adopted and published by relevant agencies.
- 3.4.3 Other Internationally acceptable standards which ensure equivalent or better performance than those specified shall also be acceptable.

3.5.0 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

3.5.1 PRELIMINARY/WALKOVER SURVEY

- 3.5.1.1 Identification of three alternative route alignments & selection of optimized route alignment. This shall be done using low resolution satellite imageries of NRSA, Google images and Survey of India maps. The output shall be in the form of digitized route alignment drawing with latest topographical and other details/features up to 8 kms on either side of selected route alignment (both in hard and soft copies).
- 3.5.1.2 Digital terrain modelling along the selected route using contour data from topographical maps. Digitization can be done manually and automatically using software. For this purpose, ArcGIS Editor, Arc View, ERDAS, AutoCAD, R2V etc. are to be used.
- 3.5.1.3 For selection of routes, the statutory clearances as per Relevant Standards should be complied with and clearly mentioned in the reports.
- 3.5.1.4 Walk-over Survey of the route alignment (finalized in consultation with the AEGCL).
- 3.5.1.5 A comparative study is to be done on the basis of the data mentioned in **Annexure 1(shown below)**.
- 3.5.1.6 The following areas, however, are to be avoided as far as possible while selecting the routes of the line:
 - a) Tough inaccessible areas where approach is difficult
 - b) Towns and villages, leaving sufficient margin for their growth.
 - c) Areas subject to floods, gushing nalas during rainy seasons, tanks, ponds, lakes, etc. and natural hazards.
 - d) Wooded areas with high trees or fruit bearing trees involving payment of heavy compensations for cutting of the trees.
 - e) Swamps and shallow lands subject to flood, marshy areas, low lying lands, river beds and earth slip zones, etc. involving risk to stability to foundations.
 - f) High hillocks / hilly areas / sand dunes and areas involving abrupt changes in levels and requiring too many long spans.
 - g) Series of irrigation wells.
 - h) Shooting areas and other protected areas such as army / defence installations/ ammunition depots, areas of archaeological importance, forest areas and wild life sanctuary.
 - i) Areas which involve risk to human life, damage to public & private properties, religious places, cremation grounds, quarry sites and underground mines, gardens, orchards and plantations.
 - j) Areas which will create problems of right of way and way leaves.
 - k) Buildings / Storage areas for explosives or inflammable materials, bulk oil storage tanks, oil or gas pipelines, etc.
- 3.5.1.7 Preliminary survey is to transfer the route to the ground with such deviations as may be necessary as per field constraints. Instruments like Survey chains, tapes, theodolite, total station etc. are to be used.
- 3.5.1.8 Preliminary survey involves:

i.Fixing of angle points of the towers

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ii.Identification of crossings of all electrical lines & details of the lines.

iii.Finalizing of crossing points of Railway Tracks & details of such points.

iv.Finalizing of crossing points of major rivers & details of such points

v.Finalizing of crossing points of roads, national highways & details of such points

vi.General classifications of soils, land including forest area (if any).

vii.Measurement of route length etc.

viii.Pegging of locations.

ix.Following points may be noted in this regard:

- a. Measurements of the angles of deviation at all angle / section points are made. Resurvey of parts of the line route is done wherever it is possible to reduce the number of angle points and / or the magnitude of the angles of deviation.
- b. The length of the line route is measured with the use of survey chains or with the theodolite. When using survey chains for measuring the length of the line route, the chain should be kept horizontal in uneven or undulating land so that horizontal distances are measured and not the distances along the contours of the land.
- c. The number of consecutive spans between two angle / section points shall not exceed 15 (fifteen) in plain terrain and 10 (ten) spans in hilly terrain.
- d. The length of any section of the line, i.e., between two angle / section points, shall not exceed 5 km in plain terrain and 3 km in hilly terrain. In case longer sections are available, then cut points / section points shall be provided by using "B" type tower.
- e. If the terrain & line route permit, attempts can be made so that the section lengths are, as far as possible, in multiples of the basic span of the towers for the relevant voltage class.
- f. The Preliminary survey report shall be prepared and submitted by the surveyor to the AEGCL. The points as per Annexure 3,5 shall be complied with and submitted as a part of the Preliminary survey report with remarks/comments if any.
- g. After approval is given, the surveyor shall go ahead with the detailed survey.
- 3.5.1.9 Requirement of Transmission Line Routing
 - i. The alignment of the transmission line shall be most economical from the point of view of construction and maintenance.
 - ii. During routing of transmission line, the points in Clause 3.5.1.6 should be kept in mind.
 - iii. Routing of transmission line through protected/reserved forest area should be avoided. In case it is not possible to avoid the forests or areas having large trees completely, then keeping in view of the overall economy, the route should be aligned in such a way that cutting of trees is minimum.
 - iv. The route should have minimum crossings of Major River, Railway lines, National/State highways, overhead EHV power line and communication lines.
 - v. The number of angle points shall be kept to a minimum.
 - vi. The distance between the terminal points specified shall be kept shortest possible, consistent with the terrain that is encountered.
 - vii. Marshy and low-lying areas, river beds and earth slip zones shall be avoided to minimize risk to the foundations.
 - viii. It would be preferable to utilize level ground for the alignment.
 - ix. Alignment will be kept at a suitable distance from power lines to avoid induction problems on the lower voltage lines.
 - x. Crossing of communication line shall be minimized and it shall be preferably at right angle. Proximity and parallelism with telecom lines shall be eliminated to avoid danger of induction to them.
 - xi. Areas subjected to flooding such as Nalah shall be avoided.
 - xii. Restricted areas such as civil and military airfield shall be avoided. Care shall also be taken to avoid aircraft landing approaches.
 - xiii. All alignment should be easily accessible both in dry and rainy seasons to enable maintenance throughout the year.
 - xiv. Certain areas such as quarry sites, tea, tobacco and saffron fields and rice plantations, gardens & nurseries which will present the AEGCL problems in acquisition of right of way and way leave clearance during construction and maintenance, should be avoided as far as possible.

- xv. Angle points should be selected such that shifting of the point within 100 m radius shall be possible at the time of construction of the line.
- xvi. The line routing should avoid large habitations, densely populated areas, Forest, Animal/Bird sanctuary, reserve coal belt areas, oil pipeline/underground inflammable pipe lines etc. to the extent possible.
- xvii. The areas requiring special foundations and those prone to flooding should be avoided as far as possible.
- xviii. In case of Tower Types, foundations, modern techniques like Monopoles, Multi-Circuit Towers, Narrow Based Towers, etc. shall be explored.
- 3.5.1.10 For examination of the alternatives & identification of the most appropriate route, besides making use of information/data/details available/extracted through Survey of India Topographical maps and computer-aided processing of NRSA's satellite imagery.
- 3.5.1.11 The contractor shall submit his preliminary observations &suggestions along with various information/data /details collected and also processed satellite imagery data, scanned topographical map data marked with the alternative routes etc. The final evaluation of the alternative routes shall be conducted by the contractor in consultation with AEGCL's representatives and optimal route alignment shall be proposed by the contractor. Site visit and field verification shall be conducted by the contractor for the proposed route alignment.
- 3.5.1.12 Final digitized route alignment drawing with latest topographical and other details/features including all rivers, railway lines, canals, roads etc. up to 8kms on both sides of selected route alignment shall be submitted by the contractor for AEGCL's approval along with report containing other information/details as mentioned above.
- 3.5.1.13 The co-ordinates of all the angle points as well as other important crossings, landmarks etc. shall be recorded using GPS instrument.

3.6.0 DETAILED SURVEY

- 3.6.1 The detailed survey shall be carried out using GPS, total stations, digital theodolites etc. along the approved route alignment. As an alternative, the contractor may also use ALTM (Airborne Laser Terrain Modeling) techniques of equal or better accuracy for the detailed survey and plotting on topo sheet to fix up angle point.
- 3.6.2 Soil resistivity, along the route alignment shall be measured in dry weather by four electrode method keeping inter electrode spacing of 50 mtrs. For calculating soil resistivity formula 2πar (where a=50 m and r=megger reading in ohms) shall be adopted. In case of soil characteristics changes within 2 to 3 km, values shall have to be measured at intermediate locations also. Megger reading and soil characteristics should also be indicated in the soil resistivity results.

3.6.3 Route Marking:

The route of the transmission line shall be recorded using GPS of positional accuracy less than 3m. The co-ordinates of all the angle points as well as other important crossings, landmarks etc. shall be recorded using GPS for easy relocating. At the starting point of the commencement of route survey the co-ordinates shall be recorded. The co-ordinates of the location of the survey instrument shall also be recorded. Further, the co-ordinates at prominent position at intervals of not more than 750 meter along the transmission line to be surveyed upto the next angle point shall also be recorded. Wherever the line alignment crosses the EHT line, Railway line, P&T line or roads, the contractor shall record co-ordinates on the points of crossing. Wherever line route alignment passes over permanent land marks such as rock, boulders, culverts etc. suitable white paint marks with directional and AEGCL markings shall be made and co-ordinates recorded. Surveyor should provide concrete block of size 1000x150x150 mm buried to a depth of at least 750 mm with AEGCL's name embossing on the concrete block at alt angle point locations and important crossings etc.

3.6.4 Profiling:

- 3.6.4.1 The complete profiling along the route shall be carried out using surveying equipments viz. total stations, GPS, digital theodolite, long range scanners etc. Reference levels at every 20 meters along the route are to be recorded. R/Ls at other undulations along the route as well as in the route plan and other enroute details viz. crossings, building & structures, trees & other infrastructure etc. shall also be recorded. Areas along the route, which in the view of the contractor, are not suitable for tower spotting, shall also be marked. (Reference drawing as per Annexure 9)
- 3.6.4.2 The complete profiling details shall be digitized and the data shall be prepared & stored in the format compatible to computer aided tower spotting software.

3.6.4.3 A printed / plotted output of the digitized profiling shall be submitted by the contractor to AEGCL's site-in-charge for review before taking up computer- aided tower spotting.

3.6.5 **Optimization of tower location / tower spotting:**

- 3.6.5.1 Optimization of tower locations shall be done by the Contractor using computer-aided tower spotting software (PLS CADD). In order to verify the results of computer aided tower spotting, the contractor shall supply the AEGCL, one soft copy of tower spotting & optimization report.
- 3.6.5.2 The sag-tension characteristics of the conductor as well as tower spotting data, sag template curves, if any required for tower spotting shall be prepared by the contractor on acrylic sheet indicating cold curve, hot curve, ground clearance curve and support footing curve.
- 3.6.5.3 Tower Spotting: While profiling & spotting the towers, the following shall to be borne in mind:
 - (a) Span: The number of consecutive spans between the section points shall not exceed 15 spans or 5 km in plain terrain and 10 spans or 3 km in hilly terrain for all lines. A section point shall comprise of tension point with minimum angle of deviation type towers as applicable.
 - (b) Extension / Truncation: An individual span shall be as near to the normal design span as possible. In case an individual span becomes too short with normal supports on account of undulations in ground profile, one or both the supports of the span may be extended by inserting standard body / leg extension. In case of locations where the ground clearance is available, truncated towers may be spotted. The provision kept in the design of towers with respect to body/leg extensions, truncations shall be intimated to the contractor by the AEGCL during execution stage.
 - (c) Loading: There shall not be any upward force on suspension towers under normal working conditions and the suspension towers shall support at least the minimum weight span as provided in the designs. In case uplift is unavoidable, it shall be examined if the same can be overcome by adding standard body extensions to the towers failing which tension towers designed for the purpose shall be employed at such positions.
 - (d) Road/NH Crossing: At all important road crossings, the tower shall be fitted with double suspension or tension insulator strings depending on the type of tower but the ground clearance at the roads under maximum temperature and in still air shall be such that even with conductor broken an adjacent span, ground clearance of the conductor from the road surfaces will not be less than 9 Mtr for 400kV, 220KV & 132kV lines. At all national highways tension towers shall be utilised and crossing span shall not be more than 250 meters.
 - (e) Railway Crossings: All the railway crossings coming enroute the transmission line shall be identified by the contractor. At the time of detailed survey, the railway crossings shall be finalized as per the regulation laid down by the Railway Authorities.
 - The following are the important features of the prevailing regulations (revised in 1987).

i) The crossing shall be supported on large angle type tower on either side depending on the merits of each case.

ii) The crossing shall normally be at right angle to the railway track.

iii) The minimum distance of the crossing tower shall be at least equal to the height of the tower plus 6 meters away measured from the centre of the nearest railway track.

iv) No crossing shall be located over a booster transformer, traction switching station, traction sub-station or a track cabin location in an electrified area.

v) Minimum ground clearance above rail level of the lowest portion of any conductor under condition of maximum sag shall be maintained at 17.90 mtr for 400 kV line, 15.40 Mtr for 220KV line. and14.6 Mtr for 132KV line.

vi) The crossing span will be limited to 80% of Normal Span or 250 meters whichever is less.

- (f) River Crossings: In case of major river crossings, towers shall be of suspension type and the anchor towers on either side of the main river crossing shall be large angle Y/ D type tower. Clearance required by navigation authority shall be provided. For non-navigable river, clearance shall be reckoned with respect to highest flood level (HFL). Minimum ground clearance above the highest flood level river and lowest point of conductor shall be 6.1 Mtr for 132 kV line, 7.0 Mtr. for 220kV line and 8.84 Mtr for 400 kV line.
- (g) Power line crossings: Where this line is to cross over another line of the same voltage or lower voltage, R / A type tower with suitable extensions shall be used. Provisions to prevent the possibility of its coming into contact

with other overhead lines shall be made in accordance with the Indian Electricity Rules, 1956 / Indian Electricity Act, 2003 as amended upto date. In order to reduce the height of the crossings towers it may be advantageous to remove the groundwire of the line to be crossed (if this is possible, and permitted by the AEGCL of the line to be crossed). For power line crossings of voltage level of 132 KV and above, an angle towers shall be provided on either side of tangent R /A type tower which can be temporary dead end condition with proper guying.

- (h) Telecommunication Line Crossings: The angle of crossing shall be as near to 90 degree possible. However, deviation to the extent of 30 degree may be permitted under exceptionally difficult situations. When the angle of crossing has to be below 60 degree, the matter will be referred to the authority incharge of the telecommunication system. On a request from the contractor, the permission of the telecommunication authority may be obtained by the owner. Also, in the crossing span, power line support will be as near the telecommunication line as possible, to obtain increased vertical clearance between the wires.
- (i) Details en route: All topographical details, permanent features, such as trees, building etc. 24Mtr (Total 48Mtr) 17.5Mtr (Total 35Mtr) for 220KV line on either side of the alignment and 13.5Mtr (Total 27Mtr.) for 132KV Line on either side of the alignment shall be detailed on the profile plan.
- 3.6.5.4 Clearance from Ground, Building, Trees etc.
 - (a) Clearance from ground, buildings, trees and telephone lines shall be provided in conformity with the Indian Electricity Rules, 1956 / Indian Electricity Act, 2003 as amended upto date.
 - (b) The contractor shall count, mark and put proper numbers with suitable quality of paint at his own cost on the trees that are to be cut by the AEGCL at the time of actual execution of the work as detailed below. Contractor may please note that AEGCL shall not pay any compensation for any loss or damage to the properties or for tree cutting due to contractor's work.
 - (c) To evaluate and tabulate the trees and bushes coming within 24mtr for 400KV, 17.5 Mtr. for 220KV line and 13.5 Mtr. for 132KV line on either side of the central line alignment the trees will be numbered and marked with quality paint serially from angle point 1 (1) onwards and the corresponding number will be painted on the stem of trees at a height of 1 meter from ground level.
 - (d) The trees list should contain the following:
 - i. Girth (circumstances) measured at a height of 1 meter from ground level.
 - ii. Approximate height of the tree with an accuracy of +2 meters.
 - iii. Name of the type of the species / trees.
 - iv. The bushy and under growth encountered in the 48 Mtr. Belt for 400KV line and 35Mtr for 220KV line should also be evaluated with its type, height, girth and area in square meters, clearly indicating the growth in the tree / bush statement.
 - v. The contractor shall also intimate the AEGCL, his assessment about the likely amount of tree & crop compensation etc. required to be paid by the AEGCL during execution stage. This assessment shall be done considering prevailing practices / guidelines, local regulations and other enquiries from local authorities.
- 3.6.5.5 The profile sheets showing the locations of the towers together with preliminary schedules of quantities indicating tower types, wind & weight spans, angle of deviation, crossing & other details etc. shall be submitted by the contractor for review & approval by AEGCL's site in charge.
- 3.6.5.6 Types of towers shall be A, B, C, D as per IS 5613 and other relevant standard for transmission lines.
- 3.6.5.7 Conductor to be used for 400 KV, 220 KV and 132 KV lines shall be ACSR Moose, Zebra and Panther respectively.
- 3.6.5.8 Tower Schedule submitted shall be as per format specified in Annexure 6.
- 3.6.5.9 Detailed survey of tower locations:
 - (a) The detailed survey shall be conducted to locate the tower locations on ground conforming to the profile and tower schedule.
 - (b) The co-ordinates of all the tower locations shall also be recorded using GPS of positional accuracy less than 3m for easy relocating. The positions of all tower locations shall be marked in the final digitized route alignment drawing with relative distances from any permanent bench mark in the area.
 - (c) The contractor shall also collect required data at each tower location in respect of soil strata, ground water level, history of water table in adjacent areas / surface water and classify the suitable type of foundation at each tower location based on the data collected at each location and detailed soil investigations carried out at selected locations etc.

- (d) The levels up or down of each pit centre with respect to centre of tower location shall be recorded at intervals of 2m using total stations / GPS / digital theodolite and digitized contour plans shall be made. Based on the digitized elevation plans, the quantities of benching & protection work vis-à-vis possible unequal leg extensions shall be optimized using suitable computer aided techniques / softwares.
- 3.6.5.10 The changes desired by the AEGCL in the preliminary tower schedule or as may be required based on detailed survey of tower locations & contouring by the contractor, shall be carried out by the contractor and the final tower schedule shall be submitted for approval of AEGCL. The tower schedule shall show position of all type of towers, span length, type of foundation for each tower, benching & revetment requirement, unequal leg extensions, deviation at all angles, crossings & other details etc.
- 3.6.5.11 List of output for Detailed Survey Report shall be furnished with reference to Annexure 4,5,6.

3.7.0 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION AT RIVER CROSSINGS:

- 3.7.1 The entire soil investigation work at river crossing locations (if required) shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant parts of the specifications for geotechnical investigation modified to the extent given below.
- 3.7.2 Requirements.

i. Boreholes shall be executed to specified depth of 40m. If refusal strata is reached (i.e. SPT-N value is greater than 100 continuously for 5m depth) 03.03.2014 Technical specification for 400 KV Transmission Lines 20 with characteristics of rock the borehole may be terminated at shallower depth i.e. at 5m in refusal strata, with prior approval of the Owner.

ii. Laboratory testing shall be conducted on all soil samples to determine grain size distribution, liquid limit and plastic limit of the different soil strata encountered.

- iii. Geotechnical Report must furnish the following:
- Geotechnical investigation schemes.
- Bore-logs indicating soil stratification, with IS classification, sampling details and SPT 'N' values.

• Soil cross-sections along various boreholes in two orthogonal directions indicating soil stratification based on field and laboratory tests.

- Grain size distribution curves.
- IS classification of soils.
- Shear tests (UU) to be done on saturated soil samples
- Bearing capacity of soil at different levels.
- Scouring depth of river.
- Highest flood level (H.F.L.).
- Maximum discharge, velocity etc. (from authenticated source such as CWC or appropriate State authorities).
- Recommendations regarding type of foundation to be adopted at the location.
- 3.7.3 A check list for reporting results of river crossings locations details, detailed soil investigation and river values for river crossing locations shall be furnished to the owner.

3.8.0 SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION IN THE RIVER BED:

- 3.8.1 Contractor is required to mobilize a suitable arrangement (floating pontoon, plant, equipment etc.) to carry out geotechnical investigation work in creek/river locations identified by the Owner.
- 3.8.2 In the event of storm or stoppage of work etc., Contractor shall not be paid extra for mobilization/remobilization of floating pontoon, plant equipment etc.
- 3.8.3 Contractor shall fully satisfy himself about the conditions of creek/river (depth of water, wave currents, wind conditions etc.) prevailing in the area of proposed investigation and plan the necessary tools and plant to be deployed before quoting. Any claim resulting from lack of data collection in this respect shall not be entertained.
- 3.8.4 Contractor shall make his own arrangements for locating the coordinates and position of boreholes in creek/river with respect to two grid-lines indicated by Purchaser.
- 3.8.5 The cost of boring in creek or river including lowering of the casing in water shall be taken into consideration while quoting rates in the BoQ schedules.
- 3.8.6 Contractor shall arrange for necessary transportation on water (e.g., motor boat) to facilitate the supervision of work by officials of Purchaser at its own cost.
- 3.8.7 Full details of the construction plant, proposed working method for boring and sampling in water shall be submitted along with the Tender.

3.9.0 DOCUMENTS RELATED TO STATUTORY/ROW CLEARANCES

3.9.1 Some portions of the line may require clearance from various authorities. The Contractor shall indicate the portion of the line so affected, the nature of clearance required and the name of concerned organizations such as local bodies, municipalities, P&T (name of circle), Inland navigation, Irrigation Department, Electricity Boards and Zonal railways, Divisional Forest Authorities etc.

CRITERIA FOR ROUTE SELECTION DURINGPRELIMINARY SURVEY

SL No						
1	Measurement of route length etc.					
2	Fixing of angle points of the towers					
3	Number of crossings of all electrical lines (details of lines to be attached along with in separate sheet)					
4	Number of crossing points of Railway Tracks (details of such points to be attached along with in separate sheet).					
5	Number of crossing points of major rivers & details of such points					
6	Number of crossing points of roads, national highways & details of such points					
7	Pegging of locations.					
8	General classifications of land					
8.a		Hill				
	Topography (length in metres maybe specified)	Lowland Marshy Land				
		Swamp				
		Others				
8.b		Forest Land				
		Village				
		Cultivable Land				
		Govt. Land				
	Habitat (length in metres maybe specified)	Defence Land/Shooting Range				
		Archaeological Site				
		Civil/Military Aerodromes				
		Industrial Installation				
8.c	Scheduled land (length in metres maybe specified)	Yes or No				
<u>.</u>	Location Specification (length in metres maybe specified)	Name of Village/Town				
8.d		Circle office				
		District				

<u>A BRIEF REPORT ON DOCUMENTS THAT SHALL BE REQUIRED WHILE</u> <u>APPLYING FOR APPROVAL FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS</u> (Whichever Applicable)

1. The Railway Department

- 2. The Airport Authority of India
- 3. The Power & Telecommunication Co Ordination Committee (PTCC):
- 4. CEA/Electrical Inspector
- 5. Forest Department
- 6. The National Highway Authority of India

******This report shall be a part of the detailed survey report.

DETAILS WHICH ARE TO BE SUBMITTED AS A PART OF THE PRELIMINARY SURVEY REPORT

- 1. Fixing of angle points of the towers
- 2. Crossings of all electrical lines & details of the lines.
- 3. Crossing points of Railway Tracks & details of such points.
- 4. Crossing points of major rivers & details of such points
- 5. road, NH
- 6. General classifications of soils
- 7. General Classification of Land including forest area (if any).
- 8. Measurement of route length etc.
- 9. Pegging of locations.
- 10. Route Marking (done either by Wooden pegs shall be driven in the ground between the angle points at prominent positions and **GPS co-ordinates in the report**).
- 11. The line as surveyed plotted on maps indicating all the angle points.

Note: In addition to the above, any other document as specified in the Technical Specifications of this Bid Document shall have to be submitted in the report.

Also, the copies of reports (2 nos. each of hard and soft copies), AutoCAD and PDF files, a file in .kmz format shall also be submitted.

LIST OF TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS AND DRAWINGS TO BE SUBMITTED AS A PART OF THE DETAILED SURVEY REPORT

- a) Route Profile Drawings (format as per **Annexure-1**)
- b) Sag Template
- c) TOWER SCHEDULE (format as per **Annexure -2**)
- d) Proposed Foundation Type.

Note: In addition to the above, any other document as specified in the Bid document shall have to be submitted.

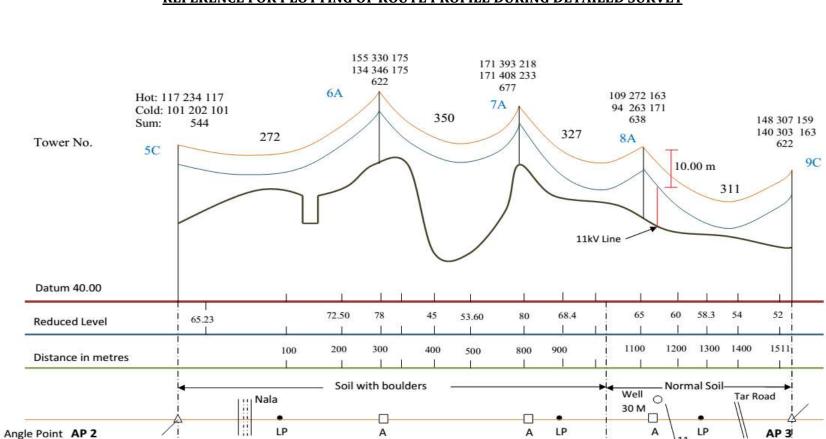
CONTENT OF WORK FOR REPORT

	Description					
1.	Project Highlight					
2.	Brief Background					
3.	Scope of Work					
4.	Complete technical profile of the project giving technical parameters of the Transmission System & equipment.					
5.	. Metrological data like temp., humidity, rainfall, wind zone, pressure & wind direction.					
6.	DETAILS RELATED TO TRANSMISSION LINE					
	a. Survey Report covering the scope of work detailed in the specification with all maps & other enclosures including details of the following enroute the transmission line					
	b. Places of Archaeological importance, river, streams, Estuary, sea, hills/ mountains etc.					
	c. Places of Historical, Cultural, Religious or Tourist importance					
	d. Defense installation					
	e. Railway Crossings					
	f. Power Line / Telecom Line Crossings					
	g. Environmental and social aspect					
	i. Forest Involvement / Clearance ii. Social Issue / R&R Measure					

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ANNEXURE 6 SAMPLE FORMAT FOR TOWER SCHEDULE

SI	АР	TOWER	TYPE OF	EXTENT	ANGLE OF	SPAN IN	SEC.	CUMUL- ATIVE	R.	C.P.	LEVEL	Sum of	SPAI n (HC	WEIGHT SPAN IN (HOT)		PAN IN SPAN IN			SPAN IN (COLD)		MAJO- R CROSS	REMA-	GI REAI	
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ANNEXURE 7 **REFERENCE FOR PLOTTING OF ROUTE PROFILE DURING DETAILED SURVEY**

Route Survey for 3 nos. of Transmission Lines under AEGCL

22° 15' RT

Assam Electricity Grid Corp. Ltd.

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Cultivated Land

27° 5'5' LT

Section - 4

General Conditions of Supply and Erection of AEGCL

This Section 'General Conditions of Supply and Erection of AEGCL' is supplied separately and supplementary to Section -5 'Special Conditions of Contract' of this document.

Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in SCC or the other Sections of this document shall prevail over those in the 'General Conditions of Supply and Erection of AEGCL'.

Section - 5

Special Conditions of Contract

This Section 'SCC' is supplementary to Section -4 'General Conditions of Supply and Erection of AEGCL'.

Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in this Section shall prevail over those in the 'General Conditions of Supply and Erection of AEGCL'.

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Section - 5

Special Conditions of Contract

- 5.1.0 All Demand Drafts shall be pledged in favour of the Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltanbazar, Guwahati-1, and Payable at Guwahati.
- 5.2.0 For any litigation arising out of the contract which cannot be resolve through mutual agreement or through Arbitration the honorable Guwahati High Court will have sole jurisdiction of all settlement.
- 5.3.0 The ruling language of the Work Order shall be English.
- 5.4.0 The Chief General Manager, (PP&D), AEGCL reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- 5.5.0 The works in accordance with the work order issued to the successful bidder must not be sublet.
- 5.6.0 No labour below 18 years should be engaged and contractor should have labour license from competent authority.
- 5.7.0 The contractor will be responsible for safety of his materials and manpower.
- 5.8.0 Cost for construction of temporary building for storage of materials etc. house for contractor and staff should bear by the contractor. No rent will be paid by the AEGCL.

5.9.0 BIDDER SHOULD EXAMINE & UNDERSTAND

All prospective bidders are required to thoroughly study and carefully examine all the terms and conditions, instructions, requirements& specifications pertaining to the work and visit the field of work to fully satisfy and acquaint themselves about the nature and location of work, the configuration of the ground, the surface conditions, quality and quantity of materials required and the type of equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during the execution of the work and local conditions which may affect the work or cost thereof. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's risk.

5.10.0 Supervising Authority:

The work shall be carried out under supervision of the Consignee AGM and an officer deputed by him as site in charge for each of the following transmission lines:

Sl No	Transmission Line	Consignee			
1	400kV D/C Khumtai (AEGCL New)- Biswanath Chariali (PGCIL) D/C (Twin Moose)- Route Length 190 km (estimated)	AGM, 220kV Mariani GSS, AEGCL			
2	220kV Bihpuria-Gogamukh D/C line- Route Length- 80 km (estimated)	AGM, 132kV Dhemaji GSS,			
3	132kV North Lakhimpur- Dhemaji line along with LILO at Gogamukh- 70 km (estimated)	AEGCL			

5.11.0 **Approving Authority**:

The CGM(PP&D),AEGCL in consultation with the GM(P&D), AEGCL, Narengi shall approve the submitted report. After approval, the contractor shall submit the report(s) to this office as follows:

Hard copies: 6 nos. Soft copies: 6 nos. in USB drives.

All data is to be submitted in AutoCAD format, PDF format, kmz format as well as hard copies (Colored) as referred above.

5.12.0 **Execution of Work**: The execution of work shall be done in the presence of AEGCL officials/representatives. The successful bidder before beginning of the work shall intimate AEGCL regarding their readiness to initiate the work, upon which the CGM (PP&D), AEGCL shall appoint his representative in whose presence the work shall have to be executed.

5.13.0 **COMPLETION SCHEDULE**

The completion schedule shall be in accordance with APPENDIX to ITB-2, Clause 1.3.

5.14.0 TERMS OF PAYMENT

- 5.14.1. The payment shall be made as follows against completion of deliverables:
- 5.14.2.

SI	Deliverable	% of the Contract
No		Value to be Paid
1	Approval of Preliminary Survey Report (including all drawings/documents in scope) for review by AEGCL	30%
2	Approval of Detailed Survey Report (including all drawings/documents like profile, Tower schedule, etc. in scope) for approval to AEGCL	50%
3	Preparation of BoQ	20%

5.14.3. ADVANCE PAYMENT

No advance payment is applicable for this contract.

5.8.4 Fund Availability Payment shall be made subject to availability of fund against this specific project.

5.15.0 PERFORMANCE SECURITY DEPOSIT

- 5.15.1. The contractor shall have to deposit to the extent of **3% (three percent)** of the total value of the contract order as performance security (Bank Guarantee / Demand Draft), within **ten (10)** days of receipt of notification of award/LOI and before signing of the Contract Agreement, duly pledged in favor of the Purchaser and such security deposits shall be valid up to **30 days beyond the contract completion period**.
- 5.15.2. If required, the Surveyor/Contractor on his own has to renew the BG at least 1(one) month before the date of expiry of the BG; failing which the BG shall be revoked by AEGCL within the claim period without any prior intimation to the contractor.
- 5.15.3. If the Surveyor/Contractor fails or neglects to observe, perform any of his obligations under the contract, it will be lawful for the "Purchaser" to forfeit either in full or in part at his absolute discretion, the security deposit furnished by the Surveyor/Contractor.
- 5.15.4. No interest shall be payable on such basis.

5.16.0 FORCE MAJEURE

- 5.16.1. "Force Majeure" shall mean any event beyond the reasonable control of the Purchaser or of the Surveyor/Contractor, as the case may be, and which is unavoidable notwithstanding the reasonable care of the party affected, and shall include, without limitation, the following:
 - (a) war, hostilities or warlike operations whether a state of war be declared or not, invasion, act of foreign enemy and civil war

- (b) rebellion, revolution, insurrection, mutiny, usurpation of civil or military government, conspiracy, riot, civil commotion and terrorist acts
- (c) confiscation, nationalization, mobilization, commandeering or requisition by or under the order of any government or de jure or de facto authority or ruler or any other act or failure to act of any local state or national government authority
- (d) strike, sabotage, lockout, embargo, import restriction, port congestion, lack of usual means of public transportation and communication, industrial dispute, shipwreck, shortage or restriction of power supply, epidemics, quarantine and plague
- (e) earthquake, landslide, volcanic activity, fire, flood or inundation, tidal wave, typhoon or cyclone, hurricane, storm, lightning, or other inclement weather condition, nuclear and pressure waves or other natural or physical disaster
- (f) shortage of labor, materials or utilities where caused by circumstances that are themselves Force Majeure.
- 5.16.2. If either party is prevented, hindered or delayed from or in performing any of its obligations under the Contract by an event of Force Majeure, then it shall notify the other in writing of the occurrence of such event and the circumstances thereof within fourteen (14) days after the occurrence of such event.
- 5.16.3. The party who has given such notice shall be excused from the performance or punctual performance of its obligations under the Contract for so long as the relevant event of Force Majeure continues and to the extent that such party's performance is prevented, hindered or delayed. The Time for Completion shall be extended in accordance with **SCC Clause 5.17.0**.

5.17.0 EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMPLETION

- 5.17.1. The Time(s) for Completion specified in the Work Order shall be extended if the Work is delayed or impeded in the performance of any of its obligations by reason of any of the following:
 - (a) any Change in the scope of works by the Purchaser; which justifies extension of completion time as provided in *SCC Clause* 5.16.0; and
 - (b) any occurrence of Force Majeure as provided in SCC Clause 5.16.0.
- 5.17.2. Except where otherwise specifically provided in the Contract, the Surveyor/Contractor shall submit to the Purchaser's Representative a notice of a claim for an extension of the Time for Completion, together with particulars of the event or circumstance justifying such extension as soon as reasonably practicable after the commencement of such event or circumstance. As soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of such notice and supporting particulars of the claim, the Purchaser and the Surveyor/Contractor shall agree upon the period of such extension. In the event that the Surveyor/Contractor does not accept the Purchaser's estimate of a fair and reasonable time extension, the Surveyor/Contractor shall be entitled to refer the matter to a Dispute Board, pursuant to SCC Sub-Clause 5.19.0.

5.18.0 LIQUIDATED DAMAGE

5.18.1. The date of completion of work shall be deemed as the essence of the contract and shall not be completed no later than the time specified in the contract. In case of failure, AEGCL shall be entitled to recover an amount at the rate of 0.5% of the contract price per week subject to maximum of 10% of the work order value as liquidated damage of AEGCL. However, the payment of liquidated damages shall not in any way relieve the Contractor from any of its obligations to complete the work

5.19.0 ARBITRATION

5.19.1. If at any time, any question, disputes or differences whatsoever shall rise between the Purchaser and the Surveyor/Contractor, upon or in relation to or in connection with the contract, either party may forthwith give notice to the other in writing of the existence of such question of dispute or difference and the same shall be

referred to the adjudication of three Arbitrators, one to be nominated by the Purchaser the other by the Surveyor/Contractor and the third by the President of the Institution of Engineers, India/ Retired or Sitting Judge not below the status of a retired Judge of High Court of India. If either of the parties fail to appoint its arbitrators within 60(sixty) days after receipt of notice of the appointment of arbitrators then the President of the Institution of Engineers /retired or sitting Judge of India, as the case may be, shall have the power at request of either of the parties, to appoint an Arbitrator. A certified copy of the "President" making such an appointment shall be furnished to both parties

5.19.2. The arbitration shall be conducted as per provisions of the Indian Arbitration Act, shall be held at Guwahati or any other place as may be decided by the Purchaser. The decision of the majority of Arbitrators shall be final & binding upon the parties and the expenses of the arbitration shall be paid as may be determined by the Arbitrator. However, any dispute arising out of this contract will first be discussed and settled bilaterally between Purchaser and the Surveyor/Contractor.

5.20.0 **QUANTITY VARIATION**

5.1.1. "Purchaser" shall have the right to increase/decrease the ordered quantity by (±) 20% in terms of contract value and the same shall be carried out at the same rates /prices and terms and conditions stipulated in the order except in regard to completion schedule, which shall be mutually agreed upon in case of enhancement of the ordered quantity.