

ITER-India's (I-I) response to the pre-bid queries raised by bidders during pre-bid meeting held on 2nd March 2026

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1	As per GEM tender Notice page no. 2. EMD - Rs. 2,00,000.00/-		<p>We (A Govt. of India Undertaking, Subsidiary) are register under Ministry of Micro small & medium Enterprises and we are under small Enterprises with Udyam registration certificate, so accordingly we request you for exemption of Tender fees & EMD as per Guideline and Amendment to the Rule 170(i) of General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017 the MSMEs are exempted to submit EMD in case of advertised or limited tender enquiry as defined in MSME procurement policy issued by Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).</p> <p>We would like to inform that CPSE like GIFT, ONGC, IOCL, BPCL etc has exempted the tender fees and EMD for MSME companies. The relevant pages of tender documents are enclosed.</p> <p>We request you to consider the same in line with ONGC, IOCL, BPCL tenders.</p>	It is Exempted based on the valid document as per applicability for exemption from payment of EMD.

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2	Documents: Section-A: Essential Eligibility Criteria, Instructions to Bidders and Unpriced Bid Format Page No.7 The Bidder shall have experience of Third-Party Inspection activities performed during the manufacturing of vacuum vessel / pressure vessel / heat exchanger for Nuclear /Space / defence projects within last seven years from the tender date.		We a Govt. of India Undertaking is a NABCB Accredited Category 'A' Type Inspection Body and has extensive experience in inspection of similar material in the Oil & Gas sector. Kindly clarify whether experience in Oil & Gas sector for similar material shall be considered acceptable for meeting the qualification criteria.	Bidder shall have experience of Third-Party Inspection activities performed during the manufacturing of vacuum vessel / pressure vessel / heat exchanger for Nuclear /Space / defence projects within last seven years from the tender date.
3	Part - A (i) EEC	3. Essential Eligibility Criteria - Table 1	Kindly clarify whether inspection experience in ASME pressure vessels, heat exchangers, reactors, columns and heavy fabrication equipment for oil & gas/refinery sector will be considered technically equivalent.	Bidder shall have experience of Third-Party Inspection activities performed during the manufacturing of vacuum vessel / pressure vessel / heat exchanger for Nuclear /Space / defence projects within last seven years from the tender date.
4	Part - A (i) EEC	3. Essential Eligibility Criteria - Table 1	Must all the inspector (bio-data to be submitted) be on payroll on the tender date, or can inspector be deployed after award, with approval of the purchaser?	Inspectors must be on the payroll of the bidder as on tender date. However Bidder are free to propose other suitable inspector (other than submitted bio-data) after the contract award.

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5	Section B (ATC)	Clause 5.2	Kindly clarify whether the contract will automatically terminate upon completion of 4 years, even if the full 100 Man Month are not utilised. Further, in case project schedule extends beyond 4 years, will the contract duration be extended and price variation formula continue to apply?	Refer Clause 5.2 Of Part A (i) Contract duration for the TPIA services shall be ~ 4 years from the Contract Start Date. The Purchaser reserves the right to extend the service duration / quantity as per prevailing GeM conditions. In case of extension attributed to purchaser, price variation formula continue to apply as per the clause 6.2 of Part A(i)
6	Part - A (i) EEC	3. Essential Eligibility Criteria - Table 1	Can multiple project work orders collectively demonstrate required experience within last seven years.	The Bidder shall have experience of Third-Party Inspection activities performed during the manufacturing of vacuum vessel / pressure vessel / heat exchanger for Nuclear /Space / defence projects within last seven years from the tender date.
7	Section-A	2 (Introduction)	Please confirm whether manufacturing drawings, Quality Plan, and MIPs will be shared with the selected TPIA before mobilization.	As defined in "Scope of Work (Clause 2 Section A)" ITER-India shall provide all manufacturing drawings and Technical Specification of DNB and HNB3 Vacuum Vessel to TPIA. ITER-India shall also provide approved Quality Plan, MIPs (Manufacturing & Inspection Plan) and approved manufacturing and quality procedures.

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8	Section-B	5.1 Scope of Work	Are inspectors expected to be present full-time on-site or only at designated Hold Points (HP) / Notification Points (NP)?	<p>Details are mentioned in the Part A(ii) Technical. Refer clause 2.2 and 2.4 states the following: I-I want to keep a TPI continuously during the contract period, however, if due to any reason I-I cannot keep the person continuously, TPI should make arrangement for relocation of inspector with one-month advance notice from I-I.</p> <p>The TPIA shall appoint and depute one qualified inspector regularly for the Contract period at Factory.</p>
9	Section-A	3 (EEC)	Clarify if NDE Level-II inspectors must individually cover all four methods (RT, UT, LPT, Visual) or if multiple inspectors can collectively meet the requirement.	Bidder should have min. three inspector on payroll on the tender date. Collectively, all three inspectors, bidder should provide NDT certificate with NDE LEVEL – II as per ASNT in RT, UT, Visual Inspection and LPT as defined in EEC (Table 1)
10	Section-B	6.2 Price Variation Formula	Please confirm whether the Labour Index (Shimla) will be frozen at bid submission date or updated annually.	As per clause 6.2, Lx is defined.
11	Part - A (ii) Technical	Clause 2.2	<p>We would like to understand whether inspection calls will be issued to the TPI strictly on a man month basis, or if they will be calculated on a man day basis.</p> <p>Our concern is that if our personnel are identified and kept ready for the assignment, but no inspection calls are raised during that month, how will compensation be addressed? Will the calculation be based on the full man month commitment, or only on the actual man days utilized within that month?</p>	I-I want to keep a TPI continuously during the contract period, however, if due to any reason I-I cannot keep the person continuously, TPI should make arrangement for relocation of inspector with one-month advance notice from I-I.