

Draft reply of clarification to the Pre-bid queries against tender no. MITL/SBIA/2025-26/T-06 Dated 04-11-2025

Sr. No.	Name of the bidder	Pre-Bid Queries	Clarification of MITL
1	<p>Bidder 1</p> <p>Existing Condition: Completion period 06 month from the date of order (Sr.No.1 of IFB of Book-I)</p> <p>Existing condition: Clause No.63.0 EMD, Sub clause-63.1(page No.36 of Book-I): The Bidders will have to provide BID Security (EMD) by Demand Draft or in the form of a bank guarantee, payable at Mumbai, issued by any Nationalised / Scheduled Bank, approved by RBI</p> <p>The existing clause 2.1 (a) (i) is as under: The bidder should be an approved vendor of PGCIL / MSETCLand have installed tower material manufacturing capacity of at least 15000 MT per year and should have fabricated and supplied at least 4500 MT of EHV transmission line (400KV & above) towers cumulatively in last three years (2022-23, 2023-2024,2024-25) of voltage class of at least 400 KV. The manufacturer should have its own Galvanizing plant and Testing station in India capable of 400 KV Tower. OR The bidder not satisfying above condition shall furnish a legally enforceable Joint Deed of Undertaking duly notarized (Format Enclosed) from the Tower manufacturer who satisfies such condition fully, to guarantee for quality & timely supply of tower material.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Survey Details & Drawings: As discussed during the pre-bid meeting with the PGCIL officer, the survey has already been conducted. We request you to kindly provide the drawings of the towers along with the type and nomenclature of each tower. 2. Scrap Billing: Please clarify whether the scrap billing is to be done on a Net Billing basis or Reverse Billing basis. 3. Project Completion Period: Considering the requirement of complete PGCIL inspection and the challenge in raw material availability, we request you to revise the project completion schedule from the existing 6 months to 12 months, with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Supply Period: 9 months o Installation & Commissioning Period: 3 months. 4. Insurance Surety Bond for EMD & PBG: We request you to kindly accept Insurance Surety Bonds issued by RIDA-registered companies for EMD and PBG, as per the latest Government of India guidelines. Also, kindly confirm the required validity period. 5. Payment Terms: The current payment term mentions 60 days for supply. We request you to revise this to 30 days, which will improve project cash flow and help in faster completion of the project. 6. Existing Clause 2.1 (a) (i): <i>“The manufacturer should have its own Galvanizing plant and Testing station in India capable of testing 400 kV Towers.”</i> 	<p>The drawings of the towers is attached herewith.</p> <p>The Scrap billing will be done on Net Billing Basis.</p> <p>Completion period shall be 09 month from the date of order</p> <p>No Change in condition for EMD and PGB</p> <p>No Change in payment terms</p> <p>The existing clause 2.1 (a) (i) is ammended to read as under: The bidder should be an approved vendor of PGCIL /MSETCLand have installed tower material manufacturing capacity of at least 15000 MT per year and should have fabricated and supplied at least 4500 MT of EHV transmission line (220KV & above) towers cumulatively in last three years (2022-23, 2023-2024,2024-25) of voltage class of at least 400 KV. The manufacturer should have its own galvanizing plant. The towers shall be tested at testing station at its own manufacturing plant or any NABL accredited lab in India for 400 KV towers. OR The bidder not satisfying above condition shall furnish a legally enforceable Joint Deed of Undertaking duly notarized (Format Enclosed) from the Tower manufacturer who satisfies such condition fully, to guarantee for quality & timely supply of tower material.</p>

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		<p>Modification Requested: While we have our own Galvanizing plant, we do not maintain an in-house testing station. We kindly request that the clause be modified to allow testing to be carried out at any NABL-accredited testing station in India, instead of mandating an in-house testing facility.</p> <p>We would also like to draw your attention to the precedent from your earlier Tender No. MITL/SBIA/2025-26/T-03,</p> <p>During the Pre-Bid meeting for the above tender, bidders had raised a similar concern regarding the requirement for an in-house testing station. MITL reviewed the query and addressed it through a corrigendum under Technical Qualifying Criteria, Point No. 2.1(a)-(i).</p> <p>Query Raised (in Tender T-03): Only one manufacturer possessed an in-house NABL-accredited testing facility, which restricted competition. Since all monopoles and towers are type-tested and approved by MSETCL, an in-house testing bed requirement was unnecessary and discouraged healthy participation.</p> <p>MITL's Conclusion (as per Corrigendum): <i>"The manufacturer should have its own manufacturing and galvanizing plant. The towers and monopoles shall be tested as per the standard practice of MSETCL."</i></p> <p>In view of the above and to ensure fair and healthy competition in the current tender as well, we kindly request MITL to consider a similar modification by allowing testing at any NABL-accredited laboratory in India, instead of mandating an in-house testing facility.</p>	
2	Bidder 2	<p>1. Drawings / Documents Required</p> <p>To prepare an accurate proposal, request provision of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest approved line profile • Sag-tension charts • Updated tower schedule • Soil investigation report (if available) • Existing tower type drawings • Proposed route map/alignment plan <p>2. PGCIL Approved Vendor/ Supplier List.</p> <p>3. Please clarify whether work experience related to 220 kV level transmission line projects will be considered eligible as experience for similar works.</p>	<p>The drawings of the towers is attached herewith.</p> <p>May be taken from PGCIL website</p> <p>No Change</p>

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3	<p>Bidder 3</p> <p>Clause No. 24.5 of Book-I (Existing Payment Schedule)</p> <p>a) For Supply of materials/ equipment</p> <p>(i) No advance.</p> <p>(ii) 80% of the cost for supplied materials/equipment shall be payable within 60 days against the material receipt (MRC) at site.</p> <p>(iii) 10% of the cost of supplied materials/equipment shall be payable within 60 days after successful erection / stringing.</p> <p>(iv) The balance 10% of the cost of supplied materials/equipment shall be paid within 60 days after successful commissioning.</p> <p>Note: The 60 days period mentioned for payments shall be reckoned from the date of successful clearance of verification of documents or due date whichever is later.</p>	<p>Proposed Amendment in Payment Schedule:</p> <p>a) For Supply of materials/ equipment</p> <p>(i) No advance.</p> <p>(ii) Ninety percent (90%) of the Ex-works price of the material supplied along with taxes and duties shall be paid within 30 days against delivery and on submission of all relevant Documents.</p> <p>(iii) The balance 10% of the cost of supplied materials/equipment shall be paid within 30 days after successful commissioning.</p>	<p>No change in payment terms</p>
	<p>b) For Services (Erection ,Testing and commissioning)</p> <p>i) 90% of the Charges towards erection portion completed shall be paid within 60 days from the date of completion, on those works.</p> <p>ii) Balance 10% of Erection charges (for the completed works) shall be paid within 60 days after successful commissioning of the works.</p> <p>Note : The 60 days period mentioned for payments shall be reckoned from the date of successful clearance of verification of documents or due date whichever is later.</p> <p>Existing Clause No.2- Technical Qualifying Criteria(Sub Clause 2.1(ii)): Similar Work : The bidder should have constructed transmission line project(s) involving tower foundation, erection and stringing of 345 kV D/C , 345 kV M/C or higher voltage class Tr. Line of route length at least 4 Km of route length mentioned in the scope of this tender in single order.</p>	<p>b) For services (Erection, Testing and Commissioning)</p> <p>(i) 90% (ninety percent) of the erection price component shall be paid on progressive monthly basis depending on the actual work done against each completed erection activity and on certification of the same by Competent Authority.</p> <p>(ii) ii) Balance 10% of Erection charges (for the completed works) shall be paid within 30 days after successful commissioning of the works.</p> <p>Amend the Clause No.2 , Technical Qualifying Criteria, Sub clause 2.1(ii) as under: Similar Work : The bidder should have constructed transmission line project(s) involving tower foundation, erection and stringing of 345 kV D/C, 345 kV M/C or higher voltage class Tr. Line.</p>	<p>No change in payment terms</p> <p>No Change</p>