

REPLY TO PRE-BID QUERIES

BIDDING DOCUMENT NO. : MEC/23VX/01/51/D2/T04/SU/6538
 SUBJECT OF BIDDING DOCUMENT : SMART METERING SYSTEM
 (ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT (ARC) FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR)

Sr. No.	Part / Section / Clause No.	pdf Page No.	Clause Description	Bidder's Query	Reply to Bidder's Query
1	I: A. Technical Criteria CI No. 1.5	15	BID EVALUATION CRITERIA The bidder shall have an agreement/tie up with AMR/MIU manufacturer valid up to the contract period including guarantee/warranty period.	Can an AMR/MIU Manufacturer enter an agreement with 2 Bidders with different Meter Manufacturers meeting the BEC criteria as per tender	AMR manufacturer may support more bidders. However, AMR manufacturer shall meet the criteria mentioned in SCC Cl.5.0 and Bidder shall meet the criteria mentioned in Bid Evaluation Criteria (BEC). Tender conditions prevail.
2	SECTION – III D SCC PAYMENT TERMS AND MODE OF PAYMENT	198 of 221	23. TERMS OF PAYMENT 1.1.1 PAYMENT A) 80% (Eighty percent) payment of the supplied portion along with all taxes, duties and freight will be paid on receipt & acceptance of goods at FOT site after adjustment of PRS, if any along with submission of following documents: - i) Invoice in triplicate ii) Inspection Release note by approved agency. iii)Original GR / LR	Current tender is for supply of SMART meters. However, modified Payment terms as per clause B and Clause C 12% and 3 % respectively links payment of supply to services. 1. We request you to kindly make service separate part of SOR to avoid any ambiguity in scope of work. 2. In case, BGL intends to retain some part against supply. The same shall be retained against supply only for a period	Scope of work & SOR shall be as per Tender. Refer CORRIGENDUM #2 for TERMS OF PAYMENT

		<p>iv)Packing List</p> <p>For FINAL BILL, following documents are to be provided:</p> <p>v) No Claim Certificate</p> <p>vi) Statement of Completion</p> <p>vii) Extended BG period, in case supply is delayed beyond contractual time period</p> <p>Note: Documents related to point no. v) and vi) shall be submitted in company letter head duly signed and stamped.</p> <p>B) 10% payment of the supplied portion, after integration, verification & ensuring communication of meters with existing server.</p> <p>C) Balance 10% (ten percent) of the supplied portion will be paid within 30 days after successful integration, commissioning & data exchange of the system as specified in the Technical Specifications/ Material Requisition after adjustment of PRS, if any duly certified by Engineer-in-Charge (EIC) along with submission of Work Completion Certificate and No Claim Certificate.</p> <p>However, if the integration and commissioning of the system is delayed due to non-availability of site clearance by Owner, this balance payment of 10% will be released by BHAGYANAGAR Gas after 6 months from the date of material acceptance at site, against submission of bank guarantee for equivalent amount. The BG will be valid for 12 months initially and will be extended</p>	<p>such as 6 months. The similar retention clause is also available in MECON's SMART meter BGCL tender No 5/51/23V5/BGCL/054M-03 dated 27-May-2021 where 10% of supply payment is retained for 180 days and is not linked to services. Also, we request Bidder shall be allowed to claim this 10% retention amount against submission of BG before retention period.</p> <p>3. In case, site is not available for 6 months 12% payment against clause B shall be released against BG for 12 months initially and can be extended upto a period of 48 months. We request you to kindly limit this period to 12 months only.</p> <p>4. Clause C - 3% payment shall be released against work completion. We request you to please include clause to release 3% payment against BG as Client detail shall be provided by BGL and we do not have any control on this. Work completion certificate shall be issued after 12 months if all meters are commissioned on server with dummy BP number for cases where</p>	
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		<p>till completion of the integration and commissioning of the system, duly certified by engineer-in-Charge (EIC). Such rescheduling, if any, will be intimated by EIC.</p> <p>Modifications:</p> <p>23. TERMS OF PAYMENT</p> <p>1.1.1 PAYMENT</p> <p>A) 85% (Eighty-five percent) payment on the supplied portion of pre-initialised meters integrated with existing server without BP No., along with all taxes, duties and freight will be paid on receipt & acceptance of goods at FOT site after adjustment of PRS, if any along with submission of following documents: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Invoice in triplicate ii) Inspection Release note by approved agency. iii) Original GR / Receipted LR iv) Packing List <p>B) 12% (twelve percent) of the supplied meters will be paid on pro-rata, based on successful commissioning & data exchange of the system including integration with billing software as specified in the Technical Specifications/ Material Requisition, after adjustment of PRS, if any along with submission of the commissioning report of meters mentioning BP No., MIU no., meter no., customer address, installation & commissioning date, bill generation report etc.</p>	<p>details are pending from BGL.</p> <p>5. We understand, meter reading is not part of tender scope and shall be done by BGL only. Please confirm.</p>	
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3	I SECTION – III C SCC	193 of 221	<p>4. COMPLETION SCHEDULE</p> <p>The Contract will be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of Fax of Acceptance (FOA).</p> <p>4.1 Delivery Period:</p> <p>4.1 The delivery shall be on Lot wise basis, wherein 50% of the ordered quantities of item No. A.1 of the Price</p> <p>Schedule will be delivered within Two months from date of FOA, and balance 50% shall be delivered Within Two months from the date of intimation. The basis of delivery will be FOT site, Hyderabad, Vijayawada & Kakinada</p> <p>basis. However, BGL reserves the right to change the delivery locations within the three cities at the time of despatch to site</p> <p>FOR Integration and Commissioning of the System:</p> <p>01 Month from the date of Intimation by BHAGYANAGAR Gas regarding readiness of site.</p> <p>Modifications:</p> <p>4. COMPLETION SCHEDULE</p> <p>The Contract will be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of Fax of Acceptance (FOA).</p>	<p>1. Considering current pandemic situation, supply chains are impacted across globe and lead time of some of the critical components of AMR has increased drastically. We request you to please consider Lead time of 16 weeks for first lot of 50% qty.</p> <p>2. Please clarify that bidder can take meter readings in BGL warehouse upon supply which shall be 0 meter reading and generate bills without Customer BPN but against Meter serial no. It is not mandatory to take meter readings after installation of meters at site and generation of BPN. Please confirm</p>	<p>Delivery Period shall be as in CORRIGENDUM #2.</p> <p>Generated bills shall be with Customer BP No. & details.</p> <p>For details, please refer TERMS OF PAYMENT, COMPLETION SCHEDULE in CORRIGENDUM #2</p>
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