

**Responses to Pre-bid Queries**

**Bid for Purchase of Engineering Seismograph, Radon Monitoring System (Soil), Radon Monitor in water, Gas Chromatograph for Helium Detection, Automatic weather monitoring system & ULF Magnetometer instruments on behalf of Institute of Seismological Research(ISR), Gandhinagar (Tender no. HWT060717443)**

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1	Page No. 5/Item no. 5. Automatic weather monitoring system/Clause No. 4	The bidder/any consortium partner should be an authorized Indian representative of the manufacturer, who must have manufactured, tested and supplied at least five units of the Automatic weather monitoring system similar to the type specified in this bid to any of the reputed organization/institute within last 3 years.	About eligibility of the bidder, he has to have 5 units having SITC in past. Here, the important aspect is that the systems so provided are at present in working condition or not. For this very confirmation, a certificate from the officer of the owner having rank not below that of Ex. Engineer is to be asked.	No Change
2	Page No. 11/The terms and conditions are as follows:/Clause No..24	The successful Bidder's E.M.D. will be returned upon the Bidder signing the Contract, and furnishing the Performance Bank Guarantee @ 10% of the total order value, offer of inspection of the ordered material and after completion of bid validity whichever is later.	Clause No..24 is confusing. How the officer of inspection of materials arise, when he only furnishes the performance bank Guarantee. More Processes to follow like signing the Agreement, receiving the work order and execution commences thereafter.	Please see the revised bid document.
3	Page No. 12/The terms and conditions are as follows:/Clause No..44	28 Prices shall be inclusive of Excise Duties. The prices shall strictly be submitted in the given format. Quoted prices shall be inclusive of all taxes except CST/VAT. The tax components- C.S.T. & VAT as applicable shall be mentioned separately in the respective columns. However, payments related to the customs duty is ISR's responsibility. The bidder has to submit all the required documents relevant to the supply of the goods for customs clearance. The final prices quoted for each item are CIF basis.	Pl. be informed that mention of excise duty, CST/ST are all non-relevant with the enactment of GSTAct, eliminating 17 taxes, 23 cesses and integrating various 500 taxes to make ' OneTax, One Market and One Nation".	Please see the revised bid document.

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4	Page No. 13/The terms and conditions are as follows:/Clause No..35	The inspection of the Goods/Software/Softwares shall be carried out to check whether the Goods/Software/Softwares are in conformity with the technical specifications attached to the contract and shall be in line with the inspection/test procedures laid down in the Technical Specifications and the Conditions of contract. Following broad test procedure will generally be followed for inspection and testing of machine. The supplier will dispatch the Goods/Software to the ultimate consignee after internal inspection testing along with the supplier's inspection report and manufacturer's warranty certificate. The purchaser will test the equipment after completion of the installation and commissioning at the site of the installation.	Please explain as to who shall bear the inspection charges?	Inspection will be done at manufacturer site by their internal expert. They have to submit the inspection report and ISR will do the inspection after the arrival of goods at the customer site.
5	Page No. 14/The terms and conditions are as follows:/Clause No..37 Delivery & installation	• Delivery: Within 90 working days from the date of confirmed purchase order at Ahmedabad Airport. Upon delivery of the Goods/Software, the supplier shall notify the purchaser and the insurance company by cable/telex/fax/email the full details of the shipment including contract number, airway bill/ railway receipt number and date, description of Goods/Software, quantity, name of the consignee etc. The supplier shall mail the following documents to the purchaser with a copy to the insurance company.	Delivery of duly inspected system is shown at Ahmedabad Air port. In fact, it is up to the contractor to bring the components as per his convenience. To assume that the components will be imported from abroad, is too early to consider. It is therefore required that only mode of transport remains to be spelt out. -By Air, By Rail or By Road Transport.	Please see the revised bid document.
6	Page No. 14/The terms and conditions are as follows:/Clause No..39	39 Bids shall be valid for 365 days after the date of financial bid opening. A bid valid for a shorter period shall be rejected as non-responsive. If required, GIL may extend the bid validity for further period from the date of expiry of bid validity in consultation with the successful bidder.	Validity of offer fixed at 365 days which is too long a period. In fact, there is a general practice to have validity for 120 days, and within such validity, the owner is supposed to finalize the officer and advise contractor to sign the agreement. Once the agreement is signed, it served as offer, acceptance and consideration at relevant terms and conditions. Now Agreement takes care of proposed work, nomenclature etc., Agreement is a legal document so far is in force, offer validity does not affect since based on the offer only the agreement is signed by both the parties.	Please see the revised bid document.
7	General Query/Suggestion	General Query/Suggestion	It is requested to please give proposed locations for all 10 systems, as the District of Kutch is the largest amongst all districts of Gujarat and the locations if far apart may constitute large transport cost, shifting of labor etc.	All the ten locations will be within Kutch district, Gujarat and will be 30-40 km apart from each other.
8	General Query/Suggestion	General Query/Suggestion	It is requested to please leave it to the contractor to complete the project within 5 months, instead of bifurcating the supply portion and the installation component of the job. Completion period is to be reckoned in totality of 5 months. This will avoid penalty, if supply is delayed by 15 days but installation is completed in 1 1/2 months.	No Change

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9	General Query/Suggestion	General Query/Suggestion	For Specifications of sensors etc.; Air Temperature, HR and Wind speed, the consideration given to higher range of brackets for temperature. In countries abroad, Temp; may be getting minus on the scale. In India, this is not the case. Hardly do we have + 3 degrees to +5 degrees on lower scale and high up to 50 degrees Celsius. We have to devise instruments to perform in India and compatible to Indian environment. Specifications showing higher minus scale on temperature needs to be revised and kept to suit to Indian weather. Please revise the same to encourage Indian firms/developers/Manufactures to participate in the bids.	Please see the revised bid document.
10	Page No. 36/Section 5: Automatic weather monitoring system	Note 3. Installation will be done by ISR at respective sites; only testing of workability of the instruments for continuous operation for 7 days is required at ISR, Gandhinagar.	It has been mentioned under note 3, "Installation by ISR at the respective sites."	Please see the revised bid document.
11	General Query/Suggestion	General Query/Suggestion	This provision is not clear. Since the balance 20% of payment is released only after successful installation of the systems, it is not logical that IST to install at Sites. Further, the condition provided the bidder to give 24x7 performance / workability test at ISR, Gandhinagar. is system to be brought to Gandhinagar or straight to the respective sites?	No Change
12	General Query/Suggestion	General Query/Suggestion	Pl. confirm what is the status of earlier 1% cess under the buildings and other construction workers' welfare cess act, 1996 as enacted by GOI and notified on 26.09.1996, in the present context of GST structure?	The final price will be inclusive of all prevailing taxes.
13	General Query/Suggestion	General Query/Suggestion	It is general practice to receive e-Offer up to 18 00 hrs on the specified dates. This is to match with the closing hour of the office. If deemed fit, please make necessary amendment.	No Change
14	Page No. 20/Form no. T2 (TECHNICAL MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS):	Number of channels - 48 channels should be achievable by connecting 2 nos of 24 channel seismograph modules	Whether the system should have the option to upgrade from 48 channels to 96 Channels or more, so that the system can be connected with additional number of 24 channel engineering seismograph module in future to achieve more spread and for detailed information studies.	Yes, the upgradation to more number of channels is acceptable. No change in tender conditions.
15	Page No. 09 & 38/The terms and conditions are as follows:/Clause No..08	The bidder has to upload the compliance letter on its letter head duly signed by the authorized signature & other supporting documents as asked for in the bid in scanned format. Failing to submit the same or non-compliance/deviation from any bid terms and conditions, eligibility criteria or technical specifications may result in rejection of the bid. & As per page# 38, The Performa of Compliance Letter should be on Non judicial stamp paper of Rs. 100 duly attested by the First class Magistrate / Notary Public.	There is a contradiction between the above referred statements in the bid document. Please confirm whether the bidder shall upload the compliance letter on company's letter head with duly signed by authorized signature without submitting the physical form of document.	Yes, the bidder shall upload the compliance letter on company's letter head, duly signed by the authorized signatory, along with the other documents. In case of consortium, the bidder has to submit the agreement as specified in the tender on non judicial stamp paper of Rs. 100, duly attested by the First class Magistrate / Notary Public.

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16	General Query/Suggestion	General Query/Suggestion	Whether pre-inspection at OEM facility for Engineering Seismograph item is applicable? If required, please provide the provision in BOQ to quote the pre inspection charges.	Inspection will be done at manufacturer site by their internal expert. They have to submit inspection report and ISR will do the inspection at customer site.
17	General Query/Suggestion	General Query/Suggestion	Whether quoting on CIP Ahmedabad International Airport is acceptable for the foreign bidders? The other requirements such as Customs Duty, Customs Clearance, Local transportation up to consignee location and insurance in India will be the responsibility of GIL / ISR Gandhinagar. Please confirm.	Yes
18	Page No. 09 /The terms and conditions are as follows:/Clause No..13	(d) Details of the Service Centers and information on the service support facilities that would be provided after the warranty period, Bidder should have a registered office or authorized Service centre or authorized representative in western region and preferably in & around the Gujarat state.	Please confirm whether Authorized Service Center within India for Engineering Seismograph is acceptable. We have our Authorized Service Center in India at Chennai (South Region) handled by M/s. Chrisvin Geomet Service Pvt Ltd. They will take care of the services in India.	Please see the revised bid document.
19	General Query/Suggestion	General Query/Suggestion	The bid processing fee for participating in this tender is INR 15,000/- which is non-refundable, we feel the value of bid processing fee is high for the bidders who is quoting for only one item and usually even for the high value tenders (for single item) in India the bid processing fee / tender fee will be in the range between INR 1000 – INR 2000. Hence we kindly request you to reduce the value of tender processing for the bidders who is quoting for single item.	No Change
20	General Query/Suggestion	General Query/Suggestion	Further the last date for submission of tender is on 27th July 2017 which is a very short period for such a high value tender because the amount of work involved in this tender is huge like documentations that needs to be put in place for bid preparation and arranging of EMD for a value of INR 1,50,000/- etc, with this situation it would be difficult for the bidders to complete the bid proposal within the stipulated time for participating in the tender.	Please see the revised bid document.
21	Page No. 08 /Item no. 5 of Scope of work	The bidder has to supply 10 nos. of Automatic Weather Station with cable as per the specifications stipulated in this tender to ISR, Raisan, Gandhinagar, India.  The Bidder is therefore required to supply, install, configure and integrate the complete H/w and S/w modules to meet the requirements as per Tender document.	If the Bidder has to supply and install the 10 nos. AWS at required sites, then why should the delivery be at ISR, Gandhinagar? This shall prevent multiple transportation and handling of equipments.	Please see the revised bid document.

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23	Page No. 11/The terms and conditions are as follows:/Clause No..18	EMD shall be submitted in the form of Demand Draft OR in the form of an unconditional Bank Guarantee (which should be valid for 15 months from the last date of bid submission) of All Nationalized Bank including the public sector bank or Private Sector Banks or Commercial Banks or Co-Operative & Rural Banks (operating in India having branch at Ahmedabad/ Gandhinagar) as per the G.R. no. EMD/10/2015 /508/DMO dated 27.04.2016 issued by Finance Department or further instruction issued by Finance department time to time in the name of "Gujarat Informatics Ltd."	The Supply & installation period is of 5 months. Why is the EMD required to be valid for 15 months? As per normal practice, bid validity & EMD validity is maximum 120 days from date of Tender. Pl. Confirm.	Please see the revised bid document.
24	Page No. 12/The terms and conditions are as follows:/Clause No..26	(26.1 & 26.2) Termination for default of Terms and Conditions.: The Purchaser may, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the Bidder(after providing notice/cure period of 30 days), terminate the Contract in whole or part: a) if the bidder fails to deliver any or all of the Goods within 90 working days from the date of purchase order, or within any extension thereof granted by the Purchaser or	The delivery required period mentioned is 90 days and installation completion is further within 60 days. Hence, request to combine the project period itself including delivery and installation within 150 days, as the same provides flexibility for delivery period, covered installation or vice versa. Clause 26.2 becomes null & void in above situational condition.	No Change
25	Page No. 12/The terms and conditions are as follows:/Clause No..28	Prices shall be inclusive of Excise Duties. The prices shall strictly be submitted in the given format. Quoted prices shall be shall be inclusive of all taxes except CST/VAT. The tax components-C.S.T. & VAT as applicable shall be mentioned separately in the respective columns. However, payments related to the customs duty is ISR's responsibility. The bidder has to submit all the required documents relevant to the supply of the goods for customs clearance. The final prices quoted for each item are CIF basis.	With the implementation of GST, the same shall not be applicable. Pl. Confirm.	Please see the revised bid document.

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27	Page No. 14/The terms and conditions are as follows:/Clause No..39	Bids shall be valid for 365 days after the date of financial bid opening. A bid valid for a shorter period shall be rejected as non-responsive. If required, GIL may extend the bid validity for further period from the date of expiry of bid validity in consultation with the successful bidder.	As per best practises, bid validity is maximum 120 days from date of Tender bid date, for similar type of works. The total SITC is of 150 days, hence request to revise Bid validity to 120 days.	Please see the revised bid document.
28	Page No. 15/The terms and conditions are as follows:/Clause No..44	Operational / Warranty period penalty: 44.1 During warranty period, if the complaint is not resolved within 3 months the penalty of Rs. 5000 per day each for Engineering Seismograph, Radon Monitoring System (Soil), Radon Monitor in water, Gas Chromatograph for Helium Detection, Automatic weather monitoring system & ULF Magnetometer instruments will be levied. The amount of penalty will be recovered from the Performance bank guarantee during warranty period. 44.2 It is expected the average downtime of the item (system) will be less than half the maximum downtime. In case an item is not usable beyond the stipulated maximum downtime the bidder will be required to arrange for an immediate replacement of the same till its is repaired. Failure to arrange for the immediate repair/replacement will be liable for penalty of Rs.5000 per day each for Engineering Seismograph, Radon Monitoring System (Soil), Radon Monitor in water, Gas Chromatograph for Helium Detection, Automatic weather monitoring system & ULF Magnetometer instruments. The amount of penalty will be recovered from the Performance bank guarantee during warranty period.	Request you to limit the maximum penalty on LD / operational issues to 10% of total basic Contract value.	No Change

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29	Page No. 15/The terms and conditions are as follows:/Clause No..45	In case of Indian Bidder: On Final Acceptance: The remaining twenty percent (20%) of the Contract Price shall be paid to the supplier within 30 days after the date of the satisfactory demonstration of working of SMA and software at purchaser's site.	As all sites would not be ready at the given time, hence we request you to kindly release the balance 20% payment on pro rata basis as per site completion and acceptance tests.	No Change
30	Page No. 27/Technical Specifications of AWS	Section 5 – Automatic weather monitoring system: Environmental Compatibility: Operating & Storing temp. -20°C to 50°C ;humidity-10-100%, wind speed – up to 50m/s	As far as environmental capability of data logger, Air Temperature measurement range, Wind operating temperature range, Precipitation sensor operating temperature range and Tower/Mast Tripod's capacity to withstand operating Temperature range is asked at -40 deg to + 50 deg. In India, we never come across any location with -40deg temperature at any given point throughout the year, more-so in State of Gujarat. The minimum temperature observed is of 2 or 3 deg. Hence, we request you to modify the specifications of parameters of the AWS to 0 to 50 deg temperature range & confirm.	Please see the revised bid document.
31	Page No. 29/Technical Specifications/Section 6 – ULF	I. Magnetic Sensor A) Major Specifications: Frequency band of measured signals: 0.001–64 Hz minimum or better.	The frequency of 64Hz desired in the tender specification has not technical relevance and 30hz is also more than sufficient. Please amended accordingly.	Please see the revised bid document.
32	Page No. 29/Technical Specifications/Section 6 – ULF	B) General Specifications: Programmable system gain: 1,10,100,1000	As per our knowledge Programmable system gain 1000 of asked by you is not practically useful and hence it has no use with respect to the system even gain of 100 is more than sufficient.	Please see the revised bid document.
33	Page No. 30/Technical Specifications/Section 6 – ULF Magnetometer	Data storage: Minimum of six months continuous data at 64 sample/sec internal Storage.	3. We would suggest that you going for laptop instead of inbuilt memory as it has the following benefits - In case of software issues the system diagnostics can be carried out remotely - We said connectivity becomes much easier - The memory of the laptop is much larger than inbuilt memory of the data logger asked for in the tender.	We would prefer the internal memory in DAS to record the data as specified and run the ULF Magnetometer without connecting any external computer/laptop. This will ease the operation of magnetometer continuously. However, we will remove the word 'internal' and accept laptop. The bidder has to supply the laptop along with each Magnetometer and properly integrate with the magnetometer data acquisition. Pl refer the revised bid document.