

DETAILED NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Government of India
Department of Telecommunications
Universal Service Obligation Fund

Tender No. USOF/TENDER/ANI/30-174-7/2018

Dated: 04.06.2018

- 1.1.** On behalf of the President of India, Digitally Sealed Online tenders are hereby invited from eligible bidders for the USOF Supported Scheme for **“Provision of Mobile Services in Identified Uncovered Villages & Seamless Mobile Coverage along National Highways in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands”**. Support from USO Fund shall be provided to the successful bidder(s) based on Representative Rates (RR) arrived through a two-stage e-bidding process with reverse auction in second stage, as per the financial terms and conditions specified herein.
- 1.2.** The Representative Rate (RR) of subsidy support i.e. market discovered subsidy as the outcome of this tender process, would be provided in two parts. The first part, 50 % would be payable upfront on commissioning of tower and provision of mobile services from an infrastructure site and second part of the remaining subsidy shall be payable in 20 equated quarterly instalments.
- 1.3.** For and on behalf of the President of India, the Administrator, Universal Service Obligation Fund, (Hereinafter referred to as “Administrator-USOF”) proposes to enter into Agreement for the above scheme in the following Bidding Unit:

Sl. No.	Bidding Unit ID	No. of Towers to be quoted for bidding in uncovered villages	No. of Towers to be quoted for bidding along National Highways	Total Towers/sites	Earnest Money Deposit Amount (in Rs. Crore)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Island	172	42	214	8.92

- (a) Andaman & Nicobar Islands are part of West Bengal Licensed Service Area. The definition of local areas with regard to the West Bengal Licensed Service Area as applicable to this License is as per definition applicable to CMTS/ UASL/ UL Licenses.
- (b) Reorganization of LSA or Metro City or change of Local Area, if any, during the operative period of the Agreement will have no effect on the territory comprised in Bidding Unit.
- 1.4.** Bids are invited for the Bidding Unit, as stated in Clause 1.3 for provision of mobile coverage in identified uncovered villages and seamless mobile coverage along the National Highways in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands where there is no existing mobile coverage. The list of identified uncovered villages to be provided with mobile services and portions of National Highways to be provided with seamless mobile coverage will be available at Appendix-1 of the Tender Document. The USOF shall enter into Agreement with the successful bidder (Universal Service Provider) for the aforementioned bidding unit.

- 1.5. The number of towers to be installed & commissioned, as stated in Clause 1.3, are estimations and Administrator USOF reserves the right to vary the quantity to the extent of -10% to +10% of specified number of sites, as a result of actual survey to be carried out by the successful bidder.
- 1.6. The percentage variation permitted for BTS in bidding unit shall be +/- 10% of the numbers specified herein. Installation of tower and associated infrastructure in an uncovered village is not required if the same can be covered by the towers to be installed along National Highways. The same should be duly justified and certified by the USP.
- 1.7. It shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to set up (i.e. Supply, Install, Test, Commission), Operate, Maintain and Manage the respective infrastructure sites required for effective provision of mobile coverage in the identified uncovered village and along National Highways and provide mobile services for the period as per the terms and conditions laid down in the Agreement. The Agreement to be signed between USOF and successful bidder will be based on the conditions stipulated in the Tender document.
- 1.7.1. Support at the Representative Rates, emerging from the bidding process shall be given for provision of mobile services, from the identified number of sites, on production of certificates as per the formats prescribed in the Tender Document.

1.8. PURCHASE / AVAILABILITY OF TENDER DOCUMENT

- 1.8.1. Tender Documents will be available in public domain at USOF/TCIL websites and can be downloaded free of cost. The bidders have to submit Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only), non-refundable, in the form of an Account Payee Demand Draft drawn on any Scheduled Bank in New Delhi, in favour of the "Pay & Accounts Officer (HQ), Department of Telecom, New Delhi" payable at Delhi towards tender document fee, along with the techno-commercial bid.
- 1.8.2. For e-bidding process a bidder is required to register compulsorily and complete all the required formalities on the E-tender portal ETS with URL <https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com> (if not registered earlier) and submit Organisation ID on ETS portal to this office.
- 1.8.3. USO Fund has decided to use process of e-tendering for inviting this tender and thus the hard / paper copy of the tender would not be sold.
- 1.8.4. The tender document shall not be available for downloading/ submission on expiry of closing date of the bidding process.

1.9. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1.9.1. Access Service Licensees (CMTS/ UASL/ UL) with the requisite 2G and 4G spectrum allocated by the WPC wing of DoT (As on the date of issue of NIT) in the West Bengal License Service Area are eligible to bid, either as sole bidder or as a lead bidder of the consortium.
- 1.9.2. Universal Service Provider (USP) would have to ensure that it continues to hold a valid telecom license & necessary spectrum, during the currency of the USOF Agreement.

1.9.3. Universal Service Provider (USP), at its discretion, may have back-end tie-up with Infrastructure Providers Category-1 (IP-1) registered with the Department of Telecom. However, USOF will enter into agreement only with Universal Service Provider which will be solely responsible to comply with all the terms and conditions of the tender and to perform all obligations as per the terms and conditions of the tender and USOF Agreement.

1.10. BID SECURITY/ EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT

The Bidder for the scheme shall furnish an EMD issued by any Scheduled Bank for the amount as shown against the Bidding Unit, as stated in Clause 1.3, through:

- (a) Demand Draft/ Banker's cheque drawn in favour of "Pay & Accounts Officer (HQ), Department of Telecom. New Delhi" and payable at New Delhi;

Or

Bank Guarantee as per the format given in Annexure-6 of the tender document.

- (b) The EMD should be valid for 45 days beyond the initial bid validity of 180 calendar days from *the Bid Opening Date* i.e. 225 days (and extendable at the request of the Administrator for a further period of 180 days) for the Bidding Units.
- (c) No interest shall be payable for the sum deposited as EMD.

1.11. TIME LINES FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE TENDER

S No.	Stage	Date
1	Issue of NIT on DoT/USOF website	04.06.2018
2	Start date of availability Tender Document on e-tender portal for downloading / start of e-bidding process (www.tcil-india-electronictender.com)	06.06.2018
3	Pre Bid Conference	18.06.2018
4	Late date for receipt of queries / clarifications from bidders	25.06.2018
5	Issue of comprehensive replies of queries / clarifications	10.07.2018
6	Last date for download of Tender document from e-tender portal	24.07.2018
7	Bid / tender closing date - Last date and time for receipt of online sealed bids (Both Techno-Commercial & Financial)	14.00 Hrs, 24.07.2018
8	Time and Date for Public opening of Techno-Commercial Bid.	15.00 Hrs, 24.07.2018

9	Declaration of Successful Techno-Commercial Bidders	To be notified later
10	Opening of First Financial bids	
11	Declaration of Shortlisted bidders of First Financial Bids	
12	Start date/time of e-Reverse Auction	
13	Notice for entering into an Agreement (Issue of Letter of Intent)	
14	Acceptance of Offer for Agreement	
15	Submission of Performance Bank Guarantee by successful bidders	
16	Signing of Agreement	

NOTE: The dates of events may be changed at the discretion of Administrator without assigning any reason. Such change of dates, if any, will be suitably notified only to those who purchased the tender document. The notification will also be put up on USOF website www.usof.gov.in

In case the date of submission (opening) of bid is declared to be a holiday, the date of submission (opening) of bid will get shifted automatically to the next working day at the same schedule time. Any change in bid opening date due to any other unavoidable reason will be intimated only to those concerned.

1.12. DATE OF OPENING OF BIDS

The tenders shall be opened as per the schedule provided in Clause 1.11 or as notified separately by the tendering authority.

1.13. PLACE OF OPENING OF BIDS

1.13.1. The tenders shall be opened through "Public Online Tender Opening Event (POTOE)".

1.13.2. Only one authorized representatives of each bidder can attend the TOE in the Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi, where USOF/DoT's Tender Opening Officers would be conducting Public Online Tender Opening Event (TOE).

1.14. Tender bids received after due time and date will not be accepted.

1.15. Incomplete, ambiguous, conditional Bids are liable to be rejected.

1.16. Administrator, USOF reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender bids without assigning any reason. Administrator is not bound to accept the lowest tender.

1.17. The Bidder shall ensure that no addition / deletion corrections have been made in the downloaded Tender document being submitted and it is identical to the Tender document appearing on the e-Tendering Portal.

- 1.18.** In case of any correction/ addition/ alteration/ omission in the Tender submitted as a part of the submission of Bid, the Bid shall be treated as nonresponsive and shall be rejected summarily.

Integrity Pact program is to be implemented for this tender for which signing of integrity pact is mandatory for the buyer and bidder. Format of integrity pact is provided in the tender. IEM appointed by DoT shall oversee the implementation of Integrity Pact Program. Name and address of IEM is as below:

Arwind Kumar Arora
B-333, Chittaranjan Park,
New Delhi – 110019

Pradeep Kumar Gupta
T-17, Green Park Extension,
New Delhi - 110016

- 1.19.** Any queries in respect of the Tender document, if any, can be sent by E-mail IDs and address of this office:

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