

PRE CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT

General

This pre-bid pre contract Agreement (hereinafter called the Integrity Pact) is made on _____ day of the month of _____ 2011, between, on one hand, the DFCCIL acting through Shri..... Designation of the officer, (hereinafter called the CLIENT, which expression shall mean and include, unless the context otherwise requires, his successors in office and assigns) of the First Part and M/s _____ represented by Shri _____ Chief Executive Officer (hereinafter called the "BIDDER/SELLER" which expression shall mean and include, unless the context otherwise requires, his successors and permitted assigns) of the Second part.

WHEREAS the CLIENT proposes to procure (Name of the Stores/Equipment/Item, Name of the Consultancy Service, Name of Works Contract, Name of Services) and the [A] is willing to offer/has offered for stores or works.

WHEREAS the [A] is a private company/public Company/Government undertaking /partnership/registered export agency, constituted in accordance with the relevant law in the matter and the CLIENT is a PSU performing its functions on behalf of the President of India.

NOW, THEREFOR,

To avoid all forms of corruption by following a system that is fair, transparent and free from any influence/prejudiced dealings prior to, during and subsequent to the currency of the contract to be entered into with a view to:-

Enabling the CLIENT to obtain the desired said (Name of the Stores/Equipment /Item, Name of the Consultancy Service, Name of Works Contract, Name of Services) at a competitive Price in conformity with the defined specifications by avoiding the high cost and the distortionary impact of corruption on public procurement, and

Enabling BIDDERS to abstain from bribing or indulging in any corrupt practice in order to secure [B] by providing assurance to them that their competitors will also abstain from bribing and other corrupt practices and the CLIENT will commit to prevent corruption, in any form, by its officials by following transparent procedures.

The parties hereto hereby agree to enter into this integrity pact and agree as follows:

Commitments of the CLIENT

1.1 The CLIENT undertakes that no official of the CLIENT, connected directly or indirectly with the [B], will demand, take a promise for a accept, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, consideration, gift, reward, favour or any material or

immaterial benefit or any other advantage from the [A] either for themselves or for any person, organization or third party related to the [B], in exchange for an advantage in the bidding process, bid evaluation, contracting or implementation process related to the [B].

- 1.2 The CLIENT will, during the pre-contract stage, treat all BIDDERS alike, and will provide to all BIDDERS the same information and will not provide any such information to any particular BIDDER which could afford an advantage to that particular [A] in comparison to other BIDDERS.
- 1.3 All the officials of the CLIENT will report to the appropriate Government office any attempted or completed breaches of the above commitments as well as any substantial suspicion of such a breach.
2. In case any such preceding misconduct on the part of such official (s) is reported by the [A] to the CLIENT with full and verifiable facts and the same is prima facie found to be correct by the CLIENT, necessary disciplinary proceedings, or any other action as deemed fit, including criminal proceedings may be initiated by the CLIENT and such a person shall be debarred from further dealings related to the [B] process. In such a case while an enquiry is being conducted by the CLIENT the proceedings under the [B] would not be stalled.

Commitments of BIDDERS

3. The [A] commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent corrupt practices, unfair means and illegal activities during any stage of its bid or during any pre-contract or post-contract stage in order to secure the [B] contract or in furtherance to secure it and in particular commit itself to the following:-
 - 3.1 The [A] will not offer, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the CLIENT, connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process, or to any person, organization or third party related to the [B] in exchange for any advantage in the bidding, evaluation, contracting and implementation of the [B].
 - 3.2 The [A] further undertakes that it has not given, offered or promised to give, directly or indirectly any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the CLIENT or otherwise in procuring the Contract or forbearing to do or having done any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the [B] or any other [B] with the Government for showing or forbearing to show favour or disfavor to any person in relation to the [B] or any other [B] with the Government.
 - 3.3* [A] shall disclose the name and address of agents and representatives and Indian [A] shall disclose their foreign principals or associates.

- 3.4*** [A] shall disclose the payments to be made by them to agents/brokers or any other intermediary, in connection with this bid/contract.
- 3.5** The [A] further confirms and declares to the CLIENT that the [A] is the original manufacturer/ integrator/ authorized Government sponsored export entity of the defense stores and has not engaged any individual or firm or company whether Indian or foreign to intercede, facilitate or in any way to recommend to the CLIENT or any of its functionaries, whether officially or unofficially to the award of the [B] to the [A] nor has any amount been paid, promised or intended to be paid to any such individual ,firm or company in respect of any such intercession, facilitation or recommendation.
- 3.6** The [A] either while presenting the bid or during pre-contract negotiations or before signing the [B] shall disclose any payments he has made, is committed to or intends to make to officials of the CLIENT or their family members, agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the [B] and the details of services agreed upon for such payments.
- 3.7** The [A] will not collude with other parties interested in the [B] to impair the transparency, fairness and progress of the bidding process, bid evaluation, contracting and implementation of the [B].
- 3.8** The [A] will not accept any advantage in exchange for any corrupt practice, unfair means and illegal activities.
- 3.9** The [A] shall not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others, any information provided by the CLIENT as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained in any electronic data carrier. The [A] also undertakes to exercise due and adequate care lest any such information is divulged.
- 3.10** The [A] commits to refrain from giving any complaint directly or through any other manner without supporting it with full and verifiable facts.
- 3.11** The [A] shall not instigate or cause to instigate any third person to commit any of the actions mentioned above.
- 3.12** If the [A] or any employee of the [A] or any person acting on behalf of the [A], either directly or indirectly, is a relative of any of the officers of the CLIENT, or alternatively, if any relative of an officer of the CLIENT has financial interest/stake in the BIDDER's firm, the same shall be disclosed by the [A] at the time of filing of tender.
- The term ' relative' for this purpose would be as defined in Section 6 of the Companies Act 1956.
- 3.13** The [A] shall not lend to or borrow any money from or enter into any monetary dealings or transactions, directly or indirectly, with any employee of the CLIENT.

4. Previous Transaction

4.1 The [A] declares that no previous transgression occurred in the last three years immediately before signing of this integrity pact, with any other company in any country in respect of any corrupt practices envisaged hereunder or with any Public Sector Enterprise in India or any Government Department in India that could justify BIDDER's exclusion from the tender process.

4.2 The [A] agrees that if it makes incorrect statement on this subject, [A] can be disqualified from the tender process or the contract, if already awarded, can be terminated for such reason.

5. Earnest Money (Security Deposit)

5.1 While submitting commercial bid, the [A] shall deposit an amount _____ (to be specified in RFP) as Earnest Money/ Security Deposit, with the CLIENT through any of the following instruments :-

- (i) Bank Draft or a Pay Order in favour of _____
- (ii) A confirmed guarantee by an Indian Nationalized Bank, promising payment of the guaranteed sum to the CLIENT on demand within three working days without any demur whatsoever and without seeking any reasons whatsoever. The demand for payment by the CLIENT shall be treated as conclusive proof of payment.
- (iii) Any other mode or through any other instrument (to be specified in the RFP).

5.2 The Earnest Money/ Security Deposit shall be valid upto a period of five years or the complete conclusion of the contractual obligations to the complete satisfaction of both the BIDDER and the CLIENT, including warranty period, whichever is later.

5.3 In case of the successful [A] a clause would also be incorporated in the Article pertaining to Performance Guarantee in the [B] that the provisions of Sanctions for Violation shall be applicable for forfeiture of Performance Bond in case of a decision by the CLIENT to forfeit the same without assigning any reason for imposing sanction for violation of this pact.

5.4 No interest shall be payable by the CLIENT to the [A] on Earnest Money/Security Deposit for the period of its currency.

6. Sanctions for violations

6.1 Any breach of the aforesaid provision by the [A] or any one employer by it or acting on behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the [A] shall entitle the CLIENT to take all or any one the following action, wherever required:-

- (i) To immediately call off the pre-contract negotiations without assigning any reason or giving any compensation to the [A]. However, the proceeding with the other BIDDER (s) would continue.

- (ii) The Earnest Money Deposit (in pre-contract stage) and /or security Deposit/performance Bond (after the [B] is signed) shall stand forfeited fully and the CLIENT shall not be required to assign any reason therefore.
 - (iii) To immediately cancel the [B], if already signed, without giving any compensation to the [A].
 - (iv) To recover all sums already paid by the CLIENT, and case of an Indian [A] with interest thereon at 2% higher than the prevailing Prime Lending Rate of State Bank of India, while in case of a [A] from the country other than India with interest thereon at 2% higher than the LIBOR. If any outstanding payment is due to the [A] from the CLIENT connection with any other [B], such outstanding payment could also be utilized the aforesaid sum and interest.
 - (v) To encash the advance bank guarantee and performance bond/warranty bond, if furnished by the [A] in order to recover the payments, already made by the CLIENT, along with interest.
 - (vi) To cancel all or any other Contracts with the [A]. The [A] shall be liable to pay compensation for any loss or damage to the CLIENT resulting from such cancellation/rescission and the CLIENT shall be entitled to deduct the amount so payable from the money (s) due to the [A].
 - (vii) To debar the [A] from participating in future bidding processes of the Government of India for a minimum period of five years, which may be further extended at the discretion of the CLIENT.
 - (viii) To recover all sums paid in violation of this pact by [A] to any middleman or agent or broker with a view to securing [B] the contract.
 - (ix) In case where irrevocable Letters of Credit have been received in respect of any [B] signed by the CLIENT with the [A] the same shall not be opened.
 - (x) Forfeiture of performance Bond in case of a decision by the CLIENT to forfeit the same without assigning any reason for imposing sanction for violation of this pact.
- 6.2 The CLIENT will entitled to take all or any the actions mentioned at para 6.1(1) to (x) of this pact also on the commission by the [A] or any one employed by it or acting on the its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the [A] of an offence as defined in chapter IX of the Indian penal code, 1860 or prevention of Corruption Act., 1988 or any other statute enacted for prevention of corruption.
- 6.3 The decision of the CLIENT to the effect that a breach of the provisions of this pact has been committed by the [A] shall be final conclusive on the [A]. However, the [A] can approach the independent Monitor(s) appointed for the purposes of this pact.
7. Fall clause
- 7.1 The [A] undertakes that it has not supplied/ is not supplying similar product/systems or subsystems at a price lower than that offered in the present bid in respect of any other Ministry/Department of the Government of India or PSU and if it is found at any stage that

similar product/systems or sub systems was supplied by the [A] to any other Ministry/Department of the Government of India or a PSU at a lower price, then that very price, with due allowance for elapsed time, will be applicable to the present case and the difference in the cost would be refunded by the [A] to the CLIENT, if the [B] has already been concluded.

8. Independence Monitors

- 8.1 The CLIENT has appointed Independent Monitors (hereinafter referred to as Monitors) for this pact in consultant with the Central Vigilance Commission (Names and Addresses of the Monitors to be given).
- 8.2 The task of the Monitors shall be to review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this pact.
- 8.3 The Monitors shall not be subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and perform their functions neutrally and independently.
- 8.4 Both the parties accept that the Monitors have the right to access all the documents relating to the project/procurement, including minutes of meetings.
- 8.5 As soon as the Monitor notices, or has reason to believe, a violation of this pact, he will so inform the Authority designated by the CLIENT.
- 8.6 The BIDDER(s) accepts that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction to all Project documentation of the CLIENT including that provided by the BIDDER. The [A] will also grant the Monitor, upon his request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to his project documentation. The same is applicable to Subcontractors. The Monitor shall be under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the [A] with confidentiality.
- 8.7 The CLIENT will provide to the Monitor sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the Project provided such meetings could have an impact on the contractual relations between the parties. The parties will offer to the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings.
- 8.8 The monitor will submit a written report to the MD/DFCCIL within 8 to 10 weeks from the date of reference or intimation to him by the CLIENT/ BIDDER and, should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.

9. Facilitation of Investigation

In case of any allegation of violation of any provisions of this pact or payment of commission, the CLIENT or its agencies shall be entitled to examine all the documents including the books of Accounts of the [A] and the [A] shall provide necessary information and documents in English and shall extend all possible help for the purpose of such examination.

10. Law and Place of Jurisdiction

This pact is subject to Indian Law. The place of performance and jurisdiction is the seat of the CLIENT

11. Other Legal Actions

The actions stipulated in this Integrity pact are without prejudice to any other legal action that may follow in accordance with the provisions of the extant law in force relating to any civil or criminal proceedings.

12. Validity

12.1 The validity of this Integrity pact shall be from date of its signing and extend upto 5 years or the complete execution of the [B] to the satisfaction of both the CLIENT and the [A], including warranty period, whichever is later. In case [A] is unsuccessful, this Integrity Pact shall expire after six months from the date of the signing of the [B].

12.2 Should one or several provisions of this pact turn out to be invalid; the remainder of this pact shall remain valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to their original intentions.

13. The parties hereby sign this integrity Pact at, _____ on. _____

CLIENT
Name of the Officer
Designation
Deptt./Ministry/PSU

BIDDER
CHIEF EXECUCTIVE OFFICER

Witness

1. _____

2. _____

Witness

1. _____

2. _____

Note:

[A] - To be replaced by BIDDER/Seller/Consultant/Consultancy firm/Service provider as the case was may be.

[B] - To be replaced by Contract/Supply Contract/Consultancy Contract/Works Contract as the case was may be.

