

QUERIES AND REPLY REGARDING TENDER NO.1394/26

Q. NO.1: Marking of page numbers is not applicable as the bid will be submitted to EPADS 2.0. Please delete this requirement.

Reply: The requirement for marking page numbers is not for the EPADS v2.0. This condition is requirement for the scanned hardcopy of the same bid submitted on EPADS v2.0.

Q. NO.2: The bidder shall possess either a valid Prototype Approval or an expired Prototype Approval for the offered item. In case the Prototype Approval has expired, the bidder must have already applied for renewal / fresh Prototype Approval and shall upload documentary evidence. Please confirm.

Reply: As per the Bidding Documents Clause (iii) of the Technical Specifications provides that the bidder is required to submit a valid Prototype Approval issued by Chief Engineer (S&S), NTDC/PPMC, along with the latest UDIL Certificate. Where valid Prototype Approval is not available, the successful manufacturer shall obtain the same from Chief Engineer (Design & Standards), NTDC/PPMC, before commencement of mass production, without affecting the delivery schedule.

Similarly, Clause (iv) specifies that, after signing of the contract, the successful manufacturer shall obtain Prototype Approval from Chief Engineer (Design & Standards), NTDC/PPMC, before commencement of mass production, where valid Prototype Approval does not exist, without affecting the delivery schedule.

Q. NO.3: Please clarify whether the Prices to be quoted by the bidder on the E-PADS shall be inclusive or exclusive of 18% GST.

Reply: The prices to be quoted by the bidder on E-PADS shall be **exclusive of 18% GST**.

Q. NO.4: The bidder shall possess either a valid Pec Licence. In case the PEC Licence has expired, the bidder must have already applied for renewal and shall upload documentary evidence. Please confirm.

Reply: The bidder shall possess a valid PEC Licence in the relevant category as required under the Bidding Documents.

However, in case the PEC Licence has expired, any official notification/circular or on constructor/operator firm verification on PEC portal providing relaxation in the validity/renewal of PEC Licences shall be considered acceptable, subject to verification of its authenticity, validity and applicability to the bidder.

Q. NO.5: Please clarify whether the SIM required for communication of the AMI meters will be provided by the Bidder as part of the project scope, or whether SEPCO will arrange/provide the SIM cards itself.

Reply: SEPCO will arrange the SIM cards itself.

Q. NO.6: Please clarify whether the MDC hardware required for the AMI meters will be provided by the Bidder as part of the project scope, or whether SEPCO will arrange/provide the MDC hardware itself.

Reply: The MDC hardware is not included in the bidder's supply scope. As specifically provided in the Bidding Documents, the arrangement of MDC hardware is the responsibility of SEPCO/PITC.

Relevant Bidding Document References:

- The Technical Specifications require that the offered AMI meters be compatible and operable with the existing UDIL-compliant MDC server installed and operated at WAPDA House Lahore under PITC.
- The Bidding Documents further state that "The arrangement of hardware is the responsibility of SEPCO / PITC. Please suggest appropriate hardware for the proper functioning of the system."
- However, the successful bidder is specifically required to provide MDC software with the meters.
- The specifications also require the bidder to provide the MDC driver/software, which must be compliant/certified with the latest PITC-UDIL version.

Accordingly, the MDC hardware/server arrangement shall be the responsibility of SEPCO/PITC. The successful bidder shall provide the required MDC driver/software, ensure compatibility of the supplied AMI meters with the PITC MDC infrastructure, and provide the associated software functionality and support as specified in the Bidding Documents.

Q. NO.7: Please clarify whether advance payment is applicable under this tender. If applicable, kindly specify the percentage of advance payment and the applicable terms and conditions for its release.

Reply: Advance payment will not be applicable under this tender.