



ASSAM STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD

RAMKRISHNA MISSION ROAD, ULUBARI
GUWAHATI – 781 007

No. ASAMB/ENGG/2020/Pt/2015/41

Dated Guwahati the 22nd March, 2016.

Minutes of the pre-bid meeting held in pursuance of the IFB No. ASAMB/ENGG/2020/Pt/ 2015/32 dated 26-02-16.

Venue: Meeting Hall of ASAMB.

Date: 21-03-16.

Time: 1.00 PM.

As authorised by the Chief Executive Officer, ASAMB and Chairman of the Tender Committee, Md. B. Hussain, Executive Engineer has conducted the Pre-bid meeting. The meeting was attended by the other members of the Tender Committee, Consultant Architect of the projects and representatives of two prospective bidder firms.

Welcoming all presents, Md. B. Hussain, Executive Engineer, ASAMB has informed that there are some minor printing mistakes in the bid documents issued earlier. Firstly, Page No. “3” given in the Contractor’s Bid in Section 6 shall be read as Page No. 71. Secondly, the Load Cell Qty. for 60 MT weigh bridge as mentioned in Page No. 67 shall be read as “06 Nos.” instead of “08 Nos.” Thirdly, there was no specific instruction for furnishing the cost of Bid document. It is hereby clarified that the cost of Bid document in the specified form shall be furnished with the Technical Bid in a separate envelope.

Moreover, one email with some queries has been received by the CEO, ASAMB from a prospective bidder representative of which is present in today’s meeting. His queries relate to (i) Cold storage plant & machinery and (ii) Weigh bridge.

Queries of the contractor regarding **cold storage plant & machinery** may be summarised as under:

- (a) The cold storage plant & machinery is a composite item consisting of PEB, Panel & accessories, Refrigeration system and Rack storage system. The contractor prefers to obtain authorisation certificates separately for each item as there is no single manufacturer producing or dealing all those items. Some agencies though deal in the entire items have the practice of outsourcing, resulting unreasonable increase of cost.
- (b) For ease in getting running payment for individual items, fragmentation of the composite Item No. 196 in BOQ is necessary. Otherwise, the contractor will face difficulty in managing fund as they will be entitled for secured advance @75% till completion of that item of works.
- (c) Some of the Model Nos. provided for this scope of work are meant for a particular manufacturer, without giving the scope for equivalent, have monopolies the work.
- (d) As per bidding document Page No. 65, the pallets need not to supply. Confirmation regarding requirement of pallets is required.
- (e) Detail drawing with plan, elevation & section (showing the area where applicable) is required in soft copy in respect of PEB, Rack storage system, Dock helter and Panel & accessories.
- (f) Detail drawings about the area, regarding requirement of PUF panel sheeting is required with the thickness of panel etc.



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Queries of the contractor regarding **weigh bridge** may be summarised as under:

- (a) In case of weigh bridge, Model No. of a particular Co. is given, without mentioning “or equivalent” which also promulgate monopoly.
- (b) Clarification regarding MTIN Scope (Mettler Toledo India) is required. However, for all electronic weigh bridge, the manufacturer provides the system for so called (MTIN) software for data management.
- (c) At one place of specification, it is written as 8 nos. Load cell and at another place it is written as 6 no. Load cell. Confirmation is required regarding actual nos. of Load cells.
- (d) Confirmation regarding the type of weigh bridge whether pit-less or pit-type is required (As per drawing it seems pit-less; but in specification, it is mentioned both pit-less/pit-type).
- (e) Confirmation regarding type of roofing of weigh bridge cabin whether RCC or Assam Type.

Another contractor present in the meeting has requested whether the composite Item No. 196 can be separated in the interest of making running payment against each of sub heads after their completion. He also pointed out that the manufacturer will give warranty of their products for a period of 1 year from the date of delivery and from the date of installation. However, the contractor needs to make good any defects for a period of 1 year from the date of successful commissioning of the project. He requested to look into the matter by the department.

Regarding running payment of individual items (sub-heads) in respect of Item No. 196, the EE has informed that the items where supply, installation, testing and commissioning is required, payment for that item will be made only after successful commissioning; because, in case of composite work, defects in any individual item may defeat successful commissioning and operation of the unit. As such, separation of component items as well as full payment of individual component items cannot be considered. However, secured advance @ 75% of the cost of materials actually brought to site as well as installation charges for items actually carried out will be entertained on production of valid invoices. For other queries of the contractors, the EE has requested the Project Consultant to clarify the matters.

As requested, Sri Budhin Borthakur, Consultant Architect of the projects has explained elaborately in support of the composite item of cold storage plant and machinery. He stated that size, shape, weight, capacity etc. of the components differs from manufacturer to manufacturer. Basic refrigeration design as well as structural design of the building of the unit is dependent on the specifications of the component items. He also clarified that the component items were considered in the estimate after thoroughly examining the terms & conditions of the manufacturers, their assurance for providing the spare parts etc. at least for a period of 10 years, their experience in the field and their bold existence in the region. He stated that some



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manufacturers may supply and complete the installation without giving any assurance for supplying of spare parts of machinery in long run. However, being the Board's Consultant he is to take the responsibility of successful running of the project as well as structural safety of the unit for a considerably longer period as per norms. As such, selection of certain component by the Consultant does not mean that he is monopolising the matter. One should not question on the prescription given by a qualified doctor on the ground that there are so many similar medicines available in the markets.

Regarding, confusion on number of pallets, the Consultant has clarified that the number of pallets locations as mentioned in Page No. 65 is to give the idea of approximate requirement of pallets in each cold storage unit. As the pallets are operational items and will be arranged as per requirement depending upon the nature of products to be stored in the unit, cost of the entire quantity of pallets is not considered during estimation. However, cost of total 1150 numbers of pallets (for each cold storage) for the purpose of commissioning of the unit has been considered in the estimate and the contractor will have to supply the same.

Regarding type of weigh bridge and nature of roofing it is clarified that the weigh bridge shall be pit less type and weigh cabin will be with CGI sheet roofing.

Regarding warranty of goods, the Consultant Architect has assured to take up the matter with the concerned manufacturer so that warranty can be obtained from the date of installation. He further informed that necessary modified/additional drawings will be furnished to the Board authority for further necessary action.

The EE has informed that the minutes of the pre-bid meeting with necessary addendum will be uploaded in official website: <http://asamb.in> in due course.

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks from the Executive Engineer.

Sd/-(B.Hussain)
Executive Engineer, Div- I.

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Dated Guwahati the 22nd March, 2016.

Copy to:

1. The Chairman, ASAMB for favour of information.
2. The Chief Executive Officer, ASAMB for favour of information.
3. The Deputy CEO/EE (Div- II)/CAO, ASAMB for favour of information and necessary action.
4. M/s Barthakur & Associates, RG Baruah Road, Opposite Gauhati Commerce College, Guwahati- 3 for favour of information and necessary action.

Sd/-(B.Hussain)
Executive Engineer, Div- I.