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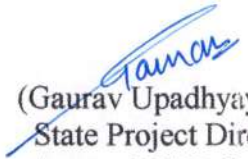
AIWTD-11018/7/2023/409-AIWTDS

Dated, Guwahati, the 28th Feb'2024

Corrigendum-I

In reference to the tender notification no. AIWTD-11018/7/2023/408-AIWTDS dtd. 17th Feb'2024, for e-procurement of “SOLAS compliant Life Buoys and Life Jackets for Jibondinga Boats”, certain amendments enclosed as Annexure-A, have been incorporated in the bid document. Bidders are requested to take the note of these amendments prior to the submission of bid. Also replies to Prebid queries are attached as Annexure-B.

Enclosed: Annexure-A


(Gaurav Upadhyay, IPS)
State Project Director
Assam IWTD Society

Dated, Guwahati, the 28th Feb'2024

Memo No. AIWTD-11018/7/2023/409-AIWTDS-A

Copy to:

- i) The Director, IWT Assam, Ulubari, Guwahati-7 for information.
- ii) Website of Assam IWTD Society viz. www.aiwtdsociety.in
- iii) For publishing in www.assamtenders.gov.in

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RFB No. AIWTD-11018/7/2023/408-AIWTDS

Annexure -A

Assignment Title: Procurement of SOLAS compliant Life Buoys and Life Jackets for Jibondinga Boats

Clause Reference	Existing	Modified
Section VII-3-Technical Specifications	Crotch Straps to Keep the Life Jacket in Place and in Correct & Safe Position.	Deleted
Section VII-3-Technical Specifications	Made of soft Polyethylene with highly visible Neon Orange Colour fabrics fitted with 3 m Retro-Reflective tapes and fitted with Whistle for emergency situations.	Made of soft Polyethylene with highly visible Neon Orange Colour fabrics fitted with Retro-Reflective tapes and fitted with Whistle for emergency situations.
E-Procurement Notice : Last Line	The last date and time for online submission of bid is on 08.02.2024 at 14:00 Hrs IST	The last date and time for online submission of bid is on 08.03.2024 at 14:00 Hrs IST

Replies to Queries of Pre Bid meeting held on 23/02/2024 at 16:00 p.m

Annexure-B

Sl. No	Section, subsection and clause in RFP	Page no. in RFP	Existing Clause	Bidders query/Suggestion	AIWTDS Response
1	Section VII-3-Technical Specifications	Page 67	Detailed Technical Specifications and Standards: ➤ <i>All life jackets and life buoy must be complied with the <u>SOLAS Specification/Standard.</u></i> ➤ <i>Certified by BIS (Bureau of Indian Standard).</i> OR	Request you to Kindly omit this clause of BIS Certification since these products are Marine/River Safety Products SOLAS (Safety Of Life At Sea) / IRS (Indian Registrar Of Shipping) Approval is more relevant. Please note that SOLAS (SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA) is only a regulation and Indian Registrar of Shipping are Providing Approval to Marine Safety	No Change.


			<p><i>With valid Type Approval Certificate issued by MMD/ Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).</i></p>	<p>Products as per SOLAS regulations only. Since the products to be procured are concerned with Marine / River safety applications it has to be Guided by SOLAS (Safety Of Life At Sea) regulations. Indian Register of Shipping are SOLAS Approved agency that provides required approvals to manufacturers of these type of items like Life Buoy and Life Jacket. Indian Register of Shipping is a very Authentic body who tests all the required parameter as per SOLAS (Safety Of Life AT Sea) and the same certification can also be confirmed from the IRS websites. Thus the BIS Certification is not required for manufacturers of Life Buoy and Life Jacket. Also since no BIS Lab has SOLAS Accredited status it may be presumed that BIS Standard may not follow SOLAS Standards as per requirement of the tender. Summarily the Life Jacket or Life Buoy manufacturer should have Indian Registrar of Shipping Approval to satisfactorily supply these products.</p>	
2	<p>Sec III. Evaluation and Qualification criteria Technical Part A: b</p>	<p>Page-40</p>	<p>Bid Evaluation Criteria: 1. Successfully manufactured and delivered at least 10,000 lifesaving equipments. AND 2.Has successfully manufactured and delivered minimum 2000 lifesaving Equipments against each of 2 supply orders.</p> <p>(Supply Order for IRS Approved Child Life Jacket not mentioned in Bid Evaluation</p>	<p>Request to mention the Type Of Life Saving Equipment and approval Status of the Supplied Equipment Request to mention the Type of Life Saving Equipment and Approval Status of the Supplied Equipment. Request to add supply of IRS Approved Child Life Jackets to Govt Departments minimum supply 1000 nos in the last 2 years</p> <p>To Ensure that the supplier is a regular supplier and manufacturer of IRS Approved Life Buoy and Life Jacket to</p>	<p>No Change</p>

			Criteria)	various Government agencies Since Child life Jacket is a very specialised item and utmost care is required to manufacture the same product it is required to be ensured that the manufacturers of Child Life Jacket should have a proper separate Type Approval from IRS as per SOLAS Regulations. Experience of supplying Approved Life Jackets are also required to be ensured to enable the department procurement of the right product.	
3	Sec VII- 3. Technical Specification	Page-67	Type II – Life Jackets required for Passenger of Inland Ferry boats, boating, cruising and water rides and participating in rescue	<p>IRS Type Approved Life Jacket required for Passenger of Inland Ferry boats, boating, cruising and water rides and participating in rescue.</p> <p>There is no TYPE mentioned in SOLAS Standard. Thus the TYPE II life jackets does not apply to IRS Approved Life Jackets.</p>	No Change
4	Sec VII- 3. Technical Specification	Page-67	Made of soft Polyethylene with highly visible Neon Orange Colour fabrics fitted with 3 m Retro-Reflective tapes and fitted with Whistle for emergency situations.	Request to amend this clause with SOLAS Approved Retro Reflective Tape Since 3M is a brand and to the best of our knowledge 3M has already discontinued this product, it is requested to allow the bidders use any brand as per SOLAS Approval.	Please Refer Corrigendum-I
5	Sec VII- 3. Technical Specification	Page-68	Life Buoy : Durable Highly visibe orange colour synthetic matrial with reflective tape	Request to amend this clause with SOLAS Approved Retro Reflective Tape As per IRS regulation the Life Buoy should have retro reflective tapes with SOLAS Approved Brand.	No change. As per tendered specification the Lifebuoy must be complied with SOLAS Standard.

6	Sec VII- 3. Technical Specification			We recommend usage of Life Jackets with IRS Approved Light Jacket Light as per SOLAS Regulations As per SOLAS Regulation Life Jacket should be used alongwith Approved Life jacket Light. The Excripts of the SOLAS regulations is enclosed herewith for your ready reference.	No Change
7	Sec VII- 3. Technical Specification		Life Jacket – Two Front Pockets and One Inner Pocket (If Possible)	We request to omit this clause. As per IRS/SOLAS regulations no foreign materials can be carried during rescue situation as the same activity might affect the buoyancy of the Life Jacket. Since pockets urges the victim as well as the rescuer to carry some materials the same is not recommended for approved manufacturer. Further the TYPE approval from IRS is based on specified design and drawing duly approved by IRS and no minimum changes can be done to accommodate the product as per specification which will violate the approval.	No Change
8	Sec IV. 3. Technical Specification		Crotch Strap to keep life jacket in place in safe and correct position	As per IRS/SOLAS Standard there is no mention of Crotch Strap and we request you to kindly omit this clause also. Since no design change is possible from IRS approved design inclusion of Crotch Strap is requested to be eliminated. Also there is no mandate in the standard (SOLAS / IRS) for Crotch Strap and the component seems to be a Brand Specific inclusion manufactured by some Limited Brands only. Further more our practical observation on including a Crotch Strap in a life Jacket has a very serious impact, as in the event the victim or rescuer has to jump in water from a height (ex 6 mtrs) the	Please Refer Corrigendum-I

				Crotch strap will hit the GROIN Area (Specially for Males) with a high impact due to the water pressure developed. This might prove very serious or even fatal post jumping from height. Since the product under procurement is Life Saving equipment it is requested to omit this component from the specification.	
9	Point 2	Page - 3	Delivery Period – 75 days	We request you to kindly accept delivery period of 120 days from date of receipt of sample approval from your end. Or Else Accept Part Delivery upto 120 days without imposition of LD. Based on the our Production Capacity.	No Change

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