

Minutes of the PreBid meeting held at NABI on 21.05.2012 regarding appointment of PMC

For new campus at Mohali

A pre bid meeting between NABI and PSUs officials was held at the NABI Interim facility, C-127, Industrial Area, Phase VIII, Ajitgarh, Mohali at 1100 hrs on 21st May 2012. The following were present:-

For National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute:

1. Dr Rakesh Tuli, Executive Director
2. Sh RL Sharma, Associate Director
3. Sh NK Verma, Chief Engineer, CSIR
4. Sh SK Sadana, Advisor Admin
5. Sh Vikram Singh, Administrative Officer
6. Sh Jaspreet Singh, AE (Civil)
7. Sh Sushant Vats, AE (Elec)

For the PSU's:

1. Sh Sanjay Goel, Addl. GM EPIL
2. Sh SK Jain, GGM, EPIL.
3. Sh Deep Chaudhary, HSCC Ltd
4. Sh Shariq Zulfikar, RITES
5. Sh Vikas Gupta, IRCON Infrastructure
6. Sh SS Roy, MECON
7. Sh MK Chaturvedi, MECON
8. Sh Sohan Lal, BSNL
9. Sh CM Handa, BSNL
10. Sh SK Kaul, BSNL
11. ShAlok Shrivastava, GM, HSCL.

At the very outset Dr RakeshTuli welcomed the PSU representatives and thanked them for showing an interest in the NIT floated by NABI for the engagement of a PMC for the development of its main campus at sector 81, Ajitgarh, Mohali, Punjab. Dr Tuli introduced the officials present on behalf of NABI and invited the PSU representatives to introduce themselves. Thereafter, while briefing the representatives Dr Tuli spoke at length on the prestigious nature of the project and its importance to the nation. He expressed hope that the PSU that shall finally be selected would appreciate and consider the importance of delivering the project in time. Dr Tuli invited the representatives to fully clarify their queries so that no ambiguities remained and the entire bid process is transparent and speedy.

Sh NK Verma informed that NABI has received written queries from 4 PSUs. He proposed that NABI will provide the clarifications to these queries in the beginning and if there were any issues left to be addressed the same can be discussed subsequently.

All the PSU representatives agreed and the details of the queries and their replies are as enclosed with these minutes. Thereafter, the following left over issues were raised by the PSU's.

- (1) PSUs stated that the qualifying eligibility of one project of Rs 300 Crores in the last 10 years is very high specially when the NABI project estimated cost is Rs 300 crores . Further they argued that the present estimated cost of Rs 300 crore if extrapolated to the past years will be much less i.e. the project of the same quantum will cost less if it was executed in the last 10 years. They requested that the CPWD norms of accepting one work of 80% value/ two works of 50% value/three works of 40% value should be kept in view while deciding the eligibility criteria. They further stated that the expertise of building laboratories is technical in nature therefore, having experience of having built a similar project should suffice and the value of the project be lowered for the eligibility criteria .PSUs also informed that keeping such a high eligibility value will restrict good competition.
The issue was discussed in detail. It was agreed that there will be difference in present project cost and the past 10 years project cost of the same quantum due to cost escalations every year. Therefore, taking into account CPWD norms NABI agreed that for initial qualification purposes the cost of one single project handled in the past 10 years will be kept as 100 Crores and the NIT document shall be suitably amended.
- (2) The PSU representatives requested that the time for submission of bids be extended by another 10 days as they would need to carefully study the tender document and it will be difficult for them to submit the same by 5th June 2012 as prescribed by NABI. NABI agreed to extend the date of submission of bids to 20th June 2012 till 1500 hrs.
- (3) The PSU's also suggested that the fee payable to the PSU's should be paid separately by NABI and not from the advance deposit released for the work. NABI agreed and also clarified that in case the PSU intended to meet any expenditure not concerning the actual construction work from the deposit amount, the approval shall be given by NABI on case to case basis. Further, as requested by the PSU represented NABI agreed to provide a power of attorney to the selected PSU for proper execution of work so that the PSU is able to handle the work as a principal employer.
- (4) PSUs officials suggested that NABI should issue a revised tender document by including all the clarifications and changes based on the queries raised by several PSUs. It was agreed that NABI will issue a revised tender document within a week.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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