

Addendum – 1

1.0 Tender document, related fees and Bid bond/Bid Security/EMD:

1.1 Bidders are required to submit their bid online on CPPP website. In addition, as per clause 3 of ACBD, certain documents as mentioned in Application-cum-bid document (ACBD) shall be submitted in physical mode, not later than 17:30 hrs of the subsequent day of the last date of bid submission, in the boxes designated for the respective GAs kept at PNGRB office. All physical submissions shall be kept in a single sealed envelope with subscription “Bid for GA _____”, “Tender No. _____” and “Scheduled date of opening _____”. The physical submissions shall be opened on the scheduled date and time of opening of bids. Bidders are advised to witness the opening of bids. No separate communication shall be given in this regard.

1.2 For every bid, each document and every page is required to be stamped and signed by authorized person as required under clause 4 of Invitation for ACBD and has to be uploaded by the bidder. The bid documents for a particular GA shall be physically signed by one Power of Attorney holder only.

2.0 Eligibility criteria and networth:

2.1 In case of bidding by a consortium, MoU/JV agreement entered into by the members of the consortium shall clearly state the lead partner along with the extent of equity holding percentage in case of incorporation of a company as per the Regulation 5(6)(f) of PNGRB (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Regulations, 2008. Each qualifying criteria shall be met by atleast one of the members clearly indicating so in ACBD except for the networth which shall be dealt as per Regulation 5(6)(e)(i) of PNGRB (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Regulations, 2008.

For example, in a consortium of X, Y and Z, the consortium shall clearly specify that which consortium member is meeting the particular qualification criteria. If the bidding entity mentions that the technical qualification under Regulations 5(6)(b) and 5(6)(c) is being met through X only and the qualification under Regulation 5(6)(e) for networth is being met through Y only then, the technical strength of X and networth of Y shall be evaluated for the purpose of qualifications under Regulations 5(6)(b) and 5(6)(c) and Regulation 5(6)(e) respectively. In such case, the technical qualification and networth of Z will not be considered.

2.2 As per clause 5.2.4.1 of Consolidated FDI Policy Circular of 2020, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is allowed to the extent of 100%. Accordingly, net worth of a bidding entity not registered in India shall also be considered for financial evaluation, provided that the bidder on being declared as a successful bidder and not being a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act, 2013 shall get itself registered as a company as required under Regulation 5(6)(f) of PNGRB (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Regulations, 2008.

3.0 Source of natural gas:

3.1 Indicative source of natural gas for the GA is envisaged as the natural gas pipeline mentioned in ACBD within or in vicinity of the GA, however, bidder is free to source natural gas from any alternate source. Further, the scheduled completion of under construction pipelines along with their time extension is available at PNGRB's website. Bidder may refer the same. It is further clarified that in case due to any reason the pipelines envisaged as the natural gas source as mentioned in ACBD is cancelled, then the alternate natural gas pipeline authorized in place of the given pipeline shall be considered as the gas source in place of earlier envisaged natural gas pipeline.

4.0 General

4.1 For the purpose of qualification under regulation 5(6)(c)(iii) of PNGRB (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Regulations, 2008, an appropriate technical assistance agreement between the bidding entity and the entity having atleast one year experience in operation and maintenance of CGD Network. Such experience should be the O&M of activities such as Compressor and CNG Stations or steel and MDPE pipeline network, or CGS station or metering stations or any other similar O&M activities of CGD Network.

4.2 As mentioned in clause 10 of ACBD, any entity, be a lead partner, minority partner or an equity holder, which is on a holiday list or blacklisted or banned by any PSU or Government agency in the last three years from the last date of submission of bid, then the bid from such bidder shall be summarily rejected.

4.3 As required in Schedule C, an indicative map is required to be submitted by the entity along with the bid for depiction of the proposed facilities of the GA. However, such map is only for the aforesaid purpose and shall not constitute in any manner for the authenticity of the boundaries or area of the GA. For reference purpose, bidders are requested to visit www.bharatmaps.gov.in which has link to the respective state GIS portals, which have been referred by PNGRB in addition to respective District Census handbook and respective district NIC websites for defining the district nomenclature and Charge Areas within them, wherever applicable.

4.4 The PNGRB (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Regulations, 2008 have been last amended vide Gazette Notification dated 14.02.2022. The copy of the same along with other previous amendments are available at www.pngrb.gov.in. Bidders are requested to refer the PNGRB Act, 2006 and all the notified regulations along with their amendments before bidding.

4.5 All entities, including those registered outside the Republic of India which fulfil the eligibility criteria including technical and commercial eligibility criteria are eligible to participate in the bidding process. However, the entity on being declared as a successful bidder and not being a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act, 2013 shall get itself registered as a company as required under Regulation 5(6)(f) of PNGRB (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Regulations, 2008.
