

<b>CORRIGENDUM 1</b>		Response to the pre-bid queries and change in tender conditions		
<b>Date:</b>		19.04.2023		
<b>BRPL NIT NO:</b>		CMC/BR/23-24/RB/CR/SL/1103 ; 13.04.2023		
<b>Work:</b>		Award of Contract for providing Energy Bill Printing Services in BRPL		
<b>Response to Pre-bid queries</b>				
<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>NIT Clause Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Bidder's Query</b>	<b>BRPL Reply</b>
1	Pg no. 18 Clause 8.2	8.2. The Company reserves all the rights to award the contract to one or more bidders who meet the execution requirement or nullify the award decision without assigning any reason thereof	BRPL should clarify the volume of splitting contract in between two or more bidders and clarify about no. of contractors doing this project and what will be the split ratio.	Tender Conditions prevails <b>Clarification</b> : Allotment will be decided during award of Contract.
2	Pg no. 18 Clause 8.4	8.4. The abnormally higher or abnormally lower bids shall not be considered with respect to estimated cost. The criteria decided by BRPL on this shall be final and binding on the bidder	Will respect BRPL decision on this but vendors should also be given choice to accept despite of binding them in the acceptance of rates.	Tender Conditions prevails
3	Pg no. 30 Clause 3.1	3.1. The order/agreement shall become effective for all purposes from the date to be specified under the agreement and continue to remain in force for the period of Two (2) years. Notwithstanding the continuous/ periodic review/ assessment of contractor's performance by BRPL, at its discretion, the annual performance of the Contractor will be evaluated /reviewed year on year basis after completion of every year for continuity of validity of the agreement.	Rates should be fixed for 1 year only. For 2nd year price hike will be required depending on the 2nd year volume and price hike also required for other items than paper. Post Covid-19 it will not be feasible to keep 2 years fixed rates.	Tender Conditions prevails as per Clause no 5 page no. 31 of Tender document
4	Pg no. 30 Clause 3.1	BRPL may, at its sole discretion, consider renewal and extension of the agreement beyond agreement duration. Such a decision for extension, if envisaged, may be taken 1 month before the expiry of the agreement. However, BRPL may, at its discretion, renew even within One Month of expiry of agreement. BRPL reserves the right not to renew and extend the agreement beyond agreement duration. However, in exceptional cases when the Contract period shall be extended beyond 2 years then same shall be discussed and agreed mutually.	BRPL and Contractor both party should mutually agree to do the Extension. It should not be like BRPL without taking vendor consent to do the extension	Tender Conditions prevails <b>Clarification</b> : Contract agreement for this tender will be 02 years . The extension of 2nd year contract will be issued based on the performance of first year. Mutual agreement will be taken beyond 2nd year's contract.
5	Pg no. 31 Clause 5.2	5.2 The rates shall remain fixed for the entire duration of the contract and not subject to any variation except for change in change in paper prices only (printing & writing paper).	Rates should be fixed for 1 year only. For 2nd year price hike will be required depending on the 2nd year volume and price hike also required for other items than paper. Post Covid-19 it will not be feasible to keep 2 years fixed rates.	Tender Conditions prevails as per Clause no 5 page no. 31 of Tender document

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6	Pg no. 31 Clause 5.2	Prices for printing of paper shall be revised on half yearly basis as per details given below: $PR = Po (1+(X1-X0)/Xo)$ Where, PR -Revised Rate of Paper due to change in WPI Index Po -Existing Rate for Paper X1 – WPI Index for Printing & Writing Paper as per Monthly WPI Index released by Office of Economic Adviser (1 Month prior to month under consideration) Xo – Base WPI Index for Printing & Writing Paper as per Monthly WPI Index released by Office of Economic Adviser (1 month prior to bid submission)	WPI Index is not accepted or used by any paper mills. Will request BRPL to negotiate paper rates directly with the contractor on yearly basis.	Tender Conditions prevails
7	Pg no. 32 Clause 7.3	7.3. Company shall make payments, without any interest/charges and after deduction of taxes, penalties as applicable, against the bills within 30 days from the date of receipt of the bills, duly verified and certified by Engineer-in-Charge	At the beginning the payment schedule for this service contract was set at 15 days. However, since Invoice are typically generated at the end of each month, the RCM department requires 7 to 10 days to verify the Invoice before payment is made to us. If the payment terms will be set to pay within 30 days, our payment would be delayed.	Tender Conditions prevails
8	Pg. no. 65 Clause (B	In the event of any delay in completion of work beyond the stipulated time (as mentioned in clause 5 above), liquidated damages shall be recovered at the rate of 20% of invoice per day from the Rate for the particular lot/billing cycle quantity that is not completed within the stipulated time however if the delay is beyond the control of the vendor, the decision on penalty will taken by RCM Head with the approval from Head Retail Busine	Penalty should be 20% of Invoice value of delayed lot only. It should not be 20% per day.	Tender conditions prevails.
9	Pg. no. 46 Clause 26.1 Termination	During the course of the execution, if at any time the Company observe and forms an opinion that the work under the order is not being performed satisfactory and the performance of the Contractor not found satisfactory, the Company reserves its right to cancel/ terminate this Agreement giving minimum 30 days' notice without assigning any reason and the Company will recover all damages including losses occurred due to loss of time from the Contractor	Both Party should get the rights to Terminate the Agreement by giving 30 days' Notice. It cannot be with BRPL only	Tender conditions prevails.
10	Pg. no. 58 Clause 47	The Company reserves the right to vary the quantity i.e. increase or decrease the Numbers/quantities without any change in terms and conditions during the execution of the Order. BRPL may increase or reduce the area/ scale of operations after starting of execution of the contract and the size of contract may be adjusted accordingly.	If BRPL stops the printing due to any reason, then it will be acceptable. But Volume should not be transferred to other vendor without assigning any reason. If no Issues is reported, then volume should not be changed	Tender conditions prevails. <b>Clarification</b> : If there is no performance issue during the contract tenure, then area of work will remain same.
11	Pg. no. 65 Clause 42	Paper should be 80GSM of A grade mill such as TNPL/BILT/Seshasayee/WestCoast/ITC/JK/TRIDENT/Centaury.	Most of the Paper mills mentioned are not supplying regular paper in north India. Kindly also add Khanna paper & NR paper mills.	Tender conditions prevails.

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12	Pg. no. 65 Clause 41	On-time delivery is the essence of the contract and must be adhered to. Contractor shall print and deliver the bills/newsletter/other material as designated by Company within 48 hours for SLCC & 36 hours for MLCC and for KCC & GCC within 12 hrs also the E-bill mail will be sent within 18 hrs from the time of receiving the billing data the delay in same will attract penalty. Bill collection of KCC consumers will be collected by courier agency (from agency's printing workshop if agency will print the bar code on the envelope approved by BRPL.	For all categories of Bills SLCC, MLCC, KCC & GCC same rates are applicable then Delivery time should also be same of 48 hours or make separate line item in price bid for each category of bills. Email TAT should be 24 hours	<b>Revised Clause No 41 , page no 65</b> On-time delivery is the essence of the contract and must be adhered to. Contractor shall print and deliver the bills/newsletter/other material as designated by Company within 48 hours for SLCC & 36 hours for MLCC and for KCC & GCC <b>within 24 hrs</b> also the E-bill mail will be sent within 18 hrs from the time of receiving the billing data the delay in same will attract penalty. Bill collection of KCC consumers will be collected by courier agency (from agency's printing workshop if agency will print the bar code on the envelope approved by BRPL.
13	Pg. no. 62 Clause (3)	3) KCC,GCC and MLCC monthly bills (for 1.52 lacs) to be delivered in envelope free of cost by vendors. However, the advertisement rights on envelop will be with the vendor and the content for the same shall be approved by competent authority of BRPL. Before printing of envelopes vendor has to take the consent of BRPL official. Count of KCC, GCC, MLCC consumers 1.52 lacs is given in below table (Refer Annex. – VI-B). The quantity given is for the month of Feb'23, this count will increase month on month, In case the vendor if the vendor could not get the advertisement for three months constantly he may charge for the envelope.	The contractor is not liable to bring the advertisements. BRPL will be charged for every envelope, regardless of whether it contains an advertisement or not. Kindly also share the Envelope size and specification and Please add Envelope Line item in the price bid.	<b>Clarifications:</b> Currently bills for KCC, GCC and MLCC were not delivered through envelope. If in future, BRPL intend to deliver the same through envelope then rates for the same will be decided mutually at that time.
14	Pg. no. 62 Clause (3)	Vendor has to deliver the hard copy of bills only for bounced/undelivered mails within 2 days from the actual cycle delivered in the division. Printing cost of hard bill will be paid in case of Paperless E-bill Consumers where mails were bounce back/undelivered.	Billing will be done for Both bounce / undelivered and Paper bills. As both activities are getting performed.	Tender conditions prevails: <b>Clarifications:</b> All activities will be verified during actual bill processing & to be duly certified by engineer-in-charge
15	Pg. no. 65 Clause 40	40) BSES will give the preferences to the bidder, who will bring the advertisement	From last many years Advertisement are not coming on BRPL Bills. Will request not to make Advertisement as a preference to bidder	<b>Refer Clause no. 40 , Page no. 65</b> BSES will give the preferences to the bidder, who will bring the advertisement The service provider may have to bring third party advertisement on revenue share basis for BRPL. The advertisement to be finalized by BRPL competent authority. Agencies having prior experience of advertisement with same line will have to provide documents. <b>Also Refer Price Bid SI No. 22 &amp; 23</b>
16	Pg. no. 66 Clause 3)	BRPL shall provide from time to time the layout of the pre-printed format on which the variable data to be printed.Pre-printing stationary to be kept at least 10% as a stock	Please clarify this point.	<b>Revised Clause No 3 , page no 66</b> BRPL shall provide from time to time the layout of the pre-printed format on which the variable data to be printed and previous month stationery will not be used in next month, only 1% stationery can be used from old stock with prior approval.

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17	Pg. no. 66 Clause 7)	7) The artwork of the preprinted stationary will be provided to the Contractor at least 2-3 working days prior to the start of that month' billing cycle.	Kindly include that BRPL will also provide quantity of stationary to be printed in that particular month along with the preprinted stationary Artwork. Entire Monthly Artwork will be printed in one go.	Tender conditions prevails. <b>Clarifications:</b> Expected quantity will be provided by BRPL for the month. Stationary to be printed in minimum two lots for the month to avoid wastage of stationery