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Request for Selection (RfS) Document

For

Selection of Solar Power Developers for Setting up of
7500 MW Grid-Connected Solar Power Projects
(including implementation of power transmission and
evacuation infrastructure) in Leh & Kargil Districts,
Jammu & Kashmir, India under Global Competitive
Bidding

RfS No. [SECI/C&P/SPD/RfS/Leh-Kargil/7500MW/122018](#)

Dated : 31.12.2018

DISCLAIMER

1. Though adequate care has been taken while preparing the RfS document, the bidder(s) shall satisfy themselves that the document is complete in all respect. Intimation regarding any discrepancy shall be given by the prospective bidders to the office of SECI immediately. If no intimation is received from any bidder within **20 (Twenty) days from the date of issuance of RfS documents**, it shall be considered that the document is complete in all respect and has been received/acknowledged by the bidder(s).
2. Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) reserves the right to modify, amend or supplement this document.
3. This RfS document has been prepared in good faith, and on best endeavour basis. Neither SECI nor their employees or advisors make any representation or warranty, express or implied, or accept any responsibility or liability, whatsoever, in respect of any statements or omissions herein, or the accuracy, completeness or reliability of information, and shall incur no liability under any law, statute, rules or regulations as to the accuracy, reliability or completeness of this document, even if any loss or damage is caused by any act or omission on their part.

Place: New Delhi

Date: 31.12.2018



SECTION - I

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

BID INFORMATION SHEET

The brief details of the RfS are as under:

(A)	NAME OF WORK/ BRIEF SCOPE OF WORK/ JOB	<p>1.0 Selection of Solar Power Developers for Setting up of 2500 MW Grid-Connected Solar Power Projects in Kargil, Jammu & Kashmir.</p> <p>2.0 Scope includes implementation of the Solar Power Project along with setting up of power transmission & evacuation infrastructure till the Delivery Point. Connectivity and Long Term Open Access shall be in the scope of the Developer.</p>				
(B)	RfS NO. & DATE	SECI/C&P/SPD/RfS/Leh-Kargil/7500MW/122018 dated 31.12.2018				
(C)	TYPE OF BIDDING SYSTEM	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">SINGLE BID SYSTEM</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">TWO BID SYSTEM</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> </tr> </table>	SINGLE BID SYSTEM	<input type="checkbox"/>	TWO BID SYSTEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
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(E)	COMPLETION/ CONTRACT PERIOD	As mentioned in RfS Documents [Reference Clause No. 17.b, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS]				
(F)	DOCUMENT COST OF DOCUMENT (NON-REFUNDABLE) FEE/ RfS	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">APPLICABLE</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">NOT APPLICABLE</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table> <p>Amount: INR 29,500/- (Indian Rupees Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only) including GST, to be submitted either through NEFT/RTGS transfer in the account of SECI or in the form of DD/Pay Order, along with the response to RfS in favour of "Solar</p>	APPLICABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	NOT APPLICABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		Energy Corporation of India Ltd”, payable at New Delhi.				
(G)	BID PROCESSING FEE (NON-REFUNDABLE)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>APPLICABLE</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>NOT APPLICABLE</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table> <p>Rs. 15 Lakh + 18% GST for each Project, to be submitted either through NEFT/RTGS transfer in the account of SECI, or in the form of DD/Pay Order along with the response to RfS in favour of “Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd”, payable at New Delhi.</p>	APPLICABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT APPLICABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(J)	DATE, TIME & VENUE OF PRE-BID MEETING	<p>Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (A Government of India Enterprise) D - 3, 1st Floor, Wing - A, Religare Building, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi - 110 017 Scheduled as per NIT on TCIL portal and/or SECI website.</p>				
(K)	OFFLINE AND ONLINE BID-SUBMISSION DEADLINE	As per NIT on TCIL portal				
(L)	TECHNO-COMMERCIAL BID OPENING	As per NIT on TCIL portal				
(M)	e-Reverse Auction (e-RA)	Will be informed to eligible bidders. Date and time of e-RA shall be intimated through email.				

(N)	CONTACT DETAILS OF TCIL	M/s Telecommunications Consultants India Limited 6 th Floor, TCIL Bhawan, Greater Kailash - 1 New Delhi - 110048 Contact Person : ETS Support Team Contact No. : 011 26202699 (Multiline) / 26241790 / 26202661 Email : ets_support@tcil-india.com
(O)	Name, Designation, Address and other details (For Submission of Response to RfS)	GM (C&P) Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited 1st Floor, D-3, A-Wing, District Centre, Prius Building, Saket, New Delhi-110017 Tel No. 011-71989256 Email – nsm@seci.co.in
(P)	Details of persons to be contacted in case of any assistance required	1) Mr. Sanjay Sharma GM (C&P), Ph: 011-71989256 2) Mr. Pratik Prasun Dy. Manager (C&P) Ph: 011-71989236

Note:

- 1.0 Bids must be submitted strictly in accordance with Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) depending upon Type of Tender as mentioned at Clause no. (D) of Bid Information Sheet. The IFB is an integral and inseparable part of the RfS document.
- 2.0 Bidder(s) are required to quote strictly as per terms and conditions of the RfS documents and not to stipulate any deviations/ exceptions.
- 3.0 Any bidder, who meets the Qualifying Requirement and wishes to quote against this RfS, may download the complete RfS document along with its amendment(s) if any from ETS Portal of TCIL (<https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com>) and/ or SECI website (www.seci.co.in) and submit their Bid complete in all respect as per terms & conditions of RfS Document on or before the due date of bid submission.
- 4.0 Clarification(s)/ Corrigendum(s) if any shall also be available on the above referred websites.
- 5.0 Bidders are requested to remain updated for any notices/amendments/clarifications etc. to the RfS document through the websites www.tcilindia-electronictender.com. No separate notifications will be issued for such notices/amendments/clarifications etc. in the print media or individually. Intimation regarding notification on the above shall be updated on www.seci.co.in and the details only will be available from www.tcil-india-electronictender.com

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

FOR

SELECTION OF SOLAR POWER DEVELOPERS FOR SETTING UP OF 7500 MW GRID-CONNECTED SOLAR POWER PROJECTS (INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSMISSION AND EVACUATION INFRASTRUCTURE) IN LEH & KARGIL DISTRICTS, JAMMU & KASHMIR, INDIA, UNDER GLOBAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

(SINGLE STAGE TWO ENVELOPE BIDDING) under e-Tendering

- 1.0 Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (hereinafter called “SECI”) is a Government of India Enterprise under the administrative control of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE). One of the main objectives of the Company is to assist the Ministry and function as the implementing and facilitating arm of the National Solar Mission (NSM) for development, promotion and commercialization of solar energy technologies in the country.
- 2.0 Ministry of Power (MoP) has issued “Guidelines for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Process for Procurement of Power from Grid Connected Solar PV Power Projects” vide Gazette Resolution dated 03.08.2017. These Guidelines have been issued under the provisions of Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for long term procurement of electricity by the ‘Procurers’, from grid-connected Solar PV Power Projects, having size of 5 MW and above, through competitive bidding. This RfS document has been prepared in line with the above Guidelines issued by MoP dated 03.08.2017.
- 3.0 As part of the Government of India’s targets of achieving a cumulative capacity of 100 GW Solar PV installation by the year 2022, a scheme has been approved by the Government of India for setting up of 23 GW Grid-connected Solar PV Projects in the Leh & Kargil Regions of Jammu & Kashmir. The total capacity is targeted to be implemented in several phases, the first phase being implementation of 2500 MW Grid-connected capacity in the Kargil District and 5000 MW capacity in Leh District.
- 4.0 SECI invites proposals for setting up of grid connected Solar PV Projects on “Build Own Operate” basis for an aggregate capacity of 7500 MW. Implementation of power transmission and evacuation infrastructure upto the Delivery Point shall also be under the scope of the successful Bidder. SECI shall enter into Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the successful Bidders selected based on this RfS for purchase of Solar Power for a period of 35 years based on the terms, conditions and provisions of the RfS.
- 5.0 Power procured by SECI from the above Projects has been provisioned to be sold to the different Buying Utilities of India. The details of Buying Utilities shall be intimated at a later date. SECI shall be an intermediary nodal agency for

procurement of power generated by the SPD and sale of such power to the interested Discom(s) entirely on back to back basis based on due performance by the Solar Power Developers as well as the Buying entity (ies).

OVERVIEW OF THE RfS

- 6.0 Solar Power Developers (hereafter referred to as SPDs) selected by SECI based on this RfS, shall set up Solar PV Projects on Build Own Operate (BOO) basis in accordance with the provisions of this RfS document and standard Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The standard PPA document shall be shortly uploaded and can be downloaded from TCIL portal <https://www.tcil-india-electronicstender.com>.
- 7.0 SECI shall enter into PPA with successful SPDs for a period of 35 years from the date as per the provisions of PPA. Tariff to be quoted by the Bidder shall be inclusive of all statutory taxes, duties, levies cess, as applicable as on the last date of bid submission. The Bidders will be free to avail fiscal incentives like Accelerated Depreciation, Concessional Customs and Excise Duties, Tax Holidays etc. as available for such projects. The same will not have any bearing on comparison of bids for selection. As equal opportunity is being provided to all bidders at the time of tendering itself, it is up to the Bidders to avail various tax and other benefits. No claim shall arise on SECI for any liability if Bidders are not able to avail fiscal incentives and this will not have any bearing on the applicable tariff. SECI does not however, give a representation on the availability of fiscal incentive and submission of bid by the bidder shall be independent of such availability or non-availability as the case may be of the fiscal incentives.
- 8.0 Bidders shall submit their bid by offering a single tariff for each Project, which shall be applicable for the Term of the PPA.
- 9.0 If the Project is transferred or sold to a third party during its tenure (after initial lock-in period of 1 year after COD), SECI will retain full rights to operationalize the PPA with the third party, which will be under full obligation to honour all the obligations and terms & conditions of the PPA.

SELECTION OF TECHNOLOGY & ELIGIBLE PROJECTS UNDER THIS RfS

- 10.0 The Projects to be selected under this RfS for aggregate capacity of 2500 MW to be installed in Kargil District, provide for deployment of Solar PV Technology. However, the selection of projects would be technology agnostic within the technology mentioned above. Crystalline Silicon or Thin Film or CPV, with or without trackers can be installed. Only commercially established and operational technologies can be used, to minimize the technology risk and to achieve the timely commissioning of the Projects.
- 11.0 Further, the system implemented by the SPD for power transmission and evacuation

infrastructure shall also be technology agnostic, with the SPD free to implement a DC or AC technology based evacuation infrastructure. The system to be implemented by the SPD shall conform to the applicable regulations of CERC/SERC/CEA and the Grid Code, as amended from time to time.

- 12.0 Already commissioned projects cannot be considered under this RfS. Projects under construction or projects which are not yet commissioned will, however, be considered, in case these projects are not already accepted under any other Central or State Schemes. Enhancement and augmentation of already commissioned Projects, irrespective of their capacities will not be considered as eligible Project under this scheme.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RFS

- 13.0 This RfS document has been prepared based on the “Guidelines for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Process for Procurement of Power from Grid Connected Solar PV Power Projects” issued by Ministry of Power vide Gazette Resolution dated 03.08.2017. These guidelines and their elaborations/ clarifications form the basis for selection of new Projects under this RfS.
- 14.0 Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) has issued this RfS in the capacity of “Intermediary Procurer” as defined in the aforementioned Guidelines, SECI may develop a suitable monitoring mechanism, to analyse the performance of the projects and carry out random checks to verify compliance of quality standards.

- 15.0 Not Used.

GENERAL

- 16.0 The complete RfS Documents are available at TCIL portal <https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com> as well as on SECI’s website <http://www.seci.co.in>. Interested bidders shall download the RfS Documents from the portal <https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com> as per the provisions available therein.
- 17.0 Interested bidders have to necessarily register themselves on the portal <https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com> through M/s Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL), New Delhi to participate in the bidding under this invitation for bids. It shall be the sole responsibility of the interested bidders to get themselves registered at the aforesaid portal for which they are required to contact M/s TCIL, New Delhi to complete the registration formalities. The address of M/s TCIL is mentioned on the Bid Information Sheet. All required documents and formalities for registering on TCIL are mentioned in the subsequent RfS documents.

They may obtain further information regarding this IFB from the registered office of SECI at the address given on the Bid Information Sheet from 10:00 hours to 17:00 hours on all working days.

For proper uploading of the bids on the portal namely <https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com> (hereinafter referred to as the 'portal'), it shall be the sole responsibility of the bidders to apprise themselves adequately regarding all the relevant procedures and provisions as detailed in the portal as well as by contacting M/s Telecommunications Consultants India Limited, New Delhi directly, as and when required, for which contact details are also mentioned on the Bid Information Sheet. The Employer in no case shall be responsible for any issues related to timely or properly uploading/ submission of the bid in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section II - ITB of the Bidding Documents.

- 18.0 While submitting/ uploading the bids, the system through portal asks to key in the pass-phrase for encryption of the documents. The pass-phrase is required by Employer for opening the bids (Separate for both First Envelopes as well as Second Envelopes). **The same may be submitted on the portal as per the provisions existing for submission of the pass-phrase and as per the details given in ITB.**

In the event of not opening of the bid with the pass-phrase provided by the bidder, Employer on its discretion may give an option through the portal, to the bidder to open its bid as per provisions available on the portal. However, Employer shall not be responsible if bid could not be opened within reasonable time for what so ever reason. In such a case, the bid shall be sent unopened to 'Archive' on the portal and shall not be considered at all any further.

- 19.0 A Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure will be adopted and will proceed as detailed in the RfS Documents. Bidding will be conducted through the competitive bidding procedures as per the provisions of ITB/ BDS and the contract shall be executed as per the provisions of the Contract. the respective rights of the Employer and the Bidder/ SPD shall be governed by the RfS Documents/ Contract signed between the Employer and the SPD for the project.

- 20.0 Bidders should submit their bid proposal online complete in all aspect on or before last date and time of Bid Submission as mentioned on ETS Portal of TCIL (<https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com>), SECI website <http://www.seci.co.in> and as indicated in the Bid Information Sheet.

- 21.0 Bidder shall submit bid proposal along with non-refundable Document Fees and Bid Processing Fees, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) complete in all respect as per the Bid Information Sheet. Techno-Commercial bids will be opened as per the Bid Information Sheet in online presence of authorised representatives of bidders who wish to be present online. Bid proposals received without the prescribed Document Fees and/or, Bid Processing Fees and/or Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) may be

- considered as non-responsive. **In the event of any date indicated is a declared Holiday, the next working day shall become operative for the respective purpose mentioned herein.**
- 22.0 RfS documents which include Eligibility Criteria, Technical Specifications, various Conditions of Contract, Formats etc. can be downloaded from ETS Portal of TCIL (<https://www.tcil-india-electronicstender.com>) or from SECI website (<http://www.seci.co.in>). **It is mandatory to download official copy of RfS Document from Electronic Tender System (ETS) Portal of TCIL to participate in the Tender.** Any amendment(s)/ corrigendum(s)/ clarification(s) with respect to this RfS shall be uploaded on TCIL website. The Bidder should regularly check for any Amendment(s)/ Corrigendum(s)/ Clarification(s) on the above mentioned TCIL website. The same may also be uploaded on SECI website <http://www.seci.co.in> also. **However, incase of any discrepancy, the information available on TCIL website shall prevail.**
- 23.0 In case the RfS provides provision for multiple bids by a common bidder, then separate EMD(s), Bid Processing Fees and Document Fees shall be furnished for all the bids as listed out in the RfS along with the response to RfS. Kindly refer the Clause of Bid Information Sheet for details. EMD shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and shall be submitted in the office of SECI (offline) whose mailing address is mentioned in the Bid Information Sheet.
- 24.0 For multiple Projects, separate Performance Bank Guarantees shall be furnished against each Project being executed under this RfS by the SPD after issuance of Letter of Award (LOA) by SECI.
- 25.0 The detailed Qualifying Requirements (QR) are given in Section-III of the RfS.
- 26.0 SECI shall conduct e-Reverse Auction (e-RA), if required or as per provisions of RfS documents.
- 27.0 ***SECI reserves the right to cancel/ withdraw/defer this invitation for bids without assigning any reason and shall bear no liability whatsoever consequent upon such a decision.***

INTERPRETATIONS

1. Words comprising the singular shall include the plural & vice versa.
2. An applicable law shall be construed as reference to such applicable law including its amendments or re-enactments from time to time.
3. A time of day shall save as otherwise provided in any agreement or document be construed as a reference to Indian Standard Time.

4. Different parts of this contract are to be taken as mutually explanatory and supplementary to each other and if there is any differentiation between or among the parts of this contract, they shall be interpreted in a harmonious manner so as to give effect to each part.
5. The table of contents and any headings or sub headings in the contract has been inserted for case of reference only & shall not affect the interpretation of this agreement.



SECTION - II

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS (ITB)

Preamble

This part of the RfS Documents provides the information necessary for bidders to prepare responsive bids, in accordance with the requirements of SECI. It also provides information on bid submission and uploading the bid on portal <https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com>, bid opening, evaluation and on contract award. This Section contains provisions that are to be used unchanged unless consists of provisions that supplement, amend, or specify in detail, information or requirements included in RfS and that are specific to each procurement, states otherwise.

Bidders may note that the respective rights of SECI and Bidders shall be governed by the RfS Documents/Contracts signed between SECI and the successful Bidders. The provisions of RfS Documents shall always prevail over any other documents in case of contradiction.

Further in all matters arising out of the provisions of this Section and the RfS Documents, the laws of India shall be the governing laws subject to regulatory and adjudicatory jurisdiction of the Appropriate Commission and courts of New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

1 **OBTAINING RfS DOCUMENTS**

The RfS document can be downloaded from the website of TCIL (Telecommunication Consultants India Limited) <https://www.tcil-india-electronicstender.com>. A link of the same is also available at www.seci.co.in.

Note: Interested Bidders have to download the official copy of RfS & other documents after login into the TCIL website by using the Login ID & Password provided by TCIL during registration (Refer Annexure - D). The Bidder shall only be eligible to submit/ upload the bid document only after logging into the TCIL portal and downloading the official copy of RfS.

2 **COST OF RfS DOCUMENTS & PROCESSING FEES**

Prospective Bidders interested to participate in the bidding process are required to submit their Project proposals in response to this RfS document along with a non-refundable Bid Processing Fee and Cost of RfS Documents as mentioned in the Bid Information Sheet. A Bidding Company/Consortium will be eligible to participate in the bidding process only on submission of entire financial amounts as per the Bid Information Sheet. In case the Bidder chooses to submit the amounts pertaining to Cost of RfS document and/or Bid Processing Fee through NEFT/RTGS (electronic transfer), the Bidder shall submit the transaction receipt instead of the corresponding DDs, as part of the offline bid submission. The bank details of SECI are available on www.seci.co.in under the “Financials” tab.

The bids submitted without Cost of the RfS Document and/ or Bid Processing Fee (including partial submission of either of the respective amounts) and/ or Bank Guarantee against Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), may be liable for rejection by SECI .

3 **TOTAL CAPACITY OFFERED**

3.1 Selection of SPDs for the total capacity of 7500 MW will be carried out through e-bidding followed by e-Reverse Auction process.

3.2 **Capacity of each Project:**

The total capacity of 7500 MW under the RfS has been divided into three Packages as follows:

- a. **Package-A:** This Package comprises a single Project of 2500 MW capacity to be set up in Kargil District.
- b. **Package-B:** This Package consists of a single Project of 2500 MW capacity to be set up in Block-1 in Leh District.
- c. **Package-C:** This Package consists of a single Project of 2500 MW capacity to be set up in Block-2 in Leh District.

The SPDs shall demonstrate the contracted capacity at the injection point(s), as defined in the Commissioning procedure enclosed in Annexure-A and Appendix A-1.

4 PROJECT LOCATION

Refer Section-VIII of the RfS.

5 PROJECT SCOPE & TECHNOLOGY SELECTION

Under this RfS, the SPD shall set up Solar PV Project(s) including the transmission network up to the Interconnection/ Delivery Point in line with Clause No. 7, Section-II, ITB, at its own cost and in accordance to the provisions of this RfS document. The scope of the SPD also includes implementation of the power transmission and evacuation infrastructure upto the Delivery Point, as notified in Section-VIII of the RfS. All approvals, permits and clearances required for setting up of the Project (including connectivity and LTA) including those required from State Government and local bodies shall be in the scope of the SPD.

The Projects to be selected under this scheme provide for deployment of PV Technology. However, the selection of Projects would be technology agnostic within PV technology and crystalline silicon or thin film or CPV, with or without Trackers can be installed. Further, the system implemented by the SPD for power transmission and evacuation infrastructure shall also be technology agnostic, with the SPD free to implement a DC or AC technology based evacuation infrastructure. The system to be implemented by the SPD shall conform to the applicable regulations of CERC/SERC/CEA and the Grid Code, as amended from time to time. The SPD shall be required to follow the applicable rules regarding project registration with the State Nodal Agency in line with the provisions of the applicable policies/regulations of the State where the Project are being located. It shall be the responsibility of the SPD to remain updated about the applicable charges payable to the SNA under the respective State Solar Policy.

6 MAXIMUM ELIGIBILITY FOR PROJECT CAPACITY ALLOCATION FOR A BIDDER

Following conditions shall be applicable to the Bidders for submission of bids against this RfS:

- i. Bidders may quote for either of, or both the Packages. For Package A, Bidder including its Parent, Affiliate or Ultimate Parent or any Group Company can submit shall have to single bid for the quote for a single capacity of **2500 MW**. For Package B, a Bidder

- including its Parent, Affiliate or Ultimate Parent or any Group Company can submit a single bid for a minimum capacity of **2500 MW** and a maximum capacity of **5000 MW**.
- ii. Multiple bids from same company including its Parent/ Ultimate Parent /Affiliates/ Group Companies shall make all the bids submitted by the group invalid.
 - iii. The evaluation of bids shall be carried out as described in Section-V of RfS. The methodology for allocation of Projects is elaborated in Section-V of RfS.
 - iv. In case the bidder wishes to set up more than one Project, then the Projects would need to be physically identifiable for the Project Capacity with separate injection points and metering arrangement.

7 CONNECTIVITY WITH THE GRID

Refer Section-VIII of the RfS.

8 POWER GENERATION BY SOLAR POWER DEVELOPER

8.1 Criteria for Generation

The Bidder will declare the annual CUF of the Project at the time of submission of response to RfS. Thereafter, the CUF for the Project shall remain unchanged for the entire term of the PPA. The declared annual CUF shall in no case be less than **22%**. SPD shall maintain generation so as to achieve annual CUF within + 10% and -10% of the declared value till the end of 10 years from COD, subject to the annual CUF remaining minimum of 25%, and within +10% and -15% of the declared value of the annual CUF thereafter till the end of the PPA duration of 35 years. It shall be the responsibility of the SPD, entirely at its cost and expense to install such number of Solar panels and associated equipment (including arrangement of extra land for such installation) as may be necessary to achieve the required CUF, and for this purpose SPD shall make its own study and investigation of the GHI and other factors prevalent in the area which have implication on the quantum of generation. The lower limit will, however, be relaxable by SECI to the extent of non-availability of grid for evacuation which is beyond the control of the SPD. The annual CUF will be calculated every year from 1st April of the year to 31st March next year.

8.2 Shortfall In Generation

If for any Contract Year, it is found that the SPD has not been able to generate minimum energy corresponding to the value of annual CUF within the permissible lower limit of CUF declared by the SPD, on account of reasons primarily attributable to the SPD, such shortfall in performance shall make the SPD liable to pay the compensation provided in the PSA (Power Sale Agreement) as payable by SECI to Buying Utility(ies)/ Discoms and shall duly pay such compensation to SECI to enable SECI to remit the amount to Buying Utility(ies)/ Discoms. This will, however, be relaxable by SECI to the extent of grid non-availability for evacuation which is beyond the control of the developer. This compensation shall be applied to the amount of shortfall in generation during the Contract Year. The amount of compensation shall be equal to the compensation payable

(including RECs) by the buying utilities/ Discoms towards non - meeting of RPOs, if such compensation is ordered by the State Commission, subject to a minimum of 25% of the cost of the shortfall in energy terms, calculated at PPA tariff.

The reference to the compensation for shortfall to enable SECI to remit the amount to buying utility(ies) and the amount being equal to the compensation payable by the buying utility(ies) for not meeting RPO's is only a measure of damage. It shall not be construed that the compensation is payable by SPD only if the buying utility(ies) are required to pay compensation for such not meeting of RPO's or that the buying utility(ies) or the SPD shall be required to prove or establish such payment of compensation for not meeting the RPOs.

SPD shall agree that the methodology specified herein above for calculation of liquidated damages payable by the SPD for shortfall in generation is a genuine and accurate pre-estimation of the actual loss that will be suffered by SECI. SPD shall further acknowledge that a breach of any of the obligations contained herein result in injuries and that the amount of the liquidated damages or the method of calculating the liquidated damages specified in this document is a genuine and reasonable pre-estimate of the damages that may be suffered by the SECI in each case specified under this Agreement.

However, this compensation shall not be applicable in events of Force Majeure identified under the PPA with SECI, affecting supply of solar power by SPD.

8.3 Excess Generation

Any excess generation over and above 10% of declared annual CUF will be purchased by SECI at its discretion (without any obligation to do so), at a fixed tariff of 75% (seventy-five percent) of the PPA tariff, provided SECI is able to get any buyer for sale of such excess generation. However, the SPD shall inform at least 60 days in advance of such excess generation to SECI, to enable SECI take necessary actions for sale of this excess generated energy. SECI shall be required to intimate its approval/refusal to the SPD, for buying such excess generation not later than 1 month of receiving the above offer from the SPD. In the event the offer of the SPD is not accepted by SECI within the said period of 1 month, such right shall cease to exist and the SPD shall, at its sole discretion, may sell such excess power to any third party.

While the SPD would be free to install DC solar field as per his design of required output, including his requirement of auxiliary consumption, SPD will not be allowed to sell any excess power to any other entity other than SECI (unless refused by SECI).

In case at any point of time, the peak of capacity reached is higher than the rated capacity and causes disturbance in the system at the point where power is injected, the SPD will have to forego the excess generation and reduce the output to the rated capacity to ensure compliance with grid requirement.

8.4 Offtake Constraints Due To Transmission Infrastructure/ Grid Unavailability & Backdown

- a. **Generation Compensation in offtake constraint due to Transmission Infrastructure not complete/ ready (Transmission constraint):** After the scheduled

commissioning date, if the Project is ready in all respects including the dedicated transmission line to be established by the SPD to connect to the grid, but the necessary power evacuation/ transmission infrastructure is not ready, for reasons not attributable to the Solar Power Developer, leading to offtake constraint, the provision for generation compensation is as follows:

Transmission Constraint	Provision for Generation Compensation
If the plant is ready but the necessary power evacuation/ transmission infrastructure is not ready, leading to offtake constraint.	<p>a. The normative CUF of 19% (Nineteen Percent) or committed CUF, whichever is lower, for the period of grid unavailability, shall be taken for the purpose of calculation of generation loss. Corresponding to this generation loss, the excess generation by the SPD in the succeeding 3 (Three) Contract Years, shall be procured by SECI at the PPA tariff so as to offset this loss.</p> <p>b. If the transmission delay is directly attributable to the organization building the transmission network and some penalty is imposed on him, then a part of that penalty may be utilized by SECI for compensating the generation loss.</p>

However, it is clarified that if the project is ready for commissioning prior to the Scheduled Commissioning Date, but the offtake is constrained because of inadequate/ incomplete power evacuation infrastructure, no compensation shall be permissible.

- b. **Generation Compensation in offtake constraint due to Grid Unavailability:** During the operation of the Project, there can be some periods where the Project can generate power but due to temporary transmission unavailability the power is not evacuated, for reasons not attributable to the Solar Power Developer. In such cases the generation compensation shall be addressed by SECI in following manner:

Duration of Grid unavailability	Provision for Generation Compensation
Grid unavailability in a contract year as defined in the PPA: (only period from 8 am to 6 pm to be counted):	<p><i>Generation Loss = [(Average Generation per hour during the Contract Year) × (number of hours of grid unavailability during the Contract Year)]</i></p> <p>Where, Average Generation per hour during the Contract Year (kWh) = Total generation in the Contract Year (kWh) ÷ Total hours of generation in the Contract Year.</p> <p>The excess generation by the SPD equal to this generation loss shall be procured by SECI at the PPA tariff so as to offset this loss in the succeeding 3 (three) Contract Years.</p>

- c. **Offtake Constraints due to Backdown:** The Solar Power Developer and SECI shall follow the forecasting and scheduling process as per the regulations in this regard by the CERC. The Government of India, as per Clause 5.2(u) of the Indian Electricity Grid Code (IEGC), encourages a status of “must-run” to solar power projects. Accordingly, no solar power plant, duly commissioned, should be directed to back down by a Discom/ Load Dispatch Centre (LDC). In case such eventuality of Backdown arises, except for the cases where the Backdown is on account of events like consideration of grid security or safety of any equipment or personnel or other such conditions, the Solar Power Developers shall be eligible for a Minimum Generation Compensation, from SECI, in the manner detailed below:

Duration of Backdown	Provision for Generation Compensation
Hours of Backdown during a monthly billing cycle.	<p><i>Minimum Generation Compensation = 50% of [(Average Generation per hour during the month) × (number of backdown hours during the month)]X PPA Tariff</i></p> <p>Where, Average Generation per hour during the month (kWh) = Total generation in the month (kWh) ÷ Total hours of generation in the month.</p>

The Generation Compensation is to be paid as part of the energy bill for the successive month after receipt of Regional Energy Accounts (REA)/SEA/JMR. No Trading Margin shall be applicable on this Generation Compensation provided under Clause 8.4 c above.

Note: Notwithstanding anything mentioned above, the provisions of Clause 8.4 of the RfS shall be applicable subject to the acceptance of the same by the respective Buying Utility in the Power Sale Agreement.

9 CLEARANCES REQUIRED FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER LOCAL BODIES

- 9.1 The Solar Power Developers are required to obtain necessary clearances and permits as required for setting up the Solar Power Projects, including but not limited to the following:
- No Objection (NOC)/Environmental clearance for the Project, which shall be obtained by the SPD on behalf of SECI. SECI will extend all necessary support and facilitation in this regard.
 - Not Used.
 - Approval for water from the concerned authority (if applicable) required for the Project.
 - Any other clearances as may be legally required, in order to establish and operate the Project.

The above clearances, as applicable for the Project, shall be required to be submitted to SECI prior to commissioning of the Project. In case of any of the clearances as indicated above being not applicable for the said Project, the SPD shall submit an undertaking in this regard, and it shall be deemed that the SPD has obtained all the necessary clearances for establishing and operating the Project. Any consequences contrary to the above shall be the responsibility of the SPD.

10 EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD)

- 10.1 Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of INR 6 Lakh/ MW +18% GST per Project in the form of Bank Guarantee according to Format 7.3 A and valid for 09 months from the last date of bid submission, shall be submitted by the Bidder along with their bid, failing which, the bid shall be summarily rejected. The Bank Guarantees towards EMD have to be issued in the name of the Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Bidding Consortium.
- 10.2 The Bidder shall furnish the Bank Guarantees towards EMD from any of the Banks listed at Annexure-C to RfS. Bank Guarantees issued by foreign branch of a bank from bank list given in Annexure-C is to be endorsed by the Indian branch of the same bank or State Bank of India (SBI).
- 10.3 SECI has agreed to accept the EMD in the form of an unconditional and irrevocable Bank Guarantee instead of the cash deposit with the clear position intimated to the bidder that the EMD Bank Guarantee shall be encashable for being appropriated by SECI in terms of the guarantee as in the case of appropriation of the cash deposit lying with SECI.

11 PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE (PBG)

- 11.1 Bidders selected by SECI based on this RfS shall submit Performance Bank Guarantee for a value @ INR 24 Lakh/ MW +18% GST before signing of PPA. It may be noted that successful Bidders shall submit the Performance Bank Guarantee according to the Format 7.3 B with a validity period from the date of submission of the PBG until **57 (fifty**

seven) months from the Effective Date of the PPA. On receipt and after successful verification of the total Performance Bank Guarantee in the acceptable form, the BG submitted towards EMD shall be returned by SECI to the successful Bidder. Non submission of PBG within the above timelines shall be treated as follows:

- a. Delay upto 1 month from due date of submission of PBG: Delay charges @1% of the PBG amount per month levied on per day basis shall be paid by the Bidder to SECI in addition to the PBG amount.

In case of delay in making full payment of above delay charges, the amount paid, if any until the above deadline, along with interest, shall be first reduced from the total amount due towards the delay charges and interest amount (i.e. rate of interest as stated above). Further, balance amount to be paid shall attract Interest rate @ one year SBI MCLR rate /annum +18% GST on pro-rata basis.

- b. Delay beyond 1 month from the due date of submission of PBG: The BG against EMD submitted by the Bidder shall be encashed by SECI and the Project shall stand terminated.

For the purpose of calculation of the above delay charges, 'month' shall be considered as a period of 30 days.

- 11.2 All Performance Bank Guarantees (PBGs) shall be submitted separately for each Project.
- 11.3 The Bidder shall furnish the PBGs from any of the Banks listed at Schedule-2 of draft PPA to SECI. PBGs issued by foreign branch of a bank from bank list given in Schedule-2 of draft PPA is to be endorsed by the Indian branch of the same bank or State Bank of India (SBI).
- 11.4 The format of the Bank Guarantees prescribed in the Formats 7.3 A (EMD) and 7.3 B (PBG) shall be strictly adhered to and any deviation from the above Formats shall result in rejection of the EMD/ PBG and consequently, the bid. In case of deviations in the formats of the Bank Guarantees, the corresponding PPA shall not be signed.
- 11.5 SECI has agreed to accept the PBG in the form of an unconditional and irrevocable Bank Guarantee instead of the cash deposit with the clear position intimated to the bidder that the PBG shall be encashable for being appropriated by SECI in terms of the guarantee as in the case of appropriation of the cash deposit lying with SECI.
- 11.6 The selected Bidders are required to sign PPA with SECI within 90 days after the issue of LOA. In case, SECI offers to execute the PPA with the Selected Bidder and if the Selected Bidder does not submit the requisite documents as per Clause No. 14, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) or does not meet eligibility criteria upon submission of documents or does not execute the PPA within the stipulated time period, then the Bank Guarantee against EMD shall be encashed by SECI as liquidated damages not amounting to penalty, the selected Project(s) shall stand cancelled and the selected Bidder expressly waives off its rights and objections, if any, in that respect.

- 11.6 The Bank Guarantees have to be executed on non-judicial stamp paper of appropriate value as per Stamp Act relevant to the place of execution.
- 11.7 All expenditure towards execution of Bank Guarantees such as stamp duty etc. shall be borne by the Bidders.
- 11.8 In order to facilitate the Bidders to submit the Bank Guarantee as per the prescribed format and in line with the requirements, checklist at Annexure-B has been attached. Bidders are advised to take note of the above checklist while submitting the Bank Guarantees.
- 11.9 After the bidding process is over, SECI shall release the Bank Guarantees towards EMD of the unsuccessful Bidders within 15 days after the completion of e-Reverse Auction. The PBG of SPDs shall be returned to them, immediately after successful commissioning of their projects as per Terms of PPA, after taking into account any liquidated damages due to delays in commissioning as per Clause No. 17, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS documents.

12 SUCCESS CHARGES

Successful bidders shall have to pay INR 1.06 Lakh/ MW/ Project (@ 0.2% of normative capital cost of CERC i.e. INR 530.02 Lakh per MW) + 18% GST to SECI towards administrative overheads, coordination with State Authorities and others, Discom/ STU/CTU, pre-commissioning and commissioning expense. The payment has to be made by the SPD in the form of DD/ Pay Order/ NEFT/ RTGS within 30 days of issuance of LOA. Any delay in depositing the said amount to SECI as mentioned above within the stipulated time shall attract interest @18% per annum, levied on per day basis, on the total Success Charges, till (and including) the date of payment of Success Charges, which shall not be later than the date of signing of PPA. PPA shall only be signed after deposit of the Success Charges to SECI. In case of delay in making full payment of above delay charges, the amount paid, if any until the above deadline, along with interest, shall be first reduced from the total amount due towards the delay charges and interest amount (i.e. rate of interest as stated above). Further, balance amount to be paid shall attract Interest rate @ one year SBI MCLR rate /annum +18% GST on pro-rata basis.

13 FORFEITURE OF EMD

The BG towards EMD shall be encashed by SECI in following cases:

- 13.1 If the Bidder withdraws or varies the bid after due date and time of bid submission and during the validity of bid;
- 13.2 In case, SECI offers to execute the PPA with the Selected Bidder and if the Selected Bidder does not submit the requisite documents as per Clause No. 14, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS documents or does not execute the PPA within the stipulated time period;
- 13.3 If after issuance of LOA, it is found that the documents furnished by the Bidder as part of response to RfS are misleading or misrepresented in any way;

13.4 If the Bidder fails to furnish required Performance Bank Guarantee in accordance with Clause No. 11, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS document.

14 POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PPA)

14.1 SECI shall enter into Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Bidders selected based on this RfS. A copy of standard Power Purchase Agreement to be executed between SECI and the selected SPD will be made available on website of TCIL <https://www.tcil-india-electronicstender.com> and also in SECI website www.seci.co.in. The PPA shall be signed within 90 days from the date of issue of LOA, if not extended by SECI (for e.g. If the LOA is dated 20.03.2019, then the last date of signing of PPA shall be 18.06.2019). PPA will be executed between SECI and selected bidder or its SPV, for each Project.

PPA will be executed between SECI and the SPD as per the breakup of the cumulative Project capacity awarded to the Bidder. The PPAs shall be valid for a period of 35 years from the Scheduled Commissioning Date of the Projects.

14.2 The Performance Bank Guarantee as per Clause 11 above and Success Charges as per Clause 12 above, shall be submitted by the SPD prior to signing of PPA. Before signing of PPA with the selected Bidders, SECI will verify the shareholding of the Project Company along with a copy of complete documentary evidence. If at this stage it is found that the documents furnished by the Bidders are false/ misleading or misrepresented in any way then the provisions contained in this RfS will be applicable.

14.3 Successful bidders will have to submit the required documents to SECI preferably within 70 days from the issue of LOA. In case of delay in submission of documents beyond the timeline as mentioned above, SECI shall not be liable for delay in verification of documents and subsequent delay in signing of PPA.

Irrespective of the date of signing of PPA, the Effective Date of the PPA shall be the date as on 90th day from the date of issuance of LOI. In extraordinary cases of unavoidable delays on the part of SECI in signing the PPAs, the Effective Date of the PPA shall then be the date of signing of PPA.

14.4 Back-to-back Power Sale Agreements (PSAs) will be executed by SECI with the State Buying Utilities for sale of solar power to them.

14.5 The SPDs will be free to reconfigure and repower their plants from time to time during the PPA duration. However, SECI will be obliged to buy power only within the Capacity Utilization Factor (CUF) range laid down in Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) as per guidelines.

14.6 Any extension of the PPA period beyond 35 years shall be through mutual agreement between the Solar Power Developer and SECI.

15 FINANCIAL CLOSURE OR PROJECT FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS AND LAND ARRANGEMENTS

15.1 The Project shall achieve Financial Closure within 24 (twenty four) months from the Effective Date of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) (for e.g. if Effective date of the PPA is 07.03.2019, then scheduled Financial Closure date shall be 07.03.2021). At this stage, the SPDs shall report 100% tie-up of Financing Arrangements for the Projects. In this regard, the SPD shall submit a certificate from all financing agencies regarding the tie-up of 100% of the funds indicated for the Project.

15.2 In case of delay in achieving above condition as may be applicable, SECI shall encash Performance Bank Guarantees and shall remove the Project from the list of the selected Projects, unless the delay is on account of delay in allotment of land by the Government not owing to any action or inaction on the part of the SPD, or caused due to a Force Majeure as per PPA. An extension can however be considered, on the sole request of SPD, on advance payment of extension charges of INR 10,000/- +18% GST per day per MW. This extension will not have an impact on the Scheduled Commissioning Date of the Project. Subsequent to the completion of deadline for achieving financial closure, SECI shall issue notices to the SPDs who are not meeting the requirements of Financial Closure as per the RfS deadlines. The notice shall provide a period of 7 business days to the respective SPDs to either furnish the necessary documents or make the above mentioned payment of Rs. 10,000/MW/day+18% GST. In case of non-submission of either-the requisite documents or the necessary amount upon expiry of the above mentioned notice period of 7 days-SECI shall encash the PBG of the corresponding SPDs and terminate the PPA for the corresponding Project. The amount of Rs. 10,000/MW/day+18% GST shall be paid by the SPDs in advance prior to the commencement of the said delay period and shall be calculated based on the period of delay as estimated by the SPD. In case of the SPD meeting the requirements of Financial Closure before the last date of such proposed delay period, the remaining amount deposited by the SPD shall be returned by SECI. Interest on account of delay in deposition of the above mentioned charges or on any subsequent extension sought, shall be levied @ one year SBI MCLR rate /annum+18% GST on pro-rata basis. Any extension charges paid so, shall be returned to the SPD without any interest on achievement of successful commissioning within the Scheduled Commissioning Date, on pro-rata basis, based on the project capacity commissioned as on Scheduled Commissioned Date.

15.3 The SPD will have to submit the required documents to SECI at least 14 days prior to the scheduled Financial Closure date. In case of delay in submission of documents mentioned above, SECI shall not be liable for delay in verification of documents and subsequent delay in Financial Closure.

15.4 Not Used.

16 COMMISSIONING

The Commissioning of the Projects shall be carried out by the SPDs in line with the procedure given in draft PPA document (Commissioning Procedure at Annexure-A and Appendix-A-1 are for reference). SECI may authorize any individual or committee or organization to witness and validate the commissioning procedure on site. Commissioning certificates shall be issued by the State Nodal Agency or SECI after successful commissioning.

16.a PART COMMISSIONING

Part commissioning of the Project shall be accepted by SECI subject to the condition that the minimum capacity for acceptance of first and subsequent part(s) commissioning shall be 50 MW, without prejudice to the imposition of penalty, in terms of the PPA on the part which is not commissioned.

For example, a project of 70 MW may be commissioned in 2 parts: First being a part capacity of 50 MW and the remaining part capacity being 20 MW. Similarly, part commissioning of a project of 110 MW capacity shall be done as follows: 1st part capacity=50 MW, 2nd part capacity= 50 MW and 3rd part capacity=10 MW.

However, the SCD will not get altered due to part commissioning. Irrespective of dates of part commissioning or full commissioning, the PPA will remain in force for a period of 35 (thirty five) years from the SCD.

16.b COMMISSIONING SCHEDULE AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES NOT AMOUNTING TO PENALTY FOR DELAY IN COMMISSIONING

- (i) The deadline for achieving full commissioning of the Project, i.e. Scheduled Commissioning Date (SCD) shall be the date as on **48 months** from the Effective Date of the PPA (for e.g. if Effective Date of the PPA is 07.06.2019, then SCD shall be 07.03.2023).
- (ii) The maximum time period allowed for commissioning of the full Project Capacity shall be limited to the date as on **54 months** from the Effective Date of the PPA (for e.g. if Effective Date of the PPA is 07.06.2019, then the above deadline for Project commissioning shall be 07.12.2023).
- (iii) In case of delay in commissioning of the Project beyond the SCD until the date as on 54 months from the Effective Date of the PPA, as part of the liquidated damages, the total PBG amount for the Project shall be encashed on per-day-basis and proportionate to the balance capacity not commissioned. For example, in case of a Project of 2500 MW capacity, if commissioning of 100 MW capacity is delayed by 18 days beyond the SCD, then the liquidated damages shall be: $PBG \text{ amount} \times (100/2500) \times (18/180)$. For the purpose of calculations of the liquidated damages, 'month' shall be considered consisting of 30 days.
- (iv) In case the Commissioning of the Project is delayed beyond the date as on 54 months from the Effective Date of the PPA (as applicable), the PPA capacity shall stand reduced/

amended to the Project Capacity Commissioned and the PPA for the balance capacity will stand terminated and shall be reduced from the selected Project Capacity.

- (v) In case of delay in commissioning of the Project only due to non-completion of the power transmission evacuation infrastructure by the SPD, the SPD shall be required to demonstrate completion of the Solar PV Project within the SCD or by the date as on 54 months from the Effective Date of the PPA, subject to which, the matter will be decided by SECI, in coordination with the Financing Institutions for the said Project.

16.c EARLY COMMISSIONING

The SPD shall be permitted for full commissioning as well as part commissioning of the Project even prior to the SCD. In cases of early part-commissioning, till the SCD, SECI may-at its discretion if the Buying entity agrees to-purchase the generation @ 75% (seventy-five per cent) of the PPA tariff. However, in case the entire capacity is commissioned prior to the scheduled commissioning date, SECI may purchase the generation at PPA Tariff. However, early part/ full commissioning of the Project and subsequent energy procurement from the same shall be subject to the approval of SECI.

17 COMMERCIAL OPERATION DATE (COD)

Commercial Operation Date (COD) shall be the date on which the commissioning certificate is issued upon successful commissioning of the full capacity of the Project or the last part capacity of the Project, as the case may be. The 35-year tenure of PPA shall be as per the provisions of PPA. The following milestone dates may therefore be observed and may fall on separate dates:

- (a) **Interconnection with Grid:** This may be provided by the ISTS on the request of the SPD, even if the project is only partially ready, to facilitate testing and allow flow of power generated into the grid to avoid wastage of Power.
- (b) **Commissioning of the Project:** This will be on a date, when the project meets the criteria defined for project commissioning. SECI may authorize any individual or committee or organization to declare the project commissioned on site.

Any energy produced and flowing into the grid before COD shall not be at the cost of SECI under this scheme and developers will be free to make short-term sale to any organization or individual. SECI may agree to buy this power as a trader if they find it viable outside this RfS.

18 MINIMUM PAID UP SHARE CAPITAL TO BE HELD BY PROJECT PROMOTER

- 18.1 The Bidder shall provide complete information in their bid in reference to this RfS about the Promoters and upon issuance of LOA, the SPD shall indicate its shareholding in the company indicating the controlling shareholding before signing of PPA with SECI.

18.2 No change in the controlling shareholding of the Bidding Company or Bidding Consortium shall be permitted from the date of submission of response to RfS till the execution of the PPA. However, in case the Project is being set up by a listed Company, this condition will not be applicable, provided the promoter(s) of the SPD continue(s) to remain the same after listing of the company.

18.3 In case of the Project being executed through SPVs:

In case of a separate SPV formed for the Solar PV Project: The selected Bidder executing the Project, if being a single company, shall ensure that its shareholding in the SPV/project company executing the PPA, shall not fall below 51% at any time prior to 1 (one) year from the COD, except with the prior approval of SECI. In the event the selected bidder is a consortium, then the combined shareholding of the consortium members in the SPV/project company executing the PPA, shall not fall below 51% at any time prior to 1 (one) year from COD, except with the prior approval of SECI. However, in case the Project is being set up by a listed Company, this condition will not be applicable, provided the promoter(s) of the SPV continue(s) to remain the same.

In case of a separate SPV formed for power transmission evacuation infrastructure: The selected Bidder executing the Project, if being a single company, shall ensure that its shareholding in the SPV/project company executing the PPA, shall not fall below 51% or 26% as the case may be, at any time prior to 1 (one) year from the COD, except with the prior approval of SECI. In the event the selected bidder is a consortium, then the combined shareholding of the consortium members in the SPV/project company executing the PPA, shall not fall below 51% or 26% as the case may be at any time prior to 1 (one) year from COD, except with the prior approval of SECI. However, in case the Project is being set up by a listed Company, this condition will not be applicable, provided the promoter(s) of the SPV continue(s) to remain the same.

18.4 In case of the selected Bidder itself executing the PPA, it shall ensure that its promoters shall not cede control (Control shall mean the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the voting shares of such Company or right to appoint majority Directors), till 1 (one) year from the COD, except with the prior approval of SECI. However, in case the Project is being set up by a listed Company, this condition will not be applicable.

18.5 In case of companies having multiple promoters (but none of the shareholders having more than 50% of voting rights and paid up share capital), it shall be considered as a company under joint control. In such cases, the shareholding pattern in the company as submitted at the time of bidding, shall be maintained for a period of 01 (one) year after COD.

18.6 Any change in the shareholding after the expiry of 1 year from COD can be undertaken under intimation to SECI. Transfer of controlling shareholding of the company developing the project within the same group of companies will however be allowed after

COD with the permission of SECI, subject to the condition that, the management control remains within the same group of companies.

- 18.7 In the event of Change in Shareholding/ Substitution of Promoters triggered by the Financial Institutions leading to signing of fresh PPA with a new entity, an amount of INR 10 Lakh per Project +18% GST per Transaction as Facilitation Fee (non-refundable) shall be deposited by the developer to SECI.

19 STRUCTURING OF THE BID SELECTION PROCESS

- 19.1 Single stage, double envelope bidding followed by e-Reverse Auction has been envisaged under this RfS. Bidders have to submit both Techno-Commercial Bid and Financial Bid (Tariff) together in response to this RfS online. The preparation of bid proposal has to be in the manner described in Clause No. 23, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS.

20 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS FOR STRUCTURING OF BID PROPOSALS IN RESPONSE TO RfS

The bidder including its Parent, Affiliate or Ultimate Parent or any Group Company shall submit a single response to RfS.

Detailed Instructions to be followed by the bidders for online submission of response to RfS are stated at Annexure - D and Annexure - E

Submission of bid proposals by Bidders in response to RfS shall be in the manner described below:

1. Covering Letter as per **Format 7.1**.
2. In case of a Bidding Consortium, a Power of Attorney in favour of the Lead Member issued by the other Members of the Consortium shall be provided in original as per format attached hereto as **Format 7.2**.

In the event any Member of the Bidding Consortium (other than Lead Member) is a foreign entity, it may submit Board Resolutions in place of Power of Attorney for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements under this clause. Provided that such Board Resolutions shall be supported by an unqualified opinion issued by the legal counsel of such foreign entity stating that the Board Resolutions are in compliance with the applicable laws of the respective jurisdictions of the issuing Company and the authorizations granted therein are true and valid.

3. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the form as per **Format 7.3 A**.

4. Board Resolutions, as per prescribed formats enclosed as per **Format 7.4** duly certified by the Company Secretary or the Director of the relevant Bidder, as applicable to the Bidder and mentioned hereunder:
 - a. Board resolution from the Bidding Company or the Lead Member of the Consortium, as the case may be, in favour of the person signing the response to RfS and in the event of selection of the Projects and to sign the PPA with SECI. Additionally, Board Resolution from each of the Consortium Members in favour of the person signing Consortium Agreement shall also be submitted.
 - b. Board Resolution from the Bidding Company committing 100% (One Hundred Percent) of the equity requirement for the Project/ Board Resolutions from each of the Consortium Members together in aggregate committing to 100% (One Hundred Percent) of equity requirement for the Project (in case of Bidding Consortium); and
 - c. Board Resolutions from each of the Consortium Members and Lead Member contributing such additional amount over and above the percentage limit (specified for the Lead Member and other member in the Consortium Agreement) to the extent becoming necessary towards the total equity share in the Project Company, obligatory on the part of the Consortium pursuant to the terms and conditions in the Consortium Agreement.
5. In case of a Consortium, the Consortium Agreement between the Members in the Consortium as per **Format 7.5** along with Board resolution from each Member of the Consortium for participating in Consortium.
6. Format for Financial Requirements as per **Format 7.6** along with the certificate from practicing Chartered Accountant/Statutory Auditors showing details of computation of the financial credentials of the Bidder.
7. A disclosure statement as per **Format 7.7** regarding participation of any related companies in the bidding process.
8. Format for Technical Criteria as per **Format 7.8** (to be filled out separately for each Project) in line with Clause No. 15, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS.
9. Declaration by the Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Bidding Consortium for the Proposed Technology Tie Up as per **Format 7.9** (to be filled out separately for each Project).

10. Attachments

- a. Memorandum of Association, Article of Association needs to be attached along with the bid. The Bidder should also highlight the relevant provision which identifies the objects relating to Power/ Energy/ Renewable Energy/ Solar Power plant development.

- In case, there is no mention of the above provisions in the MoA/ AoA of the bidding company, the same has to be amended and submitted prior to signing of PPA, if the Bidder is selected as Successful Bidder.
 - If the selected Bidder wishes to execute the project through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), the MoA/ AoA of the SPV highlighting the relevant provision which highlights the objects relating to Power/ Energy/ Renewable Energy/ Solar Power plant development has to be submitted prior to signing of PPA.
- b. Certificate of Incorporation of Bidding Company/ all member companies of Bidding Consortium.
- c. A certificate of shareholding of the bidding company, its Parent and Ultimate Parent (if any) duly certified by a practicing Chartered Accountant/ Company Secretary as on a date not earlier than 30 days prior to the last date of bid submission, along with documents containing information about the promoters, and their shareholding in the Bidder (as on a date not earlier than 30 days prior to the last date of bid submission) indicating the controlling shareholding at the stage of submission of response to RfS as per Clause No. 18, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS. SECI reserves the right to seek additional information relating to shareholding in promoter companies, their parents/ ultimate parents and other group companies to satisfy themselves that RfS conditions have been complied with and the Bidder will ensure submission of the same within the required time lines.
- d. Certified copies of annual audited accounts for the last financial year, i.e. FY 2017-18.

21 IMPORTANT NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- 21.1 Wherever information has been sought in specified formats, the Bidders shall fill in the details as per the prescribed formats and shall refrain from any deviations and referring to any other document for providing any information required in the prescribed format.
- 21.2 The Bidders shall be shortlisted based on the declarations made by them in relevant schedules of RfS. The documents submitted online will be verified before signing of PPA in terms of Clause No. 14, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders, ITB of RfS.
- 21.3 If the Bidder/ Member in a Bidding Consortium conceals any material information or makes a wrong statement or misrepresents facts or makes a misleading statement in its response to RfS, in any manner whatsoever, SECI reserves the right to reject such response to RfS and/ or cancel the Letter of Intent, if issued, and the Bank Guarantee provided up to that stage shall be encashed. Bidder shall be solely responsible for disqualification based on their declaration in the submission of response to RfS.

- 21.4 If the event specified at 21.3 is discovered after the Effective Date of PPA, consequences specified in PPA shall apply.
- 21.5 Response submitted by the Bidder shall become the property of the SECI and SECI shall have no obligation to return the same to the Bidder. However, the EMDs submitted by unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned as specified in Clause no. 11, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS.
- 21.6 All documents of the response to RfS (including RfS and subsequent Amendments/ Clarifications/ Addenda, PPA and PSA) submitted online must be digitally signed by the person authorized by the Board as per Format 7.4.
- 21.7 The response to RfS shall be submitted as mentioned in Clause No. 20, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS. No change or supplemental information to a response to RfS will be accepted after the scheduled date and time of submission of response to RfS. However, SECI reserves the right to seek additional information from the Bidders, if found necessary, during the course of evaluation of the response to RfS.
- 21.8 The bidder shall make sure that the correct, valid and operative Pass-Phrase to decrypt the relevant Bid-part is submitted into the 'Time Locked Electronic Key Box (EKB)' after the deadline of Bid submission, and before the commencement of the Online Tender Opening Event (TOE) of Technical bid.
- 21.9 All the information should be submitted in English language only. In case of foreign bidders having documents in other than English language, then the documents shall be translated in English language by certified translator and submitted.
- 21.10 Bidders shall mention the name of the contact person and complete address and contact details of the Bidder in the covering letter.
- 21.11 Response to RfS that are incomplete, which do not substantially meet the requirements prescribed in this RfS, will be liable for rejection by SECI.
- 21.12 Response to RfS not submitted in the specified formats will be liable for rejection by SECI.
- 21.13 Bidders delaying in submission of additional information or clarifications sought will be liable for rejection.
- 21.14 Non-submission and/ or submission of incomplete data/ information required under the provisions of RfS shall not be construed as waiver on the part of SECI of the obligation of the Bidder to furnish the said data/ information unless the waiver is in writing.
- 21.15 All financial transaction to be made with SECI including, but not limited to submission of Bank Guarantees, payment of extension charges, success charges, etc., shall attract an additional 18% GST, wherever not specifically mentioned.

21.15 The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission shall be the appropriate commission to exercise the regulation and adjudicatory jurisdiction in regard to matters between SPD and SECI as well as SECI and buying utility(ies). Subject to the above, Only New Delhi Courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to this RfS.

22 NON-RESPONSIVE BID

The electronic response to RfS submitted by the bidder along with the documents submitted offline to SECI shall be scrutinized to establish "Responsiveness of the bid". Each bidder's response to RfS shall be checked for compliance with the submission requirements set forth in this RfS.

Any of the following conditions shall cause the Bid to be "Non-responsive": -

- (a) Non-submission of Cost of RfS and/ or Processing fee as mentioned in the Bid Information Sheet;
- (b) Non-submission of EMD in acceptable form along with RfS document.
- (c) Response to RfS not received by the due date and time of bid submission;
- (d) Non-submission of correct, valid and operative Pass-Phrase to decrypt either the Technical Bid Part or Financial Bid Part offline before due date and time of submission of bid;
- (e) Non-submission of the original documents mentioned at Clause No. 23.a I, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS by due date and time of bid submission;
- (f) Any indication of tariff in any part of response to the RfS, other than in the financial bid;
- (g) Data filled in the Electronic Form of Financial Bid (Second Envelope), not in line with the instructions mentioned in the same electronic form;
- (h) In case it is found that the Bidding Company including Ultimate Parent Company/ Parent Company/ Affiliate/ Group Companies have submitted more than one response to this RfS, then all these bids submitted shall be treated as non-responsive and rejected.

23 METHOD OF SUBMISSION OF RESPONSE TO RfS BY THE BIDDER

23.a **DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED OFFLINE (IN ORIGINAL)**

The Bidder has to submit the documents in original as part of Response to RfS to the address mentioned in Bid Information Sheet before the due date and time of bid submission.

Bidding Envelope: Super scribed as “**Bidding Envelope containing (i) Covering Envelope, (ii) Pass Phrase Envelope -1 & (iii) Pass Phrase Envelope -2**” at the top of the Envelope and “**Name & Address of the Bidder**” on the left hand side bottom must contain the following

- I. **Covering Envelope:** Super scribed as “**Covering Envelope Containing Cost of RfS Document, Processing Fee, Bank Guarantee towards EMD, Covering Letter, and Power of Attorney (if applicable), Consortium Agreement (if applicable) and Board Resolution**” must contain the following
 - DD/ Pay order towards Cost of RfS Document as mentioned in Bid Information Sheet.
 - Processing Fee in the form DD/ Pay Order as mentioned in the Bid Information Sheet.
 - Bank Guarantee towards EMD as mentioned in the Bid Information Sheet (as per Format 7.3A). One EMD may be submitted for the cumulative capacity quoted by the Bidder.
 - Covering Letter as per Format-7.1
 - Power of Attorney as per Format 7.2 (if applicable),
 - Board Resolution as per Format 7.4
 - Consortium Agreement as per Format 7.5 (if applicable)
- II. **Pass-Phrase Envelope-1:** Containing Pass Phrase for Technical Bid duly signed by the authorized signatory in sealed envelope.
- III. **Pass-Phrase Envelope-2:** Containing Pass Phrase for Financial Bid duly signed by the authorized signatory in sealed envelope.

The bidding envelope shall contain the following sticker

Response to RfS for Selection of Solar Power Developers for Setting up of 7500 MW Grid-Connected Solar Power Projects in Leh & Kargil Districts, Jammu & Kashmir, India	
<i>Cumulative Capacity of the projects applied for</i>	_____ MW
<i>Packages Bid for</i>	Package A: Yes/No Package B: Yes/No Package C: Yes/No
<i>No. of Projects Bid for</i>	
<i>RfS Reference No.</i>	
<i>Submitted by</i>	<i>(Enter Full name and address of the Bidder)</i>
<i>Authorized Signatory</i>	<i>(Signature of the Authorized Signatory)</i> <i>(Name of the Authorized Signatory)</i> <i>(Stamp of the Bidder)</i>
<i>Bid Submitted to</i>	GM (C & P) Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited D - 3, 1st Floor, A-Wing, Prius Platinum Building, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi - 110 017 Tel No. 011-71989256/ 011-71989236 Email - contracts@seci.co.in

23.b DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Detailed instructions to be followed by the Bidders for online submission of response to RfS are stated as Annexure-D and E. The Bidders shall strictly follow the instructions mentioned in the electronic form in respective technical bid and financial bid while filling the form.

If the Bidder has submitted offline documents and fails to submit the online bid, then the same shall be treated as incomplete bid and Cost of RfS, Processing fee submitted shall be encashed and the EMD(s) shall be returned.

All documents of the response to RfS submitted online must be digitally signed on www.tcil-india-electronictender.com which should contain the following:

I. Technical Bid (First Envelope)

The Bidder shall upload single technical bid containing the **scanned copy** of following documents duly signed and stamped on each page by the authorized person as mentioned below

- (a) Formats - 7.1, 7.2 (if applicable), 7.3 A, 7.4, 7.5 (if applicable), 7.6, 7.7 (if applicable), 7.8, 7.9 as elaborated in Clause No. 20, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB).
- (b) All attachments elaborated in Clause No. 20, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB), under the sub-clause 10: Attachments, with proper file names.
- (c) All supporting documents regarding meeting the eligibility criteria.

The bidder will have to fill the Electronic Form provided at the TCIL portal as part of Technical Bid.

II. Financial Bid (Second Envelope)

Bidders shall submit the single Financial Bid containing the scanned copy of following document(s):

- (a) Covering letter as per Format-7.10 of this RfS document
- (b) Preliminary Estimate of Cost of Solar PV Project as per Format 7.11

Only single tariff bid for the Projects applied for, shall have to be filled online in the Electronic Form provided at the TCIL portal. The instructions mentioned in the Financial Bid Electronic Form have to be strictly followed without any deviation, else the bid shall be considered as non-responsive.

Important Note:

- (a) The Bidders shall not deviate from the naming and the numbering formats of envelopes mentioned above, in any manner.
- (b) In each of the Envelopes, all the documents enclosed shall be indexed and flagged appropriately, with the index list indicating the name of the document against each flag.
- (c) All the Envelopes shall be properly sealed with the signature of the Authorized Signatory running across the sealing of the envelopes.

24 NOTICE BOARD FOR DISPLAY

The selected SPD will have to put a notice board (at least 180cm x 120cm) at its project site main entrance prominently displaying the following message before declaration of COD

<p>___ MW Grid Connected Solar PV Project</p> <p>Owned and operated by</p> <p>----- (insert name of the SPD)</p> <p>(Under RfS for Setting up of 7500 MW Grid-connected Solar PV Projects, Implemented by</p> <p>Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited)</p>  <p>Village:....., Tehsil....., District....., State.....</p>

25 VALIDITY OF THE RESPONSE TO RfS

The Bidder shall submit the response to RfS which shall remain valid up to 180 (One Hundred Eighty) days from the last date of submission of response to RfS (“Bid Validity”). SECI reserves the right to reject any response to RfS which does not meet the aforementioned validity requirement.

26 BID PREPARATION COST

The Bidder shall be responsible for all the costs associated with the preparation of the response to RfS and participation in discussions and attending pre-bid meeting(s) etc. SECI shall not be responsible in any way for such costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bid process

27 CLARIFICATIONS/ PRE-BID MEETING/ ENQUIRIES/ AMENDMENTS

27.1 Clarifications/ Doubts, if any, on RfS document may be emailed and/ or submitted through TCIL portal.

27.2 SECI will make effort to respond to the same in the Pre-Bid Meeting to be held as mentioned in the Bid Information Sheet. A compiled list of such questionnaire and SECI’s response will be uploaded in the website www.tcil-india-electronictender.com. If necessary, amendments, clarifications, elaborations shall be issued by SECI which will

be notified on SECI/ TCIL web site. No separate reply/ intimation will be given for the above, elsewhere.

27.3 A Pre-Bid Meeting shall be held as mentioned in the Bid Information Sheet (Venue to be notified later on SECI's website).

27.4 Enquiries/ Clarifications may be sought by the Bidder from

<u>Name of the Authorized Person of SECI:</u>	<u>Contact Details:</u>
Shri Sanjay Sharma General Manager (C & P)	Phone (Off):011-71989256 E-mail: contracts@seci.co.in
Shri Pratik Prasun Dy. Manager (C & P)	Phone (Off): 011-71989236, Email: contracts@seci.co.in
Shri Biblesh Sr. Engineer (C & P)	Phone (Off): 011-71989284, Email: contracts@seci.co.in

28 RIGHT OF SECI TO REJECT A BID

SECI reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses to RfS or cancel the RfS or annul the bidding process for any project at any stage without assigning any reasons whatsoever and without thereby any liability.

29 POST AWARD COMPLIANCES

Timely completion of all the milestones i.e. signing of PPA, meeting Financial Closure Requirements/ Conditions Subsequent (PPA), Commissioning etc. will be the sole responsibility of SPD. SECI shall not be liable for issuing any intimations/ reminders to SPDs for timely completion of milestones and/ or submission of compliance documents.

Any checklist shared with SPD by SECI for compliance of above mentioned milestones to be considered for the purpose of facilitation only. Any additional documents required as per the conditions of Guidelines, RfS and PPA must be timely submitted by the SPD.



SECTION - III

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS (QR)

Short listing of Bidders will be based on meeting the following Criteria:

A GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- A.1 Companies as defined.
- A.2 Bidding Consortium with one of the Companies as Lead member. Consortium shortlisted and selected based on this RfS has to necessarily form a Project Company and get it registered under the Companies Act, 2013 prior to signing of PPA, keeping the original shareholding of the Bidding Consortium unchanged. In case applications for multiple Projects have been made by a Consortium, separate Project Companies can be formed for each Project. For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby clarified that the shareholding pattern of the Project Company shall be identical to the shareholding pattern of the Consortium as indicated in the Consortium Agreement (Format 7.5).
- A.3 A foreign company can also participate on standalone basis or as a member of consortium at the RfS stage. In case of foreign company participating on standalone basis and its selection as successful Bidder, it has to form an Indian Company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 as its fully owned subsidiary Company (i.e. 100% subsidiary) before signing of PPA. In case a Foreign Company is selected as the successful Bidder, it shall comply with all the laws and provisions related to Foreign Direct Investment in India.

In case the foreign company participating as a member of consortium, the clause no. A.7 mentioned below shall be applicable.

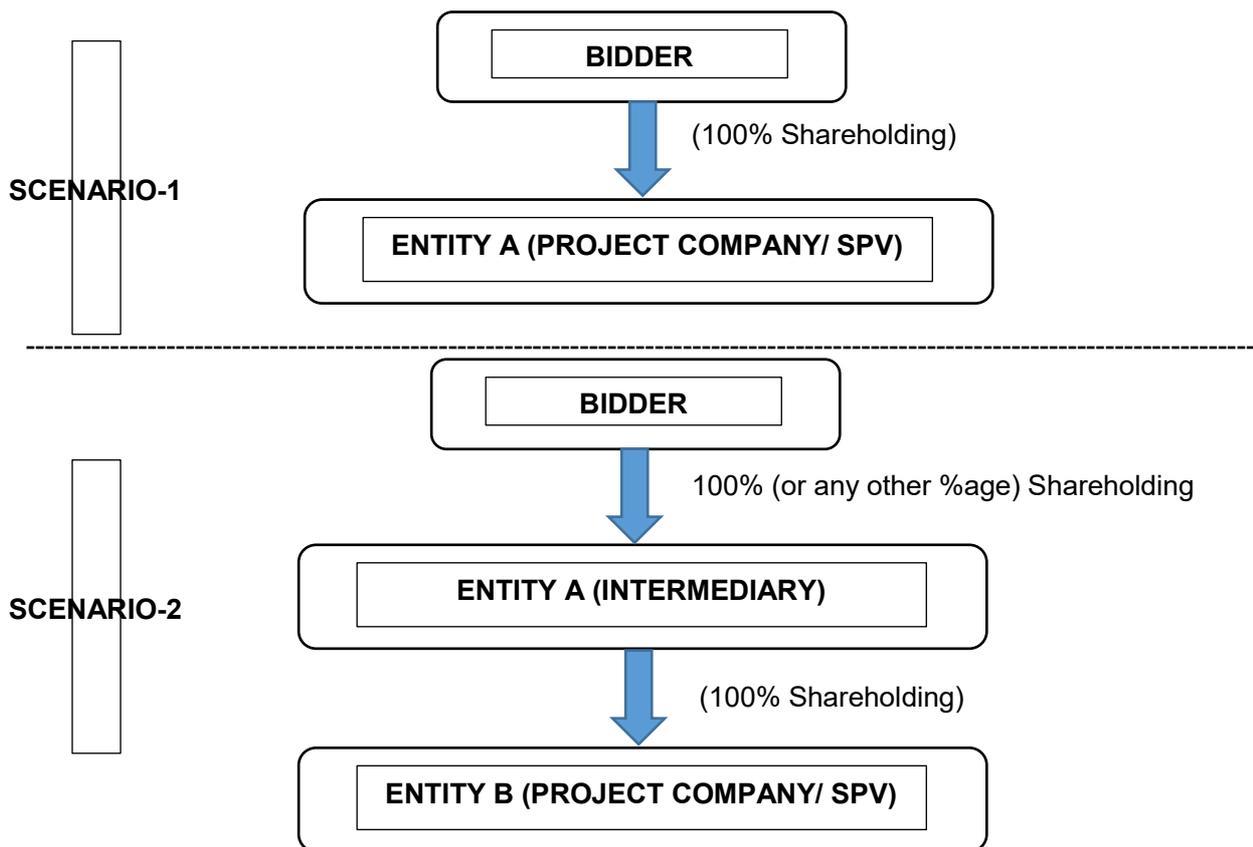
- A.4 Limited Liability Companies (LLC) shall be eligible. Further, if such Limited Liability Companies are selected as successful Bidders, they will have to register as a Company under the Indian Companies Act, 2013, before signing of PPA, keeping the original shareholding of LLC unchanged. In case the LLC fails to incorporate as an Indian Company before signing of PPA or is not able to sign the PPA with SECI, EMD of such Bidders shall be forfeited.

Note: Limited Liability Companies (LLC) shall be eligible only which are formed by Companies.

- A.5 Limited Liability Partnership (LLPs) are not eligible for participation.
- A.6 A Bidder which has been selected as Successful Bidder based on this RfS can also execute the Project through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) i.e. a Project Company especially incorporated as a fully owned subsidiary Company (100% subsidiary) of the successful bidder for setting up of the Project which has to be registered under the Indian Companies Act, 2013, before signing of PPA.
- A.7 Any consortium, if selected as Successful Bidder for the purpose of supply of power to SECI, shall incorporate a Project company with equity participation by the members in line with consortium agreement (to be submitted along with the response to RfS) before signing of PPA with SECI, i.e. the Project Company incorporated shall have the same shareholding pattern as given at the time of submission of response to RfS. This shall not change till the signing of PPA and

the Controlling Shareholding (held by the Lead Member holding not less than 51% or 26% of the voting rights and paid up share capital, **as the case may be**) shall not change from submission deadline of response to RfS up to one year after the COD of the Project. Transfer of controlling shareholding within the same group of companies will however be allowed after COD with the permission of SECI, subject to the condition that, the management control remains within the same group of companies.

- A.8 The Bidder or any of its Affiliates should not be a wilful defaulter to any lender, and that there is no major litigation pending or threatened against the Bidder or any of its Affiliates which are of a nature that could cast a doubt on the ability or the suitability of the Bidder to undertake the Project. The Bidder shall submit an undertaking to this effect.
- A.9 For avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that the fully owned subsidiary Company as mentioned in Clauses A.3 and A.6 above should be an immediate 100% subsidiary of the Bidder, without any intermediaries involved. The following illustrations are provided to clarify the same:



As per the RfS conditions, only Scenario 1 is permissible in case of projects being implemented by SPVs.

Creation of separate SPVs: Further, separate SPVs may also be incorporated for executing the Solar PV Project and for implementation of the power

transmission & evacuation infrastructure. However, SECI's role will be limited to interacting with the entity executing the PPA with SECI for sale of power from the Project, and will not cover the relationship between the SPV incorporated for executing the transmission evacuation infrastructure and its Parent Company/Consortium. Notwithstanding the provision of creating separate SPVs, the relationship between the successful Bidder and the SPV shall follow the rule as illustrated in Clause A.9 above.

B TECHNICAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- B.1 Under this RfS, it is proposed to promote only commercially established and operational technologies to minimize the technology risk and to achieve timely commissioning of the Projects. The Bidder may indicate regarding the selection of technology and its details at the time of submission of bids in the prescribed Format 7.9. However, the Successful Bidder has to confirm the selection of technology in line with the above at the time of Financial Closure. The technology proposed at the time of submission of response to RfS can be changed at the time of Financial Closure.
- B.2 The Bidder is required to undertake to furnish evidence of meeting the above criteria in line with provisions of Clause No. 15 under the sub title "Financial Closure" in Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS. The undertaking shall be submitted as per enclosed Format 7.8.
- B.3 Detailed technical parameters for Solar PV Projects to be met by SPDs are at Annexure-A. Regarding the power transmission and evacuation infrastructure being implemented, applicable rules and provisions of CEA/CERC/SERC shall be strictly complied by the SPD. It is hereby clarified that the Project shall not be considered for commissioning until the receipt of applicable clearances from the competent authority(ies) regarding the transmission evacuation infrastructure prior to injection of power into the grid.
- B.4 The Projects shall also comply with the criteria for power generation detailed in Clause No. 8 in Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS.

C FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

C.1 NET-WORTH

- a. The Net Worth of the Bidder should be equal to or greater than **INR 1.2 Crores per MW** of the quoted capacity, as on the last date of previous Financial Year, i.e. FY 2017-18.
- b. The net worth to be considered for the above purpose will be the cumulative net-worth of the Bidding Company or Consortium together with the Net Worth of those Affiliates of the Bidder(s) that undertake to contribute the required equity

funding and performance bank guarantees in case the Bidder(s) fail to do so in accordance with the RfS.

- c. Net Worth to be considered for this clause shall be the total Net Worth as calculated in accordance with the Companies Act, 2013 and any further amendments thereto.

C.2 LIQUIDITY

In order to ascertain that the Bidder has sufficient means to manage the fund requirements for the Project, the Bidder shall be required to demonstrate at least one of the following parameters:

- a. A minimum annual turnover of **INR 50 Lakhs/ MW** of the quoted capacity during the previous financial year, i.e. FY 2017-18. It is hereby clarified that "Other Income" as indicated in the annual accounts of the Bidder shall not be considered for arriving at the annual turnover.
- b. Internal resource generation capability, in the form of Profit Before Depreciation Interest and Taxes (PBDIT) for a minimum amount of **INR 10 Lakhs/ MW** of the quoted capacity, as on the last date of previous financial year, i.e. FY 2017-18.
- c. In-principle sanction letter from the lending institutions/ banks of the Bidder, committing a Line of Credit for a minimum amount **of INR 12.5 Lakhs/ MW of** the quoted capacity, towards meeting the working capital requirement of the project quoted under this RfS. Such letter can also be obtained by the Affiliate(s) of the Bidder.

C.3 The Bidder may seek qualification on the basis of financial capability of its Affiliate(s) for the purpose of meeting the qualification requirements as per C.1 and C.2 above. In case of the Bidder being a Bidding Consortium, any Member may seek qualification on the basis of financial capability of its Affiliate(s). In such cases, the Bidder shall be required to submit Board Resolutions from the respective Affiliate(s), undertaking to contribute the required equity funding and Performance Bank Guarantees in case the Bidder(s) fail to do so in accordance with the RfS. In case of non-availability of the Board Resolution as required above, a letter from the CEO/ Managing Director of the respective Affiliate(s), undertaking the above, shall be required to be submitted and the requisite Board Resolution from the Affiliate(s) shall be required to be submitted prior to signing of PPA.

C.4 For the purposes of meeting financial requirements, only latest unconsolidated audited annual accounts shall be used. However, audited consolidated annual accounts of the Bidder may be used for the purpose of financial requirements provided the Bidder has at least twenty six percent (26%) equity in each Company whose accounts are merged in the audited consolidated account and provided further that the financial capability of such Companies (of which

accounts are being merged in the consolidated accounts) shall not be considered again for the purpose of evaluation of any other response to RfS.

- C.5** A Company/ Consortium would be required to submit annual audited accounts for the last financial year, i.e. FY 2017-18, along with net worth, annual turnover and PBDIT certificate (as applicable) from a practicing Chartered Accountant/ Statutory Auditor to demonstrate fulfillment of the criteria. In case of foreign companies, the Bidders shall be required to submit the annual audited accounts for the last respective financial year as per the general norm in the country where the Bidder or its Affiliate(s) is/ are located.

Note: In case of foreign bidders, in the event the bidder is unable to furnish the audited accounts for the previous financial year as per the prevalent norm in the respective country, the bidder shall submit the audited accounts of the last financial year for which the audited accounts are available. This, however, would be acceptable, subject to the condition that the last date of response to this RfS falls on or within the deadline for completion of audit of annual accounts of companies, as stipulated by the laws/rules of the respective country, and the bidder shall submit the corresponding documentary evidence against the same. In case the annual accounts are submitted in a language other than English, a certified English translation from an approved translator shall be required to be submitted by the Bidder.

- C.6** For meeting the above financial eligibility criteria, if the data is provided by the Bidder in a foreign currency, equivalent Indian Rupees of Net Worth and other financial parameters will be calculated by the Bidder using Reserve Bank of India's reference rates prevailing on the date of closing of the accounts for the respective financial year.
- C.7** In case of any currency for which RBI reference rate is not available, Bidders shall convert such currency into USD as per the exchange rates certified by their banker prevailing on the relevant date and used for such conversion. After such conversion, Bidder shall follow the procedure/ submit document as elaborated in Clause C.6 above.
- C.8** In case the response to RfS is submitted by a Consortium, then the financial requirement (both the Net-Worth and Turnover requirements, if applicable) to be met by each Member of the Consortium shall be computed in proportion to the equity commitment made by each of them in the Project Company.
For example, if two companies A and B form a Consortium with equity participation in 70:30 ratio and submit their bid for a capacity of 100MW, then, total Net-Worth to be met by the Consortium is Rs. 1.07 Crores x 100MW = Rs. 107 Crores. Minimum requirement of Net-Worth to be met by Lead Member A would be minimum Rs. 74.90 Crores and to be met by Consortium Member B would be Rs. 32.10 Crores. Similar methodology shall be followed for computation of turnover and other liquidity requirement.



SECTION - IV

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

- 1.1 **"ACT" or "ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003"** shall mean the Electricity Act, 2003 and include any modifications, amendments and substitution from time to time;
- 1.2 **"AFFILIATE"** shall mean a company that, directly or indirectly,
- controls, or
 - is controlled by, or
 - is under common control with, a company developing a Project or a Member in a Consortium developing the Project and control means ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty percent) of the voting shares of such company or rights to appoint majority Directors;
- 1.3 **"APPROPRIATE COMMISSION"** shall mean as defined in the PPA;
- 1.4 **"BIDDER"** shall mean Bidding Company (including a foreign company) or a Bidding Consortium submitting the Bid. Any reference to the Bidder includes Bidding Company/ Bidding Consortium, Member of a Bidding Consortium including its successors, executors and permitted assigns and Lead Member of the Bidding Consortium jointly and severally, as the context may require; foreign companies participating in the bidding process shall be registered as companies as per the rules of their country of origin;
- 1.5 **"BIDDING CONSORTIUM" or "CONSORTIUM"** shall refer to a group of Companies that have collectively submitted the response in accordance with the provisions of this RfS under a Consortium Agreement;
- 1.6 **NOT USED**
- 1.7 **"CAPACITY UTILIZATION FACTOR (CUF)"** shall have the same meaning as provided in CERC (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2009 as amended from time to time;
- 1.8 **"CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT"** shall mean a person practicing in India or a firm whereof all the partners practicing in India as a Chartered Accountant(s) within the meaning of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.
- For Bidders incorporated in countries other than India, "Chartered Accountant" shall mean a person or a firm practicing in the respective country and designated/ registered under the corresponding Statutes/ laws of the respective country;
- 1.9 **"COMPANY"** shall mean a body corporate incorporated in India under the Companies Act, 1956 or the Companies Act, 2013, as applicable;
- 1.10 **"COMMERCIAL OPERATION DATE (COD)"** shall mean the date as defined in Clause no. 17, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of RfS;

- 1.11 **“CONTRACTED CAPACITY”** shall mean the AC capacity in MW contracted with SECI for supply by the SPD to SECI at the Delivery Point from the Solar Power Project;
- 1.12 **“CONTRACT YEAR”** shall mean the period beginning from the Effective Date and ending on the immediately succeeding 31st March and thereafter each period of 12 months beginning on 1st April and ending on 31st March provided that:
- (a) in the financial year in which the Scheduled Commissioning Date would occur, the Contract Year shall end on the date immediately before the Scheduled Commissioning Date and a new Contract Year shall commence once again from the Scheduled Commissioning Date and end on the immediately succeeding 31st March, and thereafter each period of 12 (Twelve) Months commencing on 1st April and ending on 31st March, and
 - (b) provided further that the last Contract Year of this Agreement shall end on the last day of the Term of this Agreement;
- 1.13 **“CONTROL”** shall mean the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty percent) of the voting shares of such Company or right to appoint majority Directors;
- 1.14 **“CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDING”** shall mean more than 50% of the voting rights and paid up share capital in the Company/ Consortium;
- 1.15 **“CENTRAL TRANSMISSION UTILITY (CTU)”** shall mean the Central Transmission Utility as defined in sub-section (10) of section 2 of the Electricity Act 2003;
- 1.16 **“DAY”** shall mean calendar day;
- 1.17 **“EFFECTIVE DATE”** shall mean the date as on 90th day from the date of issuance of Letter of Intent (LOI), which shall be indicated in the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) executed by both the parties;
- 1.18 **“EQUITY”** shall mean Net Worth as defined in Companies Act, 2013;
- 1.19 **“FINANCIAL CLOSURE” or “PROJECT FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS”** means arrangement of necessary funds by the Solar Power Developer either by way of commitment of funds by the Company from its internal resources and/or tie up of funds through a bank/ financial institution by way of sanction of a loan or letter agreeing to finance;
- 1.20 **“GUIDELINES”** shall mean the “Guidelines for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Process for Procurement of Power from Grid Connected Solar PV Power Projects” issued by the Ministry of Power vide Resolution dated 03.08.2017;
- 1.21 **“GROUP COMPANY”** of a company means

- (a) a Company which, directly or indirectly, holds 10% (Ten Percent) or more of the share capital of the Company or;
- (b) a Company in which the Company, directly or indirectly, holds 10% (Ten Percent) or more of the share capital of such Company or;
- (c) a Company in which the Company, directly or indirectly, has the power to direct or cause to be directed the management and policies of such Company whether through the ownership of securities or agreement or any other arrangement or otherwise or;
- (d) a Company which, directly or indirectly, has the power to direct or cause to be directed the management and policies of the Company whether through the ownership of securities or agreement or any other arrangement or otherwise or;
- (e) a Company which is under common control with the Company, and control means ownership by one Company of at least 10% (Ten Percent) of the share capital of the other Company or power to direct or cause to be directed the management and policies of such Company whether through the ownership of securities or agreement or any other arrangement or otherwise;

Provided that a financial institution, scheduled bank, foreign institutional investor, Non-Banking Financial Company, pension funds, sovereign funds and any mutual fund shall not be deemed to be Group Company, and its shareholding and the power to direct or cause to be directed the management and policies of a Company shall not be considered for the purposes of this definition unless it is the Project Company or a Member of the Consortium developing the Project;

- 1.22 **“INTER-CONNECTION POINT/ DELIVERY/ METERING POINT”** : For Package-A, it shall mean the point at 400 kV side of the 400/220 kV S/S at New Wanpoh and for Packages-B&C, it shall mean the point at 400 kV side of the 765/400 kV New Kaithal Switching Station, where power from the Solar Power Projects is injected into the grid (including the dedicated transmission line connecting the solar power Projects with the substation system). Metering shall be done at this interconnection point where the power is injected into. For interconnection with grid and metering, the SPDs shall abide by the relevant CERC/ SERC Regulations, Grid Code and Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006 as amended and revised from time to time.
- 1.23 **“JOINT CONTROL”** shall mean a situation where a company has multiple promoters (but none of the shareholders has more than 50% of voting rights and paid up share capital);
- 1.24 **“LEAD MEMBER OF THE BIDDING CONSORTIUM” or “LEAD MEMBER”**: There shall be only one Lead Member, having the shareholding of not less 51% in the Bidding Consortium.
Note: The shareholding of the Lead member in the Project Company (Special Purpose Vehicle) cannot be changed till 01 (One) year after the Commercial Operation Date (COD) of the Project;

- 1.25 **“LETTER OF AWARD” or “LOA”** shall mean the letter issued by Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) to the selected Bidder for award of the Project;
- 1.26 **“LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP” or “LLP”** shall mean a Company governed by Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 or as amended;
- 1.27 **“LLC”** shall mean Limited Liability Company;
- 1.28 **“MEMBER IN A BIDDING CONSORTIUM” or “MEMBER”** shall mean each Company in a Bidding Consortium. In case of a Technology Partner being a member in the Consortium, it has to be a Company;
- 1.29 **“MONTH”** shall mean calendar month;
- 1.30 **“NET-WORTH”** means the Net-Worth as defined section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013;
- 1.31 **“PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL”** shall mean the paid-up share capital as defined in Section 2 of the Company Act, 2013;
- 1.32 **“PARENT”** shall mean a Company, which holds more than 50% voting rights and paid up share capital, either directly or indirectly in the Project Company or a Member in a Consortium developing the Project;
- 1.33 **“POOLING SUBSTATION/ POOLING POINT”** shall mean a point where more than one Solar PV Project may connect to a common Transmission System. Multiple Projects can be connected to a pooling substation from where common transmission system shall be constructed and maintained by the SPD(s) to get connected to the ISTS substation. The voltage level for such common line shall be 132 kV or above. Further, the metering of the pooled power shall be done at the injection point, i.e. the ISTS substation. However, the voltage level of transmission system of individual projects up to the pooling substation may be at 33 kV and above. Sub-meters shall be installed at the pooling substation for metering and forecasting and scheduling of individual Projects. The losses in the common transmission system up to the injection point shall be apportioned to the individual Projects for the purpose of billing;
- 1.34 **“PGCIL”** means Power Grid Corporation of India Limited;
- 1.35 **“PPA”** shall mean the Power Purchase Agreement signed between the Successful SPD and SECI according to the terms and conditions of the standard PPA enclosed with this RfS;
- 1.36 **NOT USED**
- 1.37 **“POWER PROJECT” or “SOLAR POWER PROJECT” or “PROJECT”** shall mean the solar power generation facility having separate single/multiple points of injection into the grid at Inter-connection/ Delivery/ Metering Point, or in case of sharing of transmission

lines by separate injection at Pooling Point and having separate control systems and metering. The Project shall include all units and auxiliaries such as water supply, treatment or storage facilities, bay(s) for transmission system in the switchyard, dedicated transmission line up to the Delivery Point and all the other assets, buildings/structures, equipment, plant and machinery, facilities and related assets required for the efficient and economic operation of the power generation facility, whether completed or at any stage of development and construction or intended to be developed and constructed for the purpose of supply of power to SECI;

- 1.38 **“PROJECT CAPACITY”** shall mean the maximum AC capacity at the delivery point that can be scheduled on which the Power Purchase Agreement shall be signed;
- 1.39 **“PROJECT COMMISSIONING”**: The Project will be considered as commissioned if all equipment as per rated project capacity has been installed and energy has flown into grid, in line with the Commissioning procedures defined in the RfS/ PPA;
- 1.40 **“PROJECT DEVELOPER” or “DEVELOPER” or “SOLAR POWER DEVELOPER (SPD)”** shall mean the Bidding Company or a Bidding Consortium participating in the bid and having been selected and allocated a project capacity by SECI (through a competitive bidding process), including the SPV formed by the selected bidder/ consortium for the purpose of setting up of project and signing of PPA with SECI;
- 1.41 **“RfS DOCUMENT”** shall mean the bidding document issued by SECI including all attachments, clarifications and amendments thereof vide RfS no. SECI/C&P/SPD/RfS/Kargil/2500MW/122018 dated 31.12.2018;
- 1.42 **“SECI”** shall mean Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited;
- 1.43 **“SELECTED BIDDER” or “SUCCESSFUL BIDDER”** shall mean the Bidder selected pursuant to this RfS to set up the Project and supply electrical output as per the terms of PPA;
- 1.44 **“SOLAR PV PROJECT”** shall mean the Solar Photo Voltaic Power Project that uses sunlight for direct conversion into electricity through Photo Voltaic Technology;
- 1.45 **“STATE TRANSMISSION UTILITY” or “STU”** shall mean the Board or the Government Company notified by the respective State Government under Sub-Section I of Section 39 of the Electricity Act, 2003;
- 1.46 **“TOE”** shall mean Tender Opening Event.
- 1.47 **“TRADING MARGIN”** shall mean the margin on sale of solar power to State Utilities/ Discoms/ other Bulk Consumers under this RfS being charged by SECI and shall be @INR 0.07/kWh;

- 1.48 “**ULTIMATE PARENT**” shall mean a Company, which owns more than 50% (Fifty Percent) voting rights and paid up share capital, either directly or indirectly in the Parent and Affiliates;
- 1.49 “**WEEK**” shall mean calendar week;



SECTION - V

BID EVALUATION AND SELECTION OF PROJECTS

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1 BID EVALUATION

Bid evaluation will be carried out considering the information furnished by Bidders as per provisions specified in Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of this RfS. The detailed evaluation procedure and selection of bidders are described in subsequent clauses in this Section.

2 TECHNO-COMMERCIAL EVALUATION OF BIDDERS

i. FIRST ENVELOPE (TECHNICAL BID) EVALUATION (STEP - 1)

- a. The first envelope (Technical Bid submitted online) of only those Bidders will be opened by SECI whose required documents as mentioned at Clause No. 23.a, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of this RfS are received at the office of SECI on or before the due date and time of bid submission.
- b. Documents (as mentioned in the previous clause) received after the bid submission deadline specified in the Bid Information Sheet shall be rejected and returned unopened, if super-scribed properly with address, to the Bidder.
- c. Subject to Clause No. 22, Section-II, Instructions to Bidders (ITB) of this RfS, SECI will examine all the documents submitted by the Bidders and ascertain meeting of eligibility conditions prescribed in the RfS. During the examination of the bids, SECI may seek clarifications/ additional documents to the documents submitted etc. from the Bidders if required to satisfy themselves for meeting the eligibility conditions by the Bidders. Bidders shall be required to respond to any clarifications/ additional documents sought by SECI within 07 (Seven) days from the date of such intimation from SECI. All correspondence in this regard shall be made through email/ TCIL portal only. It shall be the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure that the email id of the authorized signatory of the Bidder is functional. The Bidder may provide an additional email id of the authorized signatory in the covering letter. No reminders in this case shall be sent. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Bidders to remove all the discrepancies and furnish additional documents as required.
- d. The response to RfS submitted by the Bidder shall be scrutinized to establish Techno-Commercial eligibility as per RfS.

ii. SECOND ENVELOPE (FINANCIAL BID) EVALUATION (STEP - 2)

In this step evaluations of Techno-Commercially Qualified Bids shall be done based on the "Tariff" quoted by the Bidders in the Electronic Form of Financial Bid. After this step, the shortlisted Bidders shall be invited for the Reverse Auction.

- a. Second Envelope (containing Tariff) of only those Bidders shall be opened whose technical bids are found to be qualified.
- b. The Bidder including its Parent, Affiliate or Ultimate Parent or any Group Company will have to submit a single bid quoting a single tariff per kWh for each applied Project.

- c. The tariff has to be quoted up to two places of decimal only. If it is quoted with more than two digits after decimal, the third digit at the third decimal place shall be ignored after first two decimal places. (For e.g. if the quoted tariff is INR 2.337, then it shall be considered as INR 2.33).
- d. In this step, evaluation will be carried out for based on tariff quoted by Bidders.
- e. Not used.
- f. In case there is only a single bid is received against the RfS, opening of bid shall be at the discretion of SECI. On completion of Techno-Commercial bid evaluation, if it is found that only one or two Bidder(s) is/are eligible for opening of financial bid, opening of the financial bid of the Bidder will be at the discretion of SECI. Thereafter, SECI will take appropriate action as deemed fit.
- g. If the tariff quoted is same for two or more Bidders for a particular Project, then all the Bidders with same tariff shall be considered of equal rank/ standing in the order.
- h. All Bidders with same tariff shall be eligible for reverse auction round (provided their rank is equal to or less than nth Bidder as mentioned in Clause No. 3.2 of this Section V of RfS).
- i. Ranking of Bidders after Financial Bid Evaluation: Ranking of Bidders shall be carried out separately for each Package. Following illustrates an example of ranking of bidders after financial bid opening and evaluation:

Bidder	Submitted Financial Bid	Ranking
B1	₹ 2.10 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L1
B2	₹ 2.20 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L2
B3	₹ 2.30 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L3
B4	₹ 2.30 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L3
B5	₹ 2.43 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L4
B6	₹ 2.60 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L5
B7	₹ 2.70 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L6
B8	₹ 2.80 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L7
B9	₹ 2.93 (Tariff in ₹/ kWh)	L8

In the event when all the techno-commercially eligible bidders have quoted the same first round tariff as part of the Financial bid, ranking of bidders for e-RA shall be done on the basis of draw of lots.

3 **REVERSE AUCTION (STEP-3)**

- i. The e-reverse auction (e-RA) for the cumulative Project capacity shall be conducted through www.tcil-india-electronictender.com portal on the day as intimated by SECI to the eligible Bidders. e-RA shall be conducted for each Package separately.
- ii. The Total capacity eligible for award subsequent to e-reverse auction shall be decided as mentioned below:

Assuming

T = Total Techno-Commercially Qualified Bidders, and

S_k = Cumulative capacity till the 'k'th serial number bidder (**not the 'k'th rank bidder**) after ranking is done in ascending order from L1 onwards

S _E = (Eligible capacity for award)	<u>Packages-A, B & C</u> (i) In case S _T ≤ 2500 MW, S _E = 0.8 X S _T (ii) In case S _T > 2500 MW, S _E = 0.8 X S _T , subject to maximum eligible capacity being 2500 MW.
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- iii. Shortlisting of bidders for e-RA: All the techno-commercially qualified Bidders, whose financial bids are found complying with the applicable provisions of the RfS including subsequent amendments, shall be shortlisted for participating in the e-RA.
- iv. At least one week prior to the e-reverse auction, an advance intimation regarding the date and time of the reverse auction will be sent by e-mail to all the Bidders whose technical bids have been opened and found to be qualified. However, from this advance intimation it shall not be construed by the Bidders that they have been shortlisted for e-Reverse Auction (e-RA). Further at least two hours before the schedule start time of e-RA, final intimation for participation in the e-RA will be sent to all those Bidders only who have been shortlisted based on the criteria mentioned at Clause No. 3.2 of Section-V of RfS.
- v. Shortlisted Bidders for e-RA will be able to login into the TCIL website of reverse auction 15 minutes before the start time of reverse auction.
- vi. During the 15 minutes prior to start of reverse auction process, the respective tariff of the Bidder shall be displayed on its window.
- vii. The minimum decrement value for tariff shall be INR 0.01 per kWh. The Bidder can mention its revised discounted tariff which has to be at least 1 (One) Paisa less than its current tariff.
- viii. Bidders can only quote any value lower than their previous quoted tariff taking into consideration the minimum decrement value mentioned in the previous clause. However, at any stage, increase in tariff will not be permissible. Bidders can improve their ranking by quoting the tariff lower than their last quoted tariff.

- ix. During reverse auction, the Bidder shall not have the option of changing the total Project capacity while quoting tariff during reverse auction.
- x. In the Bidder's bidding window, the following information can be viewed by the Bidder:
 - i. Its tariff as the initial start price and there after last quoted tariff along with the Project capacity for which the Bidder is qualified.
 - ii. The list of all the Bidders with their following details: Pseudo Identity, last quoted tariff and project capacity

The initial auction period will be of 30 (thirty) minutes with a provision of auto extension by 8 (eight) minutes from the scheduled/ extended closing time. Such auto extension shall be effected if by way of reduction in tariff, a Bidder causes a change in its zonal placement at that instant. The 'zones' are as defined below:

- (a) Green Zone: This zone consists of the Bidders who may be allocated their full quoted Project capacity if the auction is closed at that instant.
- (b) Yellow Zone: This zone consists of the Bidders who may be allocated a part of their full quoted Project capacity if the auction is closed at that instant.
- (c) Red Zone: This zone consists of the Bidders who will not be awarded their quoted Project capacity if the auction is closed at that instant.

If no such change as described above is effected during the last 8 minutes of auction period or extended auction period, then the reverse auction process will automatically get closed.

4 SELECTION OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS

- a) Package-A:
 - i. The Bidder quoting the lowest tariff (L1 tariff), shall be awarded the total Project capacity of 2500 MW.
 - ii. In case of a tie among two or more Bidders (i.e. their last quoted tariff being the same at the end of the e-RA), they will be considered in the chronological order of their last bid with preference to that Bidder who has quoted his last bid earlier than others

In the above case, if the time of quote also become exactly same among the Bidders at a tie, then the ranking among these Bidders shall be done as follows:

Step 1: Lowest rank will be given to the Bidder who has quoted the lowest in Financial Bid (Electronic Form) and so on. If there is also a tie among any of these bidders, then the following step (Step 2) will be followed.

Step 2: Ranking will be done based on draw of lots.

- 5 **Issuance of LOAs**: At the end of selection process, a Letter of Award (LOA) will be issued to the successful Bidders for each Project. In case of a Consortium being selected

as the successful Bidder, the LOA shall be issued to the Lead Member of the Consortium.

In all cases, SECI's decision regarding selection of Bidder through Reverse Auction or other- wise based on tariff or annulment of tender process shall be final and binding on all participating bidders.



SECTION - VI

OTHER PROVISIONS

1 ROLE OF STATE NODAL AGENCY

It is envisaged that the State Government shall appoint any Agency as a State Level Agency which will provide necessary support to facilitate the required approvals and sanctions in a time bound manner so as to achieve commissioning of the Projects within the scheduled Timeline. This may include facilitation in the following areas:

- Coordination among various State and Central agencies for speedy implementation of projects
- Support during commissioning of projects and issue of commissioning certificates.

2 ROLE OF STU/CTU/PGCIL

It is envisaged that the State Transmission Company/CTU/PGCIL will provide transmission system to facilitate the evacuation of power from the Projects which may include the following:

- i) Upon application of LTA/Connectivity as per CERC Regulations, CTU shall coordinate with the concerned agencies for grant of connectivity and LTA. It is hereby assured that the CTU shall grant connectivity and LTA for the proposed Project(s).

- ii) Support during commissioning of projects



SECTION - VII

SAMPLE FORMS & FORMATS FOR BID SUBMISSION

FORMATS FOR BID SUBMISSION

The following formats are required to be submitted as part of the RfS. These formats are designed to demonstrate the Bidder's compliance with the Qualification Requirements set forth in Section - III and other submission requirements specified in the RfS

- i) Format of Covering Letter (Format 7.1)
- ii) Format for Power of Attorney (Format 7.2)
- iii) Format for Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Format 7.3 A)
- iv) Format for Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) (Format 7.3 B)
- v) Format for Board Resolutions (Format 7.4)
- vi) Format for Consortium Agreement (Format 7.5)
- vii) Format for Financial Requirement (Format 7.6)
- viii) Format for Disclosure (Format 7.7)

- ix) Format for Technical Criteria (Format 7.8)
- x) Format for Proposed Technology Tie-up (Format 7.9)
- xi) Format for submission of Financial Bid (Format 7.10)
- xii) Format for Preliminary Estimate of Cost of Solar PV Project (Format 7.11)
- xiii) Technical Requirements for Grid Connected Solar PV Projects (Annexure - A)
- xiv) Check List for Bank Guarantees (Annexure-B)
- xv) List of Banks (Annexure-C)
- xvi) Special Instructions to Bidders for e-Tendering and Reverse Auction (Annexure-D)
- xvii) Terms & Conditions of Reverse Auction (Annexure-E)

Format 7.1

COVERING LETTER

(The Covering Letter should be submitted on the Letter Head of the Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

Ref.No. _____

Date: _____

From: _____ (*Insert name and address of Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium*)

Tel.#:

Fax#:

E-mail address#

To

Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited

(A Government of India Enterprise)

D - 3, 1st Floor, Wing - A, Prius Platinum Building

District Centre, Saket, New Delhi - 110 017

Sub: Response to RfS No. -----dated ----- for Selection of Solar Power Developers for Setting up of 7500 MW Grid-Connected Solar Power Projects in Leh & Kargil Districts, Jammu & Kashmir, India

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We, the undersigned [*insert name of the 'Bidder'*] having read, examined and understood in detail the RfS including Qualification Requirements in particular, terms and conditions of the standard PPA for supply of power for 25 years to SECI, hereby submit our response to RfS.

We confirm that in response to the aforesaid RfS, neither we nor any of our Ultimate Parent Company/ Parent Company/ Affiliate/ Group Company has submitted response to RfS other than this response to RfS, directly or indirectly, in response to the aforesaid RfS (as mentioned in Format 7.7 under Disclosure). We also confirm that we including our Ultimate Parent Company/ Parent Company/ Affiliate/ Group Companies directly or indirectly have not submitted response to RfS for more than cumulative capacity of 2500 MW in each Package, including this response to RfS.

We are submitting RfS for the development of following Solar PV Project(s): -

Project No.	Package(s) quoted for	Proposed CUF
1	Package A/B/C (use separate rows for indicating each Package separately)	

1. We give our unconditional acceptance to the RfS, dated [*Insert date in dd/mm/yyyy*], standard PPA and PSA documents attached thereto, issued by SECI. In token of our acceptance to the RfS, PPA and PSA documents along with the amendments and clarifications issued by SECI, the same have been digitally signed by us and enclosed with the response to RfS. We shall ensure that the PPA is executed as per the provisions of the RfS and provisions of PPA and shall be binding on us. Further, we confirm that the Project shall be fully commissioned within 48 months of the Effective Date of PPA.

2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): - (*Please read Clause No. 10, Section-II, ITB carefully before filling*)

We have enclosed EMD of INR (Insert Amount), in the form of Bank Guarantee no..... [*Insert bank guarantee number*] dated [*Insert date of bank guarantee*] as per Format 7.3A from [*Insert name of bank providing bank guarantee*] and valid up to.....in terms of Clause No. 10, Section-II, ITB of this RfS. The total capacity of the Solar PV Project offered by us is MW [*Insert cumulative capacity proposed*].

3. We hereby declare that in the event our Project(s) get selected and we are not able to submit Bank Guarantee of the requisite value(s) towards PBG within due time as mentioned in Clause No. 11, Section-II, ITB of this RfS on issue of LOA by SECI for the

- selected Projects and/ or we are not able to sign PPA with SECI within the prescribed timelines with SECI for the selected Projects, SECI shall have the right to encash the EMD submitted by us and return the balance amount (if any) for the value of EMD pertaining to unsuccessful capacity.
4. We have submitted our response to RfS strictly as per Section - VII (Sample Forms and Formats) of this RfS, without any deviations, conditions and without mentioning any assumptions or notes in the said Formats.
 5. We hereby undertake to implement the power transmission and evacuation infrastructure from the Project until the Delivery Point within the Scheduled Commissioning Date, and that we shall be responsible for any such delay in commissioning of the Project on account of delay in implementation of the above infrastructure.
 6. Acceptance: -
We hereby unconditionally and irrevocably agree and accept that the decision made by SECI in respect of any matter regarding or arising out of the RfS shall be binding on us. We hereby expressly waive and withdraw any deviations and all claims in respect of this process.
We also unconditionally and irrevocably agree and accept that the decision made by SECI in respect of award of Projects according to our preference order as above and in line with the provisions of the RfS, shall be binding on us.
 7. Familiarity with Relevant Indian Laws & Regulations: -
We confirm that we have studied the provisions of the relevant Indian Laws and Regulations as required to enable us to submit this response to RfS and execute the PPA, in the event of our selection as Successful Bidder.
 8. In case of our selection as the Successful bidder under the scheme and the project being executed by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) incorporated by us which shall be our 100% subsidiary, we shall infuse necessary equity to the requirements of RfS. Further we will submit a Board Resolution prior to signing of PPA with SECI, committing total equity infusion in the SPV as per the provisions of RfS.
 9. We hereby undertake that in the event of our project being selected under the RfS, we shall be solely responsible for getting the connectivity and Long Term Access (LTA) prior to commissioning of the Project. In the event of delay in commissioning with the grid of CTU beyond SCD, the provisions of the RfS/ relevant articles of PPA shall be applied on such projects. Further, the project shall not be considered as commissioned unless the connectivity with CTU grid is established.
 10. We are submitting our response to the RfS with formats duly signed as desired by you in the RfS online for your consideration.

11. It is confirmed that our response to the RfS is consistent with all the requirements of submission as stated in the RfS, including all clarifications and amendments and subsequent communications from SECI.
12. The information submitted in our response to the RfS is correct to the best of our knowledge and understanding. We would be solely responsible for any errors or omissions in our response to the RfS.
13. We confirm that all the terms and conditions of our Bid are valid up to _____ (Insert date in dd/mm/yyyy) for acceptance [i.e. a period of 180 (One Hundred Eighty) Days from the last date of submission of response to RfS].

14. Contact Person

Details of the representative to be contacted by SECI are furnished as under:

Name :
Designation :
Company :
Address :
Phone Nos. :
Mobile Nos. :
Fax Nos. :
E-mail address :

15. We have neither made any statement nor provided any information in this Bid, which to the best of our knowledge is materially inaccurate or misleading. Further, all the confirmations, declarations and representations made in our Bid are true and accurate. In case this is found to be incorrect after our selection as Successful Bidder, we agree that the same would be treated as a Seller's event of default under PPA and consequent provisions of PPA shall apply.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20....

Thanking you,
We remain,
Yours faithfully,

Name, Designation, Seal and Signature of Authorized Person in whose name Power of Attorney/ Board Resolution/ Declaration.

Format 7.2

FORMAT FOR POWER OF ATTORNEY

(Applicable Only incase of Consortiums)

(To be provided by each of the other members of the Consortium in favor of the Lead Member)

(To be stamped in accordance with Stamp Act, the Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Appropriate Value)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT M/s..... having its registered office at,, and M/s having its registered office at, (Insert names and registered offices of all Members of the Consortium) the Members of Consortium have formed a Bidding Consortium named (insert name of the Consortium if finalized) (hereinafter called the 'Consortium') vide Consortium Agreement dated..... and having agreed to appoint M/s.....as the Lead Member of the said Consortium do hereby constitute, nominate and appoint M/s.....a company incorporated under the laws ofand having its Registered/ Head Office atas our duly constituted lawful Attorney (hereinafter called as Lead Member) to exercise all or any of the powers for and on behalf of the Consortium in regard to submission of the response to RfS No.....

We also authorize the said Lead Member to undertake the following acts:

- i) To submit on behalf of Consortium Members response to RfS.
- ii) To do any other act or submit any information and document related to the above response to RfS Bid.

It is expressly understood that in the event of the Consortium being selected as Successful Bidder, this Power of Attorney shall remain valid, binding and irrevocable until the Bidding Consortium achieves execution of PPA.

We as the Member of the Consortium agree and undertake to ratify and confirm all whatsoever the said Attorney/ Lead Member has done on behalf of the Consortium Members pursuant to this Power of Attorney and the same shall bind us and deemed to have been done by us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF M/s, as the Member of the Consortium have executed these presents on this..... day ofunder the Common Seal of our company.

For and on behalf of Consortium Member

M/s.....

----- (Signature of person authorized by the board)

(Name

Designation

Place:

Date:)

Accepted

(Signature, Name, Designation and Address
of the person authorized by the board of the Lead Member)

Attested

(Signature of the executant)

(Signature & stamp of Notary of the place of execution)

Place: -----

Date: -----

Lead Member in the Consortium shall have the controlling shareholding in the Company as defined in Section-IV, Definition of Terms of the RfS.

Format 7.3A

FORMAT FOR EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD)

(To be stamped in accordance with Stamp Act, the Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Appropriate Value)

Reference:
Bank Guarantee No.:
Date:

In consideration of the ----- [*Insert name of the Bidder*] (hereinafter referred to as 'Bidder') submitting the response to RfS inter alia for selection of the Project/ Projects of the cumulative capacity of MW [*Insert cumulative Project capacity proposed*] for supply of power there from on long term basis, in response to the RfS No. _____ dated _____ issued by Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (hereinafter referred to as SECI) and SECI considering such response to the RfS of [*insert the name of the Bidder*] as per the terms of the RfS, the _____ [*insert name & address of bank*] hereby agrees unequivocally, irrevocably and unconditionally to pay to SECI at [*Insert Name of the Place from the address of SECI*] forthwith without demur on demand in writing from SECI or any Officer authorized by it in this behalf, any amount upto and not exceeding Rupees _____ [*Insert amount not less than that derived on the basis of Rs. 10 Lakhs per MW +18% GST of cumulative capacity proposed*], only, on behalf of M/s _____ [*Insert name of the Bidder*].

This guarantee shall be valid and binding on this Bank up to and including _____ [*insert date of validity in accordance with Clause No. 10, Section-II, ITB of this RfS*] and shall not be terminable by notice or any change in the constitution of the Bank or the term of contract or by any other reasons whatsoever and our liability hereunder shall not be impaired or discharged by any extension of time or variations or alternations made, given, or agreed with or without our knowledge or consent, by or between parties to the respective agreement.

Our liability under this Guarantee is restricted to INR _____ (Indian Rupees _____ only). Our Guarantee shall remain in force until _____ [*insert date of validity in accordance with Clause No. 10, Section-II, ITB of this RfS*]. SECI shall be entitled to invoke this Guarantee till _____ [*insert date of validity in accordance with Clause No. 10, Section-II, ITB of this RfS*].

The Guarantor Bank hereby agrees and acknowledges that the SECI shall have a right to invoke this BANK GUARANTEE in part or in full, as it may deem fit.

The Guarantor Bank hereby expressly agrees that it shall not require any proof in addition to the written demand by SECI, made in any format, raised at the above mentioned address of the Guarantor Bank, in order to make the said payment to SECI.

The Guarantor Bank shall make payment hereunder on first demand without restriction or conditions and notwithstanding any objection by _____ [*Insert name of the Bidder*] and/ or any other person. The Guarantor Bank shall not require SECI to justify the invocation of this BANK GUARANTEE, nor shall the Guarantor Bank have any recourse against SECI in respect of any payment made hereunder.

This BANK GUARANTEE shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of India and the courts at New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

The Guarantor Bank represents that this BANK GUARANTEE has been established in such form and with such content that it is fully enforceable in accordance with its terms as against the Guarantor Bank in the manner provided herein.

This BANK GUARANTEE shall not be affected in any manner by reason of merger, amalgamation, restructuring or any other change in the constitution of the Guarantor Bank.

This BANK GUARANTEE shall be a primary obligation of the Guarantor Bank and accordingly SECI shall not be obliged before enforcing this BANK GUARANTEE to take any action in any court or arbitral proceedings against the Bidder, to make any claim against or any demand on the Bidder or to give any notice to the Bidder or to enforce any security held by SECI or to exercise, levy or enforce any distress, diligence or other process against the Bidder.

The Guarantor Bank acknowledges that this BANK GUARANTEE is not personal to SECI and may be assigned, in whole or in part, (whether absolutely or by way of security) by SECI to any entity to whom SECI is entitled to assign its rights and obligations under the PPA.

Notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove, our liability under this Guarantee is restricted to INR _____ (Indian Rupees _____ Only) and it shall remain in force until _____ [*Date to be inserted on the basis of Clause No. 10, Section-II, ITB of this RfS*].

We are liable to pay the guaranteed amount or any part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only if SECI serves upon us a written claim or demand.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Power of Attorney No.: _____

For

_____ [Insert Name and Address of the Bank] _____

Contact Details of the Bank:

E-mail ID of the Bank:

Banker's Stamp and Full Address.

Dated this ____ day of ____, 20__

Format 7.3B

FORMAT FOR PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE **(PBG)**

(To be submitted Separately for each Project)

(To be stamped in accordance with Stamp Act, the Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Appropriate Value)

Reference:

Bank Guarantee No.:

Date:

In consideration of the _____ [Insert name of the Bidder] (hereinafter referred to as 'selected Solar Power Developer') submitting the response to RfS inter alia for selection of the Project of the capacity of MW, at [Insert name of the place], for supply of power there from on long term basis, in response to the RfS dated..... issued by Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (hereinafter referred to as SECI) and SECI considering such response to the RfS of [Insert name of the Bidder] (which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof include its executors, administrators, successors and assignees) and selecting the Solar Power Project of the Solar Power Developer and issuing Letter of Intent No _____ to _____ (Insert Name of selected Solar Power Developer) as per terms of RfS and the same having been accepted by the selected SPD resulting in a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to be entered into, for purchase of Power [from selected Solar Power Developer or a Project Company, M/s _____ {a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed for this purpose}, if applicable]. As per the terms of the RfS, the _____ [Insert name & address of Bank] hereby agrees unequivocally, irrevocably and unconditionally to pay to SECI at [Insert Name of the Place from the address of the SECI] forthwith on demand in writing from SECI or any Officer authorised by it in this behalf, any amount up to and not exceeding Rupees

_____ [Total Value] only, on behalf of M/s _____ [Insert name of the selected Solar Power Developer/ Project Company]

This guarantee shall be valid and binding on this Bank up to and including and shall not be terminable by notice or any change in the constitution of the Bank or the term of contract or by any other reasons whatsoever and our liability hereunder shall not be impaired or discharged by any extension of time or variations or alternations made, given, or agreed with or without our knowledge or consent, by or between parties to the respective agreement.

Our liability under this Guarantee is restricted to INR _____ (Indian Rupees _____ Only).

Our Guarantee shall remain in force until..... SECI shall be entitled to invoke this Guarantee till

The Guarantor Bank hereby agrees and acknowledges that SECI shall have a right to invoke this BANK GUARANTEE in part or in full, as it may deem fit.

The Guarantor Bank hereby expressly agrees that it shall not require any proof in addition to the written demand by SECI, made in any format, raised at the above mentioned address of the Guarantor Bank, in order to make the said payment to SECI.

The Guarantor Bank shall make payment hereunder on first demand without restriction or conditions and notwithstanding any objection by _____ [Insert name of the selected Solar Power Developer/ Project Company as applicable] and/ or any other person. The Guarantor Bank shall not require SECI to justify the invocation of this BANK GUARANTEE, nor shall the Guarantor Bank have any recourse against SECI in respect of any payment made hereunder

This BANK GUARANTEE shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of India and the courts at New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

The Guarantor Bank represents that this BANK GUARANTEE has been established in such form and with such content that it is fully enforceable in accordance with its terms as against the Guarantor Bank in the manner provided herein.

This BANK GUARANTEE shall not be affected in any manner by reason of merger, amalgamation, restructuring or any other change in the constitution of the Guarantor Bank.

This BANK GUARANTEE shall be a primary obligation of the Guarantor Bank and accordingly SECI shall not be obliged before enforcing this BANK GUARANTEE to take any action in any court or arbitral proceedings against the selected Solar Power Developer/ Project Company, to make any claim against or any demand on the selected Solar Power Developer/ Project Company or to give any notice to the selected Solar Power Developer/ Project Company or to

enforce any security held by SECI or to exercise, levy or enforce any distress, diligence or other process against the selected Solar Power Developer / Project Company .

The Guarantor Bank acknowledges that this BANK GUARANTEE is not personal to SECI and may be assigned, in whole or in part, (whether absolutely or by way of security) by SECI to any entity to whom SECI is entitled to assign its rights and obligations under the PPA.

Notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove, our liability under this Guarantee is restricted to INR _____ (Indian Rupees _____ Only) and it shall remain in force until We are liable to pay the guaranteed amount or any part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only if SECI serves upon us a written claim or demand.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Power of Attorney No.: _____

For
_____ *[Insert Name and Address of the Bank]* _____

Contact Details of the Bank:

E-mail ID of the Bank:

Banker's Stamp and Full Address.

Dated this ____ day of ____, 20__

Witness:

1.

Signature
Name and Address

2.

Signature

Name and Address

Notes:

1. The Stamp Paper should be in the name of the Executing Bank and of appropriate value.
2. The Performance Bank Guarantee shall be executed by any of the Bank from the List of Banks enclosed.

Format 7.4

FORMAT FOR BOARD RESOLUTIONS

(To be Submitted Separately for each Project)

The Board, after discussion, at the duly convened Meeting on [Insert date], with the consent of all the Directors present and in compliance of the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act 2013, as applicable, passed the following Resolution:

1. RESOLVED THAT Mr/ Ms....., be and is hereby authorized to do on our behalf, all such acts, deeds and things necessary in connection with or incidental to our response to RfS vide RfS No. _____ for _____ (insert title of the RfS), including signing and submission of all documents and providing information/ response to RfS to Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI), representing us in all matters before SECI, and generally dealing with SECI in all matters in connection with our bid for the said Project. (***To be provided by the Bidding Company or the Lead Member of the Consortium***)

2. FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act, 2013, as applicable and compliance thereof and as permitted under the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, approval of the Board be and is hereby accorded to invest total equity in the Project. (***To be provided by the Bidding Company***)

[Note: In the event the Bidder is a Bidding Consortium, in place of the above resolution at Sl. No. 2, the following resolutions are to be provided]

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act, 2013, as applicable and compliance thereof and as permitted under the

Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, approval of the Board be and is hereby accorded to invest (-----%) equity [*Insert the % equity commitment as specified in Consortium Agreement*] in the Project. **(To be provided by each Member of the Bidding Consortium including Lead Member such that total equity is 100%)**

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT approval of the Board be and is hereby accorded to participate in consortium with M/s ----- [*Insert the name of other Members in the Consortium*] and Mr/ Ms....., be and is hereby authorized to execute the Consortium Agreement. **(To be provided by each Member of the Bidding Consortium including Lead Member)**

And

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT approval of the Board be and is hereby accorded to contribute such additional amount over and above the percentage limit (specified for the Lead Member in the Consortium Agreement) to the extent becoming necessary towards the total equity share in the Project Company, obligatory on the part of the Consortium pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in the Consortium Agreement dated executed by the Consortium as per the provisions of the RfS. **[To be passed by the Lead Member of the Bidding Consortium]**

3. NOT USED

Certified True Copy

(Signature, Name and Stamp of Company Secretary)

Notes:

- 1) This certified true copy should be submitted on the letterhead of the Company, signed by the Company Secretary/ Director.
- 2) The contents of the format may be suitably re-worded indicating the identity of the entity passing the resolution.
- 3) This format may be modified only to the limited extent required to comply with the local regulations and laws applicable to a foreign entity submitting this resolution. For example, reference to Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act, 2013 as applicable may be suitably modified to refer to the law applicable to the entity submitting the resolution. However, in such case, the foreign entity shall submit an unqualified opinion issued by the legal counsel of such foreign entity, stating that the Board resolutions are in

compliance with the applicable laws of the respective jurisdictions of the issuing Company and the authorizations granted therein are true and valid.

Format 7.5

FORMAT FOR CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

(To be Submitted Separately for each Project)

(To be stamped in accordance with Stamp Act, the Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Appropriate Value)

THIS Consortium Agreement (“Agreement”) executed on this ___ Day of _____ Two Thousand ____ between M/s _____ [*Insert name of Lead Member*] a Company incorporated under the laws of _____ and having its Registered Office at _____ (hereinafter called the “**Member-1**”, which expression shall include its successors, executors and permitted assigns) and M/s _____ a Company incorporated under the laws of _____ and having its Registered Office at _____ (hereinafter called the “**Member-2**”, which expression shall include its successors, executors and permitted assigns), M/s _____ a Company incorporated under the laws of _____ and having its Registered Office at _____ (hereinafter called the “**Member-n**”, which expression shall include its successors, executors and permitted assigns), [*The Bidding Consortium should list the details of all the Consortium Members*] for the purpose of submitting response to RfS and execution of Power Purchase Agreement (in case of award), against RfS No. _____ dated _____ issued by Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, and having its Registered Office at D-3, 1st Floor, Wing-A, Prius Platinum Building, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-110017

WHEREAS, each Member individually shall be referred to as the “Member” and all of the Members shall be collectively referred to as the “Members” in this Agreement.

WHEREAS SECI desires to purchase Power under the said RfS.

WHEREAS, SECI had invited response to RfS vide its Request for Selection (RfS) vide RfS No. _____ dated _____

WHEREAS the RfS stipulates that in case response to RfS is being submitted by a Bidding Consortium, the Members of the Consortium will have to submit a legally enforceable Consortium Agreement in a format specified by SECI wherein the Consortium Members have to commit equity investment of a specific percentage for the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSTH AS UNDER:

In consideration of the above premises and agreements all the Members in this Bidding Consortium do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. We, the Members of the Consortium and Members to the Agreement do hereby unequivocally agree that Member-1 (M/s _____), shall act as the Lead Member as defined in the RfS for self and agent for and on behalf of Member-2, -----, Member-n and to submit the response to the RfS.
2. The Lead Member is hereby authorized by the Members of the Consortium and Members to the Agreement to bind the Consortium and receive instructions for and on their behalf.
3. Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in this Agreement, the Lead Member shall always be liable for the equity investment obligations of all the Consortium Members i.e. for both its own liability as well as the liability of other Members.
4. The Lead Member shall be liable and responsible for ensuring the individual and collective commitment of each of the Members of the Consortium in discharging all of their respective equity obligations. Each Member further undertakes to be individually liable for the performance of its part of the obligations without in any way limiting the scope of collective liability envisaged in this Agreement.
5. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the share of each Member of the Consortium in the issued equity share capital of the Project Company is/shall be in the following proportion:

Name	Percentage
Member 1	---
Member 2	---

Member n	---
Total	100%

We acknowledge that after the execution of PPA, the controlling shareholding (having not less than 51% of the voting rights and paid up share capital) in the Project Company developing the Project shall be maintained for a period of 01 (One) Year after commencement of supply of power.

6. The Lead Member, on behalf of the Consortium, shall inter alia undertake full responsibility for liaising with Lenders or through internal accruals and mobilizing debt resources for the Project, and ensuring that the Seller achieves Financial Closure in terms of the PPA.
7. In case of any breach of any equity investment commitment by any of the Consortium Members, the Lead Member shall be liable for the consequences thereof.
8. Except as specified in the Agreement, it is agreed that sharing of responsibilities as aforesaid and equity investment obligations thereto shall not in any way be a limitation of responsibility of the Lead Member under these presents.
9. It is further specifically agreed that the financial liability for equity contribution of the Lead Member shall not be limited in any way so as to restrict or limit its liabilities. The Lead Member shall be liable irrespective of its scope of work or financial commitments.
10. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the Laws of India and courts at New Delhi alone shall have the exclusive jurisdiction in all matters relating thereto and arising thereunder.
11. It is hereby further agreed that in case of being selected as the Successful Bidder, the Members do hereby agree that they shall furnish the Performance Guarantee in favour of SECI in terms of the RfS.
12. It is further expressly agreed that the Agreement shall be irrevocable and shall form an integral part of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and shall remain valid until the expiration or early termination of the PPA in terms thereof, unless expressly agreed to the contrary by SECI.
13. The Lead Member is authorized and shall be fully responsible for the accuracy and veracity of the representations and information submitted by the Members respectively from time to time in the response to RfS.
14. It is hereby expressly understood between the Members that no Member at any given point of time, may assign or delegate its rights, duties or obligations under the PPA except with prior written consent of SECI.

15. This Agreement

- a) has been duly executed and delivered on behalf of each Member hereto and constitutes the legal, valid, binding and enforceable obligation of each such Member;
- b) sets forth the entire understanding of the Members hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof; and
- c) may not be amended or modified except in writing signed by each of the Members and with prior written consent of SECI.

16. All the terms used in capitals in this Agreement but not defined herein shall have the meaning as per the RfS and PPA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Members have, through their authorized representatives, executed these present on the Day, Month and Year first mentioned above.

For M/s----- [Member 1]

(Signature, Name & Designation of the person authorized vide Board Resolution Dated _____)

Witnesses:

1) Signature-----

Name:

Address:

2) Signature -----

Name:

Address:

For M/s-----[Member 2]

(Signature, Name & Designation of the person authorized vide Board Resolution Dated _____)

Witnesses:

1) Signature -----

Name:

Address:

2) Signature -----

Name:

Address:

For M/s-----[Member n]

(Signature, Name & Designation of the person authorized vide Board Resolution Dated _____)

Witnesses:

1) Signature -----

(2) Signature -----

Name:

Name:

Address:

Address:

Signature and stamp of Notary of the place of execution

Format 7.6

FORMAT FOR FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

(This should be submitted on the Letter Head of the Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

Ref.No. _____

Date: _____

From: _____ (Insert name and address of Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

Tel.#:

Fax#:

E-mail address#

To

Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited

(A Government of India Enterprise)

D - 3, 1st Floor, Wing - A, Prius Platinum Building

District Centre, Saket, New Delhi - 110 017

Sub: Response to RfS No. ----- dated ----- for Selection of Solar Power Developers for Setting up of 7500 MW Grid-Connected Solar Power Projects in Leh & Kargil Districts, Jammu & Kashmir, India

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We certify that the Bidding Company/ Member in a Bidding Consortium has a Net Worth of INR Crore (.....in words) as on **the end of Financial Year 2017-18.**

This Net Worth has been calculated in accordance with instructions provided in Clause No. C1, Section-III, Qualifying Requirements (QR) of the RfS as amended.

Exhibit (i): Applicable in case of Bidding Company

For the above calculations, we have considered the Net Worth by Bidding Company and/ or its Affiliate(s) as per following details:

Name of Bidding Company	Name of Affiliate(s) whose net worth is to be considered	Relationship with Bidding Company*	Net Worth (in Rs. Crore)
Company 1			
Total			

**The column for "Relationship with Bidding Company" is to be filled only in case the financial capability of Affiliate has been used for meeting Qualification Requirements. Further, documentary evidence to establish the relationship, duly certified by a practicing company secretary/ chartered accountant is required to be attached with the format.*

Exhibit (ii): Applicable in case of Bidding Consortium

(To be filled by each Member in a Bidding Consortium separately)

Name of Member: [Insert name of the Member]

Net Worth Requirement to be met by Member in Proportion to the Equity Commitment: INR ---
----- Crore (Equity Commitment (%) * Rs. [] Crore)

For the above calculations, we have considered Net Worth by Member in Bidding Consortium and/ or its Affiliate(s) per following details:

Name of Consortium Member Company	Name of Affiliate(s) whose net worth is to be considered	Relationship with Bidding Company* (If Any)	Net Worth (in Rs. Crore)	Equity Commitment (in %age) in Bidding Consortium	Committed Net Worth (in Rs. Crore)
Company 1					

Total					

** The column for "Relationship with Bidding Company" is to be filled only in case the financial capability of Affiliate has been used for meeting Qualification Requirements. Further, documentary evidence to establish the relationship, duly certified by a practicing company secretary/chartered accountant is required to be attached with the format*

Further, we certify that the Bidding Company/ Member in the Bidding Consortium has an Annual Turnover of INR _____ (_____ in words) as on **the end of Financial Year 2017-18**
(Strike out if not applicable)

Exhibit (i): Applicable in case of Bidding Company

For the above calculations, we have considered the Annual Turnover by Bidding Company and/ or its Affiliate(s) as per following details:

Name of Bidding Company	Name of Affiliate(s) whose Annual Turnover is to be considered	Relationship with Bidding Company*	Annual Turnover (In Rs. Crore)
Company 1			
Total			

*The column for "Relationship with Bidding Company" is to be filled only in case the financial capability of Affiliate has been used for meeting Qualification Requirements. Further, documentary evidence to establish the relationship, duly certified by a practicing company secretary/chartered accountant is required to be attached with the format.

Exhibit (ii): Applicable in case of Bidding Consortium

(To be filled by each Member in a Bidding Consortium separately)

Name of Member: [Insert name of the Member]

Annual Turnover Requirement to be met by Member in Proportion to the Equity Commitment:
INR -----Crore (Equity Commitment (%) * Rs. [] Crore)

For the above calculations, we have considered Annual Turnover by Member in Bidding Consortium and/ or its Affiliate(s) as per following details:

Name of Consortium Member Company	Name of Affiliate(s) whose Annual Turnover is to be considered	Relationship with Bidding Company* (If Any)	Annual Turnover (in Rs. Crore)	Equity Commitment (in %age) in Bidding Consortium	Proportionate Annual Turnover (in Rs. Crore)
Company 1					

Total					

* The column for "Relationship with Bidding Company" is to be filled only in case the financial capability of Affiliate has been used for meeting Qualification Requirements. Further, documentary evidence to establish the relationship, duly certified by a practicing company secretary/chartered accountant is required to be attached with the format

Further, we certify that the Bidding Company/ Member in the Bidding Consortium has a Profit before Depreciation Interest and Taxes (PBDIT) of INR _____ (in words) as on **the end of Financial Year 2017-18** (*Strike out if not applicable*)

Exhibit (i): Applicable in case of Bidding Company

For the above calculations, we have considered the PBDIT by Bidding Company and/ or its Affiliate(s) as per following details:

Name of Bidding Company	Name of Affiliate(s) whose PBDIT is to be considered	Relationship with Bidding Company*	PBDIT (in Rs. Crore)
Company 1			
Total			

*The column for "Relationship with Bidding Company" is to be filled only in case the financial capability of Affiliate has been used for meeting Qualification Requirements. Further, documentary evidence to establish the relationship, duly certified by a practicing company secretary/chartered accountant is required to be attached with the format.

Exhibit (ii): Applicable in case of Bidding Consortium

(To be filled by each Member in a Bidding Consortium separately)

Name of Member: [*Insert name of the Member*]

PBDIT Requirement to be met by Member in Proportion to the Equity Commitment: INR -----
-----Crore (Equity Commitment (%) * Rs. [] Crore)

For the above calculations, we have considered PBDIT by Member in Bidding Consortium and/ or its Affiliate(s) as per following details:

Name of Consortium Member Company	Name of Affiliate(s) whose PBDIT is to be considered	Relationship with Bidding Company* (If Any)	PBDIT (in Rs. Crore)	Equity Commitment (in %age) in Bidding Consortium	Proportionate PBDIT (in Rs. Crore)
Company 1					

Total					

* The column for "Relationship with Bidding Company" is to be filled only in case the financial capability of Affiliate has been used for meeting Qualification Requirements. Further, documentary evidence to establish the relationship, duly certified by a practicing company secretary/chartered accountant is required to be attached with the format

(Signature & Name of the Authorized Signatory)

(Signature and Stamp of CA)

Membership No.

Regn. No. of the CA's Firm:

Note: (i) Along with the above format, in a separate sheet on the letterhead of the Chartered Accountant's Firm, provide details of computation of Net Worth and Annual Turnover duly certified by the Chartered Accountant.

(ii) Certified copies of Balance sheet, Profit & Loss Account, Schedules and Cash Flow Statements are to be enclosed in complete form along with all the Notes to Accounts.

Format 7.7

FORMAT FOR DISCLOSURE

(This should be submitted on the Letter Head of the Bidding Company/ Each Member of Consortium)

DISCLOSURE

Ref.No. _____

Date: _____

From: _____ (Insert name and address of Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

Tel.#: _____

Fax#: _____

E-mail address# _____

To

Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited

(A Government of India Enterprise)

D - 3, 1st Floor, Wing - A, Prius Platinum Building

District Centre, Saket, New Delhi - 110 017

Sub: Response to RfS No. dated for Selection of Solar Power Developers for _____ (insert title of RfS).

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We hereby declare and confirm that only we are participating in the RfS Selection process for the RfS No. _____ and that our Parent, Affiliate or Ultimate Parent or any Group Company with which we have direct or indirect relationship are not separately participating in this selection process.

We further declare that the above statement is true & correct. We are aware that if at any stage it is found to be incorrect, our response to RfS will be rejected and if LOA has been issued or PPA has been signed, the same will be cancelled and the bank guarantees will be encashed and recoveries will be effected for the payments done.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20....

Thanking you,

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

Name, Designation, Seal and Signature of Authorized Person in whose name Power of Attorney/ Board Resolution/ Declaration.

Format 7.8

FORMAT FOR TECHNICAL CRITERIA

(This should be submitted on the Letter Head of the Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

(To be Submitted Separately for each Project)

Ref.No. _____

Date: _____

From: _____ (Insert name and address of Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

Tel.#: _____

Fax#: _____

E-mail address# _____

To

Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited

(A Government of India Enterprise)

D - 3, 1st Floor, Wing - A, Prius Platinum Building

District Centre, Saket, New Delhi - 110 017

Sub: Response to RfS No. dated for Selection of Solar Power Developers for _____(insert title of the RfS).

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We hereby undertake to certify in line with **Clause No. 15, Section-II, ITB** under the title "Financial Closure" that the following details shall be furnished within **48 (forty-eight) months** of Effective Date of the PPA.

1.0 Evidence of achieving complete tie-up of the Project Cost through internal accruals or through a Financing Agency.

Failure or delay on our part in achieving the above conditions shall constitute sufficient grounds for encashment of our Performance Bank Guarantee.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20....

Thanking you,

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

Name, Designation, Seal and Signature of Authorized Person in whose name Power of Attorney/ Board Resolution/ Declaration.

Format 7.9

**DECLARATION BY THE BIDDER FOR THE
PROPOSED TECHNOLOGY TIE-UP**

(To be Submitted Separately for each Project)

1	Name of Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Bidding Consortium	
2	Package opted for	Package-A and/or B and/or C
3	Capacity Proposed MW
3	Estimated Annual Generation of Electrical Energy	kWh
4	Brief about the Proposed Electricity Generation Technology	
	Crystalline Silicon Solar Cells and Modules	
	Concentrator PV Modules	
	Thin Film Modules	
	Any Other Technology	
	Storage technology to be used, if any	(Mention the type of storage viz. battery, molten salt, pumped storage, etc., or a combination thereof)
5	Brief about the Proposed Power Transmission & Evacuation infrastructure technology	
	(i) Mention whether using AC or DC technology, or a hybrid of the two (ii) Provide a brief overview of the proposed evacuation plan	

Additionally, the Bidder shall submit the estimated generation profile from the Project, on an average daily basis (in terms of number of hours and units of electricity being injected into the grid), and average monthly and annual basis, as an Annexure to this Format.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20....
Thanking you,
We remain,
Yours faithfully,

Name, Designation, Seal and Signature of Authorized Signatory

Format 7.10

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF FINANCIAL BID

(The Covering Letter should be submitted on the Letter Head of the Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

Ref.No. _____

Date: _____

From: _____ (Insert name and address of Bidding Company/ Lead Member of Consortium)

Tel.#:

Fax#:

E-mail address#

To

Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited

(A Government of India Enterprise)

D - 3, 1st Floor, Wing - A, Prius Platinum Building

District Centre, Saket, New Delhi - 110 017

Sub: Response to RfS No. dated for Selection of Solar Power Developers for _____ (inset title of the RfS)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I/ We, _____ (Insert Name of the Bidder) enclose herewith the Financial Proposal for selection of my/ our firm for _____ number of Project(s) for a cumulative capacity of ____ MW in India as Bidder for the above.

I/ We agree that this offer shall remain valid for a period of 180 (One Hundred and Eighty) days from the due date of submission of the response to RfS such further period as may be mutually agreed upon.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20....

Thanking you,

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

Name, Designation, Seal and Signature of Authorized Person in whose name Power of Attorney/ Board Resolution/ Declaration.

Notes:

- 1. There can be only one tariff for each project. If the bidder quotes two tariffs or combination thereof for a project, then the bid shall be considered as non-responsive.*
- 2. If the bidder submits the financial bid in the Electronic Form at TCIL portal not in line with the instructions mentioned therein, then the bid shall be considered as non-responsive.*
- 3. Tariff requirement shall be quoted as a fixed amount in Indian Rupees only. Conditional proposal shall be summarily rejected.*
- 4. In the event of any discrepancy between the values entered in figures and in words, the values entered in words shall be considered.*
- 5. Tariff should be in Indian Rupee up to two places of decimals only.*

Format 7.11

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF COST OF SOLAR PV PROJECT

(To be submitted Separately for each Project)

Project Capacity:MW
Location:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Estimated Cost (in Lakh INR) (in figures)	Estimated Cost (in Lakh INR) (in words)
1.	PV Modules		
2.	Land Cost		
3.	Civil and General Works		
4.	Mounting Structures		
5.	Power Conditioning Unit		
6.	Evacuation Cost up to Inter-connecting point (Cables and Transformers)		
7.	Preliminary and Pre-Operative Expenses including IDC and Contingency		
8.	Others (Please specify)		
9.	Total Project Cost		

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20....

Thanking you,
We remain,
Yours faithfully,

Name, Designation, Seal and Signature of Authorized Person in whose name Power of Attorney/ Board Resolution/ Declaration.



SECTION - VIII

DETAILS REGARDING LOCATION AND POWER EVACUATION

A. INTRODUCTION

The Projects being set up under this RfS are part of the Government of India's larger scheme of implementation of Ultra Mega Solar PV Projects including power transmission and evacuation infrastructure in Leh and Kargil regions of Jammu & Kashmir. A total capacity of 23 GW has been envisaged based on the resource assessment in these regions, however, the final capacity may change depending on detailed assessment of the regions and other factors.

B. LOCATION OF THE PROJECTS

1. Package-A: The 2500 MW capacity under this Package shall be set up in the areas tentatively identified in Zaskar Sub Division and Tai Suru Block of Kargil district. The total capacity of shall be considered as a single Project, and may be divided into multiple units, with single/multiple pooling points, prior to being interconnected with the Grid.

Packages-B & C: The 5000 MW capacity to be set up in the locations tentatively identified at Hanley Khaldo area of Nyoma Sub-Division in the Leh district, shall be divided into 2 Projects of capacity 2500 MW each. Under Package-B, the 2500 MW shall capacity be set up in land areas identified under the head "Block-1" and under Package-C, the 2500 MW capacity shall be set up in the areas identified under the head "Block-2". In each Package, the total capacity of shall be considered as a single Project, and may be divided into multiple units, with single/multiple pooling points, prior to being interconnected with the Grid.

Details of exact areas identified for the Packages shall be intimated in due course.

2. Methodology for land allotment:

The land identified for the Projects shall be leased to SECI by LAHDC, and shall be further sub-leased to the SPD. Following are the broad terms and conditions for land allotment to the SPDs, however, any condition may be incorporated/modified upon final signing of the agreements.

For Package A: Allotment of land shall be made on lease basis for a period of 40 years at a premium of 18% of the existing land rate of the area per kanal prevailing at the time of execution of lease (which currently comes to Rs. 30688/- per kanal) with an additional amount of 2% as Administrative charges, which is over and above the premium rate. The SPD shall pay Rs. 150/- per kanal per annum as a ground rent and the allotment shall be made for a period of 40 years subject to revision of ground rent after every 5 years.

For Packages B & C: Allotment of land shall be made on lease basis for a period of 40 years at a premium of 13% of the existing land rate of the area per kanal prevailing at the time of execution of lease (which currently comes to Rs. 9084/- per kanal) with an

additional amount of 2% as Administrative charges, which is over and above the premium rate. The SPD shall pay Rs. 150/- per kanal per annum as a ground rent.

3. The mode of transfer of land to the SPD, along with the applicable rates will be intimated in due course. Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh and/or Kargil shall be the nodal agency for land allocation for the Project, and decisions of LAHDC in this regard, shall be final and binding.
4. **Land allocation methodology:** The Projects shall be set up only in the blocks as indicated above. For Package-B, the Bidders shall be required to indicate their proposed location(s) for setting up the Project in the Covering Letter (Format 7.1), in their response to RfS. In case of a tie, i.e similar location(s) being chosen by both the winners, the land shall be allocated to the bidder quoting the lowest tariff (L1 tariff) upon conclusion of the e-RA. Further, in case of both the successful bidders quoting the same tariff upon conclusion of e-RA, allocation of such proposed land parcel(s) shall be done through draw of lots.
5. It is hereby notified that the land identified as indicated above, includes the land to be allocated for implementation of the power evacuation infrastructure, including setting up the requisite Substation(s) for interconnection into the Grid.

C. IMPLEMENTATION OF POWER EVACUATION & TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE

1. The scope of the SPD shall include implementation of the power evacuation and transmission infrastructure upto the Delivery Point. **Delivery Point** for the Package-A has been identified as the 400/220 kV ISTS S/S at New Wanpoh, Anantnag, Jammu & Kashmir. The above line may emanate from Zangla, traversing through Kargil, Alusteng

(Srinagar), and terminating in New Wanpoh. This route would utilize existing New Wanpoh-Kishenpur transmission corridor.

For Package-B, **Delivery Point** shall be the 765 kV New Kaithal Switching Substation in Kaithal, Haryana. This Switching Station shall be interconnected to the following ISTS points:

- 765/400 kV Aligarh S/s
- 765/400/220 kV Meerut S/s
- 765/400/220 kV Moga S/s

The above interconnection to ISTS points for Package-B, shall be established through the following scheme:

- Establishment of 765kV switching station in vicinity of Kaithal (New Kaithal SW Station)
 - LILO of 765 kV Moga-Meerut S/c at New Kaithal Switching Station
 - New Kaithal Switching Station-Aligarh 765 kV D/c line along with 240 MVA switchable line reactor at both circuits at each end
 - 2X240 MVA bus reactor at Kaithal Switching Station.
2. Power evacuation from the Projects shall be technology agnostic, with the SPD free to utilize either AC or DC technology for delivery of power at the Delivery Point. In case of evacuation of power using DC technology (HVDC system), Voltage Source Converter (VSC) based HVDC may be utilized for power evacuation. Further, the SPDs are encouraged to innovate in the power evacuation and transmission technology, and as such, the SPD shall be free to decide the frequency of the electricity as being evacuated for the Project and through the transmission line until the Interconnection Point, if required. However, interconnection to the Grid shall follow applicable Grid Code in this regard.
 3. The AC side at the generation switchyard and pooling station level may be developed with GIS technology. The scheme may have multiple DC line fault recovery sequence capability for line. Installation at high altitudes may require suitable correction factors for insulation clearances which may impact space required for the Valve Hall, DC yard and transformer external insulation requirement etc.
 4. SPDs shall be solely responsible for design and routing of the transmission lines and the complete system, considering the location of the Project, topography and climatic conditions of the region. However, for communication lines, use of OPGW shall be mandatory.
 5. Tower geometry has to be configured for additional electrical clearances due to high altitude and accordingly cross arm of towers have also to be designed and staggered (as per applicable IS 5613) to take care of conductor galloping.

6. Keeping in view, sub-zero temperature of the region, tower structure steel of Grade-C as per IS 2062 shall have to be used.
7. Special foundation with raised platform/avalanche protection measures may have to be provided in regions affected by snow avalanche. Besides envisaged use of general avalanche protection control measures (such as snow rakes, deflecting and retarding structures), raised chimney foundations of the towers which are to be constructed in these avalanches prone area to be designed to take care of snow impact loading along with creeping and gliding of snowpack.
8. Some portion of the lines may pass through those areas where military/defense establishment are present and their helicopters usually fly at low height. Considering this, provision of day markers (span markers, paintings) and night markers (aviation light) in required stretch of the lines also have to be conquered as per requirement of Ministry of Defense or use underground cables, if required.
9. Note: Irrespective of the technology being utilized for power evacuation from the Project, following guidelines shall apply to the power transmission and evacuation infrastructure to be set up by the SPD:
 - a. Although the RfS envisages dedicated transmission line to be built for power evacuation from the Project, in case of Package-B, two SPDs may also share the common transmission line to evacuate power from the combined capacity of 5000 MW. Such sharing of infrastructure shall be dealt as per the mutual agreement between the SPDs, and SECI shall not be a party to disputes arising out of such agreement, if any. Further, the SPDs shall be responsible to ensure redundancy in the system in the event of sharing of transmission infrastructure, at their own risk and cost.
 - b. For interconnection with the grid and metering, the SPD shall abide by the applicable Grid Code, Grid Connectivity Standards, Regulations on Communication System for transmission of electric and other regulations (as amended from time to time) issued by Appropriate Commissions and Central Electricity Authority (CEA). Minimum voltage for interconnection at the ISTS shall be 400 kV. The transmission evacuation infrastructure shall be built in accordance to the applicable regulations of CEA, CERC/SERC and Grid Code.
 - c. The responsibility of getting ISTS connectivity and Long Term Open Access (LTA) shall entirely be with the SPD and shall be at the cost of the SPD. Maintenance of Transmission system up to the Inter-connection Point shall be the responsibility of the SPD.
 - d. The entire cost of transmission including cost of construction of line, wheeling charges, SLDC/Scheduling charges, SOC, MOC maintenance, losses etc. and

any other charges from the Project upto the Interconnection Point will be borne by the SPD.

- e. In case of pooling of power from two Projects, energy accounts shall be divided and clearly demarcated for the power generated at the Project and shall be issued by the STU/SLDC/RLDC concerned. Losses in the transmission line between the Pooling substation and the Delivery Point, shall be apportioned among the SPDs who share such a Pooling arrangement, based on their monthly generation.
- f. The SPD shall comply with CERC/SERC regulations on Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement, as applicable and are responsible for all liabilities related to LTA and Connectivity.
- g. Reactive power charges and charges against power drawn from grid as per CERC/SERC regulations, shall be payable by SPD as per provisions of PPA.
- h. Metering arrangement of each project shall have to be adhered to in line with relevant clause of the PPA.
- i. The Buying Utility will be responsible for all transmission charges and losses and any other charges as applicable under the respective regulations beyond Delivery Point and up to the drawl point.
- j. Atleast 1 year after the Effective Date of the PPA, the SPD shall be required to submit the connectivity letter from Central Transmission Utility (CTU), confirming technical feasibility of connectivity of the plant to the CTU substation, and Long Term Access (LTA).
- k. **Note:** The Project forms part of the long-term plan for setting up of 23 GW Solar PV Projects in the Leh and Kargil regions. In view of the above, the transmission evacuation system as planned by the SPD should allow necessary flexibility to be augmented and integrated with the overall evacuation infrastructure as envisaged in the region.

D. TRANSMISSION LINE OPTIMIZATION BY INNOVATIVE USAGE OF STORAGE

- a. In view of higher generation potential offered by the region, and to compensate for de-rating of the equipment in the region, it is envisaged that storage technology could be an integral component of the Projects. Such addition would

also result in optimum utilization of the dedicated transmission line from the Project.

- b. Bidders are encouraged to explore different forms of storage technology, viz., battery, molten salts, pumped storage, etc. or a combination thereof, for an innovative and efficient utilization of the transmission evacuation infrastructure.
- c. It is hereby clarified that the RfS does not provide for a mandatory requirement of addition of storage along with the Solar PV Project. However, in case the SPD chooses to add a storage component in the Project, it is suggested that the transmission evacuation system may be designed accordingly. Further, the SPD is encouraged to apply for connectivity with the grid based on the actual capacity being injected into the grid, as a result of optimization offered by the Solar-battery hybrid system.
- d. It is hereby clarified that the total average daily energy being estimated by the SPD i.e. (Energy as per proposed CUF, in kWh) X no. of hours, needs to be evacuated through the 24-hour period. Based on the generation profile provided as Annexure to Format 7.10 of the RfS, the SPD shall finalize the maximum power being injected into the Grid. In such case, if 'peak-shaving' of the generation profile is targeted, the SPD shall apply for connectivity for a reduced power capacity (MW) and not the contracted capacity for which PPA is signed. The rated capacity of installed PV modules as per Commissioning procedure shall be verified during commissioning of the Project.

E. CLEARANCES AND PERMISSIONS

All the necessary clearances required for implementation of the projects, along with transmission and evacuation system, shall be in scope of the SPD. This will include, but not limited to, securing Right of Way for the transmission lines, environmental and forest clearances; and obtaining necessary permissions as per the applicable local laws. LAHDC and SECI will facilitate the process with the concerned authorities, wherever required.

Annexure - A

**TECHNICAL PARAMETER OF PV MODULE AND
VARIOUS OTHER COMPONENTS FOR USE IN GRID
CONNECTED SOLAR POWER PLANTS**

All components of the PV plant shall be in accordance with technical specifications given in relevant IS/ IEC Standards. The design and commissioning also shall be as per latest IS/ IEC standards. The following are some of the technical measures required to ensure quality of the major components used in grid connected solar power Projects.

1. PV MODULE QUALIFICATION

The PV modules used in the grid connected solar power Projects must qualify to the latest edition of any of the following IEC PV module qualification test or equivalent Indian standards.

Standard	Description
IEC 61215-1 Ed. 1.0	Terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules - Design qualification and type approval - Part 1: Test requirements
IEC 61215-1-1 Ed. 1.0	Terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules - Design qualification and type approval - Part 1-1: Special requirements for testing of crystalline silicon photovoltaic (PV) modules
IEC 61215-1-2 Ed. 1.0	Terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules - Design qualification and type approval - Part 1-2: Special requirements for testing of thin-film Cadmium Telluride (CdTe) based photovoltaic (PV) modules
IEC 61215-1-3 Ed. 1.0	Terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules - Design qualification and type approval - Part 1-3: Special requirements for testing of thin-film amorphous silicon based photovoltaic (PV) modules
IEC 61215-1-4 Ed. 1.0	Terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules - Design qualification and type approval - Part 1-4: Special requirements for testing of thin-film Cu(In,Ga)(S,Se) based photovoltaic (PV) modules
IEC 62108 Ed. 2.0	Concentrator photovoltaic (CPV) modules and assemblies - Design qualification and type approval

IEC 61730-1 Ed. 2.0	Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification - Part 1: Requirements for construction
IEC 61730-2 Ed.2	Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification - Part 2: Requirements for testing
IEC 61701 Ed.2	Salt mist corrosion testing of photovoltaic (PV) modules (Applicable for coastal and marine environment)
IEC 62716 Ed.1	Photovoltaic (PV) modules - Ammonia corrosion testing (Applicable for wet atmospheres having high concentration of dissolved ammonia)
IEC TS 62804-1 Ed.1	Photovoltaic (PV) modules - Test methods for the detection of potential-induced degradation - Part 1: Crystalline silicon

2. POWER CONDITIONERS/ INVERTERS

The Power Conditioners/Inverters of the SPV power plants must conform to the latest edition of IEC/ equivalent Indian Standards as specified below:

Standard	Description
IEC 61683 Ed. 1	Photovoltaic systems - Power conditioners - Procedure for measuring efficiency
IEC 62109-1 Ed. 1	Safety of power converters for use in photovoltaic power systems - Part 1: General requirements
IEC 62109-2 Ed. 1	Safety of power converters for use in photovoltaic power systems - Part 2: Particular requirements for inverters
IEC 61000-6-2 Ed. 2	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-2: Generic standards - Immunity standard for industrial environments
IEC 61000-6-4 Ed. 2.1	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-4: Generic standards - Emission standard for industrial environments
IEC 62116 Ed. 2/ IEEE 1547:2003 with 2014 Amendment 1/UL 1741	Utility-interconnected photovoltaic inverters - Test procedure of islanding prevention measures/ IEEE Standard for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems / Standard for Inverters,

	Converters, Controllers and Interconnection System Equipment for Use With Distributed Energy Resources
IEC 60068-2-1:2007	Environmental testing - Part 2-1: Tests - Test A: Cold
IEC 60068-2-2:2007	Environmental testing - Part 2-2: Tests - Test B: Dry heat
IEC 60068-2-14:2009	Environmental testing - Part 2-14: Tests - Test N: Change of temperature
IEC 60068-2-30:2005	Environmental testing - Part 2-30: Tests - Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)
LVRT Compliance	As per the latest CERC Guidelines / Order/ Regulations
Grid Connectivity	Relevant CERC Regulations (including LVRT Compliance) and Grid Code as amended and revised from time to time.

As per the Solar Photovoltaics, Systems, Devices and Components Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2017, PV Modules and Inverters used in the grid connected solar power Projects shall conform to the Standards Specified as per below and bear the Standard Mark as notified by the Bureau of Indian Standards:

Sl. No. (1)	Product (2)	Indian Standard Number (3)	Title of Indian Standard (4)
1.	Crystalline Silicon Terrestrial Photovoltaic (PV) Modules (Si wafer based)	IS 14286	Crystalline Silicon Terrestrial Photovoltaic (PV) modules - Design Qualification And Type Approval
2.	Thin-Film Terrestrial	IS 16077	Thin-Film Terrestrial Photovoltaic (PV) Modules - Design

	Photovoltaic (PV) Modules (a-Si, CIGS and CdTe)		Qualification and Type Approval
3.	PV Module (Si wafer and Thin film)	IS/IEC 61730 (Part 1) IS/IEC 61730 (Part 2)	Photovoltaic (PV) Module Safety Qualification Part 1 Requirements for Construction Photovoltaic (PV) Module Safety Qualification Part 2 Requirements for Testing
4.	Power converters for use in photovoltaic power system	IS 16221 (Part 1) IS 16221 (Part 2)	Safety of Power Converters for use in Photovoltaic Power Systems Part 1- General Requirements Safety of Power Converters for Use in Photovoltaic Power Systems Part 2- Particular Requirements for Inverters
5.	Utility –Interconnected Photovoltaic inverters	IS 16169	Test Procedure of Islanding Prevention Measures for Utility-Interconnected Photovoltaic Inverters
6.	Storage battery	IS 16270	Secondary Cells and Batteries for Solar

			Photovoltaic Application General Requirements and Methods of Test
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3. CABLES AND CONNECTORS

All cables and connectors to be used for installation of solar field must be of solar grade which can withstand harsh environment conditions for 25 years and voltages as per latest IEC standards. It is recommended that the Cables of 600-1800 Volts DC for outdoor installations should comply with the BS/ EN EN50618/ TUV 2pfg 1169/08/07 for service life expectancy of 25 years.

4. OTHER SUB-SYSTEMS/ COMPONENTS

Other subsystems/ components used in the SPV Power Plants (Cables, Connectors, Junction Boxes, Surge Protection Devices etc.) must also conform to the relevant international/national Standards for Electrical Safety besides that for Quality required for ensuring Expected Service Life and Weather Resistance.

5. AUTHORIZED TEST CENTRES

The PV modules/ Power Conditioners deployed in the Power Plants must have valid test certificates for their qualification as per above specified IEC/ BIS Standards by one of the NABL Accredited Test Centres in India. In case of module types/ equipment for which such Test facilities may not exist in India at present, test certificates from reputed ILAC Member body accredited Labs abroad will be acceptable.

6. WARRANTY

- PV modules used in grid connected solar power plants must be warranted for peak output wattage, which should not be less than 90% at the end of 10 years and 80% at the end of 25 years.
- The modules shall be warranted for at least 10 years for failures due to material defects and workmanship.
- The mechanical structures, electrical works and overall workmanship of the grid solar power plants must be warranted for a minimum of 5 years.
- The Inverters/ PCUs installed in the solar power plant must have a warranty for 5 years.

7. IDENTIFICATION AND TRACEABILITY

Each PV module used in any solar power Project must use a RF identification tag. The following information must be mentioned in the RFID used on each module (This can be inside or outside the laminate, but must be able to withstand harsh environmental conditions):

- i. Name of the manufacturer of PV Module
- ii. Name of the Manufacturer of Solar cells
- iii. Month and year of the manufacture (separately for solar cells and module)
- iv. Country of origin (separately for solar cells and module)
- v. I-V curve for the module at Standard Test Condition (1000 W/m², AM 1.5, 25°C)
- vi. Wattage, Im, Vm and FF for the module
- vii. Unique Serial No. and Model No. of the module
- viii. Date and year of obtaining IEC PV module qualification certificate
- ix. Name of the test lab issuing IEC certificate
- x. Other relevant information on traceability of solar cells and module as per ISO 9000

Site owners would be required to maintain accessibility to the list of Module IDs along with the above parametric data for each module.

8. PERFORMANCE MONITORING

As part of the performance monitoring, the following shall be carried out:

- a. The SPD shall maintain the list of Module IDs along with performance characteristic data for each module. This data shall be submitted to SECI/ MNRE.
- b. The SPDs must install necessary equipment to continuously measure solar radiation on module plane, ambient temperature, wind speed and other weather parameters and simultaneously measure the generation of DC power as well as AC power generated from the plant. They will be required to submit this data to SECI and MNRE on line and/ or through a report on regular basis every month for the entire duration of PPA.
- c. The SPDs shall provide access to SECI/ MNRE or their authorized representatives for installing any additional monitoring equipment to facilitate on-line transfer of data.
- d. All data shall be made available as mentioned above for the entire duration of the PPA.
- e. The plant SCADA should be Open Platform Communications (OPC) compliant with standard DNP3 and modbus control interfaces over TCP/ IP having the provision to add protocol converters to implement custom and secure communications protocol standard for providing real time online data (including but not limited to irradiance, plant generation (instantaneous/ daily/ monthly/ yearly), Daily Peak Generation, temperature, wind speed etc.) to SECI/ MNRE.

- f. Fibre Optic Ethernet Ring network (Managed type Ethernet switches in each Control Room) should be provided between MCR & Inverter Control Rooms.
- g. Web-based monitoring should be available, which should not be machine dependent. The web-based monitoring should provide the same screens as available in the plant. Also, it should be possible to download reports from a remote web-client in PDF or Excel format

9. SAFE DISPOSAL OF SOLAR PV MODULES

The SPD will ensure that all Solar PV modules from their plant after their 'end of life' (when they become defective/ non-operational/ non-repairable) are disposed in accordance with the "e-waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011" notified by the Government and as revised and amended from time to time.

10. CAPACITY OF SOLAR PV PROJECTS

- i) The rated capacity to be installed shall be considered as minimum DC Arrays Capacity and maximum AC Capacity at the delivery point as described below:

Sr. No.	Solar PV Project Capacity Bid	Minimum DC Arrays Capacity to be installed	Minimum Rated Inverter Capacity	Maximum AC Capacity Limit at Delivery point
1	1250 MW	1250 MW	1250 MW	1250 MW

- ii) Higher DC capacity arrays so as to achieve AC capacity limit as mentioned above for scheduling at the delivery point in compliance to Article 4.4 "Right to Contracted Capacity & Energy" of the PPA is allowed.
- iii) For commissioning of the Project, capacity of DC arrays installed shall be considered in multiple of 10 MW per unit. In case of part commissioning of the Project, each unit shall be required to have minimum 50 MW DC Arrays Capacity be installed.
- iv) Provisions of Article 4.6.1 of the PPA with SPD shall apply for the capacity not commissioned by the scheduled commissioning date.
- v) If generation at any time exceeds the maximum permissible AC capacity at delivery point, the excess generation during that period shall not be considered under PPA.

Appendix - A1

COMMISSIONING PROCEDURE

❖ Capacity of Solar PV Projects:

i) The Project configuration shall be allowed as per the following matrix:

Sr. No.	Solar PV Project Capacity Bid	Minimum DC Arrays Capacity to be installed	Minimum Rated Inverter Capacity*	Maximum AC Capacity Limit at Delivery point
1	1250 MW	1250 MW	1250 MW	1250 MW

*In case the rated inverter capacity is mentioned in kVA, the IEC test certificate declaring the power factor of the Inverter/PCU at rated power has to be submitted and the power factor shall be multiplied by the kVA rating to calculate the rated capacity of the inverter in kW.

- ii) The SPD shall be required to demonstrate compliances with the “Technical Requirements for Grid Connected Solar PV Power Plants” as mentioned in the RfS and Guidelines.
- iii) Higher DC capacity arrays can also be allowed, subject to the condition that the AC capacity limit as mentioned in (i) above for scheduling at the Delivery Point as per Article 4.4 “Right to Contracted Capacity & Energy” of the PPA is complied with.
- iv) For commissioning of the Project, cumulative capacity of DC arrays and cumulative capacity of the inverters installed shall be considered. In case of part commissioning of the Project, it shall be required to have the DC Arrays Capacity and inverters capacity be installed not less than the proposed part commissioning capacity.
- v) If generation at any time exceeds the maximum permissible AC capacity at delivery point, the excess generation during that period may not be considered under PPA.

Appendix-A1-1

Commissioning Procedure

The Solar PV Project will be declared as commissioned when all equipment as per rated project capacity has been installed and energy from the Project has flown into the grid, which will be verified by a committee/agency identified by SECI/MNRE to witness the Commissioning of the Project.

Following is the chronology of the procedure to be followed for commissioning of the Project.

- i) SPDs shall give to the concerned RLDC/SLDC, State Nodal Agency (SNA) and SECI at least thirty (30) days advance written notice, of the date on which it intends to synchronize the Power Project to the Grid System. The SPD shall be solely responsible for any delay or non-receipt of the notice by the concerned agencies, which may in turn affect the Commissioning Schedule of the Project. Early Commissioning of a Solar Project prior to the SCD is permitted

on acceptance of power by SECI. In order to facilitate this, SPDs shall inform the concerned RLDC/SLDC and SECI well in advance, which is not less than 90 days prior to the date on which it intends to synchronize the Power Project to the Grid System.

- ii) Not more than 7 days prior to the proposed commissioning date, the SPD shall give the final written notice to SECI, SNA and CTU requiring the commissioning committee/agency to visit the site to witness commissioning of the project. Following documents are required to be submitted by the SPD, physically in the office of SECI along with the above notice, duly stamped and signed by the Authorized Signatory (scanned copies may also be allowed):
1. Covering Letter
 2. Board resolution for authorized signatory for signing the documents related to commissioning of the Project and witnessing the commissioning.
 3. Installation report duly signed by the authorized signatory as per Appendix-A1-2. The SPD is advised to take due care in furnishing such Installation Report. Discrepancy (if any) and observed by SECI, may be construed as misrepresentation of information by the SPD and SECI may take appropriate action as per this Agreement.
 4. Plant Layout, Plant (AC & DC) SLD, along with Inverter-wise module details.
 5. CEI/CEIG (as applicable) report containing approval for all the components, including modules, inverters, transformers and protection system, along with all annexures/attachments. It would be the responsibility of the SPD to obtain the certificate.
 6. Connectivity and Long Term Access, along with Transmission Agreement.
 7. Synchronization Certificate issued by CTU for ascertaining injection of power into grid.
 8. Certificate from the SPPD/ SPIA confirming 100% payment towards Upfront Development Charges (UDC) to the SPPD/ SPIA and NOC for the same (if applicable)
- iii) After the submission/ upload of the documents by SPD, SECI shall verify the documents and intimate/reply with remarks. In case any additional supporting/revised documents are asked by SECI, the same have to be submitted by the SPD.
- iv) Based on the submission of the above documents by the SPD, SECI shall intimate to the SPD about its readiness to visit the project site to witness the commissioning and shall notify the Commissioning Committee/Agency which shall visit the Project site to witness the commissioning of the Project. In case of a multi-agency Committee, the SPD shall ensure the presence of all the members of the Committee constituted to witness the commissioning, on the said date.
- v) The Commissioning Committee/Agency shall visit the Project site to verify the technical compliance on site as per the information submitted by the SPD and to witness the commissioning. In case the committee finds discrepancy/deviation from the information submitted by the SPD during on site verification, the same shall be recorded in the minutes of meeting of the Committee/Agency. SECI shall decide the next date of visit of the Committee/Agency upon rectification of the discrepancies by the SPD.

- vi) On the date of site-visit, the SPD shall be required to demonstrate that equipment of rated capacity as per table given at S.No. (i) has been installed, all the inverters of rated capacity are operating and energy from the project has flown into the grid.
- vii) Joint Meter Reading (JMR) shall be taken at Delivery Point and Pooling Substation (if applicable)/plant premise on the date of site visit by the commissioning committee. This shall include information of respective meters installed at delivery/ interconnection point and pooling substation/plant premises.
- viii) In case the Project meets the requirements as per the provisions of the RfS as verified by the Commissioning Committee/Agency witnessing the commissioning, the Project shall be declared as having been commissioned as on the date of synchronization with the grid, as indicated in the Synchronization Certificate. The date of Commissioning of the Project may be indicated in the Minutes of Meeting of the Committee/ recommendation of the Agency visiting the Project. Any other observation contrary to the above, shall be clearly indicated in the Minutes/recommendations and further decision on commissioning of the Project shall be taken by SECI in this regard.
- ix) Subsequent to the visit of the Commissioning Committee/Agency to the Project site, the SPD shall submit the following documents in hard copy/scanned form, in order to fulfil the requirements for issuance of Commissioning Certificate:
- Minutes of Meeting of the Commissioning Committee/recommendations of the Agency which has witnessed the commissioning of the Project.
 - Relevant documents from SLDC/ RLDC acknowledging successful data communication between plant end and SLDC/RLDC.
 - Invoices against purchase of the solar modules, Inverters/PCUs and DC cables along with the summary sheet containing the list of all the invoices, including details and number of items.
 - All supporting documents towards meeting the technical compliance along with datasheet/ warranty certificates/ contract agreement etc. as mentioned in Annexure-A of the RfS).
 - Snap shots of the plant, including but not limited to, solar PV modules, all central inverters (showing instantaneous and total generation of a particular date), switchyards\switchgears, Power Transformers, metering (as per applicable regulations) at delivery point etc. along with the Installation Report.
- x) In case of any deviations recorded by the Commissioning Committee/Agency which had prevented the declaration of commissioning of the Project as on the date of synchronization of the Project, the SPD shall be required to submit to SECI, the necessary documents towards rectification of the deviations observed. Upon successful verification of the required documents, the fresh date of visit of the Commissioning Committee/Agency to the Project, shall be notified by SECI. If the Commissioning Committee/Agency visiting the Project finds the deviations earlier noted having been suitably rectified by the SPD, the date of Commissioning of the Project in this case, shall be the actual date of visit of the Commissioning Committee/Agency, else, the entire process shall be repeated until the

observed deviations are rectified by the SPD to the satisfaction of the Commissioning Committee/Agency visiting the Project.

- xi) Based on the documents as per (ix) above and in line with the Minutes of Meeting of the Commissioning Committee/ recommendations of the Agency, SECI shall issue the recommendation to the respective State Nodal Agency (SNA) for issuance of Commissioning Certificate of the Project as per Appendix-A1-3. The Commissioning Certificate shall declare the Project commissioned as on the date as intimated by SECI to the SNA.
- xii) Subsequent to commissioning, the SPD shall provide the SCADA login details to SECI for online real time data monitoring of the Project. The SPD may be required to push the required plant related data to SECI designated server in xml/json formats.

Appendix – A1-2

INSTALLATION REPORT

(To be provided by SPD and to be submitted at most 7 days prior to proposed commissioning date, which shall be verified by Commissioning Committee)

Sr. No.	Capacity of the Project (MW)	
	Capacity already commissioned (MW)	
	Capacity proposed to be commissioned (MW)	
I.	Technology used (Mono/Multi Crystalline / thin film / Others; please specify along with capacity of each type)	
II.	Type of Tilt (Fixed Tilt/Seasonal Tilt/Tracking)	
III.	Rating of the each module (Wp)	
IV.	Number of modules installed of each type (along with Serial Nos. of all the modules installed)	
V.	Make of Module(s) installed of each type (including name of the Supplier and country of origin)	
VI.	Number of PCUs / Inverters installed (along with Serial Nos. of all the PCUs/Inverters installed)	
VII.	Make of the PCUs / Inverters (including name of supplier and country of origin)	
IX.	Rating of PCUs / Inverters	
X.	Date of installation of full capacity (as per capacity proposed to be commissioned)	
	PV arrays	
	PCUs / Inverters	
	Transformers	

Appendix-A1-3

Sample Part Commissioning / Full Commissioning Certificate
of Solar PV Power Project

(To be issued by the State Nodal Agency)

This is to certify that <M/s> having its registered office at ----- has successfully commissioned Capacity < MW > out of total <MW> installed Capacity on (Date) of their Solar PV Power Generation Project at Village -----, Tehsil/Taluka ----- & Dist. -----

The Commissioning Certificate has been issued on the basis of the following documents enclosed:

- (i) Installation Report including Snap shots of the Project from various angles
- (ii) Electrical Inspector Report
- (iii) Synchronization Certificate

Appendix - A3

SAMPLE CONNECTIVITY REPORT

(To be provided by concerned CTU/ STU/ Transmission Utility/ DISCOM/ SPIA)

This is in compliance to the office order of the -----, ----- DISCOM, <Place> issued vide office order <No.><dated>, the committee constituted vide said order has completed the work for commissioning of <kV> Bay & Metering Equipment to interconnect the <MW> Solar Power Generation Plant (having <technology>) with Grid installed at <Village>, <Tehsil>, <District> in the <State> on <date>, under RfS No.....dated.....

The details of Solar Power Plant are as under

S. No	Name of Solar Power Developer & Location	Capacity Mentioned in PPA	Connectivity	Details of Solar Power Plant (Transformer, Inverter, Modules, Switchgear)
1	<M/s> <Village> <Tehsil> <District.	<> MW	Metering Detail at Delivery Point (<Village>) S.No. of <kV> CT i) <R-Phase> ii) <Y-Phase> iii) <B-Phase> S.No. of < kV> PT i) <R-Phase> ii) <Y-Phase> iii) <B-Phase> S.No. of Main<ABT> Meter> S.No. of Check <ABT Meter> S.No. of Standby <ABT Meter> Metering Equipment installed at	A) Transformer <Make/Type:> <Sr. No.> B) Inverters <Make/Type:> <Sr. No.> C) Modules <Make: > <W>, < W > <Total: Nos.> D) Switchgear Panels <Make/Type:> <Sr. No.> Protection Provided: Under/Over voltage, Over current & Earth fault.

			Receiving end on dated: <> 132 kV GSS, <>, <>, (<Distt.>)	
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The Commissioning date of various equipment is as under:

<kV> line from --- to -----, completed on date -----.

Line Bay at < kV > GSS, ----- charged for ---- on -----.

<kV> line charged from -----to----- on date-----.

Main & check metering commissioned on (initial record of Main/Check meters at the time of Commissioning is to be taken and enclosed)

Complete system commissioned on date-----

The Joint Inspection Report of metering arrangement & copy of permission of Electrical Inspector is enclosed herewith.

Appendix - A4

SAMPLE SYNCHRONIZATION CERTIFICATE

It is certified that ----- MW (Capacity) Solar Photovoltaic Power Project of M/s. -----, Village -----
-- Tehsil/ Taluka -----, District ----- was Grid connected on (Date) at----- Hrs.

It is further certified that the Project was synchronized and supply of power into the grid from
the Project connected on (Date) at ----- Hrs.

The above certificate is issued on the basis of MRI record.

NB:

- (i) The above certificate shall be issued by concerned CTU/ STU/ Transmission Utility/
DISCOMs
- (ii) Copy of duly signed MRI is to be enclosed.

Appendix - A5

**SAMPLE PART COMMISSIONING/ FULL
COMMISSIONING CERTIFICATE OF SOLAR PV
POWER PROJECT**

This is to certify that <M/s> having its registered office at ----- has successfully commissioned
Capacity < MW > out of total <MW> installed Capacity on (Date) of their Solar PV Power
Generation Project at Village -----, Tehsil/ Taluka ----- & Dist. -----

The Commissioning Certificate has been issued on the basis of the following documents
enclosed:

- (iv) Installation Report including Snap shots of the Project from various angles
- (v) Electrical Inspector Report
- (vi) Connectivity Report
- (vii) Synchronization Certificate including MRI record

NB: To be issued by as mentioned in Clause No. 16, Section-II, ITB of RfS Documents.

Annexure - B

CHECK LIST FOR BANK GUARANTEES

Sl. no.	Details of Checks	Yes/ No
1.	Is the BG on non-judicial Stamp paper of appropriate value, as per applicable Stamp Act of the place of execution	
2.	Whether date, purpose of purchase of stamp paper and name of the purchaser are indicated on the back of Stamp Paper under the Signature of Stamp vendor? (The date of purchase of stamp paper should be not later than the date of execution of BG and the stamp paper should be purchased either in the name of the executing Bank or the party on whose behalf the BG has been issued.	
3.	In case of BGs from Banks abroad, has the BG been executed on Letter Head of the Bank endorsed by the Indian branch of the same bank or SBI, India?	
4.	Has the executing Officer of BG indicated his name, designation and Power of Attorney No./ Signing Power no. on the BG?	
5.	Is each page of BG duly signed/ initialed by executant and whether stamp of Bank is affixed thereon? Whether the last page is signed with full particulars including two witnesses under seal of Bank as required in the prescribed proforma?	
6.	Do the Bank Guarantees compare verbatim with the Proforma prescribed in the Bid Documents?	
7.	Are the factual details such as Bid Document No./ Specification No./ LOI No. (if applicable)/ Amount of BG and Validity of BG correctly mentioned in the BG	
8.	Whether overwriting/ cutting, if any, on the BG have been properly authenticated under signature & seal of executant?	
9.	Whether the BG has been issued by a Bank in line with the provisions of Bidding documents?	
10.	In case BG has been issued by a Bank other than those specified in Bidding Document, is the BG confirmed by a Bank in India acceptable as per Bidding documents?	

Annexure - C

LIST OF BANKS

1. SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANKS	3. FOREIGN BANKS
SBI AND ASSOCIATES	24. A B BANK
1. State Bank of India	25. SHINHAN BANK
2. State Bank of Indore	26. CTBC BANK Co. Ltd.
NATIONALISED BANKS	27. MIZUHO BANK, Ltd.
1. Allahabad Bank	28. Krung Thai Bank Public Company Ltd.
2. Andhra Bank	29. Antwerp Diamond Bank N.V
3. Bank of India	30. Australia And New Zealand Banking Group Limited
4. Bank of Maharashtra	31. Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
5. Canara Bank	32. American Express Banking Corporation
6. Central Bank of India	33. Commonwealth Bank of Australia
7. Corporation Bank	34. Credit Suisse A.G
8. Dena Bank	35. FirstRand Bank Ltd.
9. Indian Bank	36. Industrial And Commercial Bank of China Ltd.
10. Indian Overseas Bank	37. JSC VTB Bank
11. Oriental Bank of Commerce	38. National Australia Bank
12. Punjab National Bank	39. Rabobank International
13. Punjab & Sind Bank	40. Sberbank
14. Syndicate Bank	41. USB AG
15. Union Bank of India	42. United Overseas Bank Ltd.
16. United Bank of India	43. Westpac Banking Corporation
17. UCO Bank	44. Woori Bank
18. Vijaya Bank	45. Doha Bank Qsc
19. Bank of Baroda	4. SCHEDULED PRIVATE BANKS
2. OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS	1. Federal Bank Ltd.
1. IDBI Bank Ltd.	2. ING Vysya Bank Ltd.
3. FOREIGN BANKS	3. Axis Bank Ltd.
1. Bank of America NA	4. ICICI Bank Ltd.

2. Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd.	5. HDFC Bank Ltd.
3. BNP Paribas	6. Yes Bank Ltd.
4. Calyon Bank	7. Kotak Mahindra Bank
5. Citi Bank N.A.	8. IndusInd Bank Ltd.
6. Deutsche Bank A.G	9. Karur Vysya Bank
7. The HongKong and Shanghai Banking Corpn. Ltd.	10. Catholic Syrian Bank
8. Standard Chartered Bank	11. City Union Bank
9. SocieteGenerale	12. Dhanlaxmi Bank. Ltd
10. Barclays Bank	13. Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd
11. Royal Bank of Scotland	14. Karnataka Bank Ltd
12. Bank of Nova Scotia	15. Laxmi Vilas Bank Ltd
13. Development Bank of Singapore (DBS Bank Ltd.)	16. Nainital Bank Ltd
14. Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank	17. Ratnakar Bank Ltd
15. Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank Ltd	18. South Indian bank Ltd
16. Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait B.S.C	19. Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank Ltd
17. Mashreq Bank p.s.c	20. DCB Bank Ltd
18. HSBC Bank Oman S.A.O.G	21. IDFC Bank
19. Sonali Bank Ltd.	
20. J. P. Morgan Chase Bank, National Association	
21. State Bank of Mauritius Ltd.	
22. BANK of CEYLON	
23. BANK INTERNASIONAL INDONESIA	

Annexure - D

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS FOR e-TENDERING AND REVERSE AUCTION

GENERAL

The Special Instructions (for e-Tendering) supplement 'Instructions to Bidders', as given in these Rfs Documents. Submission of Online Bids is mandatory for this RfS.

e-Tendering is a new methodology for conducting Public Procurement in a transparent and secured manner. Now, the Government of India has made e-Tendering mandatory. Suppliers/ Vendors will be the biggest beneficiaries of this new system of procurement. For conducting electronic tendering, *Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)* has decided to use the portal <https://www.tcil-india-electrionictender.com> through TCIL, a Government of India Undertaking. This portal is based on the world's most 'secure' and 'user friendly' software from ElectronicTender®. A portal built using ElectronicTender's software is also referred to as ElectronicTender System® (ETS).

Benefits to Suppliers are outlined on the Home-page of the portal.

INSTRUCTIONS

Tender Bidding Methodology:

Sealed Bid System

Single Stage Two Envelope

Auction

The sealed bid system would be followed by an 'e-ReverseAuction'

Broad Outline of Activities from Bidder's Perspective:

1. Procure a Digital Signing Certificate (DSC)-Class II and above.
2. Register on Electronic Tendering System® (ETS)
3. Create Marketing Authorities (MAs), Users and assign roles on ETS
4. View Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) on ETS
5. For this tender -- Assign Tender Search Code (TSC) to a MA
6. Download Official Copy of Tender Documents from ETS. Note: Official copy of Tender Documents is distinct from downloading 'Free Copy of Tender Documents'. To participate in a tender, it is mandatory to procure official copy of Tender Documents for that tender.

7. Clarification to Tender Documents on ETS
 - a) Query to SECI (Optional)
 - b) View response to queries posted by SECI
8. Bid-Submission on ETS
9. Respond to SECI Post-TOE queries
10. Participate in reverse auction if invited

For participating in this tender online, the following instructions are to be read carefully. These instructions are supplemented with more detailed guidelines on the relevant screens of the ETS.

Digital Certificates

For integrity of data and authenticity/ non-repudiation of electronic records, and to be compliant with IT Act 2000, it is necessary for each user to have a Digital Certificate (DC). also referred to as Digital Signature Certificate (DSC), of Class II or above, issued by a Certifying Authority (CA) licensed by Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) [refer <http://www.cca.gov.in>].

Registration

To use the ElectronicTender® portal <https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com>, vendors need to register on the portal. Registration of each organization is to be done by one of its senior persons who will be the main person coordinating for the e-tendering activities. In ETS terminology, this person will be referred to as the Super User (SU) of that organization. For further details, please visit the website/portal, and click on the 'Supplier Organization' link under 'Registration' (on the Home Page), and follow further instructions as given on the site. Pay Annual Registration Fee as applicable.

After successful submission of Registration details and payment of Annual Registration Fee, please contact TCIL/ ETS Helpdesk (as given below), to get your registration accepted/activated

Important Note:

1. Interested bidders have to download official copy of the RfS & other documents after login into the ETS Portal of TCIL <https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com>. If the official copy of the documents is not downloaded from ETS Portal of TCIL within the specified period of downloading of RFS and other documents, bidder will not be able to participate in the tender.
2. To minimize teething problems during the use of ETS (including the Registration process), it is recommended that the user should peruse the instructions given under 'ETS User-Guidance Center' located on ETS Home Page, including instructions for timely registration on ETS. The instructions relating to 'Essential Computer Security Settings for Use of ETS' and 'Important Functionality Checks' should be especially taken into cognizance.

Please note that even after acceptance of your registration by the Service Provider, to respond to a tender you will also require time to complete activities related to your organization, such as creation of users, assigning roles to them, etc.

TCIL/ ETS Helpdesk	
Telephone/ Mobile	<i>Customer Support: +91-11-26241071, 26241072 Emergency Mobile Numbers: +91-9868393775, 9868393717, 9868393792</i>
Email-ID	<i>ets_support@tcil-india.com [Please mark CC: support@electronic tender.com]</i>

Some Bidding Related Information for this Tender (Sealed Bid)

The entire bid-submission would be online on ETS (unless specified for Offline Submissions). Broad outline of submissions are as follows:

- Submission of Bid-Parts
 - Envelope I (Technical-Bid)
 - Envelope II (Financial-Bid)
- *Submission of digitally signed copy of Tender Documents/ Addendum*

In addition to the above, the bidders are required to submit certain documents physically offline also as per Clause No. 23.a, Section-II, ITB of RfS Documents, failing which the technical bids will not be opened.

Note: The Bidder should also upload the scanned copies of all the above mentioned original documents as Bid-Annexures during Online Bid-Submission.

SPECIAL NOTE ON SECURITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF BIDS

Security related functionality has been rigorously implemented in ETS in a multidimensional manner. Starting with 'Acceptance of Registration by the Service Provider', provision for security has been made at various stages in ElectronicTender's software. Specifically, for Bid Submission, some security related aspects are outlined below:

As part of the ElectronicEncrypter™ functionality, the contents of both the 'ElectronicForms' and the 'Main-Bid' are securely encrypted using a Pass-Phrase created by the Bidder himself. Unlike a 'password', a Pass-Phrase can be a multi-word sentence with spaces between words (e.g. I love this World). A Pass-Phrase is easier to remember, and more difficult to break. It is mandatory that a separate Pass-Phrase be created for each Bid-Part. This method of bid-encryption does not have the security and data-integrity related vulnerabilities which are inherent in e-tendering systems which use Public-Key of the specified officer of a Buyer organization for bid-encryption. Bid-encryption in ETS is such that the Bids cannot be decrypted before the Public Online Tender Opening Event (TOE), even if there is connivance between the

concerned tender-opening officers of the Buyer organization and the personnel of e-tendering service provider.

CAUTION: All bidders must fill ElectronicForms™ for each bid-part sincerely and carefully, and avoid any discrepancy between information given in the ElectronicForms™ and the corresponding Main-Bid. For transparency, the information submitted by a bidder in the ElectronicForms® is made available to other bidders during the Online Public TOE. If it is found during the Online Public TOE that a bidder has not filled in the complete information in the ElectronicForms™, the TOE officer may make available for downloading the corresponding Main-Bid of that bidder at the risk of the bidder. **If variation is noted between the information contained in the ElectronicForms™ and the 'Main-Bid', the contents of the ElectronicForms™ shall prevail.**

In case of any discrepancy between the values mentioned in figures and in words, the value mentioned in words will prevail.

The bidder shall make sure that the Pass-Phrase to decrypt the relevant Bid-Part is submitted into the 'Time Locked Electronic Key Box (EKB)' after the deadline of Bid Submission, and before the commencement of the Online TOE of Technical Bid. The process of submission of this Pass-Phrase in the 'Time Locked Electronic Key Box' is done in a secure manner by first encrypting this Pass-Phrase with the designated keys provided by the SECI.

Additionally, the bidder shall make sure that the Pass-Phrase to decrypt the relevant Bid-Part is submitted to SECI in a sealed envelope before the start date and time of the Tender Opening Event (TOE).

There is an additional protection with SSL Encryption during transit from the client-end computer of a Supplier organization to the e-Tendering Server/ Portal.

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

For further instructions, the vendor should visit the home-page of the portal <https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com>, and go to the **User-Guidance Center**

The help information provided through 'ETS User-Guidance Center' is available in three categories – Users intending to Register/ First-Time Users, Logged-in users of Buyer organizations, and Logged-in users of Supplier organizations. Various links (including links for User Manuals) are provided under each of the three categories.

Important Note: It is strongly recommended that all authorized users of Supplier organizations should thoroughly peruse the information provided under the relevant links, and take appropriate action. This will prevent hiccups, and minimize teething problems during the use of ETS.

SEVEN CRITICAL DO'S AND DON'TS FOR BIDDERS

Specifically, for Supplier organizations, the following '**SEVEN KEY INSTRUCTIONS for BIDDERS**' must be assiduously adhered to:

1. Obtain individual Digital Signing Certificate (DSC or DC) of Class II or above well in advance of your tender submission deadline on ETS.
2. Register your organization on ETS well in advance of the important deadlines for your first tender on ETS viz 'Date and Time of Closure of Procurement of Tender Documents' and 'Last Date and Time of Receipt of Bids'. Please note that even after acceptance of your registration by the Service Provider, to respond to a tender you will also require time to complete activities related to your organization, such as creation of -- Marketing Authority (MA) [ie a department within the Supplier/ Bidder Organization responsible for responding to tenders], users for one or more such MAs, assigning roles to them, etc. It is mandatory to create at least one MA. This unique feature of creating an MA enhances security and accountability within the Supplier/ Bidder Organization.
3. Get your organization's concerned executives trained on ETS well in advance of your first tender submission deadline on ETS
4. For responding to any particular tender, the tender (ie its Tender Search Code or TSC) has to be assigned to an MA. Further, an 'Official Copy of Tender Documents' should be procured/ downloaded before the expiry of Date and Time of Closure of Procurement of Tender Documents. Note: Official copy of Tender Documents is distinct from downloading 'Free Copy of Tender Documents'. Official copy of Tender Documents is the equivalent of procuring physical copy of Tender Documents with official receipt in the paper-based manual tendering system.
5. Submit your bids well in advance of tender submission deadline on ETS (There could be last minute problems due to internet timeout, breakdown, et al)
6. It is the responsibility of each bidder to remember and securely store the Pass-Phrase for each Bid-Part submitted by that bidder. In the event of a bidder forgetting the Pass-Phrase before the expiry of deadline for Bid-Submission, facility is provided to the bidder to 'Annul Previous Submission' from the Bid-Submission Overview page and start afresh with new Pass-Phrase(s)
7. ETS will make your bid available for opening during the Online Public Tender Opening Event (TOE) 'ONLY IF' your 'Status pertaining Overall Bid-Submission' is 'Complete'. For your record, you can generate and save a copy of 'Final Submission Receipt'. This receipt can be generated from 'Bid-Submission Overview Page' only if the 'Status pertaining overall Bid-Submission' is 'Complete'.

NOTE:

While the first three instructions mentioned above are especially relevant to first-time users of ETS, the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh instructions are relevant at all times.

ADDITIONAL DO'S AND DON'TS FOR BIDDERS PARTICIPATING IN e-REVERSE AUCTION

1. Get your organization's concerned executives trained for e-ReverseAuction related processes on ETS well in advance of the start of e-ReverseAuction.
2. For responding to any particular e-ReverseAuction, the e-ReverseAuction (ie its Reverse Auction Search Code or RASC) has to be assigned to an MA.
3. It is important for each bidder to thoroughly read the 'rules and related criterion' for the e-ReverseAuction as defined by the Buyer organization.
4. It is important to digitally-sign your 'Final bid' after the end of e-ReverseAuction bidding event.

Minimum Requirements at Bidder's End

- Computer System with good configuration (Min PIV, 1 GB RAM, Windows 7 and above)
- Broadband connectivity
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.0 or above
- Digital Certificate(s)

Annexure - E

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF REVERSE AUCTION

After opening of Financial bids and short-listing of bidders based on the tariff and total capacity of project of qualified Project(s), SECI shall resort to “REVERSE AUCTION PROCEDURE”. Reverse Auction shall be conducted as per methodology specified in Section-V and other provisions of Reverse Auction in RfS Documents and their subsequent Addenda/ Amendments/ Clarifications. Bidders in their own interest, are advised to go through the documents in entirety. The Terms & Conditions and Business Rules mentioned hereunder are in brief and may not give complete explanations. Further these are supplementary in nature.

1. Bidders shall ensure online submission of their 'Bid Price' within the auction period.
2. Bidders shall ensure to take all necessary training and assistance before commencement of reverse auction to the interested bidders on chargeable basis to be paid directly to TCIL.
3. Business rules for Reverse Auction like event date, time, bid decrement, extension etc. shall be as per the business rules, enumerated in the RfS document or intimated later on, for compliance.
4. Reverse auction will be conducted on scheduled date & time, as mentioned in the RfS document.
5. Bidders should acquaint themselves of the 'Business Rules of Reverse Auction', which is enclosed separately in the RfS document.
6. If the Bidder or any of his representatives are found to be involved in Price manipulation/ cartel formation of any kind, directly or indirectly by communicating with other bidders, action as per extant SECI guidelines, shall be initiated by SECI
7. The Bidder shall not divulge either his Bids or any other exclusive details of SECI to any other party.
8. Period of validity of Prices received through Reverse Auction shall be same as that of the period of validity of bids offered.
9. Bidders should also note that:
 - a) Although extension time is '8' minutes, there is a time lag between the actual placing the bid on the local computer of the bidder and the refreshing of the data on to the server for the visibility to the Owner. Considering the processing time for data exchange and the possible network congestion, bidders must avoid the last minute hosting of the Financial Bid during reverse auction.

- b) Participating bidder will agree to non-disclosure of trade information regarding the purchase, identity of SECI, bid process, bid technology, bid documentation and bid details.
- c) It is brought to the attention of the bidders that the bid event will lead to the final price of bidders only.
- d) Technical and other non-commercial queries (not impacting price) can only be routed to the SECI contact personnel indicated in the RfS document.
- e) Order finalization and post order activities such issue of LOI, signing of PPA etc. would be transacted directly between successful bidder(s) and SECI.
- f) LOI shall be placed outside the TCIL e-portal & further processing of the LOI shall also be outside the system.
- g) In case of any problem faced by the bidder during Reverse Auction and for all Bidding process related queries, bidders are advised to contact the persons indicated in Annexure - D of the RfS document.
- h) Bidders are advised to visit the auction page and login into the system well in advance to identify/ rectify the problems to avoid last minute hitches.
- i) SECI will not be responsible for any PC configuration/ Java related issues, software/ hardware related issues, telephone line glitches and breakdown/ slow speed in internet connection of PC at Bidder's end.
- j) Bidders may note that it may not be possible to extend any help, during Reverse Auction, over phone or in person in relation to rectification of PC/ Internet/ Java related issues and Bidder may lose the chance of participation in the auction.

10. For access to the Reverse Auction site, the following URL is to be used:
<https://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com>

11. No queries shall be entertained while Reverse Auction is in progress.

BUSINESS RULES OF REVERSE AUCTION

Reverse Auction shall be conducted as per methodology specified in Section - V and other provisions of Reverse Auction in RfS documents and their subsequent Amendments/ Clarifications/ Addenda. Bidders, in their own interest, are advised to go through the documents in entirety.

The following would be parameters for e-Reverse Auction:

Sl. No	Parameter	Value
1.	Date and Time of Reverse-Auction Bidding Event	To be intimated Later to Eligible Bidders
2.	Duration of Reverse-Auction Bidding Event	30 Minutes
3.	Automatic extension of the 'Reverse-Auction closing Time', if last bid received is within a	Yes

	'Predefined Time-Duration' before the 'Reverse-Auction Closing Time'	
3.1	Pre-defined Time-Duration	8 minutes
3.2	Automatic extension Time-Duration	8 minutes
3.3	Maximum number of Auto-Extension	Unlimited Extension
4.	Entity-Start-Price	Tariff quoted by the bidders in Financial Bid (Second Envelope)

Online Reverse Auction shall be conducted by SECI on pre-specified date and time, while the bidders shall be quoting from their own offices/ place of their choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidders themselves.

During the Reverse Auction, any requests for extension of time will not be considered by SECI. Bidders are therefore requested to make all the necessary arrangements/ alternatives whatever required so that they are able to participate in the Reverse Auction successfully. Failure of power or loss of connectivity at the premises of bidders during the Reverse Auction cannot be the cause for not participating in the Reverse Auction. SECI shall not be responsible for such eventualities.

Bidders are advised to get fully trained and clear all their doubts such as refreshing of Screen, capacity/ no. of projects being auctioned, auction rules etc.

SECI reserves the right to cancel/ reschedule/ extend the Reverse Auction process/ tender at any time, before ordering, without assigning any reason.

SECI shall not have any liability to bidders for any interruption or delay in access to the auction website irrespective of the cause. In such cases, the decision of SECI shall be binding on the bidders.

Other terms and conditions shall be as per bidder's techno-commercial offers and as per the RfS document and other correspondences, if any, till date.