

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL [RFP]
FOR
“SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, INTEGRATION, COMMISSIONING AND MAINTENANCE
OF
NETWORK DEVICES”

Issued by: Canara Bank,
AP&M Group, 1st Floor,
DIT Wing, Naveen Complex,
14, MG Road, Bengaluru -560 001



Bid Details in Brief

Sl. No.	Description	Details
1.	RFP No. and Date	RFP 24/2017-18 dated 29/11/2017
2.	Brief Description of the RFP	Supply, Installation, Integration, Commissioning and Maintenance of Network Devices
3.	Bank's Address for Communication and Submission of Tender	Deputy General Manager Canara Bank, AP&M Group, 1st Floor, DIT Wing, Naveen Complex, 14 MG Road, Bengaluru -560 001
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4.	Date of Issue	29/11/2017, Wednesday
5.	Last Date of Submission of Queries for Pre Bid Meeting	07/12/2017, Thursday, 3.00 PM
6.	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	08/12/2017, Friday, 12.00 Noon
7.	Last Date of Submission of Bids	21/12/2017, Thursday upto 3.00 PM
8.	Date and time of Opening of Part A- Conformity to Eligibility Criteria.	21/12/2017, Thursday, 3.30 PM
9.	Date and time opening of Technical Bid Part-B/Indicative price /Commercial bid/ Reverse Auction	Will be intimated at a later date.
10.	Application Fees (Not Refundable)	Rs. 23,600/- (20,000 Application Money and 18 % GST)
11.	Earnest Money Deposit(Refundable)	Rs. 20,00,000/-
This document can be downloaded from Bank's website http://www.canarabank.com/english/announcements/tenders/ . In that event, the bidders should pay the Application Fee for tender document by means of DD drawn on any scheduled Commercial Bank for the above amount in favour of Canara Bank, payable at Bengaluru and submit the same along with the Bid document.		



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Canara Bank in its absolute discretion, but without being under any obligation to do so, update, amend or supplement the information in this RFP. Canara Bank reserves the right to reject any or all the Request for Proposals received in response to this RFP document at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever. The decision of Canara Bank shall be final, conclusive and binding on all the parties.



Abbreviations used in this Document:

1.	AMC	Annual Maintenance Contract
2.	BG	Bank Guarantee
3.	BOM	Bill of Material
4.	GST	Goods & Services Tax
5.	DD	Demand Draft
6.	DIT	Department of Information Technology
7.	EMD	Earnest Money Deposit
8.	HO	Head Office
9.	LAN	Local Area Network
10.	LD	Liquidated Damage
11.	LST	Local Service Tax
12.	MAF	Manufacturer Authorisation Form
13.	MCLR	Marginal Cost of Lending Rate
14.	MSME	Micro Small & Medium Enterprises
15.	MTBF	Mean Time Between Failure
16.	MTTR	Mean Time To Restore
17.	NEFT	National Electronic Funds Transfer
18.	NI Act	Negotiable Instruments Act
19.	OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
20.	OS	Operating System
21.	PDI	Pre Delivery Inspection
22.	PERT	Project Execution and Review Technique
23.	RFP	Request For Proposal [Interalia the term 'Tender' is also used]
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A. INTRODUCTION

1. About Canara Bank

CANARA BANK, a body Corporate and a premier Public Sector Bank established in the Year 1906 and nationalized under the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970, having its Head office at 112, J C Road Bengaluru-560002 and among others, having DIT Office at Naveen Complex, No.14, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001. The Bank is having pan India presence of more than 6200 branches and 21 Circle offices situated across the States. The Bank is working on Core Banking System using Flex cube solutions. The Bank is a forerunner in implementation of IT related products and services and continuously making efforts to provide the state of art technological products to its customers.

2. Definitions

- 2.1. 'Bank' means unless excluded by and repugnant context or the meaning thereof, shall mean 'Canara Bank', described in more detail in paragraph 1 above and which has invited bids under this Request for Proposal and shall be deemed to include its successor and permitted assigns.
- 2.2. 'RFP' means Request for Proposal for Supply, Installation, Integration, Commissioning and Maintenance of Network Devices.
- 2.3. 'Bidder' means a vendor submitting the proposal in response to RFP.
- 2.4. 'Solution' means Supply, Installation, Integration, Commissioning and Maintenance of Network Devices in the Bank.
- 2.5. 'Contract' means the agreement signed by successful bidder and the Bank at the conclusion of bidding process, wherever required.
- 2.6. 'Successful Bidder' / 'L1 bidder' means the Bidder who is found to be the lowest bidder after conclusion of the bidding process including the reverse auction, if any, subject to compliance to all the Terms and Conditions of the RFP, etc.

3. About RFP

The Bank wishes to procure Network Devices from reputed vendors. In this connection, Bank invites sealed offers ('Conformity to Eligibility Criteria', 'Technical Proposal' and 'Commercial Bid') for Supply, Installation Integration, Commissioning and Maintenance of Network Devices as per the Terms & Conditions, Technical Specifications and Scope of Work described elsewhere in this document.

4. Objective

The Bank proposes to procure Routers and Switches as per the Terms & Conditions, Technical Specifications and Scope of Work described elsewhere in this document.

5. Eligibility Criteria:

- 5.1. A vendor submitting the proposal in response to this RFP shall hereinafter be referred to as 'Bidder' and Supply, Installation, Integration, Commissioning and Maintenance of Network Devices in the Bank shall hereinafter be referred as "Solution".
- 5.2. Interested Bidders, who can Supply, Install, Integrate, Commission and Maintain Network Devices in the Bank and meeting the Eligibility Criteria as per Annexure-3 may respond.



6. Participation Methodology:

- 6.1. In a tender either the partner/distributor/System Integrator on behalf of the OEM or OEM itself can bid but both cannot bid simultaneously for the same item/product in the same tender.
- 6.2. If a partner/distributor/System Integrator bids on behalf of the OEM, the same partner/distributor/System Integrator shall not submit a bid on behalf of another OEM in the same tender for the same item/product.
- 6.3. In the event partner/distributor/System Integrator fails in their obligations to provide the product updates (including management software updates and new product feature releases) within 30 days of release/announcement, the OEM should assume complete responsibility on behalf of the partner/distributor/System Integrator to provide the same to the bank at no additional cost to the bank and will directly install the updates and any new Router/Switch Operating Software releases at the Bank's premises. To this effect Bidder should provide a dealer/distributor certificate as per Annexure-15.

7. Requirement Details

7.1. Bank invite sealed offers ('Conformity to Eligibility Criteria', 'Technical Proposal' and 'Commercial Bid') for Supply, Installation, Integration, Commissioning and Maintenance of Network Devices for Bank's DC/DRC as per the Terms & Conditions, Technical Specifications and Scope of Work described elsewhere in this document.

7.2. This tender consists of following requirements:

Sl. No.	Description	Quantity	Specifications
a.	Routers	13	As per Annexure-10(A)
b.	Type 1 Switch	11	As per Annexure-10(B)
c.	Type 2 Switch (Stack)	8	As per Annexure-10(C)
d.	Type 3 Switch	8	As per Annexure-10(D)
e.	Type 4 Switch	14	As per Annexure-10(E)

7.3. The Bank reserves the right to increase or decrease the above quantum of purchase by 25% at the same rate arrived and on the same Terms and Conditions of this Tender.

8. Existing Infrastructure:

- 8.1. Canara Bank has established state-of-the-art two tier MPLS network connectivity to connect its Data Centre - Bengaluru (DC), Disaster Recovery Centre-Mumbai (DRC), domestic & foreign Branches/Offices and all other business units. Presently Bank has around 6200 Branches and 10000 + ATMs across India.
- 8.2. All the Branches/ATMs are connected to DC/DRC via MPLS connectivity over various last mile connectivity like Copper, Fibre, VSAT, CDMA, 3G/4GVPN, VPNoBB, RF etc. which is terminated in Router/Switch at branches.
- 8.3. Data Centre (DC): All Application servers and database are hosted in DC.
- 8.4. Disaster recovery centre (DRC/ DR): It has Backup of all the application servers and database.



9. Present scope of work:

- 9.1. Bidder has to supply, install, integrate, commission and maintain the Network Devices along with required license with onsite support for a period of 6 years (warranty and AMC included) at Bank DC and DRC.
- 9.2. Bidder has to take Back-to-Back OEM support for all Hardware/Appliance, software, licenses etc.
- 9.3. Sub-contracting of any activity under this project is not permitted. An undertaking to this effect shall be submitted by the bidder.
- 9.4. Bidder should ensure proposed OEM should be in leader or Challenger quadrant of Gartner Magic Quadrant for Data Center Networking.
- 9.5. Canara Bank DC and DR LAN and WAN network are currently running on Cisco equipments. Some of the equipment's has either achieved End of Life (EoL) or almost approaching EoL. Bidder has to identify a suitable migration strategy and market available technologies, which work seamlessly with Datacenter's existing infrastructure to replace End of Life devices.
- 9.6. Bidder also has to Plan, Design considering various failovers scenarios, Ensure Network Security is not compromised, commission, Implement, Migrate, maintain, and Integrate with existing infrastructure, Coordinate with Bank and Bank's system integrator and provide onsite support at Bank Data Centre and at Data Recovery Centre during the period of the contract.
- 9.7. Design includes low & high level diagrams, planning of the implementation and should be aimed at ensuring that a new network or service meets the needs of the Bank.
- 9.8. Bidder to submit Migration plan, implementation document, solution architecture, traffic flow etc.
- 9.9. Bidder has to act as a single point of contact for the execution of the project. Initiate project kick-off meeting between Solution Architect and Bank Project Manager. Develop project plan and track the progress against the project plan. Manage project resources, risks and issues as per project plan. Conduct regular progress meeting with Customers Project Manager.
- 9.10. The Bidder has to provide comprehensive support for the period of contract. The support should be available on 24x7x365 basis.
- 9.11. The Bidder has to ensure that the proposed routers and Switches should be able to allow configuration, provisioning and programming through third party Linux-based automation tools such as Ansible/Puppet/Chef or other third party and/or open upper layer management frameworks like OpenStack.
- 9.12. The support should also include advising and helping Bank in optimizing Configuration, network security, implementing security control for the risk advised by regulators, Government of India etc.
- 9.13. Bidder to build consistent network in terms of latency and performance.
- 9.14. Bidder to take the configuration backup of Switches and router which is part of the migration/Upgradation.
- 9.15. Bidder to Create configuration templates for proposed Data centre Routing and switching solution.
- 9.16. Bidder to use the existing IP addressing scheme and design additional schema as suggested by Bank.



- 9.17. Bidder to design routing architecture for devices which is part of the migration.
- 9.18. Bidder to complete the site survey. Determine the appropriate placement of network equipment in the Bank's data centre. Identify the rack space in existing rack or additional racks for migration. Denote on the site survey checklist any physical site modifications, if appropriate, for Bank to carry out prior to network equipment installation.
- 9.19. Bidder to verify equipment received against delivery challan and notify Bank of any discrepancies (such as short supplies, dead-on-arrival, physical damage or parts mismatch etc.) Install the proposed devices in staging environment and do the complete configuration. Insert all modules in the respective devices as per the installation instructions and perform power-on tests. Verify that all the modules are getting recognized in the equipment and there are no error indications on the equipment.
- 9.20. Bidder to assign IP address and host name to the switches and routers. Set modes of port (Duplex, Half Duplex, Auto) and assign them to the VLANs. Dual homing should be configured for proposed devices wherever applicable. Configure the required routing protocol for WAN connectivity. Bidder to ensure active-active or active-passive load balancing of links as required by the Bank. If required Existing devices to be clubbed in proposed devices and to be configured accordingly for optimum utilization.
- 9.21. Bank is having Baseline configuration for network and security same should be configured on proposed devices.
- 9.22. Bidder to configure uplink and Downlink with 1G/10 G/40 G copper/Fibre link. Create the L2/L3 VLAN on the switch. Configure the required user interface with respective VLANs. Assign the VLAN/Trunk on the respective interface. Do the port bundling for high redundancy wherever applicable. Migrate the existing configuration of the device to the proposed devices and do the other necessary configuration to make the solution work as per Bank requirement.
- 9.23. Bidder to perform and document basic ping or connectivity tests to demonstrate the correct installation of the switches and routers.
- 9.24. The bidder should ensure there should be 24x7x365 TAC Support from direct OEM for any technical issue with Committed Response time to Severity-1 and Severity-2 issues should be less than equal to 1 hour and the bidder has to submit the authorization letter from the OEM to that effect.
- 9.25. The bidder should ensure for hardware related issue of devices should be 4-hour response, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays. The bidder has to submit the authorization letter from the OEM to that effect.
- 9.26. The equipment quoted by bidder should not be declared as EOL or EOS by the OEM within the contract period. In the event of the supplied equipment being declared as EOL or EOS within the period of 6 years from the date of commissioning of the equipment, the bidder has to replace the equipment with equipment having equivalent or higher configurations at no additional cost to the Bank.
- 9.27. All the equipment must be on dual stack (IPv4 plus IPv6) with Bank provided IP.
- 9.28. Bidder should provide document containing name, version, date of release, date of release of next version, end of sale & support date, application/product development path, etc of the proposed solution.
- 9.29. Bidder should ensure Mounting, Installation, commissioning should be done without impacting Bank exiting Network setup.



- 9.30. Bidder should ensure that during various phases of implementation, the performance, security, etc. of the existing network/Security setup is not compromised.
- 9.31. The Network Device include all components and subcomponents like Hardware & Software Licenses, Accessories and other components (firmware, upgrades, updates etc.), required for commissioning of the solution as a part of this proposal and should be supplied by the bidder at no extra cost to the Bank.
- 9.32. Bidder has to provide equipment & peripherals with rack mounting kit wherever applicable to accommodate all components in the rack space provided in the Bank's Data centres.
- 9.33. All necessary entitlements papers of license for both hardware and software should be provided to the Bank.
- 9.34. The Selected Vendor shall arrange to provide OEM certified exhaustive training (Prior to implementation or as per the schedule given by the Bank) to the Bank's Ten nominated persons. Training plan, scope and duration of the same to be shared with the Bank and has to be mutually agreed before finalizing the training course.
- 9.35. The selected bidder must do Proof of Concept of proposed solution to showcase the functionality.
- 9.36. Selected Vendor has to submit escalation matrix and keep Bank informed, if any changes take place.
- 9.37. The selected vendor should inform Bank about all release /version change of patches/ upgrades/updates of Hardware/software/OS/signatures etc. as and when released by the OEM. Wherever required, Bank may seek help/support from the selected bidder.
- 9.38. All products updates, upgrades & patches should be provided by the Selected Vendor free of cost during warranty support/AMC period of Six Years.
- 9.39. The Selected Vendor should keep the Bank explicitly informed about the end of support dates on related products/ hardware and should ensure support during contract period.
- 9.40. The selected bidder has to arrange for troubleshooting/Coordination, in the event of malfunctioning of any equipment during the period of contract and for raising tickets with OEM for any issues/queries and replacement of defects and also keep the Bank updated.
- 9.41. The successful bidder has to migrate the configuration from the existing Network Devices to the new Devices and has to suggest and implement new policies. Configuration should be in line of standard best practices in BFSI environment. Further Bidder to configure the New Devices to be installed.
- 9.42. Bidder has to integrate the solution with AD, HP NNM, NTP Server, TACACS, SIEM, SOC, DLP, ATP etc.
- 9.43. Bidder has to ensure proposed switches support 802.1X networking protocol.
- 9.44. If some components are missed out or not properly sized, onus is on the bidder to supply/replace it without any cost to Bank.
- 9.45. Bidder has to own the responsibility of making the solution run as desired by the Bank.
- 9.46. Bidder has to provide solution including Racks(If required), Stack cables, Transceivers, Splitter, patch cords, Optical fibre cables, Power cables, screws, documentation etc.



- 9.47. The bidder must provide detailed SOP of the provided solution along with the Installation and Administration guide for reference, which must include High level Design (HLD) and Low Level Design (LLD) documents at no extra cost to the Bank.
- 9.48. If the Bidder feels that certain features offered are superior to what has been specified by the Bank, it shall be highlighted separately. Information regarding any modification required in the proposed configuration to meet the intent of the specifications and state-of-the-art technology shall be provided. However, the Bank reserves the right to adopt the modifications/ superior features suggested/ offered.
- 9.49. The selected bidder shall own the responsibility to demonstrate that the product offered are as per the specification/performance stipulated in this RFP and as committed by the bidder.
- 9.50. The bidder shall submit the maintenance procedures and call log-in procedures. The preventive and break down/corrective maintenance procedures and the diagnostic/test procedures available shall be submitted. The escalation procedure for maintenance of Routers during Warranty and AMC, if contracted, shall also be submitted.
- 9.51. All devices should have redundant power supply and network connectivity.
- 9.52. **Project Completion and Management**
- 9.52.1. For smooth completion of project the Bidder should identify one or two of its representatives at Bengaluru as a single point of contact for the Bank.
- 9.52.2. Project implementation team should be conversant with local rules and conditions to resolve the issues, if any.

B. BID PROCESS

10. Clarification to RFP and Pre-Bid Queries:

- 10.1. The bidder should carefully examine and understand the specifications, terms and conditions of the RFP and may seek clarifications, if required. The bidders in all such cases should seek clarification in writing in the same serial order as that of the RFP by mentioning the relevant page number and clause number of the RFP as per format provided under **Appendix-G**.
- 10.2. All communications regarding points requiring clarifications and any doubts shall be given in writing to the Deputy General Manager, Canara Bank, DIT Wing, HO (Annex), 14 MG Road, Naveen Complex, Bengaluru-01 or an email can be sent to hoditapm@canarabank.com by the intending bidders before **03:00 PM on 07/12/2017 (Thursday)**.
- 10.3. No queries will be entertained from the bidders after the above date and time.
- 10.4. The Bank will consolidate all the written queries and any further queries during the pre-bid meeting and the replies for the queries shall be made available in the Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) and no individual correspondence shall be made. The clarification of the Bank in response to the queries raised by the bidder/s, and any other clarification/amendments/corrigendum furnished thereof will become part and parcel of the RFP and it will be binding on the bidders.
- 10.5. No oral or individual consultation will be entertained.



11. Pre-Bid meeting:

11.1. A pre-bid meeting of the intending bidders will be held as scheduled below to clarify any point/doubt raised by them in respect of this RFP.

Date	Day	Time	Venue
08/12/2017	Friday	12.00Noon	Canara Bank, Second Floor, Conference Hall, DIT Wing-HO (Annex), Naveen Complex, 14 M G Road, Bengaluru 560001.

No separate communication will be sent for this meeting. If the meeting date is declared as a holiday under NI Act by the Government subsequent to issuance of RFP, the next working day will be deemed to be the pre-bid meeting day. Authorized representatives of interested bidders shall be present during the scheduled time. In this connection, Bank will allow maximum of Two (2) representatives from each Bidder to participate in the pre-bid meeting.

11.2. Bank has the discretion to consider any other queries raised by the bidder's representative during the pre-bid meeting.

11.3. Bank will have liberty to invite its technical consultant or any outside agency, wherever necessary, to be present in the pre-bid meeting to reply to the technical queries of the Bidders in the meeting.

11.4. The Bank will consolidate all the written queries and any further queries during the pre-bid meeting and the replies for the queries shall be made available in the Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) and no individual correspondence shall be made. The clarification of the Bank in response to the queries raised by the bidder/s, and any other clarification/amendments/corrigendum furnished thereof will become part and parcel of the RFP and it will be binding on the bidders.

11.5. Non reply to any of the queries raised by the vendors during pre-bid Meeting shall not be considered as acceptance of the query/issue by the Bank.

12. Amendment to Bidding Document:

12.1. At any time prior to deadline for submission of Bids, the Bank, for any reason, whether, at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by prospective bidder, may modify the bidding document, by amendment.

12.2. Notification of amendments will be made available on the Bank's website only (i.e. www.canarabank.com) and will be binding on all bidders and no separate communication will be issued in this regard.

12.3. In order to allow prospective bidders reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing their bids, the Bank, at its discretion, may extend the deadline for a reasonable period as decided by the Bank for submission of Bids.

13. Bid System Offer

This is two bid system which has following 3 (Three) parts:

13.1. **Part A- Conformity to Eligibility Criteria:** Indicating their compliance to Eligibility Criteria. The format for submission of Conformity to Eligibility Criteria is as per Appendix-A.

13.2. **Part B-Technical Proposal:** Indicating the response to the Technical specification of Supply, Installation, Integration, Commissioning and



Maintenance of Network Devices in Canara Bank. The format for submission of Technical Proposal is as per Appendix-B.

13.3. **Part C-Commercial Bid (Indicative):** furnishing all relevant information as required as per Bill of Material as per Annexure-17. The format for submission of Commercial bid is as per Appendix-C.

14. **Preparation of Bids:**

14.1. The Bid shall be typed or written in English language with font size of 12 in indelible ink and shall be signed by the Bidder or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the Bidder to the Contract. The person or persons signing the Bids shall affix signature in all pages of the Bids, except for un-amended printed literature.

14.1.1. The three parts as stated above, should be placed in three separate envelopes superscribed with 'Conformity to Eligibility Criteria', 'Technical Proposal' and 'Commercial Bid' respectively and properly closed and sealed. Thereafter, all the three envelopes shall be placed inside another envelope and properly closed and sealed. The final envelope should be superscribed as "Offer for Supply, Installation, Integration, Commissioning and Maintenance of Network Devices in response to RFP 24/2017-18 dated 29/11/2017" (includes separately sealed 'Conformity to Eligibility Criteria', 'Technical Proposal' and 'Commercial Bid') on the top of the envelope. All the envelopes shall bear the name and complete postal address of the bidder as well as the addressee, namely the Deputy General Manager, Canara Bank, AP&M Group, DIT Wing, First Floor, Naveen Complex, 14 M G Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

14.1.2. All the pages of Bid including Brochures should be made in an organized, structured, and neat manner. Brochures / leaflets etc. should not be submitted in loose form. All the pages of the submitted bids should be paginated with Name, Seal and Signature of the Authorized Signatory. Bids with erasing / overwriting / cutting without authentication may be liable for rejection. Authorization letter for signing the Bid documents duly signed by Company's Authorized signatory should be submitted.

14.1.3. All the envelopes shall bear the name and complete postal address of the Bidder and authority to whom the Bid is submitted.

14.2. **Part A- Conformity to Eligibility Criteria:**

14.2.1. Before submitting the bid, the bidders should ensure that they confirm to the eligibility criteria as stated in Clause-5 and Annexure-3 of RFP. Only after satisfying themselves of the eligibility, the Offer should be submitted.

14.2.2. The Conformity to Eligibility Criteria as per Annexure-3 among others, must contain Demand Draft towards the Application Money as per the Clause 15, Signed Integrity Pact as per Clause 77 & Appendix H and EMD/ Bank Guarantee in lieu of EMD as per Appendix-D of Instructions of this document. The Conformity to Eligibility Criteria should be complete in all respects and contain all information sought for, as per Appendix-A.

14.2.3. The Placement of Application Money, EMD and Integrity Pact in other than Part-A Conformity to Eligibility Criteria will make the bid liable for rejection.

14.2.4. After ensuring the above, it shall be placed inside a separate Envelope and sealed and superscribed on the top of the cover as “PART A-Conformity to Eligibility Criteria for RFP 24/2017-18 dated 29/11/2017 for Supply, Installation, Integration, Commissioning and Maintenance of Network Devices”.

14.3. Part B-Technical Proposal:

14.3.1. Technical Proposal should be submitted as per the format in Appendix-B. Relevant technical details and documentation should be provided along with Technical Proposal.

14.3.2. It is mandatory to provide the technical details of the Solution required by the bank in the exact format of Annexure-10 of this tender.

14.3.3. The offer may not be evaluated and may be rejected by the Bank without any further reference in case of non-adherence to the format or partial submission of technical information as per the format given in the offer.

14.3.4. If any part of the technical specification offered by the bidder is different from the specifications sought in our RFP, the bidder has to substantiate the same in detail the reason for their quoting a different specification than what is sought for, like higher version or non availability of the specifications quoted by us, invariably to process the technical offer.

14.3.5. The Bank shall not allow / permit changes in the technical specifications once it is submitted.

14.3.6. The relevant product information, brand, and model number offered, printed product brochure, technical specification sheets etc. should be submitted along with the Offer. Failure to submit this information along with the offer may result in disqualification.

14.3.7. The Technical Proposal should be complete in all respects and contain all information sought for, as per Appendix-B. **Masked Bill of Material must be attached in Technical Offer and should not contain any price information.** The Part B-Technical Proposal should be complete and should cover all products and services. Technical Proposal without masked Bill of Materials will be liable for rejection.

14.3.8. Masked commercial bid which is not as per below instruction will make Bid liable for rejection:

14.3.8.1. Should be replica of Commercial Bid except that it should not contain any price information (with Prices masked).

14.3.8.2. It should not provide any price information like, unit price, tax percentage, tax amount, AMC/ATS charges, Implementation Charges etc.

14.3.9. After ensuring the above, it shall be placed inside a separate Envelope and sealed and superscribed on the top of the cover as “PART B-Technical Proposal for RFP 24/2017-18 dated 29/11/2017 for Supply, Installation, Integration, Commissioning and Maintenance of Network Devices”.

14.4. Part C-Commercial Bid (Indicative):

14.4.1. Commercial Bid (Indicative) should be submitted as per the instruction in Appendix-C.



- 14.4.2. Bill of Material shall be submitted as per Annexure-17 and other terms and conditions of RFP on prices. The Bill of Material should give all relevant price information as per **Annexure-17**. Any deviations from the Bill of Material / non submission of prices as per the format shall make the bid liable for rejection.
- 14.4.3. Under no circumstances the Bill of Material should be kept in Part-A (i.e. Conformity to Eligibility Criteria) or Part B (i.e. Technical Proposal) Covers. The placement of Bill of Material in Part A (i.e. Conformity to Eligibility Criteria) or Part B (i.e. Technical Proposal) covers will make bid liable for rejection.
- 14.4.4. The Bill of Material must be attached in Technical Proposal as well as Commercial Bid (Indicative). The format will be identical for both Technical Proposal and Commercial Bid (Indicative), **except that the Technical Proposal should not contain any price information (with Prices masked)**. Any change in the Bill of Material format may render the bid liable for rejection.
- 14.4.5. Bidder must take care in filling price information in the Commercial Offer, to ensure that there are no typographical or arithmetic errors. All fields must be filled up correctly.
- 14.4.6. Any change in the Bill of Material format may render the bid liable for rejection. The Commercial Bids that are incomplete or conditional are liable to be rejected.
- 14.4.7. The Bidder should indicate the individual taxes, and its applicable rate along with the estimated tax amounts to be paid by the Bank.
- 14.4.8. After ensuring the above, it shall be placed inside a separate Envelope and sealed and superscribed on the top of the cover as **“PART C- Commercial Bid (Indicative) for RFP 24/2017-18 dated 29/11/2017 for Supply, Installation, Integration, Commissioning and Maintenance of Network Devices.**

15. Application Money:

- 15.1. This document can be downloaded from Bank's website <http://www.canarabank.com/English/Scripts/Tenders.aspx>. In that event, the bidders should pay the Application Fee of Rs. **Rs.23,600/- (inclusive of GST)**(non-Refundable) for tender document by means of DD drawn on any scheduled Commercial Bank in favour of Canara Bank, payable at Bengaluru and submit the same along with **Part A - Conformity to Eligibility Criteria**.
- 15.2. Submission of the Application Money in other than “Part-A-Conformity to the Eligibility Criteria” is liable to be rejected on grounds of non-payment of the Application Money.
- 15.3. The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the Bid and Bank will not be responsible for the costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process. The Bank is not liable for any cost incurred by the Bidder in replying to this RFP. It is also clarified that no binding relationship will exist between any of the respondents and the Bank until the execution of the contract.

16. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bank Guarantee In Lieu Of EMD:

- 16.1. The bidder shall furnish Non interest earning Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of **Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Only)** by way of Demand Draft drawn on any Scheduled Commercial Bank In India in favour of Canara Bank, payable at

Bengaluru and should be kept along with the Part-A - Conformity to Eligibility Criteria.

16.2. In Case the EMD is submitted in the form of Bank Guarantee the same should be valid for the minimum period of 6 months with additional claim period of 3 months from the last date for submission of offer. The format for submission of EMD in the form of Bank Guarantee is as per Appendix-D.

16.3. Submission of EMD in other than Part A-Conformity to Eligibility Criteria Envelope is liable to be rejected on grounds of non submission of EMD.

16.4. The EMD of the Bidders not qualified under Technical Proposal will be returned within 15 days after opening the commercial bid of the Technically Qualified Bidders. The EMD of Technically Qualified bidders will be returned upon the selected bidder accepting the order and furnishing the Performance Bank Guarantee.

16.5. The EMD may be forfeited/ Bank Guarantee may be invoked:

16.5.1. If the bidder withdraws or amends the bid during the period of bid validity specified in this document.

16.5.2. If the selected bidder fails to accept the purchase order within 7 days or fails to sign the contract or fails to furnish performance guarantee in accordance with the terms of the RFP.

17. Make and Models:

It is mandatory to provide make & model of all the items and their subcomponents as has been sought in the technical specification. The Offer may not be evaluated and / or will be liable for rejection in case of non-submission or partial submission of make, model of the items offered. Please note that substituting required information by just brand name is not enough. Bidder should not quote hardware/Software items which are impending End of Life/End of Support during the contractual period.

18. Software Version:

The bidder should ensure usage of latest licensed software with proper update/patches and their subcomponents as has been sought in the technical/functional requirements. The Offer may not be evaluated and / or will be liable for rejection in case of non-submission or partial submission of Software Version of the items offered. Please note that substituting required information by just software name is not enough. Bidder should not quote software items which are impending End of Life/End of Support.

19. Documentation:

Technical information in the form of Brochures / Manuals / CD etc. of the most current and updated version available in English must be submitted in support of the Technical Offer made without any additional charges to the bank. The Bank is at liberty to reproduce all the documents and printed materials furnished by the Bidder in relation to the RFP for its own use.

20. Costs & Currency:

The Offer must be made in Indian Rupees only as per Bill of Material (Annexure-17).

21. Erasures or Alterations:

The Offers containing erasures or alterations or overwriting may not be considered. There should be no hand-written material, corrections or alterations in the offer.

Technical details must be completely filled in. Correct technical information of the product being offered must be filled in. Filling up of the information using terms such as "OK", "accepted", "noted", "as given in brochure/manual" is not acceptable. The Bank may treat such Offers as not adhering to the tender guidelines and as unacceptable.

22. Assumptions/Presumptions/Modifications:

The Bank would like to expressly state that any assumption, presumptions, modifications, terms, conditions, deviation etc., which the bidder includes in any part of the Bidder's response to this RFP, will not be taken into account either for the purpose of evaluation or at a later stage, unless such assumptions, presumptions, modifications, terms, conditions deviations etc., have been accepted by the Bank and communicated to the bidder in writing. The bidder at a later date cannot make any plea of having specified any assumption, terms, conditions, deviation etc in the bidder's response to this RFP document. No offer can be modified or withdrawn by a bidder after submission of Bid/s.

23. Submission of Bids:

23.1. The Name and address of the Bidder, RFP No. and Due Date of the RFP are to be specifically mentioned on the Top of the envelope containing Bid.

23.2. The bid/s properly superscribed in the manner prescribed in earlier clauses of this RFP should be deposited in the Tender Box at the Place, Venue, Date and Time mentioned below:

Last Date of submission of Bid	Day	Time	Venue
21/12/2017	Thursday	Upto 3.00 PM	Canara Bank, First Floor, DIT Wing-HO (Annex), Naveen Complex, 14 M G Road, Bengaluru 560001.

23.3. If the last day of submission of bids is declared as a holiday under NI Act by the Government subsequent to issuance of RFP, the next working day will be deemed to be the last day for submission of the RFP. The Bid/s which is/are deposited after the said date and time shall not be considered.

23.4. Bids sent through post/courier will not be accepted/evaluated. Bids should be deposited in the Tender Box.

23.5. If the envelopes, including the outer envelope is not sealed and marked in the prescribed manner, the Bank will assume no responsibility for the bid's misplacement or premature opening.

23.6. The following officials will facilitate in bid related queries and make arrangements for deposit of bid documents.

First Official	Alternate Official
Mr. R S Vinaya Kumar Senior Manager Canara Bank APM Group, DIT Wing, First Floor, Naveen Complex, 14 M G Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Tel - 080 25590070	Mr. K S Satyanarayana Assistant General Manager Canara Bank APM Group, DIT Wing Naveen Complex, 14 M G Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Tel - 080 25590832



23.7. In case bid documents are too bulky to be placed inside the tender box, arrangements will be made by the above mentioned officials to receive the tender. However, bidder should reach the venue before the date and time stipulated as per above clause 23.2.

24. Bid Opening:

24.1. The Part A- Conformity to Eligibility Criteria shall be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representative/s who may choose to attend the bid opening as per following schedule.

Date	Day	Time	Venue
21/12/2017	Thursday	3.30PM	Canara Bank, Second Floor, Conference Hall, DIT Wing-HO (Annex), Naveen Complex, 14 M G Road, Bengaluru 560001.

Bidder's representative may be present in the place and venue well in time along with an authorization letter in hand for each bid opening under this RFP, as per the format (Annexure-6) enclosed.

Note: Authorisation letter should be carried in person and shall not be placed inside in any of the bid covers.

24.2. Attendance of all the representatives of the bidders who are present at bid opening will be taken in a register against Name, Name of the Company and with full signature.

24.3. The Bidders may note that no further notice will be given in this regard. Further, in case the bank does not function on the aforesaid date due to unforeseen circumstances or declared as holiday then the bid will be accepted up to 3.00 PM on the next working day and bids will be opened at 3:30 PM at the same venue on the same day.

24.4. The following details will be announced at the time of bid opening.

24.4.1. Name of the Bidders.

24.4.2. Presence or absence of cost of the Bidding document and Bid security.

24.4.3. Such other details as the Bank at its discretion may consider appropriate.

24.5. If any of the bidders or all bidders who submitted the tender are not present during the specified date, time, and venue of opening it will be deemed that such bidder is not interested to participate in the opening of the Bid/s and the bank at its discretion will proceed further with opening of the Part A - Conformity to Eligibility Criteria in their absence.

24.6. The Part A-Conformity to Eligibility Criteria submitted by the bidder will be evaluated based on the Eligibility Criteria stipulated in RFP document. The Part B-Technical Proposal of only those bidders who qualified in Part A-Conformity to Eligibility Criteria will be opened with due communication by the bank.

24.7. The Commercial Bid of only those bidders who are qualified in Part-B Technical Proposal will be opened for evaluation and arriving at L1.



C. SELECTION OF BIDDER

25. Preliminary Scrutiny:

The Bank will scrutinise the Bid/s received to determine whether they are complete in all respects as per the requirement of RFP, whether the documents have been properly signed, whether items are offered as per RFP requirements and whether technical documentation as required to evaluate the offer has been submitted.

Prior to detailed evaluation, the Bank will determine the substantial responsiveness of each Bid to the bidding document. Substantial responsiveness means that the bid conforms to all terms and conditions, scope of work and technical specifications and bidding document is submitted without any deviations.

26. Clarification of Offers:

26.1. During the process of scrutiny, evaluation and comparison of offers, the Bank may, at its discretion, seek clarifications from all the bidders/any of the bidders on the offer made by them. The bidder has to respond to the bank and submit the relevant proof /supporting documents required against clarifications, if applicable. The request for such clarifications and the Bidders response will necessarily be in writing and it should be submitted within the time frame stipulated by the Bank.

26.2. The Bank may, at its discretion, waive any minor non-conformity or any minor irregularity in the offer. Bank's decision with regard to 'minor non-conformity' is final and the waiver shall be binding on all the bidders and the Bank reserves the right for such waivers.

27. Evaluation of Bids:

27.1. The Bank will evaluate the bid submitted by the bidders under this RFP. The Part A- Conformity to Eligibility Criteria submitted by the bidder will be evaluated based on Clause-5 and Annexure-3 of RFP. The Part B-Technical Proposal of only those bidders who qualified in Part A- Conformity to Eligibility Criteria, will be opened with due communication by the Bank. The Commercial Bid (Indicative) of only those bidders who qualified in Part B-Technical Proposal will be reckoned for evaluation purpose. Bank will conduct Reverse Auctions for arriving at L1/L2/L3...etc.

27.2. The Bid will be evaluated by a Committee of officers of the Bank. If warranted, the Bank may engage the services of external consultants for evaluation of the bid. It is Bank's discretion to decide at the relevant point of time.

28. Bidders Presentation /Site Visits / Product Demonstration/POC

28.1. The Bank reserves the right to call for a presentation on the features and functionalities from those Bidders who have qualified in Part A-Conformity to Eligibility Criteria.

28.2. As a Part of Technical Evaluation based on the technical bids submitted by the Bidders, Bank may call the Bidders for conducting POC (Proof of Concept) of the Network Devices proposed by them. This exercise will be undertaken before opening of the Commercial Bids of the technically qualified Bidders.

28.3. Bidders are further required to be in preparedness to demonstrate the proposed solution by arranging for product walk-through at their own installations/principals/ R&D labs duly meeting the specific requirements/issues raised by the Bank.



- 28.4. The Bank at its discretion call for providing of Proof of Concept (PoC) of proposed solution at the site mutually agreed.
- 28.5. Setting of evaluation criteria for product demonstrations shall be entirely at the discretion of the Bank. The decision of Bank in this regard shall be final and in this regard, no correspondence shall be entertained.
- 28.6. All expenses incurred in connection with the above shall be borne by the bidder. However, Bank will bear the travelling, boarding and lodging expenses related to its own personnel and its Consultants, if any.

29. Normalization of Bids

29.1. The Bank may go through a process of technical evaluation and normalization of the bids to the extent possible and feasible to ensure that, shortlisted bidders are more or less on the same technical ground. After the normalization process, if the Bank feels that, any of the Bids needs to be normalized and that such normalization has a bearing on the price bids; the Bank may at its discretion request all the technically shortlisted bidders to re-submit the technical and commercial bids once again for scrutiny. The resubmissions can be requested by the Bank in the following manner;

29.1.1. Incremental bid submission in part of the requested clarification by the Bank

OR

29.1.2. Revised submissions of the entire bid in the whole

29.2. The Bank can repeat this normalization process at every stage of bid submission till Bank is satisfied. The shortlisted bidders agree that, they have no reservation or objection to the normalization process and all the technically shortlisted bidders will, by responding to this RFP, agree to participate in the normalization process and extend their co-operation to the Bank during this process.

29.3. The shortlisted bidders, by submitting the response to this RFP, agree to the process and conditions of the normalization process.

30. Intimation to Qualified/Successful Bidders:

The Bank will prepare a list of qualified bidders at each stage on the basis of evaluation of Part A-Conformity to Eligibility Criteria, Part - B Technical Proposal and Part C-Commercial Bid. The names of qualified bidders at each stage would be announced on the Bank's website (i.e. www.canarabank.com)/Notice Board. Commercial Bids of only technical qualified bidders shall be opened. Final list of the bidders (L1, L2, L3....etc) will be announced as indicated above. No separate intimation will be sent to successful Bidder.

31. Correction of Error In Commercial Bid:

Bank reserves the right to correct any arithmetical errors furnished in the Commercial Bid. If any such errors are noticed it will be rectified on the following basis:

31.1. Bank may waive off any minor infirmity or non-conformity or irregularity in a bid, which does not constitute a material deviation.

31.2. If there is discrepancy between the unit price and total price (which is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity), the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected accordingly.

31.3. If there is discrepancy between percentage and amount, the amount calculated on percentage basis will prevail.



31.4.If there is discrepancy in the total arrived at Bill of Material (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and carryover of amount from one page to another), correct total will be arrived by the Bank and the same will prevail over the total furnished in the Bill of Material

31.5.If there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the rate/ amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetical error in which case, the amount in figures will prevail, subject to the above two provisions.

31.6.If the bidder does not accept the correction of errors, the bid will be rejected.

32. Determination of L1 Price:

32.1.L1 Price will be determined after giving effect to arithmetical correction, if any.

32.2.The L-1 bidder will be determined on the basis of the lowest price quoted in the Reverse Auction. The Reverse Auction would be conducted for Total Cost of ownership given in Bill of Material (indicative) as per **Annexure-17** of RFP or in a manner described in **Appendix-I**. Business Rules and Terms & Conditions of Reverse Auction are detailed in **Appendix-I**.

32.3. Online Reverse Auction:

32.3.1. Bidders, whose Commercial Bids (Indicative) has been opened by the Bank will be called for the Reverse Auction.

32.3.2. Reverse Auction event will be carried out among the technically qualified Bidders, based on evaluation of Part B-Technical Proposal, for providing opportunity to the Bidders to quote the price dynamically for the procurement for which RFP is floated and also to get the most competitive price.

32.3.3. For finalization of the most competitive offer, the Bank will conduct "Reverse auction" The detailed procedure and Business rules for the Reverse auction is given as per Appendix-I.

32.3.4. Bank will call the technically qualified bidders whose Commercial Bids (Indicative) have been opened by the Bank for participating in the Reverse auction process which will be conducted by an Auction company authorized by the Bank. Bank will share the contact details of the concerned person of the Auction Company. Specific rules for this particular event viz. date and time, CAP price, bid decrement value, duration of event etc. shall be informed by the Auction Company to the participating bidders before the event. The bidders should furnish indicative prices for the project in their Indicative Commercial Bid to facilitate finalizing the start bid for "Reverse auction". However, the CAP price for Reverse auction will be fixed by the Bank.

32.3.5. Bidders should note that the indicative commercial bid is considered for the purpose of conducting Reverse auction process only. The L-1 bidder will be decided only later, on finalization of prices through Reverse auction.

32.3.6. The L1 bidder emerging at the end of the Reverse Auction process shall be required to submit the break-up of their Final price (last bid price) again as per **Annexure-17** within 2 working days. Failure or refusal to offer the services/goods at the price committed through Reverse Auction shall result in forfeit of the EMD with the Bank, which may please be noted.



32.4. Re-auction/s Rules :

32.4.1. Bank may consider the option of a Re-Auction/s in following circumstances:

32.4.1.1. At the end of the Reverse Auction, L1 price is not acceptable to the Bank.

32.4.1.2. During the process of reverse auction, if there is no bid from logged in bidders, Bank may decide a re-auction by increasing the CAP price for Re-auction.

32.4.1.3. At the end of the Reverse Auction If only one bidder puts up bid/s, Bank at its discretion may decide a re-auction.

32.4.2. Even after conducting Reverse Auction/s, if no Bidder has quoted or the prices quoted by them are not acceptable to the Bank. Bank at its discretion can advice all the technically qualified Bidders to submit the Closed Commercial Bid by giving sufficient time to the Bidders. If Bidder/s are not submitting the Commercial Bid in due date and Time, their EMD will liable to be forfeited. If the EMD is submitted by the way of BG, Bank can its discretion invoke the Bank Guarantee.

32.4.3. If at the end of the Reverse Auction/s only one Bidder submits their Bid, Bank reserves the right to place the entire order on L1 Bidder only.

32.4.4. Bank reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Similarly, it reserves the right not to include any bidder in the final short-list.

32.5. The Bank reserves the right to modify any terms, conditions and specifications of the RFP and Bank reserves the right to obtain revised price bids from the bidders with regard to change in RFP clauses. The Bank reserves the right to accept any bid in whole or in part.

33. Bid Validity Period:

The Offer submitted and the prices quoted therein shall be valid for 180 days from the date of opening of Commercial Bid. Bid valid for any shorter period shall be rejected by the Bank.

34. Proposal Ownership:

The proposal and all supporting documentation submitted by the bidder shall become the property of the Bank. As the Bidder's proposal is important to the evaluation and selection process, it is necessary that, the bidder carefully prepares the proposal as per the prescribed format only. Under no circumstance, the format can be changed, altered or modified. Bidders must provide categorical and factual replies to specific questions. Bidders may provide additional technical literature relating to their proposal but in a separate Annexure. Correct and current technical details must be completely filled in. The Appendices/Annexures to this RFP shall form integral part of the RFP.

35. Project Ownership:

35.1. If the bidder is offering solutions/products from other bidders/principals, as required in this RFP, they shall detail the responsibilities of the parties involved and also submit a letter of undertaking from the parties mentioning their consent and assurance for satisfactory performance of the project. The bidder must specify any and all relationships with third parties in respect of the ownership and also maintenance & support of all hardware and software related to Supply, Installation, Integration, Commissioning and Maintenance of Network Devices which are relevant to this RFP.



35.2. Ownership letter by the bidder to be submitted (Undertaking letter by the bidder taking the ownership of the project execution) in case third party is also involved in project execution either fully or partially. The bidder shall also submit the ownership certificate issued by the third party clearly mentioning the extent of ownership.

35.3. The Bidder also has to submit a certificate/Letter from OEM that the proposed Hardware, OS, any other related software and the solution offered by the bidder to the Bank are correct, viable, technically feasible for implementation and the solution will work without any hassles.

36. Acceptance of Offer:

36.1. The Bank reserves its right to reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason thereof whatsoever.

36.2. The Bank will not be obliged to meet and have discussions with any bidder and/or to entertain any representations in this regard.

36.3. The bids received and accepted will be evaluated by the Bank to ascertain the best and lowest bid in the interest of the Bank. However, the Bank does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Bid and reserves the right to reject any or all bids at any point of time prior to the order without assigning any reasons whatsoever. The bank reserves the right to re-tender the RFP with or without modifications. Bank shall not be obliged to inform the affected bidder(s) of the grounds for the Bank's rejection.

36.4. The bidder including those, whose tender is not accepted shall not be entitled to claim any costs, charges, damages and expenses of and incidental to or incurred by him through or in connection with his submission of tenders, even though the Bank may elect to modify/withdraw the tender.

37. Award of Contract:

37.1. The bidder who is L1 as per above clause no. 32 will be referred to as the selected bidder and Bank will notify the name of the selected bidder by display in the Notice Board of the Bank.

37.2. The contract shall be awarded and the order shall be placed on selected L1 Bidder. Bank may release the order either in Full or in part or place more than one order towards the contract based on project plan.

37.3. The selected bidder shall submit the acceptance of the order within seven days from the date of receipt of the order. No conditional or qualified acceptance shall be permitted. The effective date for start of provisional contract with the selected Bidder shall be the date of acceptance of the order by the bidder.

37.4. Bank reserves its right to consider at its sole discretion the late acceptance of the order by selected bidder.

37.5. The Shortlisted bidder/s will be required to supply the solution along with the hardware to various branches / Offices of the Bank at the rates not higher than the agreed rate finalized under this RFP.

38. Government of India Guidelines On Purchase Preference:

38.1. Procurement through Micro & Small Enterprises [MSEs]:

Procurement through MSEs will be done as per the Policy guidelines issued by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises from time to time. Following are the conditions applicable as per the Government of India Guidelines

38.1.1. This MSEs should have registered with :



38.1.1.1. District Industries Centres or

38.1.1.2. Khadi Village Industries Commission or

38.1.1.3. Khadi & Village Industries Board or

38.1.1.4. Coir Board or National Small Industries Corporation or

38.1.1.5. Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom or

38.1.1.6. Any other body specified by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

38.1.2. MSEs participating in tenders, quoting price within price band of L1+15% shall also be allowed to supply a portion of requirement by bringing down their price to L1 in a situation where L1 price is from someone other than MSE & such MSE shall be allowed to supply upto 20% of total tendered value. In case of more than one such MSE, the supply shall be shared proportionately according to the tendered quantity.

38.1.3. Bank shall procure minimum 20% of their annual value of goods or services from MSEs.

38.1.4. Special provisions for MSEs owned by SC or ST-

Out of the 20% annual target from MSE, a sub-target of 20% [i.e. 4% out of 20%] shall be earmarked for procurement from MSE owned by SC or ST entrepreneurs.

38.1.5. MSEs are also exempted from paying Application fee/cost & EMD.

38.1.6. MSEs should submit the relevant documentary proof for claiming the exemptions.

38.1.7. MSEs shall have basic required qualification under eligibility criteria specified in the RFP and the above Policy will be applicable to those qualifying Bidders only.

38.2. The Eligible MSEs who intend to match the L1 Price (ultimately decided by the Bank) shall indicate the willingness to match the L1 Price within 6 working days from the date of communication from the Bank to avail the purchase preference.

38.3. The details are available on web site dcmsme.gov.in. Interested vendors are requested to go through the same for details.

D. TERMS AND STIPULATIONS.

39. Effective Date:

The effective date shall be date of acceptance of the order by the selected bidder. However, the bidder shall submit the acceptance of the order within seven days from the date of receipt of order. The Bank reserves the right to consider the late acceptance of the order, if any, at its discretion.

Failure to accept the order within seven days from the date of receipt of the order, makes the EMD liable for forfeiture at the discretion of the Bank. Thereafter the Bank shall be at liberty to proceed with procurement from the other Bidders within the purview of the same RFP by calling for fresh commercial quotes from the bidders. In such an event, the initially selected bidder stands disqualified for further participating in the subject Bid.



