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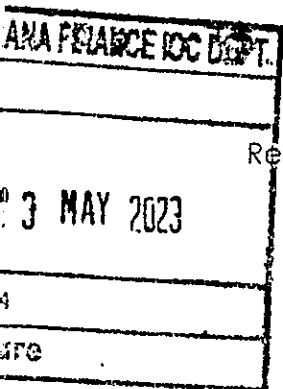
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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

U.O. Note No. ITEC-11/eProc/36/2020

Dated: 20-05-2023.

Sub:- ITE&C Dept. - e-Procurement - New Version of eProcurement application & e-Auction application w.e.f. 03.10.2017 with a feature of Tender cum auction - Utilization of state owned e-Procurement portal for e-Tender and e-Auction services instead of using other portals - Reg



Ref:- 1. G.O.Ms.No.7 ITE&C (eProcurement) Dept., Dated 17.11.2016
2. G.O.Ms.No.14, ITE&C (e-Procurement) Dept., Dt:18.09.2017
3. G.O.Ms.No.11, ITE&C (e-procurement) Dept., Dt: 27.06.2018
4. U.O. Note No. ITEC-11/eProc/36/2020, Dt:28.05.2020.
5. U.O. Note No. ITEC-11/eProc/36/2020, Dt: 17.05.2023.

The attention of all the Departments is invited to the subject and reference cited. It has come to the notice of the Government that some departments are utilizing the private eProcurement platform services for floating the Tenders and Auctions instead of Government secured state-owned eProcurement platform (i.e., url <https://eprocurement.telangana.gov.in>)

2. In this regard, it is to inform that in the G.O.s 2nd and 3rd cited orders were issued for Go-live of new version of eProcurement application in Telangana w.e.f. 03.10.2017 facilitating all the Departments/HoDs/Local Bodies etc., to utilize the Government eProcurement portal for e-Tender and e-Auction services wherein there is an exclusive feature called "Tender cum Auction" in eProcurement portal which can be used by the Departments for their procurement needs.

3. The Tender cum reverse Auction method provides a transparent and competitive environment for both buyers and suppliers. It enables buyers to obtain the best value for money while encouraging suppliers to offer their most competitive prices. Additionally, it streamlines the procurement process, reduces the negotiation time and promotes fair competition among suppliers. This method is being used by Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., (SCCL) for their procurements and has resulted in widespread savings to the State PSU. The Govt. portal also has a strong database of more than 30,000 registered bidders using the state eProcurement system spread across India.

4. In the U.O. Note 4th cited all the Departments have been informed to use the security audited and state procurement guideline complied TS owned eProcurement platform to float all the Tenders and Auctions. Using other non-govt evaluated portals for govt. procurements may pose a compromised bid process, breach of bid data and direct loss of revenue to the Government as well as to the user Department. This might also raise ambiguity for bidders at a later date on the process adopted to award the tender through a non-recognized procurement system when govt. portal is available.

5. As per the orders issued in the G.O.s cited, the bidders have to pay a transaction fee @ 0.03% of ECV (Estimated Contract Value) with a cap of Rs.10,000/- up to Rs.50.00 Crores and Rs.,25,000/- for Rs.50.00 Crores. This is far less than other procurement service providers, like M/S Nemi e-Market platform and others, wherein the transaction charges are 0.50% (GST extra) of the actual sale value or more. This fee cost is either amortized by the bidders in their bids or borne by Departments thus causing loss to the TS Govt.

6. The usage of other eProcurement platforms will create revenue loss to the Government through transaction fee and corpus fund. The other portals are not evaluated or governed periodically for the sanctity and security of the price bids and they do not comply to the state procurement guidelines and practices unlike the stringent procedures adhered in the TS Govt. eProcurement portal. It is to be noted that the bid data storage and servers in other than TS Govt. portal is not under the control of the audited State Government Data Centre.

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7. In view of the above, it is mandated to use the state-owned eProcurement portal for e-Tender and e-Auction services and not to encourage any other procurement portal operators, as it is crucial to acknowledge that such a practice may undermine the Telangana Government's objective of establishing a unified procurement platform across the state.

8. Therefore, all the Departments are requested to take the necessary action and to issue instructions to all the HoDs under their control.

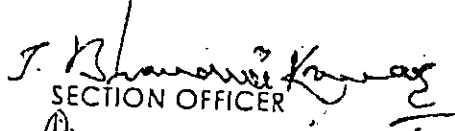
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