

Restriction under rule 144(xi) of GFR-2017.

I. Any bidder from a country which shares a land border with India will be eligible to bid in any procurement whether of goods. Services (including consultancy services and non-consultancy services) or works (including turnkey projects) only if the bidder is registered with the Competent Authority. Further, any bidder (including bidder from India) having specified Transfer of Technology (ToT) arrangement with an entity from a country shares a land border with India, shall also require to be registered with the same competent authority.

II. "Bidder" (including the term 'tenderer', 'consultant' or 'service provider' in certain contexts) means any person or firm or company, including any member of a consortium or joint venture (that is an association of several persons, or firms or companies), every artificial juridical person not falling in any of the descriptions of bidders stated hereinbefore, including any agency branch or office controlled by such person, participating in a procurement process.

III. "Bidder (or entry) from a country which shares a land border with India" for the purpose of this Order means: -

- (a) An entry incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or
- (b) A subsidiary of an entry incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or
- (c) An entry substantially controlled through entities incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or
- (d) An entry whose beneficial owner is situated in such a country; or
- (e) An Indian (or other) agent of such an entity; or
- (f) A natural person who is citizen of such a country; or
- (g) A consortium or joint venture where any member of the consortium or joint venture falls under any of the above

IV. The beneficial owner for the purpose of (iii) above will be as under:

1. In case of a company or Limited Liability Partnership, the beneficial owner is the natural person (s), who whether acting along or together, or through one or more juridical person, has a controlling ownership interest or who exercises control through other means.

Explanation-

- a. "Controlling ownership interest" means ownership of or entitlement to more than twenty- five per cent. Of shares or capital or profits of the company;
  - b. "Control" shall include the right to appoint majority of the directors or to control the management or policy decisions including by virtue of their shareholding or management rights or shareholders agreements or voting agreements.
2. In case of a partnership firm, the beneficial owner is the natural person (s) who, whether acting alone or together, or through one or more juridical person, has ownership of entitlement to more than fifteen percent of capital or profits of the partnership;
  3. In case of an unincorporated association or body of individuals, the beneficial owner is the natural person(s), who, whether acting alone or together, or through one or more juridical person, has

ownership of or entitlement to more than fifteen percent of the property or capital or profits of such association or body of individuals;

4. Where no natural person is identified under (1) or (2) or (3) above, the beneficial owner is the relevant natural person who holds the position of senior managing office;
5. In case of a trust, the identification of beneficial owner(s) shall include identification of the author of the trust, the trustee, the beneficiaries with fifteen percent or more interest in the trust and any other natural person exercising ultimate effective control over the trust through a chain of control or ownership.

V. An Agent is a person employed to do any act for another, or to represent another in dealings with third person.

VI. [To be inserted in tenders for Works contracts, including Turnkey contracts] The successful bidder shall not be allowed to sub-contract works to any contractor from a country which shares a land border with India unless such contractor is registered with the Competent Authority.

VII. The registration shall be valid at the time of submission of bid and at the time of acceptance of bid.

VIII. If the bidder was validly registered at the time of acceptance / placement of order, registration shall not be a relevant consideration during contract execution.

Name & signature (With Seal)