

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF REVERSE AUCTION (RA)

Against this enquiry for the subject item/ system with detailed scope of supply as per enquiry specifications, BHEL may resort to “REVERSE AUCTION PROCEDURE” i.e., ON LINE

BIDDING (THROUGH A SERVICE PROVIDER). The philosophy followed for reverse auction shall be English Reverse (No ties).

1. For the proposed reverse auction, technically and commercially acceptable bidders only shall be eligible to participate.
2. “BHEL reserves the right to go for Reverse Auction (RA) (Guidelines as available on www.bhel.com) instead of opening the sealed envelope price bid, submitted by the bidder. This will be decided after techno-commercial evaluation. Bidders to give their acceptance with the offer for participation in RA. Non-acceptance to participate in RA may result in non-consideration of their bids, in case BHEL decides to go for RA.
3. Those bidders who have given their acceptance to participate in Reverse Auction will have to necessarily submit ‘Process compliance form’ (to the designated service provider) as well as ‘Online sealed bid’ in the Reverse Auction. Non-submission of ‘Process compliance form’ or ‘Online sealed bid’ by the agreed bidder(s) will be considered as tampering of the tender process and will invite action by BHEL as per extant guidelines for suspension of business dealings with suppliers/ contractors (as available on www.bhel.com).
4. The bidders have to necessarily submit online sealed bid less than or equal to their envelope sealed price bid already submitted to BHEL along with the offer. The envelope sealed price bid of successful L1 bidder in RA, if conducted, shall also be opened after RA and the order will be placed on lower of the two bids (RA closing price & envelope sealed price) thus obtained. The bidder having submitted this offer specifically agrees to this condition and undertakes to execute the contract on thus awarded rates.
5. If it is found that L1 bidder has quoted higher in online sealed bid in comparison to envelope sealed bid for any item(s), the bidder will be issued a warning letter to this effect. However, if the same bidder again defaults on this count in any subsequent tender in the unit, it will be considered as fraud and will invite action by BHEL as per extant guidelines for suspension of business dealings with suppliers/ contractors (as available on www.bhel.com).
6. “Bidders to submit online sealed bid less than or equal to their envelope sealed bid already submitted to BHEL”
7. BHEL will engage the services of a service provider who will provide all necessary training and assistance before commencement of on line bidding on internet.
8. In case of reverse auction, BHEL will inform the bidders the details of Service Provider to enable them to contact & get trained.
9. Business rules like event date, time, bid decrement, extension etc. also will be communicated through service provider for compliance.

10. Bidders have to fax/Email the Compliance form before start of Reverse auction. Without this, the bidder will not be eligible to participate in the event.
11. In line with the NIT terms, BHEL will provide the calculation sheet (e.g., EXCEL sheet) which will help to arrive at "Total Cost to BHEL" like Packing & forwarding charges, Taxes and Duties, Freight charges, Insurance, Service Tax for Services and loading factors (for non-compliance to BHEL standard Commercial terms & conditions) for each of the bidder to enable them to fill-in the price and keep it ready for keying in during the Auction.
12. Reverse auction will be conducted on scheduled date & time.
13. At the end of Reverse Auction event, the lowest bidder value will be known on auction portal.
14. The lowest bidder has to fax/e-mail the duly signed and filled-in prescribed format for price breakup including that of line items, if required, as provided on case-to-case basis to Service provider within two working days of Auction without fail.
15. In case BHEL decides not to go for Reverse Auction procedure for this tender enquiry, the Price bids and price impacts, if any, already submitted and available with BHEL shall be opened as per BHEL's standard practice.
16. Bidders shall be required to read the "Terms and Conditions" section of the auctions site of Service provider, using the Login IDs and passwords given to them by the service provider before reverse auction event. Bidders should acquaint themselves of the "Business Rules of Reverse Auction", which will be communicated before the Reverse Auction.
17. 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 BHEL guidelines*, shall be initiated by BHEL and the results of the RA scrapped/ aborted.
18. The Bidder shall not divulge either his Bids or any other exclusive details of BHEL to any other party.
19. In case BHEL decides to go for reverse auction, the H1(s) bidder (whose quote is highest in online sealed bid) may not be allowed to participate in further RA process.