

Annexure-III- Online Tendering Guidelines

Information and Instruction to the Bidders for using ONLINE ELECTRONIC TENDERING SYSTEM (e-TS)
Special Conditions & instructions for using online Electronic Tendering System (eTS) through portal (website) <http://www.tenderwizard.com/LIC> adopted by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), Central Office, Mumbai as given in the subsequent pages will over-rule the conditions stated in the Bid documents, wherever relevant and applicable.

- Registration of the Contractors/Bidders: All the Contractors intending to participate in the Bids floated online using Electronic Tendering System (eTS) are required to get registered on the e-Tender Portal (website) <http://www.tenderwizard.com/LIC>
After successful Registration on the above mentioned portal, the bidder will get a User ID and Password to access the website.
- Viewing of Online Tenders: The contractors/bidders can view tenders floated on online Electronic Tendering System (eTS) hereinafter referred as “e-Tendering System” through portal (website) at <http://www.tenderwizard.com/LIC>. They can view the details like Tender Notice, Terms and Conditions, drawing (if any) and any other information. To download through, they need to login on to the above portal and can download the tender documents of an e-Tender.
- Key Dates: The contractors/bidders can view the Online Scheduled dates of e-tendering System (time schedule) hereinafter referred as “Key Dates” for all the tenders floated using the online electronic tendering system on above mentioned portal (website) <http://www.tenderwizard.com/LIC>

The bidders are strictly advised to follow dates and time as mentioned in Key Dates of a particular Bid/tender. The date and time will be binding on all the bidders. The bidders are required to complete the stage within the stipulated time as per the schedule (Key Dates) to continue their participation in the Bid/tender. All online activities are time tracked and the system enforces time locks that ensure that no activity or transaction can take place outside the start and end dates and time of the stage as defined.

The bidder should ensure that the status of a particular stage should be shown as “Completed” before the expiry date and time of that particular stage and they should possess a copy of receipt of completion of each stage to be performed from their end which should match with the status with their offer on online portal. It will be the sole responsibility of the bidder if the status of a particular stage is “Pending” till the expiry date and time of that stage and he is not able to proceed further in the e-Tendering process. The Key dates are subject to change in case of any corrigendum / amendment in schedule due to any reason stated by the Department.

Obtaining a Digital Certificate and its Usage:

- On e - Tendering System, the bids should be Encrypted and Signed electronically with a Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) to establish the identity of the bidder on online Portal. The Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) has two keys i.e. Public Key and Private Key. The Public Key is used to Encrypt (code) the data and Private Key is used to decrypt (decode) the data. The Encryption means conversion of normal text into coded language whereas decryption means conversion of coded language into normal text. These Digital Signature Certificates (DSCs) are issued by an approved Certifying Authority, by the Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA India), Government of India.
- The contractors may obtain Class III digital certificate from any Certifying Authority or Sub- certifying Authority authorized by the Controller of Certifying Authorities on the portal <http://cca.gov.in>. or may obtain information and application format and documents required for issue of digital certificate from our Service Provider for Electronic Tendering System (ETS):

E-Tender helpdesk

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| Address | Antares Systems Limited, "Honganasu", #137/3, Bangalore Mysore Road, Opp. KMS Coach Builders, Kengeri, Bangalore – 560 060 |
| email | lokesh.hr@antaressystems.com |

Help Desk Contact Details:

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- The Bid (Online Offer) for a particular e - Tender may be submitted only using the Digital Signature Certificate (DSC), which is used to Encrypt (codified) the data and sign the Hash (Impression of your data) during the stage of Bid Preparation and Hash submission. In case, during the process of a particular e-Tender, the user loses his Digital Certificate (i.e. due to virus attack, hardware problem, operating system problem), he may not be able to submit the bid online. Hence, the users are advised to keep their Digital Signature Certificates in safe custody.
- In case of online Electronic Tendering, if the Digital Certificate issued to the authorized user of a firm is used for signing and submitting an online bid, it will be considered equivalent to a no-objection certificate/power of attorney to that User. The firm has to authorize a specific individual via an authorization certificate signed by all partners to use the Digital Certificate as per Indian Information Technology Act 2000 and its amendments. Unless the certificates are revoked, it will be assumed to represent adequate authority of the user to bid on behalf of agency for LIC of India, Central Office, Mumbai as per Information Technology Act 2000 and its amendments. The Digital Signature of this authorized user will be binding on the firm. It shall be the responsibility of management / partners of the registered firms to inform the certifying authority or Sub Certifying Authority; in case of change of authorized user and that a fresh digital certificate is procured and issued an "Authorization Certificate for the new user. The procedure for application of a Digital Certificate will remain the same for the new user.
- The same procedure holds true for the authorized users in a private/Public limited company. In this case, the authorization certificate will have to be signed by the directors of the company.
- Bidders participating in e-tendering shall check his/ her validity of Digital Signature Certificate before bidding in the specific work floated online at the e-Tendering Portal (website) through <http://www.tenderwizard.com/LIC>.

Submission of Tender Fees: (When Applicable)

- The Contractors have to submit a Demand Draft /Banker's cheque of requisite amount as mentioned in the particular e-Tender (against the Tender fee) of any of the Nationalized / Scheduled Banks drawn in favour of the "Life Insurance Corporation of India" payable at "Mumbai" only, and not in favour of any other Authority or Location.
- The scanned copy of the Demand Draft / Banker's cheque against Tender Fees should be uploaded mandatorily during "Bid Hash Submission" stage (as per the due date mentioned in Key Dates of e-Tender) and original DD should be submitted to the Executive Director (IT/BPR.), Central office, Life Insurance Corporation of India, 'Yogakshema',6thFloor West wing, J B Marg, Mumbai –400021 in a sealed envelope on or before the due date mentioned in Key Dates of respective e-Tender, otherwise your Tender will not be scrutinized.
- If the tenders are cancelled or recalled on any grounds, the tender document fees will not be refunded to the agency.

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Submission of Earnest Money Deposit: (When applicable)

- Contractors have to deposit EMD of required amount in the form of BANK GUARANTEE of any of the Nationalized / Scheduled Banks drawn in the favour of the “Life Insurance Corporation of India” payable at “Mumbai” only, and not in the favour of any other Authority or Location.
- A scanned copy of Bank Guarantee against EMD should be uploaded mandatorily along with Bid submission stage (as per the Key Dates mentioned in e-Tender and Tender document) and original Bank Guarantee(B.G) should be submitted to the Executive Director, IT- SD Department, Central office, Life Insurance Corporation of India, Yogakshema, 6thFloor West wing, J B Marg, Mumbai - 400 021 in the sealed envelope (BID I) within the time & date as mentioned in Key Dates of e-Tender, otherwise your BID will not be evaluated/ scrutinized

Tender Download:

- The Eligible Bidders can download the Tender Document online from above e - Tendering Portal <http://www.tenderwizard.com/LIC> before the Tender closing date & time mentioned in the e-Tender floated.

Submission of online bids:

(These may be clarified from M/s Antares (Tenderwizard) as required

- The bidders are required to prepare their bids on online e-Tendering Portal as mentioned above. During bid preparation, the bidders have to send their Public Key of DSC hence they are advised to procure DSCs at earliest to participate in the e- Tender. They are required to upload the scan copies of Demand Draft for Tender Document Fees and Earnest Money Deposit. Also, bidders are required to scan and upload any other documents related to their credentials and submit wherever asked online. The bidders have to prepare their commercial bid online during in this stage only and seal (Encrypt) and digital sign the online bid with their Digital Signature Certificates. The Bidders should take note of any corrigendum being issued on the web portal on a regular basis. They should view and note down or take a printout the Bid Hash submitted and ensure that it matches during “Re-Encryption of Bids” stage. The bidders will not be able to change their technical details and offer (rates) after expiry of due date and time on online portal.
- **Generation of Super Hash:** After the time of submission of Bid Seal (Hash) by the Contractors/Bidders has lapsed, the bid round will be closed and a "Digitally signed tender Super-Hash" will be generated by concerned LIC Department official. This is equivalent to sealing the tender box.
- **Re-Encryption of Bids:** Once the Generation of Super Hash stage is completed the Contractors/bidders have to decrypt their bids as they are in encrypted mode by their DSC and re-encrypt with Department user’s Public Key which will be included in the e-Tender. During this process they need use their DSC for decryption of Bids and signing of Bid Hash once again for security. The electronic bids of only those Contractors/bidders who have submitted their bid seals (hashes) within the stipulated time, as per the tender time schedule (Key Dates), will be accepted by the system. A Contractor who does not submit his bid seal (hash) within the stipulated time will not be allowed to submit his bid (Re-Encryption). This stage could be considered as transfer of control to LIC Department user.

Opening of Tender (Electronic offers):

- (a) Eligibility and Technical Bid shall be opened on the mentioned dates.**
- (b) The date of opening of Price Bid shall be intimated to the Eligible Bidders.**