

Minutes of Pre-Bid Conference for Supply of Equipment and Installation in laboratory for Culture / Sensitivity for Second National TB Control Project against IFB NO. UNOPS India/TB Lab /018/ 2007, held on November 1, 2007 at 1100 hrs at UNDP Conference Hall, New Delhi.

The following were present from / on behalf of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

- Dr. P. Saxena, Chief Medical Officer (NFSG), Central TB Division.
- Dr. Vishala, Senior Microbiologist, LRS Institute of TB & Chest Diseases, New Delhi.

The following were present from UNOPS:-

- Mr. David Mitchels, Director, UNOPS
- Mr. Vikram Singh, National Procurement Officer, UNOPS
- Mr. Kurian P Oommen, National Procurement Officer, UNOPS

Representatives of the following companies attended the Pre Bid Conference:-

1. Mr. Munish Kanojia, Medispec India Limited
2. Mr. R.K.Sharma, Carl Zeiss India (P) Limited
3. Mr. O.P.Srivastava, ESCO Biotech (P) Limited

Bidders were informed and handed over a copy of the following three amendments made to the bid document

1. Amendment – I dated October, 25th, 2007
2. Amendment – II dated October, 26th, 2007
3. Amendment – III dated October, 31st, 2007

The queries raised by the bidders and clarifications with regard to Bid documents for the above mentioned IFB No are given as under:-

S.No.	Query Raised	Reply/Clarification
1.	<p>One of the prospective bidders have suggested following corrections to the technical specifications of Fluorescent Microscope.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The specification indicates 25x/0.65 objectives which are not regular objectives nowadays. Most of major suppliers have switched over to 20x/0.40 .If the same can be modified, the specifications will satisfy the latest development in the market. b. The specification indicates achromatic objectives which can be enhanced to Plan Achromats objectives with infinity color correction to get better optical image quality. c. The specification ask for mercury illumination of 100 W only which can bleach off the sample fast and the same can be generalized by using 50 W - 100 W as 50 W mercury illumination also can give almost same spectrum as that of 	<p>The bidder may submit the bids as per the clause no 18.4 of “Instructions to Bidders” in Section 1 of Bid documents –</p> <p>“Standards for workmanship, process, material, and equipment, as well as references to brand names or catalogue numbers specified by the Purchaser in the Schedule of Requirements, are intended to be descriptive only and not restrictive. The Bidder may offer other standards of quality, brand names, and/or catalogue numbers, provided that it demonstrates, to the Purchaser’s satisfaction, that the substitutions ensure substantial equivalence or are superior to those specified in the Schedule of Requirements”.</p>

	100 W.	
2.	One of the proposed bidder for Biological Safety Cabinets have raised his concerns over the extra efforts / cost involved in the various tests to be performed at the site after the installation of the equipment though all these tests are carried out by the manufacturer prior to the dispatch of the equipment.	It was clarified that the bidders quoted price shall include all these expenses and all the services required as per the bid document has to be carried.
3.	One of the prospective bidders has asked for a change in the payment conditions.	It was clarified that there is no change allowed for the payment conditions.
4.	One of the prospective bidders asked full form of BG excitation system mentioned in the technical specifications of Fluorescent Microscope	It was clarified that BG excitation means Blue and Green excitation system.

The bidders were informed that the minutes of the pre-bid conference shall be published on the website of UNOPS and NVBDCP website. Bidders were requested to go through the websites, bidders were also informed that they should also regularly visit the above websites for any amendments issued. Bidders were requested that in case of any further information/clarification, they may contact Chief Procurement Officer through email procurementinoc@unops.org ; individual visits are not entertained.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to officers of the Ministry and the representatives of the Industry.

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