Request for Qualification

For

Redevelopment of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Railway Station

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The issue of this RFQ does not imply that the Authority is bound to select and short-list pre-qualified Applications for Bid Stage or to appoint the selected Bidder or Concessionaire, as the case may be, for the Project and the Authority reserves the right to reject all or any of the Applications or Bids without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

The Applicant shall bear all its costs associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of its Application including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses associated with any demonstrations or presentations which may be required by the Authority or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to its Application. All such costs and expenses will remain with the Applicant and the Authority shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for the same or for any other costs or other expenses incurred by an Applicant in preparation or submission of the Application, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Bidding Process.
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The words and expressions beginning with capital letters and defined in this document shall, unless repugnant to the context, have the meaning ascribed thereto herein above.
Invitation for Qualification
1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Ministry of Railways (MOR) is engaged in development and modernisation of Railway Stations across India through Public-Private Partnership ("PPP"). Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited’ (hereinafter referred to as ("IRSDC” or the “Authority”) is special purpose company incorporated under the MOR. As a part of this endeavour, Authority has decided to undertake redevelopment and operation/maintenance of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Railway Station (the “Project”) on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (the “DBFOT”) basis, and has, therefore, decided to carry out the bidding process for selection of the bidder to whom the Project may be awarded.

1.1.2 IRSDC has been approved as the nodal agency for the development/redevelopment of railway stations across Indian Railway network and also as the main project development agency by the Union Cabinet. IRSDC will be carrying out the bidding process for the Project, including provision of development plans – master plan, architectural drawings etc., consult with urban local bodies/other statutory authorities while approving the plans, so that the development is harmonious with surrounding development, generally following National Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Policy.

1.1.3 A brief description of the Project may be seen in the Information Memorandum of the Project on the e-procurement platform of the Authority at https://irsdc.enivida.com (the “e-Procurement Portal”). Brief particulars of the Project are as follows:

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The Authority intends to pre-qualify and short-list suitable Applicants (the "Bidders") who will be eligible for participation in the Bid Stage, for awarding the Project through an open competitive bidding process in accordance with the procedure set out herein. Any Applicant / Bidder from a country which shares a land border with India (as defined in Appendix-VIII of RFQ), will be eligible

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5 Instructions for Applicants
Note 1: The provisions in curly brackets shall be suitably modified by the Applicant after the RFQ is issued.
Note 2: Blank spaces contain formats that are to be used by the Applicant after the RFQ is issued.
Note 3: Footnotes marked “$” in the relevant Clauses of the RFQ are for guidance of the Applicants. In case of Appendices, the footnotes marked “$” or in other non-numerical characters shall be omitted by the Applicants while submitting their respective Applications.
for making an Application or submit Bid for this Project only if it is registered with the Competent Authority (as defined in Appendix-VIII of RFQ).

1.1.4 The selected Bidder, who is either a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956/2013 or undertakes to incorporate as such prior to execution of the concession agreement to act as the concessionaire (the “Concessionaire”), who shall be responsible for designing, engineering, financing, procurement, construction, operation and maintenance of the Project under and in accordance with the provisions of a long-term concession agreement (the “Concession Agreement”) to be entered into between the Concessionaire and the Authority in the form provided by the Authority as part of the Bidding Documents pursuant hereto.

1.1.5 The scope of work will broadly include upgradation and redevelopment of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Railway Station, and development of the surrounding railway land, i.e. the “Station Estate”, followed by the operation and maintenance thereof.

1.1.6 Indicative capital cost of the Project, excluding the cost of development of Station Estate, (the “Estimated Project Cost”) will be revised and specified in the Bidding Documents of the Project. The assessment of actual costs, however, will have to be made by the Bidders.

1.1.7 The Authority shall receive Applications pursuant to this RFQ in accordance with the terms set forth herein as modified, altered, amended and clarified from time to time by the Authority, and all Applications shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with such terms on or before the date specified in Clause 1.3 for submission of Applications (the “Application Due Date”).

1.2 Brief description of Bidding Process

1.2.1 The Authority has adopted a two-stage bidding process (collectively referred to as the “Bidding Process”) for selection of the Bidder for award of the Project. The first stage (the “Qualification Stage”) of the process involves qualification (the “Qualification”) of interested parties/ consortia who make an Application in accordance with the provisions of this RFQ (the “Applicant”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, include the Members of the Consortium). Prior to making an Application, the Applicant shall pay to the Authority a sum of Rs. 1,70,000 (Rupees one lakh seventy thousand) plus applicable GST, as the cost of the RFQ process through online payment gateway of e-Procurement Portal. At the end of this stage, the Authority expects to announce a short-list of suitable pre-qualified Applicants who shall be eligible for participation in the second stage of the Bidding Process (the “Bid Stage”) comprising Request for Proposals (the “Request for Proposals” or “RFP”).

Government of India has issued guidelines (see Appendix-V) for qualification of bidders seeking to acquire stakes in any public sector enterprise through the process of disinvestment. These guidelines shall apply mutatis mutandis to this Bidding Process. The Authority shall be entitled to disqualify an Applicant in accordance with the aforesaid guidelines at any stage of the Bidding Process.
Applicants must satisfy themselves that they are qualified to bid, and should give an undertaking to this effect in the form at Appendix-I.

1.2.2 In the Qualification Stage, Applicants would be required to furnish all the information specified in this RFQ. Only those Applicants that are pre-qualified and short-listed by the Authority shall be invited to submit their Bids for the Project. The Authority is likely to provide a comparatively short time span for submission of the Bids for the Project. The Applicants are, therefore, advised to visit the site and familiarise themselves with the Project.

1.2.3 In the Bid Stage, the Bidders will be called upon to submit their financial offers (the “Bids”) in accordance with the RFP and other documents to be provided by the Authority (collectively the “Bidding Documents”). The Bidder shall submit its Bid along with a payment of a process fee for RFP which will be about four times the amount specified in Clause 1.2.1. The Bid shall be valid for a period of not less than 120 days from the date specified in Clause 1.3 for submission of Bids (the “Bid Due Date”).

1.2.4 In terms of the RFP, a Bidder will be required to deposit, along with its Bid, a bid security equivalent to about 1% (one per cent) of the Estimated Project Cost i.e. Rs. 16.42 Crores (Rupees sixteen crores forty two lakhs only), excluding applicable GST, (the “Bid Security”), refundable no later than 60 (sixty) days from the Bid Due Date, except in the case of the selected Bidder whose Bid Security shall be retained till it has provided a Performance Security under the Concession Agreement. The Bidders will have an option to provide Bid Security in the form of a demand draft or a bank guarantee acceptable to the Authority. In case a bank guarantee is provided, its validity period shall not be less than 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the Bid Due Date, inclusive of a claim period of 60 (sixty) days, and may be extended as may be mutually agreed between the Authority and the Bidder from time to time. Where a demand draft is provided, its validity shall not be less than 80 (eighty) days from the Bid Due Date for the purposes of encashment thereof by the Authority. The Bid shall be summarily rejected if it is not accompanied by the Bid Security.

1.2.5 Generally, the Highest Bidder shall be the selected Bidder. The remaining Bidders shall be kept in reserve and may, in accordance with the process specified in the RFP, be invited to match the Bid submitted by the Highest Bidder in case such Highest Bidder withdraws or is not selected for any reason. In the event that none of the other Bidders match the Bid of the Highest Bidder, the Authority may, in its discretion, invite fresh Bids from the remaining Bidders or annul the Bidding Process, as the case may be.

1.2.6 During the Bid Stage, Bidders are invited to examine the Project in greater detail, and to carry out, at their cost, such studies as may be required for submitting their respective Bids for award of the concession including implementation of the Project.

1.2.7 As part of the Bidding Documents, the Authority will provide a draft Concession Agreement and feasibility report prepared by the Authority/its consultants and other information pertaining/ relevant to the Project available with it.
1.2.8 Bids will be invited for the Project on the basis of the highest premium offered in the form of revenue share and/or annual payment and/or upfront payment, as the case may be, (the “Premium”) to the Authority for award of the concession. The concession period shall be pre-determined, and will be indicated in the draft Concession Agreement forming part of the Bidding Documents. The Premium amount shall constitute the sole criteria for evaluation of Bids. The Project shall be awarded to the Bidder quoting the highest Premium. Details shall be shared at the RFP stage.

In this RFQ, the term “Highest Bidder” shall mean the Bidder who is offering the highest Premium.

1.2.9 The Concessionaire shall, in consideration of its investment and services, be entitled to levy and collect a pre-determined user fee for specified station facilities, recover charges from service providers for use of specified spaces within the station and undertake development and commercial exploitation of Station Estate in accordance with the provisions of the Concession Agreement.

1.2.10 Details of the process to be followed at the Bid Stage and the terms thereof will be spelt out in the Bidding Documents.

1.2.11 Any queries or request for additional information concerning this RFQ shall be submitted by e-mail so as to reach the officer designated in Clause 2.13.3 by the specified date. The communications shall clearly bear the following identification/title:

“Queries/ Request for Additional Information: RFQ for Redevelopment of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Railway Station Project”.

1.3 Schedule of Bidding Process

The Authority shall endeavour to adhere to the following schedule:

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1.4 Pre-Application Conference

A Pre-Bid Meeting shall be held online through Video Conference on WebEx/Team or similar virtual meet platform at 11.00 am on scheduled date as specified in clause 1.3 above.

All desirous applicants shall be required to furnish the details like (i) Name and Designation, (ii) Name of the Firm, (iii) Email ID, (iv) Mobile Number, etc by email to info@irsdc.in (or abhimanyu@irsdc.in) after which the required Link/meeting number shall be provided to them one day before the Pre-Bid meeting.

For further queries, Mr. Abhimanyu Sharma, DGM/Works, Mob: 9560308319 may be contacted.
2. INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

A. GENERAL

2.1 Scope of Application

2.1.1 The Authority wishes to receive Applications for Qualification in order to short-list experienced and capable Applicants for the Bid Stage.

2.1.2 Short-listed Applicants may be subsequently invited to submit the Bids for the Project.

2.2 Eligibility of Applicants

2.2.1 For determining the eligibility of Applicants for their pre-qualification hereunder, the following shall apply:

(a) The Applicant for pre-qualification may be a single entity or a group of entities (the “Consortium”), coming together to implement the Project. However, no applicant applying individually or as a member of a Consortium, as the case may be, can be member of another Applicant. The term Applicant used herein would apply to both a single entity and a Consortium.

(b) An Applicant may be a natural person, private entity, government-owned entity or any combination of them with a formal intent to enter into an agreement or under an existing agreement to form a Consortium. A Consortium shall be eligible for consideration subject to the conditions set out in Clause 2.2.6 below.

(c) An Applicant shall not have a conflict of interest (the “Conflict of Interest”) that affects the Bidding Process. Any Applicant found to have a Conflict of Interest shall be disqualified. An Applicant shall be deemed to have a Conflict of Interest affecting the Bidding Process, if:

(i) the Applicant, its Member or Associate (or any constituent thereof) and any other Applicant, its Member or any Associate thereof (or any constituent thereof) have common controlling shareholders or other ownership interest; provided that this disqualification shall not apply in cases where the direct or indirect shareholding of an Applicant, its Member or an Associate thereof (or any shareholder thereof having a shareholding of more than 20 per cent of the paid up and subscribed share capital of such Applicant, Member or Associate, as the case may be) in the other Applicant, its Member or Associate is less than 20 per cent of the subscribed and paid up equity share capital thereof; provided further that this disqualification shall not apply to any ownership by a bank, insurance company, pension fund or a public financial institution referred to in sub-section (72) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013. For the purposes of this Clause 2.2.1(c), indirect shareholding held

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* The provisions of sub-clauses (i), (iii) and (v) shall not apply to government companies.
through one or more intermediate persons shall be computed as follows: (aa) where any intermediary is controlled by a person through management control or otherwise, the entire shareholding held by such controlled intermediary in any other person (the “Subject Person”) shall be taken into account for computing the shareholding of such controlling person in the Subject Person; and (bb) subject always to sub-clause (aa) above, where a person does not exercise control over an intermediary, which has shareholding in the Subject Person, the computation of indirect shareholding of such person in the Subject Person shall be undertaken on a proportionate basis; provided, however, that no such shareholding shall be reckoned under this sub-clause (bb) if the shareholding of such person in the intermediary is less than 26% of the subscribed and paid up equity shareholding of such intermediary; or

(ii) a constituent of such Applicant is also a constituent of another Applicant; or

(iii) such Applicant, or any Associate thereof receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy, grant, concessional loan or subordinated debt from any other Applicant, or any Associate thereof or has provided any such subsidy, grant, concessional loan or subordinated debt to any other Applicant, its Member or any Associate thereof; or

(iv) such Applicant has the same legal representative for purposes of this Application as any other Applicant; or

(v) such Applicant, or any Associate thereof has a relationship with another Applicant, or any Associate thereof, directly or through common third party/parties, that puts either or both of them in a position to have access to each other’s information about, or to influence the Application of either or each other; or

(vi) such Applicant, or any Associate thereof has participated as a consultant to the Authority in the preparation of any documents, design or technical specifications of the Project.

The consultants engaged by the Authority for this Project are:

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(d) An Applicant shall be liable for disqualification if any legal, financial or technical adviser of the Authority in relation to the Project is engaged by the Applicant, its Member or any Associate thereof, as the case may be, in any manner for matters related to or incidental to the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, this disqualification shall not apply where such adviser was engaged by the Applicant, its Member or Associate in the...
past but its assignment expired or was terminated prior to the Application Due Date. Nor will this disqualification apply where such adviser is engaged after a period of 3 (three) years from the date of commercial operation of the Project.

(e) Any Applicant / Bidder from a country, which shares a land border with India (as defined in Appendix-VIII of RFQ), will be eligible for making an Application or submit Bid for this Project only if it is registered with the Competent Authority (as defined in Appendix-VIII of RFQ).

Explanation: In case an Applicant is a Consortium, then the term Applicant as used in this Clause 2.2.1, shall include each Member of such Consortium.

2.2.2 To be eligible for pre-qualification and short-listing, an Applicant shall fulfil the following condition of eligibility (the “Financial Capacity”):

(i) The Applicant shall have a minimum Net Worth of Rs. 821 crore (Rs. eight hundred and twenty one crore) at the close of the preceding financial year;

(ii) In case the Applicant is an AIF or Foreign Investment Fund, it should have a minimum ACI at the close of the preceding financial year of Rs. 821 crore (Rs. eight hundred and twenty one crore).

In case of a Consortium, the financial capacity of those Members, who shall have an equity share of at least 26% (twenty six per cent) each in the SPV, should satisfy the above conditions of eligibility; provided that each such Member shall, for a period of 2 (two) years from the date of commercial operation of the Project, hold equity share capital not less than: (i) 26% (twenty six per cent) of the subscribed and paid up equity of the SPV; and (ii) 5% (five per cent) of the Total Project Cost specified in the Concession Agreement.

For the purpose of this RFQ, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:

(i) “AIF” shall have the meaning as ascribed to the term ‘alternative investment fund’ under Regulation 2(1)(b) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012 (as amended); and

(ii) “Foreign Investment Fund” shall mean any pooled investment vehicle or investment fund which is registered or recognized with a securities market/banking regulator of a ‘foreign jurisdiction’;

and “foreign jurisdiction” means a country, other than India, whose securities market regulator is a signatory to International Organization of Securities Commission’s Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding (IOSCO's MMOU) (Appendix A signatories) or a signatory to bilateral Memorandum of Understanding with the Securities and Exchange Board of India, and which is not identified in the public statement of Financial Action Task Force as a jurisdiction having a strategic Anti-Money
Laundering or Combating the Financing of Terrorism deficiencies to which counter measures apply or a jurisdiction that has not made sufficient progress in addressing the deficiencies or has not committed to an action plan developed with the Financial Action Task Force to address the deficiencies.

2.2.3 Construction and O&M Experience

2.2.3.1 Construction Experience: Applicant shall submit an undertaking as per Annex-IV (Appendix-I) that in case it becomes the selected Bidder, it shall, forthwith and in any case not later than the Appointed Date under the Concession Agreement, demonstrate and fulfill the construction experience as detailed hereunder (the “Construction Experience”), either through itself/Associates or by way of entering into an agreement, with prior consent of the Authority, with an entity fulfilling the said Construction Experience relating to performance of its obligations for a period up till the date of commercial operation of the Project, failing which the Concessi on Agreement shall be liable to termination:

For demonstrating Construction Experience, selected Bidder or the entity contracted to by the selected Bidder shall, over the past 5 (five) financial years immediately preceding the Bid Due Date, have paid for, or received payments for, construction / development of Eligible Project(s) such that the amount is:

- 80% of Estimated Project Cost from One Eligible Project, or
- 60% of Estimated Project Cost each from Two Eligible Projects, or
- 40% of Estimated Project Cost each from Three Eligible Projects, or
- 30% of Estimated Project Cost each from Four Eligible Projects

For the purpose of Construction Experience, the following categories of projects will qualify as “Eligible Projects”:

(i) Passenger terminals shall mean having a minimum passenger handling capacity of 5000 persons /day in railway stations, metro stations, airport terminals (with or without related airport infrastructure works), ports, integrated check posts, and bus terminals;

(ii) Railways sector shall mean railways, metro, high speed railway including Maglev and other rail related projects including tracks, bridges, tunnels; and

(iii) Social and Commercial infrastructure shall mean:

   (a) development of a commercial real estate project (including education institution, hospital, hotel, convention centre) at a single site with a minimum built up area of 150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand) square metres;

   (b) development of a residential real estate project at a single site with a minimum built up area of 300,000 (three hundred thousand) square metres; and
(c) development of a residential township with a minimum area of 100 (hundred) acres and a minimum built up area of 300,000 (three hundred thousand) square metres.

During the execution of the Project, if the entity contracted to by the selected bidder fails to perform, it may be replaced with a suitable other entity fulfilling the above Construction Experience criteria, with the prior approval of the Authority.

2.2.3.2 O&M Experience: In the event that the Applicant does not have the requisite O&M experience, it shall either enter into an agreement with an entity having the experience relating to the performance of O&M obligations, or engage experienced and qualified personnel for discharging its O&M obligations in accordance with the provisions of the Concession Agreement, failing which the Concession Agreement shall be liable to termination.

2.2.4 The Applicant shall enclose with its Application, to be submitted as per the format at Appendix-I, complete with its Annexes, the following:

(i) certificate(s) from statutory auditors of the Applicant or its Associates specifying the Net Worth of the Applicant, as at the close of the preceding financial year, and also specifying that the methodology adopted for calculating such Net Worth conforms to the provisions of this Clause 2.2.4 (ii). For the purposes of this RFQ, net worth (the “Net Worth”) shall mean the sum of subscribed and paid up equity and reserves from which shall be deducted the sum of revaluation reserves, miscellaneous expenditure not written off and reserves not available for distribution to equity shareholders.

(ii) An AIF may also qualify on the basis of minimum investible funds (i.e. immediately available funds for investment and callable capital, net of estimated expenditure for administration and management of the fund) subject to the maximum permissible investment limit for an AIF as per the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012, as may be amended from time to time, as applicable (“ACI”).

A Foreign Investment Fund may also qualify on the basis of minimum investible funds (i.e. immediately available funds for investment and callable capital, net of estimated expenditure for administration and management of the fund) subject to the limits of investment in a single investee entity as prescribed by the securities market regulator or the banking regulator of the relevant jurisdiction of Foreign Investment Fund (“ACI”).

5 In case duly certified audited annual financial statements containing the requisite details are provided, a separate certification by statutory auditors would not be necessary in respect of Clause 2.2.4. In jurisdictions that do not have statutory auditors, the firm of auditors which audits the annual accounts of the Applicant or its Associate may provide the certificates required under this RFQ.
In case of an AIF or Foreign Investment Fund using ACI, ACI would be considered as per the certificate issued by statutory auditor (or such other certificate as filed with the regulator in the relevant jurisdiction) not older than 3 (three) months prior to the Application Due Date.

2.2.5 The Applicant should submit a Power of Attorney as per the format at Appendix-II, authorising the signatory of the Application to commit the Applicant. In the case of a Consortium, the Members should submit a Power of Attorney in favour of the Lead Member as per format at Appendix-III.

2.2.6 Selected Bidder will be required to form an appropriate Special Purpose Vehicle, incorporated under the Indian Companies Act, 2013 (the “SPV”), to execute the Concession Agreement and implement the Project. In case the selected Bidder is a Consortium, it shall, in addition to forming an SPV, comply with the following additional requirements:

(a) Number of members in a consortium shall not exceed 6 (six), but information sought in the Application may be restricted to 4 (four) members in the order of their equity contribution;

(b) subject to the provisions of sub-clause (a) above, the Application should contain the information required for each member of the Consortium;

(c) members of the Consortium shall nominate one member as the lead member (the “Lead Member”), who shall have an equity share holding of at least 26% (twenty six per cent) of the paid up and subscribed equity of the SPV. The nomination(s) shall be supported by a Power of Attorney, as per the format at Appendix-III, signed by all the other members of the Consortium;

(d) the Application should include a brief description of the roles and responsibilities of individual members, particularly with reference to financial, technical and O&M obligations;

(e) an individual Applicant cannot at the same time be member of a Consortium applying for pre-qualification. Further, a member of a particular Applicant Consortium cannot be member of any other Applicant Consortium applying for pre-qualification;

(f) the members of a Consortium shall form an appropriate SPV to execute the Project, if awarded to the Consortium;

(g) members of the Consortium shall enter into a binding Joint Bidding Agreement, substantially in the form specified at Appendix-IV (the “Jt. Bidding Agreement”), for the purpose of making the Application and submitting a Bid in the event of being short-listed. The Jt. Bidding Agreement, to be submitted along with the Application, shall, inter alia:

(i) convey the intent to form an SPV with shareholding/ ownership equity commitment(s) in accordance with this RFQ, which
would enter into the Concession Agreement and subsequently perform all the obligations of the Concessionaire in terms of the Concession Agreement, in case the concession to undertake the Project is awarded to the Consortium;

(ii) clearly outline the proposed roles and responsibilities, if any, of each member;

(iii) commit the minimum equity stake to be held by each member;

(iv) commit that each of the members, whose experience will be evaluated for the purposes of this RFQ, shall subscribe to 26% (twenty six per cent) or more of the paid up and subscribed equity of the SPV and shall further commit that each such member shall, for a period of 2 (two) years from the date of commercial operation of the Project hold equity share capital not less than 26% (twenty six per cent) of the subscribed and paid up equity share capital of the SPV; and (ii) 5% (five per cent) of the Total Project Cost specified in the Concession Agreement;

(v) members of the Consortium undertake that they shall collectively hold at least 51% (fifty one per cent) of the subscribed and paid up equity of the SPV at all times until the second anniversary of the commercial operation date of the Project; and

(vi) include a statement to the effect that all members of the Consortium shall be liable jointly and severally for all obligations of the Concessionaire in relation to the Project until the Financial Close of the Project is achieved in accordance with the Concession Agreement; and

(h) except as provided under this RFQ and the Bidding Documents, there shall not be any amendment to the Jt. Bidding Agreement without the prior written consent of the Authority.

2.2.7 Any entity which has been barred by the Central/ State Government, or any entity controlled by it, from participating in any project (DBFOT or otherwise), and the bar subsists as on the date of Application, would not be eligible to submit an Application, either individually or as member of a Consortium.

2.2.8 An Applicant including any Consortium Member or Associate should, in the last 3 (three) years, have neither failed to perform on any contract, as evidenced by imposition of a penalty by an arbitral or judicial authority or a judicial pronouncement or arbitration award against the Applicant, Consortium Member or Associate, as the case may be, nor has been expelled from any project or contract by any public entity nor have had any contract terminated by any public entity for breach by such Applicant, Consortium Member or Associate. Provided, however, that where an Applicant claims that its disqualification arising on account of any cause or event specified in this Clause 2.2.8 is such
that it does not reflect (a) any malfeasance on its part in relation to such cause or event; (b) any wilful default or patent breach of the material terms of the relevant contract; (c) any fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in relation to such contract; or (d) any rescinding or abandoning of such contract, it may make a representation to this effect to the Authority for seeking a waiver from the disqualification hereunder and the Authority may, in its sole discretion and for reasons to be recorded in writing, grant such waiver if it is satisfied with the grounds of such representation and is further satisfied that such waiver is not in any manner likely to cause a material adverse impact on the Bidding Process or on the implementation of the Project.

2.2.9 In computing the Financial Capacity of the Applicant/ Consortium Members under Clauses 2.2.2, 2.2.4 and 3.2, the Financial Capacity of their respective Associates would also be eligible hereunder.

For purposes of this RFQ, Associate means, in relation to the Applicant/ Consortium Member, a person who controls, is controlled by, or is under the common control with such Applicant/ Consortium Member (the “Associate”). As used in this definition, the expression “control” means, with respect to a person which is a company or corporation, the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty per cent) of the voting shares of such person, and with respect to a person which is not a company or corporation, the power to direct the management and policies of such person, whether by operation of law or by contract or otherwise.

2.2.10 The following conditions shall be adhered to while submitting an Application:

(a) Applicants should attach clearly marked and referenced continuation sheets in the event that the space provided in the prescribed forms in the Annexes is insufficient. Alternatively, Applicants may format the prescribed forms making due provision for incorporation of the requested information;

(b) information supplied by an Applicant (or other constituent Member if the Applicant is a Consortium) must apply to the Applicant, Member or Associate named in the Application and not, unless specifically requested, to other associated companies or firms. Invitation to submit Bids will be issued only to Applicants whose identity and/ or constitution is identical to that at pre-qualification;

(c) in responding to the pre-qualification submissions, Applicants should demonstrate their capabilities in accordance with Clause 3.1 below; and

(d) in case the Applicant is a Consortium, each Member should substantially satisfy the pre-qualification requirements to the extent specified herein.

2.2.11 While Qualification is open to persons from any country, the following provisions shall apply:
(a) Where, on the date of the Application, 25% (twenty five per cent) or more of the aggregate issued, subscribed and paid up equity share capital in an Applicant or its Member is held by persons resident outside India or where an Applicant or its Member is controlled by persons resident outside India; or

(b) if at any subsequent stage after the date of the Application, there is an acquisition of 25% (twenty five per cent) or more of the aggregate issued, subscribed and paid up equity share capital or control, by persons resident outside India, in or of the Applicant or its Member;

then the Qualification of such Applicant or in the event described in sub clause (b) above, the continued Qualification of the Applicant shall be subject to approval of the Authority from national security and public interest perspective. The decision of the Authority in this behalf shall be final and conclusive and binding on the Applicant.

The holding or acquisition of equity or control, as above, shall include direct or indirect holding/ acquisition, including by transfer, of the direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership or control, by persons acting for themselves or in concert and in determining such holding or acquisition, the Authority shall be guided by the principles, precedents and definitions contained in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011, or any substitute thereof, as in force on the date of such acquisition.1

The Applicant shall promptly inform the Authority of any change in the shareholding, as above, and failure to do so shall render the Applicant liable for disqualification from the Bidding Process.

2.2.12 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in the event that the Application Due Date falls within 3 (three) months of the closing of the latest financial year of an Applicant, it shall ignore such financial year for the purposes of its Application and furnish all its information and certification with reference to the 5 (five) years or 1 (one) year, as the case may be, preceding its latest financial year. For the avoidance of doubt, financial year shall, for the purposes of an Application hereunder, mean the accounting year followed by the Applicant in the course of its normal business.

2.3 Change in composition of the Consortium

2.3.1 Change in the composition of a Consortium will not be permitted by the Authority during the Qualification Stage.

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1 The provisions of this Clause 2.2.11 may be modified from time to time in accordance with the extant instructions of the Government.
2.3.2 Where the Bidder is a Consortium, change in the composition of a Consortium may be permitted by the Authority during the Bid Stage, only where:

(a) the application for such change is made no later than 15 (fifteen) days prior to the Bid Due Date;

(b) the Lead Member continues to be the Lead Member of the Consortium;

(c) the substitute is at least equal, in terms of Financial Capacity, to the Consortium Member who is sought to be substituted and the modified Consortium shall continue to meet the pre-qualification and short-listing criteria for Applicants; and

(d) the new Member(s) expressly adopt(s) the Application already made on behalf of the Consortium as if it were a party to it originally, and is not an Applicant/Member/Associate of any other Consortium bidding for this Project.

2.3.3 Approval for change in the composition of a Consortium shall be at the sole discretion of the Authority and must be approved by the Authority in writing.

2.3.4 The modified/ reconstituted Consortium shall submit a revised Jt. Bidding Agreement before the Bid Due Date.

2.3.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in sub-clause (c) (i) of Clause 2.2.1, an Applicant may, within 10 (ten) days after the Application Due Date, remove from its Consortium any Member who suffers from a Conflict of Interest, and such removal shall be deemed to cure the Conflict of Interest arising in respect thereof.

2.4 Number of Applications and costs thereof

2.4.1 No Applicant shall submit more than one Application for the Project. An applicant applying individually or as a member of a Consortium shall not be entitled to submit another Application either individually or as a member of any Consortium, as the case may be.

2.4.2 The Applicants shall be responsible for all of the costs associated with the preparation of their Applications and their participation in the Bidding Process. The Authority will not be responsible or in any way liable for such costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Bidding Process.

2.5 Site visit and verification of information

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5 The option of change in composition of the Consortium which is available under Clause 2.3.2 may be exercised by any Applicant who is pre-qualified either as a Consortium or as a single entity. In the case of a single entity Applicant adding a Consortium Member at the Bid Stage, the single entity Applicant shall be the Lead Member of the Consortium. Provided, however, that no member of such Consortium shall be an Applicant or the member of a Consortium which has been pre-qualified.
Applicants are encouraged to submit their respective Applications after visiting the Project site and ascertaining for themselves the site conditions, traffic, location, surroundings, climate, availability of power, water and other utilities for construction, access to site, handling and storage of materials, weather data, applicable laws and regulations, and any other matter considered relevant by them.

2.6 Acknowledgement by Applicant

2.6.1 It shall be deemed that by submitting the Application, the Applicant has:

(a) made a complete and careful examination of the RFQ;

(b) received all relevant information requested from the Authority;

(c) accepted the risk of inadequacy, error or mistake in the information provided in the RFQ or furnished by or on behalf of the Authority relating to any of the matters referred to in Clause 2.5 above; and

(d) agreed to be bound by the undertakings provided by it under and in terms hereof.

2.6.2 The Authority shall not be liable for any omission, mistake or error in respect of any of the above or on account of any matter or thing arising out of or concerning or relating to the RFQ or the Bidding Process, including any error or mistake therein or in any information or data given by the Authority.

2.7 Right to accept or reject any or all Applications/ Bids

2.7.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in this RFQ, the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any Application and to annul the Bidding Process and reject all Applications/ Bids, at any time without any liability or any obligation for such acceptance, rejection or annulment, and without assigning any reasons therefor. In the event that the Authority rejects or annuls all the Bids, it may, in its discretion, invite all eligible Bidders to submit fresh Bids hereunder.

2.7.2 The Authority reserves the right to reject any Application and/ or Bid if:

(a) at any time, a material misrepresentation is made or uncovered, or

(b) the Applicant does not provide, within the time specified by the Authority, the supplemental information sought by the Authority for evaluation of the Application.

If the Applicant/Bidder is a Consortium, then the entire Consortium may be disqualified/ rejected. If such disqualification/ rejection occurs after the Bids have been opened and the Highest Bidder gets disqualified/ rejected, then the Authority reserves the right to:
(i) invite the remaining Bidders to match the Highest Bidder/ submit their Bids in accordance with the RFP; or

(ii) take any such measure as may be deemed fit in the sole discretion of the Authority, including annulment of the Bidding Process.

2.7.3 In case it is found during the evaluation or at any time before signing of the Concession Agreement or after its execution and during the period of subsistence thereof, including the concession thereby granted by the Authority, that one or more of the pre-qualification conditions have not been met by the Applicant, or the Applicant has made material misrepresentation or has given any materially incorrect or false information, the Applicant shall be disqualified forthwith if not yet appointed as the Concessionaire either by issue of the LOA or entering into of the Concession Agreement, and if the Applicant/SPV has already been issued the LOA or has entered into the Concession Agreement, as the case may be, the same shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained therein or in this RFQ, be liable to be terminated, by a communication in writing by the Authority to the Applicant, without the Authority being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Applicant and without prejudice to any other right or remedy which the Authority may have under this RFQ, the Bidding Documents, the Concession Agreement or under applicable law.

2.7.4 The Authority reserves the right to verify all statements, information and documents submitted by the Applicant in response to the RFQ. Any such verification or lack of such verification by the Authority shall not relieve the Applicant of its obligations or liabilities hereunder nor will it affect any rights of the Authority thereunder.

B. DOCUMENTS

2.8 Contents of the RFQ

This RFQ comprises the disclaimer set forth hereinabove, the contents as listed below, and will additionally include any Addenda issued in accordance with Clause 2.10.

Invitation for Qualification

Section 1. Introduction
Section 2. Instructions to Applicants
Section 3. Criteria for Evaluation
Section 4. Fraud & Corrupt Practices
Section 5. Pre Application Conference
Section 6. Miscellaneous

Appendices

I. Letter comprising the Application
II. Power of Attorney for signing of Application
III. Power of Attorney for Lead Member of Consortium
IV. Joint Bidding Agreement for Consortium
V. Guidelines of the Department of Disinvestment
VI. List of Application-specific provisions
VII. Instructions for online application/bid submission
VIII. Order on restrictions on bidder from country which shares a land border with India

2.9 Clarifications

2.9.1 Applicants requiring any clarification on the RFQ may notify the Authority by e-mail in accordance with Clause 1.2.11. They should send in their queries before the date specified in the schedule of Bidding Process contained in Clause 1.3. The Authority shall endeavour to respond to the queries within the period specified therein, but no later than 10 (ten) days prior to the Application Due Date. The responses will be uploaded on the e-Procurement Portal.

2.9.2 The Authority shall endeavour to respond to the questions raised or clarifications sought by the Applicants. However, the Authority reserves the right not to respond to any question or provide any clarification, in its sole discretion, and nothing in this Clause shall be taken or read as compelling or requiring the Authority to respond to any question or to provide any clarification.

2.9.3 The Authority may also on its own motion, if deemed necessary, issue interpretations and clarifications to all Applicants. All clarifications and interpretations issued by the Authority shall be deemed to be part of the RFQ. Verbal clarifications and information given by Authority or its employees or representatives shall not in any way or manner be binding on the Authority.

2.10 Amendment of RFQ

2.10.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Application, the Authority may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to clarifications requested by an Applicant, modify the RFQ by the issuance of Addenda/Corrigenda

2.10.2 Any Addendum/Corrigendum thus issued will be uploaded on e-Procurement Portal.

2.10.3 In order to afford the Applicants a reasonable time for taking an Addendum/Corrigendum into account, or for any other reason, the Authority may, in its sole discretion, extend the Application Due Date.

C. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

2.11 Language

The Application and all related correspondence and documents in relation to the Bidding Process shall be in English language. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the Applicant with the Application may be in any other language provided that they are accompanied by translations of all the pertinent passages in the English language, duly authenticated and certified by
the Applicant. Supporting materials, which are not translated into English, may not be considered. For the purpose of interpretation and evaluation of the Application, the English language translation shall prevail.

2.12 Format and signing of Application

2.12.1 The Applicant shall provide all the information sought under this RFQ. The Authority will evaluate only those Applications that are received in the required formats and complete in all respects. Incomplete and/or conditional Applications shall be liable to rejection.

2.12.2 The Application shall be duly signed in digital form by the authorised signatory of the Applicant. All the alterations, omissions, additions or any other amendments made to the Application shall be initialled by the person(s) signing the Application.

2.13 Submission of Applications

2.13.1 The Application shall only be submitted online on the e-Procurement Portal on or before the specified time on Application Due Date. For this purpose, registration of the Applicant with e-Procurement Portal is mandatory. For any assistance regarding e-tendering, the Applicant may go to the helpdesk on the e-Procurement Portal. Detailed instruction for online submission of Application are provided in Appendix-VII of the RFQ. Physical submission of the documents in original is limited to the list provided under Appendix VI of the RFQ, which is required to be submitted on or before the specified time on Application Due Date at the IRSDC office address provided hereinafter. If the Application Due Date is a holiday at IRSDC then the said physical submission be made on the immediately following working day of IRSDC.

2.13.2 The Applicant shall submit the Application online and it shall contain scanned copies of the following:

(i) Application in the prescribed format (Appendix-I) along with Annexes and supporting documents;

(ii) Power of Attorney for signing the Application as per the format at Appendix-II;

(iii) if applicable, the Power of Attorney for Lead Member of Consortium as per the format at Appendix-III;

(iv) copy of the Jt. Bidding Agreement, in case of a Consortium, substantially in the format at Appendix-IV;

(v) copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association, if the Applicant is a body corporate, and if a partnership then a copy of its partnership deed; and

(vi) copies of Applicant’s duly audited balance sheet and profit and loss account for the preceding five years.
2.13.3 All correspondence including physical submission of hard copies shall be addressed to:

ATTN. OF: Mr S K Lohia
DESIGNATION: Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer
ADDRESS: Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC)
7th Floor, Tower 1, Konnectus Building, Bhavbhuti Marg, New Delhi-110002
TELEPHONE NO: 011-68142400
E-MAIL ADDRESS: info@irsdc.in

2.13.4 If the envelopes are not sealed and marked as instructed above, the Authority assumes no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the contents of the Application and consequent losses, if any, suffered by the Applicant.

2.13.5 Applications hand delivered, submitted by fax, telex, telegram or e-mail, or any way other than on the specified e-platform for bidding, shall not be entertained and shall be rejected.

2.14 Application Due Date

2.14.1 Application is required to be submitted before 1500 hours IST on the Application Due Date.

2.14.2 The Authority may, in its sole discretion, extend the Application Due Date by issuing an Addendum/Corrigendum in accordance with Clause 2.10 uniformly for all Applicants.

2.15 Late Applications

Applications received by the Authority after the specified time on the Application Due Date shall not be eligible for consideration and shall be summarily rejected.

2.16 Modifications/ substitution/ withdrawal of Applications

2.16.1 The Applicant may modify, substitute, or withdraw its Application after submission as per the specifications/instructions provided on e-Procurement Portal, provided that the modification, substitution, or withdrawal is uploaded/done on or before the specified time on the Application Due Date. No Application shall be modified, substituted, or withdrawn by the Applicant on or after the Application Due Date.

2.16.2 Any alteration/ modification in the Application or additional information supplied subsequent to the Application Due Date, unless the same has been expressly sought for by the Authority, shall be disregarded.
D. EVALUATION PROCESS

2.17 Opening and Evaluation of Applications

2.17.1 The Authority shall open the Applications at 1530 hours IST on the Application Due Date, at the address specified in Clause 2.13.3 and in the presence of the Applicants who choose to attend.

2.17.2 Applications which have been withdrawn in accordance with Clause 2.16 shall not be opened.

2.17.3 The Authority will subsequently examine and evaluate Applications in accordance with the provisions set out in Section 3.

2.17.4 Applicants are advised that pre-qualification of Applicants will be entirely at the discretion of the Authority. Applicants will be deemed to have understood and agreed that no explanation or justification on any aspect of the Bidding Process or selection will be given.

2.17.5 Any information contained in the Application shall not in any way be construed as binding on the Authority, its agents, successors or assigns, but shall be binding against the Applicant if the Project is subsequently awarded to it on the basis of such information.

2.17.6 The Authority reserves the right not to proceed with the Bidding Process at any time without notice or liability and to reject any or all Application(s) without assigning any reasons.

2.17.7 If any information furnished by the Applicant is found to be incomplete, or contained in formats other than those specified herein, the Authority may, in its sole discretion, exclude the relevant project from computation of the Experience Score of the Applicant.

2.17.8 Where any information is found to be patently false or amounting to a material misrepresentation, the Authority reserves the right to reject the Application and/or Bid in accordance with the provisions of Clauses 2.7.2 and 2.7.3.

2.18 Confidentiality

Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation, and recommendation for the short-listed pre-qualified Applicants shall not be disclosed to any person who is not officially concerned with the process or is not a retained professional advisor advising the Authority in relation to, or matters arising out of, or concerning the Bidding Process. The Authority will treat all information, submitted as part of Application, in confidence and will require all those who have access to such material to treat the same in confidence. The Authority may not divulge any such information unless it is directed to do so by any statutory entity that has the power under law to require its disclosure or is to enforce or assert any right or privilege of the statutory
2.19 Tests of responsiveness

2.19.1 Prior to evaluation of Applications, the Authority shall determine whether each Application is responsive to the requirements of the RFQ. An Application shall be considered responsive if:

(a) it is received as per format at Appendix-I;

(b) it is received by the Application Due Date including any extension thereof pursuant to Clause 2.14.2;

(c) it is signed as stipulated in Clauses 2.12 and 2.13;

(d) it is accompanied by the Power of Attorney as specified in Clause 2.2.5, and in the case of a Consortium, the Power of Attorney as specified in Clause 2.2.6 (c);

(e) it contains all the information and documents (complete in all respects) as requested in this RFQ;

(f) it contains information in formats same as those specified in this RFQ;

(g) it contains certificate from its statutory auditors in the formats specified at Appendix-I of the RFQ;

(h) it contains an attested copy of the receipt of the Authority towards the cost of the RFQ process as specified in Clause 1.2.1;

(i) it is accompanied by the Jt. Bidding Agreement (for Consortium), specific to the Project, as stipulated in Clause 2.2.6(g);

(j) it is accompanied by physical submission in original of document specified in Appendix-VI within stipulated timelines as per clause 2.13;

(k) it does not contain any condition or qualification; and

(l) it is not non-responsive in terms hereof.

2.19.2 The Authority reserves the right to reject any Application which is non-responsive and no request for alteration, modification, substitution or withdrawal shall be entertained by the Authority in respect of such Application. Provided, however, that the Authority may, in its discretion, allow the Applicant

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5 In case duly certified audited annual financial statements containing the requisite details are provided, a separate certification by statutory auditors would not be necessary in respect of Clause 2.19.1 (g). In jurisdictions that do not have statutory auditors, the firm of auditors which audits the annual accounts of the Applicant may provide the certificates required under this RFQ.
to rectify any infirmities or omissions if the same do not constitute a material modification of the Application.

2.20 Clarifications

2.20.1 To facilitate evaluation of Applications, the Authority may, at its sole discretion, seek clarifications from any Applicant regarding its Application. Such clarification(s) shall be provided within the time specified by the Authority for this purpose. Any request for clarification(s) and all clarification(s) in response thereto shall be in writing.

2.20.2 If an Applicant does not provide clarifications sought under Clause 2.20.1 above within the prescribed time, its Application shall be liable to be rejected. In case the Application is not rejected, the Authority may proceed to evaluate the Application by construing the particulars requiring clarification to the best of its understanding, and the Applicant shall be barred from subsequently questioning such interpretation of the Authority.

E. QUALIFICATION AND BIDDING

2.21 Short-listing and notification

After the evaluation of Applications, the Authority would announce a list of short-listed pre-qualified Applicants (Bidders) who will be eligible for participation in the Bid Stage. At the same time, the Authority would notify the other Applicants that they have not been short-listed. The Authority will not entertain any query or clarification from Applicants who fail to qualify.

2.22 Submission of Bids

The Bidders will be requested to submit a Bid in the form and manner to be set out in the Bidding Documents.

Only pre-qualified Applicants shall be invited by the Authority to submit their Bids for the Project. The Authority is likely to provide a comparatively short time span for submission of the Bids for the Project. The Applicants are therefore advised to visit the site and familiarise themselves with the Project by the time of submission of the Application. No extension of time is likely to be considered for submission of Bids pursuant to invitation that may be issued by the Authority.

2.23 Proprietary data

All documents and other information supplied by the Authority or submitted by an Applicant to the Authority shall remain or become the property of the Authority. Applicants are to treat all information as strictly confidential and shall not use it for any purpose other than for preparation and submission of their Application. The Authority will not return any Application or any information provided along therewith.

2.24 Correspondence with the Applicant
Save and except as provided in this RFQ, the Authority shall not entertain any correspondence with any Applicant in relation to the acceptance or rejection of any Application.
3. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

3.1 Evaluation parameters

3.1.1 Only those Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria specified in Clause 2.2.2 shall qualify for evaluation under this Section 3. Applications of firms/consortia who do not meet these criteria shall be rejected.

3.1.2 The Applicant’s competence and capability is proposed to be established by the Financial Capacity.

3.2 Financial information for purposes of evaluation

3.2.1 The Application must be accompanied by the Audited Annual Reports of the Applicant (of each Member in case of a Consortium) for the last 5 (five) financial years, preceding the year in which the Application is made.

3.2.2 In case the annual accounts for the latest financial year are not audited and therefore the Applicant cannot make it available, the Applicant shall give an undertaking to this effect and the statutory auditor shall certify the same. In such a case, the Applicant shall provide the Audited Annual Reports for 5 (five) years preceding the year for which the Audited Annual Report is not being provided.

3.2.3 The Applicant must establish the minimum Net Worth/ACI specified in Clause 2.2.2, and provide details as per format at Annex-II of Appendix-I.

3.3 Short-listing of Applicants

3.3.1 All the Applicants who fulfill the condition of eligibility specified in Clause 2.2.2 and meet the other conditions specified in this RFQ shall be short-listed.
4. FRAUD AND CORRUPT PRACTICES

4.1 The Applicants and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the Bidding Process. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Authority may reject an Application without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Applicant if it determines that the Applicant has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice in the Bidding Process.

4.2 Without prejudice to the rights of the Authority under Clause 4.1 hereinabove, if an Applicant is found by the Authority to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice during the Bidding Process, such Applicant shall not be eligible to participate in any tender or RFQ issued by the Authority during a period of 2 (two) years from the date such Applicant is found by the Authority to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice, as the case may be.

4.3 For the purposes of this Clause 4, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:

(a) “corrupt practice” means (i) the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the actions of any person connected with the Bidding Process (for avoidance of doubt, offering of employment to, or employing, or engaging in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, any official of the Authority who is or has been associated in any manner, directly or indirectly, with the Bidding Process or the LOA or has dealt with matters concerning the Concession Agreement or arising therefrom, before or after the execution thereof, at any time prior to the expiry of one year from the date such official resigns or retires from or otherwise ceases to be in the service of the Authority, shall be deemed to constitute influencing the actions of a person connected with the Bidding Process); or (ii) save and except as permitted under sub clause (d) of Clause 2.2.1, engaging in any manner whatsoever, whether during the Bidding Process or after the issue of the LOA or after the execution of the Concession Agreement, as the case may be, any person in respect of any matter relating to the Project or the LOA or the Concession Agreement, who at any time has been or is a legal, financial or technical adviser of the Authority in relation to any matter concerning the Project;

(b) “fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation or omission of facts or suppression of facts or disclosure of incomplete facts, in order to influence the Bidding Process;
(c) “coercive practice” means impairing or harming or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any person or property to influence any person’s participation or action in the Bidding Process;

(d) “undesirable practice” means (i) establishing contact with any person connected with or employed or engaged by the Authority with the objective of canvassing, lobbying or in any manner influencing or attempting to influence the Bidding Process; or (ii) having a Conflict of Interest; and

(e) “restrictive practice” means forming a cartel or arriving at any understanding or arrangement among Applicants with the objective of restricting or manipulating a full and fair competition in the Bidding Process.
5. **PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE**

5.1 A Pre-Application Conference of the interested parties shall be convened at the designated date, time as per details provided in clause 1.4 through Video Conference. All applicants desirous to participate are should join in the Pre-Bid meeting by 1030 Hrs on scheduled date and test their set up before the meeting. In case of physical Pre-Application Conference, a maximum of three representatives of each Applicant shall be allowed to participate on production of authority letter from the Applicant.

5.2 During the course of Pre-Application Conference, the Applicants will be free to seek clarifications and make suggestions for consideration of the Authority. The Authority shall endeavour to provide clarifications and such further information as it may, in its sole discretion, consider appropriate for facilitating a fair, transparent and competitive Bidding Process.
6. MISCELLANEOUS

6.1 The Bidding Process shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of India and the courts in New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all disputes arising under, pursuant to and/ or in connection with the Bidding Process.

6.2 The Authority, in its sole discretion and without incurring any obligation or liability, reserves the right, at any time, to:

(a) suspend and/ or cancel the Bidding Process and/ or amend and/ or supplement the Bidding Process or modify the dates or other terms and conditions relating thereto;

(b) consult with any Applicant in order to receive clarification or further information;

(c) pre-qualify or not to pre-qualify any Applicant and/ or to consult with any Applicant in order to receive clarification or further information;

(d) retain any information and/ or evidence submitted to the Authority by, on behalf of, and/ or in relation to any Applicant; and/ or

(e) independently verify, disqualify, reject and/ or accept any and all submissions or other information and/ or evidence submitted by or on behalf of any Applicant.

6.3 It shall be deemed that by submitting the Application, the Applicant agrees and releases the Authority, its employees, agents and advisers, irrevocably, unconditionally, fully and finally from any and all liability for claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities in any way related to or arising from the exercise of any rights and/ or performance of any obligations hereunder and the Bidding Documents, pursuant hereto, and/ or in connection with the Bidding Process, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, and waives any and all rights and/ or claims it may have in this respect, whether actual or contingent, whether present or in future.
Appendices
APPENDIX-I
Letter Comprising the Application for Pre-Qualification
(On the Letter head of the Applicant)
(Refer Clause 2.13.2)

To,

The Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer
Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC)
7th Floor, Tower 1, Konnectus Building, Bhavbhuti Marg,
New Delhi-110002.
Email - info@irsdc.in

Sub: Application for pre-qualification for the Redevelopment of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Railway Station Project

Dear Sir,

1. With reference to your RFQ document dated ..........., I/we, having examined the RFQ document and understood its contents, hereby submit my/our Application for Qualification for the aforesaid project. The Application is unconditional and unqualified.

2. I/ We acknowledge that the Authority will be relying on the information provided in the Application and the documents accompanying such Application for pre-qualification of the Applicants for the aforesaid project, and we certify that all information provided in the Application and in Annexes I to III is true and correct; nothing has been omitted which renders such information misleading; and all documents accompanying such Application are true copies of their respective originals.

3. This statement is made for the express purpose of qualifying as a Bidder for the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the aforesaid Project.

4. I/ We shall make available to the Authority any additional information it may find necessary or require to supplement or authenticate the Qualification statement.

5. I/ We acknowledge the right of the Authority to reject our Application without assigning any reason or otherwise and hereby waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, our right to challenge the same on any account whatsoever.

6. I/ We certify that in the last three years, we/ any of the Consortium Members or our/ their Associates have neither failed to perform on any contract, as evidenced by imposition of a penalty by an arbitral or judicial authority or a judicial pronouncement or arbitration award, nor been expelled from any
project or contract by any public authority nor have had any contract terminated by any public authority for breach on our part.

7. I/ We declare that:

(a) I/ We have examined and have no reservations to the RFQ document, including any Addendum/Corrigendum issued by the Authority;

(b) I/ We do not have any conflict of interest in accordance with Clauses 2.2.1(c) and 2.2.1(d) of the RFQ document;

(c) I/We have not directly or indirectly or through an agent engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice, as defined in Clause 4.3 of the RFQ document, in respect of any tender or request for proposal issued by or any agreement entered into with the Authority or any other public sector enterprise or any government, Central or State; and

(d) I/ We hereby certify that we have taken steps to ensure that in conformity with the provisions of Section 4 of the RFQ document, no person acting for us or on our behalf has engaged or will engage in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice.

8. I/ We understand that you may cancel the Bidding Process at any time and that you are neither bound to accept any Application that you may receive nor to invite the Applicants to Bid for the Project, without incurring any liability to the Applicants, in accordance with Clause 2.17.6 of the RFQ document.

9. I/ We believe that we/ our Consortium/ proposed Consortium satisfy(s) the Financial Capacity and meet(s) all the requirements as specified in the RFQ document and am/ are qualified to submit a Bid.

10. I/ We declare that we/ any Member of the Consortium, or our/ its Associates are not a Member of a/ any other Consortium applying for pre-qualification.

11. I/ We certify that in regard to matters other than security and integrity of the country, we/ any Member of the Consortium or any of our/ their Associates have not been convicted by a court or indicted or adverse orders passed by a regulatory authority which could cast a doubt on our ability to undertake the Project or which relates to a grave offence that outrages the moral sense of the community.

12. I/ We further certify that in regard to matters relating to security and integrity of the country, we/ any Member of the Consortium or any of our/ their
Associates have not been charge-sheeted by any agency of the Government or convicted by a court.

13. I/ We further certify that no investigation by a regulatory authority is pending either against us/ any Member of the Consortium or against our/ their Associates or against our CEO or any of our directors/ managers/ employees.²

14. I/ We further certify that we are qualified to submit a Bid in accordance with the guidelines for qualification of bidders seeking to acquire stakes in Public Sector Enterprises through the process of disinvestment issued by the GOI vide Department of Disinvestment OM No. 6/4/2001-DD-II dated 13th July, 2001 which guidelines apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Bidding Process. A copy of the aforesaid guidelines form part of the RFQ at Appendix-V thereof.

15. I/We further certify that we/ any Member of the Consortium or any of our/ their Associates are not barred by the Central Government/ State Government or any entity controlled by it, from participating in any project (BOT or otherwise), and no bar subsists as on the date of Application.

16. I/ We undertake that in case due to any change in facts or circumstances during the Bidding Process, we are attracted by the provisions of disqualification in terms of the provisions of this RFQ, we shall intimate the Authority of the same immediately.

17. The Statement of Legal Capacity as per format provided at Annex-III in Appendix-I of the RFQ document, and duly signed, is enclosed. The power of attorney for signing of Application and the power of attorney for Lead Member of consortium, as per format provided at Appendix II and III respectively of the RFQ, are also enclosed.

18. I/ We understand that the selected Bidder shall either be an existing Company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act, 1956/2013, or shall incorporate as such prior to execution of the Concession Agreement.

19. I/ We hereby confirm that we shall comply with the Construction Experience and O&M requirements specified in Clause 2.2.3.

² In case the Applicant is unable to provide the certification specified in paragraph 13, it may precede the paragraph by the words viz. “Except as specified in Schedule .......... hereto”. The exceptions to the certification or any disclosures relating thereto may be clearly stated in a Schedule to be attached to the Application. The Authority will consider the contents of such Schedule and determine whether or not the exceptions/disclosures are material to the suitability of the Applicant for pre-qualification hereunder.
20. I/ We hereby irrevocably waive any right or remedy which we may have at any stage at law or howsoever otherwise arising to challenge or question any decision taken by the Authority in connection with the selection of Applicants, selection of the Bidder, or in connection with the selection/ Bidding Process itself, in respect of the above mentioned Project and the terms and implementation thereof.

21. I/ We agree and undertake to abide by all the terms and conditions of the RFQ document.

22. I/ We certify that in terms of the RFQ, my/our Net Worth/ACI is Rs. ..................... (Rupees ...........................................).

23. We agree and undertake to be jointly and severally liable for all the obligations of the Concessionaire under the Concession Agreement till occurrence of Financial Close in accordance with the Concession Agreement. $5

In witness thereof, I/ we submit this Application under and in accordance with the terms of the RFQ document.

Yours faithfully,

Date: (Signature, name and designation of the Authorised Signatory)
Place: Name and seal of the Applicant/ Lead Member

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$5 This Paragraph 23 shall be omitted if the Applicant is not a Consortium.
ANNEX-I

Particulars of the Applicant

1. (a) Name:
   (b) Country of incorporation:
   (c) Address of the corporate headquarters and its branch office(s), if any, in India:
   (d) Date of incorporation and/or commencement of business:

2. Brief description of the Company including details of its main lines of business and proposed role and responsibilities in this Project:

3. Particulars of individual(s) who will serve as the point of contact/communication for the Applicant:
   (a) Name:
   (b) Designation:
   (c) Company:
   (d) Address:
   (e) Telephone Number:
   (f) E-Mail Address:

4. Particulars of the Authorised Signatory of the Applicant:
   (a) Name:
   (b) Designation:
   (c) Address:
   (d) Phone Number:

5. In case of a Consortium:
   (a) The information above (1-4) should be provided for all the Members of the Consortium.
   (b) A copy of the Jt. Bidding Agreement, as envisaged in Clause 2.2.6(g) should be attached to the Application.
   (c) Information regarding the role of each Member should be provided as per table below:
Appendix I
Annex-I

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$ The role of each Member, as may be determined by the Applicant, should be indicated in accordance with Clause 2.2.6 (d) and Annex-II.

$$ The percentage of equity should be in accordance with Clause 2.2.6 (a), (c) and (g).

6. The following information shall also be provided for the Applicant, including each Member of the Consortium:

**Name of Applicant/ member of Consortium:**

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Has the Applicant/ constituent of the Consortium been barred by the Central/ State Government, or any entity controlled by it, from participating in any project (BOT or otherwise)?</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Has the Applicant/ constituent of the Consortium paid liquidated damages of more than 5% of the contract value in a contract due to delay or has been penalised due to any other reason in relation to execution of a contract, in the last three years?</td>
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7. A statement by the Applicant and each of the Members of its Consortium (where applicable) or any of their Associates disclosing material non-performance or contractual non-compliance in past projects, contractual disputes and litigation/ arbitration in the recent past is given below (Attach extra sheets, if necessary):
ANNEX-II

Financial Capacity of the Applicant
(Refer to Clauses 2.2.2, 2.2.4 (ii) and 3.2 of the RFQ)

(In Rs. crore$)

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Name & address of Applicant’s Bankers:

5For conversion of US Dollars to Rupees, the rate of conversion shall be Rupees 74 (seventy four) to a US Dollar. In case of any other currency, the same shall first be converted to US Dollars as on the date 60 (sixty) days prior to the Application Due Date, and the amount so derived in US Dollars shall be converted into Rupees at the aforesaid rate. The conversion rate of such currencies shall be the daily representative exchange rates published by the International Monetary Fund for the relevant date.
An Applicant consisting of a single entity should fill in details as per the row titled Single entity Applicant and ignore the rows titled Consortium Members. In case of a Consortium, row titled Single entity Applicant may be ignored.

Member Code shall indicate NA for Not Applicable in case of a single entity Applicant. For other Members, the following abbreviations are suggested viz. LM means Lead Member, TM means Technical Member, FM means Financial Member, OMM means Operation & Maintenance Member; and OM means Other Member. In case the Financial Capacity relates to an Associate of the Applicant or its Member, write “Associate” along with Member Code.

The Applicant should provide details of its own Financial Capacity or of an Associate specified in Clause 2.2.9.

**Instructions:**

1. The Applicant/ its constituent Consortium Members shall attach copies of the balance sheets, financial statements and Annual Reports for 5 (five) years preceding the Application Due Date. The financial statements shall:

   (a) reflect the financial situation of the Applicant or Consortium Members and its/their Associates where the Applicant is relying on its Associate’s financials;

   (b) be audited by a statutory auditor;

   (c) be complete, including all notes to the financial statements; and

   (d) correspond to accounting periods already completed and audited (no statements for partial periods shall be requested or accepted).

2. Net Cash Accruals shall mean Profit After Tax + Depreciation. In case the Applicant is an AIF or Foreign Investment Fund, Net Cash Accruals shall mean Net Income – (Unrealised Revenue + Unrealised Expenses).

3. Net Worth shall mean (Subscribed and Paid-up Equity + Reserves) less (Revaluation reserves + miscellaneous expenditure not written off + reserves not available for distribution to equity shareholders).

4. Year 1 will be the latest completed financial year, preceding the bidding. Year 2 shall be the year immediately preceding Year 1 and so on. In case the Application Due Date falls within 3 (three) months of the close of the latest financial year, refer to Clause 2.2.12.

5. In the case of a Consortium, a copy of the Jt. Bidding Agreement shall be submitted in accordance with Clause 2.2.6 (g) of the RFQ document.
6. The Applicant shall provide an Auditor’s Certificate specifying the Net Worth of the Applicant and also specifying the methodology adopted for calculating such Net Worth in accordance with Clause 2.2.4 (ii) of the RFQ document.

7. In case of ACI, the Applicant shall provide certificate (specifying methodology adopted) issued by statutory auditor (or such other certificate as filed with the regulator in the relevant jurisdiction) not older than 3 (three) months prior to the Application Due Date.

8. In the event that credit is being taken for the Net Worth of an Associate, as defined in Clause 2.2.9, the Applicant should also provide a certificate in the format below:

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<td>Based on the authenticated record of the Company, this is to certify that more than 50% (fifty per cent) of the subscribed and paid up voting equity of ......................... (name of the Applicant/ Consortium Member/ Associate) is held, directly or indirectly by .................... (name of Associate/ Applicant/ Consortium Member). By virtue of the aforesaid share-holding, the latter exercises control over the former, who is an Associate in terms of Clause 2.2.9 of the RFQ.</td>
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$ In the event that the Applicant/ Consortium Member exercises control over an Associate by operation of law, this certificate may be suitably modified and copies of the relevant law may be enclosed and referred to.
ANNEX-III

Statement of Legal Capacity

(To be provided by both single entity applicants and Consortiums.
To be forwarded on the letterhead of the Applicant/Lead Member of Consortium)

Ref. Date:

To,

The Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer
Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC)
7th Floor, Tower 1, Konnectus Building, Bhavbhuhi Marg, New Delhi-110002.
Email - info@irsdc.in

Dear Sir,

We hereby confirm that we/our members in the Consortium (constitution of which has
been described in the Application) satisfy the terms and conditions laid out in the RFQ
document.

We have agreed that …………………….. (insert member’s name) will act as the Lead
Member of our consortium.5

We have agreed that …………………….. (insert individual’s name) will act as our
representative/ will act as the representative of the consortium on its behalf5 and has
been duly authorized to submit the RFQ. Further, the authorised signatory is vested with
requisite powers to furnish such letter and authenticate the same.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)

For and on behalf of………………………….

5 Please strike out whichever is not applicable.
ANNEX-IV

Undertaking for Construction Experience
(To be forwarded on the letterhead of the Applicant/Lead Member of Consortium)

Ref. Date:

To
Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer
Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd.,
7th Floor, Tower - 1, Konnectus Building,
Bhavbhuti Marg, New Delhi - 110002.

Dear Sir,

We refer to the Request for Qualification dated __________ including any corrigendum / addendum issued there to (collectively referred to as the “RFQ”) issued by the Authority in connection with the captioned Project.

We, in response to the RFQ, have submitted our Application for the Project and in terms of Clause 2.3.1.1, hereby agree, confirm and undertake to the Authority that in the event of our Bid being accepted by the Authority and the Project being awarded to us, we shall, forthwith and in any case not later than the Appointed Date under the Concession Agreement, demonstrate and fulfil the Construction Experience as outlined in Clause 2.2.3.1 of the RFQ, for undertaking and performing the necessary mandatory works in connection with the Project in accordance with the terms of the Concession Agreement either:

(i) ourselves as the Applicant/Bidder/through Associates, or
(ii) entering into a suitable legally binding agreement, with prior approval of the Authority, with an entity who fulfils the afore mentioned Construction Experience and is allowed to do business in India as per Applicable Laws

and such agreement(s) shall be in conformity with the provisions of the RFP and the Concession Agreement.

In the event we are unable to secure and furnish to the Authority on or before the Appointed Date, in the form and manner satisfactory to the Authority, suitable legally binding agreement as above for undertaking and performing the necessary obligations, the Authority shall be entitled in its sole and absolute discretion and without any reference to us, take such action against us as suitable, including terminating the Concession Agreement and appropriate the Performance Security/Bid Security, as it may deem fit. And we agree that any decision of the Authority in this regard shall be final and binding on us.
All capitalized terms used herein unless specifically defined shall have the meaning as ascribed under the RFQ.

Yours faithfully,

Date:
Place:

(Signature, name and designation of the Authorized signatory)

(Name and seal of Applicant/Lead Member) & Designation:
ANNEX-V

Undertaking for registration with Competent Authority
(To be forwarded on the letterhead of the Applicant/Lead Member of Consortium)

Ref. Date:

We/our members in the Consortium (constitution of which has been described in the Application) have read Appendix-VIII of RFQ regarding restrictions on procurement from a Bidder of a country which shares a land border with India; and We certify that we are not from such a country or, if from such a country, have been registered with the Competent Authority. We hereby certify that we fulfill all requirements in this regard and are eligible to be considered.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)

For and on behalf of……………………………..

Note

1. Wherever applicable, evidence of valid registration by Competent Authority shall be attached.
APPENDIX-II

Power of Attorney for signing of Application and Bid\(^5\)

*(To be executed on non-judicial stamp papers of appropriate value)*

*(Refer Clause 2.2.5)*

Know all men by these presents, We………………………………………………... (name of the firm and address of the registered office) do hereby irrevocably constitute, nominate, appoint and authorise Mr/ Ms (name), ………………… son/daughter/wife of ……………………………… and presently residing at ………………………, who is presently employed with us/ the Lead Member of our Consortium and holding the position of ………………………………, as our true and lawful attorney (hereinafter referred to as the “Attorney”) to do in our name and on our behalf, all such acts, deeds and things as are necessary or required in connection with or incidental to submission of our application for pre-qualification and submission of our bid for the Redevelopment of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Railway Station Project proposed or being developed by Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (the “Authority”) including but not limited to signing and submission of all applications, bids and other documents and writings, participate in Pre-Applications and other conferences and providing information/ responses to the Authority, representing us in all matters before the Authority, signing and execution of all contracts including the Concession Agreement and undertakings consequent to acceptance of our bid, and generally dealing with the Authority in all matters in connection with or relating to or arising out of our bid for the said Project and/or upon award thereof to us and/or till the entering into of the Concession Agreement with the Authority.

AND we hereby agree to ratify and confirm and do hereby ratify and confirm all acts, deeds and things done or caused to be done by our said Attorney pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred by this Power of Attorney and that all acts, deeds and things done by our said Attorney in exercise of the powers hereby conferred shall and shall always be deemed to have been done by us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF WE, …………………………….., THE ABOVE NAMED PRINCIPAL HAVE EXECUTED THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY ON THIS ……….. DAY OF …………. 2…..

For

……………………………..

(Signature, name, designation and address)

Witnesses:

1.

(Notarised)

\(^5\) To be submitted in original.
2.

Accepted

……………………………
(Signature)

(Name, Title and Address of the Attorney)

Notes:

- The mode of execution of the Power of Attorney should be in accordance with the procedure, if any, laid down by the applicable law and the charter documents of the executant(s) and when it is so required, the same should be under common seal affixed in accordance with the required procedure.

- Wherever required, the Applicant should submit for verification the extract of the charter documents and documents such as a board or shareholders’ resolution/power of attorney in favour of the person executing this Power of Attorney for the delegation of power hereunder on behalf of the Applicant.

- For a Power of Attorney executed and issued overseas, the document will also have to be legalised by the Indian Embassy and notarised in the jurisdiction where the Power of Attorney is being issued. However, the Power of Attorney provided by Applicants from countries that have signed the Hague Legislation Convention 1961 are not required to be legalised by the Indian Embassy if it carries a conforming Apostille certificate.
APPENDIX-III

Power of Attorney for Lead Member of Consortium\(^5\)

*(To be executed on non-judicial stamp paper of appropriate value)*

*(Refer Clause 2.2.5)*

Whereas Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd (“the Authority”) has invited applications from interested parties for the Redevelopment of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Railway Station Project (the “Project”).

Whereas, ………………………, ………………………, ……………………… and ……………………… (collectively the “Consortium”) being Members of the Consortium are interested in bidding for the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Request for Qualification document (RFQ), Request for Proposal (RFP) and other connected documents in respect of the Project, and

Whereas, it is necessary for the Members of the Consortium to designate one of them as the Lead Member with all necessary power and authority to do for and on behalf of the Consortium, all acts, deeds and things as may be necessary in connection with the Consortium’s bid for the Project and its execution.

NOW THEREFORE KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

We, ……………………… having our registered office at ……………………., M/s. ……………………… having our registered office at ……………………., M/s. ……………………… having our registered office at ……………………., M/s. ……………………… having our registered office at ……………………., (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Principals”) do hereby irrevocably designate, nominate, constitute, appoint and authorise M/S ……………………… having its registered office at ……………………., being one of the Members of the Consortium, as the Lead Member and true and lawful attorney of the Consortium (hereinafter referred to as the “Attorney”). We hereby irrevocably authorise the Attorney (with power to sub-delegate) to conduct all business for and on behalf of the Consortium and any one of us during the bidding process and, in the event the Consortium is awarded the concession/contract, during the execution of the Project and in this regard, to do on our behalf and on behalf of the Consortium, all or any of such acts, deeds or things as are necessary or required or incidental to the pre-qualification of the Consortium and submission of its bid for the Project, including but not limited to signing and submission of all applications, bids and other documents and writings, accept the Letter of Award, participate in bidders’ and other conferences, respond to queries, submit information/documents, sign and execute contracts and undertakings consequent to acceptance of the bid of the Consortium and generally to represent the Consortium in all its dealings with the Authority, and/or any other Government Agency or any person, in all matters in connection with or relating to or arising out of the Consortium’s bid for the Project and/or upon award thereof till the Concession Agreement is entered into with the Authority.

Appendix III

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\(^5\) To be submitted in original.
AND hereby agree to ratify and confirm all acts, deeds and things done or caused to be done by our said Attorney pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred by this Power of Attorney and that all acts, deeds and things done by our said Attorney in exercise of the powers hereby conferred shall and shall always be deemed to have been done by us/ Consortium.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF WE THE PRINCIPALS ABOVE NAMED HAVE EXECUTED THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY ON THIS ..................... DAY OF ........... 2.....

For ......................
(Signature)

 ......................
(Name & Title)

For ......................
(Signature)

 ......................
(Name & Title)

For ......................
(Signature)

 ......................
(Name & Title)

Witnesses:

1.

2.

(Executants)

(To be executed by all the Members of the Consortium)
Notes:

- **The mode of execution of the Power of Attorney should be in accordance with the procedure, if any, laid down by the applicable law and the charter documents of the executant(s) and when it is so required, the same should be under common seal affixed in accordance with the required procedure.**

- **Also, wherever required, the Applicant should submit for verification the extract of the charter documents and documents such as a board or shareholders’ resolution/power of attorney in favour of the person executing this Power of Attorney for the delegation of power hereunder on behalf of the Applicant.**

- **For a Power of Attorney executed and issued overseas, the document will also have to be legalised by the Indian Embassy and notarised in the jurisdiction where the Power of Attorney is being issued. However, the Power of Attorney provided by Applicants from countries that have signed the Hague Legislation Convention 1961 are not required to be legalised by the Indian Embassy if it carries a conforming Apostille certificate.**
APPENDIX-IV

Joint Bidding Agreement
(Refer Clause 2.13.2)
(To be executed on non-judicial Stamp paper of appropriate value)

THIS JOINT BIDDING AGREEMENT is entered into on this the ............. day of ............. 20...

AMONGST

1. ............. Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956/2013 and having its registered office at ............. (hereinafter referred to as the “First Part” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context include its successors and permitted assigns)

AND

2. ............. Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956/2013 and having its registered office at ............. (hereinafter referred to as the “Second Part” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context include its successors and permitted assigns)

AND

3. {............. Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956/2013 and having its registered office at ............. (hereinafter referred to as the “Third Part” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context include its successors and permitted assigns)}

AND

4. {............. Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956/2013 and having its registered office at ............. (hereinafter referred to as the “Fourth Part” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context include its successors and permitted assigns)}

The above mentioned parties of the FIRST, SECOND, {THIRD and FOURTH} PART are collectively referred to as the “Parties” and each is individually referred to as a “Party”

WHEREAS,

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V A Bidder who is registered abroad may substitute the words, viz “a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956/2013” by the words, viz “a company duly organised and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation”. A similar modification may be made in Recital 2, as necessary.

V The number of Parties will be shown here, as applicable, subject however to a maximum of 6 (six).
(A) Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the “Authority” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its administrators, successors and assigns) has invited applications (the “Applications”) by its Request for Qualification No. ………… dated ………… (the “RFQ”) for pre-qualification and short-listing of bidders for redevelopment, operation and maintenance of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Railway Station Project (the “Project”) through public private partnership.

(B) The Parties are interested in jointly bidding for the Project as members of a Consortium and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the RFQ document and other bid documents in respect of the Project, and

(C) It is a necessary condition under the RFQ document that the members of the Consortium shall enter into a Joint Bidding Agreement and furnish a copy thereof with the Application.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. **Definitions and Interpretations**
   In this Agreement, the capitalised terms shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning ascribed thereto under the RFQ.

2. **Consortium**
   2.1 The Parties do hereby irrevocably constitute a consortium (the “Consortium”) for the purposes of jointly participating in the Bidding Process for the Project.

   2.2 The Parties hereby undertake to participate in the Bidding Process only through this Consortium and not individually and/ or through any other consortium constituted for this Project, either directly or indirectly or through any of their Associates.

3. **Covenants**
   The Parties hereby undertake that in the event the Consortium is declared the selected Bidder and awarded the Project, it shall incorporate a special purpose vehicle (the “SPV”) under the Indian Companies Act, 2013 for entering into a Concession Agreement with the Authority and for performing all its obligations as the Concessionaire in terms of the Concession Agreement for the Project.

4. **Role of the Parties**
   The Parties hereby undertake to perform the roles and responsibilities as described below:
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(a) Party of the First Part shall be the Lead member of the Consortium and shall have the power of attorney from all Parties for conducting all business for and on behalf of the Consortium during the Bidding Process and until the Appointed Date under the Concession Agreement when all the obligations of the SPV shall become effective;

(b) Party of the Second Part shall be {the Technical Member of the Consortium;}

{(c) Party of the Third Part shall be the Financial Member of the Consortium; and}

{(d) Party of the Fourth Part shall be the Operation and Maintenance Member/ Other Member of the Consortium.}

5. Joint and Several Liability

The Parties do hereby undertake to be jointly and severally responsible for all obligations and liabilities relating to the Project and in accordance with the terms of the RFQ, RFP and the Concession Agreement, till such time as the Financial Close for the Project is achieved under and in accordance with the Concession Agreement.

6. Shareholding in the SPV

6.1 The Parties agree that the proportion of shareholding among the Parties in the SPV shall be as follows:

First Party:
Second Party:
{Third Party:}
{Fourth Party:}

6.2 The Parties undertake that a minimum of 26% (twenty six per cent) of the subscribed and paid up equity share capital of the SPV shall, at all times till the second anniversary of the date of commercial operation of the Project, be held by the Parties of the First, {Second and Third} Part whose Net Worth/ACI have been reckoned for the purposes of qualification and short-listing of Applicants for the Project in terms of the RFQ.

6.3 The Parties undertake that each of the Parties specified in Clause 6.2 above shall, at all times between the commercial operation date of the Project and the second anniversary thereof, hold subscribed and paid up equity share capital of SPV equivalent to at least 5% (five per cent) of the Total Project Cost.
6.4 The Parties undertake that they shall collectively hold at least 51% (fifty one per cent) of the subscribed and paid up equity share capital of the SPV at all times until the second anniversary of the commercial operation date of the Project.

6.5 The Parties undertake that they shall comply with all equity lock-in requirements set forth in the Concession Agreement.

7. Representation of the Parties

Each Party represents to the other Parties as of the date of this Agreement that:

(a) Such Party is duly organised, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its incorporation and has all requisite power and authority to enter into this Agreement;

(b) The execution, delivery and performance by such Party of this Agreement has been authorised by all necessary and appropriate corporate or governmental action and a copy of the extract of the charter documents and board resolution/ power of attorney in favour of the person executing this Agreement for the delegation of power and authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Consortium Member is annexed to this Agreement, and will not, to the best of its knowledge:

(i) require any consent or approval not already obtained;

(ii) violate any Applicable Law presently in effect and having applicability to it;

(iii) violate the memorandum and articles of association, by-laws or other applicable organisational documents thereof;

(iv) violate any clearance, permit, concession, grant, license or other governmental authorisation, approval, judgement, order or decree or any mortgage agreement, indenture or any other instrument to which such Party is a party or by which such Party or any of its properties or assets are bound or that is otherwise applicable to such Party; or

(v) create or impose any liens, mortgages, pledges, claims, security interests, charges or encumbrances or obligations to create a lien, charge, pledge, security interest, encumbrances or mortgage in or on the property of such Party, except for encumbrances that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or prospects or business of such Party so as to prevent such Party from fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement;
this Agreement is the legal and binding obligation of such Party, enforceable in accordance with its terms against it; and

(d) there is no litigation pending or, to the best of such Party's knowledge, threatened to which it or any of its Associates is a party that presently affects or which would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or prospects or business of such Party in the fulfillment of its obligations under this Agreement.

8. Termination

This Agreement shall be effective from the date hereof and shall continue in full force and effect until the Financial Close of the Project is achieved under and in accordance with the Concession Agreement, in case the Project is awarded to the Consortium. However, in case the Consortium is either not pre-qualified for the Project or does not get selected for award of the Project, the Agreement will stand terminated in case the Applicant is not pre-qualified or upon return of the Bid Security by the Authority to the Bidder, as the case may be.

9. Miscellaneous

9.1 This Joint Bidding Agreement shall be governed by laws of India.

9.2 The Parties acknowledge and accept that this Agreement shall not be amended by the Parties without the prior written consent of the Authority.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES ABOVE NAMED HAVE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED THIS AGREEMENT AS OF THE DATE FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
For and on behalf of
LEAD MEMBER by:

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Address)

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
SECOND PART

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Address)

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
THIRD PART

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Address)

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
FOURTH PART

(Signature)
(Name)
(Designation)
(Address)

In the presence of:
1. 2.
Notes:

1. The mode of the execution of the Joint Bidding Agreement should be in accordance with the procedure, if any, laid down by the Applicable Law and the charter documents of the executant(s) and when it is so required, the same should be under common seal affixed in accordance with the required procedure.

2. Each Joint Bidding Agreement should attach a copy of the extract of the charter documents and documents such as resolution / power of attorney in favour of the person executing this Agreement for the delegation of power and authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Consortium Member.

3. For a Joint Bidding Agreement executed and issued overseas, the document shall be legalised by the Indian Embassy and notarized in the jurisdiction where the Power of Attorney has been executed.
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Guidelines for qualification of Bidders seeking to acquire stakes in Public Sector Enterprises through the process of disinvestment

Government has examined the issue of framing comprehensive and transparent guidelines defining the criteria for bidders interested in PSE-disinvestment so that the parties selected through competitive bidding could inspire public confidence. Earlier, criteria like Net Worth, experience etc. used to be prescribed. Based on experience and in consultation with concerned departments, Government has decided to prescribe the following additional criteria for the qualification/disqualification of the parties seeking to acquire stakes in public sector enterprises through disinvestment:

(a) In regard to matters other than the security and integrity of the country, any conviction by a Court of Law or indictment/adverse order by a regulatory authority that casts a doubt on the ability of the bidder to manage the public sector unit when it is disinvested, or which relates to a grave offence would constitute disqualification. Grave offence is defined to be of such a nature that it outrages the moral sense of the community. The decision in regard to the nature of the offence would be taken on case to case basis after considering the facts of the case and relevant legal principles, by the Government of India.

(b) In regard to matters relating to the security and integrity of the country, any charge-sheet by an agency of the Government/conviction by a Court of Law for an offence committed by the bidding party or by any sister concern of the bidding party would result in disqualification. The decision in regard to the relationship between the sister concerns would be taken, based on the relevant facts and after examining whether the two concerns are substantially controlled by the same person/persons.

(c) In both (a) and (b), disqualification shall continue for a period that Government deems appropriate.

These guidelines may be modified or substituted by the Government from time to time.
(d) Any entity, which is disqualified from participating in the disinvestment process, would not be allowed to remain associated with it or get associated merely because it has preferred an appeal against the order based on which it has been disqualified. The mere pendency of appeal will have no effect on the disqualification.

(e) The disqualification criteria would come into effect immediately and would apply to all bidders for various disinvestment transactions, which have not been completed as yet.

(f) Before disqualifying a concern, a Show Cause Notice why it should not be disqualified would be issued to it and it would be given an opportunity to explain its position.

(g) Henceforth, these criteria will be prescribed in the advertisements seeking Expression of Interest (EOI) from the interested parties. The interested parties would be required to provide the information on the above criteria, along with their Expressions of Interest (EOI). The bidders shall be required to provide with their EOI an undertaking to the effect that no investigation by a regulatory authority is pending against them. In case any investigation is pending against the concern or its sister concern or against its CEO or any of its Directors/ Managers/ employees, full details of such investigation including the name of the investigating agency, the charge/ offence for which the investigation has been launched, name and designation of persons against whom the investigation has been launched and other relevant information should be disclosed, to the satisfaction of the Government. For other criteria also, a similar undertaking shall be obtained along with EOI.

sd/-

(A.K. Tewari)

Under Secretary to the Government of India
APPENDIX-VI

List of Documents to be submitted physically in original

1. Power of Attorney for signing of Application in the format at Appendix-II;
2. If applicable, the Power of Attorney for Lead Member of Consortium in the format at Appendix-III;
3. If applicable, Joint Bidding Agreement in the format at Appendix-IV;
APPENDIX-VII

Instructions for online application/bid submission

Following are the instruction for online bid submission as per the term and conditions.

The bidders are required to submit soft copies of their bids electronically on the e-Procurement Portal, using valid Class 3 Digital Signature Certificates. The instructions given below are meant to assist the bidders in registering on the e-Procurement Portal, and submitting their bid online on the e-Procurement portal as per uploaded bid. **Prepare their bids in accordance with the requirements and submitting their bids online on the e-Procurement Portal.**

More information useful for submitting online bids on the e-Procurement Portal may be obtained at: [https://irsdc.enivida.com](https://irsdc.enivida.com)

**REGISTRATION:**

1. Bidders are required enroll on the e-Procurement Portal (URL: [https://irsdc.enivida.com](https://irsdc.enivida.com)) with clicking on the link “Online bidder Registration” on the e-Procurement Portal by paying the Registration fee of Rs.2360/- Per vendor/per year.

2. As part of the enrolment process, the bidders will be required to choose a unique username and assign a password for their accounts.

3. Bidders are advised to register their valid email address and mobile numbers as part of the registration process. These would be used for any communication with the bidder.

4. Upon enrolment, the bidders will be required to register their valid Digital Signature Certificate (Only Class III Certificates with signing + encryption key usage) issued by any Certifying Authority recognized by CCA India (e.g. Sify / TCS / nCode / eMudhra etc.), with their profile.

5. Only one valid DSC should be registered by a bidder. Please note that the bidders are responsible to ensure that they do not lend their DSC’s to others which may lead to misuse.

6. Bidder then logs in to the site through the secured log-in by entering their user ID /password and the password of the DSC / e-Token.

7. The scanned copies of all original documents should be uploaded in pdf format on portal [https://irsdc.enivida.com](https://irsdc.enivida.com)

8. After completion of registration payment, you need to sends your acknowledgement copy on our help desk mail id ewizardhelpdesk@gmail.com for activation of your account.

**SEARCHING FOR TENDER DOCUMENTS**
1. There are various search options built in the Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited e-Procurement Portal, to facilitate bidders to search active tenders by several parameters.

2. Once the bidders have selected the tenders they are interested, they can pay the processing fee as per the NIT (NOT REFUNDABLE) by net-banking / Debit / Credit card. After that respective contractor/Vendor may download the required documents / tender schedules, Bid documents etc. Once you pay both fee tenders will be moved to the respective ‘requested’ Tab. This would enable the e-Procurement Portal to intimate the bidders through SMS / e-mail in case there is any corrigendum issued to the tender document.

**PREPARATION OF BIDS**

1. Bidder should take into account any corrigendum published on the tender document before submitting their bids.

2. Please go through the tender advertisement and the tender document carefully to understand the documents required to be submitted as part of the bid.

3. Bidder, in advance, should get ready the bid documents to be submitted as indicated in the tender document / schedule and generally, they can be in PDF formats. Bid Original documents may be scanned with 100 dpi with Colored option which helps in reducing size of the scanned document.

4. To avoid the time and effort required in uploading the same set of standard documents which are required to be submitted as a part of every bid, a provision of uploading such standard documents (e.g. PAN card copy, annual reports, auditor certificates etc.) has been provided to the bidders. Bidders can use “My Documents” available to them to upload such documents.

5. These documents may be directly submitted from the “My Documents” area while submitting a bid, and need not be uploaded again and again. This will lead to a reduction in the time required for bid submission process.

**SUBMISSION OF BIDS**

1. Bidder should log into the website well in advance for the submission of the bid so that it gets uploaded well in time i.e. on or before the bid submission time. Bidder will be responsible for any delay due to other issues.

2. The bidder has to digitally sign and upload the required bid documents one by one as indicated in the tender document as a token of acceptance of the terms and conditions laid down by Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited.

3. Bidder has to select the payment option as “DD/e-payment” to pay the tender fee / EMD as applicable and enter details of the instrument.

4. Bidder should prepare the EMD as per the instructions specified in the tender document. The EMD in original should be posted/couriered/given in person to
the concerned official before the Online Opening of Financial Bid. In case of non-receipt of EMD amount in original by the said time, the uploaded bid will be summarily rejected.

5. Bidders are requested to note that they should necessarily submit their financial bids in the format provided and no other format is acceptable. If the price bid has been given as a standard BOQ format with the tender document, then the same is to be downloaded and to be filled by all the bidders. Bidders are required to download the BOQ file, open it and complete the white Colored (unprotected) cells with their respective financial quotes and other details (such as name of the bidder). No other cells should be changed. Once the details have been completed, the bidder should save it and submit it online, without changing the filename. If the BOQ file is found to be modified by the bidder, the bid will be rejected.

6. The server time (which is displayed on the bidders’ dashboard) will be considered as the standard time for referencing the deadlines for submission of the bids by the bidders, opening of bids etc. The bidders should follow this time during bid submission.

7. All the documents being submitted by the bidders would be encrypted using PKI encryption techniques to ensure the secrecy of the data. The data entered cannot be viewed by unauthorized persons until the time of bid opening. Data storage encryption of sensitive fields is done. Any bid document that is uploaded to the server is subjected to symmetric encryption using a system generated symmetric key. Further this key is subjected to asymmetric encryption using buyers/bid opener public keys. Overall, the uploaded tender documents become readable only after the tender opening by the authorized bid openers.

8. The uploaded tender documents become readable only after the tender opening by the authorized bid openers.

9. Upon the successful and timely submission of bid click “Complete” (i.e. after Clicking “Submit” in the portal), the portal will give a successful Tender submission acknowledgement & a bid summary will be displayed with the unique id and date & time of submission of the bid with all other relevant details.

10. The tender summary has to be printed and kept as an acknowledgement of the submission of the tender. This acknowledgement may be used as an entry pass for any bid opening meetings.

**ASSISTANCE TO BIDDERS**

1. Any queries relating to the tender document and the terms and conditions contained therein should be addressed to the IRSDC for a tender or the relevant contact person indicated in the tender.

2. Any queries relating to the process of online bid submission or queries relating to e-Procurement Portal in general may be directed to the 24x7 Helpdesk Support.

Please feel free to contact eWizard Helpdesk (as given below) for any query related to e-tendering.
1. Helpdesk landline No: 011-49606060
2. Mr. Amrendra (9355030628)
3. Mr. Birendra Kumar (09205898228)
4. Mr. Navneet Mishra (9560364871)
APPENDIX-VIII

Order on restrictions on bidder from country which share a land border with India
Office Memorandum

Subject: Insertion of Rule 144 (xi) in the General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017

Rule 144 of the General Financial Rules 2017 entitled 'Fundamental principles of public buying', has been amended by inserting sub-rule (xi) as under:

Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, Department of Expenditure may, by order in writing, impose restrictions, including prior registration and/or screening, on procurement from bidders from a country or countries, or a class of countries, on grounds of defence of India, or matters directly or indirectly related thereto including national security; no procurement shall be made in violation of such restrictions.

(Sanjay Prasad)
Joint Secretary (PPD)
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To,
(1) Secretaries of All Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
(2) Chief Secretaries/ Administrators of Union Territories/ National Capital Territory of Delhi
Order (Public Procurement No. 1)

Subject: Restrictions under Rule 144 (xi) of the General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017

Attention is invited to this office OM no. 6/18/2019-PPD dated 23rd July 2020 inserting Rule 144 (xi) in GFRs 2017. In this regard, the following is hereby ordered under Rule 144 (xi) on the grounds stated therein:

Requirement of registration

1. 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, specified in Annex I.

2. This Order shall not apply to (i) cases where orders have been placed or contract has been concluded or letter/notice of award/acceptance (LoA) has been issued on or before the date of this order; and (ii) cases falling under Annex II.

Transitional cases

3. Tenders where no contract has been concluded or no LoA has been issued so far shall be handled in the following manner:

   a) In tenders which are yet to be opened, or where evaluation of technical bid or the first exclusionary qualificatory stage (i.e. the first stage at which the qualifications of tenderers are evaluated and unqualified bidders are excluded) has not been completed: No contracts shall be placed on bidders from such countries. Tenders received from bidders from such countries shall be dealt with as if they are non-compliant with the tender conditions and the tender shall be processed accordingly.

   b) If the tendering process has crossed the first exclusionary qualificatory stage: If the qualified bidders include bidders from such countries, the
entire process shall be scrapped and initiated de novo. The de novo process shall adhere to the conditions prescribed in this Order.

c) As far as practicable, and in cases of doubt about whether a bidder falls under paragraph 1, a certificate shall be obtained from the bidder whose bid is proposed to be considered or accepted, in terms of paras 8, 9 and 10 read with para 1 of this Order.

Incorporation in tender conditions

4. In tenders to be issued after the date of this order, the provisions of paragraph 1 and of other relevant provisions of this Order shall be incorporated in the tender conditions.

Applicability

5. Apart from Ministries / Departments, attached and subordinate bodies, notwithstanding anything contained in Rule 1 of the GFRs 2017, this Order shall also be applicable
   a. to all Autonomous Bodies;
   b. to public sector banks and public sector financial institutions; and
   c. subject to any orders of the Department of Public Enterprises, to all Central Public Sector Enterprises; and
   d. to procurement in Public Private Partnership projects receiving financial support from the Government or public sector enterprises/ undertakings.
   e. Union Territories, National Capital Territory of Delhi and all agencies/ undertakings thereof

Definitions

6. “Bidder” for the purpose of this Order (including the term ‘tenderer’, ‘consultant’, ‘vendor’ 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.

7. “Tender” for the purpose of this Order will include other forms of procurement, except where the context requires otherwise.

8. “Bidder from a country which shares a land border with India” for the purpose of this Order means
a) An entity incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or
b) A subsidiary of an entity incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or
c) An entity substantially controlled through entities incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or
d) An entity 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 a 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

9. “Beneficial owner” for the purpose of paragraph 8 above will be as under:

(i) In case of a company or Limited Liability Partnership, the beneficial owner is the natural person(s), who, whether acting alone or together, or through one or more juridical person(s), 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 the 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;

(ii) 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;

(iii) 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;

(iv) Where no natural person is identified under (i) or (ii) or (iii) above, the beneficial owner is the relevant natural person who holds the position of senior managing official;
(v) 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.

10. "Agent" for the purpose of this Order is a person employed to do any act for another, or to represent another in dealings with third persons.

**Sub-contracting in works contracts**

11. In works contracts, including turnkey contracts, contractors 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. The definition of "contractor from a country which shares a land border with India" shall be as in paragraph 8 above. This shall not apply to sub-contracts already awarded on or before the date of this Order.

**Certificate regarding compliance**

12. A certificate shall be taken from bidders in the tender documents regarding their compliance with this Order. If such certificate given by a bidder whose bid is accepted is found to be false, this would be a ground for immediate termination and further legal action in accordance with law.

**Validity of registration**

13. In respect of tenders, registration should be valid at the time of submission of bids and at the time of acceptance of bids. In respect of supply otherwise than by tender, registration should be valid at the time of placement of order. If the bidder was validly registered at the time of acceptance / placement of order, registration shall not be a relevant consideration during contract execution.

**Government E-Marketplace**

14. The Government E-Marketplace shall, as soon as possible, require all vendors/bidders registered with GeM to give a certificate regarding compliance with this Order, and after the date fixed by it, shall remove non-compliant entities from GeM unless/ until they are registered in accordance with this Order.
Model Clauses/ Certificates

15. Model Clauses and Model Certificates which may be inserted in tenders / obtained from Bidders are enclosed as Annex III. While adhering to the substance of the Order, procuring entities are free to appropriately modify the wording of these clauses based on their past experience, local needs etc. without making any reference to this Department.

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To

(1) Secretaries of All Ministries/ Departments of Government of India for information and necessary action. They are also requested to inform these provisions to all procuring entities.

(2) Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises with a request to immediately reiterate these orders in respect of Public Enterprises.

(3) Secretary DPIIT with a request to initiate action as provided under Annex I

(4) Chief Secretaries/ Administrators of Union Territories/ National Capital Territory of Delhi
Annex I: Competent Authority and Procedure for Registration

A. The Competent Authority for the purpose of registration under this Order shall be the Registration Committee constituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)*.

B. The Registration Committee shall have the following members*:

i. An officer, not below the rank of Joint Secretary, designated for this purpose by DPIIT, who shall be the Chairman;

ii. Officers (ordinarily not below the rank of Joint Secretary) representing the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, and of those Departments whose sectors are covered by applications under consideration;

iii. Any other officer whose presence is deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Committee.

C. DPIIT shall lay down the method of application, format etc. for such bidders as stated in para 1 of this Order.

D. On receipt of an application seeking registration from a bidder from a country covered by para 1 of this Order, the Competent Authority shall first seek political and security clearances from the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs, as per guidelines issued from time to time. Registration shall not be given unless political and security clearance have both been received.

E. The Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs may issue guidelines for internal use regarding the procedure for scrutiny of such applications by them.

F. The decision of the Competent Authority, to register such bidder may be for all kinds of tenders or for a specified type(s) of goods or services, and may be for a specified or unspecified duration of time, as deemed fit. The decision of the Competent Authority shall be final.

G. Registration shall not be granted unless the representatives of the Ministries of Home Affairs and External Affairs on the Committee concur*.

H. Registration granted by the Competent Authority of the Government of India shall be valid not only for procurement by Central Government and its agencies/ public enterprises etc. but also for procurement by State Governments and their agencies/ public enterprises etc. No fresh registration at the State level shall be required.

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I. The Competent Authority is empowered to cancel the registration already granted if it determines that there is sufficient cause. Such cancellation by itself, however, will not affect the execution of contracts already awarded. Pending cancellation, it may also suspend the registration of a bidder, and the bidder shall not be eligible to bid in any further tenders during the period of suspension.

J. For national security reasons, the Competent Authority shall not be required to give reasons for rejection/cancellation of registration of a bidder.

K. In transitional cases falling under para 3 of this Order, where it is felt that it will not be practicable to exclude bidders from a country which shares a land border with India, a reference seeking permission to consider such bidders shall be made by the procuring entity to the Competent Authority, giving full information and detailed reasons. The Competent Authority shall decide whether such bidders may be considered, and if so shall follow the procedure laid down in the above paras.

L. Periodic reports on the acceptance/refusal of registration during the preceding period may be required to be sent to the Cabinet Secretariat. Details will be issued separately in due course by DPIIT.

["Note:
  i. In respect of application of this Order to procurement by/under State Governments, all functions assigned to DPIIT shall be carried out by the State Government concerned through a specific department or authority designated by it. The composition of the Registration Committee shall be as decided by the State Government and paragraph G above shall not apply. However, the requirement of political and security clearance as per para D shall remain and no registration shall be granted without such clearance.
  ii. Registration granted by State Governments shall be valid only for procurement by the State Government and its agencies/public enterprises etc. and shall not be valid for procurement in other states or by the Government of India and their agencies/public enterprises etc."]
Annex II: Special Cases

A. Till 31st December 2020, procurement of medical supplies directly related to containment of the Covid-19 pandemic shall be exempt from the provisions of this Order.

B. *Bona fide* procurements made through GeM without knowing the country of the bidder till the date fixed by GeM for this purpose, shall not be invalidated by this Order.

C. *Bona fide* small procurements, made without knowing the country of the bidder, shall not be invalidated by this Order.

D. In projects which receive international funding with the approval of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance, the procurement guidelines applicable to the project shall normally be followed, notwithstanding anything contained in this Order and without reference to the Competent Authority. Exceptions to this shall be decided in consultation with DEA.

E. This Order shall not apply to procurement by Indian missions and by offices of government agencies/ undertakings located outside India.

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Annex III

Model Clause /Certificate to be inserted in tenders etc.
(While adhering to the substance of the Order, procuring entities and GeM are free to appropriately modify the wording of the clause/ certificate based on their past experience, local needs etc.)

Model Clauses for Tenders

I. Any bidder from a country which shares a land border with India will be eligible to bid in this tender only if the bidder is registered with the 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 from a country which shares a land border with India” for the purpose of this Order means:
   a. An entity incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or
   b. A subsidiary of an entity incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or
   c. An entity substantially controlled through entities incorporated, established or registered in such a country; or
   d. An entity 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 a 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 alone 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.

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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 official;

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.

Model Certificate for Tenders (for transitional cases as stated in para 3 of this Order)

"I have read the clause regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India; I hereby certify that this bidder is not from such a country and is eligible to be considered."

Model Certificate for Tenders

"I have read the clause regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India; I certify that this bidder is not from such a country or, if from such a country, has been registered with the"
Competent Authority. I hereby certify that this bidder fulfills all requirements in this regard and is eligible to be considered. [Where applicable, evidence of valid registration by the Competent Authority shall be attached.]

Model Certificate for Tenders for Works involving possibility of sub-contracting

"I have read the clause regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India and on sub-contracting to contractors from such countries; I certify that this bidder is not from such a country or, if from such a country, has been registered with the Competent Authority and will not sub-contract any work to a contractor from such countries unless such contractor is registered with the Competent Authority. I hereby certify that this bidder fulfills all requirements in this regard and is eligible to be considered. [Where applicable, evidence of valid registration by the Competent Authority shall be attached.]

Model Certificate for GeM:

"I have read the clause regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India; I certify that this vendor/ bidder is not from such a country or, if from such a country, has been registered with the Competent Authority. I hereby certify that this vendor/ bidder fulfills all requirements in this regard and is eligible to be considered for procurement on GeM. [Where applicable, evidence of valid registration by the Competent Authority shall be attached.]

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