

BHEL recently received guidelines from Govt. Of India and Central Vigilance Commission and we have been asked to comply with the guidelines with regard to dealings with Indian Agent/Foreign Agent of Foreign Suppliers.

1. Mandatory submission of an Agency Agreement

- 1.1 It shall be incumbent on the Indian agent and the foreign principal to adhere to the relevant guidelines of Government of India, issued from time to time.
- 1.2 The Agency Agreement should specify the precise relationship between the foreign OEM/foreign principal and their Indian agent and their mutual interest in the business. All services to be rendered by agent/associate, whether of general nature or in relation to the particular contract, must be clearly stated by the foreign supplier/Indian agent. Any payment, which the agent or associate receives in India or abroad from the OEM, whether as commission or as a general retainer fee should be brought on record in the Agreement and be made explicit in order to ensure compliance to laws of the country.
- 1.3 In the absence of any agency agreement, BHEL shall not deal with any Indian agent (authorized representatives / associate / consultant, or by whatever name called) and shall deal directly with the foreign principal only for all correspondence and business purposes.
- 1.4 Agents will file an authenticated Photostat copy duly attested by a Notary Public / Original certificate of the Principal confirming the agency agreement and giving the status being enjoyed by the agent and the commission / remuneration / salary / retainer ship being paid by the principal to the agent.
- 1.5 Wherever the Indian representatives have communicated on behalf of their principals and the foreign parties have stated that they are not paying any commission to the Indian agents, and the Indian representative is working on the basis of salary or as retainer, a written declaration to this effect should be submitted by the Foreign Principal.

2. Disclosure of particulars of agents / representatives in India

2.1 Tenderers of Foreign nationality shall furnish the following details:

- 2.1.1 The Bidder(s) / Contractor(s) of foreign origin shall disclose the name and address of the agents / representatives in India if any and the extent of authorization and authority given to commit the Principals. In case the agent / representative be a foreign Company, it shall be confirmed whether it is existing Company and details of the same shall be furnished.
- 2.1.2 The amount of commission / remuneration included in the quoted price(s) for such agents / representatives in India.
- 2.1.3 Confirmation of the Tenderer that the commission / remuneration, if any, payable to his agents / representatives in India, paid in Indian Rupees only.

2.2 Tenderers of Indian Nationality shall furnish the following details:

2.2.1 The Bidder(s) / Contractor(s) of Indian Nationality shall furnish the name and address of the foreign principals, if any, indicating their nationality as well as their status, i.e. whether manufacturer or agents of manufacturer holding the Letter of Authority of the Principal specifically authorizing the agent to make an offer in India in response to tender either directly or through the agents / representatives.

2.2.2 The amount of commission / remuneration included in the price(s) quoted by the Tenderer for himself.

2.2.3 Confirmation of the foreign principals of the Tenderer that the commission / remuneration, if any, reserved for the Tenderer in the quoted price(s), paid in India in equivalent Indian Rupees on satisfactory completion of the Project or supplies of Stores and Spares in case of operation items.

2.3 Failure to furnish correct and detailed information as called for in paragraph 2.1 & 2.2 above will render the concerned tender liable to rejection or in the event of a contract materializing, the same liable to termination by BHEL Besides this there would be a penalty of banning business dealings with BHEL or damage or payment of a named sum.

Please furnish the above information immediately