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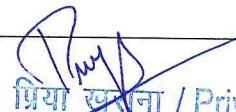
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Minutes of Pre-bid Meeting for Procurement of HP-300mg and Isoniazid 100mg DT on Rate Contract basis through TENDER No: CMSS/PROC/2026-27/NTEP/028, Pre-bid Meeting held on 25th August 2026 at 11:00 AM

Table -A

(Pre-bid queries raised by the prospective bidders & remarks by CMSS)

S.No.	Tender Clause	Queries	Reply/Clarification
1	Section-I-Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)-EMD	Bidder requested to clarify if a single EMD for the consolidated amount can be submitted for all schedules as they intend to apply for or separate EMDs are required for each schedule.	Separate EMD for each schedule shall be preferable. However, a single EMD for multiple schedules is also acceptable.
2	Form-6- Bid Summary- Point 4(p)- Statutory Auditors Certificate for Local Content, If Purchase Value More than INR 10 Crore. Local Content Declaration Compliance. (Form 1.3 of Bid Document)	Bidder submitted that in Form 6 (Bid Summary) under point 4(p), it is mentioned that Statutory Auditor certificate is required for local content declaration. However, in clause 9.2.1 under Point 2c, it is mentioned that Local content declaration from either Statutory Auditor or Cost Auditor can be provided. Bidder requested to clarify from whom they must obtain the local content declaration.	Local content Declaration from Statutory Auditor or Cost Auditor for Companies/ Cost or Chartered Accountant for others is acceptable.
3	Section-VI- Technical Specifications and Quality Assurance	Bidder requested to allow “skip testing” for microbial count instead of testing for microbial count for every batch. Bidder requested to to allow Skip Test of Microbial test. As per WHO guideline Microbial test is done on first five Commercial batches & then after on first and every 10th batch of the year whichever is earlier.	No change


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4	Section-V Schedule of Requirements: B. Delivery Schedule	Bidder requested to increase the lead time to 90 days for delivering the goods. As it takes time to arrange the KSM which they have to import, and then to arrange API which take time, packing materials, excipients itself will take 40 Days. Once all the materials are available further 10-15 days for granulation, compression, coating, packing and additional 15 days batch release by QA/QC. Once the goods are ready additional time required for PDI. They cannot anticipate in how many days they will receive the greenlight from NTEP/CMSS to dispatch the goods to the different warehouses. Thus the goods will get ready for PDI within 60 days + additional days required for green light to get from CMSS QA/QC+ Additional 15-20 days for transportation for delivery. So they request to increase the lead time as 90 days instead of 60 days. The tender stipulates that the supplies shall be subject to Pre-Dispatch Inspection (PDI). After completion of the manufacturing process, the supplier is required to offer the goods for PDI in writing to the Quality Assurance Department of CMSS at least 10 days prior to the proposed inspection date. Following completion of the inspection, the bidder is required to provide the necessary undertaking to CMSS for obtaining conditional dispatch clearance before dispatching the goods to the consignee. Considering the above process, a substantial portion of the 60-day delivery period will be consumed in manufacturing, offering the goods for inspection, conducting PDI, and obtaining the requisite dispatch clearance. Consequently, the actual time available to the bidder for dispatch and delivery to the respective consignees becomes considerably limited. Therefore, the bidder requested to amend the delivery period from 60 days to 90 days from the date of issue of the Purchase Order, considering the time required for manufacturing, PDI, dispatch clearance and delivery.	Refer to Amendment-3

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5	Section-IV- Qualification Criteria (a) Tenderer must be a manufacturer of quoted product. b) Tenderer must submit own manufacturing license in the indicated pharmacopeia (as indicated in technical specification) valid on the date of tender opening (technical bid). If the tendered drug is in Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP), then the manufacturing license has to be submitted in IP only.	Bidder requested to accept the FDA inward application copy for the Manufacturing License at the time of submission of bid, in case the actual signed license copy has not been received from the FDA. The FDA process may require additional time for issuance of the final signed copy. Therefore, they requested that the inward application /acknowledgement copy submitted to the FDA be considered as supporting documentation for the bid submission. Once the Manufacturing License is granted by the FDA and the signed copy is received, they undertake to submit the same immediately for records.	No change. Documents to be submitted as per tender terms and conditions
6	Section-VI- Technical Specifications and Quality Assurance- HP 300 (Rifapentine 300mg + Isoniazid 300mg)- Packaging	Bidder requested to accept Rifapentine 300mg + Isoniazid 300mg in an Alu-Alu strip as supplied earlier to CMSS. Referring to the packing requirement for the aforementioned products in Alu-PVC; bidder has informed that Alu-PVC & Alu-Alu doesn't make any difference in term of delivery of product to the patient. Both products are equally patient friendly packaging, in fact Alu-Alu strip pack is a better pack than Alu-PVC blister pack considering the following points: (i) Strip pack is of Aluminum based material which has a good resistance to temperature changes than Alu-PVC pack which is a plastic base material with limited heat resistance. (ii) Alu-Alu strip pack has excellent barrier properties than Alu-PVC with respect to humidity, oxygen and U.V rays. (iii) Alu-Alu strip pack has better thermal stability than Alu-PVC material.	Refer to Amendment-3

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		Bidder submitted that submit that Aluminium-PVC blister packaging is a feasible and suitable packaging, considering its stability and practical handling requirements. Further, the cost of ALU-ALU packaging is considerably higher, which may have a direct impact on the overall cost of the product. They requested that the packaging specification may be amended to permit Aluminium-PVC blister packaging in addition to ALU-ALU packaging.	
7	Section-VI- Technical Specifications and Quality Assurance- Isoniazid 100mg Dispersible Tablet	Bidder requested to accept Isoniazid 100mg Dispersible Tablet in an Alu-Alu strip as supplied earlier to CMSS. Referring to the packing requirement for the aforementioned products in Alu-PVC; bidder informed that Alu-PVC & Alu-Alu doesn't make any difference in term of delivery of product to the patient. Both products are equally patient friendly packaging, in fact Alu-Alu strip pack is a better pack than Alu-PVC blister pack considering the following points: (i) Strip pack is of Aluminum based material which has a good resistance to temperature changes than Alu-PVC pack which is a plastic base material with limited heat resistance. (ii) Alu-Alu strip pack has excellent barrier properties than Alu-PVC with respect to humidity, oxygen and U.V rays. (iii) Alu-Alu strip pack has better thermal stability than Alu-PVC material.	Refer to Amendment-3
8	Section-VII- GCC Clause: 9.12 Liquidated damages	Considering the long-term association and providing their reliability, bidder requested to remove the liquidated damages clause from the tender.	No Change



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9	Section-VIII- SCC- GCC 7.1.7- For all the tranches, the goods supplied under the contract shall be subjected to Pre-Delivery Inspection at manufacturer's manufacturing premises before dispatch.	Bidder requested to do the PDI for Tranche I – Lot 1 and rest consider as NON PDI. This is because after the completion of PDI by QA/QC department, and then until the Lab result are not received to CMSS by their irrespective Lab, they are unable to dispatch the goods until they get dispatch confirmation by QA/QC team. They are not getting green light for dispatch more than 1 month after the completion of PDI procedure. After receiving dispatch confirmation, transportation itself takes additional days to get the goods delivered which makes more challenging to get the delivery done on time to avoid LD charges or product short shelf-life issues. So to avoid such circumstances, bidder requested to consider Tranche I as PDI & rest orders as NON PDI for smooth dispatches and deliveries.	No Change
10	Section-VIII- SCC- GCC 8.7.5- The contractor shall ensure that at least 5/6th of shelf-life remains balance on delivery date.	Bidder requested to reduce the minimum remaining shelf-life requirement at delivery from 5/6th (83%) to 75%. This is because they manufacture in lots at once, and it takes time for those batches to get released, followed by PDI and further dispatches post CMSS's clearance. As a result of this drawn-out process, approximately one-fifth of the shelf life is lost.	No Change
11	Form-4.1: Proforma for Performance Statement	Bidder requested to remove the Unit Price (all inclusive) and Total Value details from Form 4.1 (Proforma for Performance Statement), as those details are confidential.	Bidder may not submit the details of Unit price all inclusive & total value details.
12	Section-II- ITB 12.1.3 Clarification of Bids and shortfall documents	Bidder requested to allow 2nd round of bid clarifications, as the Rate Contract tender is new for the bidder and additional queries may arise while preparing the bid.	Bidders can seek clarifications by submitting their queries in writing on the email ids mentioned in the tender document before the Bid Submission End Date and Time.

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13	Section-IV- Qualification Criteria- (k) Copies of the audited Annual reports including the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the last three years i.e. i.e. 2021-2022, 2022-23 and 2023-24 or 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 duly certified by a practicing Chartered Accountant, where ever applicable.	Bidder requested to allow them to submit Annual Turnover Statement, Balance Sheet & Profit Loss account details only of last 3 years instead of full Audited Annual reports. As their audited balance sheet copies for 3 years are, approximately 500 pages (Total), due to which they have to compress the pdf file until its gets below 40MB limit to uploaded it on the portal. In many cases due to this compression of the PDF file, several pages are not legible, on which we keep on receiving queries during technical evaluation. Alternatively, they requested to increase the total limit to upload the documents on the portal.	No Change
14	Section-II- ITB 6.1.2: Undue profiteering 1. Controlled Price, if any or MRP: The price quoted by Bidder shall not be higher than the controlled price fixed by law for the Goods, if any, or where there is no controlled price, it shall not exceed the prices or contravene the norms for fixation of prices if any, laid down by Government or where the Government has fixed no such prices or norms, it shall not exceed the price appearing in any agreement, if any, relating to price regulation by any industry. In any case, save for special reasons stated in the bid, if any, the price charged shall not be higher than the Maximum Retail Price (MRP).	Bidder requested to provide the applicable Controlled Price details for HP and Isoniazid 100mg DT for their reference. They have referred to the NPPA Updated Price List dated 31/07/2026; however, they could not find the details for both two products- HP & Isoniazid 100mg DT.	No change
15	Section-VI- Technical Specifications and Quality Assurance: Artwork of 3HP	Bidder requested to allow supply of 3HP (Rifapentine 300mg + Isoniazid 300mg) with the same artwork supplied earlier against PO No. 10282300168 dated 22/12/2023.	No Change

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16	Section-VI- Technical Specifications and Quality Assurance: Artwork of Isoniazid 100mg DT	Bidder requested to allow supply of Isoniazid 100mg Dispersible Tablet with the same artwork supplied earlier against PO No. 10282300073 dated 07/07/2023.	No Change
17	Section-III- BDS- ITB 9.2.1.3	Bidder requested to reconfirm that a manufacturer can bid for both the Regular and Development Tenders from the same manufacturing site; However, separate EMDs, to be submitted, In case a firm is disqualified from the Regular Tender on account of only Market Standing & Performance statement but all other documents are in order, the firm will be considered eligible for the Developmental Tender.	Yes, a manufacturer can bid for both the Regular and Development Tenders from the same manufacturing site. Bidders who are technically qualified and whose price bids are opened for Regular Tender Schedule (Sch. I & II), will not be eligible for corresponding Developmental Tender Schedule (Sch. III & IV). However, if a bidder is not eligible for a Regular Tender Schedule (Sch. I & II) for a particular manufacturing site (but qualifies for other manufacturing site), it can bid for Developmental Tender for the manufacturing site for which it is not eligible for Regular Tender Schedules (Sch. I & II).

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18	Section-IV- Qualification Criteria- (e) Tenderer must submit Market standing certificate issued by the Licensing Authority, as a Manufacturer of the item quoted, for any two out of last three financial years i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26. However, this would not apply to products which have been licensed by DCG (I) less than two years ago. Clause (h) Past Supplies: The tenderer must have supplied at least the prescribed quantity of the same or similar item during the last two financial years including the period of current F.Y. till the date of tender opening.	The firm has requested reconsideration of the mandatory requirement of an MSC certificate for the Regular Tender, particularly in respect of manufacturers whose DCGI/CDSCO permission for the product was granted within the last two years. The firm has submitted that, as no fresh NTEP procurement of the product has been undertaken through a new tender since November 2024, manufacturers having the requisite regulatory approvals and manufacturing capabilities may not have had adequate opportunity to establish market standing through Government supply. Accordingly, relaxation/removal of the MSC and corresponding performance-statement requirement has been requested.	The requirement of Market Standing Certificate and Past Supplies have been waived off for the Developmental Tender Schedule.
19	Section-I-Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)- Bid Submission Timelines	Extend the bid submission deadline from 09/09/2026 to 21/09/2026 to allow additional time for arranging the required documents.	Kindly follow the dates as per schedule given on CPP Portal and further amendments (if, any).
20	Section-VI- Technical Specifications and Quality Assurance: Point (I) Packaging, (J) Mill board/Grey box and (K) Ply Shipper Package	Amend the secondary packaging requirement: permit three blister strips per box to be packed in 400 GSM millboard/grey board boxes instead of 3 mm corrugated boxes, and permit suitable 3-ply/5-ply shipper configurations with a total shipping carton weight of approximately 12–15 kg.	No Change



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