# West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limite

(A Government of West Bengal Enterprise)



### Tender Document

Engagement of an agency/company for providing housekeeping and cleaning services by deploying two multi-tasking unskilled labourers, along with the supply of required cleaning materials in sufficient quantity, at the office of the Chief Engineer, Planning, Investigation & Design Department, WBSEDCL, located at the Data Centre Complex (4th Floor), Action Area-I, Newtown-700163

### Issued against

NIET No.: PIDD/NIET/Housekeeping/2025-26/01

Dated: 03.06.2025

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# The Chief Engineer, Planning, Investigation & Design Department, WBSEDCL

Data Centre Complex (4th Floor), Action Area-I, Newtown- 700 163





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### SECTION: I

### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (NIET)

NIeT No.: PIDD/NIeT/Housekeeping/2025-26/01

Dated: 03.06.2025

West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited hereinafter referred to as WBSEDCL, a Govt. Of West Bengal Enterprise having its registered office at Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, sector-II, Salt Lake Kolkata-700 091 is responsible to distribute uninterrupted and quality Power within the State of West Bengal within the jurisdiction of WBSEDCL with consumer base of approx. 2.09 Cr.

The Chief Engineer, Planning, Investigation and Design Department, WBSEDCL, Data Centre Complex (4th Floor), Action Area-I, Newtown, Pin - 700163, on behalf of WBSEDCL, invites e-tenders from reputed and solvent agencies/companies with proven experience in executing service contracts. The scope of work includes providing two (02) Multi-Tasking Manpower (Unskilled) for a period of two (02) years to the Planning, Investigation and Design Department, WBSEDCL, at the Data Centre Complex (4th Floor), Action Area-I, Newtown, in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below.

Name of the Work	:	Engagement of an agency/company for providing housekeeping and cleaning services by deploying two multi-tasking unskilled labourers, along with the supply of required cleaning materials in sufficient quantity, at the office of the Chief Engineer, Planning, Investigation & Design Department, WBSEDCL, located at the Data Centre Complex (4th Floor), Action Area-I, Newtown-700163	
Estimated Contract Value	:	Rs. 721656.85 , say Rs. 721657.00 (excluding GST)	
Amount of Earnest Money	:	Rs. 14433.00	
Amount of Security Deposit	:	In the form of Performance Bank Guarantee which is 10% of the contract value or as amended time to time as per WBSEDCL Policy.	
Publishing date in NIC (e-tender) Portal	:	13.06.2025 at 15.00 hrs.	
Start date of Downloading of NIT	:	13.06.2025 at 16.00 hrs.	
Pre- bid meeting		17.06.2025 at 15.00 hrs.	
Bid submission starts on and from	:	18.06.2025 from 10.00 hrs	
End date of submission of Online Bid	:	02.07.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.	





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Website for downloading tender document	:	: https://wbtenders.gov.in (only for download purpose)	
Mode of submission of Earnest Money and Security Deposit	;	Earnest Money should be deposited through online i.e.  Net Banking/RTG5/NEFT through e-tendering portal  and  Security Deposit may be submitted in form of Bank Guarantee (BG).	
Submission of Bank Guarantee	:	BG must be submitted in favour of "Chief Engineer, Planning, Investigation & Design Department West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd." payable at Kolkata issued from any Nationalized/commercial Bank except Co-operative Banks. (As per enclosed format-Annexure-VI)	
/ALIDITY OF Bank Guarantee		For a period of 3 (Three) months from the date of completion of the contract, including the defect liability period, with an additional claim period of 3 (three) months.	
Date of opening of Techno-Commercial Bid	:	07.07.2025 at 15.00 hrs	
Period of Contract	:	2 years	

### 1. Scope of Work

- i) Initially, the Agency/Company shall be responsible for providing Multi-Tasking Manpower (Unskilled), preferably aged up to 50 years, to the Planning, Investigation & Design Department, WBSEDCL, at the Data Centre Complex (4th Floor), Action Area-I, Newtown.
- ii) All the outsourced personnel should perform the job entrusted to them by the concerned officer-in-charge of Planning, Investigation & Design Department, WBSEDCL.
- iii) All outsourced personnel must attend duty at their designated place of posting at PIDD office on all working days from 10:00 AM to 06:00 PM, and as per the instructions of the Officer-in-Charge of the Planning, Investigation & Design Department, WBSEDCL, as and when required.
- iv) All outsourced personnel shall be entitled to get leave on Saturdays, Sundays, and other holidays as declared by WBSEDCL. No deduction in daily wages will be made for these days. However, if required, the Head of the Department (HoD) may instruct outsourced personnel to attend office on any holiday, including Saturdays and/or Sundays. No additional payment shall be made for such duties.
- v) No pick-up and/or drop-off facility will be provided by WBSEDCL under any circumstances. If any outsourced personnel fail to attend duty due to unavailability of conveyance or any other reason, the absence will be treated as unauthorized, and daily wages will be deducted in accordance with prevailing norms, unless otherwise directed by



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WBSEDCL and/or the Government of West Bengal (GoWB). No incidental charges shall be payable to the vendor under any circumstances.

- vi) In the event of an outbreak of a pandemic and/or epidemic, if any lockdown and/or restrictions are imposed, the outsourced personnel shall be required to attend their duties at the respective department unless and until any guideline(s) and/or order(s) is issued by WBSEDCL and/or the Government of West Bengal (GoWB). In case of absence from duty due to such lockdown/restriction, daily wages will be deducted for each day of absence, unless a specific guideline/order is issued by the Government of India (GoI), the GoWB, and/or WBSEDCL regarding non-deduction of wages.
- vii) The Service Contract shall remain valid for a period of two (02) years from the date of issuance of the Service Contract Order or from the effective date specified therein.
- viii) The price quoted by the bidder—inclusive of service charges, profit, cost of cleaning materials, etc., but excluding GST—shall remain firm and fixed throughout the entire contract period. No request for price escalation will be entertained under any circumstances.
- The agency/company shall ensure payment of minimum wages and all applicable statutory dues to the unskilled sweeping and cleaning manpower in accordance with government norms as notified from time to time by the Government of West Bengal. However, WBSEDCL will not entertain any revision in the contract price during the entire contract period, except for applicable GST.
- x) The successful bidder shall supply all required cleaning materials—such as phenyl, disinfectant toilet cleaner, disinfectant floor cleaner, mops, dusters, garbage bags, brooms, wipers, room fresheners, naphthalene balls, wooden and glass cleaners, etc.—of reputed brands in sufficient quantities to maintain cleanliness of all cabins, common areas, lobby, toilets, conference rooms, and other spaces at the Planning, Investigation & Design Department, WBSEDCL, Data Centre Complex (4th Floor), Action Area-I, Newtown.

### 2. Eligibility Criteria:

- A) The participating Agency/Company should have been continuously engaged in a similar nature of work in government offices, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), or other reputed organizations for a minimum period of the last three (03) FY (2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25). The bidder must submit supporting documents such as the certificate of commencement/incorporation, work experience certificates for similar jobs, completion certificates, and a list of contract orders as proof.
- B) The Agency/Company must possess the following registrations and certificates:
  - i) Registration with the Regional Labour Commissioner and a valid license under the Contract Labour (R&A) Act, 1970 in same registered address.
  - ii) Valid EPF Registration.
  - iii) Valid ESI Registration.
  - iv) Valid GST Registration of GSTIN with latest paid fees challan
  - v) Valid PAN
  - vi) Valid Trade Licence.
  - vii) Valid ISO 9001:2015 Certification for Quality Management System.
  - viii) Income Tax Returns for the last three (03) financial years (2021-2022,2022-23 & 2023-24)

All necessary certificates must be submitted along with the bid.

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- C) The average annual turnover of the participating agency/company for the last three (03) financial years (2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24) should not be less than 30% of the estimated contract value. This must be supported by audited profit and loss accounts and balance sheet certified by a Practicing Chartered Accountant (PCA).
- D) The Agency/Company must have its Head/Registered/Corporate Office located within India and maintain a registered office within the jurisdiction of Kolkata, Howrah, Salt Lake, Hooghly, New Town, or South & North 24 Parganas (hereinafter referred to as the "Local Office"). The detailed addresses and locations of these offices must be furnished, and necessary supporting documents submitted along with the bid. WBSEDCL reserves the right to conduct a physical inspection of these offices without prior notice, if deemed necessary. In the event the Agency/Company changes the location of any office during the contract period, it must notify the Chief Engineer, Planning, Investigation & Design Department, WBSEDCL, at Data Centre Complex (4th Floor), Action Area-I, Newtown, in writing, along with supporting documents. For proprietorship agencies, the office address and the proprietor's residential address must be different.
- E) The agency/company shall ensure payment of minimum wages and all statutory dues to the unskilled sweeping and cleaning manpower as per government norms notified from time to time by the Government of West Bengal. A declaration confirming compliance in this regard must be submitted.
- F) Consortiums or Joint Ventures will not be permitted.
- 6) The participating agency/company must not have been blacklisted by any government department or PSU in the last three (03) calendar years. An undertaking from the authorized signatory of the vendor, on a non-judicial stamp paper of ₹100 with the organization's seal, must be submitted.
- H) No preference shall be given to any agency/company based on its geographic location or size.

### 3. Key Dates:

Date of Publishing of NIT at Newspaper, WBSEDCL's			
website <u>www.wbsedcl.in</u> as well as in NIT Portal	13/06/2025	***	
https://wbtenders.gov.in (Publishing Date)		15:00 HRS	
Tender Booklet downloading start date	13/06/2025	16:00 HRS	
Online Bid submission starts on & from	18/06/2025	10:00 HRS	
Bid submission closing date	02/07/2025	16:00 HRS	
Techno-commercial bid opening date	07/07/2025	15:00 HRS	
Financial bid opening date	The date & time will be intimated		
	after evaluation of Techno-		
	commercial bid		

If any date as stipulated above falls on a holiday or half day, then proceeding of that date will be executed on the immediate next full working day.



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### Contact Person:

The Chief Engineer,

Planning Investigation and Design Department

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Website

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Other information, as well as terms and conditions not covered above, are provided in the Instructions to Bidders and the General Conditions of Contract of the Tender.

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Memo. No: PIDD/Housekeeping/120/98 (1 - 9)

Dated: 03.06.2025

### Copy to:

- The Director (Generation), WBSEDCL, 7th Floor, Vidyut Bhavan, Kolkata
- The AGM & Advisor, Corp. Communication, WBSEDCL, Vidyut Bhavan, Ground Floor He is requested to make arrangement for uploading this NIeT in the official web portal of the company as well as Newspaper. Enclo: NIeT and Format for uploading in web portal.
- 3. The AGM (F&A), Corporate, 7th Floor, Vidyut Bhavan, Kolkata
- The ACE, PIDD, WBSEDCL, New Town, Kolkata
- The Superintending Engineer (E), PIDD, WBSEDCL, New Town, Kolkata 5.
- The Dy. General Manager (F&A), PIDD, New Town, Kolkata
- 7. The Manager (HR&A), PIDD, New Town, Kolkata
- 8. Case File/ Office Copy

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### SECTION: II

### INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS (ITB)/ Terms & Conditions

- i) Type of Tender: This tender is 02(two) part tender comprises the following:
  - a) Techno-Commercial Bid: This bid should demonstrate the eligibility of the participant. Any participant failing to meet any parameter of the eligibility criteria will be disqualified from the tender process.
  - b) Price Bid: After thorough evaluation of the Techno-Commercial Bids, the Price Bids of only those participants who qualify techno-commercially will be opened. The contract will be awarded based on the lowest offered rates from these eligible bidders.
- ii) Acceptance of Tender: Participants shall ensure that all the eligibility conditions duly fulfilled by them and if there be any dispute regarding non-submission of any documents, WBSEDCL reserves the right to cancel that bid unilaterally without assigning any reason. Necessary intimation will be given.
- iii) Availability of Tender Document: The tender documents will be available only in PDF format at the e-tendering portal i.e. https://wbtenders.gov.in. There will be no sell of Tender document. Participants have to download the same from the above-mentioned websites.
- iv) Earnest Money:

An Interest Free Refundable Earnest Money of 2% of estimated value of Rs. 721657.00 (excluding GST) i.e. Rs. 14433.00 should be deposited through online mode i.e. Net Banking/RTGS/NEFT through e-tendering website. At the time of opening Technical Bid, if any dispute found in bid document, then the bid would be treated as disqualified/ unsuccessful, the EMD will be refunded to the participant through online mode through e-tendering website automatically through an automated process by NIC portal on receipt of updated status of any bid in due course.

#### Refund/settlement of EMD amount: -

- For unsuccessful bidders, EMD amount submitted against the tender shall be refunded automatically, through an automated process, by NIC portal on receipt of updated status of any bid.
- > For successful bid(s), EMD will be refunded from WBSEDCL authority after completion of tendering process and following due procedures.
- > The bank account used for payment of EMD by the bidders shall be maintained operative until the completion of tendering process. All refunds will be made mandatorily too the Bank A/c from which the payment of EMD has been initiated.
- > For any queries related to payments and refunds, bidders will have to communicate with ICICI Customer Support, viz. 033-40267512/13 since payment gateway facility used by E-tender portal is maintained by ICICI.



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However, WBSEDCL reserves the right to forfeit the above Earnest Money in whole, if felt necessary and decided by the Tender Committee under following circumstances: -

- a. If the bid is withdrawn during the validity period or any extension thereof.
- b. If the bid is varied or modified in a manner not acceptable to this organization during the validity period or any extension thereof.
- c. If the successful bidder fails to furnish the Security Deposit immediately on receipt of the order/Letter of Award (LOA).
- d. If, at any stage during the evaluation process, it is found that the Agency/Company has submitted fake documents or that any information provided is false or misleading.

It may be noted that non-submission of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will lead to disqualification, and the Technical Bid shall not be opened.

### v) Security Deposit: -

Security Deposit @ 10% of contract value should be deposited only in the form of Bank Guarantee (as per Annexure- VI) drawn in favour of "Chief Engineer, Planning, Investigation & Design Department, WBSEDCL", Data Centre Complex (4th Floor), Action Area-I, Newtown, Pin-700163 from any Nationalized/commercial Bank's branches situated in Kolkata except Co-operative Banks, immediately on receipt of the order/Letter of Award (LOA) and before signing of agreement. After completion of successful contract period the same will be returned to the Agency/Company against their application for refund. In case of renewal of contract (if necessary), the same may be retained further on mutual agreement.

The validity of the Bank Guarantee shall be Three (03) months from the date of expiry of the contract, with an additional claim period of three (03) months. The validity may be extended further, if required.

However, WBSEDCL reserves the right to forfeit the above Security Deposit in whole during the validity period in following cases, if felt necessary and decided by the competent authority of WBSEDCL: -

- a. If the Agency/Company is being disqualified or holiday listed by WBSEDCL resulting termination of contract.
- b. In case of breach of any terms of service contract.
- vi) Different modes of Payment of Fees: -
- a) Net-Banking through Payment Gateway.
- b) RTGS/NEFT Payment: On selection of RTGS/NEFT as the payment mode, the e-procurement portal will show a pre-filled challan having the details to process RTGS/NEFT transaction. The bidder will print the challan and use the pre-filled information to make RTGS/NEFT payment using the bank account. Once the payment is made, the bidder will come

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back to the e-procurement portal to continue the bidding process after expiry of a reasonable time to enable the RTGS/NEFT process to be completed.

# vii) <u>Submission of Bid:</u> Bids must be submitted exclusively through the e-procurement portal.

### viii) Opening of tender:

On the scheduled date of opening, the Techno-Commercial Bids of participants who have submitted the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the prescribed manner will be opened. After thorough scrutiny and evaluation of the Techno-Commercial documents, the Price Bids of only those bidders who are found to be Techno-Commercially qualified will be opened.

#### ix) Evaluation of tender: -

- Evaluation of Techno-Commercial bid will be done on the basis of merit of the documents submitted by the participants as per Annexure-I of the NIT.
- b. The amount/percentage (lower/higher) quoted by eligible bidders under Sl. No. 2, with reference to the estimated amount mentioned in Sl. No. 1 of Annexure-II, shall be considered for evaluation. The bidder quoting the lowest amount/percentage will be selected. The evaluation formula is provided in the lower section of Annexure-II.
- c. In case of receiving same rates by two or more participants, negotiation may be done if Committee decides to do so.

In the matter of evaluation decision of the Committee will be final.

#### x) Evaluation Parameters: -

The L1 rate shall be determined based on the lowest amount/percentage quoted by eligible bidders under Sl. No. 2, in reference to the estimated amount specified in Sl. No. 1 of Annexure-II.

### xi) Pre-bid meeting: -

A pre-bid meeting will be held on the stipulated date in the presence of the Committee Members and authorized representatives of the intending Agencies/Companies to clarify any doubts or queries from both WBSEDCL and the prospective bidders prior to the submission of the tender.

### xii) Modification/Corrigendum/Amendment of NIT: -

WBSEDCL reserves the right to modify the bid document at any time by issuing an addendum or corrigendum, which will be uploaded on the designated web portal. However, no such modification shall be made later than five (05) working days prior to the deadline for submission of bids.





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Such addenda/corrigenda shall be binding on all bidders and must be submitted as an integral part of the bid. To allow prospective bidders reasonable time to consider the modifications while preparing their bids, WBSEDCL may, at its discretion, extend the bid submission deadline.

#### xiii) Award of Contract: -

Upon evaluation of the Financial Bids, the contract shall be awarded to the bidder who has submitted the lowest (L1) bid. The bidder whose bid is accepted will be notified by the tender inviting and accepting authority through an Acceptance Letter or Letter of Award (LOA). The Planning, Investigation & Design Department (PIDD), WBSEDCL will issue the LOA to the successful bidder upon receipt of all requisite documents, provided the bid validity period has not expired and the tender has not been cancelled or postponed by the tendering authority.

#### xiv)Rate: -

Once the contract is finalized, the contract price shall remain firm for the entire duration of the contract. Any request for a rate enhancement during the contract period will not be entertained. However, if there are any statutory changes introduced by the Government of India or the Government of West Bengal that affect the finalized rates, the concerned agency must comply with the revised statutory payments to its engaged labourers, as applicable at the relevant time. WBSEDCL will not revise or alter the contract price (except GST) under such circumstances.

#### xv) Agreement:

After finalization of the Agency/Company and issuance of the Letter of Award (LOA), a mutual agreement (Annexure-V) shall be executed within fifteen (15) working days between WBSEDCL and the selected Agency/Company on a ₹100 non-judicial stamp paper, to be arranged by the Agency/Company. The agreement will be signed on behalf of WBSEDCL by the Chief Engineer, Planning, Investigation & Design Department, WBSEDCL.

- xvi) All staff payments for a given month must be completed by the 7th day of the following month via NEFT transfer (bank transfer only) by the concerned agency.
- vii) PF, Bonus, and ESI shall be deposited by the agency in accordance with the provisions laid down under the applicable Central Acts, labour laws and social security laws. Proof of such compliance must be submitted to the appropriate authority for verification during the processing and final payment of bills for the subsequent month.
- xviii) Bonus shall be disbursed by the concerned agency to its engaged labourers on a monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, or annual basis, as applicable.
- xix) All contract labourers engaged by the contractor must possess photo Identity Cards (ICs) from the first day of commencement of work. Copies of these ICs, duly issued by the contractor, must be submitted to the Chief Engineer, PIDD (Controlling Officer of the work), WBSEDCL.
- The contractor and their staff shall comply with all applicable statutory provisions, Acts, Rules, and Guidelines governing such contracts and engagements. These include, but are not limited to, the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970; Payment of

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Wages Act; Minimum Wages Act; Payment of Bonus Act; Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act; Employees' Compensation Act; Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948; and any other relevant legislation applicable to the employees engaged by them.

- All contract labourers and staff engaged by the contractor must be paid wages within the stipulated time, and such wages shall not be less than the minimum rates fixed for their respective categories of employment by the appropriate government, as per the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, and any subsequent amendments. Payment must be witnessed and certified by the competent authority. A copy of the wage sheet, containing the names of contract labourers/staff, their categories, wages paid, amount of minimum wages, bonus, PF and ESI contributions (if applicable), along with the signature and date of receipt of wages, shall be submitted monthly along with the bill.
- working Procedure: All staff engaged by the agency will remain under the supervision and control of the Controlling Officer (HoD), Planning, Investigation & Design Department, WBSEDCL, or a person authorized by the HoD of the Planning, Investigation & Design Department on behalf of WBSEDCL. The concerned agency shall provide the attendance register, which will be maintained by the Planning, Investigation & Design Department. All staff must be present in the office during working hours.
- Billing/ Invoicing and submission: Bills/Invoices should be prepared in accordance with GST guidelines for billing and invoicing. The bills/invoices must be submitted in triplicate along with the attendance sheet duly signed by the concerned officer-in-charge of the Planning, Investigation & Design Department, wage payment receipts, Professional Tax Challan, ESI Challan, EPF Challan, ECR, and other relevant documents. All documents should be submitted to the Chief Engineer, Planning, Investigation & Design Department, WBSEDCL, Data Centre Complex (4th Floor), Action Area-I, Newtown-700163.
- Payment: After submission of GST-compliant tax invoices (in triplicate), payment will be made in due course by the DDO, Planning, Investigation & Design Department, Data Centre Complex (4th Floor), Action Area-I, Newtown, Pin 700163. It is to be ensured that same A/C will remain valid for the entire contract period.

#### xxv) Cancellation/Termination of Contract before expiry period:

The contract may be terminated at the sole discretion of the authority of WBSEDCL on any of the following grounds, in which case the security deposit will be forfeited. The following circumstances may also lead to termination of the contract and initiation of holiday listing of the agency/company:

If the agency/company:

- a. Fails to provide the required service, or provides unsatisfactory service, on more than two occasions.
- b. Fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the service contract.
- c. Is found to have submitted false information at the time of tender submission, or is involved in any forgery or falsification of records.
- d. Changes its constitution without proper intimation to or approval from the enlistment authority.



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- e. Changes its permanent or business address without prior intimation to the enlistment authority.
- f. Is declared bankrupt, insolvent, undergoing winding up, dissolution, or partition.
- g. Persistently defaults in the settlement of statutory taxes such as Income Tax, GST, Wages, Bonus, ESI, EPF, etc.
- h. Engages in cartel formation or unfair trade practices, including overcharging, price fixing, or other activities as defined under applicable statutes.

Any evidence of the above or disciplinary action taken by any Government authority against the agency/company will attract penal measures as deemed appropriate by WBSEDCL.

- xxii) Legal Jurisdiction: Any legal dispute arising between the parties relating to any provision of this Order/Contract shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction and supervision of the High Court of Calcutta or any of its subordinate courts having competent jurisdiction.
- xxiii) The company reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- xxiv) Cost of Bidding: The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of their bid. WBSEDCL shall not be responsible or liable for any such costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.
- xxv) Fraudulent Practice: If WBSEDCL determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices during the execution of the contract, the contract will be rejected.
- xxvi) Tax, duties and other levies: WBSEDCL shall not be held responsible in any manner for taxes applicable under the Indian Income Tax Act in respect of the contractor or their personnel. However, if required under the provisions of the Indian Income Tax Act, WBSEDCL shall deduct income tax at source as applicable.

