

**V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR PORT AUTHORITY**  
**(CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
**(Only through E-Tendering Mode)**

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**Tender No. E(C) / F.59 / PD/ NCB III Dredging /E 3845/2024/D.1393 Date:22.05.2024**

V.O.Chidambaranar Port is a fast growing sea Port situated on the South East coast of India adjoining the Gulf of Mannar at 8°47' 30" N, and 78°12' 15" E. The Port handled 41.40 Million Tonnes of Cargoes during the year 2023-24. Tuticorin is strategically located and is close to International main line shipping Sea route connecting far East with the Western region. The Port is in process of development of North Cargo Berth III (NCB III) as a deep draught bulk berth. The berth has been constructed with a size of 306m x 22.90m. The existing depth available in front of the basin of NCB III varies from (-) 5m to (-) 6m. Hence, dredging in front of NCB III needs to be carried out to (-)15.10m CD to handle Vessels up to 14.20m draught. Further, deepening (designed dredge depths mentioned in the tender document) is proposed in and around the widened harbour entrance, entrance channel, inner Harbor basin and channel patches to handle higher size vessels.

V.O.Chidambaranar Port invites tenders (Online tenders) in "Two bid system" from interested, reputed, well experienced Dredging Companies having necessary dredging and other ancillary equipments for carrying out this dredging work.

Name of work	Dredging the dock basin in front of North Cargo Berth III to (-)15.10m for handling of vessels up to 14.20m draught and dredging in the widened portion of the Port entrance, turning circle portion and channel patches at V.O. Chidambaranar Port
Estimated value of work put to tender (in Indian Rupees)	<b>Rs.214.23 Crs</b>
Period of contract including mobilization and demobilization	12 months (Twelve Months)
Downloading of Tender from	<b>23.05.2024 to 19.06.2024</b>

VOCPA online e-tendering website	
Pre-bid meeting	<b>03.06.2024</b> at 11:30 hrs (IST) through Video conference (Link will be sent to the bidders who show interest via mail)
Last date and time for submission of Tender through online	19.06.2024 upto 15:00 hours (IST)
Online Technical Bid opening date and time	20.06.2024 at 15:30 hours (IST)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	<p><b>Rs. 2,39,23,000/-</b> (Rupees Two Crores Thirty nine Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Only).</p> <p>Mode of payment as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rs.25,00,000</b> (Rupees twenty five lakhs only) shall be paid in the form of RTGS/NEFT through CPP Portal as per cl 10.1 (section II) of Tender document.</li> <li>• <b>Rs.2,14,23,000/-</b> (Rupees Two Crores Fourteen Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Only) in the form of Bank Guarantee in prescribed Proforma attached along with Tender Document as per cl 10.1 (section II) of Tender document.</li> </ul>
Validity of offer	180 days from the last date fixed for receiving the tender.

1. **Salient Features of the works:**

- \* Approximate quantity of silt, Sand and Rock to be dredged in the basin : 0.864 Million Cu.m (Dredging Layout enclosed as Annexure II to IV of Tender document)
- \* Disposal of the dredged material : North of Cooling water channel and South of South breakwater (Reclamation Layouts enclosed as Annexure III of Tender document)

2. **Pre-Qualification criteria:**

**(A) Work Experience**

The Tenderer shall have successfully completed Dredging works during the last 7 years (1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024) in either of the following:

- (a) Three similar works – each work not less than Indian Rs.85.69 Crores or 0.346 Million Cu.m.  
(OR)
- (b) Two similar works - each work not less than Indian Rs.107.12 Crores or 0.432 Million Cu.m.  
(OR)
- (c) One similar work - each work not less than Indian Rs.171.38 Crores or 0.691 Million Cu.m.

**Note:**

- (i) Similar works means Marine Dredging works comprising of dredging of Silt, Sand, Weathered rock and hard rock.
- (ii) Apart from above pre-qualification criteria, Bidder should also have experience of rock dredging of at least 86,400 Cu.m under the project.

**(B) Financial Position**

The minimum average annual turnover of the tenderer for the past three financial years (i.e) 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 ending 31<sup>st</sup> March of the last financial year should be at least **Rs.64.27 Crores.**

In case the bidder does not meet the requirements of above (Both Work Experience & Financial Position) himself, bidder may utilize the experience of their parent company provided that the bidder is subsidiary of the parent company (Parent company that shall have the controlling stake more than 50% in the subsidiary company) and the parent company provides an undertaking that they are jointly or severally responsible for successful Performance of Contract.

- (C) Dredgers:-** The tenderer shall deploy minimum 1 No (one number) Cutter Suction Dredger (C.S.D) having minimum cutter power of 3000 KW and the cutter suction dredger shall be own or hire. In case of hire, the details of arranging the dredger for the work with “Irrevocable Letter of Authority” from the owner to be produced by the bidder to the effect that the dredger so

charted / hired shall not be withdrawn till completion of the work.

First preference will be granted to the dredgers built in India under Make in India concept availing subsidy as stipulated under Cl. 84 of Section II.

The Port Authority has assessed the average daily output of **7,000 Cubic Meters** for deployment of Heavy Duty CSD to complete the work within the specified period of 12 (Twelve) months including pre-dredge survey, Mobilization, dredging activity, post-dredge survey and demobilization.

Following indicative plant & equipment also could be required. **Ancillary equipment's:-** The intending tenderers should own or hire the equipments. If equipment is on hire, proof of availability of the plant and equipment on lease / charter for the entire duration of the work at short notice specifically for this project shall also be attached. It will be incumbent on the intending tenderers to describe fully the equipment and plant which they propose to utilize for completing the work within the prescribed period. The choice of technology and plant and equipment proposed to be deployed will be left to the choice of the intending tenderers, subject to satisfying the Port Authority and the adequacy of the proposed technology and plant & equipment. Following indicative plant & equipment could be required.

- i. Sufficient length of Floating / Submersible pipelines with and without ball joints 800 mm to 900 mm diameter (The average distance between the dredging area and reclamation area is 1km (approx) for NCB III dredging, 3.5 kms (approx) for entrance dredging and 8 kms (approx) for channel patches dredging).
- ii. Self-propelled barges of required capacity and numbers
- iii. Supporting vessels required to complete the project.
- iv. Survey Vessels etc.

In case the dredging firm does not own the dredger and plan to execute the dredging work by other modes of arranging the dredger by wet leasing, hiring etc., the above firm has to pay additional security deposit of 5% of the project cost, in addition to the security deposit indicated in the tender which will be returned without interest after satisfactory completion of dredging work, in case the firm gets the contract. In addition to above, the details of arranging the dredgers for the work with “Irrevocable Letter of Authority” from the owner to be produced by the bidder to the effect that the dredger so chartered/hired shall not be withdrawn till completion of the work.

The tender document is open to firms / companies / voluntarily formed Joint Ventures / Consortia meeting all the pre-qualification criteria as stipulated hereinabove.

In case of Joint Venture / Consortium, criteria fulfilled collectively by the associated groups can only submit the bids and must be a member of Joint Venture / Consortium. The **lead member of the JV / Consortium** must have completed at least one **Dredging work** not less than **0.346 Million Cu.m.**, quantity or value not less than Indian **Rs.85.69 Crores**.

The average annual turnover of only those members of the JV / Consortium should be aggregated who meet such experience criteria. These shall be legally binding agreement clearly stipulating the responsibilities and liabilities of the members of the JV / Consortium.

If any bidder has completed the work with JV prior to submission of bid, the bidder has to submit the JV agreement sharing percentage of sharing pattern with attested by Notary. Accordingly, the proportionate value of work will be considered for evaluation.

No. of Joint Venture partners would be limited to three (including the lead partner) with at least 26% equity holding by each member in the case of a JV / Consortium.

3. The evaluation will be done only based on the information, evidence documents, records particular furnished by the tenderers and hence the tenderers are requested to furnish adequate, relevant information along with requisite documentary evidence and without any omission. However, Port reserves the right to seek any clarifications / documents in support of experience claimed by the bidders.
4. If any information furnished by the tenderer is found to be concealed or false at a later stage, the contract will be terminated forthwith without prejudice to the rights thereon, consequent on termination and the contractor will be banned to participate in further VOC Port tenders for three years period.
5. Criteria regarding satisfactory performance of works, personnel, establishment, etc., shall also be uploaded according to the requirement of the project in the relevant formats given in the Tender Document (Technical Bid).
6. The tender documents and other relevant documents are required to be submitted only through e-tender mode offered in the website <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>. **The tenderer while uploading their documents shall also upload the undertaking as Annexure-I instead of uploading of signed tender documents failing which, the bids will not be considered for evaluation.**
7. The E-Tender submitted by the firm will not be considered who had litigation against the interest and causing disturbance to the development activity of the VOCPA, questioning the Authority of the Port or blacklisted contractors, If such tenderers submit the tender document, the same will not be considered.
8. The tenders shall be accompanied by EMD as specified in Cl. 10.1, Section-II of the Tender document . The tender will not be considered without EMD.

9. Tenders which are in any way incomplete will not be considered. The Port reserves the right to waive any formality thereof or to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.
10. Port shall not be responsible if for any technical reason the bidder is not able to upload the documents or the cost of document / EMD though debited in bidder account but not credited within the due date of submission.
11. Only bidder whose EMD paid as per the tender condition and Bank Guarantee details uploaded shall be considered and other on whatsoever reason if not received, such bidder shall be considered as disqualified under EMD criteria.
12. The bidder shall quote Idle Time Charges in Rs per hour towards Idle Time Charges beyond 4 hours for CSD only in the format Annexure - 1 given as under Preamble. The same shall be uploaded as pdf file in the Finance bid (price bid) attachment. The dredging rate, Mobilization and De-Mobilization shall be quoted in the BoQ and uploaded as price bid in .xls format.
13. For further details and for issue of the tender document, interested applicants may contact the Chief Engineer, VOCPA at the following address:

The Chief Engineer,  
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Tuticorin – 628 004  
Tel : 00 91 461 2352252  
Fax : 00 91 461 2354270  
Email : [ce@vocport.gov.in](mailto:ce@vocport.gov.in)  
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14. This Tender Notice shall form part of the contract.

Sd/-

**CHIEF ENGINEER**