# **Integrity Pact**

The Integrity pact essentially envisages an agreement between the prospective vendors/bidders and the CSIR-AMPRI, committing the persons/officials of both sides, not to resort to any corrupt practices in any aspect/stage of the contract. Only those vendors/bidders, who commit themselves to such a Pact with the buyer, would be considered competent to participate in the bidding process. In other words, entering into this Pact would be a preliminary , qualification.

The integrity pact to be signed on Company's Letterhead and efforts must be made to realize the objectives & spirits thereof.

# The name and contact details of the IEMs are as under:

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### **INTEGRITY PACT**

### Tender No.: 2(82)/AMPRI/GEN./24-25 for Security Services

#### Between

Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) a Society registered under the Indian Societies Act 1860 represented by <u>CSIR-AMPRI, BHOPAL</u> hereinafter referred to as "BUYER".

And ...... herein referred to as "The Bidder/ Contractor."

### Preamble

The Buyer intends to award, under laid down organizational procedures, contract/s for regulations, economic use of resources and of fairness/ transparency in its relations with its Bidder(s) and/or Contractor(s).

In order to achieve these goals, the Buyer will appoint an Independent External Monitor (IEM), who will monitor the tender process and the execution of the contract for compliance with the principles mentioned above.

### Section 1 – Commitments of the Buyer

- (1) The Buyer commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption and to observe the following principles:
  - (a) No employee of the Buyer, personally or through family members, will in connection with the tender for, or the execution of a contract, demand, take a promise for or accept, for self or third person, any material or immaterial benefit which the person is not legally entitled to.
  - (b) The Buyer will, during the tender process treat all Bidder(s) with equity and reason. The Buyer will in particular, before and during the tender process, provide to all Bidder(s) the same information and will not provide to any Bidder(s) confidential/additional information through which the Bidder(s) could obtain an advantage in relation to the tender process or the contract execution.
  - (c) The Buyer will exclude from the process all known prejudiced persons.
- (2) If the Buyer obtains information on the conduct of any of its employees which is a criminal offence under the IPC/PC Act, or if there be a substantive suspicion in this regard, the Buyer will inform the Chief Vigilance Officer and in addition can initiate disciplinary action.

## Section 2 - Commitments of the Bidder(s)/Contractor(s)

- (1) The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) commit himself to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption. He commits himself to observe the following principles during his participation in the tender process and during the contract execution.
  - (a) The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will not, directly or through any other Person or firm, offer, promise or give to any of the Buyer's employees involved in the tender process or the execution of the contract or to any third person any material or other benefit which he/she is not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange any advantage of any kind whatsoever during the tender process or during the execution of the contract.

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- (b) The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will not enter with other Bidders into any undisclosed agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal. This applies in particular to prices, specifications, Certifications, subsidiary contracts, submission or non-submission of bids or any other actions to restrict competitiveness or to introduce cartelization in the bidding process.
- (c) The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will not commit any offence under the relevant IPC/PC Act; further the Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others, any information or document provided by the Buyer as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained or transmitted electronically.
- (e) The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will, when presenting his bid, disclose any and all payments he has made, is committed to or intends to make to agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the award of the contract.
- (2) The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will not instigate third persons to commit offences outlined above or be an accessory to such offences.
- (3) The person signing IP shall not approach the courts while representing the matters to IEMs and he/she will await their decision in the matter.

# Section 3 – Disqualification from tender process and exclusion from future Contracts

(1) If the Bidder(s)/Contractor(s), before award or during execution has committed a transgression through a violation of Section 2, above or in any other form such as to put his reliability or credibility in question, the Buyer is entitled to disqualify the Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) from the tender process or take action as per the procedure mentioned in the Bid securing declaration form.

## Section 4 – Compensation for Damages

- (1) If the Buyer has disqualified the Bidder(s) from the tender process prior to the award according to Section 3, the Buyer is entitled to demand and recover the damages equivalent to Earnest Money Deposit/ Bid Security.
- (2) If the Buyer has terminated the contract according to Section 3, or if the Buyer is entitled to terminate the contract according to Section 3, the Buyer shall be entitled to demand and recover from the Contractor liquidated damages of the contract value or the amount equivalent to Performance Bank Guarantee.

### Section 5 – Previous transgression

- (1) The Bidder declares that no previous transgressions occurred in the last 3 Years with any other Company in any country conforming to the anti-corruption approach or with any other Public Sector Enterprise in India that could justify his exclusion from the tender process.
- (2) If the Bidder makes incorrect statement on this subject, he can be disqualified from the tender process or action can be taken as per the procedure mentioned in tender document.

# Section 6 – Equal treatment of all Bidders / Contractors.

(1) The Buyer will enter into agreements with identical conditions as this one with all Bidders/ Contractors and Subcontractors.

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(2) The Buyer will disqualify from the tender process all bidders who do not sign this Pact or violate its provisions.

### Section 7 – Criminal charges against violating Bidders / Contractors/ Subcontractors

(1) If the Buyer obtains knowledge of conduct of a bidder, Contractor or Subcontractor or of an employee or a representative or an associate of a bidder, Contractor or Subcontractor which constitutes corruption, or if the Buyer has substantive suspicion in this regard, the Buyer will, inform the same to the Chief Vigilance Officer.

## Section 8 - Independent External Monitors

- (1) The Buyer appoints competent and credible Independent External Monitor for this Pact. The task of the Monitor is to review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this agreement.
- (2) The Monitor is not subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and performs his functions neutrally and independently. He reports to the JS (A), CSIR.
- (3) The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) accepts that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction to all Project documentation of the Buyer including that provided by the Contractor. The Contractor will also grant the Monitor, upon his request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to his project documentation. The same is applicable to Subcontractors. The Monitor is under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the Bidder(s)/ Contractor(s) / Subcontractor(s) with confidentiality.
- (4) The Buyer will provide to the Monitor sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the Project provided such meetings could have an impact on the contractual relations between the Buyer and the Contractor. The parties offer to the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings.
- (5) As soon as the Monitor notice, or believes to notice, a violation of this agreement, he will so inform the Management of the Buyer and request the Management to discontinue or take corrective action, or to take other relevant action. The monitor can in this regard submit nonbinding recommendations. Beyond this, the Monitor has no right to demand from the parties that they act in a specific manner, refrain from action or tolerate action.
- (6) The Monitor will submit a written report to the JS(A), CSIR within 8 to 10 weeks from the date of reference or intimation to him by the Buyer and should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.
- (7) Monitor shall be entitled to compensation on the same terms as being extended to/provided to Independent Directors on the CSIR.
- (8) If the Monitor has reported to the JS(A), CSIR, a substantiated suspicion of an offence under relevant IPC/PC Act, and the JS(A), CSIR has not, within the reasonable time taken visible action to proceed against such offence or reported it to the Chief Vigilance Officer, the Monitor may also transmit this information directly to the Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- (9) The word 'Monitor' would include both singular and plural.

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## Section 9 - Pact Duration

This Pact begins when both parties have legally singed it. It expires for the Contractor 10 months after the last payment under the contract, and for all other Bidders 6 months after the contract has been awarded.

If any claim is made/lodged during this time, the same shall be binding and continue to be valid despite the lapse of this pact as specified above, unless it is discharged/determined by JS(A), CSIR.

# Section 10 – Other provisions

- (1) This agreement is subject to Indian Law. Place of performance and Jurisdiction is the Registered Office of the Buyer, i.e. New Delhi
- (2) Changes and supplements as well as termination notices need to be made in writing. Side agreements have not been made.
- (3) If the Contractor is a partnership or a consortium, this agreement must be signed by all partners or consortium members.
- (4) Should one or several provisions of this agreement turn out to be invalid, the remainder of this agreement remains valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to their original intentions.

(For & On behalf of the Buyer) (Office Seal) (For & On behalf of Bidder/Contractor) (Office Seal)

SANJAY KUMMR, SOCA), CSIR-AMPIRI, Bhupan.

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Witness 1:(Name & Address):

Witness 2:(Name & Address):