

event of the specified date for the submission of bid being declared a holiday for the Employer, the Bids will be opened at the appointed time and location on the next working day. In all cases, the amount of Earnest Money, forms and validity shall be announced. Thereafter, the bidders' names and such other details as the Employer may consider appropriate, will be announced by the Employer at the opening. The technical bids of the bidder will be opened 1st, "The financial bids of only these bidders will be opened who were found eligible. Tender Inviting Authority have right to revise/cancel/modify to award any condition(s)/tender as a whole in the interest of the Authority(s). Otherwise the EMD only not eligible bidders shall be returned within 30 days from the date of submission of evaluation report. The responsive bidders' names, the Bid prices, the total amount of each bid, and such other details as the Employer may consider appropriate will be announced by the Employer at the time of bid opening.

18 Process to be Confidential Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation, and comparison of bids and recommendations for the award of a contract shall not be disclosed to bidder or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until the award to the successful Bidder has been announced. Any attempt by a Bidder to influence the Employer's processing of bids or award decisions may result in the rejection of his Bid.

19 Clarification of Bids and Contacting the Employer No Bidder shall contact the Employer or any matter relating to its bid from the time of the bid opening to the time the contract is awarded. Any attempt by the bidder to influence the Employer's bid evaluation, bid comparison or contract award decision may result in the rejection of his bid.

20 Examination of Bids and Determination of Responsiveness: During the detailed evaluation of "Technical Bids", the Employer will determine whether each Bid

- (a) has been properly signed;
- (b) is accompanied by the required securities; and
- (c) is substantially responsive to the requirements of the bidding documents. A subsequently responsive "Financial Bid" is one which conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the bidding documents, without material deviation or reservation. A material deviation or reservation is one
 - (i) which affects in any substantial way, inconsistent with the bidding documents, the employer's rights or the Bidder's obligations under the Contract; or
 - (ii) whose rectification would affect unfairly the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids. If a "Financial Bid" is not substantially responsive, it will be rejected by the employer, and may not subsequently be made responsive by corrections or withdrawal of the nonconforming deviation or reservation.