

7.11 e-Tendering – Implementation of e-tendering in Phased manner - e-submission of tenders through designated web site – Orders – Issued.

FINANCE (SALARIES) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms) No.599

Dated : 28.12.2007

Read :

1. G.O. (Ms) No.177, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated, 22.5.2007.
2. G.O. (Ms) No.471, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated, 30.9.2007.
3. G.O.(Ms) No.1369, Finance (EAP II) Department, dated, 28.12.2007.

ORDER :

In the Budget Speech for 2007-08, the Government has announced implementation of e-tendering in a phased manner in public procurements exceeding Rs.10.00 lakhs in value. In the Government Order 2nd read above, orders have been issued notifying the amendments required to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tender Rules, 2000 providing for submission of tenders by electronic mode also through a designated website from 1.10.2007 in respect of tenders of value Rs.10.00 lakhs and above. The Government Order also contains orders for implementation of a pilot project from 1.10.2007 and for full-fledged implementation with effect from 1.1.2008 providing for e-submission of tenders by the tenderers.

2. The pilot phase has successfully been completed with identified departments and the system has been put in place for uploading and downloading of e-tenders. Therefore, in fulfillment of the announcement made in the budget speech 2007-08, it is hereby decided that all procuring entities under the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tender Act 1998, shall provide for submission of tenders by electronic mode also for all tenders exceeding Rs.10.00 lakhs in value from 1.1.2008. The tender document shall be uploaded to the designated website and will be accessible to all. Similarly, whoever wishes to submit electronic bid will be able to do so through the designated website. Documents such as Earnest Money Deposit, certificates etc., may continue to be sent in physical form. The procedure for e-submission of Earnest Money Deposit through e-payment gateway is under implementation in the next phase in select organisations. On successful completion of the trial phase for the e-payment of Earnest Money Deposit, orders regarding such payment will be issued separately.

3. The e-tendering process will be requiring digital signatures for the Tender Inviting Authority or a member of the Tender Scrutiny Committee as the case may be. The same will have to be obtained before the process of tender invitation starts. Only two digital signatures per Tender Inviting Committee will be necessary. In the Government Order 3rd read above, orders have been issued among other things for sanction of an advance payment of Rs. 31.05 lakhs to the Electronic Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT) towards procurement and supply of e-signature cards for the use of the Tender Inviting Authorities of the procurement entities under the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tender Act 1998. The Tender Inviting Authorities in the Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings and Statutory Boards and local bodies in the state shall procure the digital signatures required by them from Electronic Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT),

before uploading tenders for value exceeding Rs. 10.00 lakhs on the designated website `http://tenders.tn.gov.in`.

4. When an officer is no more working in the capacity of a Tender Inviting Authority, the digital signatures should be surrendered to the concerned Head of Department / Organisation.

5. Training of personnel and bidders will have to be done through the National Informatics Centre for which a separate schedule will be issued.

6. The other instructions and the amendments to rules as regards e-submission of tenders issued in Government Order second read above shall be scrupulously adhered to by all the procuring entities

(By order of the Governor)

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Special Secretary to Government.