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CORRIGENDUM

(Notice of Corrigendum in Tender Document)

Tender Reference No.: E-ten-15/AIIMS/BLS/G/24-25/363

Dated: 01/08/2025

Tender Id: 2025_AMSBL_868638_1

Name of Rate Contract: Rate Contract for the supply and refilling of Medical Oxygen Cylinder, other Medical Gases Cylinders and Liquid Nitrogen.

This corrigendum is issued with reference to the above-mentioned tender, which was uploaded on the Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP). The following amendments/clarifications have been approved by the Competent Authority and are incorporated in the tender document as detailed below:

S. No.	Page No.	Query Regarding	Query	Reply/ Corrigendum
1.	Point No. 30 on Page 5	No minimum of cylinders per trip will be demanded by the supplier.	<p>As per the Tender Document - Terms & Conditions and Scope of Supply, Point No. 30 on Page 5 states that "no minimum of cylinders per trip will be demanded by the supplier." In this regard we respectfully submit that, for logistical and operational efficiency, it is essential to understand the expected number and types of cylinders that will be provided for refilling in each lot. This information is critical for planning transportation, manpower allocation, and ensuring timely supply.</p> <p>We request you to kindly consider specifying minimum supply order quantities as per the following indicative load options: * Option 1: 20 D-Type cylinders and 40 B-Type cylinders (Jeep Load) * Option 2: 50 D-Type cylinders and 50 B-Type cylinders (Small Truck Load) * Option 3: 70 D-Type cylinders and 100 B-Type cylinders (Large Truck Load) * Option 4: 120 D-Type cylinders and 150 B-Type cylinders (Large Truck Load)</p> <p>Additionally, we request you to kindly specify the minimum number of cylinders that should always remain at the plant for refilling to maintain a smooth and uninterrupted rotation cycle. Clearly defining this minimum quantity will enable us to calculate the most competitive and realistic rates for the supply.</p> <p>Furthermore, we request you to provide a suitable provision in the BOQ format to quote rates based on the respective minimum order quantity per trip. This will enable us to offer the most competitive and realistic pricing aligned with actual delivery loads. Without the inclusion of this condition, it would not be feasible to participate in the tender process.</p>	<p>This condition has been included keeping in mind the dynamic and urgent nature of hospital operations, especially concerning the supply of medical oxygen. The hospital's requirements are variable and depend entirely on real-time patient load and emergency situations, which cannot always align with fixed logistical patterns. It is not feasible to commit to or define any minimum supply order quantities per trip. The hospital cannot guarantee specific load sizes as per the options proposed (Jeep Load, Small Truck Load, Large Truck Load). Similarly, specifying a fixed minimum number of cylinders to be retained at the plant for rotation is not aligned with our operational needs and emergency preparedness protocols.</p> <p>Consequently, the BOQ format will remain as specified in the tender without provision for rate variation based on minimum order quantity.</p> <p>Hence no changes.</p>



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2.	Point No. 5, Pg. 19	Tender Document- List of documents to be uploaded by the bidders, Point No. 5	<p>* As per the Tender Document- List of documents to be uploaded by the bidders, Point No. 5 state that "A copy of current valid income tax clearance certificate (IT CC)"</p> <p>In this regard we respectfully submit that the Income tax clearance certificate (IT CC) is not issued by the Income Tax department. So, you are requested to remove this condition.</p>	<p>Upon review and in light of the current practices of the Income Tax Department, we acknowledge that Income Tax Clearance Certificates (ITCCs) are no longer issued. Therefore, concern is valid.</p> <p>Accordingly, the amendment as follows:</p> <p>Revised Clause: "please attach a copy of the last three years of Income Tax Return . The bidders should submit along with the bid, certified photo copies of the last three years Annual Accounts certified by Chartered Accountant with Income Tax Return.</p> <p>Corrigendum uploaded.</p>
3.	Point No. 6, Pg. 19	Tender Document- List of documents to be uploaded by the bidders, Point No. 6	<p>* As per the Tender Document- List of documents to be uploaded by the bidders, Point No. 6 state that "Turnover Certificate"</p> <p>While the submission of the turnover certificate has been requested, the tender document does not specify the minimum annual turnover requirement for medical gases. In this context, we respectfully request that the tender conditions be updated to clearly specify a minimum annual turnover of at least ₹3 crore from medical gases for each of the last three financial years.</p> <p>Furthermore, we suggest that bidders be asked to submit an annual turnover certificate duly certified by a Chartered Accountant (CA), specifically indicating turnover from medical gases. This will help ensure that only financially stable and capable bidders participate, thereby maintaining the reliability and continuity of supply.</p>	<p>The Tender document already incorporates a defined turnover requirement. As per the existing terms and conditions in page no. 14:</p> <p>"The bidder should have an annual turnover of at least 50% of the total estimated tender value." This clause has been established to ensure that participating bidders are financially capable of fulfilling the contract obligations, without being overly restrictive to encourage wider competition. Therefore, no additional changes to this condition will be made.</p> <p>Bidders are required to submit a turnover certificate duly certified by a Chartered Accountant, reflecting compliance with the 50% of tender value criteria turnover.</p> <p>Revised Clause: "The bidder should have an annual turnover of at least 50% of the total estimated tender value from Medical Gases Only." duly certified by a Chartered Accountant.</p> <p>Corrigendum uploaded.</p>




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4.	NA	NA	<p>In your tender, you have invited reputed bidders to participate. A reputed establishment is expected to be registered under EPF, ESI and factory act for statutory compliance. Therefore, it is requested to ask for the submission of EPF, ESI and factory act registration documents with a minimum of 3 years of valid registration as part of the technical bid. These legal documents demonstrate the firm's workforce strength and commitment to meeting regulatory obligations.</p>	<p>Adherence to labour laws and statutory regulations, it remains the sole responsibility of the participating vendors to ensure their compliance with all applicable laws, including those related to EPF, ESI, and the Factory Act.</p> <p>Hence no changes.</p>
5.	NA	NA	<p>As the transportation of gas cylinders falls under the category of hazardous goods, it is imperative that the drivers operating the bidder's vehicles hold a valid and up-to-date certificate for transporting dangerous or hazardous goods, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.</p> <p>We request that this requirement be duly considered and incorporated to ensure compliance with safety regulations and legal provisions governing the transportation of hazardous materials.</p>	<p>In light of your suggestion and in alignment with Rule 9 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the following clause is included/considered in the tender requirements:</p> <p><i>"Drivers operating the bidder's vehicles for the transportation of medical gas cylinders must hold a valid license and up-to-date certificate for transporting dangerous or hazardous goods, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In case of any default or non-compliance with traffic regulations or other applicable rules resulting in the vehicle being impounded or any action being taken by authorities, leading to a delay in supply, the purchaser shall have the right to initiate a risk purchase at the cost and risk of the bidder. All expenses incurred in such a risk purchase shall be borne entirely by the bidder."</i></p> <p>Corrigendum uploaded.</p>

This corrigendum is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority. All bidders are requested to take note of the amendments before submitting their bids.


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