

ITB NO. PEF/PROC/IT/2017-18/21

**INVITATION TO BID NOTICE FOR HIRING OF BULK/ BRANDED SMS SERVICES FOR
PUNJAB EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) is an autonomous organization, established under the auspices of the Government of the Punjab, committed to the promotion of Quality Education through Public Private Partnership. Sealed Technical and Financial Proposals in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules-2014 (Amended till date), Rule 38 (2) (a), "Single Stage - Two Envelope Bidding Procedure" are invited for Bulk/Branded SMS with at least 10 masking provision. Proposals should be submitted in line with the relevant Bidding Document. The contract duration shall be for a period of one year extendable up to three years subject to satisfactory performance of contractor and mutual consent of both parties.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible Bidder is a Bidder who:

1. Is an active tax payer of National Tax (NTN) and General Sales Tax (GST)/ Punjab Sales Tax (PST) (whichever is applicable);
2. Is registered with Pakistan Telecommunication Authority;
3. Copies of audited financial statements or copies of work orders / contracts / MOUs, etc. of FY 2015-16 or 2014-15 depicting sound financial strength (minimum Rs.2 million in a financial year). Mobile operators are immune to this criterion.
4. Has experience of providing same kind of services for at least 3 years supported by documentary proof like copies work orders/ contracts/ MOUs, etc.;
5. Has experience of providing same kind of services supported by documentary proof like copies of at least five work orders/ contracts/ MOUs, etc.;
6. Does not apply in the capacity of Joint Venture;
7. Has submitted Rs.20,000/- as the bid security in form of a PO/CDR/DD/BC in favor of Punjab Education Foundation as per bid security Rule of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 (Amended till date) which states that a procuring agency may require the bidders to furnish a bid security not exceeding five per cent of the price of procurement estimated by the Procuring Agency.
8. Has not been blacklisted by any of Provincial or Federal Government Department, Agency, Organization or Autonomous Body or Private Sector Organization anywhere in Pakistan.
9. Has purchased Tender Document from the office of undersigned upon a cash payment of Rs.500/- (nonrefundable).

Note: Verifiable documentary proof for all above requirements is mandatory, noncompliance will lead to disqualification.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. A pre-bid meeting will be conducted on **May 11, 2018** at **11:00 a.m.** in order to clarify the queries of the prospective bidder(s).
2. The proposals must reach the office of the under signed on or before **May 18, 2018** till **11:00 a.m.**
3. Technical Proposals will be opened on the same day at **11:30 a.m.** in presence of Bidders or their authorized representatives who wish to witness the tender opening.
4. After the Technical evaluation, Financial Proposals of only technically qualified bidders shall be opened on a date and time to be announced subsequently.
5. Tender Document is available immediately after the publication of this Invitation to Bid.
6. Incomplete proposals shall be rejected. Late bid will not be accepted.
7. PEF reserves the right to reject all the proposals, submitted in response to this Invitation to Bid notice prior to acceptance.

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