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Sub: Appointment as Independent External Monitor (IEM) for implementation of Integrity Pact in CPWD.

महोदय,

Central Public Works Department (CPWD) executes various types of construction and maintenance works for Central Government through e-tendering in a fair and transparent manner. The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has advised implementation of Integrity Pact (IP) in all major procurements. The threshold value of estimated cost of tenders above which the integrity pact would be used has been kept as Rs.300 crore.

You are hereby appointed as an Independent External Monitor (IEM) for implementation of IP in CPWD. The procedure for implementation of IP shall be governed by revised Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) as per circular no. 02/01/2017 dated 13.01.2017 or subsequent guidelines issued by Central Vigilance Commission. The role and duties of IEMs mentioned in the circular dated 13.01.2017 are summarized below.

- 1. The appointment is for a period of three years from date of appointment. Therefore, the appointment is valid up to 16.11.2023.
- 2. The remuneration payable to you will be Rs.20,000 (Rs. Twenty thousand only) per sitting including TA and DA.
- 3. The IEMs would have access to all contract documents, whenever required.
- 4. It would be desirable to have structured meetings of the IEMs with the Director General, CPWD on a quarterly basis including an annual meeting to discuss/review the information on tenders awarded during the previous quarter. Additional sittings, however can be held as per requirement.

- 5. The IEMs would examine all complaints received by them and give their recommendations/views to the Director General, CPWD at the earliest. They may also send their report directly to the CVO and the CVC in case of suspicion of serious irregularities requiring legal/administrative action. IEMs are expected to tender their advice on the complaints within 10 days as far as possible.
- 6. For ensuring the desired transparency and objectivity in dealing with the complaints arising out of any tendering process, the matter should be examined by the full panel of IEMs jointly as far as possible, who would look into the records, conduct an investigation, and submit their joint recommendations to the Management.
- IEMs should examine the process integrity; they are not expected to concern themselves with fixing of responsibility of officers. Complaints alleging malafide on the part of any officer of the organization should be looked into by the CVO of CPWD.
- 8. The role of IEMs is advisory, would not be legally binding and it is restricted to resolving issues raised by an intending bidder regarding any aspect of the tender which allegedly restricts competition or bias towards some bidders. Their role is independent in nature and the advice once tendered would not be subject to review at the request of the organization.
- 9. Issues like warranty/guarantee etc. should be outside the purview of IEMs.
- 10. All IEMs should sign non-disclosure agreements with the CPWD. They would also be required to sign a declaration of absence of conflict of interest.
- 11. In case of any misconduct by an IEM, the Director General, CPWD should bring it to the notice of the Central Vigilance Commission detailing the specific misconduct for appropriate action at the Commission's end.
- 12. The role of the CVO of CPWD shall remain unaffected by the presence of IEMs. A matter being examined by the IEMs can be separately investigated by the CVO in terms of the provisions of the CVC Act or Vigilance Manual, if a complaint is received by him or directed to him by the CVC.

This issues with the approval of Director General, CPWD.

Encl:- OM number DG/MAN/Misc/49 dated 17/11/2020

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