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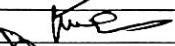


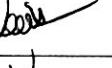

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL BID COMMITTEE ON THE REPRESENTATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE BIDDERS IN RESPONSE TO THE TECHNICAL DECISION OF THE DEPARTMENTAL BID COMMITTEE HELD ON 11/06/2019 FOR GROUP A-II, CERTIFIED AND TRUTHFULLY LABELLED SEEDS AND GROUP-C HYBRID VEGETABLE SEEDS FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020.

Bid Reference No: ASC/Mkt/Re-tender/2018-2019/2019-2020/3898 dated 05/02/2019

Date: 21/06/2019

Time: 12:00 pm

Venue: Conference Hall of Director of Agriculture, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22

<u>Members present:-</u>			<u>Signature</u>
1.	Sri Manoj Kumar, IAS Director of Agriculture, Assam	Chairman	
2.	Sri Kulendra Talukdar, ACS, MD ASC Ltd.	Member	
3.	Sri Pranab Kr. Mahanta, Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam	Member	
4.	Sri Bani Kanta Bargohain. Sr. F.A, Agriculture Department	Member	
5.	Sri Nabanit Saikia Sr. FAO, Directorate of Agriculture, Assam	Member	
6.	Sri Pranjal Baruah Procurement Management Executive	Member	

Sri Manoj Kumar, IAS, Director Agriculture cum Chairman Departmental Bid Committee presided over the meeting.

Leave of absence was granted to Sri Anal Malla Buzarbaruah, Dy. Director of Agriculture, Assam cum Member Secretary Departmental Bid Committee.

As per the minutes of the Departmental Bid Committee held on 11/06/2019, it was decided that the bidders may submit representation, if any, in response to the decision of the committee within 1 (one) working day. Subsequently, 4 nos. of representations were received, the detail of which are laid down below.

Group A-2 (Certified and Truthfully Labelled seeds)

Managing Director, ASC Ltd. informed the committee that the office of the Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd. has not received any representation from the participating bidders in **Group A-II (Certified and Truthfully labelled seeds)**.

Group C Hybrid Vegetable Seeds:

M.D., ASC Ltd. placed before the committee 4 Nos. of prayer/representations received from the Bidders in response to the decision of Departmental Bid Committee dated 11/06/2019 under **Group C (Hybrid Vegetable Seeds)**.

The committee scrutinized the submitted documents and resolved to take the following decisions on the representations for **Group C (Hybrid Vegetable Seeds)**:

1. **Mridul Kumar Laskar:**

As per the decision of the Departmental bid committee held on 11/06/2019 the firm Mridul Kumar Laskar was made non-responsive in Maharaja variety of hybrid brinjal and Eskimo variety of hybrid capsicum for under quoting minimum quantity required as per schedule of requirement of the afore mentioned crops. He quoted 50 kg of Maharaja variety of hybrid brinjal as against 60 kg and 25 kg of Eskimo variety of hybrid capsicum as against 30 kg, both figures being minimum qualifying requirement of 30% for each crop where

variety quoted is single. Both the varieties of hybrid brinjal and capsicum were made non-responsive in violation of Clause 17 (B) (j) under Section II (ITB) of the bid document which states that the bidder has to quote for a minimum quantity of 10 % for each variety and a cumulative total of 30% for a particular crop as per schedule of requirement of seeds under Group C, e-Tender, 2019-20.

Secondly, Mridul Kumar Laskar has also stated in the representation that ".....in the prescribed checklist, there was least space to specify all the varieties as mentioned in the NIT and as such the bid was submitted with limited description suffixed by an etc. But in the hard copies as well as in the online bid all the varieties were included. All these details were aptly furnished in the priced bid as well as in the technical bid.....". In this regard the bid committee who evaluated the technical status of the bidders of Group C stated that the authorising company Ananya Seeds authorised 33 nos. of varieties in the letter head of the company. But the bidder has not mentioned/quoted all the name of the crop wise varieties either in hard copy or in the copy submitted online due to least space in the prescribed checklist as stated by the bidder. He has further stated that he has quoted five varieties namely Tomato, var-Gold 5050; Chilli, var- Radha; Brinjal, var-Maharaja; Pumpkin, var- Champion; Capsicum, var-Eskimo with a suffix etc for rest of 28 other crop wise varieties.

The committee after comparing all the relevant documents i.e. the authorisation letter, representation by the bidder, the quantity mentioned in the authorisation etc. decided to make the bidder provisionally responsive, subject to quotation of varieties along with the required quantity in the price bid. The committee also directed the G.M (M&T) to compare the authorisation in technical document and price bid with respect to crop and variety quoted by the bidder.

Table showing the provisionally responsive crop and variety in respect of Mridul Kumar Laskar:

SL. NO.	CROP	VARIETY	QUANTITY (in qtls)
1.	Ashgourd	Daina	0.25
2.	Beet Root	Danish	0.25
3.	Bhindi	Ananya Gold 2001	0.25
4	Bhindi	Ananya Gold 110	0.25
5	Brinjal	Maharaja	0.25
6	Brinjal	Pinky	0.25
7	Bitter Gourd	Tinku	0.15
8	Bitter Gourd	Vinay 55	0.15
9	Bottle Gourd	Shanku	0.15
10	Bottle Gourd	Karan	0.15
11	Capsicum	Eskimo	0.25
12	Chilly	Radha	0.20
13	Chilly	Green Tej	0.20
14	Cauliflower	Sheetal	0.20
15	Cauliflower	Starlite	0.20
16	Cabbage	Early Champion	0.20
17	Cabbage	Real Ball	0.20
18	Knol Khol	Victoria	0.20
19	Cucumber	Manshi	0.20
20	Musk Melon	Pink Rose	0.25
21	Pumpkin	Champion	1.00
22	Pumpkin	Chakra	1.00
23	Radish	Moon White	0.25
24	Ridge Gourd	Sarita	0.25
25	Snake Gourd	Mamba	0.25
26	Sponge Gourd	Juhi	0.25
27	Tomato	Gold 5050	0.20
28	Tomato	Abhinandan	0.20
29	Water melon	Big boss	0.50
30	Water melon	Black Boxer	0.50
31	Broccoli	Creta	0.25
32	Carrot	Nirali	0.25
33	Sweet Corn	Madhurima	0.25

2. M/S Patil Agro Service:

In response to the decision of the Departmental Bid Committee held on 11/06/2019 M/s Patil Agro Service has submitted a representation stating that “..... *there is no such clear instruction in the bid mentioning that variety wise quantity and offered variety should be mentioned in the technical bid.....*”. But as per Clause 19 under head Evaluation and Comparison of Bids (Sub Clause B: Preliminary Screening), it is clearly mentioned at point (j) under Section II (ITB) of the bid document that the bidder has to quote a minimum cumulative quantity of 30% for a crop with 10% capping for each variety. M/s Patil Agro Service has neither mentioned the name of the crop nor its variety(ies) for which the bid was submitted. Non-quoting of crop and its variety (ies) in the technical bid did not give scope to the evaluators to further evaluate the technical bids as per Clauses of Rejection Criteria under Section XI of the Bid document, i.e., complying quoting minimum 30% quantity of the schedule of requirement as well as the associated relevant documents like authorisation certificate in proper format from Principal Company. In response to the representation of the bidder the authorisation letter from Principal Company has been rechecked and found that the bidder has not submitted the authorisation letter but submitted the principal certificate instead which mentions only the name of the crops without any quantity both crop and variety wise.

Therefore, the committee decided not to accept the prayer submitted by the bidder for violating the Clause at sl. no. 4 of the Rejection Criteria under Section XI of the bid document and decision taken by the Departmental Bid Committee held on 11/06/2019 remains unchanged.

3. M/S Dhrubajyoti Hazarika:

In response to the decision of the Departmental Bid Committee held on 11/06/2019 M/s Dhrubajyoti Hazarika has submitted a representation stating that “..... *we have quoted variety wise quantity in the financial bid as per your criteria mentioned in the tender document.....*”. But as per clause 19 under head “Evaluation and Comparison of Bids” (Sub Clause B) “Preliminary screening”, it is clearly mentioned at point (j) under Section II (ITB) of the bid document that the bidder has to quote a minimum cumulative quantity of 30% for the crop with 10 % capping for each variety. Moreover, a bidder has to quote name of crop/variety for which he submitted bid. In contrary to above clause(s), M/s Dhrubajyoti Hazarika has not mentioned the name of the crop and its variety(ies) for which the bid was submitted. Non-quoting of crop and its variety(ies) in the technical bid did not give scope to the evaluators to further evaluate the technical bids as per Clauses of Rejection Criteria under Section XI of the Bid document, i.e., complying quoting minimum 30% quantity of the schedule of requirement as well as the associated relevant documents like authorisation certificate in proper format from Principal Company. On rechecking of statement of evaluation prepared by evaluating committee and documents submitted in the bid both online and hard copy, it was found that M/s Dhrubajyoti Hazarika has not submitted Banker’s certificate and Seeds Performance Report thus his prayer is rejected as per clauses at sl. no. 20 & 24 of Rejection Criteria under Section XI.

Therefore, the committee decided not to accept the prayer submitted by the bidder and the decision taken by the Departmental Bid Committee held on 11/06/2019 stands.

4. JK Agri Genetic Ltd.


In response to the decision of the Departmental Bid Committee held on 11/06/2019, M/s JK Agri Genetic Ltd. has submitted a representation stating that “..... *our hybrid vegetable seed varieties duly tested by AAU and recommended which is clearly stated in order no. FP/NVIUC/292/14-15/81-82 dated 12/11/2014 by Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam.....*” The G.M (M&T) placed all the relevant documents along with the representation in the committee. The bidder did not submit the Seed Performance Report issued by the competent authority like ICAR, IARI, SAU which is required as per Clause at sl. no. 24 of Section XI. The bidder has submitted copies of work order issued by Directorate of Horticulture & FP, Assam to the bidding company in support of its claim that the varieties of crops mentioned in the aforesaid work order are tested and recommended for Assam.

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However, the committee opined that mere submission of copy(ies) of work order from a department is indicative only and performance report by competent authority is required to find the yield performance of variety of a crop. Therefore, the committee decided to reject the firm JK Agri Genetic Ltd. for non-submission of Seed Performance Report issued by competent authority like ICAR, IARI, SAU as per Clause at Sl. No. 2 under Section XI of the bid document.

The committee directed G.M. (M&T), ASC Ltd. to revoke the earlier minutes on technical evaluation dated 11/06/2019 and upload the same along with today's minutes dated 21/06/2019 and to open the financial bid.

There being no other matter to be discussed for the above two groups, meeting ended with vote of thanks from the chair.


**Chairman of Departmental Bid Committee
& Director of Agriculture, Assam**









