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The Pre Bid Meeting for printing and supply of Nali Kali Learning materials for 2009-10, which was originally scheduled to be held on 19-01-2009 has been advanced for un avoidable reasons and held on 15-1-2009 at the office of the Commissioner for Public Instruction and Chairman of Karnataka Text Book Society ® Bangalore.

Members present.

1. Commissioner for Public Instruction and Chairman KTBS, in the chair
2. Managing Director, KTBS

The following Printers/representatives were also present

1. M/s. International Print-o-pac, Noida, UP
2. M/s. Abhimani Publications, Bangalore
3. M/s. Omega offse,t Belgaum
4. M/s. Sri Subramanyeshwara Book Depot, Bangalore
5. M/s. Lavanya Mudrana, Bangalore
6. M/s. The Coronation Arts Crafts, Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu
7. M/s. S.Dinesh & Co., Jalandar, Punjab
8. M/s. Vinayaka Offset Printers, Bangalore
9. M/s. Pithambra Book Pvt Ltd, Jhansi, UP
10. M/s. Abhimani Prakashana Color Printing, Bangalore
11. M/s. Bhagyam Binding works, Bangalore
12. M/s. Manipal Press Ltd., Bangalore
13. M/s Vinay Printers, Bangalore

Proceedings of the meeting.

At the outset the Commissioner for Public Instruction, welcomed the Printers /Representatives and initiated the proceedings. Further the following points were discussed in the meeting.

1. The printers requested to drop the clause in the tender document on quality testing by third party. In the interest of ensuring the quality of learning materials, the Commissioner turned down their request and suggested to quote their prices inclusive of 0.3% of inspection charges.
2. When the representative of M/s Omega Offset Belgaum, suggested to have the Learning Cards to be laminated only one side, instead of two sides, the Commissioner ruled out the suggestion in view of the long term usage of cards and held that there is no need to change the Technical Specifications with regard to this aspect.
3. The representative of M/s Coronation Arts and Crafts, Sivakasi suggested to mention the length and width of the A4 size cards in centimeters, the suggestion was ruled out since it is universally familiar standard unit of measurement.

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4. The representative of M/s Abhimani Prakashana, pointed out that the specification of 210 GSM Art Board for the inner pages of the childrens' books is not required and suggested that for inner pages 170 GSM Art Card would be sufficient. For which the Commissioner reacted and instructed to retain the 210 GSM Art Board as mentioned in the specifications.
5. The representative of M/s Coronation Arts and Crafts, Sivakasi suggested that in Tamil Nadu, the cards have been printed on 300 GSM Art Board, instead of 210 GSM. In view of the possible increase of cost by 40% if the suggestion to be accepted, it was ruled out and decided to go for 210 GSM only.
6. In view of the time required from the date of work order, to take out positives from CD, prepare the dummies, to get approval before take up printing, all the printers urged the Commissioner to increase the time schedule for supply the learning materials, from the prescribed 45 days to at least 60 days. The request was considered.
7. The representative of M/s Bhagyam Binding, Bangalore expressed that the specification with regard to lamination of cards at 15 microns is too high and it could be prescribed at 12 microns. It was agreed to prescribe the lamination quality at 12 microns after discussion with the Director, DSERT.
8. The same printer wanted clarification with regard to the 0.5% of the delivered price of the delayed goods per week up to a maximum deduction of 10% of the contract value towards liquidated damages as mentioned in page 19 and it is mentioned as 2% for week's delay in page 25. For which, it has been clarified that the two are different clauses applicable in different circumstances.
9. Some printers wanted to know while calculating the third party inspection charges, whether the cost of the paper alone or the total cost of the work order to be taken into account. It was clarified that the total cost of contract to be taken into account while calculating the third party inspection charges.
10. Some printers raised the issue of Bid Security amount prescribed is different for different packages. Since it will be inconvenient if the same printer has to bid for more than one package in the descending order of preferences, they wanted that the amount should be fixed at uniform rate. The request was considered and the commissioner has instructed to fix the Bid Security at Rs.5.00 Lakhs for each package.
11. The printers requested that in the Format of Commercial Bid, provision to be made for furnishing bids for more than one package in descending order of preferences. The commissioner agreed to the request and instructed to revise the format accordingly.

The meeting was concluded by the Commissioner, with the instructions to circulate the minutes of the meeting to all the concerned.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR
KTBS**

**COMMISSIONER
FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
AND CHAIRMAN, KTBS**