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PRE-BID QUERIES AND REPLIES

Bid No.: GEM/2025/B/6806004, Dated. 24.10.2025 — ***Annexure PB***

Item Description: Procurement of 2322MT (300 MPCS) of ₹. 10 Bi-Metallic Coin Blanks for all IGMs'

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Vendor - 1					
1	BABSATC	**3**	**Terms of Delivery: Point No. C of Clause no. 3, Terms of Delivery (GCC Clause no. 10) (As per ATC point no. F of SCC)**		
			Short Closure of the Contract: In case of any change in the design of the ₹. 10 Circulation Coins or if the indent is lower than the present proposed indent during the currency of the Contract, the Contract shall be short closed with a reasonable notice period of 30 days.	The tender is issued on Government GEM portal and is considered as a firm requirement by India Government Mint, Hyderabad and accordingly, to participate in the tender, we are required to commit our production capacities and therefore, we would not be in a position to participate in any other foreign tenders for the dedicated volumes and required delivery period. In case the contract is short closed, our reserved capacities will remain idle, resulting in significant operational and financial losses and therefore, we request India Government Mint, Hyderabad to remove this clause and if required move the delivery schedule further as per the upcoming indents. A notice of 30 days period mentioned in the clause is incorrect, reason being the entire cycle of the production of a Bi-metallic Coin is approximately 90 days. Moreover, you can relate that in your previous tenders, the first delivery is to be supplied within 75 days which means, atleast 75 days buffer is required for producing a Bi-metallic Coin. Therefore, atleast 90 days notice should be given for short closing the tender, so that clearance of all the material in the process can easily be done.	In case of any change in the design of the ₹. 10 Circulation Coins or if the indent is lower than the present proposed indent during the currency of the Contract, the Contract shall be short closed with a reasonable notice period of **60 days.**
1	BABSATC	**3**	**Terms of Delivery: Point No. B of Clause no. 3, Terms of Delivery (GCC Clause no. 10) (As per ATC point no. F of SCC)**		
			Goods shall be delivered by the supplier in accordance with the terms of delivery specified in the contract. However, the delivery schedule shall be completed within 06 months from the date of issue of NAC for existing/old suppliers and 06 months from the date of clearance of pre-production sample for new/first time suppliers. The detailed delivery dates with Mint-wise breakup will be indicated in NAC/Contract Agreement.	A delivery schedule of 6 months for a quantity of 300 MPC's is not justified specially, when in your previous tenders and other tenders with the India Government Mints, even for a smaller quantity of 100 MPC's, a delivery time of 10 months has been provided. Since this tender is for next year requirements, we request you to kindly provide a delivery schedule of 10 months.	Total Delivery schedule shall be 09 (Nine) Months. Out of which, First lot of 258MT shall be delivered in 60 Days. (This quantity shall be distributed proportionally among the bidders as per the parallel contract.) The remaining quantity shall be delivered in 7 Equal Installments within next 7 Months.

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2			**Due Date Extension**		
			Due Date: 24.11.2025	As all our authorised officials are traveling abroad for business / foreign tenders, we request you to kindly postpone this tender for a period of 30 days and as this requirement is for next year, we believe this is feasible and can be accommodated.	The due date is extended until 29.11.2025 @11:00AM
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1	BABSATC	**3**	**Terms of Delivery: Point No. B of Clause no. 3, Terms of Delivery (GCC Clause no. 10) (As per ATC point no. F of SCC)**		
			Goods shall be delivered by the supplier in accordance with the terms of delivery specified in the contract. However, the delivery schedule shall be completed within 06 months from the date of issue of NAC for existing/old suppliers and 06 month s from the date of clearance of pre-production sample for new/first time suppliers. The detailed delivery dates with Mint-wise breakup will be indicated in NAC/Contract Agreement.	The clause stipulates that deliveries must be completed within six months from the date of issuance of the NAC. Considering the time required for raw material procurement, tooling preparation, and manufacturing, it may not be feasible to complete the full tendered quantity within this period. We therefore request that the delivery schedule be amended as follows: • (i) The first lot of 200 MT to be delivered within 60 days from the date of notification of award. • (ii) The balance quantity to be supplied in six equal instalments over a period of six months after delivery of the first lot. Further, it is understood that the requirement of 300 MPCs pertains to the next financial year (FY 2026–27, commencing April 2026). We request that this supply period be specifically incorporated into the tender terms and conditions.	Total Delivery schedule shall be 09 (Nine) Months. Out of which, First lot of 258MT shall be delivered in 60 Days. (This quantity shall be distributed proportionally among the bidders as per the parallel contract.) The remaining quantity shall be delivered in 7 Equal Installments within next 7 Months.
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			Short Closure of the Contract: In case of any change in the design of the ₹. 10 Circulation Coins or if the indent is lower than the present proposed indent during the currency of the Contract, the Contract shall be short closed with a reasonable notice period of 30 days.	The clause provides that, in the event of a change in coin design or reduction in indent during the contract period, the contract may be short-closed with 30 days' notice. We wish to highlight that the total production cycle—from procurement of raw materials to production of finished blanks—extends to approximately 180 days (comprising 90 days for raw material procurement and 90 days for manufacturing). As procurement contracts for Copper and Zinc are long term & finalized 180 days prior to mint delivery schedules, we request that any short closure be communicated with a minimum notice period of 180 days.	In case of any change in the design of the ₹. 10 Circulation Coins or if the indent is lower than the present proposed indent during the currency of the Contract, the Contract shall be short closed with a reasonable notice period of **60 days.**
3	BABSATC	**3**	**Option Clause - Clause no. 3 of Buyer Added Bid Specific Additional Terms and Conditions**		
			OPTION CLAUSE: The Purchaser reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity to be ordered upto 25 percent of bid quantity at the time of placement of contract. The purchaser also reserves the right to increase the ordered quantity up to 25% of the contracted quantity during the currency of the contract at the contracted rates. The delivery period of quantity shall commence from the last date of original delivery order and in cases where option clause is exercised during the extended delivery period the additional time shall commence from the last date of extended delivery period. The additional delivery time shall be (Increased quantity ÷ Original quantity) × Original delivery period (in days), subject to minimum of 30 days. If the original delivery period is less than 30 days, the additional time equals the original delivery period. The Purchaser may extend this calculated delivery duration up to the original delivery period while exercising the option clause. Bidders must comply with these terms.	Considering the lead time required for sourcing materials, preparing tooling, and production, it would not be feasible to complete deliveries within the presently stipulated period. We therefore request that the clause be amended to permit commencement and delivery of the first lot within 60 days of the notification of award, with the balance quantity to be delivered in equal instalments over the following two months.	Tender Condition Prevails
4		**6 & 7**	**Rim-Thickness & Hardness**		
			Rim-Thickness -> 1.82 mm ± 0.05 mm Hardness -->100 ± 10 VPN (HV 30)	(a) The prescribed rim thickness tolerance of ±0.05 mm is more stringent than the internationally accepted standard of ±0.10 mm for coin blanks. We request revision to ±0.10 mm, in line with global practices. (b) We further request that the hardness specification be revised to align with international standards, which prescribe a maximum hardness of 120 HV for coin blank manufacturing. This will ensure consistency with global norms while maintaining required quality and durability.	Tender Condition Prevails

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3	SCC of BATC	**1**	**Packing: Clause 1 (d) (GCC Clause No. 8) of Point No. F (SCC)**		
			If the material is received in damaged condition, the same will be summarily rejected and supplier shall replace the same within 20 days at their own cost on door delivery basis.	As per the clause No. G(b), damaged material must be replaced within 10 days at the supplier's cost and as per clause 1(d) damaged material should be replaced within 20 days. Given the lead time for manufacturing and door delivery, we request this period be extended to 45 days in both the clauses.	Tender Condition Prevails
4	SCC of BATC	**5**	**Terms and Mode of Payments: (GCC Clause No.22.3, 22.4, 22.6)**		
			90% of payment shall be released by the respective consignee unit within 30 days after receipt of Material and Original Tax Invoice along with the following documents against respective consignment at IGM Hyderabad, IGM Noida, IGM Kolkata & IGM Mumbai. Balance 10% payment shall be released within 30 days after issue of Final Acceptance Certificate (FAC) by the respective Consignee unit.	We request that suppliers be formally intimated upon issuance of FAC and GRN for all invoices. Such communication will enable us to track receipts, approvals, and payments more efficiently, thereby reducing the need for repeated follow-ups and timely payments.	Tender Condition Prevails. FAC Communication to be sent to Supplier.

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7		**6 & 7**	**Rim-Thickness & Hardness**		
			Rim-Thickness -> 1.82 mm ± 0.05 mm Hardness -->100 ± 10 VPN (HV 30)	With reference to the specifications, we would like to submit the following : a) The specified tolerance of ±0.05 mm for rim thickness is significantly tighter than the globally accepted tolerance for coin blanks, which is ±0.10 mm. We therefore request that the tolerance be amended to ±0.10 mm, in line with international practice and standards. b) We request that the hardness specification be amended to 100 ± 20 (HV30), which conforms to global standards for coin blank manufacturing.	Tender Condition Prevails