**PAF-IAST Responses to the queries of prospective bidders for the Tender “Supply of Undergraduate Lab Equipment” (to be opened on 15th April 2021)**

Following queries/ concerns are received from prospective bidders as per the provision of Clause 18 of Section 2 of RFP, and PAF-IAST responses to them are as below;

**Q #1:** The bidder must quote all items in each Lot or may partially quoted items?

**PAF-IAST’s Response:** Kindly refer to the Section 3. Bid Data Sheet at S. no. 5 page 14, which states *“The Purchase Committee shall consider the Bids Lot-wise (i.e. package against each of the Lots) as referred in Section – 5. Any item not quoted in the respective Lot shall have reasonable grounds to reject the Bid for that Lot.”*

**Q #2:** Let us know the pre-bid meeting date & time. The meeting will be virtual or physical appearance.

**PAF-IAST’s Response:** Kindly refer to s. no. 7 at page no. 14, which states that there is no Pre-Bid Conference planned for this tender. Prospective bidders are however allowed to submit their request for clarifications/ questions as per the provision given in Section 3. Bid Data Sheet at S. no. 13 page 15 of the Tender document/ RFP.

**Q # 3:**   As per your tender advertisement the tender submission & opening date is 15.04.2021, whereas in the same tender documents page no.15 i.e. 12.04.2021. Please duly correct accordingly.

**PAF-IAST’s Response:** The Tender submission and opening date is 15/04/2021, the information on page 15 is a typo error.

**Q # 4:** Regarding Lot #: TOC analyzer, Nitrogen Gas filled cylinders 02 with regulator was asked in specifications, where as some TOC analyzers uses oxygen for Liquid Mode and Synthetic Air for Solid Mode.

**PAF-IAST’s Response:** Bidders are allowed to quote either of the available options as long as the equipment is capable of carrying out the Tests based on the desired parameters and meeting the requirements.

**Q # 5:** The measurement ranges mentioned for CHNS analyzer are too specific.

Carbon: 0.02 to 175 mg may be relaxed to C: 0 - 100 mg absolute or 0 - 100%

Hydrogen: 0.1 to 12 mg may be relaxed to H: 0 - 15 mg absolute or 0 - 100%

Nitrogen: 0.04 to 50 mg may be relaxed N: 0 - 100 mg absolute or 0 -100%

Sulfur: 0.01 to 20 mg may be relaxed to S: 0 - 18 mg absolute or 0 - 100%

 **PAF-IAST’s Response:** The measurement ranges may be relaxed to an acceptable limit(s), provided the other requirements and specifications are fulfilled.

Q: #6: With reference to your subject Tender, We have down loaded the Tender documents and found that you have Combined two HI-TECH equipment in LOT # 4 i.e. Item #1 TOC and Item # 2 CHN analyzer with the condition that entire lot will have to be quoted. As in previous Tender the TOC  was advertised separately. Since both are Specialized equipment and no single bidder having specialty to complete this LOT. We therefore request your good-self to split this lot and allow the potential bidders  to quote according to their specialty TOC and CHNS analyzer separately. This will give an opportunity to the firms having specialty in their respective fields and as a result you will get good equipment at competitive price from the firms having specialty in respective Technologies. We hope our request will be considered in the best interest of institute and will issue an amendment for LOT # 4 to be quoted item wise.

**PAF-IAST’s Response:** Based on the reasoning and justification given in the above suggestion, PAF-IAST has introduced another LOT (i.e. LOT #5: Research Lab (CHNS Analyzer) by splitting the LOT #4 into two LOTs. LOT #4 shall be read as for Research Lab (TOC Analyzer). Bidders are required to follow modified version of Form-G as attached herewith this response.

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