

REFUND OF SECURITY DEPOSIT: The refund of security deposit shall be subject to company's right to deduct/ appropriate its due against the contractor under this contract or under any other contract.

On completion of the entire work and issue of defect liability certificate (taking over certificate with a list of defects) by the Engineer-in-charge, one half of the security deposit remaining with the company (Performance Security) shall be refunded as elaborated above.

The other half (Retention Money) shall be refunded to the contractor after issue of No Defect Certificate by the Engineer-in-Charge on the expiry of Defect Liability Period of six months, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Any defect/defects in the work, if detected after issue of defect liability certificate (Taking over certificate with list of defects) is/are rectified to the satisfaction of the Engineer-in-Charge within the said defect liability period of six months or on its due extension till completion of the rectification works as required.
- b) In the case of building work or other work of similar nature, the refund shall be made on the expiry of the said six months period or at the end of one full monsoon period i.e. June to September, whichever is later in point of time and any defects such as leakages in roof, effloresces in walls, dampness, defects in drainage etc. should be rectified to the satisfaction of Engineer-in-Charge.

NB: In case of Maintenance contracts, that ends with successful completion of work, where question of Defect Liability Period does not arise (e.g. sweeping / cleaning, horticulture, tank cleaning, jungle cutting, grass cutting, surface dressing etc.), the performance security and retention money (second part of bid security) can be released simultaneously after completion of work and taking over by department.

VIII) Bid Validity: The Bid Validity Period will be 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the end date of bid submission. The validity period of tender shall be decided based on the final end date of submission of bids.

IX) Provisions for dealing with variations in respect of Abnormally High Rate (AHR) and Abnormally Low Rate (ALR) items:

- X) The abnormally high rate items are those whose quoted rates are more than 20% of the justified rates decided by the owner.
The abnormally low rate items are those whose quoted rates are less than 20% of the justified rates decided by the owner.

XI) Procurement from Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) (APPLICABLE FOR NATURE OF SERVICE TENDERS)

- i. Subject to meeting terms and conditions stated in the tender document including but not limiting to prequalification criteria, 25% of the work will be awarded to MSE as defined in MSE Procurement Policy issued by Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) for the tendered work/item. Where the tendered work can be split, MSE quoting a price within a price band of L1 + 15% shall be awarded at least 25% of total tendered work provided they match L1 price. In case the tendered work cannot be split, MSE shall be awarded full work provided their quoted price is within a price band of L1 + 15% and they match the L1 price.
- ii. In case of more than one such MSEs are in the price band of L1 + 15% and matches the L1 price, the work may be shared proportionately if the job can be split. If the job cannot be split, then the opportunity to match the L-1 rate of the tender shall be given first to MSE who has quoted lowest rate among the MSEs and the total job shall be awarded to them after matching the L-1 price of the tender, in case the L1 is other than MSE. If MSE is a L1 bidder, full work will be awarded to such bidder. If the MSE who have quoted lowest rate among the MSEs in the price band of L1 + 15% do not agree to match the rate of L1 of the tender, then the MSE with next higher quoted rate in the price band of L1 + 15% shall be given chance to match the rate of L1 for award of the complete job. This process to be repeated in till work is awarded to MSE or MSE bidders are exhausted.
- iii. Out of the 25% target of annual procurement from micro and small enterprises 3(three) percent shall be earmarked for procurement from micro and small enterprises owned by women. In the event of failure of such MSEs to participate in the tender process or meet the tender requirements and L1 price, 3(three) percent sub-target so earmarked shall be met from other MSEs.
- iv. Out of the 25% target of annual procurement from micro and small enterprises 4(four) percent shall be earmarked for procurement from micro and small enterprises owned by Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs.