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**E-TENDER DOCUMENT FOR PRINTING
(INCLUDING PAPER), BINDING & PACKAGING OF
USERS' MANUALS FOR FIRST PHASE OF
CENSUS 2027**

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SECTION-1

Notice for Inviting e-Tender

1. For and on behalf of the President of India, the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India invites an open tender (in two bid system) from the Offset Printers located in India to print 32,00,000 Instruction Manuals in 18 Indian Languages for the first phase of Census, 2027.
 - Time stipulation is the essence of this contract and therefore, Printing and packaging of the aforesaid manuals has to commence within 15 days from the date of placement of the order and has to be completed within 45 days.
 - Since the volume of printing is large and time available is limited, bidders need to quote for printing & packaging for a minimum of 12,80,000 manuals. Bids with less than 12,80,000 manuals would be treated non-responsive and rejected.
 - **ORGI reserves the right to split the tender and award it to more than one bidder.** The quantity distribution ratio will be decided in reverse proportion of their price bids quoted in original tender.
2. Tender documents may be downloaded from the CPPP e-Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> or the Office of the Registrar General, India website <https://censusindia.gov.in/census.website/en/node/320> as per the schedule given in following **DATE SHEET**:

DATE SHEET

Published Date & Time	13.01.2026 at 05.00 PM
Bid Document Download Start Date & Time	13.01.2026 at 05.30 PM
Seek Clarification start date & time	13.01.2026 at 06.00 PM
Seek Clarification end date & time	19.01.2026 at 06.00 PM
Pre-bid meeting date & time	21.01.2026 at 03.00 PM
Bid Submission Start Date & Time	13.01.2026 at 06.00 PM
Bid Submission Closing Date & Time	04.02.2026 at 03.00 PM
Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	05.02.2026 at 04.00 PM

3. Manual bids shall not be accepted except the original documents/instruments as mentioned in this tender.
4. Bids shall be submitted online only at CPPP website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>
5. Bidders are advised to follow the 'Instructions for online bid submission' available through the link 'Help for bidders' at the e-Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>

6. Bidders are advised to check the CPPP website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> at least 3 days prior to the closing date of submission of tender for any corrigendum, addendum, or amendment to the tender document.
7. **Bid Security:** Bid Security (EMD) of **Rs. 20 Lakh (Rupees Twenty Lakh only)**, in the form of Insurance Surety Bond, Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt, Banker's Cheque or Bank Guarantee (in Form 7) or (e-Bank Guarantee) from a commercial bank or payment online in an acceptable form in favour of PAO (Census), MHA, New Delhi. It needs to be delivered in original to the Joint Director (Ptg.), ORGI, Janganana Bhawan, 2/A Man Singh Road, New Delhi-110011 before the time stipulated against ' Bid Submission End Date and time' as mentioned in the 'Date Sheet'. The Insurance Surety Bond shall be verified from the specific portal created for this purpose. Name & full address of the bidder may be written at the back of the Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque, Fixed Deposit Receipt, Bank Guarantee. Signed and scanned soft copy of the Bid Security instrument must be uploaded to the e- Procurement portal along with other bid documents as prescribed below at Para 9. Bids not received with Bid Security as mentioned above (except exempted firms, as per GFR, 2017) shall be summarily rejected. Bid security shall remain valid for a period of 60 days beyond the final bid validity period. In case the bidder is exempted as per GFR 2017, the copy of the exemption certificate needs to be submitted.
8. **Bid Opening:** Bids will be opened as per date/time mentioned in the **Tender Date Sheet**.
9. **Submission of Tender:**
- 9.1 **The tender shall be submitted online only under two bid systems, i. e. technical bid and financial bid.**
- 9.2 **Technical Bid Packet:** Should contain the following documents:
- Signed and scanned copies of the documents, to be uploaded as per the requirements for the technical qualification bid conditions.
 - Signed and scanned copies of the documents, to be uploaded for the Technical bid as per the checklist given at Para 9. 4.
- 9.3 **Financial Bid Packet:** Signed and scanned copies of the documents, to be uploaded, as per the checklist given at Para 9. 5 for the financial bid.

9.4 Eligibility Criteria, Terms & Conditions:

- (1) Printing Press should be involved in large scale in-house printing of Publications by offset printing process, Binding and Packaging for the last three years. The average annual turnover of the bidder should not be less than Rs. 30.0 Crore (Rs. Thirty Crore only) during last three FYs.
- (2) **Qualification Technical Criterion:**

Item	Criterion	Documents to be Attached
EMD Bid Security	Account Payee DD/Pay Order/Fixed Deposit Receipt from a Scheduled Commercial bank/Bank Guarantee/Online payment receipt for amount equivalent to EMD as per Para 7 of Section 1	Scanned copy of Account Payee Demand Draft/Pay Order/Fixed Deposit Receipt from a scheduled Commercial bank/ Bank Guarantee (in Form 7) from a Scheduled Commercial bank as in Para 7 of Section 1
Annual Turn Over	Minimum average annual turnover during last three financial years i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25 should be Rs. 30.0 Cr. (as per last published P&L Account Statement/Balance Sheet)	A certificate from the statutory auditor or Certificate signed by the Company Secretary, along with the P&L Account statement and Balance Sheets and of the last three financial years which are available publicly (Form 2)
Experience	The bidder must have successfully completed work, with at least one work order of minimum Rs. 7.5 Cr. or two work orders for minimum Rs. 5.0 Cr. each or three work orders for minimum Rs. 3.5 Cr. each for Government/ PSU/Commercial Banks in any one of the last three FYs i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25	Copy of work order(s) and completion certificate from client name, address, e-mail and phone number
Infrastructure Undertaking		
Per day printing & binding capacity	The bidder should have a daily capacity of printing & binding a min. of 80,000 (Eighty Thousand) manuals of about 140 pages using offset process	Undertaking along with documentary proof
Pre-Printing	Facility of composing through DTP system for languages with designing facility and CTP (Computer to Plate)	In-house, owned by the bidder
Process Section	Fully equipped Process Section including color scanning, automatic Film Processor and Automatic Plate Processor	In-house, owned by the bidder

Offset Printing Machines	(a) Single color Automatic Sheet Fed/web Machine: A-1 Size -Min-3 (<i>at least two min. web machines</i>) (b) Two/Four Color Automatic Sheet Fed Offset Machines: A-2 Size - Min -2 (c) Four Color Automatic Sheet Fed Offset Machine: A-1 Size - Min 1	In-house, owned by the bidder
Binding	(a) Automatic Folding Machine of A-1 - Two (b) Cutting Machines 42" - Two (c) Three Knife Trimmer - One (d) Gathering Machine 8 to 12 stations - Two (e) Wire Stitching Machine - Two (f) Section Sewing Machine - Two (g) Six Clamp Perfect Binding Machine - Two (h) Lamination Machine - One	In-house, owned by the bidder
Power Back up	Generator backup should be available for un-interrupted power supply to all machines/equipments	In-house, owned by the bidder

(3) **Other Documents to be attached along with Technical Bid:**

Sl. No.	Description	Documents required	Whether enclosed (Yes/No) Page No.
a.	Ownership documents of the organization, which should have been operating for last three years	Copy of Ownership document in case of Proprietorship concern or Partnership deed in case of Partnership concern or the Certificate of Incorporation, Memorandum and Articles of Association in case of a Company at least three year old	
b.	Technical Bid Submission Letter	Signed copy of the Technical Bid Submission Letter in Form 1	
c.	Paper specifications for 80 GSM Maplitho printing paper	The printer shall adopt IS 1848 (Part I) 2018 standards and min. 85% brightness & 90% Opacity for paper specifications & give an undertaking to this effect	

d.	Bidder's operative Bank account details (Current Bank Account)	Scanned copy of certificates from bank of operative account and bidder's declaration in Form 3 , along with a cancelled Cheque/Bank Statement	
e.	The Bidder should not be blacklisted by Central / State Government or any undertaking/institution under government control in India.	Undertaking from an authorized signatory of the firm to this effect as per format placed at Form 4	
f.	Non -Disclosure agreement	Scanned copy of Non -Disclosure agreement as per format at Form 5	
g.	Permanent Account Number	Copy of the PAN Card	
h.	GST Certificate	Copy of Registration	
i.	Compliance to infrastructure and equipments installed in Press as detailed in Clause 9. 4(2)	A list of machines and equipment's installed in Press with date of installation, technical specifications, make, specifying the color i. e. whether the Machine is of one color or more than one color	
j.	Bid Security	Bid Security Form duly signed as per Form 7	
k.	Fraud & Corrupt Practices	Undertaking on Fraud & Corrupt Practices duly signed & verified on judicial stamp paper as per Form 8	
l.	Space for booking by the DoPosts	Undertaking that the Bidder will provide sufficient space along with internet connectivity to DoPosts/ Postal Agency for opening of its Kiosk during dispatch time	
m.	RFP document	Signed copy of the Tender Document	
n.	Annual Income Tax Return of last three years	Copies of income tax returns	
o.	All risks insurance policy	Copy of All risks insurance policy covering risks, i. e. house breaking, burglary, fire, theft, flood, strike and riots, etc.	
p.	Registration under Factory Act (if admissible)	Copy of Registration (if applicable)	
q.	Pollution Control	Paper relating to Pollution Control	
r.	Printing Press should not be situated in a residential area	An undertaking that the Printing Press is not situated in a residential area	
s.	Power of Attorney in the name of the Authorized Signatory		

Note: ORGI, through their representatives, may conduct a physical verification of the assets/infrastructures indicated above before the opening of the financial bid/issuing work order.

9.5 Checklist of Annex/Appendix to be enclosed with the Financial Bid:

Sl. No.	Description/Document Required	Whether enclosed (Yes/No) Page No.
(a)	The financial bid format given in Section 7 is provided as BoQ_ORGI_Ptg.xls along with tender document	

10. **Contact Information:** For any clarifications, bidder may contact to **Shri Sandeep Rai, Joint Director (Ptg.), ORGI, Ministry of Home Affairs, 6th Floor, Janganana Bhawan, 2/A Man Singh Road, New Delhi-110011, Phone: 011-23033607, e- mail: sandeeprai.rgi@gov.in**
11. **Pre-Bid Meeting:** A pre-bid meeting will be held on **21-01-2026 at 3.00 PM** at the ORGI, Ministry of Home Affairs, 6th Floor, Janganana Bhawan, 2/ A Man Singh Road, New Delhi-110011 to sort out clarifications/doubts, if any, before submission of the tender.
12. **Verification of documents:** For verification of documents, the bidder shall be required to produce/show the original documents, if required on receiving request (s) from ORGI. The firm shall report with all originals to the ORGI on specified date and time. Failure on the part of the firm to report on specified date and time may result in rejection of the tender submitted, without further communication.



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SECTION - 2

2. Background

2.1. The Office of the Registrar General, India (MHA) is responsible for the conduct of the decennial Population Census in the country. The Census of India 2027 (16th in the series and 8th after independence) will take a count of the population of more than 140 Crore individuals cross-classified by several key demographic and socio-economic variables.

2.2 Census Operations in India are carried out in two phases, i) Houselisting & Housing Census and ii) Population enumeration. To capture the data, two main schedules viz. 'Houselisting& Housing Census Schedule' and Household Schedule' are canvassed during the census operations.

2.3 Instruction manuals contains all essential information for the census functionaries especially enumerators & supervisors to facilitate them in filling of the schedules and abstracts. These manuals includes a description of the roles, responsibilities and rights of census functionaries, legal provisions under Census Act, 1948 and the methodologies for conducting Housing and houselisting operation.

2.4 **Houselisting and Housing Census Operations:** The Houselisting and Housing Census have immense utility as it will provide comprehensive data on the conditions of human settlements, housing deficit and consequently the housing requirement to be taken care of in the formulation of housing policies. This will also provide a wide range of data on amenities and assets available to the households, information much needed by various departments of the Union and State Governments and other non-Governmental agencies for development and planning at the local level as well as the State level. This would also provide the base for Population Enumeration.

2.5 **Job Requirements:** Offset Printing (including paper), binding and packaging of about 32,00,000 (Thirty two lakh only) Instruction Manuals of about 140 pages required for the first phase of Census 2027. **The quantity (number of pages & number of manuals) may vary up to 30%, however, the payment will be made as per approved per unit rate.** These manuals are to be printed in about 18 languages namely, Assamese, Bengali, Hindi, English, Garo, Gujarati, Kannada, Khasi, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu. Printed manuals are to be packed in corrugated boxes as per technical specifications in **Annexure-II** and shrink wrapped for transportation to the consignee through the Department of Posts. The printer will inform in writing that the shipment is ready for dispatch.

SECTION – 3

3. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE BIDS

3.1 General Instructions: The bidders are required to submit the soft copies of their bids electronically on the Central Public Procurement (CPP) Portal i.e. <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> using valid Digital Signature. The instructions given below are meant to assist the bidders in registering on the CPP Portal, prepare their bids in accordance with the requirements and submitting their bids online on the CPP Portal.

3.1.1 Registration:

- i. Bidders are required to enroll on the e-Procurement module of the Central Public Procurement Portal by using the “Online Bidder Enrollment” option available on the home page. Enrolment on the CPP Portal is free of charge.
- ii. During enrolment/ registration, the bidders should provide the correct/ true information including valid email-id & mobile no. All the correspondence shall be made directly with the contractors/ bidders through email-id provided.
- iii. As part of the enrolment process, the bidders will be required to choose a unique username and assign a password for their accounts.
- iv. For e-tendering, possession of a valid Digital Signature Certificate (Class II or Class III Certificates with signing key usage) is mandatory which can be obtained from any Certifying Authority recognized by CCA India.
- v. Upon enrolment on the CPP Portal for e-tendering, the bidders shall register their valid Digital Signature Certificate with their profile.
- vi. Only one valid DSC should be registered by a bidder. Bidders are responsible to ensure that they do not lend their DSCs to others which may lead to misuse and should ensure safety of the same.
- vii. Bidders can then login to the site through the secured user ID and the password of the DSC/e-Token.

3.1.2 Preparation of Bids

- i. For preparation of bids, Bidders shall search the tender from the published tender list available on site and download the complete tender document and should take into account corrigendum, if any, published before submitting their bids.
- ii. After selecting the tender document same shall be moved to the ‘My favourite’ folder of bidders account from where bidder can view all the details of the tender document.

iii. Bidder shall go through the tender document carefully to understand the documents required to be submitted as part of the bid. Bidders shall note the number of covers in which the bid documents have to be submitted, the number of documents – including the names and the content of each of the documents that need to be submitted. Any deviations from these may lead to rejection of the bid.

iv. Any pre-bid clarifications, if required, the same may be obtained online through the tender site, or during pre-bid meeting.

v. Bidders can update well in advance, the documents such as experience certificates, Annual Report, PAN, GST & other details, etc. , under “My Space/ Other Important Document” option, which can be submitted as per tender requirements. This will facilitate the bid submission process faster by reducing upload time of bids.

3. 1. 3 Submission of bids:

i. Bidder should log into the site well in advance for bid submission so that he/she upload the bid in time i. e. on or before the bid submission time.

ii. Bidder should prepare the EMD as per the instructions specified in the tender document. The details of the DD/BC/BG/ others physically sent should tally with the details available in the scanned copy and the data entered during the bid submission time. In case, the bidder is exempted under GFR 2017, the copy of the exemption certificate needs to be submitted. Failure to do so will invite rejection of bid.

iii. While submitting the bids online, the bidder shall read the terms & the conditions (of CPP portal) and accepts the same in order to proceed further to submit their bid.

iv. Bidders shall select the payment option as offline to pay the EMD and enter details of the DD/BC/BG/others.

v. Bidder shall digitally sign and upload the required bid documents one by one as indicated in the tender document.

vi. Bidders shall note that the very act of using DSC for downloading the tender document and uploading their offers is deemed to be a confirmation that they have read all sections and pages of the tender document without any exception and have understood the complete tender document and are clear about the requirements of the tender document.

vii. If price quotes are required in XLS format, utmost care shall be taken for uploading Schedule of quantities & Prices and any change/ modification of the price schedule shall render it unfit for bidding.

viii. Bidders shall download the Schedule of Quantities & Prices in XLS format and save it without changing the name of the file. Bidder shall quote their rate in

figures in the appropriate cells, thereafter save and upload the file in financial bid cover (Price bid)only.

ix. Bidders shall submit their bids through online e-tendering system to the Tender Inviting Authority (TIA) well before the bid submission end date & time (as per Server System Clock). The TIA will not be held responsible for any sort of delay or the difficulties faced during the submission of bids online by the bidders at the eleventh hour.

x. After the bid submission (i. e. after Clicking “Freeze Bid Submission” in the portal), the bidders shall take print out of system generated acknowledgement number, and keep it as a record of evidence for online submission of bid, which will also act as an entry pass to participate in the bid opening.

xi. Bidders should follow the server time being displayed on bidder’s dashboard at the top of the tender site, which shall be considered valid for all actions of requesting, bid submission, bid opening etc. , in the e-tender system.

xii. All the documents being submitted by the bidders would be encrypted using PKI (Public Key Infrastructure) encryption techniques to ensure the secrecy of the data. The data entered cannot be viewed by unauthorized persons until the time of bid opening. The confidentiality of the bids is maintained using the secured Socket Layer 128 bit encryption technology.

3. 1. 4. Assistance to Bidders:

i. Any queries relating to the tender document and the terms and conditions contained therein should be addressed to the Tender Inviting Authority for a tender or the relevant contact person indicated in the tender.

ii. Any queries relating to the process of online bid submission or queries relating to CPP Portal in general may be directed to the 24X7 CPP Portal Helpdesk. Toll Free Number: 120-4001 002, 0120-4001 0050, 120- 4493395.

SECTION - 4

Instructions to Bidders

4.1 Procedure for submission of Bids:

4.1.1 The Bid response should be submitted online only as per instructions for Online Bid submission contained in Section 3 of Tender Document. The tender response shall be submitted online only under two bid systems i. e. Technical Bid Packet and Financial Bid Packet, as detailed above in Section 1.

4.1.2 The documents in Technical and Financial Bids should be page numbered in respective Bid and contain the list of contents with page numbers. Deficiency in documentation may result in the rejection of the Bid.

4.2 Cost of Bid Document: The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bids, including cost of presentation for the purposes of clarification of the bids, if so desired by the ORGI. The ORGI will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Bidding process.

4.3 Contents of the Bid Document

4.3.1 The Schedule of Requirements of the Goods required, Bid procedures and contract terms are prescribed in the RFP Document which contains the following Sections:

- a. Section 1: Invitation to Bid (E-Tender Notice)
- b. Section 2: General Background
- c. Section 3: Instructions for online bid submission
- d. Section 4: Instructions to the Bidders
- e. Section 5: Job of Requirements
- f. Section 6: General Conditions of Contract
- g. Section 7: Price Bid/Financial Bid
- h. Section 8: Standard Forms
- i. Section 9: Annexures

4.3.2 The Bidder is expected to examine all the instructions, forms, general terms & conditions, and Job Requirements in the Bid Document. Failure to furnish all information required in the Bid Document or submission of a bid not substantially responsive to the Bid Document in every respect will be at the Bidder's risk and may result in rejection of the Bid.

4.4 Clarification of Bid Document: A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the Bid Document may notify ORGI in writing at the ORGI's mailing address indicated in Para 10 & 11 of Section 1. The queries must be submitted in Microsoft Excel format as follows:

Sl. No.	Section	Clause No.	Page No.	Provision in the clause	Clarification Sought

ORGI will respond in writing, to any request for clarification of the Bid Document, received not later than the date prescribed at Para 2 of Section 1. The ORGI's response (including an explanation of the query, but without identifying the source of inquiry) to clarifications will be uploaded on e-Procurement Portal/ORGI's portal.

4.5 Amendment of Bid Document: At any time prior to the last date and time for receipt of bids, the ORGI, may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective Bidder, modify the Bid Document by amendment. The amendment will be notified through e-Procurement Portal and will be binding on the bidders.

4.6 Extension of bid submission date: In order to provide prospective Bidders reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing their bids, the ORGI may, at its discretion, extend the last date for the receipt of Bids.

4.7 Language of Bids: The Bids prepared by the Bidder and all correspondence and documents relating to the bids exchanged between the Bidder and the ORGI, shall be written in the English language only, provided that any printed literature furnished by the Bidder may be written in another language so long the same is accompanied by an English translation in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the bid, the English translation shall govern.

4.8 Documents Comprising the Bids: The Bids prepared by the Bidder shall comprise of the following components:

4.8.1 Technical Bid Packet: Should contain signed and scanned copies of all the documents as per Section 1 of the RFP.

4.8.2 Financial Bid Packet: Signed and scanned copies of the documents, to be uploaded, as per Section 1 of the RFP.

4.9 Bid Prices: The Bidder shall provide, in the proforma prescribed at **Section 7**, the unit prices and total Bid Prices of the Goods/ Services in **Indian Rupees (INR)**, it proposes to provide under the Contract. Total price also needs to be mentioned in the words too. The Bidder shall prepare the bid based on details provided in the Bid documents. Bidder shall carry out the design in accordance with the requirements of the Bid document and it shall be the responsibility of the Bidder to fully meet all the requirements of the Bid document.

4.10 Firm Prices: Prices quoted by the bidder must be firm & final and shall not be subject to any upward modifications, on any account whatsoever. The Bidder shall, therefore, indicate the prices in Financial/Price Bid Form of the Bid document. The Financial bid should clearly indicate the price to be charged without any qualifications whatsoever and should include all taxes, duties, fees, levies, etc. and other charges as may be applicable in relation to the activities proposed to be carried out. Such charges should be shown separately in the Financial Bid. However, should there be a change in the applicable taxes; the same will have to be paid on actual.

4.11 **Discount:** The Bidders are advised not to indicate any separate discount. Discount, if any, should be merged with the quoted prices. Discount of any type, indicated separately, will not be taken into account for evaluation purpose.

4.12 **Bidder Qualification:** The individual(s) signing the Bid or other documents in connection with the Bid must attach the Power of Attorney in his/their name as a part of Pre-qualification Bid. In case of non-submission of valid Power of Attorney with Pre-qualification Bid, the Bid is liable to be rejected.

4.13 **Bid Security**

4.13.1 The Bidder shall furnish, as part of its bid, a bid security of the amount mentioned in Section 1 of the RFP.

4.13.2 The bid security is required to protect the ORGI (MHA) against the risk of Bidder's conduct which would warrant the security's forfeiture.

4.13.3 The bid security shall be denominated in Indian Rupees only, and shall be in the form of Insurance Surety Bond, Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt, Banker's Cheque or Bank Guarantee (in Form 7) or (e-Bank Guarantee) from a commercial bank or payment online in an acceptable form in favour of PAO (Census), MHA, New Delhi. The Insurance Surety Bond shall be verified from the specific portal created for this purpose.

4.13.4 Any bid not secured in accordance with the RFP will be treated by ORGI as non-responsive and would be liable to be rejected.

4.13.5 Bid security of unsuccessful Bidder's will be discharged/returned as promptly as possible, within 30 days after the expiration of the period of bid validity prescribed by the ORGI or finalization of the contract whichever is later.

4.13.6 The successful Bidder's bid security will be discharged upon the bidder executing the contract and furnishing the performance security.

4.13.7 The bid security may be forfeited in the following cases:

- if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder in the Bid; or
- in the case of a successful Bidder, if the Bidder fails;
 - to sign the Contract in accordance with **Clause 4. 35**;or
 - to furnish performance security in accordance with **Clause 4. 36**.

4.13.8 Bid security shall remain valid for a period of 60 days beyond the final (original or extended) bid validity period.

4.14 **Period of Validity of bids**

4.14.1 Bids shall remain valid for **180 days** after the date of opening of Technical Qualification Bids or as prescribed by the ORGI. A bid valid for a shorter

period may be rejected by ORGI.

4.14.2 In exceptional circumstances, the ORGI may solicit the Bidder's consent to an extension of the period of validity. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing. The validity of bid security provided under Clause 4.13 shall also be suitably extended. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting its bid security. A Bidder agreeing to the request will not be required, nor permitted to modify its bid.

4.15 **Signing of Bid:** The bid needs to be digitally signed.

4.16 **Revelation of Prices:** Prices in any form or by any reason before opening the Financial Bid should not be revealed, failing which the offer shall be liable to be rejected.

4.17 **Tax Registration Certificate:** Bidder shall submit the copy of the GST registration certificate as per technical qualification Bid requirement.

4.18 **Terms and Conditions of Bidders**

- Any deviation proposed in terms and conditions of the Bidders will not be considered as forming part of their Bids. In case, the terms and conditions of the contract applicable to this RFP are not acceptable to any Bidder, he should clearly specify deviation in his Technical Bid.
- The Bidder should note, that, in case any of the deviation (s) or assumption (s), indicated by the Bidder in its Technical/ Financial Bid is/are not acceptable to the ORGI, in such eventuality the Bidder shall have to withdraw such deviation (s)/ assumption (s) failing which the Bid (s) of the Bidder shall be liable to be rejected.

4.19 **Local Conditions**

- It will be imperative on each Bidder to fully acquaint himself with the local conditions and factors, which would have any effect on the performance of the contract and / or the cost.
- It will be imperative for each Bidder to fully inform themselves of all legal conditions and factors which may have any effect on the execution of the contract as described in the bidding documents. The ORGI shall not entertain any request for clarification from the Bidder regarding such local conditions.
- It is the responsibility of the Bidder that such factors have properly been investigated and considered while submitting the bid proposals and that no claim whatsoever, including those for financial adjustment to the contract awarded under the bidding documents will be entertained by the ORGI and that neither any change in the time schedule of the contract nor any financial adjustments arising thereof shall be permitted by the ORGI on account of failure of the Bidder to appraise themselves of local laws /conditions.

4. 20 **Headings:** The headings of conditions hereto shall not affect the construction thereof.

4. 21 **Conditions for Technical Qualification of Bidders:** In addition to documents required as per Section 1, the following will also be required:

- Based on these conditions and documents furnished in the Technical Bid of the tender, the technical evaluation would be done by the Committee. The Price Bid would only be opened in respect of the tenderers who qualify in the technical evaluation.
- The paper as well as packaging material of the finished product will be tested in the Govt. Labs. / Govt. Institutes. Any deviation in the paper and packaging material will attract the penalty on the total cost of Work Order issued by the ORGI and will be deducted from the printer's bill as per penalty clause of this tender.

4. 22 **Last Date for Receipt of bids:** The Bidder should submit their online bids, in time, as specified in DATE SHEET of Section 1 of Tender Document to avoid any technical issues at the last moment. However, the ORGI may, at its discretion, extend the last date for the receipt of bids.

4. 23 **Modification and Withdrawal of bids:** A bidder may modify or withdraw his bids before expiry of time of submission of bids.

4. 24 **Address for Correspondence:** The Bidder shall designate the official mailing address, place, e-mail id and telephone number to which all correspondence shall be sent by ORGI.

4. 25 **Opening of Bids:** ORGI will open the Bids at the time, date and place, as mentioned in Section 1 of this Document. On the basis of information furnished in the Technical Qualification Bid, Bidders will be qualified.

4. 26 **Clarifications:** When deemed necessary, the Tender Committee/ORGI may seek clarifications only on technical matters, but not on commercial/financial matters from the Bidder.

4. 27 **Preliminary Examination**

- ORGI will examine the bids to determine whether they are complete, whether any computational errors have been made, whether required bid security has been furnished, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the bids are generally in order.
- A bid determined as not substantially responsive will be rejected by the ORGI and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the nonconformity.
- ORGI may waive any minor informality or nonconformity or irregularity in a

bid which does not constitute a material deviation, provided such waiver does not prejudice or affect the relative ranking of any Bidder.

4. 28 Contacting ORGI: No Bidder shall contact the ORGI on any matter relating to its Bid, from the time of the financial bid opening to the time the Contract is awarded. Any effort by a Bidder to influence the ORGI's Bid evaluation, Bid comparison or Contract award decisions may result in rejection of the Bidder's Bid.

4. 29 Post Qualification: ORGI will determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder selected as having submitted the best evaluated responsive bid is qualified to satisfactorily perform the Contract. This determination will take into account the Bidder's financial, technical, implementation and post-implementation capabilities. It will be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence submitted by the Bidder as per Bid requirement and Check List as well as such other information as the ORGI deems necessary and appropriate. An affirmative determination will be a prerequisite for the award of Contract to the Bidder. A negative determination will result in rejection of the Bidder's bid, in which event; the ORGI will proceed to the next best evaluated bid to make a similar determination of that Bidder's capability to perform satisfactorily.

4. 30 Criteria for Evaluation of bids:

4. 30. 1 Technical Evaluation: The responsive bids will first be evaluated for technical compliance by the Tender Purchase & Evaluation Committee (TPEC). Non-submission of essential documents will result in, a bid liable for disqualification at the technical evaluation stage.

4. 30. 2 Evaluation of Financial Bids:

a. Bids determined to be substantially responsive will be checked by the Committee.

b. Financial bids of **only** technically qualified firms will be opened.

c. ORGI shall evaluate the financial bids of eligible bidders (qualifying technical bids) to determine the L-1 bidder as under:

{L-1= lowest of sum of Item 1 to Item 3 in (Col. 7)} of Annexure-I

d. ORGI will award the Contract to the successful Bidder whose bid has been determined to be technically qualified and has been determined as the lowest evaluated bid, provided further that the Bidder is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily. The ORGI will, however, not bind itself to accept the lowest evaluated bid or any bid and reserves the right to accept any bid, wholly or in part on reasonable ground.

e. The quantity of work allotted to the successful printers would be based on their print bids (number of manuals for which bid has been made) and capacity to print, as declared by the printer and verified by the ORGI. However, in view of the

large volumes of the contract and strict timelines for completion, the ORGI reserves the right to split the tender amongst a multiple bidders.

4.31 Award of work: The L-1 bidder will be awarded minimum 40% of the procurable quantity or full quantity for which he has bid, whichever is lower. The L-2 bidder would then be asked to match the L-1 rate. In case, L-2 matches the rate quoted by L-1, he/she would be awarded the quantity he/she has bid for subject to his/her capacity or the quantity decided by TEPC. If L-2 does not match the L-1 rate, the L-3 bidder would be asked to match the L-1 rate. In case L-3 bidder matches the L-1 rate, he/she would be awarded the quantity for which he made the print bid or equal to his capacity or the quantity decided by TEPC and so on. The process of awarding of work will continue in this manner and will be concluded if a desired number of printers are covered and the entire volume of work is exhausted. The balance quantity, left after awarding the work to L1, will be distributed to second, third and more bidders in reverse proportion of the rates initially quoted by them in tender or as decided by TPEC.

4.31.1 In pursuance to Govt. of India's Public Procurement Policy for MSE (Micro and Small Enterprises), following conditions will be applicable:

(a) (i) In tenders, participating MSEs quoting a price within price band of L1 + 15% shall be allowed to supply a portion of the requirement by bringing down their price to L1 price in a situation where L1 price is from someone other than a MSE and such MSEs can be together ordered upto 25% of the total tendered value.

(ii) The sub-target for procurement from MSEs owned by SC/ST shall remain at 4% and for MSEs owned by women the sub-target shall be 3%, out of the total 25%. In case of failure of MSE owned by SC/ST or women enterprise to participate or to bring down their prices to L1, it will be procured from other MSEs.

(b) (I) MSEs who are interested in availing themselves of these benefits will enclose with their offer the proof of their being MSE registered with any of the agencies mentioned in the notification of Ministry of MSME (notification No.503 dated 23.03.2012, notification No.1875 dated 26.06.2020 & notification No 4714 dated 18.10.2022 as printed in Gazette of India).

(II) The MSEs must also indicate the terminal validity of their registration.

Failing (I) & (II) above, such offers will not be liable for consideration of benefits detailed in MSE notification of Government of India dated 23.03.2012.

4.32 ORGI's Right to vary scope of Contract at the time of the Award: ORGI may at any time, by a written order given to the Bidder, make changes within the general scope of the Contract. Accordingly, ORGI reserves the right to place repeat order (s) of up to 30% of the Contract value. In case of any increase/ decrease in quantities of any item, the Technical Service Charges, if any quoted, shall be correspondingly increased/ decreased on pro-rata basis.

4.33 ORGI's Right to accept any bid and to reject any or all bids: The ORGI reserves the right to split the tender and award among two or more bidders. The ORGI also reserves the right to accept any bid, and to annul the Bid process and

reject all bids at any time prior to award of Contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the grounds for the ORGI's action.

4. 34 Notification of Award (NoA): Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the ORGI will notify the successful Bidder in writing by letter, email or by fax that its bid has been accepted. The successful Bidder shall furnish the Performance Security to ORGI within two weeks of issue of Advance Acceptance letter from ORGI. Upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of performance security, the ORGI will promptly notify each unsuccessful Bidder and will discharge its bid security.

4. 35 Signing of Contract: Within 7 days of acceptance of Performance Security by ORGI, the successful bidder will have to sign the Contract Agreement with ORGI as per the format provided by this office. The successful bidder shall get this agreement embossed, have the correct amount to stamp duly adjudicated by Superintendent of Stamps and thereafter return the same duly signed and executed, all at his own cost, within two weeks from the receipt of the approved Agreement.

4. 36 Performance Security:

4.36.1 The successful bidder should arrange to have performance security amounting to 5% of the contract value furnished within seven days from receipt of Work Order from the ORGI.

4.36.2 Subject to any provision elsewhere in the contract regarding forfeiture or appropriation in full or part thereof, the performance security shall be released at the time of expiry / non-renewal / completion/termination of the contract.

4.36.3 The performance security may be either in the form of Insurance Surety Bond, Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt, Banker's Cheque or Bank Guarantee (in **Form 9** of this document) or (e-Bank Guarantee) from a commercial bank or payment online in an acceptable form in favour of PAO (Census), MHA, New Delhi, valid for one year. The Insurance Surety Bond shall be verified from the specific portal created for this purpose.

4. 36. 4 In case, Bank Guarantee is furnished as performance security, the same should be valid for one year and it should be sent to ORGI by the concerned Bank, and not by the bidder itself.

4. 36. 5 The performance security amount is interest free.

4. 36. 6 ORGI has the right to encash/appropriate the whole amount of performance security in accordance with the contract conditions and also to deduct any amount due from the contractor at the time of the termination/expiry of the contract.

4. 37 Technical Evaluation Criteria

4. 37. 1 **Technical Evaluation Criteria:** The following vital technical conditions should be strictly complied with failing which the bid will be rejected:

- Only the Bidders who quote for the complete Scope of Work and Supply of Goods/Services as indicated in this Bid Document, addendum thereof (if any) and any subsequent information given to the Bidder shall be considered. Incomplete bids will be rejected summarily. Evaluation will be carried out for the total scope of work covered in the Bid Document.
- The Bidder shall be deemed to have complied with all clauses in the Bid document under all the sections/chapters of the Bidding document, including Bid Evaluation Criteria (BEC), Schedule of Requirements, Technical specifications, Timelines and General Terms and Conditions of Contract unless otherwise stated in the deviation statement. Evaluation will be carried out on the information available in the bid.
- If the information provided by the Bidder is found to be incorrect / misleading at any stage / time during the Bidding Process.

4. 37. 2 **Financial Bid Evaluation Criteria:** The following vital commercial conditions should be strictly complied with failing which the bid will be rejected:

a) Financial Bid should be submitted online only strictly as per the Financial/Price Bid format. The Technical Bid shall contain no prices or commercial bid details. However, a blank copy of the Price bid should be enclosed with the Technical Bid with the price column of the price bid format blanked out. A tick mark (√) shall be provided against each item of the price bid format to indicate that there is a quote against this item in the Price bid. Offers with Technical Bid containing prices shall be rejected outright.

b) Bids/Offer of following kinds will be rejected:

- 1) Offers made without Bid Security/Bid Bond/Bank Guarantee/Online Payment along with the offer (except exempted firms under GFR).
- 2) Any bid submitted as physical or hardcopy/Fax/E-mail.
- 3) Offers which do not confirm unconditional validity of the bid for 180 days after date of opening of Technical Qualification Bids or as prescribed by the ORGI.
- 4) Offers where prices are not firm and or having variation clause or any qualifying condition.
- 5) Offers which do not confirm to ORGI's price bid format.
- 6) Offers which do not confirm to the completion period indicated in the bid.

c) Total lump sum prices quoted by the Bidder must be inclusive of all applicable taxes.

- d) **Statutory Variations:** Variation in statutory duties and taxes, if any, will be allowed on actual against the documentary evidence. However, any variation due to Turn Over will not be allowed.
- e) **Fraud & Corrupt Practices:** An undertaking needs to be submitted as per Form 8.

Section - 5

5.1 Job Requirements

5.1.1 The job entails to the printing (including paper from 'A' grade mill), binding and packaging of about 32,00,000 colored Instruction Manuals of about 140 pages required for the first phase of Census 2027. The manuals are to be printed in 18 Languages. The number of pages and languages may vary too.

5.1.2 The manual contain text matter except a few pages of tabular matter and may contain maps, photos, etc both in black & white and multi-color. The actual specimen of manual can be seen in this office.

5.1.3 Instruction Manuals will be of **A4 size** for which the MSS (Mannuscript Manual or Electronic typed or Computerized Printouts) will be supplied by ORGI for formatting and printing. The manuals are to be printed colored on good quality offset maplitho printing paper of 80 GSM (min. 85% brightness & Opacity min. 90%). Cover will also be colored, Gloss Thermal Laminated and to be printed on gloss art paper of 170 GSM.

5.1.4 The binding will involve center stitch with two wires as detailed in **Annexure-I**.

5.1.5 A set of about forty printed manuals would generally be packed in one corrugated box. The corrugated boxes to be used should have pre-printed census tag line (जनगणना से जन कल्याण) and logo as well. A maximum of 40 manuals are to be wrapped in a thick polythene sheet before putting in corrugated box. These would thereafter be packed in corrugated boxes of prescribed specifications & size to consignees address-wise. Having prepared the corrugated box in the manner described above, the box will be sealed with 1.5" wide adhesive tape having census tag line as well as logo and consignee's address slip (size 8" × 6"; specimen at **Annexure-IV**) along with barcode (**as per specifications of the DoPosts**) to track each unique consignment to be printed and pasted firmly on the front side of the box. Since, corrugated boxes may be re-used for transporting the material back from the Charge Office 'BOX TO BE RE-USED; DO NOT TEAR/CUT OPEN' (Annexure-VII) will have to be printed on top of the address slip. Thereafter, the corrugated box would be strapped cross-wise (two straps breadthwise and one length wise). The box would then be weighed and its weight together with box number recorded at appropriate space on the consignee address slip. For example, if 3 boxes are to be sent at some specified location, the three boxes would be numbered as 1/3, 2/3 and 3/3. One such box when fully packed would weigh about 12.0 kgs (excluding the weight of the box). In case, the corrugated box is not full to capacity, the empty space in the box would have to be suitably filled up with paper cuttings/air packets to avoid collapsing of the box during transportation. The ready to dispatch corrugated boxes so made would be kept in the Press premises for being picked up by representatives of the Department of Posts (DoP)/Postal Agency. The printing press shall be responsible for storing the printed and packed material in good condition, till the same is lifted for dispatch.

5.1.6 Transportation of manuals to specified locations across the length & breadth

of the country will be handled by the DoPosts/Postal Agency. The successful bidders will have to make suitable arrangements to provide sufficient space and necessary support to the DoPosts officials so as to facilitate them to execute the dispatch work, in time.

5. 1. 7 The corrugated boxes, duly packed, containing the printed materials would be picked up by the Department of Posts/Postal Agency from the Printing Press for dispatch to the consignees. The Department of Posts will arrange for the Mail van/Pick-up vehicle up to Press gate or up to the point entry is granted by the Press. The Press would provide requisite manpower to bring the packed corrugated boxes up to the Mail Van and arrange/assist the representatives of the Department of Posts in loading the boxes in the Mail Van. The printing press also needs to provide soft copy of the details of packed boxes for booking of consignments by the Department of Posts/Postal Agency as well as to the ORGI. Thereafter, they would obtain a signed receipt of having loaded the boxes from the representative of the Department of Posts (specimen of the Receipt at **Annexure- V**). The Press will make all arrangements for proper addressing of the boxes as per procedure to be specified by the Department of Posts. Transportation of manuals to specified locations across the length & breadth of the country will be handled by the DoPosts/Postal Agency. The successful bidders will have to make suitable arrangements to provide sufficient space and necessary support such as labor or material handling machinery etc. to the DoPosts officials so as to facilitate them to execute the dispatch work, in time.

5. 1. 8 **State and language-wise quantity of manuals to be printed:** The State and language-wise quantity of manuals to be printed will be provided to the successful bidders with the work order.

Section – 6

6. General Conditions of Contract (GC)

6.1 **Definitions:** Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this contract have the following meanings:

- a. 'ORGI' shall mean Office of the Registrar General, India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, with office located at NDCC Building-II, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi - 110001.
- b. 'Other Offices' shall mean the offices of concerned stakeholders for this project situated in Delhi.
- c. 'Bidder' shall mean the individual or firm who participates in this tender and submits its bid.
- d. 'Contractor' / 'Agency' / 'Firm' shall mean the successful bidder in this tender and shall include its legal representatives, successors.
- e. 'Performance Security' shall mean monetary guarantee furnished by the successful bidder for due performance of the contract concluded with it.
- f. 'Goods' shall mean all components whether paper, printed material, packaging material incl. corrugated boxes and incidental services in the scope of the bidder.

6.2 **Notices:** Any notice, instruction, or communication made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person to an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent by registered post to such Party at the address specified in the Technical Bid.

6.3 **Taxes and Duties:** The firm shall be liable to pay such direct and indirect taxes, duties, fees and other impositions levied under the applicable laws of India.

6.4 **Fraud and Corruption:** For the purpose of this clause, the terms set forth below have meanings as follows:

- a. "Corrupt Practice" means the offering, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the selection process or in contract execution;
- b. "Fraudulent Practice" means a misrepresentation or omission of facts in order to influence a selection process or the execution of a contract;
- c. "Collusive Practices" means a scheme or arrangement between two or more Contractors, with or without the knowledge of ORGI, designed to establish prices at artificial, non-competitive level;

- d. "Coercive Practices" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in a procurement process, or affect the execution of a contract.

6.5 Measures to be taken by the ORGI

- ORGI may terminate the contract if it determines at any time that representatives of the Contractor were engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices during the tender process or the execution of that contract, without the Contractor having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to ORGI to remedy the situation;
- ORGI may also sanction against the Contractor, including declaring the Contractor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract if it at any time determines that the Contractor has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in competing for, or in executing, a contract.

6.6 Commencement and Expiration of Contract

- a. **Effectiveness of Contract:** This Contract shall come into force and effect on the date (the "Effective Date") as specified in the RFP. In case, effective date is not so stipulated, the contract shall be effective from the date it is signed by both parties.
- b. **Effective Date:** The contract shall come into effect on the date of signatures of both the parties on the contract (Effective Date) and shall remain valid until the completion of the obligations of the parties under the contract. The deliveries and supplies and performance of the services shall commence from the effective date of the contract.
- c. **Expiration of Contract:** Unless terminated earlier, this Contract shall expire at the end of such time after the Effective Date as specified in the RFP.

6.7 **Entire Agreement:** This Contract contains all covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed by the Parties. No agent or representative of either Party has authority to make, and the Parties shall not be bound by or be liable for any other statement, representation, promise agreement doesn't set forth herein.

6.8 **Modifications or Variations:** Any modification or variation of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification or variation of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties. Each Party shall give due consideration to any proposal for modification or variation made by the other Party.

6.9 Force Majeure

6.9.1 For the purpose of this Clause, "Force Majeure" means an event beyond control of the affected Party and not involving the affected Party's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. The Force Majeure reasons may be listed as, but are not restricted to, war or revolutions, hostility, acts of public enemy, civil commotion, sabotage, fires, floods, explosions, epidemics quarantine restrictions, strikes, lockouts or acts of God (hereinafter referred to as "events"). For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly clarified that the failure on the part of the bidder under the agreement or the SLA to implement any disaster contingency planning and back-up and other data safeguards in accordance with the terms of the agreement or the SLA against natural disaster, fire, sabotage or other similar occurrence shall not be deemed to be a Force Majeure event. For the avoidance of doubt, it is further clarified that any negligence in the performance of services which directly causes any breach of security like hacking aren't the forces of nature and hence wouldn't be qualified under the definition of "Force Majeure". In so far as applicable to the performance of services, the SI will be solely responsible to complete the risk assessment and ensure implementation of adequate security, hygiene, best practices, processes and technology to prevent any breach of security and any resulting liability therefrom (wherever applicable).

6.9.2 If, during the continuance of the agreement, the performance in whole or in part by either party of any obligation under the agreement is prevented or delayed by such Events, the affected party (Bidder) shall promptly notify of happenings of any such event in writing, seeking concession as soon as practicable, but within five days from the date of occurrence.

6.9.3 Upon cessation of the situation which led the Party claiming Force Majeure, the claiming Party shall, within seven days thereof, notify the other Party in writing of the cessation and the Parties shall as soon as practicable thereafter continue performance of all obligations under the agreement.

6.9.4 In case of a force Majeure, parties will endeavor to agree on an alternate mode of performance in order to ensure the continuity of services and implementation of the obligations under the contract and to minimize any adverse consequences of such event.

6.9.5 If the affected party satisfies the other Party adequately of the measures taken by it, neither party shall, by reason of such event, be entitled make any claim for damages against the other in respect of such non-performance or delay in performance, and deliveries under the contract shall be resumed as soon as practicable after such event has come to an end or ceased to exist.

6.9.6 If the performance in whole or in part or any obligation under the agreement is prevented or delayed by reason of any such event for a period exceeding sixty days, the purchaser may at its option, terminate the contract.

6.9.7 Upon occurrence of a Force Majeure Event after the effective date, the costs incurred and attributable to such event and directly relating to the Project (Force

Majeure Costs') shall be borne by the respective Force Majeure Costs and neither Party shall be required to pay to the other Party any costs thereof.

6.10 Suspension: ORGI may, by written notice of suspension to the Contractor, suspend all payments to the Contractor hereunder if the Contractor fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension

- Shall specify the nature of the failure, and
- shall allow the Contractor to remedy such failure, if capable of being remedied, within a period not exceeding seven (7) days after receipt by the Contractor of such notice of suspension.

6.11 Termination

(a) **By the ORGI:** ORGI may terminate this Contract in the case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (i) to (viii) below:

- i. If the Contractor fails to remedy a failure in the performance of its obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to Clauses under GC herein above, within seven (7) days of receipt of such notice of suspension or within such further period as ORGI may have subsequently approved in writing.
- ii. If the Contractor becomes insolvent or go into liquidation or receivership whether compulsory or voluntary.
- iii. If the Contractor fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to the clauses under G thereof.
- iv. If the Contractor, in the judgment of ORGI, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing this Contract.
- v. If the Contractor submits to ORGI a false statement which has a material effect on the rights, obligations or interests of ORGI.
- vi. If the Contractor places itself in a position of conflict of interest or fails to disclose promptly any conflict of interest to ORGI.
- vii. If the Contractor fails to provide the quality services as envisaged under this Contract.
- viii. If ORGI, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Contract.

In any event such as at (i) to (viii) above ORGI shall give seven (7) days' written notice of termination to the Contractor.

(b) **By the Contractor:** The Contractor may terminate this Contract by not less

than thirty (30) days' written notice to ORGI, in case of occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraph(s) (i) to (iii) below.

- i. If ORGI fails to pay any money due to the Contractor, pursuant to this Contract and the same is not subject of dispute under GC's Clauses hereof within forty-five (45) days after receiving written notice from the Contractor that such payment is overdue.
- ii. If ORGI fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to the Clauses under RFP.
- iii. If ORGI is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Contract and has not remedied the same within forty-five (45) days (or such longer period as the Contractor may have subsequently agreed in writing) following the receipt by ORGI of the Contractor's notice specifying such breach.

6.12 Cessation of Rights and Obligations: Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses of RFP, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except (i) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration, (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth, and (iii) any right which a Party may have under the Law.

6.13 Cessation of Services: Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other, the Contractor shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner.

6.14 Payment upon Termination: Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to GC's clauses hereof, ORGI shall make the following payments to the Contractor:

- a) If the Contract is terminated pursuant of Clause 6. 11(a)(vii),(viii) or 6. 11(b), payment for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination;
- b) If the agreement is terminated pursuant of Clause 6. 11(a)(i) to (vi), the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any agreed payments upon termination of the contract. However, ORGI may consider payment for the part satisfactorily performed on the basis of Quantum Merit as assessed by it, if such part is of economic utility to ORGI.

6.15 Disputes about Events of Termination: If either Party disputes whether an event specified in paragraph (i) to (vii) of Clause GC 6. 11(a) or in Clause GC 6. 11(b) hereof has occurred, such Party may, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of notice of termination from the other Party, refer the matter for dispute settlement under Clause GC 6. 22(b) hereof, and this Contract shall not be terminated on account of such event except in accordance with the terms of any resulting arbitral award.

6.16 Forfeiture of Performance Security: In the event of breach of this Agreement, ORGI shall have the right to invoke and appropriate the proceeds of the performance security, in whole or in part, without separate notice to the Contractor.

6.17 Change in the Applicable Law Related to Taxes and Duties: If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the Applicable Laws of India with respect to taxes and duties, which are directly payable by the Contractor for providing the services i. e. GST or any such applicable tax from time to time, which increases or decreases the cost incurred by the Contractor in performing the Services, then the amount otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties hereto.

6.18 Payments: In consideration of the services provided by the firm under this Contract, ORGI shall make to the firm such payments and in such manner as is provided in the GC.

6.19 Fairness and Good Faith: The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Contract and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Contract.

6.20 Operation of the Contract: The Parties recognize that it is impractical in this Contract to provide for every contingency which may arise during the currency of the Contract, and the Parties hereby agree that it is their intention that this Contract shall operate fairly as between them, and without detriment to the interest of either of them, and that, if during the term of this Contract either Party believes that this Contract is operating unfairly, the Parties will use their best efforts to agree on such action as may be necessary to remove the cause or causes of such unfairness, but no failure on any action pursuant to this Clause shall give rise to a dispute subject to arbitration in accordance with GC's Clause hereof.

6.21 Confidentiality: Except with the prior consent of ORGI, the Contractor shall not at any time communicate to any person or entity any information acquired in the course of performance of this Contract. By agreeing to enter into this Contract, the Contractor also agrees to sign and abide with the Non-Disclosure Agreement placed as per Form 5 of Section 8.

6.22 Settlement of Disputes

(a) **Amicable Settlement:** In case, dispute arises between the parties regarding any matter under the contract, either Party of the contract may send a written Notice of Dispute to the other party. The Party receiving the Notice of Dispute will consider the Notice and respond to it in writing within 07 days after receipt. If that party fails to respond within 07 days, or the dispute cannot be amicably settled within 15 days following the response of that party, clause GC 6. 22(b) shall become applicable.

(b) **Arbitration:** In the case of dispute arising upon or in relation to or in connection with the contract between ORGI and the Contractor, which has not been settled amicably, any party can refer the dispute for Arbitration under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The competent authority to appoint the arbitrator shall be RG & CCI.

- The Arbitration proceedings shall be held in New Delhi and the language of the arbitration proceedings and that of all documents and communications between the parties shall be English.
- The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding upon both parties. The expenses of the arbitrator(s) as determined by the arbitrator(s) shall be shared equally by ORGI and the Contractor. However, the expenses incurred by each party in connection with the preparation & the presentation of their cases shall be borne by the party itself. All arbitration awards shall be in writing and shall state the reasons for the award.

(c) **Jurisdiction of Courts, etc. :** The courts/any other Tribunal or Forum in New Delhi alone shall have exclusive jurisdiction with regard to any matter/dispute relating to or arising out of this contract.

6. 23 **Liquidated Damage (LD)**

- a. In the event of the Printer's failure to supply the printed material etc. as specified in this contract, the ORGI may, at his discretion, withhold any payment until the completion of the contract. The BUYER may deduct from the SELLER as agreed, liquidated damages to the sum of 0.5% of the price of any portion of goods of poor quality or delivered late, for every week of delay or part of a week, subject to the maximum value of the Liquidated Damages being not higher than 10% of the value of the delayed goods of the project.
- b. The amount charged as liquidated damages would be deducted by the Purchaser from the amount due for payment to bidder. If the amount of such LD exceeds the payments due to the Seller, the Seller shall within 30 (thirty) days make payment to the Purchaser the FULL amount of claims less the value of the bank guarantee if encashed by purchaser.

6. 24 **Miscellaneous**

- i. All payments will be made electronically.
- ii. The personnel engaged by the Contractor are subject to a security check by the ORGI Security Staff at anytime.
- iii. All personnel deputed by the Contractor should bear upon his/her person due authorization from the Contractor, and should produce the same for inspection in order to be allowed to enter ORGI premises, and during their stay within the premises.
- iv. Within ORGI premises, the Contractor's personnel shall restrict their activities to performance of this contract.
- v. The Contractor shall be directly responsible for any dispute arising between him and his personnel and ORGI shall be kept indemnified against all actions, losses, damages, expenses and claims whatsoever arising thereof.
- vi. The tenderer shall be solely responsible for payment of wages/salaries, other benefits and allowances etc. in r/o the personnel deputed for ORGI. ORGI shall have no liability whatsoever in this regard and the Contractor shall indemnify ORGI against all claims in this regard.
- vii. The tenderer shall be fully responsible for theft or burglary or any damage to ORGI property directly attributable to any acts of commission or omission on

- the part of the tenderer's personnel.
- viii. **Price Details & Validity:** The quoted Rate/price should be inclusive of all levies/taxes. The Bid submitted against this Tender should remain valid for not less than 180 days after date of opening of Technical Qualification Bids or as prescribed by the ORGI.
 - ix. **Delivery and Delivery Schedule:** Delivery of goods shall be completed within 45 days of signing of the contract. The Contract can be cancelled unilaterally by the ORGI in case items are not received within the contracted delivery period. Extension of tenderer delivery period will be at the sole discretion of the ORGI, with the applicability of LD clause. The corrugated boxes, duly packed, containing the printed materials would be picked up by the Department of Posts from the Printing Press for dispatch to the consignees.
 - x. **Purchaser's right to vary quantities:** ORGI will have the right to increase or decrease up to 30% of the quantity of goods and services specified in the schedule of requirements without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions at the time of award of contract within a period of 45 days from commissioning & acceptance by ORGI at the same rate or a rate negotiated (downwardly) with the existing vendor considering the reasonability of rates based on prevailing market conditions and the impact of reduction in duties and taxes etc. and supplies to be obtained within delivery period scheduled afresh.
 - xi. **Non-disclosure of Contract documents:** Except with the written consent of the ORGI/Tenderer, other party shall not disclose the contract or any provision, specification, plan, design, pattern, sample or information thereof to any third party. The bidder will certify that all information and data available to him as a part of the project will remain the exclusive property of ORGI and will not be disclosed to any person not authorized by ORGI. Failure to comply with this clause will make the bidder liable to action as per law. The proforma for non - disclosure agreement is attached at Form-5.
 - xii. **Performance cum Guarantee/Warranty Security Deposit:** The successful bidder(s) shall submit an amount equivalent to 5% of the value of the order, within 7 days from receipt of work order from ORGI, as performance cum guarantee, in the form of Insurance Surety Bond, Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt, Banker's Cheque or Bank Guarantee (in **Form 9** of this document) or (e-Bank Guarantee), valid for 1 year, from a commercial bank in favour of PAO (Census), MHA, New Delhi. The Insurance Surety Bond shall be verified from the specific portal created for this purpose. On the request of the successful bidder, the Earnest Money Deposit will be returned to the bidder on receipt of the Security Deposit payable by him. If the Security Deposit is not paid within time specified, the Earnest Money Deposit remitted by the tenderer shall be forfeited. In such case, the ORGI shall be entitled to get the work executed from elsewhere and recover the consequential loss sustained from the tenderer due to getting the work executed either through some other bidder or through the bidder selected through the process of re-tendering.
 - xiii. **Penalty for delay and deviation in the quality of paper and packaging material:** Time is the essence of this contract as CENSUS 2027 is the project of National importance. As has been mentioned in the aforesaid paragraphs,

printing, binding and packaging of the manuals should commence within 15 days from the date of placement of the work order and has to be completed within 45 days thereafter. In extraordinary circumstances, ORGI may allow extension of a few days. **Please note that any delay in meeting the timelines beyond the likely date of completion of work will invite a penalty as per LD clause mentioned at Para 6.23 of the document. Thereafter, the work would be withdrawn and got executed through other printer(s) at the risk and expense of the defaulting printer.**

xiv. **Payment Terms:** Payments will be made as per the following:

- a. 70 % of the bills raised for the quantity printed and packed on production of:
 - Invoice
 - Warranty Certificate by the Press as to the quality of paper, printing, packaging and quantity of manuals printed as per specification. In support of this the bidder should enclose test report from Govt. /NABL lab on all parameters.
 - Certificate from representative of ORGI/DCO about the visual quality of the paper, quantity printed and packed.
 - Copy of Delivery Challan (s) of having handed over the corrugated box containing the printed and packed manuals to the Department of Posts and
 - Receipt from the Department of Posts of having received the material for dispatch.
- b. The balance of 30% shall be released on receipt of:
 - A certificate from the Govt. /NABL lab on final test report of Maplithopaper and corrugated Box for the sample drawn by ORGI.
 - On receipt of certificate from the DCO that there were no shortages in the number of manuals stated to have been packed in the box & actually found and that the manuals were not mutilated/torn

xv. **Indemnification:**

- a. A Selected bidder to indemnify, hold harmless ORGI from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), fines, penalties, taxes or damages (Collectively "Loss") arising in favour of any person, corporation or other entity (including ORGI) attributable to the bidder's negligence or willful default or otherwise in performance or non-performance under this Agreement.
- b. A Selected bidder shall indemnify the ORGI and hold harmless, against all claims for death or injury caused to any person whether workman or not, while engaged in any process connected with the Contractor's work or for dues of any kind whatsoever, and the ORGI shall not be found to defend any claim brought under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 or Payment of Wages Act 1936, or any other statutory Act or Law in force from time to time and applicable to the said work.

- c. If ORGI promptly notifies the selected bidder in writing of a third party claim against ORGI that any service provided by the selected bidder under the contract, infringes a copyright, trade secret or patents incorporated in India of any third party, the selected bidder will defend such claim at its expense and will pay any costs or damages, that may be finally awarded against ORGI.

xvi. Security: The contractor is bound by the official Secret Act 1923 and, in it sconnection any other statutory Act/Law/Amendment in force and the information given is to be treated as strictly confidential and is not to be disclosed to any person or persons not concerned therein. The contractor shall be responsible to ensure that all persons employed by hi m in the execution of any work in connection with this contract are fully aware of the provisions of the Official Secret Act 1923/Law/Amendment in force and have undertaken to comply with the same.

Section - 7

Price Bid/ Financial Bid

7.1 The Financial bid would consist of the following:

- a. Scanned copy of the Financial Bid Undertaking in the format as per Form 6 of Section 8 of the RFP.
- b. Schedule of Financial Bid in the format of Annexure-I. The financial bid format given below is provided along with this tender document at www.eprocure.gov.in. Bidders are advised to quote their offer/rates in the permitted column and submit the same, in the financial bid. Bidder shall not modify the downloaded financial bid template in any manner. In case, it is found to be tampered/ modified in any manner, such bid will be rejected outright, Bid Security would be forfeited, and bidder is liable to be banned from doing business with ORGI.

7.2 ORGI will examine the bids for completeness, computational errors, (whether required bid security has been furnished), whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the bids are generally in order. If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price, then either of the prices, whichever is beneficial to ORGI, will be accepted and bid shall be finalized accordingly.

7.3 The bidder has to quote for all the items mentioned in the price bid failing which the bid is liable to be rejected. The cost of the items mentioned in the price bid should include warranty charges.

7.4 The formula for determining the lowest evaluated bid (L-1) rate is as under:

{L-1= lowest of sum of Item 1 to Item 3 in (Col. 7)} of Annexure-I

Section - 8
Standard Forms

FORM 1
Technical Bid Submission Letter

To,

The Joint Director (HoO)
Office of the Registrar General, India,
Janganana Bhawan, 2/A Man Singh Road,
New Delhi-110011

Madam/Sir,

Ref: E-tender document for printing of
.....

Having examined the e-Tender No....., dated the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, I/We, offer to provide the goods and services sought under this e-tender document and agree to abide by this response for a period of 180 days after date of opening of Technical Qualification Bids or as prescribed by the ORGI towards printing (including paper), binding and packaging of above referred manuals.

The following persons will be the authorized representative of our company/organization for all future correspondence between the Office of the Registrar General, India and our organization till the completion of the process.

Correspondence Details	Primary Contact	Secondary Contact
Name:		
Title:		
Company Name:		
Address:		
Phone:		
Mobile:		
Fax:		
E-mail:		

I/We fully understand that in event of any change in our contact details, it is our responsibility to inform the ORGI about the new details. I/We fully understand that the ORGI shall not be responsible for non-receipt or non-delivery of any communication and/or any missing communication from the ORGI to us in the event of reasonable prior notice of any change in the authorized person(s) of the company is not provided to the ORGI.

I/We confirm that the information contained in this response or any part thereof, including its exhibits, and other documents and instruments delivered or to be delivered to the ORGI is true, accurate, verifiable and complete. This response includes all information necessary to ensure that the statements therein do not, in

whole or in part, mislead ORGI in its short listing process.

I/We fully understand and agree to comply that on verification, if any of the information provided here is found to be misleading the short listing process, we are liable to be disqualified from the selection process or termination of the contract during the project, if selected to do so.

I/We agree for unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions set out in the Tender document.

I/We agree to carry out the work as per instructions of ORGI and will use the paper specifications as per IS 1848 (Part I) 2018 standards.

I/We agree that you are not bound to accept any response you may receive. I/We also agree that you reserve the right in an absolute sense to reject all or any of the products/ services specified in the bid response.

It is hereby confirmed that I/We are entitled to act on behalf of M/s..... and Empowered to sign this document as well as such other documents, which may be required in this connection.

Dated the.... day of<Month><Year>

(Signature of Authorized Signatory)

Name:

Designation:

Duly authorized to sign the Bid Response for and on behalf of:

(Name and Address of Bidder) Seal/Stamp of bidder

FORM 2

Financial Information (as per audited P& L Statement and Balance Sheets)

Details#	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Annual Sales Turnover (in Crore)			
Net worth (in Crore)			
Other relevant information			

The copies of respective balance sheets needs to be are enclosed.

*It is confirmed that I/We are the statutory auditors/Company Secretary of
M/s.....

< Statutory Auditor/ Company Secretary's Signature with seal>
<Signature of Statutory Auditor/ Company Secretary> Name

Date:

Place:

Note: The above certificate should be from the statutory auditor or the Company Secretary of the bidder organization.

* Strike out whichever is/are not applicable.

FORM 3
DETAILS OF BANK ACCOUNT
(RTGS/NEFT facility for receiving payments)

Sl. No.	Particulars	To be filled by the bidder
1.	Name(s) of Account Holder(s)	
2.	Address of Account Holder(s)	
3.	Name of the Bank	
4.	Name and Address of Branch	
5.	IFSC Code	
6.	MICR Code	
7.	Account Number	
8.	Type of Account	

I/We, hereby, declare that the particulars given above are correct and complete. If the transaction is delayed or not effected at all for reasons of incomplete or incorrect information, I/we would not hold responsible to ORGI.

(Signature(s) of Account Holder(s))
Name(s) of Account holder(s)

Signature of Bidder/ Authorized representative

FORM 4

Non- Blacklisting/Unblemished Record

(To be given on Company Letterhead)

In response to the e-Tender No..... , dated..... for and their packaging, I/We hereby declare that presently our Company/Firm/Press is having unblemished record.

I/We further declare that presently our Company/Firm/Press is not blacklisted and not declared ineligible for reasons of corrupt & fraudulent practices by any State/Central Government/PSU/ Autonomous Body on the date of Bid Submission.

If this declaration is found to be incorrect, then without prejudice to any other action that may be taken, our Bid to the extent accepted (if any) may be cancelled.

Bidder's Signature with date

Bidder's Name with seal

FORM 5

NON DISCLOSURE OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

(To be given on Company letterhead)

Except with the written consent of ORGI, I/We M/s.....
shall not disclose the contract or any provision, specification, plan, design, pattern,
sample or information thereof to any third party.

(Authorized signatory of Company)

Name:

Date:

FORM 6
Financial Bid Undertaking
(on Company letterhead)
(Proper format for financial bid)

UNDERTAKING

1. I/We submit the Financial Bid for thereof as envisaged in the Tender document.
2. I/We have thoroughly examined and understood all the terms and conditions as contained in the Tender document, and agree to abide by them.
3. I/We offer the price(s) as indicated in the Financial Bid inclusive of Warranty support and all applicable taxes.

(Signature of the Bidder/ Authorized representative)

Name:

Date:

FORM 7
BID Security Form

FOR TENDER /ENQ. NO. _____

(BANK GUARANTEE ON NON-JUDICIAL STAMP PAPER OF Rs.100)

WHEREAS M/s. _____ (Name and Address of the Firm) having their registered Office at _____ (Address of the Firm's registered Office) (hereinafter called the Tenderer) wish to participate in the Tender No. _____ for _____ of (supply / Erection / Supply & Erection / Work) of _____ (Name of the material / equipment / work) for _____ (Name of Organization) (hereinafter called the "Beneficiary") and WHEREAS a Bank Guarantee for Rs. _____ (Amount of EMD) valid till _____ (mention here date of validity of this Guarantee as specified, beyond initial validity of Tender's offer) which is required to be submitted by the Tenderer along with the Tender. We, _____ (Name of the Bank and address of the Branch giving the Bank Guarantee) having our registered Office at _____ (Address of Bank's registered Office) hereby give this Bank Guarantee No. _____ dated _____ and hereby agree unequivocally and unconditionally to pay immediately on demand in writing from the _____ (Name of Organisation) or any Officer authorized by it in this behalf any amount not exceeding Rs. _____ (amount of EMD) (Rupees _____) (in words) to the said _____ (Name of Organisation) on behalf of the Tenderer.

We, _____ (Name of the Bank) also agree that withdrawal of the offer or modification of an offer within the validity of the bid, after the deadline for submission of such documents; failure to sign the contract or failure to provide the required security for the performance of the contract within specified time, after an offer has been accepted by the _____ (Name of organization); or failure to comply with any other condition precedent to signing the contract specified in the solicitation documents, would constitute a default on the part of the Tenderer and that this Bank Guarantee is liable to be invoked and encashed within its validity by the Beneficiary in case of any occurrence of a default on the part of the Tenderer and that the encashed amount is liable to be forfeited by the Beneficiary.

This agreement shall be valid and binding on this Bank up to and inclusive of _____ (mention here the date of validity of Bank Guarantee) and shall not be terminated by notice or by Guarantor change in the constitution of the Bank or the Firm of Tenderer or by any reason whatsoever and our liability hereunder shall not be impaired or discharged by any extension of time or variations or alterations made, given, conceded with or without our knowledge or consent by or between the Tenderer and the _____ (Name of Organisation).

NOT WITHSTANDING anything contained hereinbefore our liability under this Guarantee is restricted to Rs. _____ (amount of EMD) (Rupees _____) (in words). Our Guarantee shall remain in force till _____ (date of validity of the Guarantee). Unless demands or claims under this Bank Guarantee are made to us in writing on or before _____ (date should be 1 month after the above validity period of BG), all rights of Beneficiary under this Bank Guarantee shall be forfeited and we shall be released and discharged from all liabilities there under.

Place :

Date :

Please mention here complete Postal Address of the Bank with Branch Code, Telephone and Fax Nos.

Signature of the Bank's authorized

Signatory with Official Seal.
NAME OF DESIGNATED

FORM 8
Fraud and Corrupt Practices
(To be prepared on judicial stamp paper)

UNDERTAKING

I/we <Name of the Bidder> submit the Bid for Printing including paper of and packaging thereof as envisaged in the Tender document and undertake the following:

1. <Name of the Bidder> and our respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the Selection Process.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this RFP, shall reject a proposal without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Bidder, if it determines that the Bidder has, directly or indirectly, engaged in corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice (collectively the "Prohibited Practices") in the Selection Process. In such an event, shall, without prejudice to its any other rights or remedies, forfeit and appropriate the Bid Security or Performance Security, as the case may be, as mutually agreed genuine pre-estimated compensation and damages payable to the Authority for, inter alia, time, cost and effort of the Authority, in regard to the RFP, including consideration and evaluation of such Bidder's Proposal. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:

- a. "corrupt practice" means (i) the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the action of any person connected with the Selection Process (for avoidance of doubt, offering of employment to or employing or engaging in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, any official of, who is or has been associated in any manner, directly or indirectly with the Selection Process or the LOI or has dealt with matters concerning the Agreement or arising there from, before or after the execution thereof, at any time prior to the expiry of one year from the date such official resigns or retires from or otherwise ceases to be in the service of , shall be deemed to constitute influencing the actions of a person connected with the Selection Process); or (ii) save as provided herein, engaging in any manner whatsoever, whether during the Selection Process or after the issue of the LOA or after the execution of the Agreement, as the case may be, any person in respect of any matter relating to the Project or the LOA or the Agreement, who at any time has been or is a legal, financial or technical consultant/ adviser of in relation to any matter concerning the Project;
- b. "fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation or omission of facts or disclosure of incomplete facts, in order to influence the Selection Process.

- c. “coercive practice” means impairing or harming or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any persons or property to influence any person’s participation or action in the Selection Process;
- d. “undesirable practice” means (i) establishing contact with any person connected with or employed or engaged by with the objective of canvassing, lobbying or in any manner influencing or attempting to influence the Selection Process; or (ii) having a Conflict of Interest; and
- e. “restrictive practice” means forming a cartel or arriving at any understanding or arrangement among Bidders with the objective of restricting or manipulating a full and fair competition in the Selection Process.

Signature & Name and Address of bidder

Witness:

1. Signature & Name and address

2. Signature & Name and address

FORM 9

[To be filled in by the successful Bidder only]
MODEL BANK GUARANTEE FORMAT FOR PERFORMANCE SECURITY

To,

The President of India

WHEREAS (name and address of the supplier) (hereinafter called "the supplier") has undertaken, in pursuance of Contract No. dated for Printing (including paper), binding and packaging of..... thereof (herein after called "the contract").

AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by you in the said contract that the supplier shall furnish you with a bank guarantee by a scheduled commercial Bank recognized by you for the sum specified therein as security for compliance with its obligations in accordance with the contract;

AND WHEREAS, we have agreed to give the supplier such a bank guarantee;

NOW, THEREFORE, we hereby affirm that we are guarantors and responsible to you, on behalf of the supplier, up to a total of (amount of the guarantee in words and figures), and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand declaring the supplier to be in default under the contract and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of (amount of guarantee) as aforesaid, without your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand or the sum specified therein.

We hereby waive the necessity of your demanding the said debt from the supplier before presenting us with the demand.

We further agree that no change or addition to or other modification of the terms of the contract to be performed thereunder or of any of the contract documents which may be made between you and the supplier shall in any way release us from any liability under this guarantee and we hereby waive notice of any such change, addition or modification.

This guarantee shall be valid until the day of, 20.....

(Signature of the authorized officer of the Bank)
Name and Designation of the officer
Seal, Name & Address of the branch of the Bank

BID SUBMISSION FORM
Printing (including paper), Binding & Packaging of Instruction Manuals

Sl. No.	Item Description	Item Code	Total Quantity	Per unit Rate (incl. all Taxes) (in Rs.)	GST Amount (in Rs.)	Total Cost (incl. Taxes) (in Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)={Col. (4) x Col. (5)}
1.	Printing of A-4 size colored HLO Users' Manuals including formatting & binding (center stitch with two wires) of about 140 pages using 80 GSM maplitho paper (min 85% brightness & Opacity min. 90%). The colored cover is to be printed on 170 GSM Art Paper and will be Gloss Thermal Laminated	Item 1	3200000			
2.	Corrugated Box (pre-printed with census logo and tagline) required for packaging of manuals as per stipulated specifications in Annexure-III of RFP	Item 2	85000			
3.	Packaging of manuals in corrugated box with three plastic strips and labeling and shrink wrap, as specified	Item 3	85000			

- Note:**
1. The price quoted should be inclusive of all applicable taxes and duties.
 2. Paper should meet the requirement of IS 1848 (Part I) specification with properties.
 3. In case of variation in the number of pages and/or quantity in language-wise manuals, the payment will be made proportionately i. e. if the number of pages is less or more than 140 pages as mentioned above, the payment will be reduced or increased respectively according to approved quoted rates.
 4. No conditional bid will be accepted.

Specifications of the corrugated box

General Specifications:

1. In case of 12 Kg. Boxes, multi-layer craft paper (28 BF) to be used for inner and outer ply and 2nd, 3rd, 4th ply and 5th ply, semi-kraft (22BF) paper to be used.
2. Bottom to be pasted with interlock in 12Kg. Parcel boxes.
3. Both side self-adhesive tapes of specified dimension as per the drawing to be placed in the respective positions. The adhesive strength to steel of minimum 13N/10 MM on the inner side and 7N/10 MM on outer side should be used.
4. Reference:

A. IS:1060(Part-I)

B.

IS:7028 (Part VI)

C.

IS:7063 (Part-I)

D.

IS:4006(Part-I)

E. IS:2771(Part-I)

F.

ASTM: D-2658

G.

IS:8402

H.

IS:7063(Part-II)

Technical Specifications:

Particulars	12 Kg (6 - Ply box) Outward & Return distribution
Grammage (gm/m ²) Outer ply	180
2 nd ply	140
3 rd ply	140
4 th ply	140
5 th ply	140
Inner ply	180
Type of flute	
Outer ply	B
Inner ply	C
Bursting strength (Kg/cm ²) Minimum	15
Edge Crush Test (Kg/m) minimum	980
Moisture content (%)	10-Jul
Cob Value (gm/m ²) Maximum	100
External Dimensions (mm) (LxWxH)	494*320*150
Box Joint	Double copper staples
Style	
Adhesive	Starch based
Gap between two pair of staple pins (mm)	25
Angle of staples	450

Note: Outer ply of the corrugated box should be polythene coated.

BOX TO BE RE-USED

DO NOT TEAR OPEN

Format of Dispatch Address label

ADDRESS LABEL FOR BOOKING OF CONSIGNMENTS

BOX TO BE RE-USED
DO NOT TEAR OPEN

CENSUS 2027 PROJECT

BNPL Code No.:Contract No.:Booked from:

BAR CODE

No. of manuals:
Language:
Weight:
Box No.: of

To,
.....
.....
.....

Charge Name:
Unique Box No.:

Cluster No...../Charge Office ID

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From
Printing Division,
Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India
Ministry of Home Affairs
West Block-I, R. K. Puram
New Delhi-110066

Annexure-V

Format for receiving from representative of the Department of Posts by the Bidder at the time of dispatch

Dispatch of Boxes containing Printed Manuals from the Press to the Charge Office through the Department of Posts

Sl. No.	Address_id	State	Name & Address of the Charge Officer	Total No. of Boxes dispatched at this charge	Box No. e. g. 1/n, 2/n....	Cumulative Sl. No. of Box Box	Weights (in Kg.)	Consignment/Barcode No.

Signature of the Representative of Deptt. of Post with Date
Name & Designation

Signature of the tenderer with seal of the firm/ company
Name & Designation of the authorized person