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Sub: Discontinuation of QCBS Selection Process.


On examination of tender process for procurement of 240T Dumper by CIL, CVC has observed the following,

"CIL is following Quality-cum-Cost Based Selection (QCBS) process in their tenders. Weightages are given both to technical score and the bid prices and the lowest evaluated bidder is awarded the contract. This system needs an urgent review as QCBS selection is generally followed in cases of hiring of consultants where quality of consultants is critical because consultants are engaged in highly technical areas. Further, in case of consultant no inspection is possible at the contract execution stage. However, in case of goods, quality can be ensured by specifying adequate specifications, pre-acceptance inspection and incorporating suitable clauses towards break down, non-performance etc. Also, if any bidder misrepresents facts to get a higher technical score and claim is found not tenable at contract execution stage, it would be difficult to justify the decision based on combined cost cum technical score. Therefore, the Commission advises Ministry of Coal/Coal India Ltd., to review the above selection criteria and apprise the Commission regarding action taken in this regard."

The matter was discussed in 75th Meeting of CMDs held on 07.05.2013 in New Delhi and it was decided that as per views of CVC, QCBS Selection Process being followed in CIL tenders may be done away with.

Accordingly, it has been decided that Quality-cum-Cost Based Selection process should not be resorted to in any tender other than those related to hiring of consultants and tenders of similar nature.

This decision takes immediate effect.


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