

Subject: Pre bid reply-Supply of ½ Inch Brass Appliance Valve

Technical Pre-Bid Queries Tender ID - 322619 Supply of ½ Inch Brass Appliance Valve					
Sr. No	Page No./ Clause no.	Title of Clause as per tender	Description of Clause as per tender	Bidders query	GGL reply
1	2 of 4 3.1 & 3.2	SCC - Rate Validity	3.1 The RATES specified in the RATE CONTRACT for issuance of formal CALLOUT ORDER shall remain firm & fixed for 18 (Eighteen) Months from the date of notification/award of RATE CONTRACT. Firm Callout order shall be issued within the Rate Validity period as per business requirements. 3.2 Rate Validity may get extended further for a period of 6 months on same unit rates and mutually agreed terms at discretion of GEL.	In current scenario of fluctuation in raw material price, long term price validity is not working out. Kindly keep the contract for three months and re-tender for further quantity.	ARC period shall be 4 months instead of 18 months

2	13	Technical Specifications	Technical Drawing Dimension of Point D = 10	We like to inform you, our mould is of 8mm and the flow rate required for 1/2" Appliance Valve as per EN331 is 5 m3/hr which suffices the requirement with 8mm, so kindly allow minimum bore of ball as 8mm	The bidder shall strictly comply with the GAD provided in the tender document. For the supply criteria, ball valves of 1/4 inch and above, including different bore/ball sizes, shall be considered. However, the specific requirement of GEL is a ball diameter of 10 mm, as specified in the GAD, and the bidder shall adhere to this requirement.
1	Section V, Page 2 of 4, Clauses 3.1 and 3.2	Rate Validity	Rates shall remain firm and fixed for 18 months from the date of award. The rate validity may be extended by a further 6 months on the same unit rates and mutually agreed terms, at GEL's discretion.	Brass is the principal raw material for the appliance valve and its price is highly volatile due to global market conditions, geopolitical developments and metal-price fluctuations. Even after market conditions stabilize, brass prices generally do not return to earlier levels and continue to show an upward trend. Fixing the unit rate for 18 months, with a possible further extension of 6 months, exposes manufacturers to substantial commercial risk beyond their control. We request GEL to introduce a Price Variation Clause linked to a recognized brass/copper price index, or another mutually acceptable mechanism, for abnormal raw-material price fluctuations during the rate-contract period.	ARC period shall be 4 months instead of 18 months

2	Section II-A, Page 3 of 7, Clause A.2; Section II-B, Clause 2.1	EN 331 Certificate and Test Reports	The manufacturer shall have valid certificates as per EN 331 and GEL Technical Specification. The bidder shall submit a valid type-test certificate and test reports, with drawing of the offered product, issued by the listed bodies or another approving body notified by the European Commission.	Our EN 331 certification is currently under process with an EU Notified Body under the Gas Appliances Regulation (GAR). EN 331 testing has already been successfully completed through a NABL-accredited laboratory and the product has passed the tests. We request GEL to permit such manufacturers to participate and be considered for technical evaluation on the basis of the completed EN 331 test reports and documentary evidence of the ongoing application with the EU Notified Body. The final certificate may be submitted before commercial supply, if required by GEL.	Bidder must have EN 331 Certification before participating in Tender.
3	Section II-A, Page 3 of 7, Clause A.2	Authenticity and Ownership of EN 331 Certification	The offered brass appliance valve shall be supported by a valid EN 331 type-test certificate and test reports issued by the specified bodies or another approving body notified by the European Commission.	We request GEL to verify that any EN 331 certificate submitted is issued by a competent EU Notified Body under GAR, is valid for the product offered, and covers the actual bidding manufacturer. Certificates should be accepted only where the bidder is the certificate holder or the original manufacturer covered by the certification. Certificates belonging to third-party manufacturers, unrelated entities, or merely submitted as supporting references should not qualify. To the best of our knowledge, no Indian manufacturer presently holds such valid certification for brass gas isolation and appliance valves, and CarryOn Valves is the first Indian manufacturer to undertake this process with an EU Notified Body. A significant proportion of valves used in the CGD sector are currently imported from China; strict verification will support genuine Make in India manufacturing and prevent acceptance of non-notified or unrelated certificates.	EN 331 certification is required to be issued by bodies mentioned in BQC
4	Section II-B, Clause 18; Annexure-1 Datasheet and	Dimensions and GAD - Bore of Body and Ball	All appliance-valve dimensions are specified in the GAD and no deviation is allowed. Any proposed input is to be reviewed during the tendering stage, and no change request	During the pre-bid meeting, it was clarified that the design requirement shall remain 10 mm bore of the valve body and ball, and that this dimension does not refer to the nozzle bore. We request GEL to retain the 10 mm body-and-ball bore exactly as per the tender documents/GAD and confirm the same in the official	Bidder must follow GAD provided in tender published. As per GEL GAD bidder shall supply bore ball of 10mm diameter.

	Annexure-3 GAD		will be accepted after completion of the tendering process.	pre-bid clarification so that all bidders offer an identical design.	
5	Section II-A, Page 4 of 7, Clause A.3	Past Supply Experience for Similar Material	The bidder/OEM shall have supplied similar material for natural-gas application during the last 7 years: one PO of 17,000 nos., or two POs of 10,500 nos. each, or three POs of 8,000 nos. each. Similar material means EN 331-compliant brass appliance valves of ½ inch and above for CGD usage.	Carry On Valves commenced manufacturing operations in 2023 and currently supplies through its dealer network. Accordingly, we do not yet possess direct CGD purchase orders of the quantities prescribed in Clause A.3, despite having adequate manufacturing infrastructure, production capacity, testing facilities, quality systems and technical capability to execute the tender. In support of Make in India, we request GEL to provide an appropriate relaxation or alternate qualification pathway for genuine new Indian manufacturers based on demonstrated manufacturing capacity, technical competence, testing infrastructure, quality assurance and financial capability, while retaining all product quality and safety requirements.	As per BQC supply of valves shall be for natural gas application for CGD usage. If bidder can establish same through PO and IRN or WCC same shall be acceptable. While EN 331 certification is required by manufacturer to be issued by bodies mentioned in BQC.
6	3/ Clause No A2 of BQC	The manufacturer of brass appliance valve having valid certificates as per the EN331 & GEL technical specification for quoted SOR item	Bidder shall submit copy of valid type test certificate & Test reports along with drawing of same product compliant with the requirements of EN331 for the offered brass Appliance Valve issued by FCRI / INIG / DVGW/ BSI / NMI / NABCB or other approving bodies notified by European commission for offered valves	EN 331 requirement is of Notified Body:-BSI, DVGW or FCRI. This Certification is very lengthy process and is highly expensive. Majority of Gas companies have banned imported valves and these foreign companies (China Make) have EN331 certified by above mentioned body. Under the scheme of “Make in India” many local manufacturers have developed manufacturing of Brass valves as per EN331 certified by Local Agencies other than notified body of European Commission. This certification is CE Marking and for this EN 331 under construction service is Covered for Brass valves and these certifying agencies have CE accreditation certification which is widely adopted practice in entire EU/European Commission. All Gas companies have	EN 331 certification is required to be issued by bodies mentioned in BQC.

				accepted this certification and lacs of Pieces have been supplied to different GAS companies. Third party inspection test of all orders as per EN331 requirement such as Pressure test, Torque test, Temp. Test, Bending test etc. is done and we have supply record of these valves of more than 3-4 years with repeated orders from each CGD. Local manufacturing is cheaper in terms of price compared to in imported Valves. So, our request is to accept EN331 obtained by local Manufacturers as allowed by other CGDS and permit Type Certificate issued by certifying agency with CE marking permission. We have supplied almost 1.5-2 million valves to IGL, MNGL and other CGD in last 2-3 years itself which validates competency of valves. Copy of EN 331 certificate are attached for your confirmation. Kindly revert with specific reply of acceptance or non-acceptance of this certificate in line with BQC to quote for tender accordingly.	
7	BQC Criteria	The manufacturer of brass appliance valve having valid certificates as per the EN331 & GEL technical specification for quoted SOR item	Empaneled Contractor List	Our name is included in Empaneled Contractors for supply of Isolation and Appliance valves (copy attached). Do we get automatic approval for this tender?	Since this is Open tender, Bidder to submit all required document as per BQC.