



NORTH BENGAL STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATION
BERHAMPORE DIVISION

Memo No..544/STC/BHP/DV.

Dt.19.06.2023

LETTER OF PROCLAMATION

Whereas, it appears from the office records that necessary tender was floated vide Tender No. NBSTC/BHP-DV-TEN/001/2022-23 Dt. 03-03-2023 for selection of Full Franchisee Operator for the following 4(four) services under Berhampore Division of NBSTC:-

1) Lalgola – Digha , 2) Ultadanga – Digha, 3) Ultadanga – Sushunia Pahar & 4) Suri – Krishnanagar

AND

Whereas, it appears that in response to the tender notice the Firm namely Mithu Bus Service, C/o- Sri Amit Kumar Hazra, Mithapukur, Sasthitala, P.S.- Purba Bardhaman, PIN-713104 (hereinafter referred to as “the Firm”) has submitted his bid quoting 4 (four) different rates for the above 4(four) services:

AND

Whereas, it appears that in course of comparative analysis of rates quoted by the Bidders the aforesaid Firm was found to be highest bidder in respect of all the aforesaid four services quoting highest rates ; And in accordance with the procedure the Letters of Acceptance (LOA) were issued vide memo no. 412/NSTC/BHP/DV. Dt. 18.04.2023 for the LALGOLA – Digha service wherein the firm was directed to complete the tender procedure within 7(seven) days.

AND

Whereas, it appears that the firm received LOA only in respect of the service mentioned under SL no1 above and was reluctant in receiving the LOA for the remaining 3(three) services for which the said firm was the highest bidder. The firm was issued reminder letter for receiving the LOA and completing the formalities vide memo no: 441/STC/BHP/DV dated: 28.04.23 within 7(seven) days from receipt of the reminder.

AND

Whereas, it is reflected from the records that despite receiving of the reminders for completing the tender formalities on 28.04.2023, the said firm kept non-responsive and after waiting for 2(two) weeks, another reminder letter was issued to him vide memo no: 468/STC/BHP/DV dated 11.05.2023 requesting therein to complete the process as mentioned in the LOA within further 7 (seven) days.

AND

Whereas it also appears that again the Firm kept silent and non responsive till 26-05-2023 when the Authority was compelled to issue a final reminder under memo no. 487/NSTC/BHP/DV. Dt. 26-05-2023 giving him final chance to complete the process within 01.06.2023, clearly mentioning the consequences of non-compliance of the same. i.e. termination of the tender process for the above mentioned 3(three) services, forfeiture of EMD and Security Deposit if any and complete or partial debaration from participating in any tender to be invited by the Corporation in future.



AND

Whereas several phone calls were also made on the same issue but the Bidder never responded:

Thus,

- i) It appears that in spite of participating in the tender process and after having been declared highest bidder amongst others in respect of all the four services aforesaid, the Firm did not complete the course of tender process despite several efforts and attempt initiate from the part of the NBSTC Authority.
- ii) Due to such type of inactivity on the part of the Firm the contemplated project of NBSTC could not be completed within the projected time frame, propelling NBSTC to uncertain future resulting in incurring loss to the Govt. exchequer and as the Corporation provides transport services to the public in general at economical costs, they were, in effect, deprived of those services;
- iii) It is a crystal clear case of offering whimsical, exorbitant, unachievable rates in the tender only with the unholy intent thwart other interested bidders from offering sober, practicable and profitable rates in the tender thereby destabilizing the smooth operation of the Corporation.
- iv) Under this situation taking a befitting action as was proposed in the final reminder is very much justified so that in future such an unhealthy and unwarranted situation can be avoided.

Hence it is ordered that:

- a) Out of the Tender processes as it was invited vide Tender No. NBSTC/BHP-DV-TEN/001/2022-23 Dt. 03-03-2023, the aforesaid 3 (three) Services namely Ultadanga – Digha, Ultadanga – Sushunia Pahar & Suri – Krishnanagar here by declared cancelled.
- b) The EMD and Security Deposit submitted by the Firm as the H1 bidder is forfeited. However, the same or any of the same submitted by all other bidders in these tenders, if any, will be refunded.
- c) Since the Firm namely Mithu Bus Service, C/o- Sri Amit Kumar Hazra, Mithapukur, Sasthitala, P.S.- Purba Bardhaman, PIN- 713104, has failed to comply with the rules and regulations within the required time frame and could execute the tender for only 25% of the awarded services even after sufficient time allowance, it is proclaimed that the firm henceforth, is here by debarred from taking part in any Tender process for selecting of Full Franchisee Operator or Ticket Selling Agency for more than one service for a period of upcoming 5 (five) years 01-06-2023.

This order takes immediate effect.


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