

PFC CONSULTING LIMITED
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Power Finance Corporation Ltd.
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Electronic Tender Document

For

**Appointment of Consultant for assisting PFCCL in Conducting
Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of projects of West
Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (WBSEDCL)
under KfW Discom Investment Facility**



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March 29, 2023

PFC Consulting Ltd. invites E-Tenders for “Appointment of Consultant for assisting PFCCL in Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of various projects of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (WBSEDCL) under KfW Discom Investment Facility”.

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| a) | Start Bid Date & Time | March 29, 2023 15:00 hrs (IST) |
| b) | Close Bid Date & Time | April 19, 2023 15:00 hrs (IST) |
| c) | Technical Bid Opening | April 19, 2023 15:30 hrs (IST) |
| d) | Financial Bid Opening | To be notified to Qualified Bidders |

Note:

1. Tender Notice and Tender Document are available on PFC Consulting Ltd. website and can be downloaded from <https://www.pfcclindia.com> For bid submission, the Firm will have to necessarily download an official online copy of the Tender Document from e-Procurement Portal GeM Portal. All future Information viz. corrigendum /addendum/ amendments etc. for this Tender shall be posted on the PFC Consulting Ltd. website, on Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP) and said e-Procurement Portal only. Printed copy of Tender Document will not be sold from PFC Consulting Ltd. office.
2. The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation, submission/ participation in the bid. Purchaser in no way will be responsible or liable for these costs regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.
3. Bidders are advised to start the registration process on the GeM Portal as it may take a few days to avoid any delay in bid submission (upload) stage. Bidders may visit GeM Portal Guidelines.

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BID INVITATION LETTER

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Ref: 03/PFCCL/ESIA/WBSEDCL

March 29, 2023

To

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Sub: Electronic Bids are invited for Appointment of Consultant for assisting PFCCL in Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of various projects of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (WBSEDCL) under KfW Discom Investment Facility

Dear Sir,

PFC Consulting Ltd. (PFCCL) proposes to conduct Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the following projects of WBSEDCL under KfW Discom Investment facility:

- a) Project 1:** New service Connection works to prospective consumers of West Bengal under the license area of WBSEDCL (across licensee area of WBSEDCL). The project comprises 40,00,000 no. single phase and 1,22,800 no. three phase connections including LT Bulk connections, drawl of 11KV lines (approx. 0.2 km for each distribution substation), installation of 2600 no. 25 KVA / 63 KVA / 100 KVA /160 KVA / 315 KVA, 11/4 KV distribution transformers for providing required service connections, drawl of LT lines from DTR substation to nearby consumer premises by LT AB Cable (approx. 1.0 km for each distribution substation), conversion of single phase to three phase line (approx. 700 km), augmentation of existing conductors (approx. 551 km) to accommodate the excess load for providing new service connection, installation of energy meters at consumer premises and drawl of associated service connection by assorted size of PVC cable from the nearby pole.
- b) Project 2:** Strengthening of Distribution system in West Bengal (across licensee area of WBSEDCL). The project involves strengthening of distribution network with installation of 23 no. new 33/11 kV sub-stations and its associated lines, drawl of new 33 kV line (approx. 202 Km) as second source to enhance system reliability, drawl of new 33kV/25kV line (approx. 40 Km) due to discontinuation of off-take points of other utilities, augmentation of PTR in 13 no. existing substation, augmentation/ system improvement of 17 no. existing 33 kV distribution system and other civil works at office building & sub-station under Strengthening of Distribution System (SDS) scheme in 5 (five) zonal areas (viz. Kolkata Zone, Bardhaman Zone, Midnapore Zone, Berhampore Zone and Siligiri Zone) of West Bengal.
- c) Project 3:** Conversion of Overhead distribution system to Underground System in Chinsurah and Krishnanagar Towns in Hooghly & Nadia Districts of West Bengal

Accordingly, this Tender Document is being issued by PFCCL for Appointment of Consultant for assisting PFCCL in conducting ESIA studies for the above projects of WBSEDCL under KfW Discom Investment facility.

Electronic Bids are invited in single stage two envelop system (Technical bid & Price bid) for Appointment of Consultant for assisting PFCCL in Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of the above projects.

1.0 Scope of work

The Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) shall be carried out in line with the IFC Performance standards on Environmental and Social Sustainability and would be focused on the most relevant aspects. It shall cover the entire project and associated facilities (e.g. civil infrastructure and grid connection). The scope of work would broadly consist of the following activities:

A. Screening and Scoping:

Following activities will be undertaken as a part of the Screening and Scoping exercise:

- a) Site Profile Assessment (based on site reconnaissance);
- b) Categorization of the Project in lines of applicable reference framework;
- c) Identification of key environmental and social issues and risks;
- d) Identification of primary stakeholders;
- e) Consultation with local stakeholders;
- f) Scoping the Project for environmental and social impact assessment;

B. Baseline data Collection

- a) Environmental & Ecology parameters: The primary and secondary baseline data collection will be within the purview of the project area of influence of the Discom Project. The primary baseline data will be collected for water, soil, traffic, land use mapping and biodiversity/ ecology.
- b) Socio-economic: The land acquisition/ purchase process lead by the Company will be reviewed with the collection of primary and secondary baseline socio-economic information (for the complete project footprint area). Information on socio-economic parameters in the area of influence will be collected through collection of secondary information of the site supplemented by consultations with stakeholders such as the government, the farmers, the local communities in the nearby vicinity to assess and gauge community perception with regard to the project and its activities.

C. Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Mitigation Measures

The potential impacts due to the project will be assessed using impact assessment tools. The impact assessment will cover the full project lifecycle, including preconstruction and construction activities, normal operations and decommissioning. Based on the impacts identified the mitigations measures will be provided.

D. Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan

Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan will be prepared based on E&S rapid assessment. This will include mitigation and management measures to be taken during implementation of the project to avoid, reduce, mitigate, or compensate for adverse social and environmental impacts, in the order of priority, and their timelines.

E. Preparation of ESIA report

The detailed ESIA report of the Discom project will be prepared as per the following Structure:

1. Non-technical Executive Summary
2. Introduction
3. Project Description (including distance and character of closest protected areas)
4. Pre-set status including incidents and cases so far
5. Policy, legal, and administrative framework
6. Baseline Data Generation
7. Review and documentation of information Disclosure, Consultation and Participation
8. Review of and acquisition and resettlement (including economic displacement)
9. Assessment of Environmental and Social Impacts and Mitigation Measures
10. Labour and working conditions (including unskilled labour)
11. Community health, safety and security
12. Identification of stakeholder and vulnerable groups
13. Grievance Redress Mechanism
14. Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan
15. Conclusion and Recommendations

2.0 Deliverables

- 2.1** The Consultant is required to submit the following deliverables within the time schedule indicated against each deliverable:

| S No | Deliverables | Timelines from Zero Date (Issuance of LoA) |
|-------------|---|---|
| 1. | Inception Report | 15 |
| 2. | Draft ESIA Report | 70 |
| 3. | Final ESIA Report incorporating observations of PFCCL | 90 |

There may be any other deliverables, which are not specifically mentioned above but may be required for completing the task. The Consultant shall have to provide such deliverables, as identified by PFCCL for the successful completion of the tasks as per above scope of work to its satisfaction.

3.0 Eligibility Criteria

- 3.1** The Consultant should have completed at least two (2) consultancy assignments for assisting Organization/ Client in Conducting Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of projects in India during the last 5 Financial Years (i.e. FY 2018-19 onwards).
- 3.2** The Consultant should have Minimum Average Annual Turnover of INR Rs. 5 Crores during FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 as per audited annual account. The bidder should submit documentary proof in support of the Turnover in the form of certificate, certified by Chartered Accountant along with copy of audited annual accounts for the relevant years.
- 3.3** The Consultant should be submitting the bid on its own and not in consortium/Joint Venture (JV) with any other Consultant.

- 3.4** The Consultant is required to submit the documentary evidence for meeting the above eligibility criteria as per the format enclosed at Form No.2.

4.0 Contents of Bid Documents

The bid document contains the following documents.

Section-1: Bid Invitation Letter

Section-2: Bid Forms and Proforma

Section-3: Contract Agreement

5.0 Period of Engagement

The total duration of the assignment would be 90 (Ninety) days from the date of issuance of Letter of Award (LoA) or till completion of the assignment.

6.0 Basis of Offer

- 6.1** The price offer for the assignment should be quoted on a lump sum basis inclusive of travelling, lodging & boarding expenses, TA/ DA, out of pocket expenses viz. Photostat, typing, printing etc. No escalation for any reason whatsoever shall be allowed over and above the bid price. However, GST at applicable rates, on the date(s) of payment(s) shall be paid over and above the payment due.
- 6.2** All travel and boarding / lodging related expenses incurred by the Consultant's personnel for journeys to Delhi, Kolkata or anywhere in West Bengal in connection with the consultancy services under Scope of this tender will be borne by the Consultant and PFCCL will not take any responsibility whatsoever on this account.
- 6.3** The Consultant shall quote prices taking into consideration the complete scope of work, any item left out and not specifically mentioned but are required for completion of the work shall be carried out by the firm without any additional cost to PFCCL.
- 6.4** Income tax at source will be deducted by PFCCL as per the applicable law and regulation and TDS certificate shall be issued to the selected bidder by PFCCL.
- 6.5** The financial proposal with condition(s) or alternate price bid will be summarily rejected.

7.0 Submission of Bid

The bid shall consist of two parts "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" and should be duly submitted online using the e-Procurement Portal GeM on or before the due date and time.

Note:

- a. The Technical Proposal should contain Form-1, Form-2, Form-3 and Form-4 duly filled and signed by authorized signatory and authority letter as per Form-3.
- b. The Consulting Organization should submit the Bid Security Declaration Form in lieu of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) as mentioned in Form-6 of the Bid Document.
- c. The Bidder should agree to the entire scope of work and deliverables (given in the Covering Letter

Form-1). No proposal for deviation/ part scope of work will be considered.

- d. Details of past experience are to be provided in Technical Bid as per format provided at Form-2. Documentary evidence (e.g. Copy of Work Order/ Letter of Award and Project Completion Certificate/ proof of final payment/ any other relevant documents) to be provided in support of past experience.
- e. Documentary proof in support of turnover shall be submitted by the Bidder in the form of certificate, certified by Chartered Accountant along with copy of audited annual accounts for the relevant years.
- f. The “**Financial Proposal**” should contain the detailed price offer for the consultancy services as per format provided at Form-5 of Section-2 Bid Document.

8.0 Bid Opening and Evaluation of Proposals

8.1 Opening of Technical Proposal

The Technical Proposal will be opened online on **April 19, 2023 15:30 hrs (IST)** in the presence of the authorized representatives of the bidders, who wish to be present.

8.1.1 Technical Proposal

The Technical proposal would be opened online and seen and checked for responsiveness check as per clause 8.1.1 (A).

A) Responsiveness check

The check will be with respect to the following:

- i) The Consultant should have Minimum Average Annual Turnover of INR Rs. 5 Crores during FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 as per audited annual account. Documentary proof in support of turnover shall be submitted by the Bidder in the form of certificate certified by Chartered Accountant along with copy of audited annual accounts for the relevant years for meeting minimum turnover criteria.
- ii) The Technical Proposal should contain Form-1, Form-2, Form-3, and Form-4 duly filled and signed by authorized signatory and authority letter as per Form-3.
- iii) The Consulting Organization should submit the Bid Security Declaration Form in lieu of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) as mentioned in Form-6 of the Bid Document.
- iv) The Bidder should agree to the entire scope of work and deliverables (given in the Covering Letter Form-1). No proposal for deviation/ part scope of work/ conditional will be considered.
- g. Details of past experience are to be provided in Technical Bid as per format provided at Form-2. Documentary evidence (e.g. Copy of Work Order/ Letter of Award and Project Completion Certificate/ proof of final payment/ any other relevant documents) to be provided in support of past experience.
- v) PFCCL may call for any clarifications/ information if required. Bid of any Consultant not meeting any or all the above criteria, the technical evaluation of the Consultant will not be carried out and the bid shall be marked non responsive.

B) Technical Evaluation of the Firm: Maximum: 100 Marks

Experience of the bidders would be evaluated on the following basis:

- i) The firm should have Minimum Average Annual Turnover of INR Rs. 5 Crores during FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 as per audited annual accounts. (5 crores to 7 crores: 30 Marks, >7 crores: 40 Marks) **Max marks 40.**
- ii) The firm should have undertaken at least two (2) consultancy assignments for assisting Organization/ Client in Conducting Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of projects in India during the last 5 Financial Years (i.e. FY 2018-19 onwards).
(2 Assignments: 40 marks, 3 or 4 Assignments: 50 Marks, >4 Assignments: 60 Marks). **Max marks**

PFCCL reserves the right to seek clarifications during the evaluation process of the Technical proposal.

The Bidder obtaining 70% marks or more would be regarded as technically qualified Bidder and considered for opening of “Financial Proposal”. Financial Proposal of non-qualified Bidders at Technical Bid stage will not be opened online.

8.2 Opening of Financial Proposal

The “Financial Proposal” would be opened online only for the technically qualified bidders. The date and time of opening of the “Financial Proposal” of the technically qualified bidders will be intimated along with qualifications of the technically qualified bidders. The Financial Proposal will be opened online in the presence of the authorized representatives of the bidders, who wish to be present.

8.2.1 Financial Proposal

- a. The Financial Proposal for the Assignment should be quoted on a lump sum basis as mentioned in Form 5 inclusive of all taxes and duties etc. as may be applicable.
- b. No escalation for any reason whatsoever shall be allowed over and above the bid price. However, GST, if any, shall be paid over and above the bid price.
- c. Income tax at source will be deducted by PFCCL as per the applicable law and regulation and TDS certificate shall be issued to the selected bidder by PFCCL.
- d. The assignment will be awarded to the technically qualified bidder who has quoted lowest lump sum price, in Indian Rupees, without condition(s) or alternate price bid. Conditional Financial Proposals will be rejected outrightly.
- e. In case of more than one bidder are at L1 price, the contract shall be awarded to the bidder quoting L1 price and obtaining the highest marks in the technical evaluation.
- f. If still more than one bidder qualifies, the contract shall be awarded to the bidder quoting L1 price and having highest Average Annual Turnover (i.e. Average of FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 as per audited annual account).

9.0 Bid Security Declaration in Lieu of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)

The Consulting Organization should submit the Bid Security Declaration Form in lieu of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) as mentioned in Form-6 of the bid document.

Any bid not accompanied by the “Bid Security Declaration Form” shall be rejected by PFCCL as

being non-responsive.

10.0 Contract Performance Guarantee (CPG)

In the event of an award, the selected bidder (Consultant), within fifteen (15) days of issue of Letter of Award from PFCCL, will be required to arrange submission of CPG in the form of a Bank Guarantee (BG) equivalent to 3% (Three Percent) of the total consultancy fee.

The CPG should be as per PFCCLs proforma and should be kept valid up to 6 (Six) months from the Letter of Award which would be extended till completion of the assignment, whichever is later.

11.0 Contract Agreement

11.1 In the event of award, the selected bidder (“Consultant”) will be required to enter into a Contract Agreement with the PFCCL within fifteen (15) days from the date of the Letter of Award (LOA) or within such extended time, as may be granted by the PFCCL.

11.2 Formal Contract Agreement will be executed on Non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 100/- (Rs. one hundred only) as per the format provided by PFCCL. Two sets of Non-Judicial Stamp papers of Rs.100/- each and water mark papers to be purchased by the Consultant from Delhi State.

11.3 The Agreement will be signed in two originals and the consultant shall be provided with one signed original Agreement

11.4 The date of execution of the contract agreement in no case shall alter the date of start or completion period of the work.

11.5 Till the time a “Contract Agreement” is prepared and executed, the Letter of Award shall be read in conjunction with the Bidding Documents and will constitute a binding contract.

12.0 Validity of Bid

Bidders shall keep their bids /proposals valid up to 120 (One hundred Twenty) days from the date of opening of the Financial Proposal. Bidders may be required to further extend the validity of Bid as per the requirement of PFCCL.

13.0 Terms of Payment

Payments would be made as per the following Stages:

| S No | Activity | Payments (% of Lump Sum Price) |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Submission of Inception Report | 20% |
| 2. | Submission of draft ESIA Report | 30% |
| 3. | Submission of final ESIA Report | 50% |
| Total | | 100% |

The Consultant shall submit the bills in duplicate to PFCCL addressed to GM, PFCCL, indicating the stage achieved, out of the ones indicated above.

14.0 Travel Expenses

All travel and boarding / lodging related expenses incurred by the Consultant's personnel for journeys to Delhi, Kolkata or anywhere in West Bengal in connection with the consultancy services under Scope of this tender will be borne by the Consultant and PFCCL will not take any responsibility whatsoever on this account.

15.0 Other Terms & Conditions

- i) The Controlling Authority during the period for the arrangement shall be GM, PFCCL.
- ii) The financial proposal by the bidders shall be in Indian Rupees as per format enclosed (Form 5) with no escalation provision for any reason whatsoever till the completion of the Assignment.
- iii) The Consultant shall make available appropriate personnel as may be required for successful execution of the assignment and or as may be required by PFCCL on specified dates, venues and time in order to meet the obligations of PFCCL.
- iv) All claims shall be raised by the Consultant as per the terms of payment after being due, and would be accepted for payment based on satisfactory progress and quality of the work at the sole discretion of the competent authority.
- v) In case there is a delay by the Consultant in accomplishing the deliverables which in the opinion of PFCCL is attributable to the Consultant, PFCCL reserves the right to get such specific work(s) done through any other Agency (ies) at the risk and cost of the Consultant for timely completion of the deliverables.
- vi) In case the performance of the proposed team member(s) is not satisfactory, the Consultant will be asked to change/ replace the team member(s) within three days of receipt of such request from PFCCL with a member acceptable to PFCCL.
- vii) PFCCL with the approval of General Manager can cancel the contract at any stage of the work, in case it is found that the knowledge of a team/ team member(s) and or his/ her performance is not satisfactory, any information given at the time of submission of the bid is found to be incorrect.
- viii) Given the nature of the work being entrusted, the Consultant would have to give an undertaking to the effect that the contents/ essence of any reference/ documents given would not be disclosed to any third person without the express approval of PFCCL, failing which the engagement of the Consultant could be terminated.
- ix) If due to any reason or decision of the Govt./ Client. The Assignment is dropped and the Consultant is directed to discontinue work, the "Drop Dead Fee" would be limited to the payments received by the Consultant and the claims already raised, as per the payment terms relating to the Assignment, till the point of calling off the Assignment or as mutually agreed.
- x) Consultant would not be hired for any work whose interests are in conflict with their prior or current obligations to the other Organizations/ clients or that may place them in a position of being unable to carry-out the work assigned to them at any point of time during the currency of engagement by PFCCL or above all enable them to pose a threat to PFCCL's consulting business in future. Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, Consultant would not be hired, under the circumstances

set forth below:

Consultant who has business or family relationship with member(s) of PFC's and/ or PFCCL's employees or persons positioned in or on the Board of these two Organizations by whatever process, would not be engaged. A declaration to this effect would be taken from the Consultant when being engaged, and if found incorrect, the Consultant would be debarred from any further engagement by PFCCL ever.

- xi) The Consultant shall keep PFCCL, both during and after the term of this Contract, fully and effectively indemnified against all losses, damage, injuries, deaths, expenses, actions, proceedings, demands, costs and claims, including, but not limited to, legal fees and expenses, suffered by PFCCL or any Third Party, where such loss, damage, injury or death is the result of a wrongful action, negligence or breach of contract by the Consultant, or the Consultant's personnel, including the use or violation of any copyright work or literary property or patented invention, article or appliance.
- xii) No offer should be sent by Fax or E-mail.
- xiii) Offers received in the designated office after the due time and date mentioned above shall not be considered.
- xiv) PFCCL reserve the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals/ Offers or annul the bid Process or modify/ change the content of the bid document without assigning any reason.
- xv) PFCCL shall not entertain any claim of any nature, whatsoever, including without limitations, any claim of expenses in relation to the preparation, submission or any other activity relating to bidding or any other expense till award of contract.
- xvi) Consultant shall maintain strict confidentiality about the affairs of PFCCL and shall not disclose any information about PFCCL to any outside person. Consultant shall make available the services of the identified personnel as may be required for successful execution of the work and or as may be required by PFCCL on specified dates, venues and time in order to meet the obligations of PFCCL.
- xvii) In case, PFCCL finds that the knowledge of any of the key personnel(s) and or his/her performance is not satisfactory, Consultant shall replace the team member within seven days of communication. Otherwise, PFCCL will cancel the contract.
- xviii) Given the nature of the work being entrusted, the Consultant would have to give an undertaking to the effect that the contents/ essence of any reference/ documents given would not be disclosed to any third person without the express approval of PFCCL, failing which the engagement of the Consultant will be liable for termination.
- xix) If due to any reason or decision of the Govt./PFCCL, the services of Consultant are dropped and the Consultant is directed to discontinue work, the "Drop Dead Fee" would be limited to the payments received by the Consultant and the claims already raised, as per the payment terms relating to the Consulting Services, till the point off the work or as mutually agreed.

Yours sincerely,

For and on behalf of PFC Consulting Ltd.

Sachin Shukla
(General Manager)

Encl.: As Above

SECTION -2

BID FORMS AND PROFORMA

FORM – 1: COVERING LETTER

From:

Name: Designation:

Address:

To:

General Manager

PFC Consulting Ltd., First Floor,
Urjanidhi, 1, Barakhamba Lane,
Connaught Place,
New Delhi – 110 001

Sir,

Sub: Appointment of Consultant for assisting PFCCL in Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of various projects of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (WBSEDCL) under KfW Discom Investment Facility

1. We _____ (Name of Consultant) herewith enclose Technical & Financial proposal for selection of our Organization as Consultant on lump sum basis for assisting PFCCL in Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of various projects of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (WBSEDCL) under KfW Discom Investment Facility .
2. We are submitting our bid consisting of:
 - i) **Technical Bid** in a sealed envelope consisting of:
 - a) Documentary proof in support of turnover shall be submitted by the Bidder in the form of certificate certified by Chartered Accountant along with copy of audited annual accounts for the relevant years.
 - b) Form-1, Form-2, Form-3, Form-4 and Form-6 duly filled and signed by authorized signatory and authority letter as per Form-3.
 - c) The Bidder should agree to the entire scope of work and deliverables (given in the Covering Letter Form-1). No proposal for deviation/ part scope of work/ condition will be considered.
 - d) Details of past experience are to be provided in Technical Bid as per format provided at Form-2. Documentary evidence (e.g. Copy of Work Order/ Letter of Award and Project Completion Certificate/ proof of final payment/ any other relevant documents) to be provided in support of past experience.
 - e) The Bidder should submit a Letter of Authority in favor of the authorized signatory submitting the Bid as per Form-3.
 - ii) **Price Offer** should be submitted online as per format provided at Form 5 of Section 2 of Bid document.
3. _____ [Name and contact information of one of the team member] shall be the Team Leader for the assignment.
4. We declare that the quoted lump sum fee is firm and shall remain valid for the entire period of the consultancy assignment. We further declare that the above quoted fee includes all taxes (excluding GST) payable by us under this consultancy assignment.
5. We hereby confirm that if any Income Tax, Surcharge or any other Corporate Tax is attracted under the law, we agree to pay the same to the concerned authorities.

6. We confirm that the prices and other terms and conditions of this proposal are valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of the Financial Proposal.
7. We declare that the services will be rendered strictly in accordance with the specifications. We confirm our acceptance/compliance to the „Deliverables“ and „Terms of payment“ clauses as stipulated in the bid documents. We confirm that Contract Performance Guarantee for three (3%) of the total consultancy fee in the form of bank guarantee shall be provided by us as per the prescribed format in case of placement of award.
8. We hereby declare that only the company, persons or Consultants interested in this proposal as principal or principals are named herein and that no other company, person or Consultant other than one mentioned herein have any interest in this proposal or in the contract to be entered into, if we are awarded this contract.
9. We declare that the services will be rendered strictly in accordance with the specifications and we do not have any deviation to any of the terms and conditions of the bidding documents.
10. We confirm and certify that all the information/ details provided in our bid are true and correct.
11. We give our unconditional acceptance to the Bid Documents issued by PFCCL, and as amended. We shall execute the Contract Agreement as per the provisions of the Bid Document.
12. Further, we confirm that we agree to and seek no deviations from the scope of work, time schedule, deliverables, payment terms and all other terms and conditions as contained in the „Bid Document“. The proposal is unconditional. The Bid will be valid 120 (One hundred twenty days) from the opening of Financial Bid.
13. We also declare that by taking this assignment we do not have any conflict of Interest with any of our prior or current obligations to other organizations/ clients and also do not have business or family relationship with member(s) of PFCCL's employees or persons positioned in or on the Board of these two organization by whatever process and if found incorrect, we may be debarred from any further engagements by PFCCL forever.
14. We certify that all the information provided in our bid, including the information regarding the team members is true. We understand that any willful misstatement in the bid may lead to disqualification or cancellation of award if made or termination of contract. We also understand that in such a case we may be debarred for future assignments with PFCCL for a period of maximum three years from the date of such disqualification.
15. Further, we undertake that in the event of our appointment as sub consultant, given the nature of the work being entrusted, the contents/ essence of any reference/ documents given would not be disclosed to any third person without the express approval of PFCCL, failing which the engagement of the Organization would be terminated.

Signature of Authorized Person Name:

Designation & Company seal

Date:

Place:

FORM – 2: EXPERIENCE OF ORGANISATION

1. Brief Description of the Organization:

2. Outline of experience on assignments:

| Sl. No. | Name of Assignment with work order no. and date | Name(s) of member(s) associated with the assignment | Client | Date of Commencement | Date of Completion | Scope of work in brief |
|---------|---|---|--------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | | | | | | |
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1. It is hereby certified that the above-mentioned details are true and correct.
2. It is hereby certified that our company has actually carried out and completed the above-mentioned work/ assignments

Signature of Authorized Signatory
Full Name:
Address:

Note:

1. The Consultant should have undertaken at least two (2) Consultancy assignments for assisting Organizations in Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of various projects of state/central utilities in India during the last 5 Financial Years (i.e. FY 2018-19 onwards).onwards including the current Financial Year till date of issue of the tender. Documentary evidence (e.g. Copy of Work Order/ Letter of Award and Project Completion Certificate/ proof of final payment/ any other relevant documents) to be provided in support of past experience.
2. The Consultant should be submitting the bid on its own and not in consortium with any other Consultant.
3. The Consultant should have Minimum Average Annual Turnover of INR Rs. 5 Crores in the last 3 Financial Years i.e. FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 The bidder should submit documentary proof in support of the Turnover in the form of certificate, certified by Chartered Accountant along with copy of audited annual accounts for the relevant years.

FORM – 3: AUTHORISATION LETTER
(ON THE LETTER HEAD OF THE CONSULTANT)

I _____ certify that I am _____ of the Organization, organized under the laws of _____ and that _____ who signed the above Proposal is authorized to bind the Organization by authority of its governing body.

Signature:

Full Name:

Address:

(Seal)

FORM-4: UNDERTAKING
(ON THE LETTER HEAD OF THE FIRM)

**(FORMAT OF UNDERTAKING TO BE FURNISHED WITH REGARD
TO BLACKLISTING/ NON- DEBARMENT)**

We hereby confirm and declare that we M/s _____, are not blacklisted/ De-registered/ debarred by any Government department/ Public Sector Undertaking/ Private Sector/ or any other agency for which we have Executed/ Undertaken the works/ Services during the last 5 years.

Signature

Name

(Authorized Signatory of Bidder)

(Company Seal)

Place:

Date:

FORM – 5: SCHEDULE OF PRICE BID

Sub: Appointment of Consultant for assisting PFCCL in Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of various projects of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (WBSEDCL) under KfW Discom Investment Facility.

I _____ (Name) on behalf of _____ (Name of the Consultancy Organization) herewith submit the Financial Proposal for Consultancy Services for Appointment of Consultant for assisting PFCCL in Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of various projects of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (WBSEDCL) under KfW Discom Investment Facility.

| Sl. No. | Activity | Lump Sum Price in INR in Figures | Lump Sum Price in INR in Words |
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| 1. | Lump sum Consultancy Fee for assisting PFCCL in Appointment of Consultant for assisting PFCCL in Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of various projects of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (WBSEDCL) under KfW Discom Investment Facility | | |
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Note:

1. The price offer for the Assignment should be quoted on lump sum basis. No escalation for any reason whatsoever shall be allowed over and above the bid price till completion of the assignment. However, GST, if any, shall be paid over and above the bid price.
2. Income tax at source will be deducted by PFCCL as per the applicable law and regulation and TDS certificate shall be issued to the consultant by PFCCL.
3. All travel and boarding / lodging related expenses incurred by the Consultant's personnel for journeys to Delhi, Kolkata or anywhere in West Bengal in connection with the consultancy services under Scope of this tender will be borne by the Consultant and PFCCL will not take any responsibility whatsoever on this account.
4. The financial proposal with condition(s) or alternate price bid will be summarily rejected.

Address:
Seal

Authorized Signatory
Full Name:

FORM – 6: FORMAT OF THE BID SECURITY DECLARATION

[On the Letter Head of the Consulting Organization]

Date:

To,

General Manager
PFC Consulting Limited First Floor,
Urjanidhi, 1, Barakhamba Lane,
Connaught Place, New Delhi – 110 001

Dear Sir,

Sub: Bidders Declaration in lieu of Bid Security in respect of EMD for Appointment of Consultant for assisting PFCCCL in Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of various projects of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (WBSEDCL) under KfW Discom Investment Facility.

1. I _____ being duly authorized to present and act on behalf of M/s..... (insert name of Consulting Organization) (hereinafter called the “Bidder”) and having read and examined in detail the Bid Document, the undersigned hereby agree the following:
2. We,(insert name of Consulting Organization) are submitting the Bid for Appointment of Consultant for assisting PFCCCL in Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of various projects of WBSEDCL in response to the tender dated March 29, 2023 issued by PFC Consulting Limited, as per the terms of the Bid Document.
3. We,(insert name of Consulting Organization) are submitting this Bid Security Declaration in lieu of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).
4. We agree that,(insert name of Consulting Organization) in case the bid is withdrawn or Modified during the period of its validity or if (insert name of Consulting Organization) fail to sign the contract in case the work is awarded to us or fail to submit a performance security before the deadline defined in the Bid Document/letter of award, then (Insert name of Consulting Organization) shall be suspended for participating in the bidding process of PFCCCL, for a period of two (02) years from bid due date of above referred tender.

For and on behalf of Consulting Organization

M/s
(Signature of authorized signatory)

Name:

Designation:

Date:

Place:

SECTION -3

CONTRACT AGREEMENT

CONTRACT AGREEMENT

This CONTRACT (hereinafter, together with all Appendices attached hereto and forming an integral part hereof, called the "Contract") is made this day of _____, 2020, between:

PFC Consulting Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Power Finance Corporation Limited, a Government of India Company) incorporated under the Indian Companies Act 1956/ 2013, having its registered office at First Floor, Urjanidhi, 1- Barakhamba Lane, Connaught Place New- Delhi- 110001 hereinafter referred to as "Owner" (which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or the meaning thereof include its successors and permitted assigns)

AND

_____ having its office at _____

_____ hereinafter called the "Consultant" (which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or the meaning thereof include its successors and permitted assigns)

WHEREAS the Owner is in the process of Appointment of Consultant for assisting PFCCCL in Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of various projects of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (WBSEDCL) under KfW Discom Investment Facility.

AND WHEREAS the Owner is intending to hire an experienced and qualified Consultant who has undertaken similar projects and is capable of providing "Services".

AND WHEREAS the Consultant, have represented to the Owner that they have the requisite experience, professional skills, adequate manpower and technical resources and personnel, to render the Services required by the Owner in a timely and efficient manner.

AND WHEREAS based on above representations of the Consultant, the Owner has agreed to appoint the Consultant to render services on the terms and conditions hereafter contained:

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES THAT, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PREMISES AND THE MUTUAL COVENANTS HEREIN CONTAINED, IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:

1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract, Appendices, Schedules and Exhibits shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Approvals" shall mean all consents, licenses and approval of any local, municipal, State or National Authority necessary to carry out the services for each and every phase of the assignment.
- (b) "Contract" means this Contract together with all Appendices and including all

modifications made in accordance with the provisions of Clauses 12 hereof between the Owner and the Consultant.

- (c) "Consultant" means [Name of Firm]_____.
- (d) "Confidential Information" means any material, proprietary, non-public information acquired, developed, disclosed or exchanged among the parties pursuant to this Agreement and Confidentiality and Non-disclosure Agreement.
- (e) "Effective Date" means the date on which this Contract comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause 3.1 hereof;
- (f) "Personnel" means persons hired by the Consultant as employees, for the purposes of rendering services or any part thereof; Personnel include:
- (i) "Local Personnel" mean such persons who at the time of being so hired have their domicile in India and;
 - (ii) "Foreign Personnel" mean such persons who at the time of being so hired had their domicile outside India
- (g) "Parties" means the Owner or the Consultant, as the case may be;
- (h) "Contract time" means the duration of time of the Contract as referred to Clause 3.
- (i) "No claim Certificate" means certificate issued by the Owner after the Contract has expired and the consultant has performed all his Services as per the terms and conditions envisaged in this Contract and all undisputed payments of remuneration and reimbursable expenditures payable by the Owner to the Consultant has been made.
- (k) "Services" means the works to be provided/performed by the Consultant for completion of various tasks as described in Letter of Award (LoA) hereto;
- (l) "Starting Date" means the date referred to in Clause 3.3 hereof;
- (m) "Third Party" means any person or entity other than the Owner and the Consultant.

2.0 LOCATION FOR PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES:

All travel and boarding / lodging related expenses incurred by the Consultant's personnel for journeys to Delhi, Kolkata or anywhere in West Bengal in connection with the consultancy services under Scope of this tender will be borne by the Consultant and PFCCL will not take any responsibility whatsoever on this account

3.0 COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION, AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

3.1 Commencement of Contract

This contract shall come into force from the date ("effective date") on which the Owner and the Consultant have signed the present contract.

3.2 Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective

- a) If this Contract has not become effective within 15 days from the date of Letter of Award (LoA), the Owner has the right to declare the same to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration the consultant shall not have any claim against the Owner.
- b) In case the contract is rendered null and void on account of failure/inaction on the part of the consultant, the consultant shall be liable to pay damages to the Owner.

3.3 Commencement of Services

The Consultant shall begin carrying out the Services immediately viz. from the date of issue of Letter of Award (the "Starting Date"), or on such date as the Parties may agree in writing

3.4 Expiration of Contract

Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clause 10 here of, this Contract shall expire after the consultant has performed all his Services as per the terms and conditions envisaged in this Contract and the Owner has issued a „No claim Certificate“ to the Consultant.

The Owner shall issue the “No claim certificate” after being satisfied that the Consultant has performed/rendered all the services to the satisfaction of the Owner, as per the contract and all undisputed payments of remuneration and reimbursable expenditures payable by the Owner to the Consultant has been made.

4.0 Contract Performance Guarantee

- 4.1 The Consultant within 15 days from the date of issue of Letter of Award shall furnish a Performance Guarantee in the form of Bank Guarantee as per Performa attached as Section-2 of bid document, from any Bank towards performance of the Contract. The guarantee amount shall be equal to three percent (3%) of the contract price in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the contract and in the Bid Documents. The guarantee shall be valid until after expiry of a period of 6 months from the date of issue of No Claim Certificate by the Owner.
- 4.2 The Contract Performance Guarantee is intended to secure the performance of the entire contract and shall not be construed as limiting the damages stipulated in other clauses in the Bid Documents.
- 4.3 The Performance Guarantee will be returned to the Contractor without any interest at the end of the Guarantee Period.

5.0 OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONSULTANT

5.1 Standard of performance

The Consultant shall perform the Services and carry out his obligations hereunder with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted techniques and practices used with professional engineering and consulting standards recognized by professional bodies, and shall observe sound management, and technical and engineering

practices, and employ appropriate advanced technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods in award of project. The Consultant shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as faithful advisers to the Owner, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Owner's legitimate interests in any dealings with Third Parties.

5.2 COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Consultant agrees that it shall be responsible and liable to comply with all the rules and regulations of various concerned government authorities and departments for the services rendered under this agreement.

5.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The consultant shall hold the Owner's interest paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflict with other assignments or their corporate interests.

5.4 Benefit from Commissions, Discounts etc.

Payment to the Consultant shall constitute the Consultant's only payment in connection with this Contract or the Services, and the Consultant shall not accept for their own benefit any trade commission, discount, or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or to the Services or in the discharge of their obligations under the Contract, and the Consultant shall use their best efforts to ensure that the Personnel shall not receive any such additional benefits.

5.5 Consultant and Affiliates not to be otherwise interested in Project

The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract, the Consultant, Personnel and/or any entity affiliated with the Consultant shall not provide services resulting from or directly related to the Consultant's Services to any third party. In the event of breach of the aforesaid condition the Owner shall be entitled to disqualify such Consultant or any of their Personnel from providing services to the Owner and further claim damages for breach.

5.6 Prohibition of Conflicting Activities

The Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause their Personnel not to engage, either directly or indirectly, in any business or professional activities which would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract.

5.7 Insurance to be taken out by the Consultant

The Consultant shall take out and maintain, at its own cost, insurance against risks etc.

5.8 Liability of the Consultant

The Consultant and each of his Members (consultant personnel) shall be jointly and severally liable to the Owner for the performance of the Services under this Contract and further for any loss suffered by the Owner as a result of a default of the Consultant or his members in such performance, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) The Consultant shall not be liable for any damage or injury caused by or arising out of the act, neglect, default or omission of any persons other than the Consultant or its Personnel; and
- (b) The Consultant shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused by or arising out of circumstances of Force Majeure.

5.9 Documents Prepared by the Consultant to be the Property of the Owner

All plans, drawings, specifications, designs, reports and other documents prepared by the Consultant in performing the Services shall become and remain the property of the Owner, and the Consultant shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to the Owner, together with a detailed inventory thereof.

6.0 CONSULTANT'S PERSONNEL

6.1 Agreed Personnel

The Consultant hereby agrees to engage the personnel in order to fulfill his contractual obligations under this contract.

6.2 General

The Consultant shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Personnel as are required to carry out the Services.

6.3 Removals and/or Replacement of Personnel

- a) Except as the Owner may otherwise agree, no changes shall be made in the Personnel. If, for any reason beyond the reasonable control of the Consultant, it becomes necessary to replace any of the Personnel, the Consultant shall forthwith provide as a replacement a person of equivalent or better qualifications.
- (b) If the Owner:
 - i) finds that any of the Personnel has committed serious misconduct or has been charged with having committed a criminal action, or
 - (ii) has reasonable cause to be dissatisfied with the performance of any of the Personnel,then the Consultant shall, at the Owner's written request specifying the grounds therefore, forthwith provide as a replacement a person with qualifications and experience acceptable to the Owner.
- (c) The new personnel provided as a replacement shall be governed by the same the terms and conditions of employment as the replaced personnel.
- (d) The Consultant shall bear all additional travel and other costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement.

7.0 OBLIGATIONS OF THE OWNER

Payment

In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract, the Owner shall make to the Consultant such payments and in such manner as is provided by **Clause 8** of this Contract.

8.0 PAYMENTS TO THE CONSULTANT

8.1 The cost of services payable in Indian Rupees is set forth in **LoA**.

8.2 Mode of Payment

Payments will be made by the Owner to the consultant in accordance with the terms of payment as per Letter of Award. Any deviation in the payment terms is not permitted.

8.3 The Consultant shall submit the bills in duplicate to PFCCL addressed to GM, PFCCL.

8.4 The Owner shall cause the payment of the Consultant as per the above given schedule of payment within 30 days of the receipt of the bills raised along with supporting documents. However, it is agreed between the parties that the Owner may restrict or withhold the payment if the performance or progress of the services rendered by the Consultant is not satisfactory and not in accordance with the scope of work.

8.5 The final payment under this Clause shall be made only after satisfactory completion of all the activities as per scope of work in LoA and after the issuance of No Claim Certificate.

8.6 All payments under this Contract shall be made to the account of the Consultant with:
Account No _____ Bank Name _____

9.0 Suspension

The Owner may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder:

(a) if the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, including carrying out of the Services, provided, that such notice of suspension

(i) shall specify the nature of the failure, and (ii) shall request the Consultant to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension

or

(b) if at any stage it is found that the Consultant has provided any wrong information/ false information/ mis-represented the fact.

10.0 Termination

10.1 By the Owner

The Owner may terminate this contract, by issuing a written notice not less than thirty (30) days, from the date of occurrence of any of the events as specified in sub clause (a) to (e) of this Clause.

The Owner may terminate this contract, by issuing a written notice not less than sixty (60) days, from the date of occurrence of the event as specified in sub clause (f) of this Clause.

- (a) if the Consultant fails to remedy a failure in the performance of its obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to Clause 9 hereinabove, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice of suspension or within such further period as the Owner may have subsequently approved in writing;
- (b) if the Consultant fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to **Clause 17** hereof;
- (c) if the Consultant submits to the Owner a statement which has a material effect on the rights, obligations or interests of the Owner and which the Consultant knows to be false;
- (d) if, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days; or
- (e) if Consultant become Bankrupt and the company has been wound up through liquidation proceedings.
- (f) if the Owner, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Contract.

10.2 Cessation of Rights and Obligations

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses 10 hereof, or upon expiration of this Contract pursuant to Clause 3 hereof, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except

- (a) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration,
- (b) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in Clause 16 hereof,
- (c) any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.

10.3 Cessation of Services

Upon termination of this Contract by notice to pursuant to Clauses 10 hereof, the Consultant 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 and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum.

10.4 Payment upon Termination

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to **Clause-10** hereof, the Owner shall make the following payments to the Consultant:

- (a) remuneration pursuant to **Clause 8** hereof for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination;
- (b) reimbursable expenditures pursuant to **Clause 8** hereof for expenditures actually incurred prior to the effective date of termination; and
- (c) except in the case of termination pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (d) of Clause 10.1 hereof, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incident to the prompt and orderly termination of the Contract including the cost of the return travel of the Consultants' personnel and their eligible dependents.

11.0 Force Majeure

11.1 Definition

- (a) For the purposes of this Contract, "Force Majeure" means an event or circumstance or combination of events and circumstances, the occurrence of which is beyond the reasonable control of either party and which materially affects the performance by either Party of its obligations under this agreement, provided such material and adverse effect could not have been prevented, overcome or remedied in whole or in part by the affected party and includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action (except where such strikes, lockouts or other industrial action are within the power of the Party invoking Force Majeure to prevent), confiscation or any other action by government agencies.
- (b) It is however agreed that "Force Majeure" shall not mean or include:
 - (1) any event caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or employees, nor
 - (2) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected take into account at the time of the Award of this Agreement and avoids or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder.
- (c) The Consultant shall not be paid /reimbursed any further price or cost or any additional cost in re-activating the services after the end of Force Majeure event.

11.2 No Breach of Contract

Neither party shall be responsible or be liable for, or deemed to be in breach hereof because of any failure or delay in complying with its obligations under or pursuant to this Agreement due to one or more events of Force Majeure or its effects or any combination thereof, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable

precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Contract. However, it is agreed that in no event shall Force Majeure shall exclude any Party's obligation to pay monies under this Agreement.

11.3 Measures to be taken

- (a) A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure or any combination of events shall take all reasonable measures to remove such Party's inability to fulfill its obligations hereunder with a minimum of delay.
- (b) A Party affected by an event or any combination of events of Force Majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any event not later than fourteen (14) days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.
- (c) The Parties shall take all reasonable measures to minimise the consequences of any event of Force Majeure.

11.4 Extension of Time

Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure.

11.5 Consultation

Not later than thirty (30) days after the Consultant, as the result of an event of Force Majeure, have become unable to perform a material portion of the Services, the Parties shall consult with each other with a view to agreeing on appropriate measures to be taken in the circumstances.

12.0 Amendment/Modification

This Agreement may not be altered, modified, revoked or cancelled in any way unless such alteration, modification or cancellation is in writing and duly signed by or on behalf of the parties which shall not be effective until the consent of the parties has been obtained. However, it is agreed between the parties that each Party shall give due consideration to any proposals for modification made by the other Party.

13.0 Amicable Settlement

The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Contract or the interpretation thereof. Any dispute between the parties as to matters arising pursuant to this Contract which cannot be settled amicably shall be resolved as per the Indian Arbitration Act, 1996 as amended from time to time.

14.0 FAIRNESS AND GOOD FAITH

14.1 Good Faith

The Parties hereunder undertake to act in good faith with respect to their performance, obligations and rights under this Agreement and further undertake, during the tenure of this Agreement, to take all reasonable measures, to ensure the achievement/realization of the objectives of this Agreement.

14.2 Operation of the Contract

The Parties recognize that it is impractical in this Contract to provide for every contingency which may arise during the life 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 on failure to agree on any action pursuant to this clause shall give rise to a dispute subject to arbitration in accordance with clause 17 hereof.

15.0 TAXES AND DUTIES/CHANGE IN LAW.

It is hereby agreed between the parties that the Consultant and its personnel shall pay the taxes, duties, fees, levies and other impositions levied under the existing, amended or enacted laws during life of this contract and the Owner shall deduct the taxes, duties and levy whatsoever as may be lawfully imposed.

16.0 LAW GOVERNING CONTRACT

This Agreement, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation between the Parties shall be governed by Indian Laws or any statutory modifications thereof, and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Delhi in any matter arising under this Agreement and or in matters pertaining to the conduct of arbitration, enforcement of the award or obtaining of interim relief(s) etc.

17.0 SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES/ ARBITRATION.

17.1 The parties shall endeavor to resolve amicably, in the first instance, all disputes, controversies or differences which may arise between the Parties, out of or in relation to or in connection with this Agreement, or for breach thereof.

17.2 In the event, the parties are unable to resolve such dispute/difference amicably within **ninety (90)** days after the same has arisen then the dispute shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration of the Indian Council of Arbitration and such arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of ICA. The place of arbitration shall be New Delhi or any other place mutually agreeable by the parties and the language of arbitration shall be English

The Arbitration shall be conducted by panel of 3 Arbitrators, one to be appointed by each party and third Arbitrator to be appointed by two Arbitrators as the Chairman of the Tribunal.

The Parties agree that the arbitrator's decision shall be final and conclusive. The costs of arbitration (including without limitation, those incurred in the appointment of the arbitrators) shall be borne equally by the Parties hereto; however, each Party shall pay its

respective legal charges. The Award shall be final and binding and non-appeal able. Judgment on the award may be entered and enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction. By execution and delivery of this Agreement, each Party agrees and consents to the jurisdiction of the aforesaid arbitration panel and solely for the purpose of enforcement of an arbitral award, as referred to hereinabove, in any court of competent jurisdiction for itself and in respect of its property and waives in respect of both itself and its property, any defense it may have to or based on sovereign immunity, jurisdiction, improper venue or inconvenient forum.

18.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

18.1 Language

This Contract has been executed in the English language, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.

18.2 Headings

The headings shall not limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Contract.

18.3 Notices

Any notice, request or consent required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing. Any such notice, request or consent 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 mail, or facsimile to such Party at the following address:

1. For the Owner: **General Manager**
PFC Consulting Limited.
(A Subsidiary of Power Finance Corp.
Ltd.) First Floor, 'Urjanidhi', 1,
Barakhamba Lane, New Delhi - 110001
Attention: Mr. _____ Facsimile: 011-____,
2. For Consultant: Attention:
Facsimile: _____

18.4 Notice will be deemed to be effective as follows:

- (a) in the case of personal delivery or registered mail, on delivery;
- (b) in the case of facsimiles, forty-eight (48) hours following confirmed transmission.

18.5 A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party notice of such change pursuant to this Clause.

18.6 Authority of Consultant in Charge

The Consultant hereby authorize: Mr./ Ms. _____ to act on

their behalf in exercising all the Consultant's rights and obligations towards the Owner under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Owner.

18.7 Authorised Representatives

Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed under this Contract, may be taken or executed:

(a) on behalf of the Owner by _____ or his designated representative;

(b) on behalf of the Consultant by _ or his designated representative;

18.8 WAIVER OF RIGHT

The failure of either party to enforce at any time or for any period of time, the provisions hereof shall not be construed to be waiver of any provision or of any right and shall not preclude such party from subsequently enforcing such provisions or right.

18.9 SEVEREABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Agreement shall be determined to be void or unenforceable, such provision shall be amended or deleted in so far as is reasonably consistent with the provisions of this Agreement and to the extent necessary to conform to applicable law and the remaining provision of this Agreement shall remain valid and enforceable in accordance with their terms.

18.10 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts which together shall constitute a single agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed in their respective names as of the day.....Month.....and year..... first above written.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF [OWNER]

By: Authorized Representative

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF [CONSULTANT]

By: Authorized Representative