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Sub: Consideration of Single Offer in Open/Limited Tenders

Reference is invited to para 14.1.8 of Integrated MM Manual wherein it has been stipulated that, if after inviting tenders, only one offer is received against the tender, the order may be placed on the bidder provided the rates are considered reasonable or if the requirement is urgent. The urgency of the requirement would be certified and approved, as per provisions under para 14.1.7(iv).

In view of updated Procurement Manuals issued by Dept. of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, EPC in its meeting (21/2022) held on 03.10.2022, deliberated on above provisions. Accordingly, as per EPC approval, the modified provisions of Integrated MM Manual are attached at Annexure-1

Above guidelines should be meticulously followed by all concerned.

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Annexure-1

Statement showing existing vis-a-vis modified provisions of Integrated MM Manual.

Para No.	Existing Provision	Modified Provision	Remarks
14.1.8	Placement of order when one offer is	Placement of order when one offer is	Portion underlined in
	received	received or Techno Commercial evaluation	existing clause, has
		ends up with only one TACA offer (at the	been deleted.
	·	overall tender level as a whole)	
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	If after inviting tenders, only one offer is received	If after inviting Open/Limited tenders, only one	modified provision.
	against the tender, the order may be placed on	offer is received against the tender or Techno	
	the bidder provided the rates are considered	Commercial evaluation ends up with only one	
	reasonable or if the requirement is urgent. The	TACA offer , the order may be placed on the	
	urgency of the requirement would be certified	bidder provided following conditions are	
	and approved, as per provisions under para	satisfied:	
	14.1.7(iv).	i) The procurement was satisfactorily	
		advertised and sufficient time was	
		given for submission of bids.	
		ii) The qualification criteria were not	
		unduly restrictive; and	
		iii) Prices are reasonable in comparison to	
		market values or if the requirement is urgent.	

The urgency of the requirement would be certified and approved, as per provisions under para 14.1.7(iv).

However in such cases Competent Purchase Authority shall be as prescribed in BDP for nomination cases under item No. 24.1(c), (d),(e) or (h) depending upon nature of procurement. In case of price not being reasonable, negotiations or retender may be considered as justifiable. Aforesaid cases will not come under the ambit of reporting mechanism prescribed for nomination cases.

TC is required to be held, as and when a single offer situation gets triggered against a tender. The TC shall need to be re-constituted at appropriate level in relation to the level of revised CPA. TC shall deliberate and give the required confirmation that conditions as per (i), (ii) and (iii) above are satisfied.