

Bids for Creation of a System to respond to TBT Notifications of other countries

Terms of Reference

MoC has entrusted EIC the task of dealing with TBT Notifications relating to all commodities. For this purpose, EIC will undertake the following tasks:

- i) Download from WTO Secretariat the TBT Notifications issued by other WTO Member Countries on a daily basis.
- ii) Analyze the notifications to identify those which are likely to have significant impact on Indian exports.
- iii) Disseminate the identified TBT notifications to all domestic stakeholders, including the concerned Ministries, Commodity Boards, Export Promotion Councils / Development Authorities, and industry body/associations.
- iv) Obtain, where required, a copy of the English translation of the TBT notification, preferably from the Enquiry Point of the country.
- v) Obtain feedback and collate it to identify relevant issues likely to adversely impact the export from India.
- vi) Obtain clarifications on the notifications from the Enquiry Points of other countries, whether on the basis of feedback received or own violation.
- vii) List out possible trade restrictive issues that need to be raised with the Member notifying the draft measure.
- viii) Prepare background notes on the flagged issues keeping in view the WTO provisions, especially the TBT Agreement, to enable the Department of Commerce to arrive at the Indian response and to take up the matter in the TBT Committee.
- ix) Submit periodic reports (monthly / quarterly / yearly) to the Department of Commerce on the work done.

EIC is to outsource this activity for which offers are invited from the firms specialized in dealing with trade policy issues particularly the Non-Tariff Barriers, with experience of not less than 3 years, to assist EIC to create, and to operate on behalf of EIC, a system to respond to TBT Notifications of other countries. As the selected firm will operate from its own premises, the bids, on turn key basis, should include the cost of setting up the system – hardware,

software and manpower to operate the same. Circulation & collation of information and submission of periodic reports would be through EIC. Initially, the contract will be awarded for a period of one year. On review, subject to successful operation, the same arrangement may be continued for subsequent one or two years.

Bids in two parts, technical and financial, in separate sealed covers super scribed as 'Technical (or Financial, as the case may be) Bid for creation of a system to respond to TBT Notifications' are to be submitted by 6th May 2011 (1600 hours) to the Director, Export Inspection Council, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, 3rd Floor – NDYMCA Cultural Centre Building, 1 Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110 001.

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