



Notice of Commencement of 4th Round of Bidding for ‘Selection Process for Selected Airline Operator under Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN Version 4.0, November, 2019

MoCA notified Regional Connectivity Scheme, November-2019. Accordingly, Airports Authority of India (AAI), Implementation Agency on behalf of Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) hereby invites interested bidder for the submission of Initial Proposals for RCS routes /networks assessed and proposed by them, thereafter, Counter Proposals for the RCS routes/networks received & identified in initial proposals, in accordance with the Notice Inviting e-Proposals (NIE-P) and the Scheme.

Proposals are invited through e-bidding portal URL address; <https://www.aai.aero/en/rcs-udan> click-> **E-Tendering Bidding Process of RCS** or [website: https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/rcs/index.jsp](https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/rcs/index.jsp).

Registration for on line bidding: The bidding process is through e-bid portal URL address as mentioned above. Prospective bidders are advised to get themselves acquainted for e-bidding participation requirements as per available “Bidder Guide”, register themselves at e-bidding portal, and obtain ‘User ID’ & ‘Password’.

Eligibility Criteria (refer Clause no.3.2.13 of the Scheme): Bidding under the Scheme shall be permitted only by the airline operators having:

- a) a valid Air Operator Permit (AOP) /Air Operator Certificate(AOC) for Scheduled Operation (SOP) or Scheduled Commuter Operations (SCO) issued by the DGCA, or
- b) a valid Air Operator Permit (AOP) /Air Operator Certificate(AOC) for Scheduled Regional Operation (SROP) or Non-Scheduled Operation (NSOP) issued by the DGCA, or
- c) a valid air operator permit or equivalent permit issued by the competent civil aviation regulatory authority of any foreign country, or
- d) entities which do not have a valid AOP at the time of bidding but who have applied to MoCA for issue of an initial No Objection Certificate (NOC) for obtaining Air Operator Certificate (AOC) for Scheduled Commuter Operation (SCO)/ Air Operator Certificate /Permit for Scheduled Operation or Air Operator Certificate for Non-scheduled Operator’s Permit in case bidding only for routes involving Water Aerodromes before the last date of Submission of Initial Proposals 2nd Round of Bidding for ‘Selection Process for Selected Airline Operator under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN.

Proposal Security (refer clause No. 14.1 of NIeP): Applicants shall furnish as part of each Proposal of RCS Routes/Network, a Proposal Security Bank Guarantee (PSBG) for an amount of Rs. Five Lakhs (Rs.5,00,000/-) for Applicants falling under sub para a) and b) as above or Rs. Twenty Lakhs (Rs.20,00,000/-) for Applicants falling under c) & d) as above para. Proposal Security shall be submitted through irrevocable Bank Guarantee (As per Annexure- of NI e-P) issued by a Nationalized Bank or any Scheduled Bank in India but excluding a co-operative or a Gramin Bank or a regional rural bank, in favour of the Chairman AAI having validity for 9th months from the Due Date of Submission of Initial Proposal or Counter Proposal accordingly.

Tentative Timelines for e- Bidding for Selection of Operator:

The schedule for the Selection Process is as follows:

S.N.	Event description	Timeline
1.	Opening of window for 4 th Round of Bidding and commencement of Registration, adding of routes / network by the applicant (bidder) and submission of query if any, on MSTC e-bid portal	03/12/2019 (Tuesday)
2.	Pre-bid meeting with prospective bidders at Block-A, Seminar Hall, R G Bhawan, new Delhi 110003	From 1015 hrs. on 10/12/2019 (Tuesday)
3.	Last date and time of submission of query	Up to 1700hrs. on 11/12/2019 (Wednesday)
4.	If required, release of Corrigendum / Final Bidding / Scheme Documents on e-bid portal;	Up to 1700hrs. on 16/12/2019 (Monday)
5.	Date & time of submission of request by the applicant through e-bid portal of UDAN-RCS on MSTC's website for the followings; stage length (in km) fixed wing aircraft for RCS Route(s); and flight duration (in minutes) for helicopter for RCS Route(s) and also should submit information in the template available on e-bid portal Note: Stage length for RCS Route(s) and flight duration for helicopters on RCS Routes declared by AAI will only be considered and accepted for bids of airline operators, no other stage length shall be considered)	Up to 1700hrs. on 23/12/2019 (Monday)

6.	a)	Last Date and time of validation of stage length/ flight duration by AAI	Up to 1700hrs. on 30/12/2019 (Monday)
	b)	Last Date and time of submission of revised networks/routes, if any Note: This is an additional period provided to Applicants for revising their network/routes. Applicant can form networks/ routes considering only the routes for which stage length information was requested in previous stage of bidding process in a particular bidding round	Up to 1700hrs. on 02/01/2020 (Thursday)
7.		Due date and time for submission of Initial Proposals	Up to 1700hrs. on 09/01/2020 (Thursday)
8.		Date of opening of RCS route/network received in Initial Proposals by Tender Opening Committee [Jt.GM(CNS-RCS), DGM(ATM-RCS),SM(FIN.-RCS) AND Jt. GM(Engg-RCS)]	From 1100hrs. on 10/01/2020 (Friday)
9.		Invitation for submission of Counter Proposals	13/01/2020 (Monday)
10.		Due date and time for submission of Counter Proposals	Up to 1700hrs. on 20/01/2020 (Monday)
11.		Date and time of opening of Technical Bid for Initial and Counter Proposals	From 1100hrs. on 21/01/2020 (Tuesday)
12.		Date and time of opening of Financial Proposals (Initial and Counter)	From 1100hrs. on 23/01/2020 (Thursday)
13.		Date of declaration of Selected Airline Operator and issue of Letter of Award (LoA).	31/01/2020
14.		Furnishing of Performance Guarantee(PG) and Signing of SAO Agreement	Within 30 days from the date of issue of Letter of Award.

Note: Counter Proposals on e-bid portal shall be invited on the basis of RCS routes/ network received and identified in Initial Proposals. Initial Technical Proposals shall be opened after last date of submission of Counter proposals. In case, any Initial Proposal for a RCS routes/network is found invalid after final scrutiny of technical bids, the same

shall be rejected and financial bids for such Initial Proposal and corresponding counter proposals shall not be opened. Any claim arising out of this shall not be entertained.

Applicant (Bidder) shall upload scanned self-certified copy of required documents on e-bid portal i.e. ; Air Operator Permit/ Air Operator Certificate or receipt of submission of application to MoCA to issue NOC for Scheduled/Schedule commuter Operation or Nonschedule Operation in case of routes connecting Water Aerodromes and helipads, Certificate of Incorporation(CIN), Power of Attorney in favour of the person who has been authorized to submit the Proposals/ documents on behalf of airline operator, initialed Selected Airline Operator Agreement, Proposal Security Bank Guarantee, duly signed Integrity Pact etc

Applicant (Bidder) shall ensure the submission/dropping of sealed envelope containing required documents i.e. original Proposal Security Bank Guarantee for required amount of Rs.5 (five) lakhs or Rs. 20(twenty lakhs) as per Annexure-III of NIEP on or before: **1100 hrs** on Date -10/01/2020 for **Initial Proposal*** or **1100 hrs** on Date-21/01/2020 for **Counter Proposal*** in the **Tender Box for RCS** kept in the **Reception at Entry Gate Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi-11003.**

Envelope containing above enclosures should be super scribed with:

Envelope to be opened not before 1100 hrs on 21/01/2020, **Initial / Counter Proposal** for RCS Routes/Network* for 3rd Round of Bidding under RCS Address: **Executive Director (RCS), Airports Authority of India, Room No. 222, A-Block Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi-110003**, Due date of Initial*/Counter* Proposal upto **1700 hrs** on Date- 09/01/2020* or upto **1700 hrs** on -Date- 20/01/2020* **Name of airline operator:**

Any postal delay will not be entertained.

Note: * strike out which is not applicable.