Tender Notification No.: NITT/ICSR/MME/TSR/DST-NM/2009-2010/36  Dated: 7.1.2010

Name of the component: TEM Sample Preparation Units
Quantity required: 1 unit each
EMD Amount:
  A) Hard Material Kit - Rs.1,00,000/-
  B) Soft Material Kit - Rs.10,000/-
Delivery: 4 - 6 Months from the date of order
Last Date of submission of Tender: 19.02.2010 up to 3.00 p.m.
Address for submission of Tender:
The Director
National Institute of Technology
Tiruchirappalli – 620 015, Tamil Nadu, India

with Kind Attention to: Prof. T. Srinivasa Rao, Principal Investigator,
MME Department

Date of opening of bid: 19.02.2010 at 3.30 p.m
Tender Notification No.: NITT/ICSR/MME/TSR/DST-NM/2009-2010/36

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NITT) is an autonomous body under MHRD, GOI, imparting Technical Education and engaged in Research Activities. It is proposed to procure the following components for the departmental academic/research activities.

Sealed Quotations under two cover system are invited for the following component subject to the following terms and conditions, from the reputed manufacturers or their authorized dealers so as to reach this office on or before scheduled date and time. The technical cover will be opened on the same day in the presence of bidders or their authorized agents who may choose to be present.

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with Kind Attention to: Prof. T. Srinivasa Rao, Principal Investigator, MME Department

Place, Date and time of opening of bid:

Date: 19.02.2010  Time: 3.30 p.m  Venue: Dean (IC&SR) office/Admin Block

Note: The Institute shall not be responsible for any postal delay about non-receipt / non delivery of the bids or due to wrong addressee.
SECTION : 1 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDER

1. The bidder should give details of their technical soundness and provide list of customers of previous supply of similar items to Universities, Institutes or Government Departments/Undertakings/public sectors with contact details. The details of the agency/profile should be furnished along with the copy of all related documents.

1.1 Bids are to be submitted under two cover system.

Cover 1:
Cover 1 should contain the following:

a. EMD by Demand Draft drawn on any scheduled bank in favour of “The Director, NIT, Trichy” payable at Trichy should be submitted. EMD shall bear no interest. Any bid not accompanying with EMD is liable to be treated as non-responsive and rejected.

b. Technical pamphlets

c. Detailed technical specification

d. The agency should furnish copy of license certificate for manufacture/supply of the item.

e. The agency should furnish Income Tax PAN number

f. Warranty period offered for the tendered item to be specified. If the warranty period is not conforming with the schedule of requirements given in section 3 of the document, the bid is liable to be treated as non-responsive and rejected.

g. Duly filled up technical questionnaire, if any

h. Duly filled up deviation schedules to technical specification

i. Copy of supply orders completed during the last three years ending 31-12-2008 and also the list of customers.

j. If the prices are revealed in the cover 1, the offer will be summarily rejected

k. Commitment for quick service in case of any break down.

l. List of spares and consumables to be supplied (preferably to cover 5 year requirement)
m. Details about service centers and number of service engineers available in each center in India.

1.2 The cover 1 shall be superscribed as ‘Technical cover’ duly indicating the Tender reference No. and the due date of opening.

1.3 Cover 2:

Cover 2 should contain the following

Cover 2 shall contain Price only and shall be superscribed as ‘Price Cover’ duly indicating the Tender Reference No. and the due date of opening.

Each Cover shall be sent in a double sealed cover. The inner covers (Cover 1 and Cover 2) should be sealed individually with the sellers’s distinctive seal and superscribed with the tender reference no. and due date of opening. Both the inner covers shall be placed in a common outer cover which shall also be sealed with seller’s distinctive seal and superscribed with the tender reference no. and due date of opening.

Mention “Kind Attention: Prof. T. Srinivasa Rao, Principal Investigator, MME Dept. and submit at the address given in the Notice Inviting Tender.”
Cover 1 will be opened on the scheduled date and time mentioned in the tender enquiry. Cover 2 of the technically and commercially suitable offers alone will be opened on a date which will be intimated to the qualified bidders.

2. The agencies should submit their rate as per the format given in Section 4 of the Notice Inviting Tender in this cover. Rate should be quoted in Indian Rupee. The rate should be quoted both in words and figures. All the pages of the bid should be signed affixing the seal. All corrections and overwriting should be initialed.

3. The tender will be acceptable only from the manufacturers or its authorized supplier.

4. The bid shall be in the format of price schedule given in Section 4. The contract form as per format given in section 5 shall be submitted. Incomplete or conditional tender will be rejected.

5. Details of quantity and the specifications are mentioned in Section 3 appended to this Notice Inviting Tender.

6. The item to be used is strictly according to the specification and subject to test by the Institute/concerned authorities. It must be delivered and installed in good working condition.

7. The Institute reserves the right to cancel or reduce the quantity included in the schedule of requirements at any time after acceptance of the tender with a notice. The Contractor/Supplier shall have no claim to any payment of compensation or otherwise whatsoever, on account of any profit or advantage which he might have derived from the execution of the work/supply in full but he did not derive in consequence of the foreclosure of the whole or part of the works.

8. Performance Security of 5% of the contract value in terms of Bank guarantee by scheduled banks shall be given by the successful bidder for the total period of warranty.

9. **Release of EMD:** The EMD shall be released after receipt of performance security from successful bidder.

10. **Validity of bids:** The rate quote should be valid for a minimum of 90 days. No claim for escalation of rate will be considered after opening the Tender.

11. **Imports:** In case, goods are to be imported, the Indian agent should furnish authorization certificate by the principles abroad for submission of the bid in response to this Notice Inviting Tender.

12. **Clarification of Tender Document:** A prospective bidder requiring any clarification of the Tender document may communicate to the contact person given in this notice inviting tender.

13. **Amendment of tender document:** At any time prior to the last date of receipt of bids, Institute may for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by prospective bidder, modify the Tender document by an amendment.

14. **The Institute may at its own discretion extend the last date for the receipt of bids.**

15. The bids shall be written in English language and any information printed in other language shall be accompanied by an English translation, in which case for the purpose of interpretation of the bid, the English translation shall govern.
16. The Institute reserves the right of accepting any bid other than the lowest or even rejecting all the bids without assigning any reasons therefore. The decision of the Institute Purchase Committee is final in all matters of tender and purchase.

17. The bidder should give the following declaration while submitting the Tender.

**DECLARATION**

I/we have not tampered/modified the tender forms in any manner. In case, if the same is found to be tampered/modified, I/we understand that my/our tender will be summarily rejected and full Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be forfeited and I/we am/are liable to be banned from doing business with NIT, Trichy and/or prosecuted.

**Signature of the Bidder** : ............................................................

**Name and Designation** : ............................................................

**Business Address** : ................................................................

Place : ................................................................

Date : ........................................... Seal of the Bidder’s Firm

18. Any other details required may be obtained from the contact person given in the notice inviting tender during the office hours.
1. The rates should be quoted in Indian Rupee FOR NIT, Trichy for supply within India.

2. In case of import both CIF and / or FOB rate should be quoted. All components of expenditure to arrive at Chennai need to be explicitly specified.

3. The bidder shall indicate the excise duty exemption for the goods if applicable

4. The Institute is eligible for customs duty and excise duty exemption.

5. The rate quoted should be on unit basis. Taxes and other charges should be quoted separately, considering exemptions if any.

6. Rate quoted should be inclusive of Testing, commissioning and installation of equipment and training.

7. **Payment**: No advance payment will be made. Payment will be made only after the supply of the item in good and satisfactory condition and receipt of performance security by supplier. In case of imports, the payment will be made through LC after installation and performance security need to be submitted at the time of LC commitment.

8. Guarantee and Warrantee period should be specified for the complete period conforming to the section 3 of this tender document.

9. Period required for the supply and installation of item should be specified conforming to the section 3 of this tender document.

10. In case of dispute, the matter will be subject to Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu Jurisdiction only.
SECTION : 3  SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ALLIED DETAILS

Name of the Component to be procured : TEM Sample Preparation Units

Specifications : List attached

Quantity : 1 unit each

Warranty period required : 3 years

Delivery schedule expected after release of purchase order (in weeks) : 4 - 6 Months

EMD (in Rupees) : A) Hard Material Kit - Rs.1,00,000/-
                  B) Soft Material Kit - Rs.10,000/-

Performance Security to be given by Successful bidder after release of purchase order (in Rupees) : 5% of the total cost of the units
### SECTION : 4 PRICE SCHEDULE

[ To be used by the bidder for submission of the bid ]

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**Name and Designation** : .................................................................

**Business Address** : ........................................................................

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Place :

Date : Seal of the Bidder’s Firm
SECTION : 5 CONTRACT FORM

[ To be provided by the bidder in the business letter head ]

1. (Name of the Supplier's Firm) hereby abide to deliver the ………………………………by the delivery schedule mentioned in the Section 3 tender document for supply of the items if the purchase order is awarded.

2. The item will be supplied conforming to the specifications stated in the tender document without any defect and deviations.

3. Warranty will be given for the period mentioned in the tender document and service will be rendered to the satisfaction of NIT, Trichy during this period.

Signature of the Bidder : …………………………………………………………………

Name and Designation : …………………………………………………………………

Business Address : …………………………………………………………………
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Place :

Date : Seal of the Bidder's Firm
SPECIFICATIONS FOR TEM SAMPLE PREPARATION UNITS

A. Kit for Hard Materials (One unit each):

1. Ion Beam Milling System
   - The system should be equipped with two independently controllable cold cathode ion sources.
   - The energy range of ions produced by the ion source in the milling system should be variable between 100 eV to 6 keV
   - Beam modulation (Single or double sector: selectable)
   - The maximum ion current density at the source should be ≥ 10 mA/cm².
   - The beam diameter should approximately be between 0.4 to 1 mm at 5.0 keV.
   - Angle of ion incidence should be variable by at least +/-10°
   - Sample size: 3 mm
   - Rotation speed of sample stage should be variable between 1 to 6 rpm.
   - Capability of real-time video monitoring of specimen preparation: both the binocular and CCD imaging system to view the sample (magnification: with binocular system: ≥ 40 X and in case of CCD: 400X–2000X or better range; monitor: ≥17 inch LCD monitor).
   - Pumping should be based on appropriate turbo pump with an oil free backing pump to give a vacuum of ≤ 6×10^-6 torr as base pressure and ≤ 9×10^-5 torr operating pressure; Vacuum Gauge should be present in the chamber area to read the vacuum in the specimen preparation area. Fast cooling and warm up times, typically ≤ 15 minutes.
   - Load lock for fast sample exchange: < 45 seconds
   - Cold stage, for heat sensitive samples, operating down to a temperature ≤ -110°C with electronic temperature control and regulation. Dewar capacity to ensure three to four hour operation.
   - Automatic termination of milling process on perforation.
   - Standard specimen holders (for 3 years); Optional - graphite holder
   - All required consumables (for 3 years)
   - Operating voltage 230 V/50 Hz

2. Microtome with Diamond knives (Optional)
   - Micro Specimen Thickness Range 0 to 0.5 microns
   - Ultra Specimen Thickness Range 0 to 0.14 microns
   - Motorized Cutting Stroke with Adjustable Speed 0.1 to 90 mm/sec.
   - Sectioning Window Adjustable 0.5 to 22mm
   - Manual Sectioning should be possible with Built In Hand wheel
   - AO Stereo Star Microscope with Zoom Factor 0.7 to 4.2X and 10X Eyepieces

3. Ultrasonic Disc Cutter
   - 3 mm dia cutting tool for brittle materials
   - Stereomicroscope (40X or above),
   - Variable frequency
   - Depth of cut display indicator
   - Spring loaded sample stage with x-y motion
   - Required consumables
4. **Dimple Grinder With Stereomicroscope**
   - For 3 mm dia and up to 100 mm thick specimens
   - Dimpling depth down to 10 microns or less
   - Automatic termination of the process
   - Digital/ Analog Micrometer to indicate depth
   - Three Grinding wheels and one felt polishing wheel
   - Other grinding and polishing wheels as options
   - Variable grinding speed
   - Required consumables

5. **Disc Punch**
   - For 3 mm dia circular samples

6. **Disc Grinder**
   - Manual (or automatic) operation for 3 mm dia specimens
   - Specimen lapping kit with at least 3 glass lapping plates and 50 lapping discs
   - Disc mount with goniometer with at least 10 micron graduation on the scale
   - Required consumables

7. **Plasma Cleaner (Optional)**
   - Low power variable RF power supply with auto matching network
   - Suitable for Argon, H₂ and O₂ chemistries
   - Equipped with mass flow controllers for these gases
   - Vacuum system based on turbo drag pump-oil free mechanical pump combination capable of giving $10^{-6}$ torr base pressure
   - Sample loading chamber with front port as well as top port and a viewing port capable of handling large numbers of TEM grids
   - Automated process control

**B. Kit for Soft Materials (One unit each):**

1. **Twin Jet Polisher**
   - Control unit with touch pad system (Domestic input with single phase, output 0-100V/0-2A)
   - Polishing/Thinning unit
   - Specimen holder for 3 mm specimens
   - Jet holder with 1 mm dia bore
   - Connection print for data transfer between Control unit and a PC

2. **Low Speed Diamond Saw**
   - a~65 mm dia and 42 mm dia flanges
   - Cut-off wheels suitable for metals and ceramics (~125 mm dia X 0.4 mm X 12.7 mm)
   - Cooling fluid and other accessories
   - All required consumables