Sub: Process Reforms – Clarification on provisions of Model SOP

Ref: 1. Railway Board’s letter no. 2016/EnHM/06/09 dated 12-06-17.
2. Railway Board’s letter no. 2017/Trans/01/Policy, New Delhi, dated 26.10.2017
3. Railway Board’s letter no. 2017/Trans/01-1/Policy, New Delhi, dated 28.11.2017

A reference was received by EnHM Directorate from one of the railways about maximum period of tendering for a Service Contract. Need for clarification arose due to perceived differing provisions in Model SOP and the Standard Bid Document (SBD).

The SBD stipulates that for all housekeeping contracts, tenders shall be invited for a period of 4 years (Ref 1.) whereas Serial No. 7 of notes of Item No. 37 of SOP Part-A (Works Matter) stipulates that maximum period of outsourcing contracts shall be for a period of 2 years (Ref 2.) It further states that in case of contracts for OBHS, Mechanized Cleaning and CTS etc. 02 packet system shall be followed as per stipulations issued by Board.

Railways may connect the letter under Ref.3 regarding constitution of the Tender Committee for Service Contracts where tenders valued between Rs.4 Crore to Rs.100 Crore can be finalized by a committee of JAG Officers. Rs 100 Crore limit is based on the premise that the period of contract shall be for 4 years as given in SBD.

As the Service Contracts shall henceforth be governed by the Standard Bid Document issued vide letter under reference (Ref.1), tenders for all the housekeeping contracts shall be invited for a period of 4 years as provided for in the SBD and not 02 years as given in Model SOP. In case of any conflict within the provisions of SBD & Model SOP, the provisions contained in SBD shall prevail in case of Service Contract only.

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