



**Request for Selection (RfS) Document
for
Selection of Solar Power Developers for Setting up of
2000 MW ISTS-Connected Solar PV Power Projects
with 1000 MW/4000 MWh Energy Storage Systems
(ESS) in India under Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding
(SECI-ISTS-XX)**

RfS No. SECI/C&P/IPP/11/0004/25-26 dated 12.06.2025

Tender Search Code on ISN-ETS: SECI-2025-TN000011

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Place: New Delhi

Date: 12.06.2025

BID INFORMATION SHEET

The brief details of the RfS are as under:

(A)	NAME OF WORK/ BRIEF SCOPE OF WORK/ JOB	Selection of Solar Power Developers for Setting up of 2000 MW ISTS-connected Solar PV Power Projects with 1000 MW/4000 MWh Energy Storage Systems (ESS) in India under Tariff-based Competitive Bidding (SECI-ISTS-XX)					
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(I)	PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE	APPLICABLE	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
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(J)	DATE, TIME & VENUE OF PRE-BID MEETING	Scheduled as per NIT on ISN-ETS portal and/or SECI website.	
(K)	OFFLINE & ONLINE BID-SUBMISSION DEADLINE	As per NIT on ISN-ETS portal	
(L)	TECHNO-COMMERCIAL BID OPENING	As per NIT on ISN-ETS portal	
(M)	e-REVERSE AUCTION (e-RA)	Will be informed to eligible bidders. Date and time of e-RA shall be intimated through email.	
(N)	CONTACT DETAILS OF ISN-ETS PORTAL	M/s Electronic Tender.com (India) Pvt. Ltd. Gurugram Contact Person: ISN-ETS Support Team Customer Support: +91-124-4229071,4229072 (From 10:00 Hrs to 18:00 Hrs on all working Days i.e. Monday to Friday except Govt. Holidays) Email: support@isn-ets.com	
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	ASSISTANCE REQUIRED	2) Sh. Jayansh Gaur Dy. Manager (C&P) Contact No.: 011-24666281 jayansh.gaur@seci.co.in 3) Sh. Swapnil Gandhi Sr. Engineer (C&P) Contact No.: 011-24666359 swapnil.gandhi@seci.co.in
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- Bids must be submitted strictly in accordance with Section-2 and 3 of the RfS, depending upon Type of Tender as mentioned at Clause no. (D) of Bid Information Sheet.
- Bidders are required to quote strictly as per terms and conditions of the RfS documents and not to stipulate any deviations/ exceptions.
- Any bidder, who meets the Qualifying Requirement and wishes to quote against this RfS, may download the complete RfS document along with its amendment(s) and clarifications if any, from ISN-ETS Portal (<https://www.bharat-electronictender.com>) and/or SECI website (www.seci.co.in) and submit their Bid complete in all respect as per terms & conditions of RfS document on or before the due date of bid submission.
- Clarification(s)/ Corrigendum(s), if any, shall also be available on the above referred websites.

Bidders are requested to remain updated for any notices/ amendments/ clarifications etc. to the RfS document through the websites <https://www.bharat-electronictender.com> and www.seci.co.in. No separate notifications will be issued for such notices/ amendments/ clarifications etc. in the print media or individually. Intimation regarding notification on the above shall be updated on www.seci.co.in and the details will be available only from <https://www.bharat-electronictender.com>.

SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION & INVITATION FOR BIDS

1 Background & Introduction

- 1.1 Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (hereinafter called “SECI”) is a Government of India Enterprise under the administrative control of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE). One of the main objectives of the Company is to assist the Ministry and function as the implementing and facilitating arm of the National Solar Mission (NSM) for development, promotion and commercialization of solar energy technologies in the country.
- 1.2 Ministry of Power (MoP) has issued “Guidelines for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Process for Procurement of Firm and Dispatchable Power from Grid Connected Renewable Energy Power Projects with Energy Storage Systems” vide Gazette Resolution dated 09.06.2023. This RfS document has been prepared in line with the above Guidelines, including subsequent amendments and clarifications, issued until the last date of bid submission of this RfS.
- 1.3 As part of the above Guidelines, SECI hereby invites proposals for setting up of ISTS-connected Solar PV Power projects with Energy Storage Systems (ESS) in India, on Build Own Operate (BOO) basis for an aggregate capacity of 2000 MW. SECI shall enter into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the successful Bidders selected based on this RfS for purchase of Solar Power for a period of 25 years based on the terms, conditions and provisions of the RfS and PPA. The standard PPA document is available for download from the ISN-ETS portal <https://www.bharat-electronictender.com>.
- 1.4 Power procured by SECI from the above Projects has been provisioned to be sold to the different Buying Entities of India. The details of Buying Entities shall be intimated at a later date. SECI shall, at its discretion, be entitled to substitute any entity in other States only for selling the power procured from the selected Bidders. SECI shall be an intermediary nodal agency for procurement of power supplied by the SPDs and sale of such power to the Buying Entity(ies) entirely on back-to-back basis, based on due performance by the SPDs as well as the Buying Entity(ies).
- 1.5 The Bidders will be free to avail fiscal incentives like Accelerated Depreciation, Concessional Customs and Excise Duties, Tax Holidays etc. as available for such Projects. The same will not have any bearing on comparison of bids for selection. As equal opportunity is being provided to all Bidders at the time of tendering itself, it is up to the Bidders to avail various tax and other benefits. No claim shall arise on SECI for any liability if Bidders are not able to avail fiscal incentives and this will not have any bearing on the applicable tariff. SECI does not however, give a representation on the availability of fiscal incentive and submission of bid by the Bidder shall be independent of such availability or non-availability as the case may be of the fiscal incentives.
- 1.6 Bidders who have already commissioned Solar PV Projects or are in process of constructing such Projects and have untied capacity may also participate under this RfS. In such case, they will be given the benefit of a longer period of PPA, commensurate to the duration between the actual date of commencement of supply of power and Scheduled

Commencement of Supply Date (SCSD), pursuant to Clause 11 of the RfS. It is clarified that the Bidders who have terminated their PPAs with Renewable Energy Implementing Agencies as identified by the MNRE and/or with any State-owned Distribution Company (DISCOM) during the intervening period between the date of issuance of this RfS and the bid submission deadline, are not allowed to participate in this RfS for the respective Project(s).

- 1.7 No separate Central Financial Assistance is envisaged for implementation of the Projects selected under this RfS.

2 Invitation for Bids

- 2.1 A Single Stage, Two-Envelope Bidding Procedure will be adopted and will proceed as detailed in the RfS Documents. Bidding will be conducted through the competitive bidding procedures as per the provisions of this RfS. The respective rights of SECI and the Bidder/SPD shall be governed by the RfS Documents/Agreement signed between SECI and the SPD for the Project.
- 2.2 Interested bidders have to necessarily register themselves on the portal <https://www.bharat-electronictender.com> (“ETS portal”) through M/s Electronic Tender.com (India) Pvt. Limited to participate in the bidding under this invitation for bids. It shall be the sole responsibility of the interested bidders to get themselves registered at the aforesaid portal for which they are required to contact M/s Electronic Tender.com (India) Pvt. Limited, New Delhi to complete the registration formalities. Contact details of ISN-ETS is mentioned on the Bid Information Sheet. All required documents and formalities for registering on ISN-ETS are mentioned in the subsequent RfS documents.

They may obtain further information regarding this IFB from the registered office of SECI at the address given on the Bid Information Sheet from 10:00 hours to 17:00 hours on all working days.

For proper uploading of the bids on the ETS portal, it shall be the sole responsibility of the bidders to apprise themselves adequately regarding all the relevant procedures and provisions as detailed in the portal as well as by contacting M/s Electronic Tender.com (India) Pvt. Limited (ETI) directly, as and when required, for which contact details are also mentioned on the Bid Information Sheet. SECI in no case shall be responsible for any issues related to timely or properly uploading/ submission of the bid in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bidding Documents.

- 2.3 Bidders should submit their bid proposal complete in all aspect on or before last date and time of Bid Submission as mentioned on ISN-ETS Portal (<https://www.bharat-electronictender.com>), SECI website <http://www.seci.co.in> and as indicated in the Bid Information Sheet.
- 2.4 Bidder shall submit bid proposal along with non-refundable Cost of RfS document, Bid Processing Fees and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) complete in all respect as per the Bid Information Sheet. Bid proposals received without the prescribed Cost of RfS document, Bid Processing Fees and EMD will be rejected. **In the event of any date**

indicated being declared a holiday, the next working day shall become operative for the respective purpose mentioned herein.

- 2.5 RfS documents can be downloaded from the ISN-ETS Portal or from SECI's website. It is mandatory to download official copy of the RfS Document from Electronic Tender System (ISN-ETS) Portal to participate in the RfS. Any amendment(s)/corrigendum(s)/clarification(s) with respect to this RfS shall be uploaded on ISN-ETS website. The Bidder should regularly check for any Amendment(s)/Corrigendum(s)/Clarification(s) on the above mentioned ISN-ETS website. The same may also be uploaded on SECI website also. However, in case of any discrepancy, the information available on ISN-ETS website shall prevail.
- 2.6 SECI reserves the right to cancel/ withdraw/ defer this invitation for bids without assigning any reason and shall bear no liability whatsoever consequent upon such a decision.
- 2.7 SECI has issued this RfS in the capacity of "Intermediary Procurer" as defined in the aforementioned Guidelines. SECI may develop a suitable monitoring mechanism, to analyze the performance of the project and carry out random checks to verify compliance of quality standards.

2.8 INTERPRETATIONS

- Words comprising the singular shall include the plural & vice versa.
- An applicable law shall be construed as reference to such applicable law including its amendments or re-enactments from time to time.
- A time of day shall save as otherwise provided in any agreement or document be construed as a reference to Indian Standard Time.
- Different parts of this contract are to be taken as mutually explanatory and supplementary to each other and if there is any differentiation between or among the parts of this contract, they shall be interpreted in a harmonious manner so as to give effect to each part.
- The table of contents and any headings or sub headings in the contract has been inserted for case of reference only & shall not affect the interpretation of this agreement.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

3 *Scope of Work*

- 3.1 Under this RfS, the Solar Power Developer (SPD) shall be required to set up ISTS-connected Solar PV Power Projects with Energy Storage System (ESS), including the transmission network up to the Interconnection/ Delivery Point with the primary objective of supplying Solar Power to SECI, at its own cost and as per the provisions of the RfS and PPA.
- 3.2 Identification of land, installation and ownership of the Project, along with obtaining connectivity and necessary approvals and interconnection with the ISTS network/STU or InSTS network (as applicable) for supply of power to SECI, will be under the scope of the SPD. For the purpose of STU interconnection, SPD may install the Project in the same State where the Buying Entity is located.
- 3.3 The Projects to be selected under this scheme provide for deployment of Solar Photovoltaic Technology, along with Energy Storage System. However, the selection of Projects would be technology agnostic.
- 3.4 ESS of at least 0.5 MW/2 MWh capacity for 1 MW Project Capacity shall mandatorily be installed as part of the Project. It is clarified that ESS charged using a source other than solar power would not qualify as solar power. For avoidance of any doubt, it is hereby clarified that ESS may be owned by the SPD or may be tied-up separately with a third party by the SPD, for supply of power. The ESS technology can be changed by the SPD at any time during the Term of the PPA. Any change in the ESS component during the term of the PPA shall be at the risk and cost of SPD and under intimation to SECI.

4 *Total capacity offered*

- 4.1 Selection of Solar PV Projects for a total capacity of 2000 MW will be carried out through e-bidding followed by e-Reverse Auction process.

5 *Maximum Eligibility for Contracted Capacity Allocation for a Bidder*

Following conditions shall be applicable to the Bidders for submission of bids against this RfS:

- 5.1 A Bidder, including its Parent, Affiliate or Ultimate Parent or any Group Company shall submit a single bid offering a minimum quantum of cumulative Contracted Capacity of **50 MW** and a maximum quantum of **1000 MW**, in the prescribed formats. The Projects shall be quoted in multiples of 10 MW only.

Note: In case a common Company/Companies directly or indirectly hold(s) more than 10% but less than 26% shareholding in more than one Bidder participating in the RfS, each of such Bidders will be required to submit the Disclosure as per Format 7.8A. In all other cases, Format 7.8 will be applicable.

- 5.2 The cumulative Contracted Capacity to be allocated to a Bidder including its Parent, Affiliate or Ultimate Parent or any Group Company shall be up to **1000 MW**.

- 5.3 The evaluation of bids shall be carried out as described in Section-5 of the RfS. The methodology for Allocation of Projects is elaborated in Section-5 of the RfS.
- 5.4 Subject to the exception as per Clause 5.1 above, multiple bids from same company including its Parent/ Ultimate Parent/Affiliates/Group Companies shall make all the bids submitted by the group invalid.

6 Project Location

- 6.1 The Projects shall be located at the locations chosen by the Bidder/SPD at its own discretion of and cost, risk and responsibility. A single Project can be set up at multiple locations with different Delivery Points. The ESS component needs to be co-located with the Project, however, in case of a Project located at multiple locations, the ESS needs to be co-located with at least one of the components. In any case, additional connectivity for solar PV component or ESS component, above the Contracted Capacity, will not be provided. However, Project location(s) should be chosen taking cognizance of the provision as per Clause 7 of the RfS. It is hereby clarified that the sum of rated capacities of individual project components (Solar and ESS) may be greater than the Contracted Capacity but the guaranteed off-take by SECI under this RfS will be limited to Contracted Capacity.
- 6.2 The term “Project” shall have the meaning as defined in Section-6 of the RfS, and shall refer to the Project capacity as quoted by the Bidder (at the time of bidding)/awarded to the Bidder (after issue of LoA). The SPD shall install ESS capacity of at least 0.5 MW/2 MWh for each 1 MW Project Capacity being contracted under the PPA. The ESS component may either be owned by the SPD or tied-up separately with a third-party, and the same will be constitute as part of the Project under this RfS.
- 6.3 The SPDs are free to change the Project location and/or Delivery Point up to the deadline for Financial Closure as per Clause 21 of the RfS.
- In this regard, any change in Delivery Point from the one mentioned in the Covering Letter at the time of bid submission shall be allowed till the deadline to apply for connectivity, subject to the condition that the Scheduled Commissioning Date of the proposed new Delivery Point is on or before 30th June, 2028.
 - Subsequent to deadline to apply for connectivity, any change in Delivery Point shall be allowed by SECI only in case the scheduled commissioning date of the ISTS-substation of the proposed revised Delivery Point is on or before the scheduled commissioning date of the existing Delivery Point of the Project, at the time of seeking approval from SECI by the SPD.

In this case, the SPD will be required to apply for connectivity at the proposed substation within 7 working days of intimation of approval for the same by SECI.

In case the SPD fails to obtain connectivity on account of reasons attributable to it, including but not limited to failure to apply for connectivity within the above deadline, the SPD will not be eligible for corresponding extension in the timelines for meeting the Project milestones.

7 *Connectivity with the Grid*

- 7.1 The Project should be designed for interconnection with the ISTS/InSTS in accordance with the prevailing CERC/SERC regulations in this regard. In case the Buying Entity is located in the same State where the Project is located, the SPD may choose to interconnect the Project at the STU/InSTS substation at a minimum voltage level as per the applicable State regulations. The relevant provisions of the RfS, PPA and PSA documents referring to ISTS Substations as the Delivery Point shall also mean STU/InSTS substations, wherever applicable. Similarly, reference to CEA regulations with respect to connectivity and synchronization with the grid will also mean reference to the applicable SERC/State Government regulations for InSTS-connected Projects. For interconnection with the grid and metering, the SPD shall abide by the applicable Grid Code, Grid Connectivity Standards, Regulations on Communication System for transmission of electricity and other regulations/procedures (as amended from time to time) issued by Appropriate Commissions and Central Electricity Authority (CEA). Minimum voltage level for interconnection at the ISTS shall be 220 kV.
- 7.2 The responsibility of getting the ISTS connectivity shall entirely be of the SPD and shall be at the cost of the SPD, in line with applicable regulations. In case of the Project being set up in a Solar Park/RE Park, applicable connectivity regulations shall govern the scope of the SPD. With such availability of transmission system being dynamic in nature, the Bidder has to ensure actual availability of power injection/evacuation capacity at an ISTS substation. The transmission of power up to the point of interconnection where metering is done for energy accounting, shall be the responsibility of the SPD at its own cost. In case an SPD is required to use InSTS to bring Solar Power at ISTS point, it may do so as per rule and regulations prescribed by the respective SERC in this regard. The maintenance of transmission system up to the Interconnection Point shall be responsibility of the SPD, to be undertaken entirely at its cost and expense.
- 7.3 The arrangement of connectivity can be made by the SPD through a transmission line up to the Interconnection Point. The entire cost of transmission including cost of construction of line, wheeling charges, SLDC/Scheduling charges, SOC, MOC, maintenance, losses etc. and any other charges from the Project up to and including at the Interconnection Point will be borne by the SPD.
- 7.4 The SPD shall be required to follow the Detailed Procedure as issued by CERC/CTU under the General Network Access under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the Inter-State Transmission System) Regulations, 2022. Solar PV Power Project shall comply with all the technical requirements specified under Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid) Regulations, 2007, including subsequent amendment and clarifications issued thereto, as well as other Rules/Regulations issued by CERC/CEA and as amended from time to time. It is further clarified that the Entities (SPD and Buying Entity) as indicated in the procedure issued under the above Rules/Regulations, will be responsible for their respective obligation as notified in the procedure, irrespective of the provisions of the RfS, PPA and PSA. The Projects shall also comply with the Central

Electricity Authority (Measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, including subsequent amendments and clarifications issued thereto.

7.5 The Bidders are free to choose the ISTS substations for Interconnection of the Project to the Grid on a pan-India basis. While doing so, the Bidders shall apply due diligence while choosing the proposed substation, and may choose their substations from any one of the following options:

- i. Existing substations having available margin as indicated by the respective substation owner.
- ii. Existing substations/ substations under construction where augmentation is under process or plans for augmentation have been announced.
- iii. Substations approved under the updated plan made available by the CTU on its website, <https://www.ctuil.in/renewable-energy>, subject to availability of requisite margin for grant of connectivity.
- iv. Substations identified for RE capacity under para 3, 4, 5, and 9 of 'Transmission System for Integration of over 500 GW RE Capacity by 2030' published by CEA on its website, https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/psp_a_i/2022/12/CEA_Tx_Plan_for_500GW_Non_fossil_capacity_by_2030.pdf, including subsequent revision therein from time-to-time.

Bids indicating substations outside the above four choices will be liable for rejection. The substation being chosen in line with S. No. i, ii, iii, and iv above, should have a scheduled commissioning date on or before 30th June, 2028. The Bidder is required to provide the proof in this regard at the time of bid submission, as part of Format-7.1 of the RfS.

7.6 Metering arrangement of each Project shall have to be adhered to in line with relevant clause of the PPA. Two or more Projects can be connected to a common pooling substation from which the pooled power can be transferred to the ISTS substation through a common transmission line subject to the following conditions:

- i. Acceptance of such an arrangement by CTU/ RLDC.
- ii. Energy injected by each Project will be recorded and jointly signed by respective SPDs and copies of the same will be submitted to SECI/CTU as required.
- iii. The energy accounts are divided and clearly demarcated for the power supplied by the Project and are issued by the STU/SLDC/RLDC/RPC concerned.
- iv. In case of Pooling substation, losses in the transmission line between the Pooling substation and the ISTS substation, shall be apportioned among the SPDs who share such a Pooling arrangement, based on their monthly generation.

7.7 The SPD shall comply with CERC/SERC regulations on Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement, as applicable and are responsible for all liabilities related to Connectivity. The scheduling of power from the Project as per the applicable regulation shall be the responsibility of the SPD and any financial implication on account thereof shall be borne by the SPD. In order to remove potential discrepancies and ambiguities, the SPDs are hereby instructed that, as part of scheduling of power from the Project, they

will be required to punch-in their respective schedules and subsequent revisions, by themselves, at the interfaces of all the RLDCs concerned for the corridor of power flow, including the RLDC of the Buying Entity/DISCOM, as per the Regulations in force, under intimation to SECI. SECI may facilitate in identification of any discrepancy and assist the SPD for its early rectification without any liability on SECI. The SPD shall be solely responsible for discrepancy identification and its rectification to avoid any rejection/less payment of invoices.

- 7.8 Reactive power charges and charges against power drawn from grid as per CERC/SERC regulations, shall be payable by SPD as per provisions of PPA. Metering arrangement for the Project shall have to be adhered to in line with relevant provisions of the PPA.
- 7.9 All charges and losses related to discharging the ESS component up to Delivery Point shall be borne by the SPD and the Buying Entity shall bear the applicable charges and losses during discharge of the ESS component beyond Delivery Point.
- 7.10 Pursuant to Clause 7.4 above, the Buying Entity will be responsible for obtaining General Network Access (GNA), and shall bear all transmission charges and losses and any other charges as applicable under the respective regulations beyond Delivery Point and up to the drawl point.
- 7.11 The SPDs will be required to apply for connectivity at the identified substation, as mentioned in the Covering Letter (Format 7.1), within 30 days from the Effective Date of PPA, and shall furnish copies of the application, complete in all respect, to SECI within 15 days of date of filing of application. SPD shall also have to provide the copy of in-principle grant of connectivity, final grant of connectivity, connectivity agreement within 15 days of issuance of letter by CTU / signing of connectivity agreement, as the case may be, to SECI.
- 7.12 The SPD has to follow the timelines mentioned in the GNA regulation with respect to connectivity. In case the connectivity gets revoked due to non-compliance of SPD, in such case the capacity may not be off-taken and SPD will keep SECI/Buying Entity indemnified from any losses; further, the SPD shall be liable for any penalty for non-performance as specified in the RfS/PPA.

After fulfilling the compliances, in case the SPD fails to obtain the full/ part connectivity at a Substation identified by the Bidder, the same shall be immediately notified by the SPD to SECI. In such case the SPD will be allowed for another 30 days to apply for connectivity from the date of rejection by the CTU.

8 *Energy Supply by the Solar Power Developer*

8.1 Criteria for Energy Supply

For supply of power in hours other than Peak Hours, the Bidders will declare the annual CUF of the Projects at the time of submission of response to RfS, and the SPDs will be allowed to revise the same once within first year after the commencement of power supply from the full Project Capacity. The revised CUF shall be greater than the CUF initially quoted by the Bidder. Thereafter, the CUF for the Project shall remain