

**Notification Pertaining to Request for Proposal (RFP)  
For  
Dark Fiber Connectivity Between  
RBI Kharghar and RBI Belapur**

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Background

IFTAS, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India (RBI). IFTAS, was formed in 2015 as a Section-8, not-for-profit organization, was entrusted with the responsibility of pioneering the use of technology in banking and offering cutting-edge services to financial sector in India. Major technology initiatives from IFTAS include setting up of the Next generation INFINET (INFINET 2.0) network, managing the nationwide communication backbone for the Central Payment System, managing SFMS Central Payment System (Structured Financial Messaging System) and a host of Cloud solutions from IBCC (Indian Banking Community Cloud).

### 1.2 Objective

This Request for Proposal (RFP) solicits proposals from qualified vendors (third-party principles or resellers are not eligible) to provide Dark Fiber services (Leased or IRU) or Lit Fiber services to meet the growing bandwidth requirements from RBI Kharghar, Navi Mumbai (PDC) and RBI Belpur, Navi Mumbai (ODC) as a fallback/alternative to the existing RBI owned fiber.

A brief synopsis of the requirement is given below:

- A Dark Fiber connectivity or equivalent capacity between the said two locations to be delivered on the alternate physical path in relation to the existing RBI owned Fiber.
- Management, Maintenance and Monitoring of the proposed connectivity between RBI Kharghar and Belapur DC's.
- Enabling few cores on the existing fiber as well as the new fiber onto IP connectivity.

## 2 Cost of RFP

The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid and IFTAS will, in no case, be held responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

The Bidders meeting Eligibility criteria mentioned in the section 7, can procure RFP document from IFTAS, along with non-refundable amount of Rs. 20,000 (inclusive of GST) payable in the form of NEFT favoring "INDIAN FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY AND ALLIED SERVICES"

Details of the bank account of IFTAS for remittance of bid cost are given below:

Account Name: Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services

Name of Bank: AXIS BANK LTD

Account no: 918020008175957

Address (Branch and City): Shop no-3 & 4, Paradise E wing, Raheja Vihar, Chandivali, Powai, Mumbai-400072

IFSC Code: UTIB0003105

RFP document containing detailed specifications and requirements with terms and conditions can be obtained by eligible Bidders till the stipulated last date, on payment of RFP cost in the form of NEFT along with authorization letter on the company letter-head mentioning the following:

1. Correct and complete Name of Bidder (Organization)
2. Address of Bidder
3. State Code
4. GSTIN Number
5. Amount
6. NEFT UTR No.
7. Contact Official
8. Phone (Cell) Number of the contact official
9. Email id of the contact official

IFTAS will issue a Tax Invoice of Rs 20,000 (inclusive of GST) to the bidder after the receipt of the said amount and the required information as above.

### **3 Due Diligence**

The Bidders are expected to examine all instructions, terms and specifications stated in this RFP. The Bid shall be deemed to have been submitted after careful study and examination of this RFP document. The Bid should be precise, complete and in the prescribed format as per the requirement of this RFP document. Failure to furnish all information or submission of a bid not responsive to this RFP will be at the Bidders' risk and may result in rejection of the bid. Also, the decision of IFTAS on rejection of bid shall be final and binding on the bidder and grounds of rejection of Bid should not be questioned after the final declaration of the successful Bidder.

The Bidders are requested to carefully examine the RFP documents and the terms and conditions specified and if there appears to be any ambiguity, contradictions, inconsistency, gap and/or discrepancy in the RFP document, Bidder should seek necessary clarifications by e-mail as mentioned

in Section-5. Any query received after the last date for submission of pre-bid queries as given in Section-5 will not be considered.

#### 4 Ownership of this RFP

The content of this RFP is a copy right material of IFTAS. No part or material of this RFP document should be published in paper or electronic media without prior written permission from IFTAS.

#### 5 BID Schedule and Address

No	Particulars	Date
1	Reference Number	IFT/DarkFiber/201019/2.0
2	Date of commencement of sale of bidding documents	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021
3	Last date and time for sale of bidding documents	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021
4	Last date and time for receiving Bidder's Pre-Bid clarifications in writing.	02 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 2021
5	Date and Time for Pre-Bid Meeting	05 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2021
6	Posting of clarifications	09 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2021
7	Last date of Submission of Technical bids	16 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2021
8	Last date of Submission of Commercial bids	16 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2021
9	Technical Presentation	To be communicated later
10	Opening of Commercial bids	To be communicated later
11	Name & Address of communication	Head - Procurement, Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS), Unit No. 4, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, D Wing, 'Times Square'- Tower D, Andheri - Kurla Road, Marol, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400 059
12	Bid Related to be mailed to	<a href="mailto:RFP@iftas.in">RFP@iftas.in</a>
13	Bid Cost	INR 20,000 (Inclusive of GST)

#### 6 Scope of work

Scope of work to be carried out by the bidder may be broadly classified into two categories.

- Installation, Maintenance and Management of alternative connectivity between PDC and ODC on a redundant path to existing fiber links along with IP handoff.
- Providing IP handoff on few cores of existing RBI's fiber.

Detailed scope of work and the technical specifications/ requirements are mentioned in the RFP document. RFP will be shared post sharing Signed NDA with IFTAS along with payment of Bid Cost.

## 7 Eligibility Criteria

Those bidders, who satisfy all the eligibility criteria as mentioned herein below, may only respond. Documents in support of all eligibility criteria are required to be submitted along with the Technical Bid. Offers received from the bidders who do not fulfill any of the following eligibility criteria are liable to be rejected.

S No	Eligibility Criteria	Documentation Required/Compliance/Non-Compliance
1.	Bidder must have registration under companies Act, 1956 / 2013, also registered with the Goods & Service Tax authorities, and must have completed 3 years of existence as on Bid calling date.	Attested copy of the Certificate of Incorporation/Registration of the Bidder/RoC.
2.	The Bidder should have a minimum annual turnover of at least Rs. 10 Crores in each of the last three financial years.	Audited financial statements of the bidding entity indicating the annual net worth and turnover or Statutory Auditor Certificate.
3.	Bidder should have Cat A ISP license	Relevant certificates to be submitted
4.	The Bidder should have at-least 3 years' experience in laying, monitoring, and managing own/customer Fiber infrastructure.	Self-declaration.

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