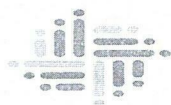


RFP Reference No. BEPC/LB/2025-26/.....²⁵⁷⁴....., Dated: ¹³...../06/2025



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
FOR
SUPPLY OF LIBRARY BOOKS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS OF BIHAR
FOR THE YEAR 2025-26**

Bihar Education Project Council
2nd/3rd Floor, Shiksha Bhawan,
Bihar Rashtrabhasha Parishad Campus,
Saidpur, Rajendra Nagar, Patna - 800 004 (Bihar)



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2. This document is not transferable, and this RFP does not purport to contain all the information that each Bidder may require and accordingly is not intended to form the basis of any investment decision or any other decision to participate in the bidding process for the selection of the Successful Bidder for this Project. Each Bidder should conduct their own investigations and analysis and check the accuracy, reliability, and completeness of the information in this document and obtain independent advice from appropriate sources
3. Though adequate care has been taken while preparing this Bid Document, the Bidder shall satisfy themselves that the document is complete in all respects. Intimation of any discrepancy shall be given to this office immediately.
4. BEPC, GoB may modify, amend, reject or supplement this RFP document in accordance with norms and procedures and as per the requirement of the project. BEPC, GoB reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposal (RFP) and the BEPC, GoB makes it clear that the RFP is not an offer/ Agreement.
5. Neither the BEPC, GoB nor its employees shall be liable to any Bidder or any other person under any law including the law of Agreement, tort, the principles of restitution or unjust enrichment or otherwise for any loss, expense or damage which may arise, or be incurred, or suffered, in connection with this RFP document, or any matter that may be deemed to form part of this RFP document, or the award of the Agreement, or any other information supplied by the BEPC, GoB or their employees or consultants or otherwise arising in any way from the selection process for the award of the Agreement for the Project.
6. BEPC, GoB is not bound to accept any or all the Proposals. BEPC, GoB reserves the right to reject any or all the Proposals without assigning any reasons. No Bidder shall have any cause for action or claim against the BEPC, GoB or its officers, employees, successors, or assignees for rejection of their bid. The RFP submitted by the bidder will be the property of the BEPC, GoB.

Glossary

Abbreviation/ Terms	Details
Authorized Signatory	The bidder's representative / officer vested (explicitly, implicitly, or through conduct) with the powers to commit the authorizing organization to a binding agreement. Also called signing officer/ authority having the Power of Attorney (PoA) from the competent authority of the respective Bidding firm.
BEPC	Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC),
Bid	A formal offer made in pursuance of an invitation by a procuring entity and includes any tender, proposal or quotation in electronic format
Bid Security/ Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	A security provided to the procuring entity by a bidder for securing the fulfilment of any obligation in terms of the provisions of the bidding documents.
Bidder	Any person/ firm/ agency/ company/ contractor/ vendor participating in the bidding process with the procurement entity
Bidding Document	Documents issued by the procuring entity, including any amendments thereto, that set out the terms and conditions of the given procurement and includes the invitation to bid
Competent Authority	An authority or officer to whom the relevant administrative or financial powers have been delegated for taking decision in a matter relating to procurement. Joint Secretary, Department of Education, GoB shall be the Competent Authority in this bidding document.
Contract	"Contract" means a legally enforceable agreement entered into between the Procuring entity and the selected bidder(s) with mutual obligations.
LD	Liquidated Damages
LoA	Letter of Acceptance
Lol	Letter of Intent
PAN	Permanent Account Number
PQ	Pre-Qualification
Procurement Process	The process of procurement extending from the issue of invitation to Bid till the award of the procurement contract or cancellation of the procurement process, as the case may be
Purchaser/ Tendering Authority/ Procuring Entity	Person or entity that is a recipient of a goods or service provided by a seller (bidder) under a purchase order or contract of sale, also called buyer. BEPC, GoB in this BID document.
Services	Any subject matter of procurement other than goods or works and includes physical, maintenance, professional, intellectual, consultancy and advisory services or any service classified or declared as such by a procuring entity
Service Level Agreement (SLA)	Service Level Agreement is a negotiated agreement between two parties wherein one is the customer and the other is the service provider. It is a service contract where the level of service is formally defined. In practice, the term SLA is sometimes used to refer to the contracted delivery time (of the service) or performance.
State Government	Government of Bihar (GoB)
GST	Goods and Service Tax
WO/ PO	Work Order/ Purchase Order

Schedule of Bid Process

SL	Information	Details
1	RFP Issuing Authority	State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC)
2	RFP No. and Date of availability	RFP Reference No. BEPC/LB/2025-26/..... ²⁵⁷⁴, Dated ..13.../06/2025. Available for download from ..13.../06/ 2025, 05:00 PM onwards till ..04.../06/2025, 4:00 PM on e-proc-2 website
3	Last date for submission of written queries for clarifications	..19.../06/2025, 5:00 pm Email: etenderbepc@gmail.com
4	Date of pre-bid conference	20 .../06/2025, 12:30 pm through online mode Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/tnt-yoe-kzs e-mail: etenderbepc@gmail.com
5	Release of response to clarifications	21 .../06/2025, 5:00 PM
6	Last date of submission of bid	04 .../07/2025, 4:00 PM
7	Last date of submission of Hard copy of BG and Samples at BEPC	04 .../07/2025, 4:00 PM
8	Opening of Technical Bids	04 .../07/2025, 4:30 PM
9	Opening of Financial Bids	To be intimated
10	Contact person for queries	The State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council, Shiksha Bhawan, Bihar Rashtra Bhasha Parishad Campus, Saidpur - 800 004. e-mail : etenderbepc@gmail.com

Note: BEPC reserves the right to amend document for RFP, schedules, and critical dates. It is sole responsibility of bidder to check <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> from time to time for any updated information. No communication in writing or through e-mail or any other mode will be sent by BEPC in this regard. BEPC also reserves the right to cancel the whole tender process at any time during the bid process without assigning any reason thereof.

Library Books for Government Schools.

1. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council, Patna invites Bid for "Supply of Library Books for Government Schools in Bihar" from eligible agencies. The bids comprising mandatory compliance along with technical bids and price bids shall be submitted on eproc-2 webiste. The Scope of Services forming part of the Assignment has been set out hereunder in this document. The Proposals would be evaluated on the basis of the evaluation criteria set out in this RFP ("Evaluation Criteria") to identify the successful Bidder for the Assignment ("Successful Bidder")

1.1 Structure of the RFP

BEPC, GoB intends to follow a 'two stage' bid process for selection of the successful agency under LCS (Least Cost Based Selection Method)', as outlined in this RFP.

The Bidders would need to submit Pre-Qualification, Technical and Financial Proposal in the prescribed formats, within the Proposal Due Date as prescribed under the "Fact Sheet" of this RFP. BEPC, GoB would evaluate all the Submissions in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the RFP to select a qualified bidder.

1.2 Obtainability of RFP Document

RFP document can be downloaded from the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in after paying tender fee of Rs. 5000/-and processing fee of Rs. 590 /. The fees will have to be paid through online on the above-mentioned website. Proposals received without or with inadequate RFP Document fees shall be rejected.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC) is an autonomous body of Education Department, Govt. of Bihar. Bihar Education Project Council has now been entrusted to implement Samagra Shiksha, a holistic school education programme in the backdrop of National Education Policy, 2020 after the successful implementation of BEP, DPEP III, Sarva Shiksha Abhiya along with NPEGEL.

The Selected Agency will have to Supply of Library Books for 77856 Government Schools in Bihar. Details about the Library books and tentative number of copies along with specifications are given in Annexure-I.

3. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

3.1 SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

- a) The bidders should submit their responses as per the format given in this RFP in the

following manner: Technical Proposal and Commercial Proposal

- b) Please Note that prices should not be indicated in the Technical Proposal but should only be indicated in the Commercial Proposal.
- c) All the pages of the proposal must be sequentially numbered and must contain the list of contents with page numbers. Any deficiency in the documentation may result in the rejection of the Bid.
- d) The bids shall be uploaded through <http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> as per the instructions available on the website

3.2 NUMBER OF PROPOSALS

Each Bidder must submit only one (1) Proposal, in response to this RFP. Any Bidder who submits or participates in more than one Proposal shall be disqualified.

3.3 PROPOSAL PREPARATION COST

- a) The bidder shall be responsible for all costs incurred in connection with participation in the RFP process, including, but not limited to, costs incurred in conduct of informative and other diligence activities, participation in meetings/discussions/presentations, preparation of proposal, in providing any additional information required by the BEPC to facilitate the evaluation process, and in negotiating a definitive contract or all such activities related to the bid process.
- b) The BEPC will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

3.4 RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT

- a) The BEPC, GoB may reject a proposal at any stage if it is found that the firm recommended for award has indulged in corrupt or fraudulent activities in competing for the contract in question, and may also declare a firm ineligible or blacklist the firm, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, if at any time it is found that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing the contract.
- b) Notwithstanding anything contained in this RFP, the BEPC, GoB reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal and to annul the bidding process and reject all Proposals at any time, without any liability or any obligation for such acceptance, rejection or annulment, without assigning any reasons.
- c) BEPC GoB reserves the right to reject any Proposal if, at any time, a material misrepresentation made by a Bidder at any stage of the bidding process is discovered.

3.5 CLARIFICATIONS

A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification on the RFP must notify the BEPC, GoB in writing to The State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council, GoB within such date as specified in RFP Time Schedule. At its sole discretion, BEPC, GoB will upload its response to such queries on the website <https://www.bepcssa.in> www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in. Bidders requiring specific points of clarification may communicate with the BEPC, GoB during the specific period using the following format. The queries can be submitted by email at etenderbepc@gmail.com with name of assignment as the subject, in the following format:

Bidders Request for Clarification				
Name of Organization submitting request		Name and Position of person submitting request	Details of person and organization	
			Address: Tel: E-mail: Mobile:	
S. No	Bidding Document Reference (Number//Page)	Content of RFP requiring Clarification	Points of Clarification Required	Suggestions (If Any)
1				
2				

3.6 AMENDMENTS TO RFP

At any time prior to the Proposal Due Date, as indicated in the RFP Time Schedule, BEPC, GoB may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to clarifications requested by a bidder, amend the RFP by the issuance of Addenda. Such Addenda would be posted on the website <https://www.bepcssa.in> / www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in In order to afford Bidders reasonable time to take the Addendum into account, or for any other reason, BEPC, GoB may, at its discretion, extend the Proposal Due Date.

3.7 LANGUAGE AND CURRENCY

The Proposal and all related correspondence and documents must be written in English language. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the Bidder with the Proposal may be in any other language if they are accompanied by an appropriate translation in English language. Supporting materials that are not translated into English shall not be considered. For the purpose of interpretation and evaluation of the Proposal, the English language translation shall prevail. The

currency for this bid is Indian Rupee. All the quotes should be in Indian Rupees only.

3.8 VALIDITY OF PROPOSAL

- a) The Proposal must be valid for a period not less than 90 days from the Proposal Due Date ("Proposal Validity Period"). BEPC, GoB reserves the right to reject any Proposal that does not meet this requirement.
- b) Prior to expiry of the Proposal Validity Period, BEPC, GoB may request the Bidders to extend the period of validity for a specified additional period.
- c) The Successful Bidder shall, where required, extend the validity of the Proposal till the date of execution of the Agreement.

3.9 BID SECURITY

- a) Bidders shall submit, along with their Bids, EMD of INR 10 Lakh (Ten Lakh only) in the form of Bank Guarantee issued by any Scheduled bank. EMD will be valid till 31.07.2025. (Bank Details: State Project Director - BEPC, A/c No. 245001000002776, IFSC Code - IOBA0002450)
- b) The bid / proposal submitted without EMD, mentioned above, will be summarily rejected.
- c) Micro, small and start up agencies registered for doing similar work are exempted from the payment of EMD, as per Government policy, subject to submission of valid registration certificate with the bid.
- d) The Bid Security shall be returned to the unsuccessful Bidders within a period of two (2) weeks from the date of signing of Agreement between the Department of Education, GoB and the Successful Bidder.
- e) The bid security of the successful bidder will be returned to the successful bidder on the submission of the Performance Security as specified in the RFP document.
- f) The Bid Security shall be forfeited in the following cases:
 - If the Bidder withdraws its Proposal;
 - If the Bidder withdraws its Proposal during the interval between the Proposal Due Date and expiration of the Proposal Validity Period; and
 - If any information or document furnished by the Bidder turns out to be misleading or untrue in any material respect.

- If the bidder, after the award of work order, fails to submit the performance security within the stipulated time.

3.10 BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY

- a) The Bidder is expected to examine carefully the contents of all the documents provided. Failure to comply with the requirements of RFP shall be at the Bidder's own risk.
- b) It shall be deemed that prior to the submission of Proposal, the Bidder has:
 - Made a complete and careful examination of terms & conditions/ requirements, and other information set forth in this RFP document.
 - Received all such relevant information as it has requested from the BEPC, GoB; and
 - Made a complete and careful examination of the various aspects of the Assignment.
- c) BEPC, GoB shall not be liable for any mistake or error or neglect by the Bidder in respect of the above.
- d) All taxes payable to government must be paid by the service provider as per applicable norms and procedure. BEPC, GoB is nowhere liable and responsible for payment of such taxes. Only GST payment will be made by BEPC, GoB as per applicable rates on the fee quoted by the agency.

3.11 CORRESPONDENCE/ ENQUIRY

All correspondence/enquiries must be submitted to the following in writing by email/ fax/ registered post with name of assignment as the subject. The details are:

**The State Project Director,
Bihar Education Project Council,
Shiksha Bhawan,
Bihar Rashtrabhasha Parishad Campus,
Saidpur - 800 004.
e-mail : etenderbepc@gmail.com**

3.12 FORMAT AND SIGNING OF PROPOSAL

- a) Bidders must provide all the information as per this RFP and in the specified format. BEPC, GoB reserves the right to reject any Proposal that is not in the specified format.
- b) The Proposal must include submissions to be made on the respective Proposal Due Date as set out in RFP Time Schedule.

- c) The person(s) signing the Proposal must initial all the alterations, omissions, additions, or any other amendments made to the Proposal.

3.13 MODIFICATION/SUBSTITUTION/WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

- a) The Bidder may modify, substitute, or withdraw its Proposal after submission, provided that a written notice of the modification, substitution or withdrawal is received by BEPC, GoB **before the Proposal Due Date**. No Proposal shall be modified, substituted, or withdrawn by the Bidder after the Proposal Due Date.
- b) The modification, substitution or withdrawal notice shall be prepared, sealed, marked and delivered in accordance with outer envelopes additionally marked "MODIFICATION", "SUBSTITUTION" or "WITHDRAWAL", as appropriate.
- c) Withdrawal of a Proposal during the interval between the Proposal Due Date and expiration of the Proposal Validity Period will result in **forfeiture of the Bid Security** in accordance with this RFP.

3.14 PROPOSAL DUE DATE

- a) Proposals must be submitted as per information provided in this RFP.
- b) BEPC, GoB at its sole discretion; accept any Proposal(s) after Proposal Due Date. Any such Proposal/s accepted shall be deemed to have been received by the Proposal Due Date.

3.15 TEST OF RESPONSIVENESS

Initial Bid scrutiny will be held and incomplete details as given below will be treated as non-responsive, if Proposals:

- a) Are not submitted in as specified in the RFP document.
 - b) Are found with suppression of details.
 - c) With incomplete information, subjective, conditional offers and partial offers submitted.
 - d) Submitted without the documents requested in the checklist.
 - e) Have non-compliance of any of the clauses stipulated in the RFP.
 - f) With lesser validity period.
- All responsive Bids will be considered for further processing. The BEPC will prepare a list of responsive bidders, who comply with all the Terms and Conditions

of the Tender. All eligible bids will be considered for further evaluation by a committee according to the Evaluation process define in this RFP document. The decision of the Committee will be final in this regard.

- BEPC, GoB reserves the right to seek clarification or reject any Proposal which in its opinion is non-responsive and no request for modification or withdrawal shall be entertained by Department of Education, GoB in respect of such Proposal.

3.16 CONFIDENTIALITY

Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and recommendation for the Qualified Bidders shall not be disclosed to any person not officially concerned with the process. The BEPC, GoB will treat all information submitted as part of the Proposal in confidence and will ensure that all those who have access to such material to treat it in confidence. BEPC shall not divulge any such information unless ordered to do so by any statutory authority that has the power under law to require its disclosure.

3.17 CLARIFICATIONS

To assist in the process of evaluation of Proposals, BEPC, GoB may, at its sole discretion, ask any Bidder for clarification on its Proposal or substantiation of any of the submission made by the Bidder.

3.18 PROPOSAL EVALUATION

The Qualification Submissions of the Bidders would be checked for responsiveness with the requirements of the RFP and shall be evaluated as per the Criteria set out in this RFP

3.19 DECLARATION OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDER

After the Proposal of the tenderer technically qualified with LCS (Least Cost Based Selection) criteria, BEPC, GoB shall declare the tenderers as the successful bidders.

3.20 NOTIFICATIONS

BEPC, GoB will notify the Successful Bidder by a Letter of Intent (LoI) that their Proposal has been accepted.

3.21 BIHAR EDUCATION PROJECT COUNCIL, GOB'S RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT PROPOSAL

- a) BEPC, GoB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the Proposals without assigning any reason and to take any measure as it may deem fit, including annulment of the bidding process, without liability or any obligation for such acceptance, rejection

or annulment.

- b) BEPC, GoB reserves the right to invite revised Proposals from Bidders with or without amendment of the RFP at any stage, without liability or any obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reason.
- c) BEPC, GoB reserves the right to reject any Proposal if at any time:
 - A material misrepresentation made at any stage in the bidding process is uncovered; or The Bidder does not respond promptly and thoroughly to requests for supplemental information required for the evaluation of the Proposal.

This would lead to the disqualification of the Bidder. If such disqualification / rejection occurs after the Proposals have been opened and the Successful Bidder gets disqualified/ rejected, then BEPC, GoB reserves the right to:

- a. Take any such measure as may be deemed fit in the sole discretion of BEPC, GoB, including annulment of the bidding process.

3.22 PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE (PBG)

- a. The successful bidder must furnish an unconditional and irrevocable bank guarantee / demand draft, in a format acceptable to BEPC, GoB valid for the contract term, of a value equivalent to **5% of the contract value within 07 days of award of Letter of Intent (LOI)**. PBG will be valid till 31.03.2026.
- b. Failure to submit the PBG within the time stipulated in the LOI may lead to cancellation/ withdrawal of LOI and, in such case, BEPC, GoB reserves the right to declare the L 2 bidder as the successful tenderer and proceed with the contractual process or take any such measure as may be deemed fit by Department of Education, GoB, including annulment of the bidding process.

4. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

4.1 TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

A bidder participating in the bidding process shall possess the following minimum qualification/ eligibility criteria. Any bidder failing to meet the stated criteria shall be summarily rejected and will not be considered for financial evaluation.

SI	Conditions	Documents to be submitted
1	The publisher should be an established entity under the Indian Company's Act 1956/2013 or Partnership Act 1932 or	For Company /Joint Venture - Copies of the certificate of Incorporation, issued by the Registrar

	Indian Society's Registration Act 1860 or Indian Trust Act 1882 or Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 or Proprietorship Firms or Consortium and must be at least five years old entity.	of Companies (Roc) under the Companies 1956/2013 along with copies of the Memorandum of Association (MoA) and Articles of Association (AoA). For Partnership Firm – Copy of registration certificate/ registered Partnership deed under the partnership Act 1932. For Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) firm - Copy of the Certificate of Incorporation issued by the registrar of Firms Firm under the Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 For Society/Trust - Copy of the Act 1860 or Indian Trusts Act 1882 For Proprietorship Firms - A proprietorship firm shall produce the proof of proprietorship firm, registration certificate, license For Consortiums - Copy of the Deed of Consortiums with clear mention of the partner's financial obligations.
2	The publisher should be registered with the GST department and carry a valid PAN/TAN Number.	Copy of GST Registration certificate, PAN/ TAN Number
3	The publisher in its name/firm name must have average annual turnover of INR 4 (Four) Crores in any three financial years ended on 31/03/2024 during 2019-20 to 2023-24.	CA Certificate confirming the same with valid UDIN number.
4	The publisher must have past experience with similar requirement and supply of at-least 20,000 books at any State Government Schools/ educational institutions in the last 3 financial years.	The publisher must submit the copy of Work Orders along with Work Completion Certificates/ proof of payment certificate.
5	The Bidder must not have been blacklisted for fraudulent practices by any of its clients, Central Government	Self-Declaration (Refer Format Annexure-3)

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	/ State Government / UT Government / Government Undertakings / University / Educational Institutions / Government Bodies / PSUs in India as on the Date of submission of the bid	
6	Sub-Contracting are not allowed under this assignment.	

Note: -

- Samples of books (i.e. 1 Set consisting of all titles of books) shall be sealed and separately submitted by the bidder on or before bid submission date and time.
- Details of list of books shall be uploaded on e-proc2 as per format given in Annexure 1.

14. Evaluation Process:

- Publisher/Bidder who qualify in technical evaluation criteria will be eligible for review of their sample books.
- Expert Committee constituted for the review of books and their content will go through the books submitted by the publishers/Firms.
- Selected and recommended books by the committee shall be again reviewed by the State Level Books Selection Committee.
- As per recommendation of State Level Books Selection Committee, only selected and recommended books from corresponding bidders only considered for purchase with the consent of Purchase Committee of BEPC.
- Only those Publishers/Bidders, whom books will be selected and recommended for procurement, will be considered for their financial bid evaluation.

4.3 Financial Bid Evaluation

- The Financial bids of qualified bidders will be opened on the prescribed date.
- The bid price will include all taxes and levies and shall be in Indian Rupees.
- Any conditional bid would be rejected.
- Errors & Rectification: Arithmetical errors will be rectified on the following basis: "If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words will prevail".
- Bidders will quote discount rates (offer price) against MRP in BOQ, if there is no discount rates (offer price) quoted, the bid shall be declared as disqualified.

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- The discount rates (offer price), as computed by the Purchaser shall be used for the purpose of commercial evaluation of bids.
- The offered prices (after discount offer) should be lower than all online/open market/institutional selling prices per unit.
- BEPC reserves the right to further negotiate on the quoted discount rates (offer price) from those Publishers/Bidders, whom books will be selected and recommended for procurement.

4.4 AWARD OF CONTRACT

- a. Required number of books finally approved by the purchase committee shall be awarded for supply of books to the publisher district-wise as per schedule provided.
- b. The Authority will award the Contract to the Bidder whose bid has been determined to be substantially responsive and has been determined as the best bid on the basis of LCS evaluation. The Authority shall however not bind itself to accept the best bid or any bid and reserves the right to accept any bid, wholly or in part.
- c. BEPC, GoB shall notify the successful bidder in writing that the proposal has been accepted.
- d. An agreement shall be signed between BEPC, GoB and the selected bidder's laying down the conditions of work, payment etc.
- e. Letter of Intent award and its acceptance by the selected bidder shall constitute a legal binding between BEPC, GoB and the selected bidder till such time the contract agreement is signed.
- f. The EMD of unsuccessful publisher/bidder will be returned within 15 days after the finalization of bid.

5. SCOPE OF WORK

The Scope of Work is not limited but would include the following:

5.1 Requirements of Library Books

BEPC is interested in purchasing library books for schools in Bihar as per following details:-

Sl. No.	Type of School	Total number of schools	Estimated Amount Per School (in Rs.)
1	Primary Schools	40270	2500.00
2	Upper Primary Schools	28293	6500.00
3	Secondary Schools	387	7500.00
4	Senior Secondary Schools	8906	10000.00

5.2 Quality of Sample books

5.2.1 Content:

The books should be of children's interest and must be written with constructive approach. There should not be any controversial content, picture or statement in any form. In the books, language should be single or bilingual or trilingual in Hindi/English/Urdu. The books for the two segments should, mainly, have following features -

(a) Primary Classes (Class I-V) & Upper Primary Classes (Class VI to VIII)

- Books should be attractive, in two or four colours, with plenty of pictures. Books in four colours with big font sizes in A4 Size shall be given preference.
- No Book should not be less than 16 Pages.
- Language of the books should be simple and easy to understand for the children. Book in Hindi or any regional local language of Bihar shall be considered with priority.
- Books should also have stories and rhymes pertaining to animals, nature, community, moral values, family, relationships etc.
- Colourful story & Poetry books in big fonts for primary class students.
- Books written by Mahatma Gandhi and books based on various aspects of life of Mahatma Gandhi shall be considered. Pictorial four colour Graphic based biography for students shall be given preference.
- Books Pertaining to make Mathematics, Science and Hindi Alphabets popular amongst students.
- Books should feature nature in plenty like rivers, mountains, villages, forests, animals, universe etc.
- Books having information about the following themes of Bihar.
 - ✓ Culture of Bihar.
 - ✓ Rivers of Bihar.
 - ✓ Freedom Fighters of Bihar.
 - ✓ Tourist Places of Bihar.
 - ✓ Fairs and Festivals of Bihar.
 - ✓ Pilgrim Places of Bihar.
 - ✓ General Information About Bihar.
 - ✓ Geography of Bihar.
 - ✓ Great Personalities of Bihar.
 - ✓ Folktales of Bihar.
 - ✓ Folk Dances of Bihar.
 - ✓ Paintings of Bihar.
 - ✓ Folk Songs of Bihar.

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- ✓ Tribes of Bihar.
- ✓ Foods Habits of Bihar.
- ✓ Eminent Women's of Bihar.
- ✓ Compulsory books:
 - (1) Atlas.
 - (2) Hindi - English Dictionary.
 - (3) English - Hindi Dictionary.
 - (4) English - English Dictionary.
 - (5) Hindi - Hindi Dictionary.
 - (6) Competitive Books

(b) Secondary Classes (Class IX to X), Sr. Secondary Classes (Class XI to XII)

- Books should be attractive and interactive.
- Language of the books should be simple and easy to understand for the children.
- Books should have content on moral and social values, life skills, etiquettes, leadership nationalism and becoming better human being.
- Books should also draw contents from the historical events, geographical phenomena, monuments and great personalities of National/International.
- Biographies of national Heroes shall be considered.
- Books Authored by Eminent Authors etc.
- Books about the Historical places and culture of Bihar.
- Thoughts and Philosophy of legendary leaders of India and Bihar should be included.
- Books Related to learning and developing interest in Sports such as Chess, Football, Cricket, Hockey etc. should be covered.
- Special emphasis is being given for teaching of Yoga in schools, hence books on Yoga should be considered.
- Various dictionaries on Subjects such as Botany, Geography, Physics, Math, Chemistry, Science Social Science etc. should be covered.
- Special focus should be there on enhancement of General knowledge, Current affairs, books with reference to various types of quizzes on topics such as History, Geography, Maths, Computer, Chemistry, Physics, Indian Politics freedom fighter, Sports etc.
- Books on Mathematical skills/ Reasoning/General Aptitude for Olympiad & other competitive exams for senior secondary students.
- Books on Freedom Fighters of Bihar and about other important issues related to Bihar would be preferred.
- Books on Indian Govt. & Politics, Constitution of India.
- Compulsory books:
 - (i) Atlas.
 - (ii) Hindi - English Dictionary.
 - (iii) English - Hindi Dictionary.

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- (iv) English - English Dictionary.
- (v) Hindi - Hindi Dictionary.
- (vi) Competitive Books

5.3 Miscellaneous Conditions -

- (i) Sample Titles/Books submitted along with Tender will be returned back.
- (ii) The books to be supplied on order would have to be exactly the same as the samples submitted.
- (iii) No correspondence or communication shall be entertained for supply of books. Any lobbying or pressure tactics would lead to the cancellation of the offer.
- (iv) BEPC reserves the right to reject or cancel any offer at any stage without giving the reasons thereof.
- (v) The selected and ordered for supply, books need to be supplied at the district level office of DPO (SSA).
- (vi) The books would have to be supplied at all the destination points within 90 (Ninety) days from the issue of the LoI.
- (vii) Any supply in bad condition viz. soiled, torn, damaged, not appropriately printed etc. would not be accepted.
- (viii) Except the price on offer, no additional charge would be accepted towards transportation, insurance, loading-unloading, toll, octroi, taxes etc.
- (ix) The Publishing House would have to provide a minimum discount as provided in the guidelines for selection of Books and Recipients Libraries in the state issued by RRRLF, Kolkata

5.4 Other Scope of Works

- I. The rates shall be on F.O.B at 38 district headquarter offices of Education Department across the Bihar, or any of the locations as per the requirement within Bihar. BEPC shall made available the details regarding all 38 destination point with Nodal Officer name and contact number where selected agency shall supply the Library books.
- II. Timeline for the supply is 90 days from the date of issue of Letter of Intent (LoI).
- III. The rate contract will be initially for a period of one year and extendable for a further

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period of one more year under mutual agreement at the same terms and conditions subject to satisfactory performance of the agencies.

- IV. Prices shall be firm until the completion of work or supply and no enhancements of rates will be done / is permitted because of any escalation during the period of rate contract.
- V. BEPC, GoB reserves the right to accept or reject any or part of offers without assigning any reasons.
- VI. The supply of Library books should be done within 90 days from the date of issuance of LoI and in case of any delay in delivery, penalty will be charged as per rules.
- VII. The quantity of items can be increased or decreased as per our requirements.
- VIII. The supply of library books shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the terms & conditions and specifications as stipulated in the tender, in the approved workman like manner and as per standard practice. Materials supplied shall be of high quality.

5.5 PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND PENALTY

Payment will be released by State headquarter after the satisfactory receipt of material at district level offices. BEPC will provide the details of locations for supply and designated the Nodal person.

If the selected bidder fails to perform services within the stipulated time schedule, the BEPC shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to 1.0 % per week of the undelivered items.

However, supply of at-least 20% quantity against the purchase order will be completed and submission of bill along with delivery challan, the payment of 75% amount against that bill amount shall be released. Rest 25% amount will be paid after completion of 100% work and after getting original test reports from any government laboratory in respect of GSM of paper.

Note:

1. Payment will be as per GFR.
2. All payment to the Agency will be made in Indian Rupees.
3. GST component shall be paid as applicable and as per actuals.

4. No advance payment will be made.
5. For facilitating Electronic Transfer of funds, the selected Agency will be required to indicate the name of the Bank & Branch, account no. (i.e. bank name, IFSC Code and Bank A/c No.) and forward a cheque leaf duly cancelled, to verify the details furnished. These details should also be furnished on the body of every bill submitted for payments by the selected Agency.

6. Dispute Resolution

- a) The bids and any contract resulting there from shall be governed by and construed according to the Indian Laws.
- b) All settlement of disputes or differences whatsoever, arising between the parties out of or in connection to the construction, meaning and operation or effect of this Offer or in the discharge of any obligation arising under this Offer (whether during the course of execution of the order or after completion and whether before or after termination, abandonment or breach of the Agreement) shall be resolved amicably between Department and the vendor's representative.
- c) In case of failure to resolve the disputes and differences amicably within 30 days of the receipt of notice by the other party, then the same shall be resolved as follows:
 - I. Conciliation: - All disputes or differences whatsoever arising between the parties out of or relating to the construction, meaning, scope, operation or effect of this contract or the validity or the breach thereof shall be first settled by way of conciliation and failing which, by way of arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration of the Indian Council of Arbitration and the award made in pursuance thereof shall be binding on the parties.
 - II. The dispute shall be first referred to the Development Commissioner for conciliation who shall conduct conciliation proceedings which will be held at Patna, Bihar.
 - III. Arbitration: - In case the conciliation proceedings fail, the dispute shall be referred to the arbitration as per the Arbitration Act.
 - IV. All legal disputes will come under the sole jurisdiction of Patna, Bihar. The venue of the arbitration shall be Patna.
- d) The Arbitral award shall be final and binding on both the parties.
- e) Work under the contract shall be continued by the vendor during the arbitration proceedings unless otherwise directed in writing by Department unless the matter is such that the work cannot possibly be continued until the decision of the arbitrator is obtained.

Save as those which are otherwise explicitly provided in the contract, no payment due, or payable by Department, to the vendor shall be withheld on account of the ongoing arbitration.

7. Termination & Blacklisting

- I. The Department may terminate this Agreement and Blacklist/Debar the vendor, in case of occurrence of any of the events specified below. In the event of such an occurrence, the First Party may give not less than 15 days written notice of termination to Second Party.
 - a) If the vendor is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement and has not remedied the same within 15 days.
 - b) If the vendor becomes insolvent or goes into compulsory liquidation
 - c) If the vendor, in the judgement of Department, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract
 - d) If the vendor submits to Department a false statement which has material effect on the rights, obligations, or interests of the Department.
 - e) If the vendor places itself in position of conflict of interest or fails to disclose promptly any conflict of interest to the Department.
 - f) If the vendor fails to provide Quality services as envisaged under this Agreement.
 - g) Serious discrepancy and delay in delivery of services or the performance levels agreed upon, which might have an impact on the functioning of the Department.
 - h) Failure of the vendor mobilize manpower, follow local laws, clumsy execution of work, and total disregard to public safety and its own employees.
 - i) Failure to abide by any lawful directions of the Department.
- II. **Penalties:** - The Department may impose a suitable penalty of the vendor of the failure of such activities as mentioned above. Such penalties shall be deducted from the pending bills/bank guarantee of the vendor. However, the Department shall issue a notice given 15 days of time to the vendor before imposing such penalty
- III. **Termination Payments:** - These payments shall mean the amount of payment by either party to the other party upon termination. Upon termination of the contract, Department may encash and appropriate the performance security/bank guarantee etc. The Department may clear outstanding dues of the sub-vendors of the second party out of such encashment and/or from the pending bills of the second party. After clearing such liabilities, any valid dues of the second party may be paid thereafter
- IV. **Blacklisting without termination:** - The Department may blacklist the vendor without terminating the contract for any of the failures or acts of commissions or omissions under this Agreement.

V. Foreclosure with Mutual consent: -

- a) Without prejudices to any provisions of this agreement, Department and the vendor may foreclose this agreement by mutual consent in circumstances which does not constitute either party's default without any liability or consequential future liability for either party.
- b) Should a Party intend to foreclose this Agreement by mutual consent, the intending Party shall issue a notice to the other Party and upon issuance of such notice, the other Party may within 15 days from receipt of such notice either agree to such foreclosure or raise objection(s) to the same by intimating either of the two possible positions to the intending Party in writing.
- c) In either case of the other Party agreeing to the proposed foreclosure or otherwise, the Parties may negotiate the proposed foreclosure and sign a Supplementary Agreement for foreclosure to the main Contract Agreement within 30 (thirty) days of the date agreeing by both Parties. Foreclosure shall not come into effect unless and otherwise Supplementary Agreement is signed.
- d) Any attempt or endeavour for foreclosure by mutual agreement shall be without prejudice to the rights and obligations of the Parties herein and the factum of such an attempt or exercise shall not stop either of the Parties from discharging their contractual obligations under this Agreement.
- e) For the avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that such foreclosure will be without prejudice to the Vendor and shall not affect the Vendor in any way if it wishes to bid in future projects of the Department.

VI. Transition and Exit Plan:

The vendor shall ensure that the transition is smooth in case the contract is terminated or foreclosed with mutual consent. In addition to the cancellation of contract, Department reserves the right to charge appropriate penalties and liquidated damages from the selected agency. Further:-

- a) All risks during transition stage shall be properly documented to ensure smooth transition without any service disruption.
- b) The transition plan along with the period shall be mutually agreed between vendor and Department when the situation occurs. Vendor shall be released from the project once successful transition is done meeting the parameters defined for the successful transition.

Note:- Blacklisting/Debarment of the vendor shall be natural consequence of the termination. The Blacklisting/Debarment shall be for such a period as may be specified by the Department.

Provided that before placing the vendor in the blacklist, with or without the termination of the contract, the Department shall issue a notice given 15 days of time to the vendor.

Annexure I

Format for List of Books submitted along with Technical Bid

Library Books for Primary School (Class I-V)					
Sl.	Name of Book	Name of Author (s)	ISBN No.	Language	No. of pages

Library Books for Middle (Upper Primary) School (Class VI-VIII)					
Sl.	Name of Book	Name of Author (s)	ISBN No.	Language	No. of pages

Library Books for Secondary School (Class IX-X)					
Sl.	Name of Book	Name of Author (s)	ISBN No.	Language	No. of pages

Library Books for Government Schools.

Library Books for Senior Secondary School (Class IX-XII)					
Sl.	Name of Book	Name of Author (s)	ISBN No.	Language	No. of pages

Note: list of books should be without Printed (MRP) price & % Discount offer in technical bid.

ANNEXURE 2: LETTER OF SUBMISSION

(On the letterhead of the bidder)

To,
The State Project Director,
Bihar Education Project Council,
Shiksha Bhawan, Bihar Rashtrabhasha Parishad Campus,
Saidpur, Patna - 800 004.
e-mail : ssabihar@gmail.com

Sub: - Letter of Submission for Supply of Library Books for Government Schools in Bihar.

Ref: - -----

Sir,

We have read and understood the Request for Proposal (RFP) in respect of the captioned Assignment provided to us by BEPC, Department of Education.

We hereby agree and undertake as under:

- a. Notwithstanding any qualifications or conditions, whether implied or otherwise, contained in our Proposal we hereby represent and confirm that our Proposal is unqualified and unconditional in all respects.
- b. This Proposal is valid till (90 days from the Proposal Due Date). RFP can be download from the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in after paying tender fee of Rs. 5000/- and processing fee of Rs. 590/-. The fees will have to be paid through online on the above mentioned website. Proposal received without or with inadequate RFP document fees shall be rejected.
- c. Bidder shall submit, along with their bids, EMD of Rs. XXXXXX Lakh (XXXXXXX Lakh only) in the form of Bank Guarantee issued by the Schedule Bank, in favor of the "State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council (IFSC Code IOBA0002450).
- d. That as on the date of submission of this tender, there is no blacklisting order that bars us from working with any Government Agency / Department on account of deficiency in service.

Name of the Bidder

Date: -

Signature of Authorized Signatory

ANNEXURE – 3: FORMAT FOR FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

(On the letter head of the bidder)

Date: -

To,
The State Project Director,
Bihar Education Project Council,
Shiksha Bhawan, Bihar Rashtrabhasha Parishad Campus,
Saidpur, Patna - 800 004.
e-mail : ssabihar@gmail.com

Sub: - RFP for Supply of Library Books for Government Schools in Bihar.

Ref: - -----

Sir,

We are pleased to quote the price as below. We have reviewed all the terms and conditions of the 'Request for Proposal' and confirm that, we would abide by all the terms and conditions. We hereby declare that there shall be no deviations from the stated terms in the RFP.

We further declare that, any State Government, Central Government or any other Government or Quasi Government Agency has not barred us from participating in any Bid.

Our Financial Quote for supply of library books for Government schools is INR (in figures) XXXXXXXXXXXX (INR in Rupees). This amount includes all charges and taxes but is **exclusive of GST** which shall be payable at prevailing rates.

We abide by the above offer/quote and terms condition of the RFP, if the BEPC, Bihar selects us as the Selected Bidder/Agency. If our offer is accepted and if we fail to perform in the manner as specified in the RFP Document, the amount of Bid Security, as aforesaid, shall stand absolutely forfeited to the BEPC, Bihar without prejudicing the rights of the BEPC, Bihar to proceed further in any manner it deems fit. Until a formal Agreement is prepared and executed between us, this bid, together with your LOI, shall constitute a binding contract between us.

We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any bid that you may receive. We declare that the information stated above and enclosed is complete and absolutely correct and any error or omission therein, accidental or otherwise, as a result of which our bid is found to be nonresponsive, will be sufficient for the BEPC, Bihar to reject our bid and forfeit our bid security in full.

Name

Name of the Firm/Agency

Designation and Address

Mobile and Email

ANNEXURE – 4: Financial Bid Format
Supply of Library Books for Government Schools in Bihar

Sl. No.	% Discount (offer price) over Printed Price (Inclusive all)

Note:

- % Discount (offer price) over Printed Price should be numeric and word also.
- list of books with Printed (MRP) price & % Discount should be submitted along with financial bid.

Place:

Date:

Signature & Seal of the Bidder

Name of the Firm

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ANNEXURE – 5: Financial Bid Format

Format for List of Books along with Printed (MRP) price & % Discount (offer price) over printed price (inclusive all)

Library Books for Primary School (Class I-V)							
Sl.	Name of Book	Name of Author (s)	ISBN No.	Language	Printed (MRP) price	No. of pages	% Discount (offer price) over printed price (inclusive all)

Library Books for Middle (Upper Primary) School (Class VI-VIII)							
Sl.	Name of Book	Name of Author (s)	ISBN No.	Language	Printed (MRP) price	No. of pages	% Discount (offer price) over printed price (inclusive all)

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Library Books for Secondary School (Class IX-X)							
Sl.	Name of Book	Name of Author (s)	ISBN No.	Language	Printed (MRP) price	No. of pages	% Discount (offer price) over printed price (inclusive all)

Library Books for Senior Secondary School (Class IX-XII)							
Sl.	Name of Book	Name of Author (s)	ISBN No.	Language	Printed (MRP) price	No. of pages	% Discount (offer price) over printed price (inclusive all)

Note: list of books with Printed (MRP) price & % Discount should be submitted along with financial bid.

ANNEXURE – 6: Format for EMD

Whereas (Hereinafter called "the Bidder") has submitted its bid dated for Bihar Education Project Council RFP **Reference No.** **dated** **for** **(Project Name).**

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that WE OF Having our registered office at (Hereinafter called "the Bank") are bound unto The STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR-BEPC (hereinafter called "the Purchaser") in the sum of INR /- (..... Only) for which payment will and truly to be made of the said Purchaser, the Bank binds itself, its successors and assigns by these present.

THE CONDITIONS of the obligation are:

1. If the Bidder withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid form or
2. If the Bidder, having been notified of the acceptance of his bid by the Purchaser during the period of bid validity
 - (a) **Fails or refuses to execute the Contract, if required; or**
 - (b) **Fails or refuses to furnish the Performance Security, in accordance with the instructions to Bidders.**

We undertake to pay to the Purchaser up to the above amount upon receipt of its first written demand, without the purchaser having to substantiate its demand, provided that in its demand, the purchaser will note that the amount claimed by it is due to it owing to the occurrence of one or both of the two conditions, specifying the occurred condition or conditions.

This guarantee will remain in force up to and any demand in respect thereof should reach the Bank not later than the specified date/dates.

witness
Address of witness

Signature of the Bank
Authority. Name
Signed in Capacity of Name & Signature of
Full address of Branch
Tel No. of Branch
Fax No. of Branch

ANNEXURE – 7: Format for Performance Bank Guarantee

To

The State Project Director,
Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC),
Shiksha Bhawan, Saidpur-800 004. (BIHAR)

Whereas Bid (hereinafter called "the Bidder")
has submitted its Bid dated (date of submission of Bid) for "
..... (Name of Project) in
consonance with the RFP Reference No. BEPC/..... Dated
(e-Tender No.)) issued by the BEPC, Patna, (hereinafter called "the Bid"].

Whereas as per RFP Clause 3.22 of the Bid, the bidder is required to furnish a Bank
Guarantee as Performance Security from a scheduled bank (Bank Guarantee).

In consideration of the fact that the Bidder is our valued customer and the fact that
he has submitted the Bid, we, (name and address of the bank), (hereinafter called "the
Guarantor Bank) has agreed to bind ourselves, our successors, and assigns to irrevocably
issue this Bank Guarantee and guarantee as under

NOW THIS GUARANTEE WITNESSED:-

1. If the Bidder

having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid by the State Project Director,
Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC), Patna

- (a) during the period of Bid Proposal validity:
- (b) fails to perform as per the contract obligations

The Guarantor Bank shall immediately on demand pay the State Project Director,
Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC), Patna, without any demur and without
the State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC), Patna having
to substantiate such demand a sum of Rs. (-----) only
(Guaranteed Amount).

2 The Guarantor Bank will make the payment of the Guaranteed Amount forthwith
on the demand made by the State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council
(BEPC), Patna notwithstanding any objection or dispute that may exist or arise
between the State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC), Patna,
and the Bidder or any other person.

3 The demand of the State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC),
Patna on the Guarantor Bank for the payment of the Guaranteed Amount, shall be
deemed as the final proof of fulfilment of the conditions stipulated in (1) above,

4. This Guarantee shall be irrevocable and shall not be discharged except by payment of the above amount by us to the State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC), Patna and our liability under this Guarantee shall be restricted to the Guaranteed Amount being Rs.() only.
5. If it is necessary to extend this Guarantee on account of any reason whatsoever. we undertake to extend the period of this Guarantee on the request of the Bidder under intimation to the State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC), Patna.
6. To give full effect to the Guarantee contained herein, the State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC), Patna shall be entitled to act as if the Guarantor Bank is the principal debtor in respect of claims against the Bidder and the Guarantor Bank hereby expressly waives all its rights of surety-ship and other rights, if any, which are in any way inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Guarantee.
7. Any notice by way of demand or otherwise may be sent by special courier, telex, fax, registered post or other electronic media to our address as afore-said and if sent by post, shall be deemed to have been given to us after expiry of 48 hours when the same has been posted.
8. Our liability under this Guarantee will continue to exist until a demand is made by the State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC), Patna in writing up to dated, and any demand in respect thereof should reach the Bank not later than the above date.

Dated this day

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of the Guarantor Bank,

(Signature)

Designation

(Address and Common Seal of the bank)

Note: To be executed at the time of Signing of Contract by the Selected Vendor