

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF WIND ENERGY
Chennai**

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTY SECOND
GOVERNING COUNCIL (SPECIAL) MEETING OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
WIND ENERGY HELD ON
7TH MARCH 2024 at 17:00 hours
AT MNRE, NEW DELHI IN HYBRID MODE**

The following were present:

1.	Shri. Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, I.A.S., Secretary, MNRE, New Delhi	Chairman
2.	Shri. Padam Lal Negi, IDAS Joint Secretary and Financial Adviser, MNRE, New Delhi	Member
3.	Shri Lalit Bohra Joint Secretary (Wind Energy) MNRE, New Delhi	Member
4.	Shri. Pradip Kumar Das Chairman & Managing Director Indian Renewable Development Agency Limited	Member
5.	Shri. R.P. Gupta Chairman & Managing Director Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)	Member
6.	Smt. Beela Venkatesan, I.A.S. Principal Secretary to Government Energy Department, Govt. of Tamilnadu, Chennai	Member
7.	Dr M.V Ramana Murthy Director & Scientist-G, Deep Ocean Mission Ministry of Earth Science, New Delhi. & Chairman, R&D Council, NIWE	Member
8.	Secretary General Indian Wind Turbine Manufactures Association	Member
9.	Dr. Jaya Kumar Seelam , Chief Scientist National Institute of Oceanography, Goa	Member
10.	Dr. Rajesh Katyal Director General, NIWE, Chennai.	Member Secretary

ALSO PRESENT

1.	Dr. Prabir Kumar Dash, Scientist E, MNRE
2.	Shri. Kailash Chand, DS (IFD), MNRE

3	Smt. Deepa Kurup, DH(i/c), OWD, NIWE
4.	Shri. R. Girirajan, DH(F&A), NIWE
5.	Shri Bhukya Ramdas, Dy Director (Tech) OWD, NIWE
6.	Smt MC Lavanya, Dy Director (Tech), OWD,NIWE
7.	Shri B Krishnan, Asst Director,OWD, NIWE
8.	Smt Tamilselvi, Admin & Accounts Officer, Purchase, NIWE

The Chairman welcomed the members of Governing Council of NIWE. The Council thereafter took up the agenda for discussion. Chairman, GC has also suggested that every GC meeting a PPT should be presented regarding NIWE's progress, achievements and challenges as an agenda item.

The Council thereafter took up the Agenda for discussion.

Agenda item No.52:01:

To grant leave of absence to the Members, who were not present in the Meeting and to confirm the Minutes of the 51st GC Meeting held on 04-10-2023

The Council granted leave of absence to Shri. Gaurav Gupta, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Energy Department, Govt. of Karnataka & Shri. Parag Sharma, Chairman, WIPPA who could not attend the Meeting. GC granted them leave of absence.

The approved minutes of 51st GC held on 04-10-2023 were circulated to the members. No comments were received from Members on the approved minutes of meeting. The council confirmed the minutes of the 51st GC meeting

Agenda item No.52:02:

Placement of work order for the project "Measurement & providing of Meteorological and oceanographic data (RAW and post-processed) for a continuous period of a minimum of one year by deploying Integrated Floating Buoy using met ocean sensors on LEASE BASIS at Sub Zone-1, Gulf of Mannar, off TN coast"

NIWE apprised the Members that the proposal for carrying out "Offshore studies / Survey for the proposed 500 MW offshore wind farm project at Sub Zone No.7 or any other zone at Gulf of Mannar off Tamil Nadu coast "was given in-principle approval during 37th Meeting of the Finance Committee at a total project cost of INR 41.3 crores.

The proposal was subsequently placed in the 51st Meeting of the Governing Council and approved under CFA Grants in the current financial year at an estimated cost of INR 41.3 crores. Two separate bids were floated by NIWE, for the subject tender on "Lease Basis" and "Outright Procurement Basis". One bidder M/s Fugro Survey India Pvt. Ltd. submitted the bids and was technically qualified, based on which financial bids were opened, the details of which are placed below:

Sl. No.	Description	Price quoted incl. of stat. levies, duties etc. & exclusive of GST
1.	<i>Measurement and providing of meteorological and oceanographic data (RAW and post-processed) for a continuous period of minimum one year by deploying Integrated Floating Buoy with offshore LiDAR, Meteorological and Oceanographic Sensors (Wave, Current etc.,) on LEASE BASIS at Sub Zone-1</i>	Rs.16.92 Crores
2.	<i>Supply, Pre-deployment validation, Installation and Commissioning of Integrated Floating Buoy with offshore LiDAR together with Meteorological and Oceanographic Sensors (Wave, Current etc.,) on OUTRIGHT PROCUREMENT BASIS at Sub Zone-1</i>	Rs.26.70 Crores

NIWE further informed that, the Expert committee evaluated the commercial offer of M/s Fugro Survey India Pvt. Ltd. and has recommended to place the purchase order with M/s Fugro Survey India Pvt. Ltd for "Measurement and providing of meteorological and oceanographic data (RAW and post-processed) for a continuous period of a minimum of one year by deploying Integrated Floating Buoy with offshore LiDAR, Meteorological and Oceanographic Sensors (Wave, Current, etc.) on LEASE BASIS at Sub Zone-1" after satisfying the attendant conditions laid in the Rule 173 of GFR 2017 (being a single tender) for the following reasons:

1. The technical specifications meet all the requirements of the NIT including the 'Carbon Trust Offshore Wind Accelerator Roadmap for the Commercial Acceptance of Floating LiDAR Technology Version 2.0 2018', and are not restrictive in nature.
2. Price reasonability based on price estimated by NIWE

3. Price reasonability based on similar work executed by the bidder for M/s Shell India International Exploration & Production BV for Gujarat.
4. Global experience of the bidder in carrying out works of similar nature for development of offshore wind farms.
5. Limited number of bidders with the relevant experience in offshore wind resource assessment and oceanographic measurements.
6. The national importance of executing the project, as this will provide the requisite data inputs for the development of the VGF based first offshore wind farm off Tamil Nadu Coast.

The proposal was placed during the 39th Meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) for their recommendation and approval in view of the GFR provision and as per the Delegation of Financial Power Rules (DFPR, Rule 21). FC recommended and approved NIWE's proposal for placement of the order with M/s Fugro Survey India Ltd for the quoted price of INR 16.92 crores plus GST as applicable on lease basis and advised to seek approval of Governing Council, NIWE. FC also noted that the present project is a pre-project Investment activity as per EFC memorandum and Expenditure to be incurred from grant of NIWE. Hence, the provision under Rule 21 of DFPR, 1978 which relates to Indents, Contracts and Purchase in the Ministry as such are not applicable in the present case.

The Governing Council deliberated on NIWE's proposal and recommendations of the 39th Meeting of the Finance Committee.

NIWE informed that, all the compliance to GFR provisions, reasonability of rates based on the price quote for a similar project carried out for M/s Shell at Gulf of Khambhat and the global experience of M/s Fugro Survey India Private Limited in executing such projects have been ensured. It was further informed that, the scope of supply for the present tender of NIWE and the project carried out for M/s Shell is same.

The Governing Council after detailed deliberations, approved NIWE's proposal for placement of the order with M/s Fugro Survey India Private Ltd for the quoted price of INR 16.92 crores plus GST as applicable on lease basis, under CFA grants to NIWE

Agenda item No.52:03:

Status of tender "Offshore Geophysical and Offshore Geotechnical Investigations at proposed location in Sub Zone -1, Gulf of Mannar, off Tamil Nadu coast" in India under TWO-BID SYSTEM

NIWE informed the Council about the status of tender floated for "Offshore Geophysical and Offshore Geotechnical Investigations at proposed location in Sub Zone -1, Gulf of Mannar, off Tamil Nadu coast". The technical bids were opened on 01.02.2024. Two bidders have submitted their bids, namely

1. M/s Coastal Marine Construction and Engineering Limited (COMACOE), Mumbai and
2. M/s Fugro Survey India Pvt. Ltd.

Both the bidders have technically qualified and financial bids were opened, the details of which are given below:

Description	Bidder Name	Price quoted incl. of stat. levies, duties etc. & Inclusive of GST
Geophysical Survey (108 Sq.km) - Investigation of bathymetry, side scan sonar, sub bottom profile, magnetometer surveys, data analysis & report submission.	M/s COMACOE	Rs.209742815.00/- (Rs20.97 Cr)
	M/s FUGRO	Rs. 249118902.00/- (Rs 24.91 Cr)
Geotechnical Investigation - (3 nos. of Representative boreholes upto 60m penetration under Mud line) & lab analysis, report preparation.		

Further NIWE informed the Council that while verifying the status of the bidders with respect to MSE/ Make in India, it was found that one of the bidders, M/s. COMACOE has not applied for MII purchase preference Before opening the price bid, M/s.

COMACOE has been requested to submit the document for Local Content under MII policy to ascertain the status of the bidder (whether local supplier or non-local bidder) for evaluation purpose.

Out of two bidder M/s. COMACOE stands lowest i.e L1. The option of "REQUEST SELLER FOR PRICE MATCH" has to be exercised for further course of action since, the tender was published as BOQ based bid. In case M/s. FUGRO (L2) doesn't agree for price matching the order will be placed with M/s. COMACOE (L1). In case M/s. FUGRO agrees for price match the order cannot be placed with both of them, since splitting of tender is not possible as per tender terms and conditions and NIWE has to go for Re-tender.

GC noted the progress and status of the tender.

Agenda item No.52:04: Any other item with the permission of the Chair

As there were no other items to be discussed, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

 08/03/24
Chairman, GC, NIWE