Annexure S - PURCHASE PREFERENCE

Purchase Preference to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) and Startups and Purchase Preference linked with Local Content (PP-LC) shall be applicable subject to full compliance of other terms and conditions of the RFP and Contract. Following are the conditions applicable as per the Government of India Guidelines on Purchase Preference.

1. **Micro & Small Enterprises [MSEs]:**

   1.1. Procurement through MSEs (Micro & Small Enterprises) will be done as per the Policy guidelines issued by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises vide Gazette notification no. D.L.-33004/99 dated 23.03.2012 and as amended from time to time. Following are the conditions applicable as per the Government of India Guidelines:

   1.2. MSEs should provide proof of their being registered as MSE (indicating the Terminal Validity Date of their Registration) for the item under Tender/ RFP along with their offer, with any agency mentioned in the Notification, including:

      1.2.1. District Industries Centres or
      1.2.2. Khadi Village Industries Commission or
      1.2.3. Khadi & Village Industries Board or
      1.2.4. Coir Board or National Small Industries Corporation or
      1.2.5. Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom or
      1.2.6. Any other body specified by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

   1.2.7. For ease of registration of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSMEs), Ministry of MSE has started Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum which is an online registration system (free of cost) w.e.f. 18th September, 2015 and all Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) who are having Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum should also be provided all the benefits available for MSEs under the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), Order 2012.

   1.3. MSEs participating in tenders, quoting price within price band of L1+15% shall also be allowed to supply a portion of requirement by bringing down their price to L1 in a situation where L1 price is from someone other than MSE & such MSE shall be allowed to supply at least 25% of total tendered value. In case there are more than one MSEs within such price band and agree to bring down their price to L1, the 25% quantity is to be distributed proportionately among these Bidders.

   1.4. MSEs are exempted from paying Application fee/cost & EMD, subject to furnishing of Valid certificate for claiming Exemption.

   1.5. The Eligible MSEs who intend to match the L1 Price (ultimately decided by the Bank) shall indicate the willingness to match the L1 Price within 6 working days from the date of communication from the Bank to avail the purchase preference.

   1.6. Bidder has to submit a self-declaration accepting that if they are awarded the contract and they fail to sign the contract, or to submit a performance security before the
deadline defined in the RFP, they will be suspended for the period of three years from being eligible to submit Bids for contracts with Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank as per Annexure T.

1.7. The aforesaid Policy is meant for procurement of only goods produced and Services rendered by MSEs and not for any trading activities by them. An MSE unit will not get any Purchase Preference over any other MSE Unit.

1.8. The details are available on web site dcmsme.gov.in. Interested vendors are requested to go through the same for details.

2. **Startup:**

2.1. Applicable for Indian Bidders only as defined in gazette notification no. D.L-33004/99 dated 11.04.2018 of Ministry of Commerce and Industry and as amended from time to time.

2.2. As mentioned in Section-II of O.M. No.F.20/2/2014-PPD(Pt.) dated 20.09.2016 of Procurement Policy Division, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance on Prior turnover and prior experience, relaxations may be applicable for all Startups [whether Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) or otherwise] subject to meeting of the quality and technical specifications specified in tender document.

2.3. Further, the Startups are also exempted from submission of Tender Fee and EMDs.

2.4. For availing the relaxations, bidder is required to submit requisite certificate towards Startup enterprise registration issued by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and the certificate should be certified by the Chartered Accountant (not being an employee or a Director or not having any interest in the bidder’s company/firm) and notary public with legible stamp.

2.5. Bidder has to submit as self-declaration accepting that if they are awarded the contract and they fail to sign the contract, or to submit a performance security before the deadline defined in the RFP, they will be suspended for the period of three years from being eligible to submit Bids for contracts with Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank as per Annexure T.

3. **Procurement through Local Suppliers (Make in India):**

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade under Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide letter no. P-45021/2/2017-PP (BE-II) dated 16/09/2020 has notified revised guidelines to be followed to promote manufacturing and production of goods and services in India under “Make in India” initiative.

3.1. **Definitions:**

3.1.1. Local content’ means a supplier or service provider whose product or service offered for procurement meets the minimum local content as prescribed under the aforesaid order or by the competent Ministries/Departments in pursuance of the aforesaid order.

3.1.2. ‘Class-I local supplier’ means a supplier or service provider, whose product or service offered for procurement, has local content equal to or more than 50% (unless otherwise prescribed by the Nodal Ministry).
3.1.3. ‘Class-II local supplier’ means a supplier or service provider, whose product or service offered for procurement, has local content more than 20% but less than 50% (unless otherwise prescribed by the Nodal Ministry).

3.1.4. ‘Non-local supplier’ means a supplier or service provider, whose product or service offered for procurement, has local content less than or equal to 20% (unless otherwise prescribed by the Nodal Ministry).

3.1.5. The Margin of purchase preference shall be 20%.

3.2. Eligibility of ‘Class-I local supplier’/ ‘Class-II local supplier’/ ‘Non-local suppliers’ for different types of procurement:

3.2.1. In procurement of goods, services or works in respect of which the Nodal Ministry/Department has communicated that there is sufficient local capacity and local competition, only ‘Class-I local supplier’, shall be eligible to bid irrespective of purchase value.

3.2.2. Only ‘Class-I local supplier’ and ‘Class-II local supplier’ shall be eligible to bid, except when Global tender enquiry has been issued. In global tender enquiries, ‘Non-local suppliers’ shall also be eligible to bid along with ‘Class-I local suppliers’ and ‘Class-II local suppliers’.

3.3. For award of contract, the following clauses shall be applicable in addition to other provisions in the bidding document in this regard:

3.3.1. In the procurements of goods or works, which are covered under Clause 3.2.2 above and which are divisible in nature, the “Class-I local supplier” shall get purchase preference over ‘Class-II local supplier’ as well as ‘Non-local supplier’, as per following procedure:

a. Among all qualified bids, the lowest bid will be termed as L1. If L1 is ‘Class-I local supplier’, the contract for full quantity will be awarded to L1.

b. If L1 bid is not a ‘Class-I local supplier’, 50% of the order quantity shall be awarded to L1. Thereafter, the lowest bidder among the ‘Class-I local supplier’ will be invited to match the L1 price for the remaining 50% quantity subject to the Class-I local supplier’s quoted price falling within the margin of purchase preference, and contract for that quantity shall be awarded to such ‘Class-I local supplier’ subject to matching the L1 price. In case such lowest eligible ‘Class-I local supplier’ fails to match the L1 price or accepts less than the offered quantity, the next higher ‘Class-I local supplier’ within the margin of purchase preference shall be invited to match the L1 price for remaining quantity and so on, and contract shall be awarded accordingly. In case some quantity is still left uncovered on Class-I local suppliers, then such balance quantity may also be ordered on the L1 bidder.

3.3.2. In the procurements of goods or works, which are covered under Clause 3.2.2 above and which are not divisible in nature, and in procurement of services where the bid is evaluated on price alone, the ‘Class-I local supplier’ shall get
purchase preference over 'Class-II local supplier' as well as 'Non-local supplier', as per following procedure:

a. Among all qualified bids, the lowest bid will be termed as L1. If L1 is 'Class-I local supplier', the contract will be awarded to L1.

b. If L1 is not 'Class-I local supplier', the lowest bidder among the 'Class-I local supplier', will be invited to match the L1 price subject to Class-I local supplier's quoted price falling within the margin of purchase preference, and the contract shall be awarded to such 'Class-I local supplier' subject to matching the L1 price.

c. In case such lowest eligible 'Class-I local supplier' fails to match the L1 price, the 'Class-I local supplier' with the next higher bid within the margin of purchase preference shall be invited to match the L1 price and so on and contract shall be awarded accordingly. In case none of the 'Class-I local supplier' within the margin of purchase preference matches the L1 price, the contract may be awarded to the L1 bidder.

d. "Class-II local supplier" will not get purchase preference in any procurement.

3.4. Purchase preference for domestic manufacturer/local supplier, methodology of its implementation, value addition to be achieved by domestic manufacturers, self-certification, compliance, monitoring and other terms & conditions shall be as per the aforesaid Guidelines/Notifications. The Guidelines may be treated as an integral part of the tender documents.

3.5. The preference to ‘Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2017’ shall be subject to meeting technical specifications and full compliance of other terms and conditions of the RFP and Contract.

3.6. Verification of local content:

3.6.1. The 'Class-I local supplier' / 'Class-II local supplier' shall be required to indicate percentage of local content and provide self-certification (as per Annexure U) along with the bid that the item offered meets the local content requirement for 'Class-I local supplier' / 'Class-II local supplier', as the case may be. Bidders shall also give details of the location(s) at which the local value addition is made.

3.6.2. The 'Class-I local supplier' / 'Class-II local supplier' quoting value in excess of Rs.10 crores, shall be required to provide a certificate (as per Annexure V) bid from the statutory auditor or cost auditor of the company (in case bidder is a company) or from a practicing cost accountant or practicing chartered accountant (in case bidder is other than company) giving the percentage of local content.

3.7. False declarations will be in breach of the Code of Integrity under Rule 175(1)(i)(h) of the General Financial Rules issued by the Ministry of Finance for which a bidder or its successors can be debarred for up to two years as per Rule 151 (iii) of the General Financial Rules along with such other actions as may be permissible under law.
3.8. All the relevant documents/information regarding claim for preferential treatment under this policy must be submitted along with offer by the tenderers. Post tender submission of these information/documents shall not be considered. Further firms seeking these considerations shall be completely responsible for the truthfulness and authenticity of their claim for these benefits.

3.9. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY):


3.9.1. Domestic Manufacturers are required to indicate the domestic value addition/Local Content in terms of Bill of Material (BoM) for the quoted products, in terms of aforesaid guidelines, in their bid. Bidders, claiming to bid in the status of domestic manufacturer/local supplier on behalf of domestic manufacturer are also required to give an undertaking in the format as given in MeitY Form-1.

3.10. Department of Telecommunications (DoT):

In furtherance of the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2017, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Government of India has notified Thirty-Six (36) Telecom Products, Services and Works vide reference No. 18-10/2017-IP dated 29.08.2018.

3.10.1. Domestic Manufacturers are required to indicate the domestic value addition/Local Content in terms of Bill of Material (BoM) for the quoted products, in terms of aforesaid guidelines, in their bid. Bidders, claiming to bid in the status of domestic manufacturer/local supplier on behalf of domestic manufacturer are also required to give an undertaking in the format as given in DoT Form-1.

3.11. Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank shall also have the authority to audit as well as witness production processes to certify the achievement of the requisite local content and/or to obtain complete back up calculation.

4. In case a bidder is eligible to seek benefit under Purchase PP-LC policy as well as PPP for MSE 2012, then the bidder should categorically seek benefits against only one of the two policies i.e. either PP-LC and MSE policy in ANNEXURE-W. The option once exercised cannot be modified subsequently.

5. Purchase preference benefits shall be extended to the bidder based on the declared option subject to the bidder meeting the requirements contained in that purchase preference policy.

6. In case a MSEs bidder opts for purchase preference based on PP-LC, he shall not be entitled to claim purchase preference benefit available to MSE Bidders under PPP-2012. However, the exemptions from furnishing Bidding Document fee and Bid security/EMD shall continue to be available to MSE Bidders
7. For price matching opportunities and distribution of quantities among bidders (bidder’s option to avail any one out of two applicable purchase preference policies, i.e., PP-LC-2017 or PPP-2012 will be considered), the precedence shall be in the following order:


7.2. Purchase Preference linked with Local Content (PP-LC).