

Indian Railways are in the process of switching over to e-tendering for Works Contracts from January, 2016. In the 'e-tendering system', electronic tenders will be uploaded on Indian Railways e-tendering site (IREPS), i.e. www.ireps.gov.in and for such electronic tenders, the offers by the tenderers can be submitted only electronically on the IREPS website. Submissions of manual offers against electronic tenders are not allowed and any manual offers, so submitted shall not be opened / considered.

For submission of electronic offers, the bidders will have to get themselves registered one time on the IREPS website. Registration is an online process without any payment. Interested bidders can apply for registration by clicking on the link 'New Vendors / Contractors (e-tender)' in the left navigation bar (Quick Links section) on the Home page of the website (www.ireps.gov.in). Registration on IREPS website may take some time; so, bidders are requested to register themselves at the earliest to avoid any inconvenience in submission of their offers.

The requirement for registration of bidders and submission of electronic offers are as under :

- (a) A computer system alongwith proper internet connectivity
- (b) Class III Digital Signature Certificate with company name : This certificate can be purchased from any Certifying Authority, authorized by Controller of Certifying Authorities, i.e. CCA/India. The list of Certifying Authorities is available on the website of Controller of Certifying Authorities (www.cca.gov.in).

A Help Desk has been set up to assist the bidders for registration and participation in e-tenders. Assistance from the Help Desk can be obtained telephonically or through e-mail. The details of Help Desk are available under Helpdesk link in the left navigation bar (Quick Links section) on the Home page of the website (www.ireps.gov.in).

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