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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FOR HIRING OF HELICOPTER
ON LONG TERM LEASE**

General Administration Department, Government of Assam desires to hire a **twin engined Helicopter** equipped with all safety norms as prescribed by the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Govt. of India issued in the form of Aircraft Rules, 1937, CAR, AIC, Circulars etc. (which can be accessed at the DGCA website at www.dgca.nic.in on lease for flying of very important functionaries State Administration to reach out to the affected areas of natural calamities/ for law and order maintenance etc.

General Administration Department, Government of Assam invites Expression of Interest for hiring of the Helicopter on long term wet lease. The specifications and terms & conditions are as mentioned below:

1. SPECIFICATION AND SAFETY REQUIREMENT OF THE HELICOPTER:

The helicopter offered must have at least two engines. Seating capacity should be of a minimum of 8+2 in VIP configuration. The Helicopter must be well equipped and fulfilling Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). The helicopter should also have all other required mandatory features for VIP operation, such as Dual Communication and Navigation System, Weather Radar, Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR), Flight Data Recorder (FDR), Dual Mode Transponder, Auto Pilot, Global Positioning System (GPS) etc. The Rotor Craft should have air-conditioning system and Cabin interior should be well furnished for VIP operation. The operator shall ensure that the helicopter offered is kept well maintained in optimal flying condition during the lease period meeting all mandatory requirements for VIP flying as prescribed by DGCA from time to time.

2. STATION: The helicopter will be stationed at Guwahati, Kamrup(Metro) Area and fly to any destination as per the direction of the State Government in the General Administration Department.

3. BASE: The operator shall have their own arrangement with a base maintenance facility at LGBI Airport, Guwahati during the period of Lease with the State Government. The base maintenance approval for Guwahati base for carrying out maintenance of the proposed helicopter to be used for VIP flight commitments shall be obtained from DGCA by the operator. Such base facility, if not already available, shall have to be established by the lessor or lessor has to enter into requisite agreement with the existing facility within 30 days of the actual signing of the lease agreement.

4. SUBSTITUTE HELICOPTER: If the dedicated helicopter is not available due to any factor beyond the control of the operator, a substitute helicopter of equal merit and configuration shall be provided by the operator. The substitute helicopter so provided shall also be of the same class and flying conditions. Failure to provide such a substitute helicopter shall be treated as default in service attracting suitable penalty as may be provided in the lease agreement.

5. SCHEDULED INSPECTION: A Maximum of two days in a month will be allowed for scheduled inspection and maintenance of the helicopter. The operator will intimate the dates in writing at least 10 days in advance to the State Government.

6. NON-AVAILABILITY OF THE HELICOPTER: The operator shall ensure that the helicopter offered is available on all days in a month for VIP operation. In case the helicopter is not available for any day excepting for scheduled inspection stated above, the operator shall make arrangement for a substitute helicopter. If the operator fails to make such arrangement, double the proportionate amount of the fixed monthly charges will be deducted for the days the operator fails to provide the helicopter for operation.

7. TRANSPORTATION OF VIPs INSIDE THE AIRPORT: The operator shall provide a vehicle suitable for VIP use inside the LGBI Airport, Guwahati at his own cost for the transport of the passengers from the boarding gate upto the helicopter and back to the arrival hall of the Airport and extend necessary courtesies to them.

8. **TENURE (DURATION) OF LEASE:** The hiring will be initially for five years on wet lease basis. Wet lease includes aircraft, crew, maintenance, insurance etc. However, the performance of the operator will be accessed annually and if found not satisfactory, will be terminated. The lease tenure shall commence from the date of execution of the lease agreement and shall remain valid for five year unless terminated earlier. Lease can be renewed further by the State Government with the consent of the operator on terms and conditions as mutually agreed upon.

9. **TERMINATION OF LEASE:** Either party, i.e the State Government or the operator can terminate the lease at any time by giving one month's notice or payment of the one month's Fixed Monthly Charges to the other party in lieu of such notice. However, in case the operator terminates the lease he will not be eligible for the demobilization charges, if any, from Guwahati to his base.

10. **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** In order to be eligible for consideration, the bidder should be fulfilling all the requirements as indicated below:

- Should be a Helicopter operator with valid Non Scheduled Operator's Permit (NSOP).
- Should have at least 3 serviceable twin engined helicopters in its fleet.
- The helicopter offered should be preferably of less than 4 years old and should not have completed more than 2500 flying hours.
- Bidders having helicopter more than 4 years old having completed more than 2500 flying hours may also participate. However, preference will be given to the operator with the newer helicopter with least flying hours completed.
- Should have experience of operating helicopters for at least 5 years.
- Should have it's own maintenance facility or have a valid agreement with a certified maintenance facility.
- Should have pilots qualified for flying VIPs as per DGCA norms.
- Should have PAN of Income Tax.
- Should have Service Tax registration number.

11. **PILOT:** The helicopter must be flown by **two** experienced pilots having the required qualifications, rating and experience as prescribed by DGCA from time to time.

12. **TRAINING AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT:** All necessary trainings prescribed by the DGCA for the operational and technical personnel must be provided at the cost of Operator.

13. **SAFETY NORMS:** The operator shall abide by all safety norms as prescribed for VIP operations by the DGCA from time to time.

14. **PARKING & FUELING:** Government will not pay for parking & fueling as well as pertaining to the idle period of the helicopter.

15. **SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL:** The interested bidders may submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) with the relevant details, supporting documents etc so that the matter can be further considered for circulation of RFP. Last date for submission of EOI is **15.11.2016**.

Sd/-

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
General Administration Department.