



RAILTEL CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
(Navratna CPSU under Ministry of Railways, Government of India)

Expression of Interest for Selection of Partner from Empaneled Business Associates or OEMs or
OEM's authorized partner/distributor

for

“Selection of Business Associate for supply, installation and commissioning of unified threat
management (UTM) firewall”

EoI No: RailTel/WR/BPL/WCL/EOI/2024-25/26

Dated: 03rd January 2025

Plot No. 17, 1st Floor, Raghunath Nagar, Near Shahpura Police station,
Bhopal MP-462039

EOI NOTICE

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RailTel Corporation of India Ltd., (here after referred to as “RailTel”), publishes EOI to select suitable partner among RailTel’s Empaneled BA / OEMs / OEM’s authorized partner / distributor(s) for “Selection of Business Associate for supply, installation and commissioning of unified threat management (UTM) firewall”.

The details are as under:

1	Last date for submission of Bid response Packet against EOIs by bidders	07 th January 2025 at 16:00 Hours
2	Opening of Bid response packet of EOIs	07 th January 2025 at 16:30 Hours
3	Number of copies to be submitted for scope of work	One
4	EMD Amount	Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Only)
5	Tender Fees & Processing Fees	Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)

The EMD should be in the favor of RailTel Corporation of India Limited payable at Mumbai through online bank transfer. Partner needs to share the online payment transfer details like UTR No. date and Bank along with the proposal.

RailTel Bank Details: Union Bank of India, Account No. 317801010036605,
IFSC Code - UBIN0531782, Branch name – Mahalaxmi Branch

Eligible Business Associates / OEMs/authorized partner or distributor of OEMs are required to direct all communications related to this Invitation for EoI document, through the following Nominated Point of Contact persons:

Level:1 Contact: Sh. Anand Kumar
Position: Jt. General Manager/Marketing
Email: anandnkn@railtelindia.com
Contact: +91-9004444107

Level:2 Contact: Sh. Pavan Kumar Bhargava
Position: ED/TM/Bhopal
Email: pavan@railtelindia.com

Note:

1. Empaneled partners/OEMs/authorized partner or distributor of OEMs are required to submit soft copy (password protected PDF) of bid response packet (separate for Technical bid and Financial Bid) through an e-mail at bpltooffice@railtelindia.com duly signed by Authorized Signatories with Company seal and stamp. The size of both the files should not exceed 20 Mb.
2. The OEMs need not be prior empaneled Business Associates, given their proven technical prowess. However, The EOI response is invited from eligible Empaneled Partners of RailTel only in case of participation by Business Associates.
3. The password will be sought at the time of opening of the bid response packet.
4. All the documents must be submitted with proper indexing and page no.
5. This is an exclusive arrangement with empaneled business associate/OEMs/authorized partner or distributor of OEM of RailTel for fulfilling the end customer requirements. Selected partner's authorized signatory has to give an undertaking they will not submit directly or indirectly their bids and techno-commercial solution/association with any other organization once selected through this EOI (before and after submission of bid to prospective organization by RailTel). This undertaking has to be given with this EOI Response.
6. Transfer and Sub-letting. The Business Associate/OEMs/authorized partner or distributor of OEM has no right to give, bargain, sell, assign or sublet or otherwise dispose of the Contract or any part thereof, as well as to give or to let a third party take benefit or advantage of the present Contract or any part thereof.

1. Introduction about RailTel

RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel), an ISO-9001:2000 organization is a “Navratna” company under Ministry of Railways, Government of India. The Corporation was formed in Sept 2000 with the objectives to create nationwide Broadband Telecom and Multimedia Network in all parts of the country, to modernize Train Control Operation and Safety System of Indian Railways and to contribute to realization of goals and objective of national telecom policy 1999. RailTel is a wholly owned subsidiary of Indian Railways.

RailTel has approximately 70000 kms of OFC along the protected Railway tracks. The transport network is built on high capacity DWDM and an IP/ MPLS network over it to support mission critical communication requirements of Indian Railways and other customers. RailTel has Tier-III Data Center in Gurgaon and Secunderabad hosting / collocating critical applications. RailTel is also providing Telepresence as a Service (TPaaS), where a High- Definition Video Conference facility bundled with required BW is provided as a Service.

For ensuring efficient administration across India, country has been divided into four regions namely, Eastern, Northern, Southern & Western each headed by Executive Director and Headquartered at Kolkata, New Delhi, Secunderabad & Mumbai respectively. These regions are further divided into territories for efficient working. RailTel has territorial offices at Guwahati, & Bhubaneswar in East, Chandigarh, Jaipur, Lucknow in North, Chennai & Bangalore in South, Bhopal, and Pune & Ahmedabad in West. Various other territorial offices across the country are proposed to be created shortly.

RailTel’s business service lines can be categorized into three heads namely B2G/B2B (Business to Government and Business to Business) and B2C (Business to customers):

Licenses & Service portfolio:

Presently, RailTel holds Infrastructure Provider -1, National Long-Distance Operator, International Long-Distance Operator and Internet Service Provider (Class-A) licenses under which the following services are being offered to various customers:



a) Carrier Services

- National Long Distance: Carriage of Inter & Intra -circle Voice Traffic across India using state of the art NGN based network through its Interconnection with all leading Telecom Operators
- Lease Line Services: Available for granularities from E1 to multiple of Gigabit bandwidth & above
- Dark Fiber/Lambda: Leasing to MSOs/Telco's along secured Right of Way of Railway tracks
- Co-location Services: Leasing of Space and 1000+ Towers for collocation of MSC/BSC/BTS of Telco's

b) Enterprise Services

- Managed Lease Line Services: Available for granularities from E1, DS-3, STM-1 & above
- MPLS VPN: Layer-2 & Layer-3 VPN available for granularities from 2 Mbps & above
- Dedicated Internet Bandwidth: Experience the "Always ON" internet connectivity at your fingertips in granularities 2 Mbps to several Gbps

c) DATA CENTER Infrastructure as a service (IaaS), Hosting as Services, Security operation Centre as a Service (SOCaaS): RailTel has MeitY empaneled two Tier-III data centres in Gurgaon & Secunderabad. Presently RailTel is hosting critical applications of Indian Railways, Central & State government/ PSUs applications. RailTel will facilitate Government's applications / Hosting services including smooth transition to secured state owned RailTel's Data Centers and Disaster Recovery Centres. RailTel also offers SOC as a Service 'SOCaaS'. In addition, RailTel offers VPN client services so that employees can seamlessly access government's intranet, applications securely from anywhere without compromising security.

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d) High-Definition Video Conference: RailTel has unique service model of providing high-definition video conference bundled with Video Conference equipment, bandwidth and FMS services to provide end to end seamless services on OPEX model connecting HQ with other critical offices. RailTel also offers application-based video conference solution for employees to be productive specially during this pandemic situation.

e) Retail Services – RailWire

RailWire: Triple Play Broadband Services for the Masses. RailTel has unique model of delivering broadband services, wherein local entrepreneurs are engaged in delivering &

maintaining broadband services and upto 66% of the total revenues earned are shared to these local entrepreneurs in the state, generating jobs and revitalizing local economies. On date RailTel is serving approx. 4,00,000 subscribers on PAN Indian basis. RailTel can provide broadband service across– Government PSU or any organization’s officers colonies and residences.

2. Project Background and Objective of EOI

RailTel intends to participate in the work for “Selection of Business Associate for supply, installation and commissioning of unified threat management (UTM) firewall”

RailTel invites EOIs from RailTel’s Empaneled Partners/OEMs/authorized partner or distributor of OEMs for the selection of suitable partner for participating in above mentioned work for the agreed scope work. The empaneled partner/OEMs/authorized partner or distributor of OEMs is expected to have excellent execution capability and good understanding customer local environment.

3. Scope of Work

The scope of work is to “Selection of Business Associate for supply, installation and commissioning of unified threat management (UTM) firewall” as per there requirement.

The above scope of work is indicative, and the detailed scope of work will be shared after the completion of the EOI process.

In case of any discrepancy or ambiguity in any clause/specification pertaining to the scope of work area, the decision of the end customer organization shall supersede and will be considered sacrosanct. (All associated clarifications, response to queries, revisions, addendum and corrigendum, associated prime service agreement (PSA)/MSA/SLA also included.)

Special Note: RailTel may retain some portion of the work mentioned in the end organization RFP, where RailTel has competence so that overall proposal becomes most winnable proposal. Scope of Work and payment terms shall be on a back-to-back basis as per the end customer RFP.

4. Response to EOI guidelines

4.1 Language of Proposals

The proposal and all correspondence and documents shall be written in English in password protected PDF file through an email (size of email should not exceed 20Mb) to bpltooffice@railtelindia.com.

4.2 RailTel's Right to Accept/Reject responses

RailTel reserves the right to accept or reject any response and annul the bidding process or even reject all responses at any time prior to selecting the partner, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or Business Associate/OEM/authorized partner or distributor of OEM or without any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders about the grounds for RailTel's action.

4.3 EOI response Document

The bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms and conditions and technical specifications in the bidding documents. Submission of bids, not substantially responsive to the bidding document in every aspect will be at the bidder's risk and may result in rejection of its bid without any further reference to the bidder.

All pages of the documents shall be signed by the bidder including the closing page in token of his having studied the EOI document and should be submitted along with the bid.

4.4 Period of Validity of bids and Bid Currency

Bids shall remain valid for 120 days from the date of submission.

4.5 Bidding Process

The bidding process as defined in para 9.

4.6 Bid Earnest Money (EMD)

4.6.1 The Business Associate shall furnish a sum as given in EOI Notice via online transfer from any scheduled bank in India in favour of "RailTel Corporation of India Limited" along with the offer.

4.6.2 Offers not accompanied with valid EOI Earnest Money Deposit shall be summarily rejected.

4.6.3 In case of Business Associate's offer is selected for bidding, a BA has to furnish Earnest Money Deposit (for balance amount as mentioned in the customer's Bid as and if applicable) for the bid to RailTel. The selected Business Associate shall have to submit a Bank Guarantee against EMD in proportion to the quoted value/scope of work to RailTel before submission of bid to end customer, as and if applicable.

4.6.4 EMD and Tender Fees will be deposited in the form of Online Bank Transfer.

4.6.5 The validity of such EMD shall be maintained till the finalization of end Customer RFP/Tender i.e. award of order and till submission of Performance Guarantee of requisite value required by end customer on back-to-back basis.

4.6.6 Return of EMD for unsuccessful Business Associates: Final EMD of the unsuccessful Business Associate shall be returned without interest after completion of EOI process (i.e. after pre-bid agreement is signed with the selected partner)

4.6.7 Return of EMD for successful Business Associate: Final Earnest Money Deposit (balance proportionate EMD) if applicable of the successful bidder will be discharged / returned as promptly as possible after the receipt of RailTel's EMD/BG from the Customer and or on receipt of Security Deposit Performance Bank Guarantee as applicable (clause no. 4.7) from Business Associate whichever is later.

4.6.8 Forfeiture of Token EOI EMD or EMD (balance proportionate EMD) and or Penal action as per EMD Declaration:

4.6.8.1 The EOI EMD may be forfeited and or penal action shall be initiated if a Business Associate withdraws his offer or modifies the terms and conditions of the offer during validity period.

4.7 Security Deposit / Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG)

4.7.1 In case the bid is successful, the PBG of requisite amount proportionate to the agreed scope of the work will have to be submitted to RailTel.

4.7.2 As per work share arrangements agreed between RailTel and Business Associate the PBG will be proportionately decided and submitted by the selected Business Associate.

4.8 Last date & time for Submission of EOI response

EOI response must be submitted to RailTel at the email address specified in the preamble not later than the specified date and time mentioned in the preamble.

4.9 Modification and/or Withdrawal of EOI response

EOI response once submitted will be treated, as final and no modification will be permitted except with the consent of the RailTel. No Business Associate shall be allowed to withdraw the response after the last date and time for submission.

The successful Business Associate will not be allowed to withdraw or back out from the response commitments. In case of withdrawal or back out by the successful business associate, the Earnest Money Deposit shall be forfeited, and all interests/claims of such Business Associate shall be deemed as foreclosed.

4.10 Clarification of EOI Response

To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of bids the purchaser may, at its discretion, ask the Business Associate for clarification. The response should be in writing and no change in the price or substance of the EOI response shall be sought, offered or permitted.

4.11 Period of Association / Validity of Agreement

RailTel will enter into agreement with selected bidder with detailed Terms and conditions.

5. Pre-Qualification Criteria for Bidding Business Partner of RailTel

S No.	Particulars	Criteria for Tender Package
		(Mandatory Compliance & Document Submission)
1	I. The Bidder shall be a legally registered entity in India and shall have been in operation for at least five years. II. Should have a valid PAN & GST registration III. Should be active BA as on submission date	i. Certificates of incorporation or Registration Certificates. ii. PAN & GST Registration Copy iii. BA empanelment letter
2.	Bidders should have an average annual Turnover of atleast INR 5 Crores from IT/ICT related services, for the last three financial years i.e. 2021- 2022, 2022-2023 and 2023 - 2024. [The turnover refers to the Bidders turnover and not the composite turnover of its subsidiaries/sister concerns etc.] [IT/ICT related services comprise- Data Centre / IT Infrastructure/ IT systems / IT System integration / IT enabled services (ITES) / IT services / ICT / system integration services / Communication infrastructure / command & control centre implementation / Network Operating Centre (NOC)].	CA Certificate along with UDIN clearly defining the related turnover along with Audited Financial Statements (Balance sheet & Profit & Loss statement). Provisional certificate for FY 2023-24 may be accepted.
3.	The Bidder should have experience in executing similar projects or IT/ICT related services comprises – UTM / Firewall / Load balancer / IT Infrastructure/ ICT /IT FMS/ system integration services /communication infrastructure in India during the last three (3) financial years as on the last date of bid submission covering Supply, Installation, Configuration, Maintenance, and Operations of value specified herein: One project of value 1 Crores or more;	Documents required in case of Completed project: Copy of work order/Agreement and Completion certificate from Client, on client letterhead. The document submitted should clearly mention the value and nature of work done including RF sites. If the total value of the work executed is not mentioned on Work order/Agreement or Work completion certificate, then a CA certificate on letterhead along with UDIN shall be furnished clearly certifying the amount received under those projects. Documents required in case of Ongoing project: Copy of work Order/Agreement and Letter from client on client's letterhead..
4	Specification	As per annexure – IX along with MAF.
5	The Bidder must have working office in the state of Madhya Pradesh; If the bidder does not have an office in M.P., bidder should establish the same within one month of receiving the work order.	Attach GST certificate.
6	Bidder should not have been blacklisted by any State or Central Government entity as on the bid submission date.	Affidavit to be enclosed along with the bid.

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		(Mandatory Compliance & Document Submission)
B)	Annexures	
1	Annexure 1	Covering Letter: Self-certification duly signed by authorized signatory on company letter head.
2	Annexure 2	The Bidder should agree to abide by all the technical, commercial & financial conditions of the end customer RFP for which EOI is submitted.
		Self-certification duly signed by authorized signatory on company letter head.
3	Annexure 3	An undertaking signed by the Authorized Signatory of the company to be provided on letter head. The Bidder should not have been blacklisted / debarred by any Governmental / Non-Governmental Organization in India as on bid submission date.
4	Annexure-4	Format for Affidavit to be uploaded by BA along with the tender documents.
5	Annexure-5	Non-disclosure agreement with RailTel.
6	Annexure-6	Bid Document
7	Annexure-7	BOQ of the RFP document. Price Bid Format to be submitted in separate password protected pdf.
8	Annexure-8	Power of Attorney and Board Resolution in favor of one of its employees who will sign the Bid Documents.
9	Annexure-9	Technical Specification
10	Additional Documents to be Submitted	Technical Proposal with overview of the project with strength of the Partner (Implementation plan).

6. Bidder's Profile

The bidder shall provide the information in the below table:

S. No.	ITEM	Details
1.	Full name of bidder's firm	
2.	Full address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, and email address of the primary office of the organization / main / head / corporate office	
3.	Name, designation and full address of the Chief Executive Officer of the bidder's organization as a whole, including contact numbers and email Address	
4.	Full address, telephone and fax numbers, and email addresses of the office of the organization dealing with this tender	
5.	Name, designation and full address of the person dealing with the tender to whom all reference shall be made regarding the tender enquiry. His/her telephone, mobile, Fax and email address	
6.	Bank Details (Bank Branch Name, IFSC Code, Account number)	
7.	GST Registration number	

7. Evaluation Criteria

- 7.1 The Business Associates are first evaluated on the basis of the Pre-Qualification Criteria as per clause 5 above.
- 7.2 The Business Associate who meets all the Pre-qualification criteria, their price bid will be evaluated. The Lowest (L1) price bidder will be selected and entered into agreement with for delivery of the work on back-to-back basis for the agreed scope of work.
- 7.3 RailTel reserves the right to further re-negotiate the prices with eligible L1 bidder. Selected bidder must ensure the best commercial offer to RailTel to offer the most winnable cost to customer.
- 7.4 RailTel also reserves the right to accept or reject the response against this EOI, without assigning any reasons. The decision of RailTel is final and binding on the participants. The RailTel evaluation committee will determine whether the proposal/ information is complete in all respects and the decision of the evaluation committee shall be final. RailTel may at its discretion assign lead factor to the Business associate as per RailTel policy for shortlisting partner against this EOI. RailTel also reserves the right to negotiate the price with the selected bidder.
- 7.5 All General requirement mentioned in the Technical Specifications are required to be complied. The solution proposed should be robust and scalable.

8. Payment terms

- 8.1 RailTel shall make payment to selected Business Associate after receiving payment from Customer for the agreed scope of work. In case of any penalty or deduction made by customer for the portion of work to be done by BA, same shall be passed on to Business Associate.
- 8.2 All payments by RailTel to the Partner will be made after the receipt of payment by RailTel from end Customer organization.

9. SLA

The selected bidder will be required to adhere to the SLA matrix if/as defined by the end Customer. SLA breach penalty will be applicable proportionately on the selected bidder, as specified by the end Customer. The SLA scoring and penalty deduction mechanism for in-scope of work area shall be followed as specified by the customer. All associated clarifications, responses to queries, revisions, addendum and corrigendum, associated Prime Services Agreement (PSA)/ MSA/ SLA also included. Any deduction by Customer from RailTel payments on account of SLA breach which is attributable to Partner will be passed on to the Partner proportionately based on its scope of work.

10. Other Terms and Conditions

Any other terms and conditions in relation to SLA, Payments, PBG etc. will be as per the PO/agreement/Work Order/RFP of the end customer.

Note: Depending on RailTel's business strategy RailTel may choose to work with Partner who is most likely to support in submitting a winning bid.

Annexure 1: Format for COVERING LETTER
COVERING LETTER (To be on company letter head)

EoI Reference No:

Date :

To,

RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.
Plot No. 17, First Floor,
Raghunath Nagar,
Near Shahpura Thana,
Bhopal, M.P. - 462039

Dear Sir,

SUB: Participation in the EoI process

Having examined the Invitation for EoI document bearing the ref. no. _____ released by your esteemed organization, we, undersigned, hereby acknowledge the receipt of the same and offer to participate in conformity with the said Invitation for EoI document.

If our application is accepted, we undertake to abide by all the terms and conditions mentioned in the said Invitation for EoI document.

We hereby declare that all the information and supporting documents furnished as a part of our response to the said Invitation for EoI document, are true to the best of our knowledge. We understand that in case any discrepancy is found in the information submitted by us, our EoI is liable to be rejected.

We hereby Submit EMD amount of Rs. _____ issued vide _____ from Bank _____.

Authorized Signatory

Name

Designation

Annexure 2: Format for Self-Certificate & Undertaking
Self-Certificate (To be on company letter head)

EoI Reference No:

Date:

To,

RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.
Plot No. 17, First Floor,
Raghunath Nagar,
Near Shahpura Thana,
Bhopal, M.P. - 462039

Dear Sir,

Sub: Self Certificate for Tender, Technical & other compliances

- 1) Having examined the Technical specifications mentioned in this EOI & end customer tender, we hereby confirm that we meet all specification.
- 2) We agree to abide by all the technical, commercial & financial conditions of the end customer RFP for which EOI is submitted (except pricing, termination & risk purchase rights of the RailTel). We understand and agree that RailTel shall release the payment to selected BA after the receipt of corresponding payment from end customer by RailTel. Further we understand that in case selected BA fails to execute assigned portion of work, then the same shall be executed by RailTel through third party or departmentally at the risk and cost of selected BA.
- 3) We agree to abide by all the technical, commercial & financial conditions of the end customer's RFP for the agreed scope of work for which this EOI is submitted.
- 4) We hereby agree to comply with all OEM technical & Financial documentation including MAF, Technical certificates/others as per end-to-end requirement mentioned in the end customer's RFP. We are hereby enclosing the arrangement of OEMs against each of the BOQ item quoted as mentioned end customer's RFP. We also undertake to submit MAF and other documents required in the end Customer organization tender in favour of RailTel against the proposed products.
- 5) We hereby undertake to work with RailTel as per end customer's RFP terms and conditions. We confirm to submit all the supporting documents constituting/ in compliance with the Criteria as required in the end customer's RFP terms and conditions like technical certificates, OEM compliance documents.
- 6) We understand and agree that RailTel is intending to select a BA who is willing to accept all terms & conditions of end customer organization's RFP for the agreed scope of work. RailTel will strategies to retain scope of work where RailTel has competence.

- 7) We hereby agree to submit that in case of being selected by RailTel as BA for the proposed project (for which EOI is submitted), we will submit all the forms, appendix, relevant documents etc. to RailTel that is required and desired by end Customer well before the bid submission date by end customer and as and when required.
- 8) We hereby undertake to sign Pre-Bid Agreement and Non-Disclosure Agreement with RailTel on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 100/- in the prescribed Format.

Authorized Signatory Name & Designation

Annexure 3: Undertaking for not Being Blacklisted/Debarred

<On Company Letter Head>

To,

RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.
Plot No. 17, First Floor,
Raghunath Nagar,
Near Shahpura Thana,
Bhopal, M.P. - 462039

Subject: Undertaking for not Being Blacklisted/Debarred

We, Company Name, having its registered office at address
hereby declares that that the Company has not been blacklisted/debarred by any Governmental / Non-Governmental organization in India for past 3 Years as on bid submission date.

Date and Place

Authorized Signatory's Signature:

Authorized Signatory's Name and Designation:

Bidder's Company Seal:

Annexure 4: Format of Affidavit

FORMAT FOR AFFIDAVIT TO BE UPLOADED BY BA ALONGWITH THE EOI DOCUMENTS

(To be executed in presence of Public notary on non-judicial stamp paper of the value of Rs. 100/-.
The paper has to be in the name of the BA) **

I..... (Name and designation) ** appointed as the attorney/authorized signatory of the BA (including its constituents),

M/s _____ (hereinafter called the BA) for the purpose of the EOI documents for the work of _____ as per the EOI No. _____ of (RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.), do hereby solemnly affirm and state on the behalf of the BA including its constituents as under:

1. I/we the BA (s), am/are signing this document after carefully reading the contents.
2. I/we the BA(s) also accept all the conditions of the EOI and have signed all the pages in confirmation thereof.
3. I/we hereby declare that I/we have downloaded the EOI documents from RailTel website www.railtelindia.com. I/we have verified the content of the document from the website and there is no addition, no deletion or no alternation to be content of the EOI document. In case of any discrepancy noticed at any stage i.e. evaluation of EOI, execution of work or final payment of the contract, the master copy available with the RailTel Administration shall be final and binding upon me/us.
4. I/we declare and certify that I/we have not made any misleading or false representation in the forms, statements and attachments in proof of the qualification requirements.
5. I/we also understand that my/our offer will be evaluated based on the documents/credentials submitted along with the offer and same shall be binding upon me/us.
6. I/we declare that the information and documents submitted along with the EOI by me/us are correct and I/we are fully responsible for the correctness of the information and documents, submitted by us.
7. I/we undersigned that if the certificates regarding eligibility criteria submitted by us are found to be forged/false or incorrect at any time during process for evaluation of EOI, it shall lead to forfeiture of the EOI EMD besides banning of business for five years on entire RailTel. Further, I/we (insert name of the BA) ** _____ and all my/our constituents understand that my/our constituents understand that my/our offer shall be summarily rejected.

8. I/we also understand that if the certificates submitted by us are found to be false/forged or incorrect at any time after the award of the contract, it will lead to termination of the contract, along with forfeiture of EMD/SD and Performance guarantee besides any other action provided in the contract including banning of business for five years on entire RailTel.

DEPONENT SEAL AND SIGNATURE
OF THE BA

VERIFICATION

I/We above named EOI do hereby solemnly affirm and verify that the contents of my/our above affidavit are true and correct. Nothing has been concealed and no part of it is false.

DEPONENT SEAL AND SIGNATURE
OF THE BA

Place:
Dated:

****The contents in Italics are only for guidance purpose. Details as appropriate, are to be filled in suitably by BA. Attestation before Magistrate/Notary Public.**

Annexure-5: Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) Format

NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

This Non-Disclosure Agreement (this “Agreement”) is made and entered into on this ____ day of ____, 2024 (the “Effective Date”) at _____. By and between

RailTel Corporation of India Limited, (CIN: L64202DL2000GOI107905), a Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Railways, Govt. of India, having its registered and corporate office at Plate-A, 6th Floor, Office Block, Tower -2, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023, (hereinafter referred to as 'RailTel'), which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, deem to mean and include its successors and its permitted assignees of the ONE PART,

And

_____) (CIN: _____), a company duly incorporated under the provisions of Companies Act, _____ having its registered office at _____, (hereinafter referred to as '_____'),

which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, deem to mean and include its successors and its permitted assignees of OTHER PART

RailTel and _____ shall be individually referred to as “Party” and jointly as “Parties”

WHEREAS, RailTel and _____, each possesses confidential and proprietary information related to its business activities, including, but not limited to, that information designated as confidential or proprietary under Section 2 of this Agreement, as well as technical and non-technical information, patents, copyrights, trade secrets, know-how, financial data, design details and specifications, engineering, business and marketing strategies and plans, forecasts or plans, pricing strategies, formulas, procurement requirements, vendor and customer lists, inventions, techniques, sketches, drawings, models, processes, apparatus, equipment, algorithms, software programs, software source documents, product designs and the like, and third party confidential information (collectively, the “Information”);

WHEREAS, the Parties have initiated discussions regarding a possible business relationship for _____.

WHEREAS, each Party accordingly desires to disclose certain Information (each Party, in such disclosing capacity, the “Disclosing Party”) to the other Party (each Party, in such receiving capacity, the “Receiving Party”) subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the receipt of certain Information, and the mutual promises made in this Agreement, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

Permitted Use.

Receiving Party shall:

hold all Information received from Disclosing Party in confidence; use such Information for the purpose of evaluating the possibility of entering into a commercial arrangement between the Parties concerning such Information; and restrict disclosure of such Information to those of Receiving Party’s officers, directors, employees, affiliates, advisors, agents and consultants (collectively, the “Representatives”) who the Receiving Party, in its reasonable discretion, deems need to know such Information, and are bound by the terms and conditions of (1) this Agreement, or (2) an agreement with terms and conditions substantially similar to those set forth in this Agreement.

The restrictions on Receiving Party's use and disclosure of Information as set forth above shall not apply to any Information that Receiving Party can demonstrate: is wholly and independently developed by Receiving Party without the use of Information of Disclosing Party; at the time of disclosure to Receiving Party, was either (A) in the public domain, or (B) known to Receiving Party; is approved for release by written authorization of Disclosing Party; or is disclosed in response to a valid order of a court or other governmental body in the India or any political subdivision thereof, but only to the extent of, and for the purposes set forth in, such order; provided, however, that Receiving Party shall first and immediately notify Disclosing Party in writing of the order and permit Disclosing Party to seek an appropriate protective order.

(c) Both parties further agree to exercise the same degree of care that it exercises to protect its own Confidential Information of a like nature from unauthorised disclosure, but in no event shall a less than reasonable degree of care be exercised by either party.

Designation.

Information shall be deemed confidential and proprietary and subject to the restrictions of this Agreement if, when provided in:

written or other tangible form, such Information is clearly marked as proprietary or confidential when disclosed to Receiving Party; or oral or other intangible form, such Information is identified as confidential or proprietary at the time of disclosure.

Cooperation. Receiving Party will immediately give notice to Disclosing Party of any unauthorized use or disclosure of the Information of Disclosing Party.

Ownership of Information. All Information remains the property of Disclosing Party and no license or other rights to such Information is granted or implied hereby. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Disclosing Party understands that Receiving Party may currently or in the future be developing information internally, or receiving information from other parties that may be similar to Information of the Disclosing Party. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, nothing in this Agreement will be construed as a representation or inference that Receiving Party will not develop products, or have products developed for it, that, without violation of this Agreement, compete with the products or systems contemplated by Disclosing Party's Information.

No Obligation. Neither this Agreement nor the disclosure or receipt of Information hereunder shall be construed as creating any obligation of a Party to furnish Information to the other Party or to enter into any agreement, venture or relationship with the other Party.

Return or Destruction of Information.

All Information shall remain the sole property of Disclosing Party and all materials containing any such Information (including all copies made by Receiving Party) and its Representatives shall be returned or destroyed by Receiving Party immediately upon the earlier of:

termination of this Agreement; expiration of this Agreement; or
Receiving Party's determination that it no longer has a need for such Information.

Upon request of Disclosing Party, Receiving Party shall certify in writing that all Information received by Receiving Party (including all copies thereof) and all materials containing such Information (including all copies thereof) have been destroyed.

Injunctive Relief: Without prejudice to any other rights or remedies that a party may have, each party acknowledges and agrees that damages alone may not be an adequate remedy for any breach of this Agreement, and that a party shall be entitled to seek the remedies of injunction, specific performance and/or any other equitable relief for any threatened or actual breach of this Agreement

Notice.

Any notice required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered as follows, with notice deemed given as indicated:

by personal delivery, when delivered personally; by overnight courier, upon written verification of receipt; or by certified or registered mail with return receipt requested, upon verification of receipt.

Notice shall be sent to the following addresses or such other address as either Party specifies in writing.

RailTel Corporation of India limited:

Attn: _____

Address: _____

Phone:

Email.:

Attn: _____

Address: _____

Phone:

Email:

Term, Termination and Survivability.

Unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of this agreement, this Agreement shall be in full force and effect for a period of ____years from the effective date hereof.

Each party reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to terminate this Agreement by giving the other party not less than 30 days' written notice of such termination.

Notwithstanding the foregoing clause 9(a) and 9 (b), Receiving Party agrees that its obligations, shall:

In respect to Information provided to it during the Term of this agreement, shall survive and continue even after the expiry of the term or termination of this agreement; and not apply to any materials or information disclosed to it thereafter.

Governing Law and Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be governed in all respects solely and exclusively by the laws of India without regard to its conflicts of law principles. The Parties hereto expressly consent and submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the courts of New Delhi.

Counterparts. This agreement is executed in duplicate, each of which shall be deemed to be the original and both when taken together shall be deemed to form a single agreement

No Definitive Transaction. The Parties hereto understand and agree that no contract or agreement with respect to any aspect of a potential transaction between the Parties shall be deemed to exist unless and until a definitive written agreement providing for such aspect of the transaction has been executed by a duly authorized representative of each Party and duly delivered to the other Party (a "*Final Agreement*"), and the Parties hereby waive, in advance, any claims in connection with a possible transaction unless and until the Parties have entered into a Final Agreement.

Settlement of Disputes:

The parties shall, at the first instance, attempt to resolve through good faith negotiation and consultation, any difference, conflict or question arising between the parties hereto relating to or concerning or arising out of or in connection with this agreement, and such negotiation or consultation shall begin promptly after a Party has delivered to another Party a written request for such consultation.

In the event of any dispute, difference, conflict or question arising between the parties hereto, relating to or concerning or arising out of or in connection with this agreement, is not settled through good faith negotiation or consultation, the same shall be referred to arbitration by a sole arbitrator.

The sole arbitrator shall be appointed by CMD/RailTel out of the panel of independent arbitrators maintained by RailTel, having expertise in their respective domains. The seat and the venue of arbitration shall be New Delhi. The arbitration proceedings shall be in accordance with the provision of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 and any other statutory amendments or modifications thereof. The decision of arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in English Language. The fees and cost of arbitration shall be borne equally between the parties.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF NEGOTIATIONS

Without the Disclosing Party's prior written consent, the Receiving Party shall not disclose to any Person who is not a Representative of the Receiving Party the fact that Confidential Information has been made available to the Receiving Party or that it has inspected any portion of the Confidential Information or that discussions between the Parties may be taking place.

REPRESENTATION

The Receiving Party acknowledges that the Disclosing Party makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of any of the Confidential Information furnished by or on its behalf. Nothing in this clause operates to limit or exclude any liability for fraudulent misrepresentation.

ASSIGNMENT

Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations under this Agreement shall be assigned, in whole or in part, by operation of law or otherwise by any of the Parties without the prior written consent of each of the other Parties. Any purported assignment without such consent shall be void. Subject to the preceding sentences, this Agreement will be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. its Affiliates to advise their Representatives, contractors, subcontractors and licensees, of the obligations of confidentiality and non-use under this Agreement, and shall be responsible for ensuring compliance by its and its Affiliates' Representatives, contractors, subcontractors and licensees with such obligations. In addition, each Party shall require all persons and entities who are not employees of a Party and who are provided access to the Confidential Information, to execute confidentiality or non-disclosure agreements containing provisions no less stringent than those set forth in this Agreement. Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party in writing upon learning of any unauthorized disclosure or use of the Confidential Information by such persons or entities.

NO LICENSE

Nothing in this Agreement is intended to grant any rights to under any patent, copyright, or other intellectual property right of the Disclosing Party, nor will this Agreement grant the Receiving Party any rights in or to the Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party, except as expressly set forth in this Agreement.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARTIES:

Nothing in this Agreement or in any matter or any arrangement contemplated by it is intended to constitute a partnership, association, joint venture, fiduciary relationship or other cooperative entity between the parties for any purpose whatsoever. Neither party has any power or authority to bind the other party or impose any obligations on it and neither party shall purport to do so or hold itself out as capable of doing so.

20: UNPULISHED PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION (UPSI)

_____ agrees and acknowledges that _____, its Partners, employees, representatives etc., by virtue of being associated with RailTel and being in frequent communication with RailTel and its employees, shall be deemed to be "Connected Persons" within the meaning of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and shall be bound by the said regulations while dealing with any confidential and/ or price sensitive information of RailTel. _____ shall always and at all times comply with the obligations and restrictions contained in the said regulations. In terms of the said regulations, _____ shall abide by the restriction on communication, providing or allowing access to any Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI) relating to RailTel as well as restriction on trading of its stock while holding such Unpublished Price Sensitive Information relating to RailTel

MISCELLANEOUS. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding among the Parties as to the Information and supersedes all prior discussions between them relating thereto. No amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be valid or binding on the Parties unless made in writing and signed on behalf of each Party by its authorized representative. The failure or delay of any Party to enforce at any time any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of such Party's right thereafter to enforce each and every provision of this Agreement. In the event that any of the terms, conditions or provisions of this Agreement are held to be illegal, unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms, conditions or provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect. The rights, remedies and obligations set forth herein are in addition to, and not in substitution of, any rights, remedies or obligations which may be granted or imposed under law or in equity. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement on the date set forth above.

_____:

RailTel Corporation of India Limited:

By _____

By _____

Name:

Name:

Title:

Title:

Witnesses

Technical Specifications -

Annexure-9

Minimum Guaranteed Technical Compliance Sheet NGFW			
Sl.	Description	Value	Bidder Compliance/Value
1	Type	NGFW	
2	Form Factor (RU)	1U Rack mount	
3	Features	Layer 3 - Layer 4, NAT, VPN, Application Visibility and Control (AVC), User Identity, Next Generation Intrusion Prevention System (IPS), Zero Day Protection / Advance Malware protection, Web Security Essentials / URL Filtering/ DNS Filtering	
4	Traffic handled	TCP,UDP,HTTP/TCP,TCP/UDP	
5	Packet Size (Byte)	1518	
6	Throughput with all features enabled (Under Test Condition) (Mbps) - Threat Prevention throughput	26000	
7	Throughput (Real World/Prod Performance)(Under Test Condition) (Mbps)	41000	
8	Concurrent Session/Concurrent Connection	14 Million	
9	New session/Connection per second	250,000	
10	TLS/SSL inspection and decryption throughput (DPI SSL)	9 Gbps	
11	Type of Interface Supported	GE Copper/1G SFP, 10G SFP+,25G SFP28, 100G QSFP28	
12	Number of GE Copper interface	16	
13	Number of 10G SFP+ interface	10	
14	Number of 1G SFP interface	2	
15	Number of Ipsec VPN Peers supported (Site to Site)	6000	
16	Number of Ipsec VPN Peers supported (Client to Site)	6000	
17	Number of SSL VPN Peers supported (Client to Site)	3000	
18	Type of Storage Disk	SSD / HDD	
19	Storage Capacity (GB)	1000 GB or more	
20	Power Supplies	Dual and Hot Swappable with dual fans	
21	Type of Processor	X86 or better	
22	High Availability Support	Yes	
23	If Yes, High Availability from day 1	NA	
24	Firewall Policies - License	Yes	
25	Details of the Firewall Policies for the Firewall provided with the License	Web Security Essentials / URL Filtering, IPS License,Application Visibility License, APT (Advance Persistant Threat) License (Anti Malware Protection , C&C attacks, Geo IP Protection, Zero Day Threat Protection), Gateway Anti virus, Gateway Anti spam.	
26	NGIPS Sigature supported	10000	
27	Security Intelligence	IP,URL,Domain	
28	Certification	Common Criteria /NDPP/NSS/ICSALabs	
29	IPv6 Ready from day 1	Yes	
30	On Site OEM Warranty (Year)	3	
Additional Features:			
1	The Firewall should Support for TLS 1.3 to improve overall security on the firewall. Should support deep packet SSL to decrypt HTTPS traffic for scanning (IPS, Gateway Antivirus, Content Filtering, Application control) transparently and send to destination if no threat found. Firewall must support Proxy-less and non-buffering inspection technology for DPI scanning without introducing file and stream size limitations, and can be applied on common protocols as well as raw TCP streams. Firewall should scan for threats in both inbound and outbound and intra-zone traffic for malware in files of unlimited length and size across all ports and TCP streams by GAV & Cloud AV. The proposed firewall should support Bi-directional raw TCP inspection that scans raw TCP streams on any port and bi-directionally to detect and prevent both inbound and outbound threats. Solution should have single-pass DPI architecture simultaneously scans for malware, intrusions and application identification and ensuring that all threat information is correlated in a single architecture.		
2	Should have facility to block the URL's based on categories, granular control like Allow/Block, Bandwidth Management, Passphrase override, Notify. URL database should have at least 15-20 million sites and 90 + categories. Firewall must have intigrated IPS shall be able to scan packet payloads for vulnerabilities and exploits, covering a broad spectrum of attacks and vulnerabilities. Should have at least 20,000 IPS signatures or 20,000 DPI signatures and minimum 80 million Could AV signatures. The solution should have Granular content filtering allowing customer to block content using the predefined categories or any combination of categories. Shall be able to configure traffic shaping on a per policy basis for specific application/ Specific networks and should be able to define guaranteed bandwidth and maximum bandwidth per policy.		
3	Solution should support both on premise and cloud based Multi-engine Sandboxing for preventing zero day threats. The Firewall should have the capability to block/prevent from Side Channel attacks like Meltdown, Spectre, Foreshadow, Foreshadow-NG, Portsmash etc. Should support both for analysis of a broad range of file types, either individually or as a group, including executable programs (PE), DLL, PDFs, MS Office documents, archives, JAR, and APK plus multiple operating systems including Windows, Android, Mac OS X and multi-browser environments. Should have ability to prevent potentially malicious files from entering the network and those files sent to the sandbox for analysis to be held at the gateway until a verdict is determined.		

4	Should detect and prevent hidden attacks that leverage cryptography, blocks encrypted malware downloads, ceases the spread of infections, and thwarts command and control (C&C) communications and data exfiltration. Should protect against DDoS/DoS attack using both Layer 3 SYN proxy and Layer 2 SYN blacklisting technologies.It protects against DOS/DDoS through UDP/ICMP flood protection and connection rate limiting.	
5	The device should support stateful session failover to a standby appliance in the event of a hardware failure without any manual intervention.	
6	Should support real-time monitoring and visualization support a graphical representation of top applications , top address,top users and intrusion by sessions for granular insight into traffic across the network. The system should support GUI panels and actionable dashboards with general information, system status, system usage, network interface status, security services information & High availability status. Solution should support granular network visibility of network topology along with host info. Solution should support real-time visibility of infected hosts, critical attacks, encrypted traffic information & observed threats. The Central Management platform should support on-premise and should support necessary resource allocation for smooth functioning of the management and analytics. Analytics platform should support Real-time risk monitoring and analysis of all network and user traffic that passes through the firewall ecosystem	
7	The Firewall solution offered must be ICSA certified for Network Firewall/Common Criteria NDPP (Firewall)	
8	The firewall should have IPv6/USGv6 certifications from day 1.	
9	Firewall OEM should have TAC/R&D center in INDIA.	
10	Proposed Solution should support 24x7x365 telephone, email and web-based technical support.	
11	Manufacturer's warranty should be mentioned minimum 03 (three) years warranty including all services like GAV, IPS, Antispyware or antimalware, CFS, Application control, BoT protection , ATP,Patch & Firmware upgrade.	
12	Before awarding Order OEM or Partner has to do POC for offering product in Department.	
13	OEM/Partner is not blacklisting/debarred in any Govt./PSU Department.	
14	Proposed Solution manufacturer should be placed in Gartner Magic Quadrant of Enterprise/Network Firewall for last three years.	