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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
Directorate of Currency

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GLOBAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Various denominations of Indian Bank Notes are printed by Security Printing & Minting Corporation of India Ltd. (SPMCIL) and Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Ltd. (BRBNMPL). In supersession of earlier invitations/Expression of Interest issued in the years 2008 and 2009, the Government of India hereby invites Requests for Information (RFI) from firms who wish to offer security features and / or associated technology for incorporation in the future series of Indian Bank Notes. Applicants may also be required to make a presentation before a Committee constituted for evaluating the offers. The process for acquisition of security features and/or associated technology in the future series of Indian bank notes shall be done through Global Request for Qualification (RFQ) tender and the shortlisted firms who have been security cleared shall be issued Request for Proposal (RFP) documents.

2. Eligibility Criteria:

- I. The firm should be a manufacturer or their Authorized Agent, duly authorized through a Board Resolution, of the security feature or associated technology, whether already in use in bank notes of any country or a brand new development.
- II. The firm should be a registered company.

3. Format of Information:

3(a) Commercial Details:

- I. Name, complete address, phone number, fax number and e-mail address of the manufacturer and its directors along with location of production units and Research & Development facilities.
- II. Date of Incorporation of the company along with certificate of registration of company.
- III. Company profile with its past achievements, including financial information of last three financial years certified by Certified Accountants', e.g., Chartered Accountants (CA) in India and Certified Public Accountants / Chartered Accountants in other countries.



3(b) Technical Details:

The firm should provide the following details regarding security features or associated technology proposed by it, duly certified by its Chief Executive Officer:

- I. Details of Security features manufactured and/or associated technology developed/supplied during the past three years ending 31.12.2009, if any, along with name of clients and their addresses.
- II. Complete technical details including anti-counterfeiting strength and ease of recognition etc of the offered security features and / or associated technology. Certificate obtained from any internationally accredited laboratory/institution/client in this respect, if any, may also be furnished.
- III. Details of additional machinery, equipment, software and processes etc required for incorporation of the offered security features and/or associated technology in Indian Bank Notes and detection by the public, commercial establishments, banks and forensic laboratories along with estimated expenditure for it.
- IV. Estimated consumption pattern per billion Indian bank notes denomination-wise.
- V. Firm may communicate their willingness or otherwise to manufacture in India through a subsidiary or under license or through transfer the technology.
- VI. Firm may communicate details of patents/licences held by them with reference to the security features offered and their willingness or otherwise to indemnify the purchaser against claims relating to patent rights, if any.
- VII. Firm should also give an undertaking to enter into an exclusivity agreement, in case its feature or technology is short listed.
- VIII. Any other relevant information.

4. The last date for submission of Request for Information is October 13, 2010 by 1300 hours (IST). After scrutiny of the information, the short-listed applicants will be invited to make their detailed technical presentation before the designated Committee. Sealed envelopes containing the information in the required format should be superscribed as “ **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION for Security Features for Indian Bank Notes due on October 13, 2010**” and sent to the following address:

Deputy Secretary

Directorate of Currency, Department of Economic Affairs
Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi 110 001

For and on behalf of President of India

