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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Empanelment of licensed certifying authority for issuance of Digital
Certificates to the contractors and supplier community for e-
Procurement project of Government of Karnataka

Government of Karnataka through its implementing agency Centre for e-
Governance has implemented single unified end-to-end e-Procurement
platform in Karnataka. M/s HP India Sales Pvt. Ltd. had been awarded the
contract vide G.O. No. DPAR 26 EGV 203 dated 5th July 2006

The e-Procurement system has been implemented in 40 government
departments / agencies which continuously procure works, goods and services
through the e-Procurement platform. To ensure that the transactions handled
through the platform are secure and authenticated, the e-Procurement platform
is enabled with PKI infrastructure.

All contractors and supplier community participating and using the e-
Procurement platform identify themselves using digital signatures and use
them to sign and encrypt their bids while bid submissions to ensure non-
repudiation, confidentiality and integrity of their data. In this connection, four
licensed certifying authorities have been empanelled for issuance of digital
certificates to the contractors and supplier community for e-Procurement
project of Government of Karnataka. The four empanelled licensed certifying
authorities are as follows.

- 1) TCS Limited
- 2) (n) Code Solutions Limited
- 3) Safescrypt Limited
- 4) MTNL

M/s 3i Infotech Consumer Services Ltd., which is a licensed certifying
authority, submitted its proposal to Center for e-Governance vide letter dated
21/07/2009 requesting to be empanelled for issuance digital signature
certificates. Accordingly, the technical and commercial responses were sought
from the firm. A technical scrutiny committee constituted for the purpose
evaluated the technical responses and observed compliance on the technical
criteria and recommended to technically qualify the firm.

The commercial offer submitted by M/s 3i Infotech Consumer Services Ltd.
has been evaluated and it is confirmed that the price quoted by the firm is

reasonable considering the price quoted by the already empanelled licensed certifying authorities and the support requirements stated by the Government. Accordingly, it has been decided to empanel M/s 3i Infotech Consumer Services Ltd. for issuance of Digital Certificates to the contractors and supplier community for e-Procurement project of Government of Karnataka and publish the rates of M/s 3i Infotech Consumer Services Ltd. to facilitate contractors and suppliers for obtaining digital certificates. The contractors community is advised to procure digital certificates required to be used on the e-Procurement platform only through the empanelled licensed certifying authorities. It is further clarified that the rates indicated are only for the guidance and that contractors should not pay more than what is mentioned on Government's website and also they may bargain for less. They are free to choose any of the 5 certifying agency for buying their digital certificate. Price list is at Annexure-1 indicated Level-1, Level-2 and Level-3 support.

The certificate that shall be obtained by the contractor's community shall be only Class (III) certificates.

As per IT Act 2000, the Class (III) certificates are to be issued to individuals as well as organisations as these are high assurance certificate primarily intended for e-commerce applications. It may be noted these certificates will be issued to individuals only on their personal (physical) appearance before the certifying authorities.



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