

RULES FOR CONDUCTING "ONLINE" TENDER IN EDISON S.p.A.

1. Abstract

1.1 Edison S.p.A. intends to publish Request for Quotation (RFQ) by an internet software application, named SRM, to be connected at the following web address:

http://www.edison.it/edison/site/it/activities/suppliers/srm-portal/index.html.

The StaffB2B in Edison. is responsible to manage the system and to support external users. For any request please email to: staffb2b@edison.it.

2. User-id and Password

- **2.1** The registered supplier will receive, via e-mail user-id and password that allows access to the SRM website, where it is possible to enter an offer for the RFQs addressed to the tender, as deeply shown in the Operating Manual available at the same website. At the first connection, the system, for an increased safety, will require automatically to change the original password.
- 2.2 The supplier will require not to spread the user-id and password to third parties and it will be identified by means of a StaffB2B themselves. The bid submitted electronically, identified through User-id and password, will be assigned to supplier holder thereof, which shall respond to the undue use from third parties. In case of noncompliance uses of the user account, the holder has to give communication to StaffB2B, by fax, mail or telephone in time. The account will be disabled and the supplier will be reassigned a new password notified by e-mail.

3. Technical details

3.1 In the Operating Manual, technical methods are described for connecting to SRM system through that the tender will take place on-line and for participation in online tender itself.

4. Application of the online tender

4.1 Edison, through the SRM system,

- prepares a reserved suppliers area invited to tender online, in which, since the start of the tender itself, must fill deals exclusively in electronic way. Bids are not accepted if submitted by different ways: fax, e-mail, etc..
- **4.2** The on-line tender will begin when the supplier is invited and it will expire at specified date, notified in the invitation. The valid timetable is that from our system.
- **4.3** Bids must be made in the manner notified through the bids application, these arrangements may differ depending on the online tendering type.
- **4.4** The supplier, remotely connected, does not know name and number of other participants in the tender on-line.
- **4.5** After conducting the analysis of bids from each supplier by deadline, Edison will identify the best offer by notifying provider in traditional ways. The award of the tender will be made, after economic fairness comparison and as result of negotiation.
- **4.6** It is necessary to highlight that Edison has the faculty to cancel the online tender, with its unquestionable judgment.

5. Failure of Internet connection

- **5.1** The online tender can be delayed or cancelled only for connecting failures to the Edison's website, related to the e Edison ITC infrastructure.
- **5.2** Edison is not responsible for any failure occurring on the tender's IT environment which compromises the capability to participate to an Edison's RFQ, or for any inabilities to continue participation by suppliers for any reasons not depending on the Edison's IT architecture.

6. Jurisdiction of disputes

6.1 The rights and obligations of the parties, arising from conducting online tender, are regulated by Italian Law and the Court of Milan has exclusively jurisdiction to judge.