

NO. EDN-HE(14)-1/2012-ICT Phase-II
Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

Dated the Shimla 171001 20th July, 2013

OFFICE ORDER

Whereas , the firm M/S CORE Education & Technology Ltd. Lotus Business Park, 10th Floor, Plot NO.-C 21, Dalia Industrial Estate, Off Link Road, Andheri West, Mumbai-400053, had participated in the tender & contract/agreement with Department of Hr. Education, Himachal Pradesh was signed on 31st Oct, 2012 for the supply of the material & installation of Multimedia Educational Content, Teacher Training, Refresher courses, monitoring, interactive White board, Projectors, Integrated Computer Projectors, Computer H/W, manpower, S/W and other allied accessories (i.e. Webcam, multifunctional Printers, UPS etc), site preparations (i.e. vinyl flooring, furniture and fixtures, electrical fittings, Power backup facilities, LAN etc.) & maintenance thereof in 618 GSSS, 848 GHS & 5 Smart Schools in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

The matter regarding completion of work was repeatedly followed up with the firm on various levels but the firm but the firm is failed to start the execution of work. The representative of the firm was also contacted to meet various time lines and milestones but no concrete action was taken-up by them.

Whereas, a registered 'Notice for termination of contract' was issued to the said firm by this office vide letter NO. EDN-HE(14)-1/2012-ICT Phase-II on 27-4-2013 for clarifying their position for delay in implementation of the project. The execution period of the project was up to 4th May, 2013 as per clause 4 of the tender document, and the said firm was asked to explain as to why the agreement signed by them may not be cancelled for breach of the same. In reply to the registered letter of "Notice for termination of contract" the said firm has intimated that "due to delays by the financial institutions in releasing sanctions for project funding and also unprecedented delays in getting huge amounts of collections from other state governments against execution of various ICT projects ". The reply of the firm has not been satisfactory leading to unprecedented delay in starting important school scheme in the state.

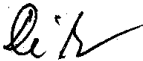
As per the facts stated above it is established that M/S CORE Education & Technology Ltd. Lotus Business Park, 10th Floor, Plot NO.-C 21, Dalia Industrial Estate, Off Link Road, Andheri West, Mumbai-400053, has not executed the above mentioned allotted work as per terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document/agreement. Non-co-operation of the aforesaid work has caused irreparable lose to the Govt. of H.P. because of delay in implementing the project thereby adversely affecting the studies of students since a large number of schools were deprived of the ICT facilities. The firm has been negligent and incapable of completing the work awarded to it.

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Therefore the firm M/S CORE Education & Technology Ltd. Lotus Business Park, 10th Floor, Plot NO.-C 21, Dalia Industrial Estate, Off Link Road, Andheri West, Mumbai-400053, is ordered to be blacklisted and debarred from taking part in any of the tender called by the Department of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh for the supply of Computer Hardware/Software & other infrastructure of this department for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this order. Besides, the Bank guarantee of Central Bank of India, Industrial Finance Branch, Mumbai-400021, bearing No.0387312BG0000187 amounting to Rs.7, 87, 27,920 furnished by the firm against the above tender has been invoked vide this office letter No. EDN-HE(14)-1/2012-ICT Phase-II dated 30.5.2013 and The amount thereof is ordered to be forfeited to the Govt. of H.P. on account of the failure of the said firm to complete the work assigned.

Place : SHIMLA
Dated : 20th July, 2013


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Himachal Pradesh