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(रेलवे बोर्ड) (Railway Board)

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The General Managers,
All Indian Railways and PUs.

विषय : **Development and Implementation of e- procurement system (IREPS) in works contracts on Indian Railways – The prerequisites.**

In terms of instructions and budget announcement item of Hon'ble Minister for Railways, the work of "Development and Implementation of e-tendering in Works Contracts on Indian Railways" has been taken up by Railway Board and CRIS is developing the IREPS's Works module for implementation on Indian Railways.

This module has been targeted for implementation by 31.12.2015. Therefore, Zonal Railways need to ensure necessary infrastructure for its trial run by 30.09.15. The **pre-requisites** are as under :

(a) **Digital Signature Certificate for Railway Users** : This is required for authentication of Railway user. The Digital Signature Certificate in USB token, alongwith the token driver is to be procured from a Certifying Authority (CA) approved by Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA). List of licensed CAs is available on www.cca.gov.in.

Digital signature is required for officials involved in Preparation of Tenders, Uploading of documents, Publication of tenders, Opening of tenders, Finalization of tenders, Post tender activities (Technical scrutiny, TC minutes preparation and signing), Admin activities like user creation/modification, management of tender opening roster etc. or any other activity which requires signing of form/document.

(b) **Digital Encryption Certificate** : Each tendering unit will require a Digital Encryption Certificate (DEC). Detailed guidelines for DEC issued by CRIS is enclosed herewith.

(c) **Wide publicity to Tenderers** : Wide publicity may be given through intimation & knowledge sharing to the prospective tenderers / bidders.

(d) **Registration of Tenderers/Bidders** : The prospective tenderers / bidders require a 'Class III Digital Signature' with company name from any Certifying Agency (CA) authorized by Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA). They also have to submit online request for registration sufficiently in advance to get themselves registered on IREPS (Works) in order to participate in e-tendering in works contracts.

(e) **Computer and Internet Connection** : A computer with Windows O.S. (Windows 7.0 or higher), Internet explorer, Java and Broadband Internet connection.

Further, It is also desired that the excellences on Railways towards e-tendering, if any, may be shared for development & improvement of a user friendly and hassle free IREPS (Works) module for 'e-tendering in Works Contract' on IR.

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