

NPCIL creates awareness on procurement opportunities for MSMEs

Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone of our economy as they contribute 30% to GDP, 49% to exports and 45% to manufacturing output. This sector also plays an important role in promoting inclusive economic growth, by empowering marginalised sections of the society, such as scheduled caste (SC) and scheduled tribes (ST). SC and ST enterprises account for 9% of the country's total MSME units.

World Trade Center Jaipur, in association with Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited, Rawatbhata Rajasthan Site, Department of Atomic Energy, National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. and SC-ST HUB, Jaipur organized a programme to motivate aspiring entrepreneurs from SC, ST and other communities.

During the programme, various public procurement processes followed by NPCIL and several support schemes of NSIC SC-ST HUB, Jaipur were explained to the participating delegates.



Mr. N. K. Pushpakar, Site Director, Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), Rawatbhata, Rajasthan introduced NPCIL as a Public Sector Enterprise under the administrative control of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India. The vision of NPCIL is to be globally proficient in nuclear power technology, contributing towards the long term energy security of the country.

"The objectives of NPCIL are to operate atomic power plants and implement atomic power projects for generation of electricity in pursuance of the schemes and programmes of Government of India under the Atomic Energy Act, 1962. NPCIL also has equity participation in BHAVINI, another PSU of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) which implements Fast Breeder Reactors programme in the country," informed Mr. Pushpakar.

Mr. B. Sreenivas, General Manager, Contracts and Material Management (CMM), NPCIL, RR Site remarked, "NPCIL is operating 22 commercial nuclear power reactors with Rated Power of 6,140 MW. The Corporation also has various reactors under different stages of construction. Certainly, in today's time, the role of electricity in driving economic growth and development is unquestionable. Ever since it was discovered and harnessed, electricity continues to be the preferred form of energy because of its high efficiency, instant and effortless access and cleanliness."



Mr. Ram Bahadur, Deputy GM, Mr. Manoj Srivastava, Senior Manager and Mr. Kapil Kumar, Senior Manager, C&MM, NPCIL, RR Site through a detailed presentation explained the procurement process of NPCIL and also responded to various queries on GeM e-marketplace.

Mr. D.D. Maheshwari, DGM & Branch Head, National Small Industries Corporation of India Ltd. (NSIC), Jaipur said, "NSIC's sole mission is to promote and support Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by providing integrated support services encompassing Marketing, Technology, Finance and other

services." He further added, "NSIC is an ISO 9001:2015 certified Government of India enterprise under Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). NSIC has been working to promote, aid and foster growth of MSMEs in the country. It operates through countrywide network of offices and Technical Centres. In addition, the corporation has set up Training cum Incubation Centres managed by professional manpower. Further, Mr. Maheshwari highlighted that Small Enterprises in their individual capacity face problems to procure and execute large contracts, which deny them a level playing field vis-a-vis large enterprises. NSIC forms a consortia of Micro and Small units manufacturing common products, thereby pooling in their capacity. "NSIC applies for tenders on behalf of single MSE/Consortia of MSEs to secure orders for them. These orders are then distributed amongst MSEs in accordance with their production capacity," explained Mr. Maheshwari.



Participants from more than 10 states attended the webinar and shared their experiences about dealing with procurement portals in India.

Mr. Navneet Agarwal, Assistant Director, World Trade Center Jaipur proposed vote of thanks.

The webinar was held on June 9, 2022.