



## KERALA WATER AUTHORITY

Jalabhavan  
Thiruvananthapuram-695033  
Kerala

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

**PRESENT : Venkatesapathy S IAS**

Sub:- Issue of Contractors License - Eligibility supplementing

No: 16185/AEE (TC)/2020/KWA

Dated: 29.01.2021

Read:- Resolution No. 11091 of the 417th Meeting of KWA held on 23/12/2020.

### ORDER

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) is a prestigious water supply project funded equally by the Central and State Governments. It is aimed to provide drinking water through Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) in all rural households by the year 2024. Implementation of the programme in the state was Officially inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Before starting the implementation of JJM, only 17.49 Lakhs out of 67.15 Lakhs rural households in Kerala were having tap connections. The remaining 49.5 Lakhs rural households are to be effected with water connections in the coming 5 years, under the JJM and other projects. The task in the coming 5 years is to execute 3 times the work which was carried out in the last 36 years in rural areas.

The JJM project includes retrofitting and extension of existing water supply lines, renovation and augmentation of existing schemes and also implementation of new schemes. At present, in the initial stages of tendering, there are works for which, no offers were received. It is reliably known that one of the reasons for not getting offers is non-availability of licensed contractors. Most of the contractors are not ready to take up more than one or two works due to the limitation of their resources.

Presently, majority of the works tendered include retrofitting and extension of existing water supply lines only. Subsequently, in addition to these works, works of renovation, augmentation and execution of new schemes are to be tendered. These are in addition to the Water Supply and Sewerage projects being undertaken by Kerala Water Authority under KIIFB, AMRUT, RKI, State Plan, MPLADS, ADF of MLA, Deposit work of various agencies (mainly Local Bodies), External Aided Projects (JICA/ADB) etc.

For taking up such huge quantum of work, more number of contractors are needed. There are four categories of contractors A, B, C and D. It is proposed to explore the possibility of supplementing



qualifications for eligibility to apply for Civil Contractor's license of Categories C and D.

In KWA, rules regarding registration of Civil and Electrical Contractors are governed by PWD Manual (Latest Revised Edition 2012) and vide G.O.(MS)No.59/2013/PWD dated 17/07/2013. At present, an individual or firm desirous of registering as a civil contractor (Categories C and D) in Kerala Water Authority shall have the qualifications/experience as detailed below.

D Category	The applicant shall have experience as a contractor or supervisor in civil construction / maintenance work costing Rs 4 lakhs during a period three years preceding the date of application.
C Category	1. The applicant shall have experience as a contractor or a site supervisor for a single civil engineering work costing Rs. 25 Lakhs or works costing a total amount of Rs. 50 Lakhs, each not below Rs 10 Lakhs within the last three years preceding the date of application. 2. Should have an Office with facilities for e-Tendering.

It is proposed that the following qualifications may also be considered for registering as a civil contractor (Categories C and D) in KWA.

D Category	<p>The applicant shall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (a) have Diploma/Degree in Civil Engineering or should be a retired person not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer (Civil/Mechanical) from State or Central Government / PSU/ Autonomous Bodies,  AND (b) have registration in Kerala Startup Mission.  OR</li> <li>2. be a Licensed Plumber / a firm registered by a Licensed Plumber/ a firm having minimum one Licensed Plumber as partner, who has/have provided a minimum 50 Nos. of water/sewer/combination of water and sewer connections of any category under orders of a competent Officer of Kerala Water Authority, during a period of three years preceding the date of application.  OR</li> <li>3. be a firm registered by a retired person not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer (Civil/Mechanical) from State or Central Government / PSU/ Autonomous Bodies or be a firm having minimum one retired person not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer (Civil/Mechanical) from State or Central Government/ PSU/Autonomous Bodies as partner.  OR</li> <li>4. be a firm registered by Civil / Mechanical Degree / Diploma holder or be a firm having minimum one Civil / Mechanical Degree / Diploma holder as partner.  OR</li> <li>5. be a firm registered by a Technical Educational Institution having AICTE approval.</li> </ol>
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C Category	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The applicant shall be eligible for a valid D Category registration</li> <li>2. The applicant shall have experience as a contractor or a site supervisor for a single civil engineering work costing Rs.10 Lakh or works costing a total amount of Rs. 20 Lakhs, each not below Rs.5 Lakh within the last three years preceding the date of application.</li> <li>3. Should have an Office with facilities for e-Tendering.</li> </ol>
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The matter was placed before the Authority for consideration and decision.

The Authority discussed the agenda in detail and noted that under JJM works AS amounting to Rs.6660.46 crores has been sanctioned in 2020-21 for giving about 21.42 lakhs rural FHTC in 2020-21. It is observed that for many works no offers were received especially in some districts due to lack of eligible licensed contractors to take up the works. Most of the contractors are not ready to take up more than one or two works due to the limitation of their resources. The Authority opined that for taking up such huge quantum of work, more number of contractors is needed. It is suggested to have more C and D category contractors by modifying the eligibility criteria.

After detailed discussion, the Authority vide resolution referred as read above, resolved to modify the eligibility criteria for certain class of entrepreneurs / companies to get license for C and D category contractors for strengthening the contractors base especially in the wake of JJM as mentioned below and to inform the Government about the change.

A. New Eligibility requirement for D Class Contractors.

1. A start-up company formed by an entrepreneur having Degree / Diploma in Civil / Mechanical and registered with Kerala Start up Mission.

OR

2. A start-up company formed by a retired person not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer (Civil/Mechanical) from State or Central Government / PSU/ Autonomous Bodies and registered with Kerala Start up Mission.

OR

3. A company registered by a Technical Educational Institution having AICTE approval.

OR

4. A licensed plumber / a company registered by a licensed plumber / a company having minimum one licensed plumber, who has provided a minimum 50 Nos. of water /sewer/ combination of water and sewer connections of any category under orders of a competent officer of Kerala Water Authority, during a period of three years preceding the date of application.

OR

5. 'ARISE' an entrepreneur group of Kudumbasree which have provided minimum 50 Nos. of water connections during last two years.

B. New Eligibility requirement for C Class Contractors



1. A start-up company formed by an entrepreneur having Degree I Diploma in Civil / Mechanical and registered with Kerala Start up Mission.

OR

A start-up company formed by a retired person not below the rank of an Assistant Engineer (Civil/Mechanical) from State or Central Government / PSU/ Autonomous Bodies and registered with Kerala Start up Mission,

OR

A company registered by a Technical Educational Institution having AICTE approval.

AND

2. Should have a minimum paid up capital of Rs. 5 lakhs.

AND

3. Should have a Registered Office with facilities for e-Tendering.

The routine registration for others will continue as such.

In the above circumstances, Sanction is hereby accorded to modify the eligibility criteria to above extend to get license for C and D category contractors for strengthening the contractors base especially in the wake of Jal Jeevan Mission Projects and to inform the Government about the change.

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