

Global tender notification for the procurement of Vibration-isolated Optical Table System

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Section 1: Bid Schedule

1	Tender Number	PHY/SB/2025/VOTS
2	Tender Date	18 th December 2025
3	Item Description	Vibration-isolated Optical Table System
4	Tender Type	Two bid system: (a) Technical Bid (Part A) (b) Commercial Bid (part B)
5	Place of tender submission	The Chairperson Kind attention: Dr. Shubhadeep Biswas Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560012, India
6	Last Date and Time for tender submission	9 th January 2026, 5:00 PM (Indian Standard Time)
7	Primary Point of Contact	Dr. Shubhadeep Biswas Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru 560012, India Email: shubha@iisc.ac.in

This is a Request for quote (RFQ) from the **Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or their authorised Indian distributor** for the procurement of a “Vibration-isolated Optical Table System” at the Department of Physics in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India. All interested vendors shall submit a response demonstrating their capabilities to produce the requested equipment to the primary point of contact.

Section 2: Eligibility Criteria

Prequalification criteria:

1. The bidder should sign and submit the declaration for Acceptance of Terms and Conditions as per -Annexure 4.
2. The Bidder must not be blacklisted/banned/suspended or have a record of any service-related dispute with any organization in India or elsewhere. A declaration to this effect has to be given as per Annexure 3.
3. System Catalogue should be produced with the Technical Bid. Original Invoice, Original Warranty Certificate, and Original Test Reports should be produced for all imported items from OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) at the time of supply of equipment.
4. Manufacturers should have ISO or equivalent international standard certificate. Please attach the required certificate with the bid.
5. The supplier will support the user with all the spares for a minimum period of 5 years.
6. Details of experienced service engineers including contact detail should be provided in the tender document.
7. Bidder shall have to submit audited accounts (Balance sheet profit and loss account) for the financial year 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24. The audited statement must be signed and stamped by qualified chartered accountants. The supplier will support the user with all the spares for a minimum period of 5 years.
8. Bidder must submit Income Tax return for assessment years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.
9. The bidder must have supplied similar systems to at least 10 educational institutes/universities and/or research organisations, and at least five Centrally Funded Technical Institutes (IITs, IISc, IISER, NIT). Please provide the details and contact information.
10. Only the Original Equipment Manufacturer or their authorized representatives across the globe shall participate in the bid.
11. The order will be placed only on the bidder who participated in the bid.
12. The quotations should be ICD-Bangalore or CIP-Bangalore.

Section 3: Terms and conditions

(A) Submission of Tender

1. All documentation in the tender should be in English.
2. Vendors will be required to submit a technical proposal and a commercial proposal in **two separate sealed envelopes** (two bid systems). The technical bid should contain all commercial terms and conditions, except the price. **Only vendors who meet the technical requirements will be considered for the commercial negotiation.**
3. **The technical bid** (Part A) must contain a point-by-point technical compliance document. The technical proposal should contain a compliance table with 5 columns.
 - a. The first column must list the technical requirements, in the order that they are given in the technical requirements below.
 - b. The second column must provide the specification of the instrument against the requirement (please provide quantitative responses wherever possible)
 - c. The third column should describe the compliance with a “YES” or “NO” only. Ensure that the entries in column 2 and column 3 are consistent.
 - d. The fourth column should clearly state the reasons/explanations/context for deviations if any.
 - e. The fifth column may contain additional remarks. It can be used to highlight the technical features, qualify the response of previous columns, or provide additional details.
4. **The commercial bid** (Part B) – Indicating item-wise price for the items mentioned in the technical bid, **as per the format of quotation provided in the tender**, and other commercial terms and conditions. The commercial bid should indicate the following separately: (a) equipment price (b) optional items (c) Shipping cost and (d) the Total cost.
5. The technical bid and price bid should each be placed in separate sealed covers, superscribing on both envelopes the tender no. and the due date. Both these sealed covers are to be placed in a bigger cover which should also be sealed and duly superscripted with the Tender No, Tender Description & Due Date.
6. The SEALED COVER superscribing tender number / due date & should reach the Chairperson's Office, Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore – 560012, India on or before the due date mentioned in the tender notice. In case the due date happens to be a holiday, the tender will be accepted and opened on the next working day. If the quotation cover is not sealed, it will be rejected.
7. All queries are to be addressed to the person identified in “Section 1: Bid Schedule” of the tender notice.

8. GST/other taxes, levies etc., are to be indicated separately. The BIDDER should mention GST Registration and PAN in the tender document (Indian Bidders only).
9. In addition to that listed in the technical table that the vendor would like to bring to the attention of the committee, such as data sheets, technical plots etc. must be listed at the end of the compliance table. The committee will go through the data provided and those available in their website to evaluate the suitability.
10. The decision of the purchase committee will be final. The Institute reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or to annul the bidding process and reject all bids, at any time before the award of the contract, without thereby incurring any liability of the affected bidder or bidders.

(B) Cancellation of Tender

Notwithstanding anything specified in this tender document, IISc Bangalore, in its sole discretion, unconditionally and without having to assign any reason, reserves the right:

- a. To accept OR reject the lowest tender or any other tender or all the tenders.
- b. To accept any tender in full or in part.
- c. To reject the tender for the offer which does not confirm the tender terms.

(C) Validity of the Offer

The offer should be valid at least 90 Days from the date of opening of the commercial bid.

(D) Evaluation of the Offer

1. The technical bid (Part A) will be opened first and evaluated.
2. Bidders meeting the required eligibility criteria as stated in Section 2 of this document shall only be considered for the Commercial Bid (Part B) opening. Further, agencies not furnishing the documentary evidence as required will not be considered.
3. Pre-qualification of the bidders shall not imply final acceptance of the Commercial Bid. The agency may be rejected at any point during technical evaluation or commercial evaluation. The decision regarding acceptance and/or rejection of any offer in part or in full shall be the sole discretion of IISc Bangalore, and the decision in this regard shall be binding on the bidders.
4. The award of the contract will be subject to acceptance of the terms and conditions stated in this tender.
5. Any offer which deviates from the vital conditions (as illustrated below) of the tender is liable to be rejected:
 - a. Non-submission of complete offers.
 - b. Receipt of bids after the due date and time, and or by email/fax (unless specified otherwise).

c. Receipt of bids in open conditions.

6. In case any BIDDER is silent on any clauses mentioned in these tender documents, IISc Bangalore shall consider that the BIDDER had accepted the clauses as of the tender, and no further claim will be entertained.
7. No revision in the terms and conditions quoted in the offer will be entertained after the last date and time fixed for receipt of tenders.
8. The lowest bid will be calculated based on the total price of all items tendered for Basic equipment, along with accessories selected for installation, operation, preprocessing and post-processing, optional items, recommended spares, warranty, and annual maintenance contract.

(E) Pre-requisites:

The bidder will provide the prerequisite installation requirements of the equipment along with the technical bid.

(F) Warranty:

The complete system has to be under a standard full warranty period of **a minimum of 1 year** from the date of delivery, including a free supply of consumables and spare parts and online/offline assistance. If the instrument is found to be defective, it must be replaced or rectified at the cost of the bidder within 30 days from the date of receipt of written communications from IISc Bangalore. If there is any delay in replacement or rectification, the warranty period should be correspondingly extended. After the full warranty upto five years, there should be a limited warranty, whose terms and conditions should be properly mentioned.

(G) Purchase Order:

1. The order will be placed on the bidder whose bid is accepted by IISc based on the terms & conditions mentioned in the tender document.
2. The quantity of the items in the tender is only indicative. IISc, Bangalore reserves the right to increase /decrease the quantity of the items depending on the requirement.
3. If the quality of the product and service provided is not satisfactory, IISc Bangalore reserves the right to cancel or amend the contract.

(H) Delivery and Installation

The bidder shall provide the lead time to delivery, installation and make functional at IISc Bangalore from the date of receipt of the purchase order. The system should be delivered, installed, and made functional **within 120 days** from the date of receipt of the purchase order. The supply of the items will be considered as effective only on satisfactory installation and inspection of the system, and inspection of all the items and features/capabilities tested by the

IISc, Bangalore. After successful installation and inspection, the date of taking over the entire system by the IISc, Bangalore, shall be taken as the start of the warranty period. No partial shipment is allowed. The technical installation personnel/engineer, who will perform the installation, must possess proof of a training certificate from the manufacturing company/factory/principal, which should be submitted along with the tender offer.

(I) Payment Terms:

100% payments (except Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC)) will be released after completion of delivery and satisfactory installation, subject to TDS as per rules. AMC cost (if ordered), after completion of the warranty period) will be released on a half-yearly basis at the end of each six months, subject to satisfactory services. The AMC will be comprehensive. Advance payment is acceptable based on mutually agreeable terms. As per GFR, no advance payment can be made to the authorized Indian distributors unless an equal amount of bank guarantee is provided.

(J) Statutory Variation:

Any statutory increase in the taxes and duties after the bidder's offer, if it takes place within the original contractual delivery date, will be borne by IISc, Bangalore, subject to the claim being supported by documentary evidence. However, if any decrease takes place, the advantage will have to be passed on to IISc, Bangalore.

(K) Disputes and Jurisdiction:

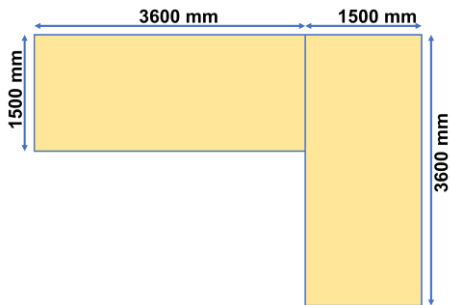
Any legal disputes arising out of any breach of contract about this tender shall be settled in the court of competent jurisdiction located within the city of Bangalore, India.

(L) General:

1. All amendments, time extensions, clarifications etc., within the period of submission of the tender will be communicated electronically. No extension in the bid due date/time shall be considered on account of delay in receipt of any document(s) by mail.
2. The bidder may furnish any additional information which is necessary to establish capabilities to complete the envisaged work. It is, however, advised not to furnish superfluous information.
3. The bidder may visit the installation site before submission of the tender, with prior intimation.
4. Any information furnished by the bidder found to be incorrect, either immediately or at a later date, would render the bidder liable to be debarred from tendering/taking up work in IISc Bangalore.

Section 4: Technical Specifications

Technical Specification for Vibration-isolated Optical Table System

Sr.	Description	Unit	Specifications
1	Research-grade ‘L’ shape joined optical table system with a high degree of vibration isolation and active levelling for hosting very sensitive optical experiments. This should be arranged by joining two identical rectangular tables.	1	
2	Individual table dimensions: Length (L): 3600 mm, Width (W): 1500 mm & Thickness (T): ≥ 400 mm, and to be coupled in ‘L’ shape.	mm	Dimensions: L: 3600 mm W: 1500 mm T: ≥ 400 mm
3	Coupler for L-shape		Suitable joiner system/steel joiner plate (with dimensions similar to W x T) to join the tables. A typical joiner plate consists of male and female portions, with alignment pins and/or lock-nuts. No additional accessories (on the customer side) should be needed to join the tables. Any other type of external coupling on the surface level using metal plates/welding will NOT be considered. Joining should not disturb the individual surface flatness.
4	Mounting holes	mm	Metric M6 holes with numbered grid labels. The separation between the mounting holes: 25 mm
5	Mounting holes sealing		Proper sealing is needed with the cap
6	Top working surface material		Flat non-magnetic stainless-steel surface
7	Top working surface thickness	mm	Top thickness ≥ 4 mm
8	Bottom surface	mm	≥ 4.5 mm thick steel
9	Side walls	mm	≥ 2 mm thick steel plate with high-damping material
10	Core design		Steel honeycomb, closed cell, ≥ 0.25 mm thick foil.
11	Deflection in the presence of a load	mm	$\leq 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$ mm

12	Maximum linear vibration level across the table (maximum relative motion)	mm	$\leq 3 \times 10^{-7}$ mm
13	Dynamic deflection coefficient		$\leq 8 \times 10^{-4}$
14	Top surface flatness	mm	± 0.1 mm over 600 mm square, all over the table
15	Accuracy of levelling repeatability with the standard levelling valve	mm	$\leq \pm 1.0$ mm
16	Support pneumatic legs		The supports should be gimbal piston isolators with tie-bars, or active pneumatic isolation frame supported by tie-bars, or free-standing pneumatic isolation posts.
17	Height of the legs	mm	The height of the legs should be such that the working surface is between 900 - 1000 mm.
18	Vertical and Horizontal resonant frequency	Hz	1.2 Hz – 3.0 Hz
19	Vibration isolation efficiency @5 Hz (Vertical and Horizontal)		$\geq 80\%$
20	Vibration isolation efficiency @10 Hz (Vertical and Horizontal)		$\geq 90\%$
21	Compressor for floating the table		Operating pressure: 40-80 psi nitrogen Air tank capacity: ≤ 15 Litres Noise level < 40 dB All necessary air filters/regulators and valves should be supplied along with the compressor. Hands-free (automated) operation of the compressor.
22	Corrugated honeycomb steel layer		To increase the point loading capacity.
23	Grid labelling on the top working surface		Alpha-numeric grid labels are required.
24	Isolation		Pneumatic vibrational isolation and actively adjustable levelling of the tables. Free from acoustic vibrations.
25	Damping		Broadband damping
26	Self-Centering capability		Automatic leveling
27	Height Adjustments	mm	± 20.0 mm
28	Total optical table system weight	kg	1800 - 2400 kg
29	Total load capacity of the system	kg	≥ 4000 kg

Section 5- Technical Bid

The technical bid should furnish all requirements of the tender along with all annexures in this section and submitted to

The Chairperson,
Attn. Dr. Shubhadeep Biswas
Department of Physics,
Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru 560012, India
Email: shubha@iisc.ac.in

Annexure-1:

Details of the Bidder

The bidder must provide the following mandatory information & attach supporting documents wherever mentioned:

Details of the Bidder

Sl. No	Items Details
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| 1. | Name of the Bidder |
| 2. | Nature of Bidder (Attach attested copy of Certificate of Incorporation/ Partnership Deed) |
| 3. | Registration No/ Trade License, (attach attested copy) |
| 4. | Registered Office Address |
| 5. | Address for communication |
| 6. | Contact person- Name and Designation |
| 7. | Telephone No |
| 8. | Email ID |
| 9. | Website |
| 10. | PAN No. (attach copy) |
| 11. | GST No. (attach copy) |

Signature of the Bidder

Name, Designation, Seal

Date

Annexure-2:

Declaration regarding experience

To,
The Chairperson,
Department of Physics
Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru 560012, India

Ref: Tender No: XXXXXXXX

Dated: XXXXX

Supply and installation of Vibration-isolated Optical Table System at the Department of Physics in IISc Bangalore.

Sir,

I've carefully gone through the Terms & Conditions contained in the above referred tender. I hereby declare that my company / firm has years of experience in supplying and installing vibration-isolated optical table system.

(Signature of the Bidder)

Name, Designation, Seal

Date

Annexure-3:

Declaration of the track record

To,
The Chairperson,
Department of Physics
Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru 560012, India

Ref: Tender No: XXXXXXXX

Dated: XXXXX

Supply and installation of Vibration-isolated Optical Table System at the Department of Physics in IISc Bangalore.

Sir,

I've carefully gone through the Terms & Conditions contained in the above referred tender. I hereby declare that my company/ firm is not currently debarred /blacklisted by any Government / Semi Government organizations/institutions in India or abroad. I further certify that I'm competent officer in my company/firm to make this declaration.

Or

I declare the following,

Sl. No.	Country in which the company is Debarred/blacklisted /case is Pending	Blacklisted/debarred by Government/Semi Government/Organizations /Institutions	Reasons	Since when and for how long

(NOTE: In case the company / firm was blacklisted previously, please provide the details regarding period for which the company / firm was blacklisted and the reason/s for the same).

Yours faithfully

(Signature of the Bidder)

Name Designation, Seal

Date

Annexure – 4:

Declaration for acceptance of terms and conditions

To,
The Chairperson,
Department of Physics
Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru 560012, India

Ref: Tender No: XXXXXXXX

Dated: XXXXX

Supply and installation of Vibration-isolated Optical Table System at the Department of Physics in IISc Bangalore.

Sir,

I've carefully gone through the Terms & Conditions as mentioned in the above referred tender document. I declare that all the provisions of this tender document are acceptable to my company. I further certify that I'm an authorized signatory of my company and am, therefore, competent to make this declaration.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature of the Bidder)

Name, Designation, Seal

Date

Annexure – 5:

Details of items quoted:

- a. Company Name
- b. Product Name
- c. Part / Catalogue number
- d. Product description / main features
- e. Detailed technical specifications
- f. Remarks

Instructions to bidders:

- 1. Bidder should provide technical specifications of the quoted product/s in detail.
- 2. Bidder should attach product brochures along with technical bid.
- 3. Bidders should clearly indicate compliance or non-compliance of the technical specifications provided in the tender document.

Section 6 – Commercial Bid

The commercial bid should be furnished with all requirements of the tender with supporting documents as mentioned under:

S.No	Description	Cat. Number	Quantity	Unit Price	Sub total
1.	Essential items noted in the technical specification				
1.a	... (details of essential items)				
1.b	...				
2.	Optional items noted in the technical specification				
2.a	... (details of essential items)				
2.b	...				
3.	Accessories for operation and installation				
4.	All Consumables, spares and software to be supplied locally				
5.	Warranty				
6.	Cost of Insurance and Airfreight				
7.	ICD/CIP, Bengaluru				

Any additional items

Sl. No	Description	Cat. Number	Quantity	Unit Price	Sub total

Addressed to

The Chairperson,
Attn. Dr. Shubhadeep Biswas
Department of Physics
Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru 560012, India

Section 7 – Checklist

(This should be enclosed with technical bid- Part A)

The following items must be checked before the Bid is submitted:

1. Sealed Envelope “A”: Technical Bid

1. Section 5- Technical Bid (each page signed by the authorized signatory and sealed) with the below annexures:

- a. Annexure 1: Bidders details
 - b. Annexure 2: Declaration regarding experience
 - c. Annexure 3: Declaration regarding clean track record
 - d. Annexure 4: Declaration for acceptance of terms and conditions
 - e. Annexure 5: Details of items quoted
2. Copy of this tender document duly signed by the authorized signatory on every page and sealed.

2. Sealed Envelop “B”: Commercial Bid

Section 6: Commercial Bid

Your quotation must be submitted in two envelopes: Technical Bid (Envelope A) and Commercial Bid (Envelope B) super scribing on both the envelopes with Tender No. and due date and both of these in sealed covers and put in a bigger cover which should also be sealed and duly super scribed with Tender No., Tender description & Due Date.