**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Northern Areas Transport Corporation (NATCO) is a public sector entity engaged in the business of transport, having passenger routes across Pakistan. The management invites sealed proposals under Two-Stage-Two-Envelop bidding procedure under Rule 36(d) Public Procurement Rules 2004, from the interested bidders registered with income tax and sale tax departments for wet-lease and/or other business sharing arrangements, on the following terms and conditions.

1. NATCO management desires to operate some of its routes on wet-lease or other business sharing model, mutually beneficial to NATCO and prospective bidders;

2. Routes may be categorized as passenger commutation within GB and other provinces

3. The interested bidders have to inject latest fleet of buses either in terms of wet-lease and/or pooling of resources with NATCO's existing fleet.

4. In the first stage, prospective bidders to download a basic bidding document from NATCO website free of charge and submit their technical and financial proposals, with Rs. 1,000,000/- as bid security in the form of CDR/PO/DD in the name of M/s. NATCO.

5. The bidders will then present their proposals before the NATCO management wherein all interested bidders are advised to participate. After evaluating various options, the Management will opt for the best option of engagement and will circulate a modified bidding document. Any bidder desirous to modify their bids (technical and financial) would be permitted in terms of Public Procurement Rules 2004 (TSTE procedure).

6. The interested parties may submit their First-stage proposals in the name of the Managing Director NATCO Islamabad office, Plot#48, Faqir Aipee Road, Sector 1-11/4, on or before **04th April 2024 up to 2:00 pm**, which shall be opened by respective Committee at "NATCO Office, Islamabad", on the same day at 2:30 pm in the presence of firms /authorized representative. First-Stage bidding conference will be intimated to the bidders separately, likely to be held in the 3rd week of April, 2024

Second-Stage proceedings and schedule will be shared upon conclusion of the First-Stage Conference/ Presentations.

Managing Director NATCO

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