

Tender Notification for the procurement of a cryogen free dilution refrigerator (DR) with coaxial wiring for microwave measurements

Last Date for submission of tenders: 29th June 2020, 5 pm

Reference No: PH/VBSI/434/2020-21

Dear Sir/Madam,

Kindly send lowest quotation for the following item on C.I.P. Bangalore basis. The quotation should clearly indicate the terms of delivery, delivery schedule, transportation charges, if any, payment terms etc.

Terms and Conditions

1. The bid should be submitted in the two-cover system, i.e. technical bid and commercial bid separately in sealed covers. The technical bid should contain all commercial terms and conditions, except the price.
2. In the commercial bid, the price should be inclusive of all discounts.
3. The technical bid must contain a point-by-point technical compliance document.
4. If needed, a meeting for any technical clarifications can be scheduled with the undersigned by sending an email.
5. The lead time for the delivery of the equipment should not be more than 10 months from the date of receipt of our purchase order. It should be clearly mentioned in the technical and commercial bids.
6. The Institute reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or to annul the bidding process and reject all bids, at any time prior to the award of contract without thereby incurring any liability of the affected bidder or bidders.
7. **Three years comprehensive warranty** is a must for all the components. Please specify the service plan like whether the local distributor will address the issue or the parent company.
8. All the quotations must be valid for at least 60 days at the time of submission.
9. List of customers and references: Proven track record of installation and service to customers based in India and at least five sites globally.
10. Terms and conditions for the annual maintenance contract beyond the warranty period should be mentioned.
11. Payment Terms: The quotation should be in the currency of the country of origin. The payment will be through confirmed irrevocable Letter of Credit (LoC). Alternate modes of payment can be suggested with suitable justification.
12. After the award of purchase order, the vendor must provide an Order Acknowledgement within 30 days from the receipt of the Purchase Order.
13. Please quote price of each item (a, b, c, and d) listed under point-17 (wiring), separately.
14. Please quote the price of each optional line item, separately.
15. Custom Duty Exemption and GST exemption -- IISc is registered with DSIR for availing custom duty exemption (CDE) for import orders and GST exemption (for INR orders in India). IGST is NIL for import order for IISc. Bidders should consider all these facts while submitting their bid. For import order, the Bill of Entry must be in the name of IISc for availing CDE. GST exemption certificate will be provided subject to submission of proforma invoice.

Technical specifications:

Cryogen-free dilution refrigerator with the below technical and user specifications

Mandatory requirements:

1. Base temperature and total cool-down time: Guaranteed base temperature less than 10 mK at the sample position (away from the mixing chamber). This base temperature should be achieved with factory installed wiring and RF cabling (optional line item below). Total cool-down time should be less than 30 hours to reach the base temperature from room temperature (Note that this includes the pre-cooling time, if any to an intermediate temperature stage). Please provide the plots of measurements of the system performance (such as cool-down vs time) clearly specifying the conditions under which the measurement was conducted.
2. Cooling power: At least 12 microwatt of cooling power at the sample position (measured away from the mixing chamber) at 20 mK, at least 250 microwatt of cooling power (measured away from the mixing chamber) at 100 mK. The system should have an appropriate amount of He3/He4 mixture to achieve the above-mentioned parameters. Please specify the amount of He3/He4 gases.
3. Pulse tube cryocooler: A pulse tube cryocooler (with compressor) having a cooling power of at least 1.5 watt at 4.2 K.
4. Cryostat: The cryostat must have a single vacuum space with all hermetic seals such as O-ring seal at room temperature -- no exchange gas, no indium seal, no Kapton seal, light-weight outer vacuum jacket and radiation shields enabling one-person manual assembly.
5. Dimensions of the cold plate and sample space: The cold plate at mixing chamber should be at least **290 mm** in diameter and it should have at least **320 mm** of vertical space below the mixing chamber plate (till the inner most radiation shield).
6. Temperature Controller: Fully automated temperature control with appropriate temperature sensors, heaters, and heat-switches.
7. Pumping system: Suitable dry pumping system for the dilution unit having turbo molecular pump with oil free backing pump, compressor for the mixture. Please specify the specification of all pumps and compressors. Please specify if the same pumping system can also be used to evacuate the sample vacuum space.
8. Suitable gas handling system: With required pressure gauges and overpressure valves etc. The pumps should be electrically isolated from the cryostat. The gas handling system should have appropriate pressure release valves to collect the mixture back to the dump in the event of power failure or emergencies.
9. Cold trap: Appropriate cold traps to operate the fridge for long durations (> 6 months) without blockage issues in the circulation loop.
10. Mixture compressor bypass manifold to allow circulation of mixture after condensation without requiring the mixture to go through the compressor.
11. Support feature: Floor mounted standard support frame for the pumping bellows and the cryostat
12. Mechanical Vibrations: Less than 100 nm amplitude near 100 Hz (in both horizontal and vertical directions) at the mixing chamber plate while the fridge is in operation.
13. Isolation: Pulse tube should have mechanical vibration isolation from the rest of the cryostat. Pulse tube and compressor should be electrically isolated from the cryostat.
14. Cooldown procedure, safety, and control software: Automatic cool down to base temperature. Safety interlocks allowing unattended operation; remote control operation; continuous monitoring and logging of the system parameters. Control software should

be based on windows 10 or higher version operating system architecture. Free upgrades of software.

15. Testing and training should be done during onsite installation

16. Provide soft and hard copy of the manual and supporting documents

17. Wiring:

(a) 18x 0.86mm SCuNi-CuNi (centre conductor is silver plated) attenuated semi-rigid SMA (18 GHz) coaxial lines from RT to mK flange with suitable thermalization at different intermediate flanges. All coaxial lines must have enough flexibility and length to accommodate the insertion or removal of fixed cryo-attenuator with values specified in optional line item below.

(b) 2x 0.86mm SCuNi-CuNi (centre conductor is silver plated) attenuated semi-rigid SMA (18 GHz) coaxial line from room temperature to 4K flange (part of the output lines)

(c) 2x 0.86mm NbTi-NbTi semirigid superconducting SMA (18GHz) co-axial line from 4K flange to mixing chamber. All coaxial lines must have enough spacing, flexibility and length to accommodate the insertion of cryo-compatible isolators at different stages, and low noise amplifiers at 4K stage. See optional line item below for the possible components. Dimensions of these components can also be provided upon request to the undersigned.

(d) DC-wiring – All wires should be terminated with suitable connectors at room temperature, 4K plate, and at mixing chamber plate. All wires should have proper thermal anchoring at each temperature stage. (i) 12x twisted pair experimental wiring (24 wires 36 AWG Copper) from room temperature to 4K to power the low noise amplifiers. (ii) 12x twisted pair experimental wiring Cu (from RT to 4K) and NbTi from 4K to the mixing chamber

Optional items:

1. Cryo-attenuators -- 18 sets of cryo-compatible fixed attenuators. One set consists of 10dB@70K, 20 dB@4K, 10 dB@Still plate, 10 dB@cold plate, 10 dB@mixing chamber plate.
2. Cryogenic low noise amplifiers – 2 units of Model LNC4_8C from Low Noise Factory. Include the appropriate power supply.
3. Cryogenic microwave isolators – 2 units of LNF-ISISC4_12A without magnetic shielding. Mounting position of components can be provided upon a suitable request.
4. Air compressor for pneumatic valves
5. Warm up heaters to reduce the warmup time from base temperature to room temperature (if not included in the standard unit).
6. Include a 3-part shields and outer vacuum can system (if it is not a part of the basic system with specification given above) to extend the vertical sample space beyond 320 mm.

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