

TEC further observed that wide publicity was given and the tender has been called for **3rd time**, yet only single bid has been received. These Hydrographic Survey equipment are very specialized systems which are used by mariners for precise navigation. These requires expertise, after sale support and financial capability and hence availability of such firms are very limited in India. Sub Bottom Profiler is being supplied by M/s ASB Systems Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai has certified that the bidder is exclusive authorized distributor in India and M/s Falmouth Scientific Inc., USA further declared that only M/s ASB Systems Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai is specifically authorized to submit a bid for **Sub Bottom Profiler** in response to this tender.

TEC Recommendations: In view of the above, the TEC recommended to technically qualify the single bidder, i.e. M/s ASB Systems Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai and to open their financial bid.