



REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY SCHEME (RCS) – UDAN 3.1

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Notification

During announcement of RCS UDAN 3.0 Scheme on 25th January, 2019, it was decided to consider an additional bidding round under UDAN 3.0 to include Priority/ Cancelled / Crucial routes which have not been covered under RCS UDAN Scheme so far. In this context, this notification is issued regarding the launch of bidding process under UDAN 3.1.

OBJECTIVE of UDAN 3.1

Various State Governments intend to enhance point-to-point air connectivity of certain specific airports in their respective states. Accordingly, they have identified certain point-to-point routes to incentivize airlines to commence operations on such routes.

Ministry of Civil Aviation intends to award such routes to Selected Airline Operator by conducting a special round of bidding process (UDAN 3.1).

Given that RCS aims to promote growth of air connectivity within the country, such routes shall be governed under the Regional Connectivity Scheme – UDAN 3.0, October 2018 (hereinafter referred to as the Scheme).

KEY FEATURES

- The key features of UDAN 3.1 are:
 - The routes under the bidding process are pre-defined based on the proposals made by various State Governments
 - Only Individual Route Proposals shall be allowed for the bidding process
- The routes available under UDAN 3.1 are of the following types –
 - Un-served routes connecting un-served / under-served airports (as per definition of RCS routes under the Scheme)
 - Un-served routes connecting served airports (hereinafter referred to as SRCS Routes)

A list of such routes available under the current round of bidding have been provided in Annexure III of the Notice Inviting Proposal (“Nle-P”) document.

- All benefits available under the Scheme in terms of VGF support and concessions from Central Government, State Government and Airport Operator shall be applicable for the RCS/PRCS routes proposed by the State Governments.
- The following exceptions shall be applicable for the SRCS Routes –
 - Exclusivity of operations shall not be available
 - Concessions except VGF under the scheme shall not be available
- All terms and conditions for operations such as Airfare Caps and VGF Caps as applicable under the Scheme shall be applicable to the routes available under UDAN 3.1.
- Funds for VGF support for the routes listed in Annexure III of the NIEP document shall be as per the provisions mentioned in the Scheme document for RCS Routes. Funds for VGF support of the SRCS in Annexure - III of the NIEP document shall be provided by the respective State Government which has proposed the route for awarding.
- All other provisions mentioned in the Scheme document shall be applicable for the routes available under current round of bidding, unless otherwise stated in this notification.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

- An Applicant may submit only Individual Route Proposals (as defined under the Scheme) for the routes listed in Annexure III of the NIEP document. Applicants must fulfill all other eligibility criteria mentioned under the Scheme.
- A single round of bidding shall be conducted, and the Applicant shall submit the bid as per the instructions mentioned in the NIEP document for the routes proposed by State Government/UT only. The bidding shall be done through the Central Procurement Portal.
- The technical and financial proposal submission requirements shall be as per instructions mentioned in the NIEP document.
- The bid evaluation parameter shall be as per UDAN 3.0 scheme i.e total VGF per seat for both the legs of the Individual Route Proposal. In case of a tie between multiple applicants, the evaluation of the bids shall be as per the framework provided under the Scheme.
- Minimum performance specifications shall be applicable as per the Scheme document for all routes to be awarded under the current bidding round.