1.0 Guidelines in respect of Pre-Qualification Criteria (PQC) for AMC contracts.

1.1 Brief Introduction:

A CTE-Type inspection was conducted on Maintenance contract for Shore Based Test Facility (SBTF) project at INS HANSA, Goa. SBTF is a facility replicating an Aircraft carrier at Air base INS Hansa, Goa. It is created for testing of the Naval light combat aircraft (LCA-Navy) and for training of the Indian Naval pilots prior to appointing them onboard aircraft carriers. This facility was built by Goa Shipyard limited in the year 2012 under overall supervision of Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), GoI & being maintained by GSL since December 2012.

1.2 Background:

Vigilance Department undertook the examination of procedure/guidelines followed while awarding & executing the contracts awarded for maintenance & assistance of various Electrical & Mechanical systems related to SBTF facility.

During the examination, it was observed that the SBTF maintenance contract (electrical systems) from its inception till 31.12.2020 (appx. 07 years) has been executed by a single vendor. Further, it was also observed that restrictive criteria was stipulated in the tender PQC which was restricting the participation of other prospective firms.

1.3 Implementation:

The following Systemic improvements were suggested and suitable directives to this effect have been issued by Director (CPP&BD) for compliance by all concerned.

(a) Tender conditions in respect of Pre-qualification criteria (PQC) needs to be reviewed and should be made more generic in nature so that more vendors can meet the PQC and take part in the tender.

(b) The definition of ‘similar works’ should be expanded to enable t more vendors to take part in the tender.

(c) Efforts should be made to increase the vendor base for all AMCs so as to increase competition and to realize competitive rates.

1.4 Impact and Benefits:

With the implementation of the suggested systemic improvements, GSL will be able to attract more vendors for all the future SBTF-AMC contracts thus ensuring better competition and competitive rates.