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Integration with NeSL for e-BG Services – Procurement Portals

Ref: Govt. of Tamil Nadu Order MS. No. (84 dated 26.02.2024)

We invite the attention of registered Banks issuing e-BG on the NeSL e-BG Platform to the G.O. cited wherein the Government of Tamil Nadu has issued orders approving the integration of electronic bank guarantee submission facility of NeSL with the e-procurement portal https://tntenders.gov.in. Bank of Baroda, Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank and State Bank of India have already completed integration of the APIs for the issue of e-BG and life cycle management of e-BG. Integration with other banks is in progress.

Presently, there are 22 banks issuing e-BG to beneficiaries using the e-BG platform of NeSL and more banks are joining soon.

NeSL had issued the following APIs to the banks for the purpose of integration between the application of the Bank with NeSL:

Sl.No	API	Used By	Description
1	DDE_eBG_API_5.1	Bank	API for Issuance, Renewal, Amendment, Partial Invocation, Invocation, Cancellation, Closure, Court Injunction
2	eBG_Notification_API	Bank, Beneficiary, Applicant	This API will be published by the clients who are consuming the DDE e-BG service, and NeSL will trigger this API when the e-BG event is executed using the DDE application or any request is raised by the beneficiary through the IU portal/Event Request API
3	eBG Notification Acceptance/Rejection API	Bank	Clients will trigger this API to either accept or reject the e-BG request raised by the beneficiary by providing suitable remarks
4	eBG_ Document_Submission_API	Bank	e-BG Document Submission API will be used to submit the final e-BG document to NeSL (after signing of bank officials on e-Stamped document in Bank environment). If e-Stamping is not required for any e-BG events like amendment, closure, cancellation or invocation) then such e-signed documents can directly be submitted using DDE e-BG API. e-BG Document Submission API will not be used in this scenario.

NeSL's major development of integrating with the Procurement Portals of State Governments are in the advanced stages and there are few important points to be noted by banks while consuming the APIs at their end and issuing/managing the e-BGs to the procurement portals:

Sl. No	Topic	Description
1	**Challan details**	Procurement portal issues Challan pertaining to the e-BG request. Details available in challan must be captured by Bank while issuing e-BG
2	**Portal ID**	This needs to be mandatorily captured by banks whenever e-BG is issued through Procurement Portals.
3	**Contract Reference Number**	Procurement Portals issues for each e-BG request, a separate challan ID to the applicants (bidders or vendors). The Challan ID must be mandatorily captured by Banks against field "Contract Reference Number". The e-BG issuing banks will be able to capture relevant data on entry of the Challan ID. a) Internal check may have to be built into the bank side application to ensure that whenever the e-BG is being issued through a Procurement Portal, then the "contract reference number" (challan ID) is captured mandatorily. b) NeSL system would reject requests from Bank to issue e-BG through a Procurement Portal received without a contract reference number (challan ID).
4	**UIN**	A Procurement Portal may have more than one unique identification number (UIN) of beneficiary linked to the portal. The UIN of the beneficiary mentioned in the challan has to be captured by the Banks mandatorily. a) Bank may have to build internal controls to check the UINs linked to the portal. b) NeSL system would reject the request from the Bank if the UIN submitted by Bank while issuing e-BG is not linked with the Portal
5	**Business Unit Code**	For e-BG other than bid security, viz., Performance BG, Financial BG, Advance Money BG, etc., banks need to capture the "Business Unit Code" to identify the ultimate beneficiary of the e-BG as provided in the challan.

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6	**Data validation**	a) The data in the critical fields must not be changed in the response of event request raised by the Procurement Portal. Even during testing in UAT environment, whenever the Procurement Portal is raising an event request through API, banks should ensure that the data received as part of request is carried forward during subsequent bank transaction. b) Banks shall mandatorily ensure that the information in the e-BG document matches with the accompanying meta data sent by the bank. Procurement portals will rely on the correctness of meta-data in its processing. c) Banks should ensure the name of beneficiary given in the Challan is captured correctly in the e-BG API request and matches with the beneficiary name in the document.
7	**Banks to ensure**	a) Banks may ensure that their application supports partial invocation and full invocation of e-BG b) Banks shall not allow any amendment, renewal, closure before expiry, invocation, etc., of the e-BGs issued to Procurement Portal without an event request raised through Procurement Portal/or confirmation from the beneficiary.
8	**BG amount**	Bank must always capture the latest BG amount and report it under the *Total Outstanding amount* field in the e-BG request. In case of issuance, latest BG amount and original BG amounts are the same. If, the BG undergoes changes, e.g. due to amendment or partial invocation, the latest e-BG will be different from the original BG amount. In case of closure or invocation, latest BG amount should be reported as zero.

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