

**Response to the Pre-Bid Queries Submitted as on 20.11.2021**

<b>SI No.</b>	<b>Query relates to RFP Document</b>	<b>Pre Proposal Querries</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	Last date for submission of proposal. <b>(Page No.5, Sl.No.7, Bidder Data Sheet)</b>	Request for extension of last date for submission of proposal by a week (Nov 23, 2021)	<b>Last date of Submission has been extended by 14 days</b>
2	Bid Processing Fee (Non-Refundable), <b>(Page-05, Point No.13, Bidder Data Sheet)</b>	<p>Please clarify whether waiver of the Bid Processing Fees of INR 10,000/- for organisations registered as MSME and on Bid Security Declaration as per instructions of Gol is allowed.</p> <p>Can we be allowed to make the payment directly to Govt. of Odisha account and provide the details of the transfer in the proposal? We have done it in other Government bids.</p>	<p><b>Only Bid Security is exempted for MSMEs &amp; Bid Security Declaration is to be submitted as per Tech-11 &amp; e-Payment may be made to D.D.O. Current A/C No. 06640200002552, IFSC No. UCBA0000664, Bank Name: UCO Bank, Branch: Secretariat Branch, Bhubaneswar and UTR No. is to be furnished alongwith the Bid (in addition to Bank Draft)</b></p>
3	Address for submission of Proposal <b>(Page No.5, Point No.16, Bidder Data Sheet)</b>	If possible, provision of online submission (with protected password for the Financial bid part) may be allowed.	<b>Facilitate Online submission of Technical bid &amp; Financial bid in which Technical bid will be in non-editable PDF and Financial bid should be in password protected PDF format.</b>
4	Bidder's experience on nos. of assignments & completing consulting assignments within a minimum duration of 6 months. <b>(Page No.10, Point No. 03 &amp; 04)</b>	<p>Can you help combine and simplify both the <b>Points- 3 and 4 at Page 10</b> under the eligibility criteria?</p> <p>We have worked on State Economic Survey for Odisha in 2017-18 and 2018-19, Punjab Economic Survey 2019-20, under a long-term project, Economic Policy and Prosperity Partnership Programme funded by FCDO, Government of United Kingdom. In the work order, none of the State economic Survey or Union Economic Survey support are specifically detailed. On the other hand, respective State Economic Surveys as well as Union Economic Survey (available publicly) do acknowledge the support of our experts. We have the following submission -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since we have delivered these supports under a single multi- year umbrella programme, hope these would be counted as separate assignment. Kindly confirm.</li> <li>2. Also, as supporting hope we can submit the acknowledgement page where our resource personnel names are mentioned. Please confirm.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Original RFP Condition stands as there are two separate requirements.</b></p> <p><b>Experiences under Government of India/ State Government Directly or through a multilateral or Bilateral funding agencies.</b></p>

		<p>We have experience of completing consulting assignments for Government of India/ central/ state government departments/ autonomous agencies but funded by development agencies such as World Bank, ADB, DFID/ FCDO, UNDP, UNICEF.</p> <p>We have the work order signed with these funding agencies to provide support to Government of India/ central/ Sate Government Departments/ autonomous agencies.</p> <p>Please confirm if this would be considered as consulting assignments with Gol or State Government/ Autonomous agencies.</p>	<p>Considered as above.</p>
5	<p>Pre-Qualification Criteria (Page No.11, Point No.05)</p>	<p>Will you consider ISO Certification, Awards etc. as certificates of Professionalism?</p>	<p>No need for modification.</p>
6	<p>Submission of Proposal. (Page 13, Section 2, Point 7)</p>	<p>Can we submit the proposal via email as well as the hard copy? While we will post the hard copy from Gurgaon, ensuring it that it reaches beforetime is difficult to predict.</p>	<p>Facilitate Online submission of Technical bid &amp; Financial bid, Technical bid non-editable PDF file and financial bid password protected PDF file.</p>
7	<p>Bidder's experience of completing consulting assignments of minimum duration of 6 months (Page No.10, Point-04, Pre-Qualification Criteria) and Previous Experience of the Applicant (Page No.14, point No.01, Technical Evaluation-Parameter &amp; Criteria)</p>	<p>On Economic Survey Report both at Page 10 and Page 14 under eligibility Criteria- Can it be changed to only Survey? Economic Surveys, whether by the Central or State Governments, are generally carried out and printed departmentally and making it a condition of eligibility would make the tender too restrictive.</p>	<p>It is mentioned in Page No.15, Point No.02. However, the marking scheme is modified as follows. a) GOI Economics Survey/ Chapters or More than 2 states = 20 b) 2 States = 15 &amp; Less than 2 states = 10</p>
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8	<b>Technical Evaluation:</b> <b>Parameter:</b> Previous Experience of the applicant. <b>(Page no. 14, Point No.02)</b>	You may like to also include, international organisations and Corporate Foundations for Survey Experiences.	<b>Previous experience under International Organizations to be included.</b>
9	<b>Technical Evaluation (2<sup>nd</sup> Stage) under Criteria Column (Page No.15, Point 3 &amp; 4)</b>	Suggest -you should give more weightage to the credentials of Individual Team members or the Organisation for scoring purpose?	<b>It is clarified at point No.3 &amp; 4 where key Professionals &amp; Professional Staff strength 20 &amp; 10 marks respectively.</b> <b>Point No. 05, modified to provide 20 marks towards Proposed Methodology Work Plan. (In RFP Page No.15, Point No.05)</b>
10	“All the 05 team members of the Agency are expected to be deployed full-time for a period of 75 days at P&C Department”. <b>(Page 16, Para 2, Technical Evaluation)</b>	Given our experience of working with Odisha govt. as well as with other states, we think it would be ideal if we keep it in flexi mode. While 1-2 people can be deployed on site for majority of their time, rest of the team members could work from their respective offices so that dislocation is limited, and they can focus on the work. Besides they can have the access to full office infrastructure and other facilities. It would also help in keeping the project expenses under control. Senior members can make planned travel for high level presentation. Therefore, we request for off-site support of 3-4 team members while the remaining 1-2 team members may be deployed at the P&C Department for 75% of their time for coordination purposes.	<b>Stipulation of deployment of 3 members full time as on-site &amp; 2 members as off-site basis. (3: On-site &amp; 2: off-site)</b>
	“None of the team members should engage in any other engagement while being deployed for the current assignment.” <b>(Page 16, Para-2 of Technical Evaluation under Section 2 of Evaluation of proposals (point 9))</b>	This clause should be deleted. This is not a PMU kind of long-term support. Many of the experts may be already working in some or other assignment. Replacing them from the existing project would be difficult. However, the organisation should be able to deliver the tasks that are mentioned in the ToR within the time frame.	<b>Stipulation of deployment of 3 members full time as on-site &amp; 2 members as off-site basis.</b>
11	“Deliverables and Payment Schedule” <b>(Page 27, Section 3, point 3)</b>	Given that the Acceptance & signature of Contract timeline has been extended by 10 days, we request respective deliverable dates to be extended by 10 days.	<b>The date for acceptance &amp; signature of Contract is extended by 10 days and deliverables dates are extended accordingly through modification in RFP.</b>
12	“No scanned copy will be entertained.” <b>(Page 32, Section 4, TECH 3)</b>	Since we are making the request to submit the <u>proposal online</u> , may we request to allow the scanned copy submission? <b>Scanned signature</b> – Since our team members are currently based in different cities, getting physical signature of everyone is difficult. Please allow us to put scanned signature and initial of everybody.	<b>Modified the requirement of enabling submission of scanned copy.</b>