

EdCIL (India) Limited

Replies to BID Queries

Date: 01/03/2024

Subject: Calling of Request for Proposal on behalf of MoE for Hiring an Agency for Post Procurement Review under PforR component of STARS project

N.I.T.: EDCIL/AS/MOE/PPR/2024 , Dated: 30-01-2024

S.No	Referred Section	Bidders Query	Remarks
1.	Scope of the work, Page 4	<p>i. Please can you confirm whether the reference guidelines to be followed are General Financial Rules (2017 and related amendments) and CVC Guidelines or the existing procurement guidelines for select projects under STARS?</p> <p>ii. The required information for document review (at central, state, and district level) will be made available by Ministry of Education. Please confirm.</p> <p>iii. Is the PPR expect to conduct physical verification of the procurement executed? If yes, is the physical verification on sample-basis acceptable or all the procurements are to be physically verified?</p>	<p>i. The documents/guidelines to be followed are latest GFR, FM& P manual of Govt. of India, Project Appraisal Document (PAD) of STARS and other guidelines of the World Bank .</p> <p>ii. The consultant should solicit all the details of procurements (goods and consultancy/ non consultancy services) undertaken by states. The consultant is expected to carry out the audit of all contracts provided at the respective states line departments/Project Unit/Public Domain.</p> <p>iii. Please refer to Section B, Point i : To check the compliance to procurement procedures as contained in PAD based on sample provided in TOR. This will include all the aspects namely pre-tendering, tendering, bid evaluation, contract award and execution, timeliness - including complaint handling, record-keeping, award of contracts to firms sanctioned by the Bank etc. The objectives of the procurement</p>

		<p>iv. Can you please share the existing procurement guidelines?</p>	<p>audit are to verify whether procurement and contracting procedures and processes followed by the states are in accordance with rules, regulations, procedures and guidelines of Government of India as well as program (FM&P) manual and whether institutional arrangements are adequate to achieve the procurement objectives on sample basis (20 percent of total contracts) by physical verification.</p> <p>iv. The documents/guidelines to be followed are latest GFR, FM& P manual of Govt. of India, Project Appraisal Document (PAD) of STARS and other guidelines of the World Bank . All such guidelines are available on public domain.</p> <p>Link for PAD: https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/789561593309621894/pdf/India-Strengthening-Teaching-Learning-and-Results-for-States-Operation.pdf</p>
2.	<p>Evaluation and Selection Criteria, Page 7</p>	<p>Point 3: The requirement states "The bidder should have carried out at least 10 World Bank related procurement/ transaction advisory/ Procurement audit in the last 5 years (as on March 31, 2023), for a State or Central Government/ PSUs".</p> <p>Hereby, please clarify:</p> <p>i. Any project after March 31, 2023 will not be considered?</p> <p>ii. Are the transaction advisory and</p>	<p>i. Bidder should have carried out at least 10 World Bank related procurement/ transaction advisory/ Procurement audit in the last 5 years (as on March 31, 2023)), for a State or Central Government/ PSUs</p> <p>ii. Please refer the scope of work</p>

		<p>procurement audit also related to World Bank?</p> <p>Point 4: 10 employees certified in PMP/PRINCE2. Hereby, are these 10 members expected to be deployed on the project. If not, then this requirement may not reflect project-related execution capacity of the organization. Hence, we request reducing the number of expected employees with PMP/PRICE2.</p>	<p>Team members as mentioned in S.No.6 of Technical evaluation criteria shall be deployed on the project. However, the agency should have a minimum of 5 employees on its payroll with PMP/PRINCE2 certification.</p>
3.	Proposed Budget	<p>Please can you clarify what is the expected budget ceiling for the expected services?</p>	<p>There is no budget ceiling for the expected services</p>
4.	Last date for bid submission	<p>Since we have pertinent questions that will decide the course of our proposal. We hereby request you to please extend the last date for proposal submission by a week i.e., until 22nd February 2024.</p>	<p>Final Bid submission is extended Upto 04th March 2024 till 3:00 PM</p>
5	Technical Evaluation Criteria	<p>The bidder should have carried out at least 10 World Bank related procurement/ transaction advisory/ Procurement audit in the last 5 years (as on March 31, 2023), for a State or Central Government/ PSUs i 10-15 projects: 5 marks - ii More than 15 projects: 10 marks</p>	<p>No change in Technical Evaluation criteria</p>
6	General	<p>"- Please confirm if the coverage is restricted to these six states and MoE only.</p>	<p>The coverage is limited to six states as specified in the RFP.</p>
7	General	<p>- Since this project is spread across multiple states please clarify on following :</p> <p>1. would you require staff who can speak local language and understand local context or only Hindi/English speaking resources would work.</p>	<p>Please review Clause D of the RFP for the necessary Manpower and Qualification requirements. Additionally, kindly refer to the Technical Evaluation Criteria provided in the RFP.</p>

8	G. Deliverables Of The Selected PPR Consultancy Firm	The RfP doesn't provide information/clarify on expected duration of the engagement, request to please provide the same.	Kindly refer to Clause G of the RFP for the specified timelines regarding Deliverables.
9	D. Qualifications of the consultancy firm/ agency	<p>The RfP provide number of resources and their respective qualification in section (D), please clarify on the following :</p> <p>- For Team leader under section there is no requirement to have PMP/PRINCE however under section (E) evaluation criteria, Team leader is expected to have PMP/PRINCE2 in order to get marks, please clarify as this inconsistency is creating confusion.</p> <p>- Please confirm if bidder can propose more manpower then included in section (D) of RfP or they have to restrict to the number of resources mentioned.</p>	<p>As per the specifications in Clause D of the RFP, the Team Leader must hold certifications in PMP/PRINCE2</p> <p>The minimum manpower requirement adheres to Clause D outlined in the RFP.</p>
10	G. Deliverables of the selected ppr consultancy firm	The RfP doesn't provide information/clarify on the payment terms for the project, request to please provide the same.	Payment shall be on basis of Deliverables.
11	1. Instructions for Online Bid Submission:	The RfP doesn't provide information/clarify on the EMD amount, request to please provide the same.	No Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is required to be submitted as part of this Request for Proposal

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