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**Invitation to Request for Proposal
for Selection of an Agency for
Third Party Evaluation of NMEICT program
funded by the
Ministry of Education, GOI
(Open e-tender 2-packet tender on QCBS)**

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ABBREVIATIONS

AS	Advisory Services
BOQ	Bill of Quantity
CPSE	Central Public Sector Enterprise
CV	Curriculum Vitae
DD	Demand Draft
DSC	Digital Signature Certificate
EdCIL	Educational Consultants India Limited
EMD	Earnest Money Deposit
GOI	Government of India
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IIM	Indian Institute of Management
IIT	Indian Institute of Technology
IIIT	Indian Institute of Information Technology
IISER	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research
LLP	Limited Liability Partnership
LOA	Letter of Award
LOI	Letter of Intent
MOE	Ministry of Education
MORD	Ministry of Rural Development
MSDE	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
MSME	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
NCR	National Capital Region
NIC	National Informatics Centre
NIT	Notice Inviting Tenders
NMEICT	National Mission on Education through Information & Communication Technology

NSDC	National Skill Development Corporation
PBG	Performance Bank Guarantee
PMC	Project Management Consultancy
PMO	Prime Minister's Office
PMSU	Project Management Support Unit
PPT	PowerPoint Presentation
PQ	Pre-Qualification
PSU	Public Sector Undertaking
QCBS	Quality cum Cost Based System
RFP	Request for Proposal
SOW	Scope of Work
TOE	Tender Opening Event
VIP	Very Important Person

DEFINITIONS

Authorized Signatory	The bidder's representative/ officer vested (explicitly, implicitly, or through conduct) with the powers to commit the authorizing organization to a binding agreement. Also called signing officer/ authority having the Power of Attorney (PoA) from the competent authority of the respective Bidding service provider.
Bid	"Bid" means the response to this document presented in Two documents, Technical Bid and Financial Bid, which are supplied with necessary documents and forms as given in Annexure/s, complete in all respect adhering to the instructions and spirit of this document.
Bidder	"Bidder" means any service provider/ agency/ company/ contractor/ supplier responding to Request for Proposal and who makes a Bid.
Contract	"The Contract" means the agreement entered into between EdCIL and the selected bidder(s) in terms of clauses mentioned.
Contractor	"Contractor" means a Service provider/ Agency means who is able to provide services to EdCIL.
Day	"Day" means a working day as per Government of India (GOI).
EdCIL	EdCIL (India) Limited.
Evaluation	"Evaluation" shall include studies/projects/assignments related to Third party/External evaluation/ similar studies/ Impact Assessment / Govt. and Social sector development projects
TC	Tender Committee
NCR	Only for this tender purpose, NCR may include Delhi, Gautam Budh Nagar (NOIDA & Greater Noida), Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Gurgaon.
Tendering Authority	EdCIL in this Bid Document.
Services	"Services" means the services to be delivered by the successful bidder and as required to run the project successfully as per the Contract. A service is the intangible equivalent of an economic good.

<u>Assignment / job</u>	"Assignment / job" means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to the Contract
Agency	" Agency " means a Service provider/ Contractor who is able to provide services to EdCIL.
<u>Instructions to Bidders"</u>	<u>"Instructions to Bidders" means the document which provides Bidders with all information needed to prepare their bids.</u>
Proposal	" Proposal " means the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal of the Consultant.
RFP	" RFP " means the Request for Proposals to be prepared by the agency.
"Terms of Reference" (TOR)	"Terms of Reference" (TOR) means the document included in the RFP which explains the objectives, scope of work, activities, tasks to be performed, respective responsibilities of the Authority and the Consultant, and expected results and deliverables and timelines of the Assignment/job.

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CHAPTER - 1: NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT No.: EdCIL/AS/NMEICT/2024-25

Dated: 22/01/2025

1.1 EdCIL (India) Limited, on behalf of Ministry of Education invites open e- tender in the two packet QCBS system from agencies for Third Party Evaluation of NMEICT (National Mission on Education through Information & Communication Technology) program funded by Ministry of Education, GoI.

S. No.	Item	Details
1	Name of Work: Invitation for Request for Proposal on behalf of MoE for Selection of an Agency for Third Party Evaluation of NMEICT (National Mission on Education through Information & Communication Technology) funded by Ministry of Education, GOI	NIT No: EdCIL/AS/NMEICT/2024-25 Date: 22.01.2025
2	Tender Category (Services/ Goods/ works)	Services
3	Estimated cost (In Rs.)	Rs. 53,10,000/- (Rs. 45,00,000/- + GST @ 18%)
4	Date of availability of Tender Document	22.01.2025 to 07.02.2025 up to 11:00 hours
5	Mode of Selection	Open e-Tender two packets on QCBS system
6	Bid Query window through email as given in RFP	22.01.2025 to 26.01.2025
7	Last date and time for submission of bids	07.02.2025 up to 11:00 hours
8	Opening of Technical Bid	07.02.2025 at 15:00 hours
9	Presentation by the Bidders to the Evaluation Committee	12.02.2025 at 14:30 hours (changes, if any will be intimated)
10	Opening of Financial Bid	Qualified bidders would be informed separately
11	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 1,20,000/- (in the form of Demand Draft/ Bank transfer)
12	Performance Bank Guarantee	Rs. 1,80,000/- (in the form of Demand Draft/Bank transfer)
13	The Currency in which payment shall be made	Indian Rupees (INR)
14	Time allowed for evaluation of scheme & submission of final report	30th April 2025
15	Bid Validity days (180/120/90/60/30)	90 days (From last date of

		opening of tender)
16	No. of Covers (1/2/3/4)	02 (Two packet) QCBS
17	Cost of Bid Document	"NIL"
18	Address for Communication	Chief General Manager (ADVIOSRY SERVICES) EdCIL (India) Limited, 18 A, Sector-16A, Noida-U.P.-201 301, Ph. No.: 0120-4310840
19	Contact No.	0120-2512001 to 2512006, 0120-4156001,002,4154003
20	Email Address	advisory@edcil.co.in

- 1.2** Tender documents shall be downloaded from the electronic tender portal link available at EdCIL Tender web page and details mentioned in the tender document. Aspiring bidders who have not get registered in e-procurement should get themselves register/enroll before participating in e-tendering process. Interested bidders are advised to go through instructions provided at "Instructions to Bidders for e-tendering."
- 1.3** No manual bids shall be accepted. Bids should be submitted in the E-Tendering mode only.
- 1.4** Bidders are advised to visit the EdCIL Web site to get themselves updated for information on this tender. Corrigendum and addendum may be issued on the changes required. The Corrigendum/addendum are the part of tender documents and Bidders are supposed to upload the same, duly signed as per the guidelines given in the tender document. Bidders are advised to visit EdCIL e-tender web page regularly to update themselves for any notifications for this tender.

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CHAPTER- 2 OFFLINE & ONLINE BID SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS

2.1 Offline Submissions: (AS PER TENDER REQUIREMENT)

2.1.1 The bidder is requested to submit the following documents in a Sealed Envelope to the above-mentioned address (given in NIT) before the start of the Public Online Tender Opening Event.

a. Original Demand Draft as EMD in the form of Demand Draft/ Bank Transfer.

b. Original copy of the power-of-attorney, if applicable.

Note: The Bidder should also upload the scanned copies of all the above-mentioned original documents as Bid-Annexure during Online Bid-Submission.

2.1.2 The envelope shall bear (the project name), the tender number and the words 'DO NOT OPEN BEFORE' (due date &time).

2.2 Online Submissions:

The Online bids (complete in all respect) must be uploaded online in **Two Envelopes** as explained below:

Envelope-1			
(Following documents to be provided as single PDF file)			
*File size shall be less than 5 MB each.			
Sl. No.	Documents	Content	File Types
1.	Technical Bid	Organization Declaration Sheet as per Annexure-I	.PDF
2.		All Annexures from I To XX	.PDF
3.		Corrigendum/ Addendum are also to be signed and uploaded.	.PDF

Envelope-2			
Sl. No.	Documents	Content	File Types
1.	Financial Bid	As per Financial Bid forms at Fin.forms I to Fin.forms II(D)	.PDF and Excel sheet

CHAPTER 3: INSTRUCTIONS FOR E-TENDERING

3.1 Instructions for Online Bid Submission:

3.1.1 Following the Government of India's directives, EdCIL (India) Limited has adopted E-tendering, which is an open platform for submission of tenders online in a seemed manner and transparent to meet the requirements of end users.

3.1.2 For conducting electronic tendering, EdCIL (India) Limited has decided to use Electronic tender portal link available with detailed information on e-tendering process at EdCIL website. This portal built using electronic tender's software is referred to as <http://www.tenderwizard.com/EDCIL>.

3.1.3 The bidders are required to submit soft copies of their bids electronically on <http://www.tenderwizard.com/EDCIL> e-tendering website, using valid Digital Signature Certificates. The instructions given below are meant to assist the bidders in registering on the Tender Wizard E-Tendering Portal, prepare their bids in accordance with the requirements and submitting their bids online on the Tender Wizard E-Tendering Portal.

3.1.4 The scope of work to be tendered is available in the complete bid documents which can be viewed/ downloaded from Tender Wizard E-Tendering Portal of <http://www.tenderwizard.com/EDCIL>. Both Technical Bid and Financial Bid will be submitted concurrently duly digitally signed on the website <http://www.tenderwizard.com/EDCIL>. No claim shall be entertained on account of disruptions of internet service being used by bidders. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last minute technical snags.

3.1.5 All Corrigendum/ Addendum/ Amendment/ Corrections, if any, will be published on the website <http://www.tenderwizard.com/EDCIL>.

3.1.6 It is mandatory for all the applicants to have class-III Digital Signature Certificate (in the name of person who will sign the bid document) from any of the licensed certifying agency (Bidders can see the list of licensed Certifying Agencies from the link www.cca.gov.in) to participate in e-Procurement of EDCIL.

3.1.7 It is mandatory for the bidders to get their firm / company registered with e-procurement portal of EDCIL, i.e. www.tenderwizard.com/EDCIL to have user ID & password by submitting a non-refundable annual registration charges of Rs. 2,000/- (Registration charges for 1 year) (Exclusive of taxes, levies, etc.) Which can be paid online using the e-payment gateway to KEONICS through the portal address mentioned above? The registration so obtained by the prospective bidder shall be valid for one year from the date of its issue and shall be subsequently renewed.

a) Participants shall safely keep their User ID and password, which will be issued by the service provider i.e. KEONICS Ltd. upon registration, and which is necessary for e-tendering.

- b) Bidders are advised to change the password immediately on receipt of activation mail.
- c) Bidders shall not disclose their User ID as well as password and other material information relating to the e-tendering to anyone and safeguard its secrecy.

3.1.8 Tenders should be submitted only through Tender Wizard E-Tendering Portal and obtain the Tender Acknowledgement copy as proof of successful submission.

3.1.9 Vendors are requested to contact Tender wizard Helpdesk for any information regarding E-tendering / training.

a) For online registration, intended bidders may write us at harishkumar.kb@etenderwizard.com or contact no. 080-40482100/ 9964074577/ 9650520101

b) For any further query related to Training Session, Tender Uploading/ downloading or any other query related to tender please contact Tender wizard Helpdesk.

Telephone: 080-40482100/ 9650520101/ 9964074577 or

write us mail on Email Id:- harishkumar.kb@etenderwizard.com,

3.2 Digital Signature Certificates

For integrity of data and authenticity/non-repudiation of electronic records, and to be compliant with IT Act 2000, it is necessary for each user to have a Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). Also referred to as Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class 2 or above, issued by a Certifying Authority (CA) licensed by Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) [refer <http://www.cca.gov.in>].

3.3 Registration

3.3.1 To use the **Tender Wizard E-Tendering Portal**, vendors need to register on the portal by going on the link provided at EdCIL tender webpage as <http://www.tenderwizard.com/EDCIL>. The registration of each organization is to be done by one of its senior persons who will be the main person coordinating for the e-tendering activities. In **Tender Wizard Portal** terminology, this person will be referred to as the Super User (SU) of that organization. For further details, please visit the website/portal, and click on the 'Supplier Organization' link under 'Registration' (on the Home Page) and follow further instructions as given on the site. Pay Annual Registration Fee as applicable.

3.3.2 After successful submission of Registration details and Annual Registration Fee, please contact **Tender Wizard** Helpdesk (as given below), to get your registration accepted/activated.

3.3.3 Important Note:

- I. To minimize the problems during the use of **Tender Wizard E- Tendering Portal** (including the Registration process), it is recommended that the user should use as per the instructions given under 'Tender Wizard E- Tendering Portal User-Guidance Centre' located on Home Page, including instructions for timely registration on Portal. The instructions relating to 'Essential Computer Security Settings for Use of Tender Wizard E-Tendering Portal and 'Important Functionality Checks' should be especially taken into cognizance.
- II. Please note that even after acceptance of your registration by the Service Provider, to respond to a tender you will also require time to complete activities related to your organization, such as creation of users, assigning roles to them, etc.

3.4 SEARCHING FOR TENDER DOCUMENTS

3.4.1 There is various search options built in the Tender Wizard E-Tendering Portal, to facilitate bidders to search active tenders by several parameters. These parameters could include Tender ID/ Tender Search Code (TSC), organization name, location, date, value, etc. There is also an option of advanced search for tenders, where in the bidders may combine a number of search parameters such as organization name, form of contract, location, date, other key words etc. to search for a tender published on the Tender Wizard E-Tendering Portal.

3.4.2 Once the bidders have selected the tenders they are interested in, they may download the required documents/ tender schedules. This would enable the Tender Wizard E-Tendering Portal to intimate the bidders through e-mail alert in case there is any corrigendum issued to the tender document.

3.4.3 The bidder should make a note of the unique Tender ID/ Tender Search Code (TSC) assigned to each tender; in case they want to obtain any clarification/help from the Help desk.

3.5 PREPARATION OF BIDS

3.5.1 Bidder should take into account any corrigendum/ addendum published on the portal before submitting their bids.

3.5.2 Please go through the tender advertisement and the tender document carefully to understand the documents required to be submitted as part of the bid. Please note the number of covers in which the bid documents have to be submitted, the number of documents-including the names and content of each of the documents that need to be submitted. Any deviations from these may lead to rejection of the bid.

3.5.3 Bidder, in advance, should get ready the bid documents to be submitted as indicated in the tender document/ schedule and generally, they can only be in PDF format. Bid documents may be scanned with 100dpi with black and white option.

3.6 SUBMISSION OF BIDS

3.6.1 Bidder should log into the site well in advance for bid submission and complete all formalities of registration (at least two days in advance of the closing date) so that he/she upload the bid in time i.e. on or before the bid submission time. The bidder will be sole responsible for any delay in uploading of bid within the stipulated time.

3.6.2 The bidder has to digitally sign and upload the required bid documents one by one as indicated in the tender document.

3.6.3 Bidder has to pay the EMD as applicable either through online or demand draft as per tender condition in favour of "**EdCIL (India) Ltd**" payable at **Noida** and enter details of the instruments. An original copy of the demand draft for EMD is required to be submitted.

3.6.4 A standard Financial Bid form has been provided with the tender document to be filled in by all the bidders. Bidders are requested to note that they should submit their financial bids in the format provided and no other format is acceptable. If the financial bid format is found to be modified by the bidder, the bid will be rejected.

3.6.5 The server time (which is displayed on the bidder's dashboard) will be considered as the standard time for referencing the deadlines for submission of the bids by the bidders, opening of bids etc. The bidders should follow this time during bid submission.

3.6.6 The uploaded tender documents become readable only after the tender opening by the authorized bid openers.

3.6.7 Upon the successful and timely submission of bids, the portal will give a successful bid submission message & bid summary will be displayed with the bid no. and the date & time of submission of the bid with all other relevant details.

3.7 ASSISTANCE TO BIDDERS

Any queries relating to the tender document and the terms and conditions contained therein should be addressed to the Tender Inviting Authority. For any other tender related queries bidders are requested to contact on the given numbers/email.

EdCIL/ Tender Wizard E-Tendering Portal Helpdesk	
Telephone/ Mobile	Customer Support: 080-40482100 (Multiple Telephone lines) Emergency Mobile Numbers: 9964074577/ 9650520101 (Please contact in case of emergency during non-working hours.)
E-mail ID	To Tender Wizard harishkumar.kb@etenderwizard.com / varun.b@etenderwizard.com & cc to: advisory@edcil.co.in cgm.infracivil@edcil.co.in

3.8 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AT BIDDER'S END

3.8.1 Computer System having configuration with minimum Windows 7 or above, and Broadband connectivity

3.8.2 Digital Certificate(s)

3.8.3 The Bid shall be typed in English and signed by the Bidder or a person duly authorized to bind the Bidder to the Contract. The person(s) signing the Bids shall initial all pages of the Bids.

3.8.4 All envelopes should be securely sealed and stamped.

3.8.5 It is mandatory for the Bidder to quote for all the items mentioned in the tender.

CHAPTER-4: INFORMATION, SCOPE & METHODOLOGY FOR NMEICT PROGRAM

4.1 INTRODUCTION

- **The National Mission on Education through Information Communication Technology (NMEICT)** is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme that is currently nearing the end of its third phase. Operational since 2009, the scheme's main objective is to provide seamless access to quality education and educational content to all eligible and willing learners in India by leveraging ICT.
- NMEICT has facilitated the growth of digital learning, enriching the educational experience of many students, faculty, and education managers at higher education institutions through **multiple innovative technological-driven education projects**. NMEICT's projects have provided crucial support for the integration of technology in higher education.
- NMEICT was envisaged to leverage ICT in teaching and learning for all learners in Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) at anytime and anywhere. The scheme aims to increase India's Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) and improve access, equity, and quality of higher education. NMEICT scheme and projects are aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP 2020).
- Its many projects are hosted by prestigious institutions such as IIT-Madras, IIT-Bombay, IIT-Kanpur, Delhi University etc. offering two types of digital educational tools- namely, **Digital Learning Platform** that primarily help students access a wide range of online credit courses developed in collaboration with academic and industry partners, and testing service, and **Management and Research Platforms**. The key NMEICT initiatives of interest in Phase III are listed below:
 1. SWAYAM is an integrated platform for online credit courses, using information and communication technology (ICT), covering content related high school, higher education subjects, and skill sector courses. The platform is managed by IIT Madras and the process of course delivery is handled by 10 National Coordinators. Since its launch in 2017, the platform has witnessed a total of 4.2 Cr+ enrolments and 30.6L+ certificates.
 2. SWAYAM Plus offers industry aligned courses that are designed, developed and delivered in collaboration with industry partners. Launched in 2024, in a very short span of time, the platform has seen over 65,000 registrations.
 3. SATHEE platform provides teaching-learning and content support for competitive examinations – JEE and NEET, and has planned to expand its coverage for SSC, ICAR, CUET, IBPS and RRB. Additionally it has online assessment module for students and mentoring opportunities (including doubt clearing). With over 10,000+ hours of learning content on the platform it has successfully been able to reach 3.3 Lakh students preparing for JEE and 84,375 NEET aspirants.
 4. SAMARTH was developed in collaboration with Delhi University to serve as an advanced Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERP) to automate various

processes related to academics, governance, and administration at HEIs. Till date 3277 HEIs have been onboarded on SAMARTH.

5. Other initiatives of interest are:

- SWAYAM Prabha provides educational programs through 48 DTH channels encompassing school and higher education.
 - E-Shodh Sindhu provides a database of over 10000 peer-reviewed journals to students and staff at centrally funded institutes and universities.
 - E- Shodh Sudhi's plagiarism software facilitates original and quality research and writing by students and staff in HEIs.
 - IRINS is web-based platform to enhance collaboration, curation, and showcasing of research outputs by researchers at academic and R&D institutions.
 - National Digital Library (NDL) is a virtual repository of learning resources to enable people to learn and prepare from global best practices.
 - Virtual Lab an initiative to promote remote experimentation.
 - E- Yantra is a robotics outreach program that aims to support young engineers and harness their talent in robotics and allied subjects.
 - FOSSEE promotes the use of open-source tools to improve the quality of education in our country.
 - Vidwan is a database of profiles of researchers and faculty members from leading institutions.
 - NICE- National Insights Centre on Education a command center to monitor progress and outcomes of all key higher education related schemes.
- The objectives of the evaluation are outlined in the next section.
 - As the 3rd phase of the scheme is ending the MoE aims to understand the following through the proposed evaluation: (1) **Impact of the NMEICT scheme (Phase III) and its individual projects** and (2) **evidence-based estimation of key outcomes, barriers, and required modifications** for improved performance

4.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE EVALUATION

- As the 3rd phase of the scheme is ending, the proposed evaluation of the MoE's NMEICT scheme has a two-fold goal:
 1. The Ministry wants to understand the **impact of the NMEICT scheme (Phase III) and its individual projects** to improve the quality of education throughout the country. The estimation of the impact can be undertaken using secondary data available for each individual project and primary data collection from key stakeholders. Considering that the NMEICT is a long-standing scheme, the evaluators may also consider undertaking a design using synthetic control group functioning as a counterfactual to estimate project-level impact.

2. (2) It is important for the MoE to have an **evidence-based estimation of key outcomes achieved and critical barriers** (implementation, resource, capacity, systemic challenges etc.) that prevented achievement of targeted outcomes. Concrete and specific recommendations to increase the reach, impact and effectiveness of the projects / scheme will be required to be submitted. Need for filling the gaps that remain through improving existing projects or by launching new projects should be communicated clearly in the evaluation.
- Aligned with OECD's Evaluation Criteria, the proposed NMEICT evaluation are required to investigate the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of the scheme and its many projects.
 1. Relevance is supposed to assess to what extent various projects of NMEICT address the needs of learners, HEIs, faculty members and other users.
 2. Effectiveness is supposed to examine beneficiary and stakeholder experiences of various projects with regards to usefulness, usability, and satisfaction.
 3. Efficiency measures how well resources are used to deliver timely results in a cost-effective manner.
 4. Impact will aim to identify how the projects have effectuated change in student learning, project completion through credit courses, skill development, employability and research networks etc.

Additional objectives of the proposed evaluation are:

- To understand the implementation status and processes challenges of NMEICT and its projects across different parts of the country.
- The extent to which NMEICT has facilitated digital education and digital integration across HEIs and India's higher education landscape.
- To assess the extent of achieved goals as mentioned in the "Objectives" and "Project scope" of the different projects under NMEICT.
- Assess the sufficiency of the multiple ICT in education projects under NMEICT scheme, in enhancing GER and educational quality, equity, and inclusion.
- Evaluation of UI/UX of platforms developed for NMEICT and its projects, including popularity of different modules, access through different devices, availability in different languages, and data sharing across platforms.
- Assessment of input quality (human resource and infrastructure) at host institutions who are managing different projects.
- Assessment of the awareness about NMEICT and its projects across different states.
- Effectiveness of dissemination of information to key stakeholders and citizens through portals and communication packets.
- Assessment of final outcomes achieved by the projects.

4.3 SCOPE OF EVALUATION

- The proposed evaluation should demonstrate the impact of the scheme and its project-specifically, assessing its additional benefits. Essentially, because the project was implemented there were tangible benefits to participants compared to other participants who were similar before participation in the project. The difference in improvement of their outcomes, keeping all other factors the same, indicates the impact of the program.
- The evaluation should focus on implementation of NMEICT since FY 2020-21 and its intended and unintended outcomes. Use primary and secondary data to understand all schemes under NMEICT.
- The research must capture the reach, design changes informed by previous evaluations, outcomes and impact (ICT in education adoption, learning quality, learning outcomes, workplace engagement, job placements of students, enhanced teacher/instructor quality, strengthening of higher education learning in Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 HEIs).
- The evaluation will use high quality data and evidence from secondary and primary sources for the purposes of the evaluation.
- A mixed method approach that uses both quantitative and qualitative data analysis is recommended. All research tools must be reliable and valid.

4.4 SCOPE OF SERVICES

- Reference period of the study: The period of the study to be covered is for last 5 years i.e., FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25
- Secondary Research: The data and methods will involve review of:
 1. NMEICT guidelines
 2. Earlier evaluation documents of NMEICT Phase I and Phase II
 3. Reports shared by MoE / host agencies
 4. Data shared by MoE / host agencies
 5. Analysis and Meeting of Minutes of key discussions related to NMEICT/projects
 6. Analysis of any other relevant document
- The research would be including the following
 1. Stakeholder mapping
 2. Development of questionnaires for different stakeholders
 3. Structured interviews
 4. Focus Group Discussions
 5. Key Informant Interviews
 - Data analysis plan
 - Pre-tested and piloted research instruments

- Recruitment of competent field investigators
 - Interviews with stakeholders
 - Data collection, cleaning and management
 - Data verification and supervision
 - Data analysis and insight generation
- Quantitative data analysis
 - Qualitative data analysis
 1. Draft report development and submission for review
 2. Incorporation of feedback into workflow and report
 3. Adherence to protocols
 - Evaluation Indicators and Data Collection

The table below summarizes the objectives and key indicators of each project to be evaluated under NMEICT Phase III

S. No	Project Name	Objective	Key Indicators
1	SWAYAM	SWAYAM aims to ensure dissemination of curriculum-aligned quality teaching-learning by India's prestigious instructors Host: IIT Madras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Learners Enrolled (Total vs. Unique) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Courses Available (Course Category, New, Re-run, Repurposed) ○ Assignments (Available, Submissions) ○ Examinations (Registered, Certifications) ○ Multilingual Content ○ National Coordinator (NC) Wise Overall Courses Offered and Unique Courses Developed
2	SWAYAM Prabha	The project was conceived to telecast high quality educational programs through 48 DTH channels encompassing school and higher education Host: IIT Madras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total Videos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total Hours ○ Total Subscribers ○ Total Views
3	SWAYAM Plus	SWAYAM Plus aims to enhance professional development by engaging private sector players to provide high quality industry-aligned content Host: IIT Madras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sector wise Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Courses with Credits ○ Total Registrations ○ Industry Partners

4	SAMARTH	SAMARTH is an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software that aids HEIs manage their core processes and strengthen e- governance Host: Delhi University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total SAMARTH Instances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total HEIs Onboarded ○ Total Student Enrolments ○ Active Student ○ NEP aligned Course offering through SAMARTH ○ Digital Transactions (since FY 2019-2020)
5	SATHEE	SATHEE provides free guidance to learners for competitive examinations through video lectures, mock tests, live mentorship sessions, and other offerings Host: IIT Kanpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Registrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mentors ○ Multilingual Video Lectures ○ Total Languages ○ Key Features ○ Student Queries Resolved
6	E-Shodh Sindhu	The platforms aims to facilitate improved research by providing access to full-text high quality electronic journals, periodicals, databases researchers associated with HEIs in India. Host: Infflibnet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No. of Resources Available ○ Institute Category Wise no. of Publications ○ Institute Category Wise no. of Full Text Downloads ○ Total Journals Available ○ e-Books ○ e-Books through NDL
7	E- Shodh Sudhi	E-Shodh Sudhi aims to provide plagiarism detection software support high quality and original research across Indian HEIS. Host: Infflibnet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member institutions • Total Users • Total Documents Submitted • Training programs
8	IRINS	IRINS is web-based Research Information Management (RIM) service that aims to facilitate academic and R&D organizations to collaborate, curate, and showcase publishing and research outputs. It supports the creation of a scholarly network to boost research production in India. Host: Infflibnet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Instances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No. of Publications (Articles, Conferences, Books, Others) ○ No. of Citations (Scopus, Crossref, UGC CARE) ○ No. of Patents (Filed, Published, Granted) ○ h-index of the Institutions ○ Altmetrics ○ No. of registered Faculties (Designation wise)
9	National Digital	NDLI is a virtual repository of a variety of learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Registered Users • Total Books

	Library (NDL)	resources for all learners at different stages. It is designed to enable people to learn and prepare from best practices from all over the world and to facilitate researchers to perform inter-linked exploration from multiple sources. Host: IIT Kharagpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Reading Sessions
10	Virtual Lab	Virtual Lab is an initiative to promote remote-experimentation. It aims to provide remote access to simulation-based labs across various science and engineering disciplines. Host: IIT Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of Nodal Centers • No. of Users Trained • No. of Workshops Conducted • Virtual Lab Usages
11	E- Yantra	E-Yantra is a robotics outreach program that aims to support the young engineers and harness their talent in robotics and engineering of autonomous systems to solve critical problems across key domains such as manufacturing, agriculture, defence, urban development. Host: IIT Bombay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eYRC participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ eYIC participants ○ MOOC Participants ○ Workshop Participants ○ ELSI Labs ○ Research Paper Published ○ Total Workshops Conducted ○ No. of Colleges participated Vs. No. of Registered Participants
12	FOSSEE	The project promotes the use of FLOSS tools to improve the quality of education in our country. We aim to reduce dependency on proprietary software in educational institutions. Host: IIT Bombay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOT Toolbox Download <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer Fellowships ○ Internships ○ Lab Migrations (OpenFOAM, eSim, Scilab) ○ Projects count Vs Participants count ○ Contribution towards Spoken Tutorial ○ Textbook Companion
13	Vidwan	VIDWAN is the premier database of profiles of scientists / researchers and other faculty members working at leading academic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of profiles uploaded (Different subject and organization categories) • Number of profiles added per year

		institutions and other R & D organisation involved in teaching and research in India. It provides important information about expert's background, contact address, experience, scholarly publications, skills and accomplishments, researcher identity, etc.	
14	NICE	NICE aims to serve as a central command centre to monitor progress and outcomes of all key higher education related schemes and efforts at the MoE. It aims to provide evidence-based insights to senior MoE decision makers. Host: MoE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of programs monitored • Total fields (per program and overall) • Number of dashboards (for decision makers)

4.5 SAMPLING DETAILS:

Sno	Project Name	Quantitative	Institutes	Qual Beneficiaries
1	SWAYAM	600	10	60
2	SWAYAM Prabha			
3	SWAYAM Plus			
4	SATHEE	200	10	60
5	SAMARTH		10	60
6	E- Shodh Sindhu		5	30
7	E- Shodh Sudhi		5	30
8	IRINS		5	30
9	NDL		5	30
10	E- Yantra		5	30
11	FOSSEE		5	30
12	Vidwan		5	30
13	NICE		1	6
14	Virtual Lab	-	-	-
	Subtotal	800		396
	Total		1196	

Note: Physical sampling shall be atleast 50% of the total sample size.

4.6 METHODOLOGY

1. A mixed-method approach utilizing both quantitative and qualitative data will be conducive for the assessment.

2. Secondary data from sources mentioned previously and monitoring reports can be used for preliminary analysis and development of the evaluation.
3. Primary data from key stakeholders including, informants, students, staff, and other beneficiaries and other key stakeholders will be collected
 - Key informant interviews
 - Focus group discussions
 - Structured surveys
 - Unstructured qualitative interviews
 - Other suitable tools
4. Observational visits by the research team will also feed into data collection.
5. It is recommended that the pilot is conducted in at least one representative Tier 1, 2, and or Tier 3 city/HEI.
6. It is recommended that pilots are used to fine tune the research tools.

All data collected should be validated using a validation checklist. Missing data points should be recollected.

- Data can be collected using mobile platforms.
- Data access should be given to MoE officials for supervision and monitoring purposes.

High impact evaluation questions are listed below to guide the evaluation

1. Relevance

- How well do the objectives of the NMEICT align with the educational priorities and needs of learners, educators, and institutions in India?
- To what extent does the NMEICT address the digital divide, including access and affordability issues for underserved communities?
- How relevant are the mission's tools and platforms to the current and emerging trends in digital education and global best practices?

2. Effectiveness

- To what extent has the NMEICT/its projects achieved its stated objectives, such as enhancing education and enrollment, improving educational access, and fostering innovative learning methodologies?
- How effective are the ICT tools and platforms in supporting teaching, learning, and assessment across diverse disciplines?
- What measurable improvements in learning outcomes, educator capacity, or institutional performance can be attributed to NMEICT initiatives?

3. Efficiency

- How efficiently are the resources (financial, human, and technological) allocated and utilized under the NMEICT framework?

- Are there overlaps, redundancies, or inefficiencies in the deployment of ICT tools and platforms within the mission?

4. Impact

- What long-term impacts has the NMEICT had on improving access to quality education for marginalized and underserved populations?
- How has the mission influenced the adoption of digital education tools and pedagogy at institutional and systemic levels?
- What unintended positive or negative consequences have arisen from NMEICT initiatives?

5. Sustainability

- To what extent are the NMEICT's outcomes (e.g., digital infrastructure, capacity building) likely to be sustained without continued external support?
- How robust are the institutional frameworks supporting the integration of NMEICT tools in educational ecosystems?
- What strategies have been implemented to ensure the scalability and adaptability of NMEICT programs to future technological advancements?

6. Contextualization

- How well does the NMEICT address the unique linguistic, cultural, and socio-economic diversity of India?
- To what extent are the tools and content offered by the mission customizable to local and regional needs?

7. Coherence

- How well does the NMEICT integrate with other national education and digital inclusion initiatives?

4.7 DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINES

Details of deliverables and timelines are given below:

Sno.	Deliverables	Broad topics
1	Inception Report (At least 25 pages excluding annexures) & Inception presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and background of the study • Objectives of the study • Approach and methodology • List of stakeholders and insights from preliminary stakeholder consultations • Sampling plan including sample coverage • Pilot plan • Analysis framework and plan • Deliverables and timeline of the study (Weekly Gantt Chart) • Survey Team structure

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training plan for the survey team • Field movement plan (Indicative) • Quality control mechanism • Perceived risks/ limitations and mitigation plan • Study tools/instruments/ software- Qualitative and Quantitative
2	Research instruments, tools, and data analysis plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative survey tools • Qualitative questionnaires • Data analysis plan • Quantitative • Qualitative analysis
3	Mid-term progress report along with presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey plan • Research progress • Summary of data collected • Challenges faced and mitigation • Preliminary findings and observations
4	Draft evaluation report & presentation	See Evaluation Report Outline
5	Final evaluation report And presentation	

All aforesaid presentations shall be made to high ranking MoE officials and representatives of the different host institutes that are managing NMEICT's various projects.

Timelines:

The selected bidder is supposed to submit the final evaluation report by 30th April 2025. Bidder is required to detail out the stages and timelines for the same. This point needs to be highlighted and discussed during technical presentation and shall be criteria for bid evaluation.

4.8 EVALUATION REPORT OUTLINE

The Evaluation Report is proposed to have the following outline:

- Executive Summary
 1. Brief overview of NMEICT and its components
 2. Evaluation objectives and key findings
 3. High-level recommendations
- Introduction
 1. NMEICT's background and alignment with national goals
 2. Evaluation goals: assess impact, identify barriers,
 3. Recommend improvements
- Evaluation Framework
 1. Theory of Change for NMEICT
 2. Key research questions and metrics
 3. Evaluation lens: accessibility, equity, inclusion, and quality
- Methodology
 1. Select most appropriate impact evaluation design from amongst
- Difference-in-Differences

- Regression Discontinuity Design
- Propensity Score Matching
- Instrumental Variable
 1. Sample Frame and Sampling
 2. Data Analysis Plan:
 3. Metrics for impact measurement
 4. Mixed methods approach (quantitative and qualitative)
 5. Data Collection / Field Work (Online/ telephonic, In-person, or hybrid)
 6. Primary data (surveys, interviews, focus groups)
 7. Secondary data (administrative data from NMEICT systems)
- Findings
 1. Impact at Beneficiary Level: learning outcomes, job placement, access to high quality educational content
 2. Impact at Institutional Level: digital inclusion, ERP adoption
 3. Systemic and Operational Barriers: technology adoption, capacity building, equity
- Recommendations
 1. Intervention Design and Implementation: improve access and quality
 2. Outcome Measurement: standardize metrics, develop a monitoring dashboard
 3. Policy Recommendations: address systemic barriers, strengthen collaboration
 4. Conclusion and Next Steps
- Summary Report
 1. Value and impact of NMEICT
 2. Highlight evidence-based recommendations
 3. Proposed roadmap for future course of action to reach GER and other NEP targets

The final report is also to be presented and submitted as per the format given in Appendix-A.

4.9 Payment Stages

1. 50% payment shall be made against Inception report
2. 25% payment shall be made against submission of Draft report
3. 25% payment on submission of final report

NOTE:

- a. Payment shall be made only on receipt of payment from the Ministry of Education. In case of any shortcoming and/ or recovery imposed by MOE to EdCIL, the same shall be made from successful bidder on back-to-back basis.
- b. Expenditure during the course of project shall be the duty of the successful bidder and no activity whatsoever shall be put on hold for release of payment.

CHAPTER 5: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

5.1 Bid Timelines: Bidder shall refer to NIT for the timelines related to Tender documents submission.

5.2 Preparation of Bids: The offer/ bid shall be submitted in a **Two packet system (i.e.) Technical and Financial bid**. The technical bid shall consist of all technical details along with commercial terms and conditions. Financial bid shall indicate item wise rate for the items mentioned in the bid in the given Excel sheet/format.

5.3 Earnest Money Deposit:

EMD (earnest money deposit) of Rs. 1,20,000/- (Rs. One Lakh Twenty Thousand Only) shall be submitted separately in the form of Demand Draft in favour of "EDCIL India Limited" payable at Noida from any of the Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank in India (list attached at ANNEXURE – XVII) with a validity of three months from the last date of submission of tender. The Bid sent without EMD shall be considered as NON-RESPONSIVE and liable to be rejected. No interest shall be allowed on the Earnest Money.

The EMD may also be paid online as per Bank Mandate of EdCIL given at Annexure-XVIII

Note: Bidders registered with MSME are exempted for submission of EMD and other guidelines by the MSME Ministry, GOI. applicable as on the date of NIT.

5.4 Refund of EMD and Submission of Performance Bank Guarantee:

5.4.1 The EMD will be returned to unsuccessful Bidder only after the Tenders are finalized.

5.4.2 Earnest money will be forfeited if the bidder unilaterally withdraws the offer, or unilaterally amends, impairs or rescinds the offer within the period of its validity.

5.4.3 In Case of Successful Bidder, the EMD shall be refunded after submission of 3% Performance Bank Guarantee from a Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank operating in India.

5.5 Performance Bank Guarantee:

The successful bidder should be required to deposit Performance Bank Guarantee equivalent to **3% of contract value/Work Order** to EdCIL within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of receipt of issue of LOA for carrying out the work as per agreed conditions. The Performance Bank Guarantee should be issued by a **Nationalized Bank/ Scheduled Bank (list attached at ANNEXURE – XVII)** in favour of "**EdCIL (India) Ltd. Noida**". This Performance Bank Guarantee should be retained throughout the currency of the contract and should be extended by the bidder from time to time, as required by EDCIL. This guarantee shall be valid for a period of **90 days**. The bank guarantee format is attached as Annexure-IV.

5.6 The Tender notice and Notice Inviting Tender shall form the part of contract document.

The successful Bidders shall be required to execute **an agreement with EdCIL in prescribed Proforma within a maximum period of 10 days after** date of issue of LOA for carrying out the work as per the agreed conditions. Failure to do so shall constitute a breach, in which case, EdCIL would be at liberty to not only terminate the contract but also forfeit EMD and Performance Guarantee if any. The cost of stamp paper for the agreement will be borne by Bidder.

5.7 The contract agreement shall consist of: The Press Notification, Tender Notice, Notice Inviting Tender, Instructions to Bidders, all the documents of tender & contract for works including special conditions of contract, technical specifications and drawings, if any, forming the part of tender documents as issued/ downloaded by the Bidder from the websites at the time of invitation of tender and acceptance thereof together with any correspondence with them leading there to and also the correspondence related with verification of credentials.

5.8 Acceptance/ Rejection of bids: EdCIL reserves the right to reject any or all offers without assigning any reason. EdCIL based on the requirement without assigning any reason to the Bidder/s may split work/Scope/Bid offer in stages or in parts according to the need of work or for ease of execution of work. EdCIL reserves right to take decision according to requirement and no claim on whatsoever ground shall be entertained from the bidder. Final decision of EdCIL shall be binding on the bidder.

5.9 Compliance with Laws:

The contract operations and proceeding in connection with the works at all times be conducted during the continuance of contract in accordance with the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations for the time being in force and the agency shall further observe and comply with the by laws & regulations of the Government of India, State Government/UT, local Municipalities and other authorities having jurisdiction over area involved in connection with the works of site & over operations such as those as carried out by the agency and shall give all notices required by such by-laws & regulations.

5.10 Payment Terms & Timelines:

Payment terms & Timelines shall be as per instructions detailed as per Clause:4.9, Chapter-4 "Information, Scope & Methodology for NMEICT program",.

5.11 Works will be carried out according to the Conditions of Contract and Specifications of EdCIL issued with this tender document.

5.12 Delayed Deliverables: If the Deliverables not made within the due timeline for any reason under the control of the successful bidder, the EdCIL reserves the right to *impose Liquidated damages (LD) @ 0.5% plus GST per week from the date of issuance of LOA* and the maximum LD shall be 10% of the contract value/ rate. The LD shall be applied only on the portion of deliverables not submitted within the stipulated time period for reasons under the control of the Agency.

Once the maximum LD is reached, EdCIL has the right to terminate the contract without any liability to cancellation charges and encash the submitted performance guarantee/s submitted by successful bidder.

5.13 Rates:The rates must be quoted in the Performa given in Financial Bid (**Fin.forms I to Fin.forms II(D)**) failing which the Bid would be treated as unresponsive.

5.14 Notices:

5.14.1 Any notice given by one party to the other pursuant to this contract/order should be sent to the other party in writing or e mail and confirmed in writing to the other party's address.

5.14.2 A notice should be effective when delivered or on the notice's effective date, whichever is later.

5.14.3 For the purpose of all notices, the following should be the address:

EdCIL:

Chief General Manager (Advisory Services),

EdCIL (India) Limited,

18 A, Sector-16A,

Noida-201 301

Tel: 91-120-4310840

Bidder address:

(To be filled in by the Bidder)

5.15 Resolution of Disputes: The dispute resolution mechanism to be applied pursuant should be as follows:

- a) In case of Dispute or difference arising between the EdCIL and bidder/agency relating to any matter arising out of or connected with this agreement, such disputes or difference should be settled in accordance with the Indian Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996, the rules there under and any statutory modifications or re-enactments thereof should apply to the arbitration proceedings.
- b) The dispute should be referred to the Competent Authority, EdCIL and if he/she is unable or unwilling to act, to the sole arbitration of some other person appointed by him willing to act as such Arbitrator. The award of the arbitrator so appointed should be final, conclusive and binding on all parties to this order.
- c) The venue of the arbitration should be the place from where the order is issued.
- d) Either party's performance under this agreement is subject to acts of God, war, epidemics, government regulation, strikes, or any other occurrence of event(s) or emergency beyond the party's control (except for rains), making it impossible, illegal, or commercially impracticable for either party to perform its obligations under this agreement, in whole or in part.

5.16 Agency Integrity

The Agency is responsible for and obliged to conduct all contracted activities in accordance with the Contract using state of the art methods and economic principles and exercising all means available to achieve the performance specified in the contract.

5.17 Governing Language

The contract should be written in English language. English language version of the Contract should govern its interpretation. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the Contract, which are exchanged by the parties, should be written in the same language.

5.18 Applicable Law

The Contract should be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Union of India and all disputes should be subject to place of jurisdiction located within New Delhi.

5.19 Taxes

Agency should be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, etc., incurred until submission of deliverables. EdCIL shall not make any payment towards any other incidental charges payable by the agency at any site location.

Under Income Tax Act, 1961, a deduction for income tax along with surcharge as applicable will be made from sums paid on account and final payments for carrying out the work under this contract

5.20 Language of Report:

Entire report shall be in English language. If asked for Hindi translation, successful bidder should submit the same without any additional cost.

5.21 Termination for Default

The EdCIL should, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the Agency, terminate the Contract in whole or part:

- a. If the Agency fails to submit deliverables specified in the order, or within any extension thereof granted by the EdCIL; or
- b. If the Agency fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the Contract.
- c. If the Agency, in the judgment of the EdCIL has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the Contract.
- d. For the purpose of this Clause:
 - **“Corrupt practice”** means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - **“Fraudulent practice”** means a misrepresentation of facts to influence a tendering process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Borrower, and includes collusive practice among Bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid rates at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the Borrower of the benefits of free and open competition;”
 - In the event the EdCIL terminates the Contract in whole or in part, the EdCIL shall execute such service with any other agency, as it deems appropriate and the Agency should be liable to the EdCIL for any excess costs for executing the work. However, the agency should continue the performance of the Contract to the

extent not terminated.

5.22 In case of Termination due to Force Majeure

Force Majeure shall mean occurrence in India of any act of God, such as rain, fire, flood, earthquake or other natural calamity causing the cancellation of the event. In such a case, the Event Manager shall be paid only for the time actually spent planning the event. In case of any material and equipments cost, the same shall be paid on an actual basis.

5.23 In case of Termination by Client

Time is the essence of this event and in case of delay of any activity of this event Client reserves the right to terminate the contract and forfeit PBG submitted by the selected agency and recover other reputational losses from the agency and in such case no payment shall be made to the agency.

5.24 Disputes and Jurisdiction: Any legal disputes arising out of any breach of contract pertaining to this tender should be settled in the court of competent jurisdiction located within New Delhi.

5.25 Compliance: The bidder to comply with the Technical Eligibility criteria, Timelines, Payment terms and deliverables as provided.

5.26 Terms of Contract

The contract shall be effective on the date of its signing and shall continue until the date of the successful completion of both the events unless terminated sooner by either of the parties.

5.27 Intellectual Property Rights

The selected Bidder shall not use any material with intellectual property right of EdCIL/MoE/GOI without prior permission. The Bidder shall have to take any and all permissions and clearance related to intellectual property . EdCIL shall not be held liable for any default.

5.28 Award of Contract:

EdCIL/MoE reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal and to annul the bidding process and reject all proposals at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the Bidders. In case of annulment, all proposals submitted and specifically, proposal securities shall be promptly returned to the Bidder.

5.29 Conflict of Interest:

Bidder shall furnish an affirmative statement as to the absence of, actual or potential conflict of interest on the part of the Applicant or any prospective subcontractor due to prior, current, or proposed contracts, engagements, or affiliations. Additionally, such disclosure shall address any and all potential elements (time frame for service delivery, resource, financial or other) that would adversely impact the ability of the Bidder to complete the requirements as given in the application document.

5.30 Negotiations:

Normally Negotiations are not allowed. However, if required, negotiations may be held at EdCIL (India) Ltd, Plot 18(A) , Sector 16A, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301. Representatives conducting negotiations on behalf of the Bidder must have written authority to negotiate technical, financial, and other terms and conclude a legally binding agreement.

5.31 Rates in Figures and Words:

- a. Rates Quoted by the Bidder in tender in figures and words shall be accurately filled in so that there is no discrepancy in the rates written in figures and words. However, if a discrepancy is found, the rates which correspond with the amount worked out by the contractor shall unless otherwise proved be taken as correct.
- b. If the amount of a particular is not worked out by the bidder or it does not correspond with the rates written either in figures or in words, then the rates quoted by the bidder in words shall be taken as correct. Where the rates quoted by the bidder in figures and in words tally but the amount is not worked out correctly, the rates quoted by the Bidder will, unless otherwise proved, be taken as correct and not the amount.
- c. In event no rate has been quoted for any particulars leaving space both in figure(s), word(s) and amount blank, it will be presumed that the Bidder has included the cost of this/these particulars in other items and rate for such particulars will be considered as zero and work will be required to be executed accordingly.
- d. In the case of any tender where rates appear unrealistic, such tender / particulars will be considered as unbalanced and in case the tender is unable to provide satisfactory explanation such a tender/ particular is liable to be disqualified and rejected.
- e. The Bidder shall submit analysis of rates or any other relevant documents pertaining to the project if called upon to do so.

5.32 Force Majeure:

The agency shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, liquidated damages or termination for default, if and to the extent that, it's delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the Contract is the result of an event of Force Majeure.

1. For purposes of this Clause, "Force Majeure" means an event beyond the control of the agency and not involving the agency's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events shall include, but are not limited to, acts of the EdCIL either in its sovereign or contractual capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
2. If a Force Majeure situation arises, the Agency should promptly notify EdCIL in writing of such conditions and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the EdCIL in writing, the agency shall continue to perform its obligations under the

Contract as far as is reasonably practical and should seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.

5.33 Acknowledgement: It is hereby acknowledged that bidders have gone through all the conditions mentioned above and bidders agree to abide by them.

5.34 Works will be carried out according to the Conditions of Contract and Specifications of EdCIL issued with this tender document.

CHAPTER 6 ELIGIBILITY & EVALUATION CRITERIA

6.1 Technical Eligibility Criteria for the Agencies:

The agency will be a professionally qualified firm registered in India since last 10 Years (Pvt Ltd., or Ltd., company/ public Ltd/ partnership firm/ Proprietorship firm) with minimum of 8 years of consultancy work experience and having profitability and positive net worth in last 3 Financial Years. Consultancy Firm/s should have conducted evaluation studies at the national/ state level and have extensive experience in conducting similar scheme evaluation studies in public/ government sector/ social sector environment.

The following are the **Basic Technical eligibility criteria** for the bidding failing which the bidder shall be disqualified:

S.No.	Technical Eligibility Criteria	Supporting Documents to be annexed by the Bidder	Reference Page No. of the Bid Document
1	The bidder must be a Company (Public Ltd. Or Pvt. Ltd.)/Proprietary /Partnership Firms registered with Statutory Authorities in India for the last Ten years from the date of NIT.	Copy of certificate of incorporation/ Partnership deed/Memorandum/ Article of Association/ Registration certificate with Registrar of companies and any other legally valid supporting document	
2	Bidders having a minimum of 8 years of experience (on date of NIT) in consultancy work should apply against this invitation for tender.	Copies of work orders/ completion certificates/ Agreement copies/ Final Invoice copies justifying 8 years of experience (year wise details)as per Annexure- II	
3	The average of the annual turnovers for the past three financial year i.e. 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24, should not be less than Rs. 50 (fifty) crore. The bidder should have a positive net worth & Profitability in the last 3 FY as above.	Certificate from the Chartered Accountant/Statutory auditor and copy of audited balance sheets/P&L Accounts for the last three years as per annexure-III .	
4	The bidder must have completed at least 3 projects/assignments relating to third party /external evaluation of Central/State Govt. programme or similar assignments funded by donor	Documents evidencing completion of the project/studies as per annexure-II	

	agencies such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, United Nation Agencies etc during the last 10 years.(FY 2014-15 to FY 2023-24)		
5	Out of the above assignments, the bidder should have received professional fee of Rs. 50 lakh (Exclusive of taxes) in at least one assignment.		
6	The bidder shall be ISO 27001 certified and CMMI Level III	ISO 27001 certificate and CMMI Level III certificate shall be submitted	
7	The proposed team must have the minimum educational qualification and cumulative work experience as given in Annexure-XIX	Self-certified CVs of the proposed team to be attached highlighting the minimum educational qualification and cumulative work experience requirement (as given in Annexure - XI)	

6.1.1 The Bidder should not have been blacklisted/ debarred by any Central Government/ Public Sector Undertaking as on the date of bid submission. Copy of undertaking signed by authorized signatory should be submitted with the technical bid.

6.1.2 No consortium/ No Joint Venture is allowed.

6.1.3 For deciding eligibility of tender, it is mandatory for Bidders to submit EMD, Financial Turnover (Balance Sheets with Profit & Loss Account) of preceding Three years along with required annexures as per Basic Technical Eligibility criteria with Similar nature of work experience certificates of requisite magnitude and Pre-Contract Integrity Pact, failing which the tender shall be summarily rejected.

6.1.4 Notwithstanding anything stated above, the EdCIL reserves the right to assess bidder's capability and capacity to perform the contract, should circumstances warrant such an assessment in the overall interest of the work by EdCIL.

6.1.5 All other documents like PAN Card, PF Registration, Goods and Services Tax Registration Certificate, Timeline schedule, list of personnel, Bank details etc. as per Basic Technical Eligibility criteria are also required to be submitted along with tender. The missing documents if any must be submitted within 10 days from the date it is sought by EdCIL. The missing documents if called for after the scrutiny of technical bid should not be of a date later than the date of submission of bid.

6.2 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

b. Evaluation of Technical Proposal

Bidders are advised to submit the Technical bid as per instructions given in Chapter -3 "Instructions for e-tendering and Chapter-2 " Offline & Online Bid submissions" addressed to CGM (AS), EdCIL (India) Limited, EdCIL House, 18A, Sector 16A, Noida – 201 301 (U.P). The Evaluation Committee intends to evaluate the Technical Proposals, by applying the evaluation criteria as detailed below. Each responsive Proposal shall be given a technical score under Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS) criteria.

c. Technical Evaluation Criteria

- i. The Technical Proposals of the qualified Bidders shall be analyzed and evaluated and the Technical Score (TS) shall be assigned to the proposal of each Bidder. Details of evaluation parameters are as shown below:

S.N.	Technical Evaluation Criteria	Technical Score (TS)	Supporting Document Required	Ref. Page No. in the Bid Document
1	No. of completed years, since inception.	5	Information to be given as per Annexure - XX	
2	Financial Strength of the Organisation	10		
3	Relevant Past Experience of the Agency	20		
4	Methodology and Approach	30	Information to be given as per Annexure – XX Bidder shall be asked for presentation for which the date shall be intimated.	
5	Team Personnel: Qualification And Experience	35	Information to be given as per Annexure – XX Bidder may be asked for interaction with the proposed Team Personnel. The above details to be supported by CVs of the personnel as per the format given in Annexure - XI	
	Total Marks	100		

- a. The technically qualified Bidders shall be invited to make a detailed presentation to the EdCIL's Tender Committee in a Power Point Format (PPT) (duration of presentation is 20 minutes) for evaluation purposes. This presentation shall be made only by the eligible qualified Bidders on a scheduled date or time as mentioned else where in the tender at EdCIL (India) Limited, EdCIL House, 18A, Sector 16A, Noida – 201 301 (U.P).
- b. The Evaluation Committee shall evaluate and rank each Technical Proposal on the basis of the Proposal's responsiveness to the scope using the evaluation criteria and score system as specified below. Each Technical Proposal shall receive a technical Proposal Marks as:

TS= Technical Score for Technical proposal under consideration

TSH= Technical Score of Highest Technical Bid

$$\text{Technical Proposal Marks (TPM)} = 100 \times \frac{\text{Technical Proposal under consideration}}{\text{Highest Technical bid}}$$

The Proposal shall be rejected if it does not achieve the **minimum technical marks of 65** (sixty-five) out of maximum of 100 (one hundred) marks.

ii. Evaluation of Financial Proposals

Financial Proposals of the technically qualified Bidders as evaluated according to the above-mentioned evaluation matrix (i.e. the Bidders scoring more than 65 marks) shall be opened by the Techno-Commercial Evaluation Committee in the presence of the representative of the Bidders, who chose to attend the opening of bids. The quoted fee shall be read out and recorded.

$$\text{Financial Proposal Marks (FPM)} = 100 * \frac{\text{Lower Financial Bid}}{\text{Financial Bid under consideration}}$$

The lowest evaluated Financial Proposal will receive a maximum of 100 marks.

iii. Final Evaluation

The final evaluation will be made on the basis of the following:

- Weightage for the Technical Proposal: 0.7
- Weightage for the Financial Proposal: 0.3

Combined Technical and Financial Marks, **(HPM) = TPM x 0.7 + FPM x 0.3**

iv. Award of Work

The Bidder with the highest aggregate proposal Marks (HPM) on the merit of evaluation shall be awarded the work.

v. Obligations of Client

The Client (EdCIL) will approach MOE for all clearances as shall be obtained by the Ministry. The agency shall be required to render assistance to MOE/ EdCIL on all statutory clearances as required for the assignment, from time to time.

vi. Timelines:

The final report shall be submitted by 30th April 2025.

vii. Copies: Five (5) sets of Hard copies along with soft copies of the report in English shall be submitted. Successful Bidder may be asked to submit more number of Hard copies for which no additional payment will be claimed.

<< Bidder's Organization Letter Head >>

DECLARATION SHEET

We, _____ hereby certify that all the information and data furnished by our organization with regard to this tender specification are true and complete to the best of our knowledge. I have gone through the requirements, conditions and stipulations in details and agree to comply with the requirements and intent of tender.

We further certified that our organization meets all the conditions of eligibility criteria laid down in this tender document.

The rates quoted in the financial bids are subsidized due to academic discount given to EdCIL INDIA LTD.

We, further specifically certify that our organization has not been Black Listed/ De Listed or put to any Holiday by any Institutional Agency/ Govt. Department/ Public Sector Undertaking in the last three years.

Description	Remarks
1 Phone	
2 Fax	
3 E-mail	
4 Contact Person Name	
5 Mobile Number	
6 Address of Registered office & Head office	
7 Details of registration	
8 Years of experience of Agency	
9 Type of organization (Pvt ltd, Public limited, Partnership, Proprietorship etc)	
10 Brief Profile of Organization	
11 TIN Number	
12 PAN Number	
(In case of on-line payment of EMD) 13 UTR No. (For EMD)	

14 MSME Details i.Registration No.	
ii.Gender	
iii.SC/ST	
15 Kindly provide bank details of the bidder in the following format: a) Name & address of the Bank branch	
b) IFSC code & Account Number	
c) Kindly attach scanned copy of one Cheque book	

(Signature of the Bidder)

Name: _____

Seal of the Company

PROJECT DETAILS**Project details in conducting Evaluation/ Audit/ Impact assessment/Review/Appraisal of Project/Scheme.**

Using the format below, provide information on each Assignment/job (separately for each assignment) for which your firm and each associate for this assignment was legally contracted either individually as a corporate entity or as one of the major partners within an association, for carrying out consulting services similar to the ones requested for this Assignment. The information must show your overall experience in undertaking and executing similar Assignment. Same format is to be used for showing all important Assignments. [While the heading of format will remain unchanged, the formatting may be modified & spread from two to three pages as per requirement].

Note: The following format should be filled for Technical Evaluation of Bid Document as per criteria. All the requisite projects as per Technical Evaluation criteria should be detailed as below.

**EXPERIENCE OF PREVIOUS CONSULTANCY ASSIGNMENTS IN
ICT/EDUCATION/ANY OTHER DOMAINS**

- a. Page No Of Work Order: _____
- b. Page No. Of Agreement Copy: _____
- c. Page No. Of Completion Certificate: _____ (Or)
- d. Page No. Of Final Invoice Copy : _____ (Or) any other document evidencing completion of project/study.

S.No	Description	Remarks
1	Assignment name:	
1.1	Description of Assignment:	
1.2	Value of the contract (in Rupees):	
1.3	Country:	
1.4	Location within country:	
1.5	Duration of Assignment/job (months):	
1.6	Name of Authority:	
1.7	Address of Authority:	
1.8	Total number of staff-months of the Assignment:	
1.9	Approx. value of the Services provided by your firm under the contract (in Rupees):	
1.10	Start date (month/year):	
1.11	Completion date (month/year):	
1.12	Reason of delay, if any:	
1.13	Name of associated Consultants, if any:	

1.14	Number of professional staff-months provided by associated Consultants:	
1.15	Name of senior professional staff of your firm involved and functions performed.	
1.16	Description of actual Assignment/job provided by your staff within the Assignment/job:	

Note: **Please provide documentary evidence from the client i.e. copy of Work Order/ Contract/Completion certificate for each of the assignments shown by the Agency.** The experience shall not be considered for evaluation if such requisite support documents are not provided with the bid.

ANNEXURE- III

FINANCIAL STRENGTH OF THE BIDDER

Sr No	Financial Year	Annual Turnover (in Lakhs)	Net Worth (Positive/Negative) (in Lakhs)	Net Profitability (in Lakhs)
1	2021-22			
2	2022-23			
3	2023-24			
	Avg. of past 3 years		NA	NA

Note: Certificate from Statutory Auditor/ Chartered Accountant certifying above and balance sheet and Profit & Loss account for all three years to be attached.

**Signature &
Stamp of Chartered
Accountant/ Statutory
Auditor**

ANNEXURE-IV

Name of the Bank: _____

To

EdCIL (India) Limited, Noida

PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE FORMAT

In consideration of the Chairman and Managing Director, EdCIL acting through _____ (Designation & address of Contract Signing Authority), (hereinafter called "**EdCIL (India) Limited**") having agreed under the terms and conditions of agreement/ Contract Acceptance letter No. _____ dt _____ Made between _____ (Designation & address of contract signing Authority) and _____ (here in after called "the said Agency" for the work _____ (here in after called "the said agreement") having agreed for submission of a irrevocable Bank Guarantee Bond for ₹ _____ (₹ _____ only) as a performance security Guarantee from the Agency for compliance of his obligations in accordance with the terms & conditions in the said agreement.

1. We _____ (Indicate the name of the Bank) hereinafter referred to as the Bank, undertake to pay to the EdCIL (India) Limited an amount not exceeding ₹ _____ (₹ _____ only) on demand by the EdCIL (India) Limited.
2. We _____ (Indicate the name of the bank, further agree that (and promise) to pay the amounts due and payable under this guarantee without any demur merely on a demand from the EdCIL (India) Limited through the CGM, EdCIL (India) Limited or _____ (Designation & Address of contract signing authority), stating that the amount claimed is due by way of loss or damage caused to or would be caused or suffered by the EdCIL (India) Limited by reason of any breach by the said Agency of any of the terms of conditions contained in the said agreement or by reason of the Agency failure to perform the said agreement. Any such demand made on the Bank shall be conclusive as regards the amount due and payable by the Bank under this guarantee. However, our liability under this guarantee shall be restricted to an amount not exceeding ₹ _____ (₹ _____ Only).
3. (A) We _____ (indicate the name of Bank) further undertake to pay to the EdCIL (India) Limited any money so demanded notwithstanding any dispute or dispute raised by the Agency in any suite or proceeding pending before any court or Tribunal relating to liability under this present being absolute and unequivocal.\
4. The payment so made by us under this Performance Guarantee shall be a valid discharge of our liability for payment there under and the Agency shall have no claim against us for making such payment.
5. We _____ (Indicate the name of bank) to further agree that the guarantee herein contained shall remain in full force and effect during the period that would be taken for the performance of the said agreement and that it shall continue to be enforceable till all the

dues of the EdCIL (India) Limited under or by virtue of the said agreement have been fully paid and its claims satisfied or discharged by _____

(Designation & Address of contract signing authority) on behalf of the EdCIL (India) Limited certify that the terms and conditions of the said agreement have been fully and properly carried out by the said Agency and accordingly discharges this guarantee.

6. (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein the liability of the bank under this guarantee will remain in force and effect until such time as this guarantee is discharged in writing by the EdCIL (India) Limited or until (date of validity/ extended validity) whichever is earlier and no claim shall be valid under this guarantee unless notice in writing thereof is given by the EdCIL (India) Limited within validity/ extended period of validity of guarantee from the date aforesaid.

(b) Provided always that we _____ (indicate the name of the Bank) unconditionally undertakes to renew this guarantee or to extend the period of guarantee form year to year before the expiry of the period or the extended period of the guarantee, as the case shall be on being called upon to do so by the EdCIL (India) Limited If the guarantee is not renewed or the period extended on demand, we _____ (indicate the name of the Bank) shall pay the EdCIL (India) Limited the full amount of guarantee on demand and without demur.
7. We _____ (indicate the name of Bank) further agree with the EdCIL (India) Limited that the EdCIL (India) Limited shall have the fullest liberty without our consent and without effecting in any manner out of obligations hereunder to vary any of the terms and conditions of the said contract from time to time or to postpone for any time or from time to time any to the powers exercisable by the EdCIL against the said Agency and to forbear or enforce any of the terms and conditions of the said agreement and we shall not be relieved from our liability by reason of any such variation, or extension being granted to the said Agency for any bearance act or omission on the part of the EdCIL (India) Limited or any indulgence by the EdCIL (India) Limited to the said Agency for by any such matter or thing whatsoever under the law relating to sureties for the said reservation would relive us from the liability.
8. This guarantee will not be discharged by any change in the constitution of the Bank or the Agency.
9. We, _____ (indicate the name of the Bank) lastly undertake not to revoke this guarantee except with the previous consent of the EdCIL (India) Limited in writing.
10. This guarantee shall be valid up to (Date of Completion plus Handholding Period). Unless extended on demand by EdCIL (India) Limited Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained hereinbefore, our liability under this guarantee is restricted to Rs..... (Rs.....only) unless a demand under this guarantee is made on us in writing on or before..... we shall be discharged from our liabilities under this guarantee thereafter.

Dated: the Day of For

(indicate the name of bank)

Signature of Banks Authorized official

Witness

(Name)_____

Designation with Code No. -----

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Full Address-----

2.

PROFORMA PRE CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT GENERAL

This pre-contract Agreement (hereinafter called the Integrity Pact) is made on ___day of the month of 2025, between, on one hand, acting through Shri/Smt.

, Designation, EdCIL (India) Limited (hereinafter called the "Client "EdCIL" interchangeably, which expression shall mean and include, unless the context otherwise requires, his successors in office and assigns) of the First Part

AND

M/s _____ represented by Shri _____, Chief Executive Officer (hereinafter called the "BIDDER/ AGENCY" which expression shall mean and include, unless the context otherwise requires, his successors and permitted assigns) of the Second Part.

WHEREAS the EdCIL proposes to procure services towards "_____(TITLE OF THE TENDER)-- --" for its clients and BIDDER/ Agency is willing to offer the said services and related items as referred to in the Bid document no. Dated 2025.

WHEREAS the BIDDER is a private company /public company / Government undertaking / partnership / registered expert agency, constituted in accordance with the relevant law in the matter and the EdCIL is a Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Education performing its functions.

NOW, THEREFORE,

To avoid all forms of corruption by following a system that is fair, transparent and free from any influence / prejudiced dealings prior to, during and subsequent to the currency of the contract to be entered into with a view to:

Enabling the EdCIL to obtain the desired services as referred to in the Bid document no. dated2025 at a competitive rate in conformity with the defined tender provisions by avoiding the high cost and the distortionary impact of corruption on procurement of services and Enabling BIDDERS to abstain from bribing or indulging in any corrupt practice in order to secure the contract by providing assurance to them that their competitors will also abstain from bribing and other corrupt practices and the EdCIL will commit to prevent corruption, in any form, by its officials by following transparent procedures.

The parties hereto hereby agree to enter into this Integrity Pact and agree as follows:

1. Commitments of EdCIL

1.1 The EdCIL undertakes that no official of the EdCIL, connected directly or indirectly with the contract, will demand, take a promise for or accept, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, consideration, gift, reward, favour or any material or immaterial benefit or any other advantage from the BIDDER, either for themselves

or for any person, organization or third party related to the contract in exchange for an advantage in the bidding process, bid evaluation, contracting or implementation process related to the contract.

- 1.2 The CLIENT will, during the pre-contract stage, treat all BIDDERS alike, and will provide to all BIDDERS the same information and will not provide any such information to any particular BIDDER which could afford an advantage to that particular BIDDER in comparison to other BIDDERS.
 - 1.3 All the officials of the EdCIL will report to the appropriate Government office any attempted or completed breaches of the above commitments as well as any substantial suspicion of such a breach.
2. In case any such preceding misconduct on the part of such official(s) is reported by the BIDDER to the EdCIL with full and verifiable facts and the same is prima facie found to be correct by the EdCIL, necessary disciplinary proceedings, or any other action as deemed fit, including criminal proceedings shall be initiated by the EdCIL and such a person shall be debarred from further dealings related to the contract process. In such a case while an enquiry is being conducted by the EdCIL the proceedings under the contract would not be stalled.

3. Commitments of Bidders

The BIDDER commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent corrupt practices, unfair means and illegal activities during any stage of its bid or during any pre-contract or post-contract stage in order to secure the contract or in furtherance to secure it and in particular commit itself to the following:

- 3.1 The BIDDER will not offer, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the EdCIL, connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process, or to any person, organization or third party related to the contract in exchange for any advantage in the bidding, evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.
- 3.2 The BIDDER further undertakes that it has not given, offered or promised to give, directly or indirectly any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the EdCIL or otherwise in procuring the Contract or forbearing to do or having done any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the contract or any other contract with the Government for showing or forbearing to show favour or disfavor to any person in relation to the contract or any other contract with the Government.
- 3.3 Bidders shall disclose the name and address of agents and representatives and Indian BIDDERS shall disclose their foreign principals or associates.
- 3.4 BIDDERS shall disclose the payments to be made by them to agents/brokers or any other intermediary, in connection with this bid/contract.
- 3.5 The BIDDER further confirms and declares to the EdCIL that the BIDDER has not

engaged any individual or firm or company whether Indian or foreign to intercede, facilitate or in any way to recommend to the EdCIL or any of its functionaries, whether officially or unofficially to the award to the contract to the BIDDER, nor has any amount been paid, promised or intended to be paid to any such individual, firm or company in respect of any such intercession, facilitation or recommendation, as the case shall be for satisfactory performance of the proposed terms of Bidder.

- 3.6 The BIDDER, either while presenting the bid or during pre-contract negotiations or before signing the contract, shall disclose any payments he has made, is committed to or intends to make to officials of the EdCIL or their family members, agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the contract and the details of services agreed upon for such payments.
- 3.7 The BIDDER will not collude with other parties interested in the contract to impair the transparency, fairness and progress of the bidding process, bid evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.
- 3.8 The BIDDER will not accept any advantage in exchange for any corrupt practice, unfair means and illegal activities.
- 3.9 The BIDDER shall not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others, any information provided by the EdCIL as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained in any electronic data carrier. The BIDDER also undertakes to exercise due and adequate care lest any such information is divulged.
- 3.10 The BIDDER commits to refrain from giving any complaint directly or through any other manner without supporting it with full and verifiable facts.
- 3.11 The BIDDER shall not instigate or cause any third person to commit any of the actions mentioned above.
- 3.12 If the BIDDER or any employee of the BIDDER or any person acting on behalf of the BIDDER, either directly or indirectly, is a relative of any of the officers of the EdCIL, or alternatively, if any relative of an officer of the EdCIL has financial interest / stake in the BIDDER's firm, the same shall be disclosed by the BIDDER at the time of filing of Bid.
- 3.13 The BIDDER shall not lend to or borrow any money from or enter into any monetary dealings or transactions, directly or indirectly, with any employee of EdCIL.

4. **PREVIOUS TRANSGRESSION**

- 4.1 The BIDDER declares that no previous transgression occurred in the last three years immediately before signing of this integrity pact, with any other company in any country in respect of any corrupt practices envisaged hereunder or with any Public Sector Enterprise in India or any Government Department in India that could justify BIDDER's exclusion from the bid process.

4.2 The BIDDER agrees that if it makes incorrect statement on this subject. BIDDER can be disqualified from the Bid process or the contract, if already awarded, can be terminated for such reason.

5. **EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT**

5.1 While submitting Technical bid, the BIDDER shall deposit an amount of Rs. as Earnest Money with the EdCIL through Account Payee Bank Draft or a Pay Order in favour of EdCIL (India) Limited.

5.2 The instrument for Security Deposit made shall be valid up to the specified period and the bidder shall be liable to keep the said instrument valid for such extended period as the case shall be for satisfactory performance of the terms of Bidder above referred till the complete conclusion of the contractual obligations to the complete satisfaction of both the BIDDER and the EdCIL, including warranty period, whichever is later.

5.3 In case of the successful BIDDER a clause would also be incorporated in the Article pertaining of Performance Bond in the corresponding Contract governing such agreement that the provisions of Sanctions for Violation shall be applicable for encashment of Performance Bank Guarantee deposited towards forfeiture of said amount in case of a decision by the EdCIL to forfeit the same without assigning any reason for imposing such sanction.

5.4 No interest shall be payable by the EdCIL to the BIDDER on Earnest Money Deposit for the period of its currency.

6. **SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS**

6.1 Any breach of the aforesaid provisions by the BIDDER or any one employed by it or acting on its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the BIDDER) shall entitle the EdCIL to take all or any one of the following actions, wherever required:

- i. To immediately call off the pre contract negotiations without assigning any reason or giving any compensation to the BIDDER. However, the proceedings with the other BIDDER(s) would continue.
- ii. The Earnest Money Deposit (in pre-contract stage) and/or Security Deposit / Performance Bond (Bank Guarantee) (after the contract is signed) shall stand forfeited either fully or partially, as decided by the EdCIL and the CLIENT (EdCIL) shall not be required to assign any reason therefore.
- iii. To immediately cancel the contract, if already signed, without giving any compensation to the BIDDER.
- iv. To recover all sums already paid by the EdCIL, and in case of an Indian BIDDER with interest thereon at 2% higher than the prevailing Prime Lending Rate of State Bank of India, while in case of a BIDDER from a country other than India with interest thereon at 2% higher than the LIBOR as the case shall be. If any outstanding payment is due to the BIDDER from the EdCIL in connection with any other contract for any other stores or on any account whatsoever and by

whatsoever name called, such outstanding payment could also be utilized to recover the aforesaid sum and interest thereto.

- v. To encash the advance bank guarantee and performance bond/warranty bond, if furnished by the BIDDER, in order to recover the payments, already made by the EdCIL, along with interest.
 - vi. To cancel all or any other Contracts with the BIDDER. The BIDDER shall be liable to pay compensation for any loss or damage to the EdCIL resulting from such cancellation/rescission and the EdCIL shall be entitled to deduct the amount so payable from the money(s) due to the BIDDER.
 - vii. To debar the BIDDER from participating in future bidding processes of the Government of India for a minimum period of five years, which shall be further extended at the discretion of the EdCIL.
 - viii. To recover all sums paid in violation of this Pact by BIDDER(s) to any middleman or agent or broker with a view to securing the contract.
 - ix. In cases where irrevocable Letters of Credit have been received in respect of any contract signed by the EdCIL with the BIDDER, the same shall not be opened.
 - x. Forfeiture by way of encashment of Performance Bond in case of a decision by the EdCIL to forfeit the same without assigning any reason for imposing sanction for violation of this Pact.
- 6.2 The EdCIL will be entitled to take all or any of the actions mentioned at Para 6.1(i) to (x) of this Pact also on the Commission by the BIDDER or any one employed by it or acting on its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the BIDDER), of any offence as defined in Chapter IX of the Indian Penal code, 1860 or Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 or any other statute enacted for prevention of corruption.
- 6.3 The decision of the EdCIL to the effect that a breach of the provisions of this Pact has been committed by the BIDDER shall be final and conclusive on the BIDDER. However, an Independent Monitor(s) shall be appointed by EdCIL, in case of breach of the provisions of the pact.

7. INDEPENDENT MONITORS

- 7.1 An Independent monitor (s) shall be appointed by EdCIL, in case of breach of the provisions of the pact.
- 7.2 The task of the Monitors shall be to review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this Pact.
- 7.3 The Monitors shall not be subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and perform their functions neutrally and independently.
- 7.4 Both the parties accept that the Monitors have the right to access all the documents relating to the project / procurement, including minutes of meetings.

- 7.5 As soon as the Monitor notices, or has reason to believe, a violation of this Pact, he will so inform the Authority designated by the EdCIL.
- 7.6 The BIDDER(s) accept that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction to all Project documentation of the EdCIL including that provided by the BIDDER. The BIDDER will also grant the Monitor, upon his request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to his project documentation. The same is applicable to Sub-bidders. The Monitor shall be under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the BIDDER/Sub-bidder(s) with confidentiality.
- 7.7 The EdCIL will provide to the Monitor sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the Project provided such meetings could have an impact on the contractual relations between the parties. The parties will offer to the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings.
- 7.8 The Monitor will submit a written report to the designated Authority of CLIENT/Secretary in the Department/within 8 to 10 weeks from the date of reference or intimation to him by the EdCIL / BIDDER and, shall the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.

8. FACILITATION OF INVESTIGATION

In case of any allegation of violation of any provisions of this Pact or payment of commission, the EdCIL or its agencies shall be entitled to examine all the documents including the Books of Accounts of the BIDDER and the BIDDER shall provide necessary information and documents in English and shall extend all possible help for the purpose of such examination.

9. LAW AND PLACE OF JURISDICTION

This Pact is subject to Indian Law. The place of performance and jurisdiction is the seat of the EdCIL.

10. OTHER LEGAL ACTIONS

The actions stipulated in this Integrity Pact are without prejudice to any other legal action that shall follow in accordance with the provisions of the extant law in force relating to any civil or criminal proceedings.

11. VALIDITY

11.1 The validity of this Integrity Pact shall be governed by the terms of the NIT No.

_____ towards complete execution of the contract to the satisfaction of both the EdCIL and the BIDDER/Agency, including warranty period, whichever is later. In case BIDDER is unsuccessful, this Integrity Pact shall expire after six months from the date of the signing of the contract awarding the Bidder with successful bidder.

11.2 Shall one or several provisions of this Pact turn out to be invalid; the remainder of this Pact shall remain valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to their original intentions.

12. The parties hereby sign this Integrity Pact at _____ on _____.

EdCIL (India) Limited

BIDDER

Name of the Officer :

Designation:

Witness:

a) _____

b) _____

Witness

1.

2.

(The Pre Contract Integrity Pact shall be modified based in line with the conditions of the Bid Documents).

LETTER OF UNDERTAKING
(ON THE LETTER HEAD OF THE BIDDER)

To

Chief General Manager (Advisory Services)
EdCIL (India) Limited (EdCIL)
EdCIL House, 18 A, Sector-16 A,
NOIDA – 201301 (U.P.), India

Sir,

SUBJECT- Invitation for Request for Proposal on behalf of MoE for Selection of Agency for Third Party Evaluation of Scheme NMEICT Fundedby Ministry of Education, GOI

This bears reference to EdCIL/NIT No. ***EDCIL/AS/NMEICT/2024-25 Dated 21-01-2025.***
We, hereby, accept all the terms and conditions for submitting bid as mentioned in this Bid Document.

We hereby certify that no terms and conditions have been stipulated by us in the Financial Bid.

We warrant that the services do not violate or infringe upon any patent, copyright, trade secret or other property right of any other person or other entity. We agree that we shall not prevent EdCIL from any claim or demand, action or proceeding, directly or indirectly resulting from or arising out of any breach or alleged breach of any of the terms & conditions of bid document and contract.

The above document is executed on ___/___/2025 at (place) _____ and we accept that if anything out of the information provided by us is found wrong, our bid/ work order shall be liable for rejection.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Name of the Bidder_____

Authorized Signatory_____

Seal of the Organization_____

Date:

UNDERTAKING

This is to confirm that we M/s _____ (give full address) have not been declared neither **failed to perform on any Agreement, nor have been expelled from any project or Agreement nor any Agreement terminated** for breach by the us (Agency) in any of the government department and public sector undertaking /enterprise or by any other Client in India, in last five year before release of advertisement.

If the above information found false at any stage after the placement of Work Order / Agreement, EdCIL (India) Limited (Ed.CIL), 18-A, Sector 16-A, Noida will have full right to cancel the Contract and forfeit the Performance Guarantee. All the direct and indirect cost related to the cancellation of the order will be borne by us besides any legal action by EdCIL which shall be deemed fit at that point of time.

Authorized Signatory

Note: *The undertaking regarding the non-blacklisting of firm is to be submitted on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 100/- (Rupees Hundred only).*

Place:

ANNEXURE-VIII

Details of Projects Completed (Domain Wise)

Name of the Firm:

Name of the Projects	Project Evaluation field	Name of Client, Order No. & Date	Description of work	Value of work	Date of Start	Scheduled Date of Completion	Actual Date of Completion	Reason for Delay, if any
	<i>ICT Domain</i>							
	<i>Education Domain</i>							
	<i>Any other Domain</i>							

- **Include rows as necessary**
- **Information is to be provided Domain wise**

Signature with Seal

List of Team Personnel

S.No	Name of person	Designation	Minimum Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Cumulative Years of experience	Length of Relevant experience required in this tender

Note: All details in above table are to be provided with reference to Annexure XIX

Signature of Bidder

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Organization Name: _____

Contact No. : _____

ANNEXURE-X

Non-Disclosure Agreement [Company Letterhead]

This AGREEMENT (hereinafter called the "Agreement") is made on the [day] day of the month of [month], [year], between, EdCIL (India) Ltd on the one, (hereinafter called the "EdCIL") and, on the other hand, [Name of the Bidder] (hereinafter called the "Bidder") having its registered office at [Address]

WHEREAS

1. The "EDCIL" has issued NIT NO: (As given in RFP) for Third party evaluation of NMEICT program funded by Ministry of Education , GoI. (Hereinafter called the "Project") of the EDCIL.
2. The Bidder, having represented to the "EDCIL" that it is interested to bid for the proposed Project,
3. The EDCIL and the Bidder agree as follows:
 - a) In connection with the "Project", the EDCIL agrees to provide to the Bidder a detailed document on the Project vide the Request for Proposal document (online portal). The Request for Proposal contains details and information of the EDCIL operations that are considered confidential.
 - b) The Bidder to whom this information (Request for Proposal) is disclosed shall –
 - i. hold such information in confidence with the same degree of care with which the Bidder protects its own confidential and proprietary information.
 - ii. restrict disclosure of the information solely to its employees, other member with a need to know such information and advice those persons of their obligations hereunder with respect to such information.
 - iii. use the information only as needed for the purpose of bidding for the Project.
 - iv. except for the purpose of bidding for the Project, not copy or otherwise duplicate such information or knowingly allow anyone else to copy or otherwise duplicate such information; and
 - v. undertake to document the number of copies it makes
 - vi. on completion of the bidding process and in case unsuccessful, promptly return to the EDCIL, all information in a tangible form or destroy such information
4. The Bidder shall have no obligation to preserve the confidential or proprietary nature of any information which:
 - was previously known to the Bidder free of any obligation to keep it confidential at the time of its disclosure as evidenced by the Bidder's written records prepared prior to such disclosure; or
 - is or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act of the Bidder; or
 - is independently developed by an employee, agent or contractor of the Bidder not associated with the Project and who did not have any direct or indirect access to the information.
5. The Agreement shall apply to all information relating to the Project disclosed by the EDCIL to the bidder.
6. EDCIL will have the right to obtain an immediate injunction enjoining any breach of this Agreement, as well as the right to pursue any and all other rights and remedies available at law or in equity for such a breach.
7. EDCIL reserves the right to share the information received from the bidder under the ambit of RTI Act.
8. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as granting or conferring rights of license or otherwise, to the Bidder, on any of the information. Notwithstanding the

disclosure of any information by the EDCIL to the Bidder, the EDCIL shall retain title and all intellectual property and proprietary rights in the information. No license under any trademark, patent or copyright, or application for same that are now or thereafter may be obtained by the EDCIL is either granted or implied by the conveying of information. The Bidder shall not alter or obliterate any trademark, trademark notice, copyright notice, confidentiality notice or any notice of any other proprietary right of the EDCIL on any copy of the information and shall reproduce any such mark or notice on all copies of such information.

9. This Agreement shall be effective from the date of signing of this agreement and shall continue perpetually.

10. Upon written demand of the EDCIL, the Bidder shall (i) cease using the information, (ii) return the information and all copies, notes or extracts thereof to the EDCIL forthwith after receipt of notice, and (iii) upon request of the EDCIL, certify in writing that the Bidder has complied with the obligations set forth in this paragraph.

11. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the EDCIL and the Bidder relating to the matters discussed herein and supersedes any and all prior oral discussions and/or written correspondence or agreements between the two parties. This Agreement may be amended or modified only with the mutual written consent of the parties. Neither this Agreement nor any right granted hereunder shall be assignable or otherwise transferable.

12. Confidential information is provided "As-Is". In no event shall the EDCIL be liable for the accuracy or completeness of the confidential information.

13. This agreement shall benefit and be binding upon the EDCIL and the Bidder and their respective subsidiaries, affiliate, successors, and assigns.

14. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Indian laws.

For and on behalf of the Bidder

(Signature)

(Name of the authorized Signatory) Designation :

Date :

Time :

Seal :

Business Address

CURRICULUM VITAE (CV) FOR PROPOSED TEAM PERSONNEL

Proposed Position: _____

Name of Firm: _____

[Insert name of firm proposing the staff]:

Name of Staff: _____

[Insert full name]:

Date of Birth: _____

Nationality: _____

Education: [Indicate college/university and other specialized education of staff member, giving names of institutions, degrees obtained, and year of acquiring]:

a. Minimum Qualification as per this tender:

Name of Institution & University	Year of Passing	Name of Degree	Specialization

b. Desirable Qualification as per this tender:

Name of Institution & University	Year of Passing	Name of Degree/Diploma/Certification	Specialization

Membership of Professional Associations: _____

Other Training: _____

Work Experience _____

[List States where staff has worked in the last ten years]:

Languages: _____

[For each language indicate proficiency: good, fair, or poor in speaking, reading, and writing]:

Employment Record: _____

[Starting with present position, list in reverse order every employment held by staff member since graduation giving details for each employment (see format here below):

Name of the Organization	Position Held	Duration (MM/YYYY-MM/YYYY)	Years & Months of Experience

Detailed Tasks Assigned:

[List all tasks to be performed by above staff under this Assignment for which Proposal is being submitted]

Work Undertaken that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Tasks Assigned

[Amongst the Assignment/jobs in which the staff has been involved, indicate the following information for those Assignment/jobs that best illustrate staff capability to handle the tasks listed under point 12.]

The below format shall be used to provide details in the following sub heads:

a. Evaluation Projects related to ICT/similar domain.

S.No	Description	Remarks
1	Name of Assignment/job or project	
2	Period of Engagement	(DD/MM/YYYY to DD/MM/YYYY)
3	Duration of Project Month	
4	Authority	
5	Main features of Assignment and Activities performed	
6	Positions Held	

b. Evaluation Projects related to Education sector.

S.No	Description	Remarks
1	Name of Assignment/job or project	
2	Period of Engagement	(DD/MM/YYYY to DD/MM/YYYY)
3	Duration of Project Month	
4	Authority	
5	Main features of Assignment and Activities performed	
6	Positions Held	

c. Evaluation Projects related to any other domain.

S.No	Description	Remarks
1	Name of Assignment/job or project	
2	Period of Engagement	(DD/MM/YYYY to DD/MM/YYYY)
3	Duration of Project Month	
4	Authority	
5	Main features of Assignment and Activities performed	
6	Positions Held	

Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any willful mis-statement described herein, may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

_____ Date:

[Signature of authorized representative of the bidder] Day/Month/Year

Full name of authorized representative: ____ Signature of authorized representative:

ANNEXURE-XII

WORK PLAN & TIME SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION OF EVALUATION

Outline here the weekly Work Schedule/Plan and Time Schedule, as per following proforma:

S.No.	Activity*	Duration	Start Date	End Date

Notes:

* Indicate all main activities of the Assignment/job, including delivery of reports i.e. deliverables as per TOR and other benchmarks such as Authority's approvals.

** Duration of activities shall be indicated in the form of a bar chart.

ANNEXURE-XIII

SELF-DECLARATION – NON-BLACKLISTING

(On Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs. 100/- duly attested by the Notary Public)

To,

EdCIL (India) Limited
(A Mini Ratna category-I CPSE of Government of India)
EdCIL House, 18 A, Sector-16 A NOIDA – 201301 (U.P.), India

Sir,

In response to the Tender EdCIL/..... dated....., I/We hereby declare that presently our organization is not declared ineligible/black listed/debarred for corrupt & fraudulent practices either indefinitely or for a particular period of time by any State/ Central Government/ PSU/Autonomous Body on the date of bid submission.

If this declaration is found to be incorrect then without prejudice to any other action that may be taken, my/ our EMD may be forfeited in full and the tender if any, to the extent accepted, may be cancelled.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Name of the Bidder:

Authorized Signatory:

Seal of the Organization:

Date:

Place:

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these presents, we..... (name of firm and address of the registered office) do hereby constitute, nominate appoint and authorize Mr./Ms.....son/daughter/wife of and presently residing at....., who is presently employed with /retained by us and holding position of.....as our true and lawful attorney (hereinafter referred to as the "Authorized Representative") to do in our name and on our behalf, all such acts, deeds and things are as necessary or required in connection with or incidental to submission of our proposal for and selection as the <project title> for the <name of the client>.....project,proposed to be developed by the..... (the "client") including but not limited to signing and submission of all applications, proposals and other documents and writings, participating in pre bid and other conferences and providing information /responses to the client, representing us in all matters before the Client, signing and execution of all contracts and undertakings consequent to acceptance of our proposal and generally dealing with the client in all matter in connection with or relating to or arising out of our Proposal for the said project /or upon award thereof to us till the entering into of the Agreement with the client.

AND, we do hereby agree to ratify and confirm all acts, deeds and things lawful done or caused to be done by our said Authorized Representative pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred by this power and Attorney and that all acts, and things done by our said Authorized Representative in exercise of the powers hereby conferred shall and shall always be deemed to have been done by us.

[IN WITNESS WHEREOF WE.....THE ABOVE-NAMED PRINCIPAL HAVE EXECUTED THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY ON

THIS DAY OF 2025.

For (Name and registered address of client)

(Signature, name, designation, and address)

Witness:

- 1. (Signature, name and address)
- 2. (Signature, name and address)

Notarized

Accepted

.....

(Signature, name, designation, and address of the attorney)

Notes:

1. The mode of the execution of the power of Attorney shall be in accordance with the procedure, if any, laid down by the applicable law and the charter documents of the executants (s) and when it is so required the same should be under seal affixed in accordance with the required procedure.
2. Wherever required, the applicant should be submitted for verification the extract of the charter documents and other documents such as a resolution/Power of Attorney in favor of the person executing this Power of Attorney for delegation of power hereunder on behalf of the applicant.
3. For a Power of Attorney executed and issued overseas, the document will also have to be legalized by the Indian Embassy and notarized in the jurisdiction where the Power and Attorney is being issued. However, the Power of Attorney provided by the applicants from countries that have signed The Hague Legislation Convention, 1961 are not required to be legalized by the Indian Embassy it is carries a conforming Apostle certificate.

LETTER OF BID SUBMISSION

To,

**Chief General Manager,
Advisory Services
EdCIL (India) Limited,
Ed.CIL House, 18A, Sector- 16A,
NOIDA- 201 301 (U.P)**

**SUBJECT- Invitation for Request for Proposal on behalf of MoE for Selection of
Agency for Third Party Evaluation of NMEICT program Funded by
Ministry of Education, GOI**

-Submission of Bid -

Sir,

Having examined the details given in Bid Document for the above work, I/we hereby submit the relevant information.

1. I/We hereby certify that all the statements made and information supplied in the enclosed form _____ and accompanying statements are true and correct.
2. I/We have furnished all information and details necessary for eligibility and have no further pertinent information to supply.

Enclosures:

Date of Submission :

ANNEXURE XVI

CONTRACT FORM

THIS AGREEMENT made the day of 2025 between (Name of Client) of the one part and (Name & address of Bidder) of the other part:

WHEREAS the Client seeks specific services, namely (Brief Description of Services), and has approved a bid submitted by the Bidder for the provision of services at the amount of (Contract Price in words and figures) (hereafter referred to as "the Contract Rate").

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. In this Agreement words and expressions shall have the same meanings as are respectively assigned to them in the Conditions of Contract referred to.
- 2. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and constructed as part of this Agreement, viz.,
 - [a] The Rate Schedule submitted by the Bidder;
 - [b] The Schedule of Requirements;
 - [c] The Terms & Conditions
 - [d] The EdCIL's Notification of Award/ work Order
- 3. In consideration of the payments to be made by the EdCIL to the agency as hereinafter mentioned, the agency hereby covenants with the EdCIL to provide the services and to remedy defects herein in conformity in all respects with the provisions of the Contract.
- 4. The EdCIL hereby covenants to pay the agency in consideration of the provision of the services and the remedying of defects therein, the Contact rates or such other sum as shall become payable under the provisions of the Contract at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Contract.

Brief particulars of the services, which shall be delivered by the agency, are as under:

S. No.	Brief Description of Services	Total Rate	Deliverables

TOTAL VALUE:

DELIVERY SCHEDULE:

IN WITNESS where of the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in accordance with their respective laws the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered by the
said (For the EdCIL)
in the presence of

Signed, Sealed and Delivered by the
said (For the Agency)

in the presence of

ANNEXURE-XVII

LIST OF AUTHORISED BANKS FOR BG

Any Guarantee issued by PSU Bank (or) Private Bank operating in India must be operational and invocable in Noida only. For Guarantee to be operational in Noida the issuing bank must designate a specified Bank Branch in Noida.

Following banks are permissible for accepting Bank Guarantees:

I- SCHEDULED PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS

Sr.No	Name of the Bank
1	Bank of Baroda
2	Bank of India
3	Bank of Maharashtra
4	Canara Bank
5	Central Bank of India
6	Indian Bank
7	Indian Overseas Bank
8	Punjab & Sind Bank
9	Punjab National Bank
10	State Bank of India
11	UCO Bank
12	Union Bank of India

II- SCHEDULED PRIVATE SECTOR BANKS

Sr.No	Name of the Bank
1	HDFC Bank Ltd
2	ICICI Bank Ltd
3	Axis Bank Ltd
4	Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd
5	IndusInd Bank Ltd

ANNEXURE-XVIII

BANK MANDATE OF EDCIL (INDIA) LTD

MANDATE FOR ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER THROUGH RTGS

1	Name of the Grantee organization	EdCIL (India) Limited
2	Address of the Grantee Organization	Edcil House, Plot No. 18A, Sector-16A, NOIDA-201301
3	Telephone No	0120-2512001-006, FAX-0120-2515372
4	Particular of Bank Account	
A	Bank Name	State Bank of India
B	Branch Name & Address	(00691) New Delhi Main Branch-11, Parliament Street, New Delhi, NCT of Delhi- 110001
C	City of the Bank Branch	Delhi
D	9 Digit MICR Code Number of Branch	110002087
E	Type of Account	Current Account
F	BSR code of Bank (4 Digit code)	0000691
G	Account Number (15 digit code (in digit))	36830596465
H	Account Number (15 digit code (in words))	Three Six Eight Three Zero Five Nine Six Four Six Five
I	I F S C code	SBIN0000691
G	Customer ID	829441
K	Whether this branch is RTGS enabled	Yes

ANNEXURE-XIX

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE OF TEAM PERSONNEL

S.No.	Personnel	Minimum Educational Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Cumulative Professional Experience	Minimum Length of Relevant Experience
Key Personnel:					
1	Team Leader (Minimum of 01 Number)	Master's degree in management or equivalent	Ph.D in relevant discipline or Project management certification such as Prince2, PMP certification is desirable.	15	Minimum 10 Years of experience in monitoring and evaluation/ Impact assessments/ research and project management with Government and Social sector development projects / schemes/Review of projects in education/ social sector.
2	ICT Expert (Minimum of 02 Numbers)	Master's degree (or equivalent) in Information Technology, Computer Application, Computer Sciences, ICT, or related technical fields	Ph.D in relevant discipline or Relevant certifications such as Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE), or Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) shall be desirable.	10	Minimum 6 years in ICT development, implementation, or evaluation, with a focus on technology for education or digital platforms.

3	Evaluation Expert (Minimum of 2 Number)	Master's Degree (or equivalent) in Economics / Statistics / Social Sciences/ Education or related subject(s)	Ph.D in relevant discipline or Project management certification such as Prince2, PMP certification is desirable.	10	Minimum 6 years in data analysis and research methods, preferably in evaluating government schemes and programs.
Professional Staff:					
	Researchers (Minimum of 2 Nos.)	Master's Degree (or equivalent)		5	Atleast 3 years of experience in primary or secondary Research/ Data Analysis / project management/ content editing/ financial analysis etc.

TECHNICAL EVALUATION SCORING CRITERIA

The bifurcation of components in continuation with the Summary Technical Evaluation criteria mentioned at (Chapter – 6 , Eligibility & Evaluation Criteria) is as follows:

1. ORGANISATION AND FINANCIAL STRENGTH: (Max: 15)**A. YEARS OF EXISTENCE (Max. Marks: 5)**

S.No.	No. of Completed Years	Marks
1	>=10 & <=15	2
2	More than 15 Years	5

B. FINANCIAL STRENGTH (Max. Marks : 10)

S.No.	Average Turnover for the last 3 FYs (In Rs. Crore)	Marks
1	>= 50 & <=Rs 100	5
2	More than 100	10

2. RELEVANT PAST EXPERIENCE: (Max: 20)

- i. Agency must have conducted at least 3 same/similar works/studies/projects/assignments relating to third party/external evaluation/impact assessment of Central / State Govt. programme or CSR/DONOR agency funded programmes or similar assignments during the last 10 years. All project details should be submitted as per Annexure-II
- ii. Scoring would be as under:
 - A. Evaluation/Studies/ Program Management in domain of ICT/related studies (Maximum 10 Marks)
 - a. Minimum Two ICT scheme evaluation : 6 Marks
 - b. For every additional project : 2 Marks
 - B. valuation in domain of education sector (Maximum 5 Marks)
 - a. Minimum Two education evaluations : 3 Marks
 - b. For every additional project : 1 Mark
 - C. Evaluation in any domain (Maximum 5 Marks)
 - a. Minimum Two projects : 3 Marks
 - b. For every additional project : 1 Mark

3. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY & APPROACH (MAX : 30)

The **PROPOSED METHODOLOGY & APPROACH** is distributed across key aspects related to understanding of the project, methodology, and presentation by the bidder as follow:-

S.No.	Parameter	Marks
1	Understanding of the Project	10
2	Proposed Methodology	12
3	Work Plan and Presentation	8
	Total Marks	30

a. Understanding of the Project (10 Marks)

This parameter would evaluate the bidder's comprehension of the NMEICT Phase III scheme, its objectives, and the scope of evaluation. The comprehension components shall include:

- I. Understanding of NMEICT's objectives and alignment with NEP 2020: The bidder should demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the mission's components, its goals, and how these align with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. This includes increasing the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), improving access, equity, inclusion, and quality in higher education, and leveraging Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for education.
- II. Understanding of the evaluation objectives: Grasp of the two-fold evaluation goal: assessing the impact of NMEICT Phase III at beneficiary level and Institutional level. Identifying barriers (technology adoption, resources – HR & Infrastructure, capacity building, systemic challenges etc.) at host Institutions and recommendations for improvement.
- III. Understanding of the scope of evaluation: Understanding of the evaluation's focus areas, intended and unintended outcome of the scheme and its components.

b. Proposed Methodology (12 Marks)

The bidder's proposed methodology for conducting the evaluation will be assessed for its robustness and appropriateness. This includes the evaluation framework and approach, the sample & data collection plan, stakeholder mapping, the integration of quantitative & qualitative methods (mixed-method approach), and the use of innovative tools & techniques described as below:

- I. Evaluation Framework and Approach: Understanding of the framework for assessing relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and sustainability, including alignment with OECD evaluation criteria and alignment with national goals and digital inclusion initiatives.
- II. Sample & Data Collection Plan: Understanding of the sample plan, sample coverage and conduct of pilot study. Plan of collecting primary and secondary

- data, including stakeholder mapping, development of research tools (e.g., surveys, interviews, FGDs), and data validation mechanisms.
- III. Stakeholder Mapping: Plan for engaging with key stakeholders, including MoE officials, host institutions, and beneficiaries, during the evaluation process.
 - IV. Mixed-Method Approach: Integration of quantitative and qualitative methods effectively for a comprehensive evaluation and suggested metrics for impact measurement.
 - V. Use of Innovative Tools and Techniques: Use of innovative tools (e.g., mobile platforms for data collection, advanced data analysis techniques etc.) to enhance the evaluation process.

c. Work Plan & Presentation (8 Marks)

The bidder will be assessed on their ability to:

- I. Present their proposal clearly and effectively comprising the understanding of the project and proposed methodology as described above.
- II. The clarity, coherence, and logical structure of the evaluation procedure, its quality control mechanism and their ability to effectively communicate their approach, findings, and recommendations w.r.t. perceived risks/limitations during the presentation.
- III. The bidder should include a Weekly Gantt Chart outlining the timeline for the evaluation process, details of the team to be deployed along with their qualifications & experience and a Survey Team Structure detailing the roles and responsibilities of each team member.

4. TEAM PERSONNEL: QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE (Max: 35 Marks)

Technical Scoring for Team Personnel

S.No	Description	Marks	Remarks
1	Experience of Proposed Key Personnel of the Applicant	35	<p>A. Marks based on Desirable Qualification for Key Personnel (Total 5 marks for 5 Key personnel @ 1 Mark each)</p> <p>B. Marks based on relevant experience: (Total 30 Marks for 7 Personnel)</p> <p>1. Team Leader (Max 10 marks) - 10-13 years: 8 marks - >13-15 years: 9 marks</p>

		<p>- More than 15 years: 10 marks</p> <p>2. ICT Expert (Max 8 marks):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 6-7 years: 6 marks- >7–10 years: 7 marks- More than 10 years: 8 marks <p>Note: The total marks of the ICT experts (2 or more) will be taken as average on basis of marks received as per above criteria.</p> <p>3. Evaluation Expert (Max 8 marks):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 6-7 years: 6 marks- >7–10 years: 7 marks- More than 10 years: 8 marks <p>Note: The total marks of the Evaluation experts (2 or more) will be taken as average on basis of marks received as per above criteria.</p> <p>4. Researcher (Max 4 marks):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 3-5 years: 2 marks- More than 5 years: 4 marks <p>Note: The total marks of the researchers (2 or more) will be taken as average on basis of marks received as per above criteria.</p>
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FINANCIAL BID

(To be uploaded separately)

Financial Bid Covering Letter

<<On Bidder's Letter head>>

To,

Chief General Manager (AS),

EdCIL (India) Limited
EdCIL House,18A,
Sector 16A, Noida.
(U.P)**Subject:**

Sir/Madam,

We, the undersigned, offer to provide consultancy services for EdCIL in accordance with your detailed terms of reference dated _____ subsequent corrigendum/addendum(if any). Our attached financial proposal is attached in a sealed cover. This amount is including of all the taxes. Details of taxes are provided in the financial bid format.

1. PRICE AND VALIDITY

- a. All the rates mentioned in our bid are in accordance with the terms as specified in the detailed terms of reference documents. All the rates and other terms and conditions of this Bid are valid for the entire duration of the contract.
- b. We hereby confirm that we understand that all the applicable taxes shall be mentioned in the Financial Bid.

2. QUALIFYING DATA

We confirm having submitted the information as required by the detailed terms of reference document. We are not submitting any assumptions or conditions with our financial proposal as it is all inclusive proposal. EdCIL reserves the right to reject our proposal in case of any discrepancy or conditions found with our proposal.

3. BID PRICE

We declare that our Bid Price is for the entire scope of the work as specified in the detailed terms of reference document. Our bid prices are mentioned in the submitted Financial Bid.

Our Financial Bid shall be binding upon us subject to expiration of the validity period of the Proposal.

We understand you are not bound to accept any proposal you receive. We hereby

declare that our bid is made in good faith, without collusion or fraud and the information contained in the bid is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Thanking you,

(Authorized Signatory of Bidder)

Signature:

Name:

Designation:

Address:

Seal:

Date:

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL - STANDARD FORMS

Form No.	Description	Ref. Page Nos. of the Bid Document
FIN.FORM-II(A)	Financial Bid Submission Form	
FIN.FORM-II(B)	Summary of Costs	
FIN.FORM-II(C)	Breakdown of Remuneration	
FIN.FORM-II(D)	Bank Mandate Form	

FINANCIAL BID SUBMISSION FORM

NIT No.EdCIL/AS/NMEICT/2024-25

Dated:

To

Chief General Manager (AS)
EdCIL India Ltd.
EdCIL House
18A, Sector 16 A
NOIDA – 201 301

Dear Sirs,

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting Assignment/job for Third Party Evaluation of Scheme of NMEICT in accordance with your Request for Proposal (RFP) dated____ and our Technical Bid. Our attached Financial Bid, as per TOR, is for the sum of Rs. _____(Rupees_____Only). This amount is inclusive of all the taxes payable to appropriate authority/authorities.

We hereby confirm that the financial bid is unconditional, and we acknowledge that any condition attached to financial bid shall result in rejection of our financial proposal.

Our Financial Bid shall be binding upon us up to expiration of the validity period of the Bid as mentioned in the RFP.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Bid you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [In full and initials]:

Name and Title of Signatory:

Name of Firm:

Address:

SUMMARY OF COSTS

S.No.	Particulars/ Items	Amount in Figure (Rupees)
1	Remuneration of Team Personnel	
2	Expenses on Transportation, Accommodation, TA/DA, Local Transport, etc.	
3	Miscellaneous Expenses	
	Total Cost (Excluding Taxes)	
4	Taxes including GST @ 18%	
5	Total Cost of Financial Bid (including all applicable Taxes)	

Total Amount in Words : _____

Authorized Signatory:

Name:

Designation:

Name of firm:

Address:

BREAKDOWN OF REMUNERATION

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S.N.	Position	Quantity	Man Day Rate (Rs.)	Proposed Man Days	Total Amount (In Rupees)
		(A)	(B)	(C)	D= (A)*(B)*©
	Key Personnel				
1	Team Leader(Min of 1)				
2	ICT Specialist(Min. of 2 Nos.)				
3	Evaluation Specialist (Min. of 2 Nos.)				
	Professional Staff				
4	Researcher (Min. of 2 Nos.)				
5	Additional Staff, if any				
	Total				

BANK MANDATE FORM

ELECTRONIC CLEARING SERVICE (CREDIT CLEARING)/REAL TIME GROSS SETTLEMENT (RTGS) FACILITY FOR RECEIVING PAYMENTS BY BIDDER

A. DETAIL OF ACCOUNT HOLDER:

NAME OF THE ACCOUNT HOLDER
COMPLETE CONTACT ADDRESS
TELEPHONE NUMBER/FAX/EMAIL

B. BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

BANK NAME	
BRANCH NAME WITH COMPLETE ADDRESS TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL	
WHETHER THE BRANCH IS RTGS ENABLED? IF YES, THEN WHAT IS THE BRANCH'S IFSC CODE	
IS THE BRANCH ALSO NEFT ENABLED?	
TYPE OF BANK ACCOUNT (SB/CURRENT/CASH CREDIT)	
COMPLETE BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER (LATEST)	
MICR CODE OF BANK	
BSR CODE OF BANK	
DATE OF EFFECT	

I hereby declare that the particulars given above are correct and complete. If the transaction is delayed or not effected at all for reasons of incomplete or incorrect information, I would not hold the user instruction responsible. I have read the option invitation letter and agree to discharge responsibility expected of me as a participant under the Scheme.

Date :

Signature of Customer

Certified that the particulars furnished above are correct as per our records.

Date :

Signature of Customer

1. Please attach a photocopy of the cheque along with the verification obtained from the bank.
2. In case your Branch is presently not "RTGS enabled" then upon its up-gradation to "RTGS Enabled" branch. Please submit the information again in the above proforma to the Department at earliest.

Template for Evaluation of CS: [Scheme Name]

Name of Department / Name of Ministry

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2 OVERVIEW OF THE SCHEME

2.1 Background of the scheme

- a) Brief write up on the scheme including Objectives, Implementation Mechanism, Scheme architecture / design
- b) Name of Sub-schemes / components
- c) Year of commencement of scheme
- d) Present status with coverage of scheme (operational / non-operational)
- e) Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Served [link with objective]
- f) National Development Plans (NDP) Served [link with objective]

2.2 Budgetary allocation and expenditure pattern of the scheme

Sub-scheme /Component	[Year1]		[Year2]		[Year3]		[Year4]		[Year5]	
	BERE	Actual	BERE	Actual	BERE	Actual	BERE	Actual	BERE	Actual

2.3 Summary of past evaluation since inception of scheme

Year of Evaluation	Agency hired for Evaluation	Recommendations made and accepted	Recommendations made but not accepted

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Approach (Methodology adopted), Division of country into 6 Geographical Regions / Zones (North, South, East, West, North East and Central) as classified by NSSO.

3.2 Sample size and sample selection process, tools used: field study / questionnaire, primary and secondary data.

4. OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

4.1 Performance of the scheme based on the Output / Outcome indicators [as suggested by NITI or recorded in EFC / SFC memorandum)

4.2 Additional parameters

a) Coverage of beneficiaries

		State		District			
		Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural		
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		SC/ST	SC/ST	SC/ST	SC/ST	SC/ST	SC/ST

- b) Implementation mechanism
- c) Training / Capacity building of administrators / facilitators
- d) IEC activities
- e) Asset / Service creation & its maintenance plan
- f) Benefits (Individual, community)
- g) Convergence with scheme of own Ministry / Department or of other Ministry / Department.

4.3 Gaps in achievement of outcomes

4.4 Key Bottlenecks & Challenges

4.5 Input Use Efficiency

5. OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Thematic Assessment

5.2 Externalities

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 Issues & challenges

6.2 Vision for the future

6.3 Recommendation for scheme with reasons

7. REFERENCES

8. APPENDICES

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

2.1(a) Latest guidelines of the scheme to be annexed.

2.1(b) Sub-schemes/ components which have separate budgetary allocations either through budget line or through Detailed Demand for Grants (DDG) may also be listed along with component-wise budget allocation

2.1(d) include details of number of states/districts/villages where it is functional

2.2 If DDG makes allocations for certain items which are not shown as sub schemes/components, the same may be separately indicated along with allocation in the table.

3.1 Complete list of states as classified by NSSO may be seen on its website.

4.1 One has to consider the Output/ Outcome Indicators as duly proposed by NITI Aayog. If that is not available, then it may be taken from the SFC/ EFC memorandum as defined during appraisal of the scheme.

Output / Outcome Indicators (the numbers or percentage) must be compared with base year value with all-time points (periodicity) as per monitoring mechanism framework.

4.2 The tabulated information may be disseminated up to Tehsil / Block Level further up to village level, if possible.

4.2 (b) The focus in implementation mechanism should be on Clarity of instructions and availability of scheme or programme guidelines. It should also be included clear definition of roles & responsibilities of functionaries and how many number of clarifications / additional instructions issued w.r.t. scheme guidelines.

4.2 (c) It should also include the training on PFMS /EAT Module or Scheme's Portal. It should also include the number of interventions and level at which carried out

4.2 (d) It should also include Stakeholders / Beneficiaries, details of campaigns, media, frequency, feedback etc.

4.2 (g) apparatus-manpower office transports etc.If no convergence, NIL may be recorded.

4.3 Attributed to absence of interventions/ non-performance of existing interventions

4.4 In Key bottleneck and challenges, the focus may be on Financial, Administrative, Project Management and any other.

4.5 This para should cover the requirement of funds as indicated in EFC / SFC in relation to actual allocation of funds. Timelines of release may also be included (b) The requirement and allotment of manpower in implementation of scheme / programme at various level including PMU /Central / State(c) Involvement of private players, volunteers, non-governmental organizations and local community etc.

5.1 Thematic assessment should focus on Accountability, Transparency, Employment generation (direct / indirect), Climate change & sustainability, Role of TSP/ SCSP, Use of IT, Behavioral change-stakeholder/ beneficiary, R&D, Role, functions, involvement / support of State points. Cross cutting themes can be assessed both through secondary data as well as primary. While conducting meta-analysis of existing reports, the evaluator should actively review the cross-cutting themes. The primary data for cross cutting themes will be elicited through specific questions and responses during the key informant interviews and beneficiary surveys. For example, use of IT in scheme implementation, fund flow, monitoring and evaluation can be assessed from interaction with concerned ministries/departments as well as states officials. Similarly, gender mainstreaming can be assessed by introducing specific questions on changes in knowledge, attitude and practices pertaining gender equality, attributable to the CS intervention at hand, through household surveys.

5.2 Items under externalities should cover Best Practices, innovations or the scheme / projects where best practices were replicated.

6.3 This is very important para in the sense that the recommendations are very important for the Government and the focus of the evaluation agency should be either to (a) Continue in existing form (b) Continue with some Modifications- suggest modifications (c) scale up- financial/ Physical / both (d) Scale down- financial/ Physical/ both (e) Close (f) Merge with another scheme as sub-scheme/component.