

EdCIL (India) Limited

Corrigendum-01 Replies to BID Queries

Date: 04/02/2025

Subject: 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

N.I.T.:EdCIL/AS/NMEICT/2024-25, Dated: 22-01-2025

S.No	Referred Section	Bidders Query	Reply/Tender Conditions
1	Sampling Details	Request you to provide more clarity on the sampling details and the format. The current format does not explicitly describe the methodologies for online and offline data/feedback collection from relevant stakeholders, such as students, teachers, institutions, and faculty. It would be beneficial to elaborate on the units represented in the table.	As scheme is implemented Nationwide, Sampling shall be Pan-India basis.
2	Annexure-XIX Minimum Qualification & Experience Of Team Personnel	<p>Team Leader - Given the strategic and managerial responsibilities associated with this position, we recommend considering the inclusion of an MBA in the <i>desirable qualifications section</i>.</p> <p>ICT Expert - While the certifications mentioned—such as CCNA, MCSE, and CISSP—are mentioned as desirable, we recommend removing this criteria <i>desirable qualifications section</i>.</p> <p>Evaluation Expert - We recommend considering the inclusion of an MBA in the desirable qualifications section.</p>	<p>No Change, Refer Tender conditions.</p> <p>No Change, Refer Tender conditions.</p> <p>No Change, Refer Tender conditions.</p>

3	Chapter - 1: Notice Inviting Tender	Request an extension of the bid submission deadline to 20 Feb 2025. The 14 schemes/initiatives covered in this tender are of significant national importance. Preparing a comprehensive and well-aligned Approach and Methodology to accurately assess their on-ground impact requires adequate time and attention to ensure the highest quality submission.	Last date & Time for Bid submission shall be extended from 07.02.2025 to 10.02.2025 upto 11:00 Hrs
4	Chapter - 1: Notice Inviting Tender	The time allowed for evaluation of scheme & submission of final report is 30 April 2025 currently. We request for it to be T + 3 months, where T is the date of award of contract.	No Change, Refer Tender conditions.
5	Clause 5.2.1 Termination for Default	<p>In consultation with our Legal team, it is recommended to add the following clause in the tender.</p> <p>Termination by Selected Bidder “Selected Bidder may terminate this agreement, or any particular services, immediately upon written notice to Purchaser/ Authority if Bidder reasonably determines that it can no longer provide the services in accordance with applicable law or professional obligations.”</p>	No change, Refer Tender conditions.
6	Clause 4.4 Scope of Services Evaluation Indicators and Data Collection	<p>We assume the data would be available for analysis in the following formats (not an exhaustive list)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State and UT wise 2. Gender wise 3. Age wise, and other geographical and demographical parameters. <p>Please confirm the same as analysis of data would be instrumental in identifying key challenges and providing actionable recommendations.</p>	As scheme is implemented Nationwide, Sampling shall be Pan-India basis

7	Chapter - 1: Notice Inviting Tender Estimated Cost	We request to consider increasing the budget from 45L to 1.25cr.	No Comments
8	Clause 6.1 Technical Eligibility Criteria for the Agencies	Please clarify if sub-contracting is allowed.	Sub-Contracting of work is not allowed.
9	Clause 6.2 Evaluation Of Proposals iii. Final Evaluation	Request you to consider QCBS for technical and financial in the weightage of 80:20.	No Change, Refer Tender conditions.
10	Annexure XX Relevant Past Experience	We recommend submission of 6 Project details in conducting Evaluation/ Audit/ Impact assessment/Review/Appraisal of Project/Scheme from ICT, education and any other domain. Also, request submission of ongoing projects as well, which may be included in the above 6 creds.	No Change, Refer Tender conditions. Ongoing projects will not be considered
11	Annexure II Project Details	Request you to exclude 'Name of associated consultants, if any' and 'Number of professional staff-months provided by associated Consultants' as it may not be most accessible for projects completed in the past 10 years.	Declaration/undertaking duly signed by authorized representative of bidder may be provided that the details "Name of associated consultants, if any' and 'Number of professional staff-months provided by associated Consultants' were not available.
12	Page No. 36 of 92 6.1 Technical Eligibility Criteria for the Agencies: 1. Technical Eligibility Criteria [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	The bidder must be a Company (Public Ltd. or Pvt. Ltd. OR LLP)/Proprietary /Partnership Firms registered with Statutory Authorities in India for the last Ten years from the date of NIT Rationale To ensure more inclusion and aligns with common market practice to enable many consulting firms to participate in the bid.	The proposed change is accepted. S.No 1 of clause 6.1 may be read as "The bidder must be a Company (Public Ltd. or Pvt. Ltd. OR LLP)/Proprietary /Partnership Firms registered with Statutory Authorities in India for the last Ten years from the date of NIT"

13	<p>Page No. 36 of 92</p> <p>6.1 Technical Eligibility Criteria for the Agencies:</p> <p>1. Technical Eligibility Criteria [4]</p> <p>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</p>	<p>The bidder must have completed or implementing at least 3 projects/assignments relating to third party /external evaluation of Central/State Govt. programme or similar assignments funded by donor.</p> <p>Rationale To enable considering the ongoing long- term projects</p>	<p>Ongoing/ projects under implementation are not eligible as per Clause 6.1 Technical Eligibility criteria.</p>
14	<p>Page No. 74 of 92</p> <p>Annexure-XIX</p> <p>Minimum Qualification & Experience Of Team Personnel [2]</p> <p>ICT Expert (Minimum of 02 Numbers)</p> <p>Desired Qualification:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>DESIRED QUALIFICATION:</p> <p>Ph.D in relevant discipline or Relevant certifications such as Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), ITIL, CEH, ISO 20000 LA, and ISO 27001 LA shall be desirable.</p> <p>Rationale Certifications related to unrelated areas could be avoided and relevant aspects could be considered to enhance appropriate responsiveness.</p>	<p>No Change, Refer Tender conditions.</p>
15	<p>Page No. 74 Of 92</p> <p>Annexure-XIX</p> <p>Minimum Qualification & Experience Of Team Personnel [3]</p>	<p>DESIRED QUALIFICATION:</p> <p>Ph. D in relevant discipline or Certification in Program Evaluation.</p> <p>Rationale Certifications related to</p>	<p>Agreed. Desired Qualification of Evaluation expert at Annexure XIX may be read as "Ph.D in relevant discipline or Project management certification such as Prince2, PMP</p>

	<p>Evaluation Expert (Minimum of 2 Number)</p> <p>Desired Qualification:</p> <p>Ph. D In Relevant discipline or Project management certification such as Prince2, PMP certification is desirable.</p>	<p>unrelated areas could be avoided and relevant aspects could be considered to enhance appropriate responsiveness.</p>	<p>certification is desirable or Certification in Program Evaluation”.</p>
16	<p>Clause 5.20 Language of Report:</p> <p>Entire report shall be in English language. If asked for Hindi translation, successful bidder should submit the same without any additional cost.</p>	<p>Request you to please consider the following Please allow us to add the additional Cost for Hindi translation in the Financials</p>	<p>No Change, Refer Tender conditions.</p>
17	<p>Clause 6.1.2 No consortium/ No Joint Venture is allowed.</p>	<p>Requesting you to allow Consortium/Joint Venture</p>	<p>No Change, Refer Tender conditions.</p>
18	<p>Annexure- XIX - Minimum Qualification & Experience Of Team Personnel Team Leader: Cumulative Professional Experience-15 years</p>	<p>Request you to please consider the following Team Leader: Cumulative Professional Experience-12 years</p>	<p>No Change, Refer Tender conditions.</p>
19	<p>Annexure XIX, S.No 3 Evaluation Expert (Minimum of 2 Number) Cumulative Professional Experience- 10 years Minimum Length of Relevant Experience- Minimum 6 years in data analysis and research methods, preferably in evaluating government schemes and programs.</p>	<p>Request you to please consider the following Evaluation Expert (Minimum of 2 Number) Cumulative Professional Experience- 8 years Minimum Length of Relevant Experience- Minimum 4 years in data analysis and research methods, preferably in evaluating government schemes and programs.</p>	<p>No Change, Refer Tender conditions.</p>
20	<p>Annexure XIX, Professional Staff Researchers (Minimum of 2 Nos.)</p>	<p>Request you to please consider the following Researchers (Minimum of 2 Nos.) Cumulative Professional</p>	<p>No Change, Refer Tender conditions.</p>

	Cumulative Professional Experience- 5 years	Experience- 3 years	
21	<p>Annexure XX, S.No 4. Team Personnel: Qualification & Experience</p> <p>Team Personnel: Qualification And Experience (Max: 35 Marks)</p> <p>Technical Scoring for Team Personnel Marks based on relevant experience:</p> <p>(Total 30 Marks for 7 Personnel)</p> <p>Team Leader (Max 10 marks)</p> <p>- 10-13 years: 8 marks - >13-15 years: 9 marks</p> <p>More than 15 years: 10 marks</p> <p>ICT Expert (Max 8 marks): - 6-7 years: 6 marks - >7-10 years: 7 marks - More than 10 years: 8 marks</p> <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>1. Evaluation Expert (Max 8 marks): - 6-7 years: 6 marks - >7-10 years: 7 marks</p> <p>- More than 10 years: 8 marks</p> <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</p>	<p>Request you to please consider the following</p> <p>Team Leader (Max 10 marks)</p> <p>- 7-9 years: 8 marks - >9 -11 years: 9 marks More than 11 years: 10 marks</p> <p>ICT Expert (Max 8 marks):</p> <p>- 6-7 years: 6 marks - >7-10 years: 7 marks - More than 10 years: 8 marks</p> <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>2. Evaluation Expert (Max 8 marks):</p> <p>- 5-6 years: 6 marks - >6- 8 years: 7 marks More than 8 years: 8 marks</p> <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>2. Researcher (Max 4 marks):</p> <p>- > 3 years: 2 marks - More than 3 years: 4 marks</p> <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>	No Change, Refer Tender conditions.

	<p>criteria.</p> <p>1. Researcher (Max 4 marks): - 3-5 years: 2 marks - More than 5 years: 4 marks</p> <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>		
22	<p>Chapter-1 Notice Inviting Tender</p> <p>Last date and time for submission of bids- 07.02.2025 up to 11:00 hours</p>	<p>We request you to change it to Last date and time for submission of the bid- 10.02.2025 up to 11:00 hours</p>	<p>Last date & Time for Bid submission shall be extended from 07.02.2025 to 10.02.2025 upto 11:00 Hrs</p>

All the Tender guidelines along with those mentioned above shall form part of the Tender document.

Prospective Bidders are requested to visit the EdCIL's website regularly for updates.

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