

EdCIL India Limited
TSG Office, New Delhi

Corrigendum-01

Replies to Pre-BID Queries

Date : 10.11.25

Name of Work: Invitation for Request for Proposal on behalf of NCERT for hiring of the third-party agency for conducting field validation survey of schools for national level recognition under SHVR 2025-26.

NIT No. and Date : EdCIL/TSG/SHVR/2025-26 Date : 05.11.2025

Pre-bid Queries raised by the bidders and their replies are as under:-

S.N.	Referred Section	Particulars of the Section	Bidders Query	Reply/Remarks.
1	3.2 : Scope and Objectives of Assignment for the Agency	To do field-level cross-verification of school nominations received from States/UTs for the SHVR 2025-26. It is expected to receive nearly 720 entries from across all States and UTs.	Please confirm if 720 entries mean essentially the same number of schools across which the field verification has to be done?	It is anticipated that approximately 720 entries/schools (36 States/UTs x 20 nominations) will be received from all States and Union Territories, i.e., about 20 nominations from each State/UT, as per the guidelines on SHVR 2025-26 available at https://shvr.education.gov.in . However, the actual number of entries for recognition of schools may vary based on the nominations submitted by the respective States/UTs. The

				figure of 720 represents the upper limit of schools to be taken up for field verification.
2	4.2 : Requisite Competencies of the Bidder	The cross-verification of schools will be done across all 28 States and 8 Union Territories, depending upon receipt of nominations for the National recognition from these States. The exact names of States, districts with addresses of schools to be visited will be provided later subsequent to States sharing their nominations for the National recognition.	At the bidding stage, we request that at least a state-wide sample coverage be shared for proposing a better workplan and costing purposes?	The state-wise sample coverage cannot be shared at this stage. Bidders are required to make their own projections and prepare the work plan and costing accordingly.
3	3.3 : Major Tasks to be accomplished	Same as above	For Bidding parity, please share the expected person-days at the enumerator level to complete verification in one school?	The decision about the number of persons and days required at the enumerator level is to be proposed and decided by the bidders themselves, as part of their approach and methodology, ensuring completion of the assignment within the prescribed timelines.
4	3.3 : Major Tasks to be accomplished	Same as above	We understand that EDCIL will ensure that all necessary permission letters from centre to the concerned departments for all states are done in time ?	Necessary action in this regard shall be undertaken by NCERT/MoE. EdCIL shall facilitate the process as required.

5	3.3 : Major Tasks to be accomplished	Same as above	We understand that elections in states like Assam, West Bengal, Kerala and Tamil Nadu period are due within the March-May period. What are the mitigation measures for data collection once the election code of conduct is enforced? We also hope that the penalty clause for delay is not invoked on the agency for such cases ?	The bidder is required to complete the assignment by mid-February, as per the schedule provided on the SHVR website. Therefore, the applicability of the election code of conduct does not arise.
6	CHAPTER -1 : Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)	Presentation by the Bidders to the Evaluation Committee	Please confirm if bidders have the option to present virtually.	The presentation before the Evaluation Committee shall be conducted in physical mode. However, depending upon the number of participating bidders, the Evaluation Committee may, at its discretion, permit online presentations.
7	3.3 Major Tasks to be accomplished	Design and undertake a pilot study/ pre-testing of all survey instruments	Please confirm if there are any client expectations of the minimum number of schools and states to be covered during pre-testing stage?	There is no specific minimum requirement prescribed regarding the number of schools or States/UTs to be covered during the pre-testing stage. The bidder may propose an appropriate sample size and coverage in their methodology, ensuring adequacy for validation of tools and processes as done for social science researches.
8	3.3 Major Tasks to be accomplished	Analyse the data obtained from the verification survey.	Please confirm if the agency can store the data in any private server based out of India ?	The agency shall ensure that all data including video and other confidential information generated in the scope of this

				project are stored and maintained on secure servers located preferably located in India. The agency must ensure data protection in compliance with the DPDP Act and execute a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) accordingly.
9	General Query	General Query	We understand that all meetings between selected Agency /NCERT would be done through virtual mode during the assignment.	Routine meetings may be conducted through virtual mode. However, meetings related to data analysis, detailed discussions, and presentations before senior officials of MoE/NCERT and other SHVR stakeholders shall be held in physical mode, as decided by NCERT/MoE. All meetings pertaining to the deliverables of the report will be conducted in physical mode only.
10	3.4 Deliverables, Timelines and Payment Terms	Payment shall be purely on a back-to-back basis and made only on receipt of payment from the NCERT.	Please confirm the number of days within which each invoice will be cleared after approval of the deliverable.	Subject to the availability of funds from NCERT, the payment shall be released within 15–20 days from the date of receipt of the invoice. The payments shall be made on a back-to-back basis, linked to the release of funds by NCERT.
11	3.4 Deliverables, Timelines and Payment Terms	General Query	What will be total duration of the contract?	The duration of the contract shall be approximately two months from the date of go-ahead by NCERT/EdCIL for submission of the Inception Report. However, the timelines may be adjusted based on the progress and requirements of the project.

12	3.4 Deliverables, Timelines and Payment Terms	Consolidation and Submission of raw-data sets Payment milestones Within 10 days of final rating decision by the national committee.	We observe that there is no set timeline mentioned in the RFP as to when the National committee would share the decision of final rating. Please convey an outer limit in terms of days from the point of submission of the Consolidation and Submission of raw data sets so that final payment of the agency is not withheld for a long period?	The timeline for the decision of the National Committee on the final rating shall depend upon the review and approval process of NCERT/MoE. However, all efforts shall be made to ensure that the process is completed within a reasonable time after the submission of the consolidated report by the agency.
13	CHAPTER-5 : Evaluation Criteria	For this project, the Technical Proposal has a total weightage of 80% and Financial Proposal 20%. Bidder scoring highest marks out of 100 in cumulative scores (technical + financial) will be selected for Award of Contract.	The RFP does not share information about public Financial proposal opening. We understand that all technically shortlisted bidders would be invited to attend the Financial opening ?	Agreed. The date and time for the opening of the Financial Proposals of technically qualified bidders shall be communicated separately to the respective bidders.
14	Checklist of the Documents	Technical Bid	Please confirm that Annexures II (Power of Attorney) and Annexure XVI (INTEGRITY PACT) can be prepared using firm letterhead.	Yes. As per DPDP Act, Integrity Pact/ Non- Disclosure Agreement (NDA) need to be signed for ensuring protection of data.
15	Checklist of the Bid Documents	Performance Bank Guarantee along with List of Authorised Banks	We understand that the Performance Bank Guarantee will have to be shared only by the selected bidder and hence should not figure in the list of	Yes. Agreed

			documents to be submitted by the bidder?	
16	General Query	General Query	Since RFP stipulates hard copy submission, Please give at least 10 days at minimum for bidders to submit proposal from the date of issue of official pre bid minutes?	No Change in timelines.
17	General Query	General Query	We also request if you can kindly conduct the Pre bid meeting on 11th November in Hybrid mode (In Person and Online).	Agreed. The meeting will be held in hybrid mode, and the online meeting link is provided at the end of this document.
18	Chapter 3.4 : Deliverables, Timelines and Payment Terms	Deliverables, Timelines and Payment Terms Table as given in RFP	As we understand that the survey is broadly divided into 4 tasks/milestones and a timeline of 45 days has been set to complete the same. For Task 1 which is "Inception Meeting with MoE/ NCERT" apart from the deliverables mentioned in the table, once the final methodology is approved in the inception report by MoE/ NCERT then the questionnaire and CAPI development would be initiated, which would take around 7days time. Currently this is not budgeted in the timelines. Also, the timelines indicate that a pilot study is to be conducted immediately after the approval within	No Change in timelines.

			next 5 days which is not possible without having the CAPI ready. Ipsos would like to ask EdCIL to reconsider or extend the overall timeline to ensure robust quality control and adherence to the protocols. As in the Chapter 6, Point 6.4.1. it also mentions that "If the Deliverables are 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."	
19	Chapter 3.2 : Scope and Objectives	A complete list of indicators can be obtained from website www.shvr.education.gov.in	We attempted to access the link you provided in the RFP, but encountered an error message stating, 'This page isn't working.' Therefore, we kindly request EdCIL to provide all relevant details directly to the agency, including a comprehensive list of indicators.	The website of SHVR is active and has all the requisite details. The website address may be read as https://shvr.education.gov.in (instead of www.shvr.education.gov.in)
20	Chapter 3.4 – Deliverables, Timelines and	Payment shall be purely on back-to-back basis and made only on receipt of payment from	We urge reconsideration of this point as the agency should not be held accountable for any shortcomings or	No Changes. The clause shall be applicable only in cases where shortcomings are attributable to the

	Payment Terms (Notes - Point b)	the NCERT. In case of any shortcoming and/ or recovery imposed by NCERT to EdCIL, the same shall be made from the agency on back-to-back basis.	recovery issues imposed by NCERT on EdCIL when it is not the agency's fault.	agency in the performance of the assignment/contract/scope of work, due to which any penalty may be imposed. Reference may also be made to Clause 6.5.5 of the RFP.
21	Chapter 4.1 – Technical Eligibility (Pre-Qualification) Criteria (Criteria No. 6: Team Leader Experience)	Team-Leader must possess a minimum of Master's degree or equivalent in demography, statistics, economics management, public health, social work, education etc. with minimum cumulative experience of 12 years out of which at least 7 years of relevant experience in school-based Monitoring and Evaluation/ Physical Surveys, and research etc.	We would request EdCIL to ensure inclusivity in the experience criteria for the Team Leader role, it is suggested to expand the requirements to include 7 years of relevant experience in school-based settings or equivalent large-scale social sector assignments. This includes fields such as education, WASH, infrastructure audits, or similar areas. This approach will broaden the pool to include highly qualified professionals with valuable expertise in these domains.	No Changes in parameters.

All the other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. The Bidders may submit their bids accordingly.

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

At the request of the bidders, the pre-bid meeting shall be conducted in hybrid mode on 11.11.2025 at 1430 hours. Bidders may also join the meeting through the following online link:

<https://studyinindia.webex.com/studyinindia/j.php?MTID=mb28cf2adc02232d9bcb0427b2997d6c2>

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