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Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
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Co-ordination and International Co-operation Division
(समन्वय इकाई/Co-ordination Unit)

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K. L. Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi-110001
दिनांक/Dated: June 25, 2025.

REPLIES TO PRE-BID QUERIES

Subject: Clarification on the queries in respect of bid No. GEM/2025/B/6353360 for selection of an agency/institution for undertaking third-party physical evaluation of Capacity Development (CD) Scheme being implemented by M/o Statistics & Programme Implementation- reg.

Reference is invited to Notice inviting e-Tender (No. GEM/2025/B/6353360) published by M/o Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on the GeM portal on 17.06.2025.

2. The Pre-Bid meeting was held on 24.06.2025 and queries raised by the prospective bidders through e-mail and during the Pre-Bid meeting were considered and clarified as per Annexure.

Encl.:As above.

Shantanu Dixit
25/06/2025
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Annexure

Sr. No.	Clause No.	Clause Heading	Page No. of RFP	Query	Response of MoSPI
i.	3	Eligibility Criteria / Pre-Qualification Criteria	8	Is a Joint Venture allowed to participate in the bidding?	It was thoroughly discussed and clarified that as per Clause 3 on Eligibility Criteria/ Pre-Qualification Criteria a Joint Venture/Consortium /Individuals are not allowed.
ii.	6	Key Events and Important Dates	10	We kindly request that the pre-bid meeting be conducted virtually. Hosting the meeting online would facilitate broader participation.	As per RFP document, Clause 19, it was specifically mentioned that Pre-bid meeting shall be held in Conference Hall of MoSPI. There was also a provision for submission of pre-bid meeting queries through email as well as GeM portal.
iii.	10.2	Deliverables	14	Does the requirement to submit a separate detailed evaluation report for the SSS Sub-Scheme imply that all findings related to this Sub-Scheme must be included exclusively in the separate report, or can certain aspects of its assessment also be incorporate into the main evaluation report?	Refer Clause 10 of the RFP. The agency/ institution shall submit a detailed evaluation Report on Capacity Development (CD) scheme, which comprises three parts viz. CD(Main) Scheme, and two Sub-Schemes viz. Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS) and Economic Census (EC). Further, the agency/institution shall also submit separate detailed evaluation reports on the implementation of SSS Sub-Scheme and Economic Census Sub-Scheme.
iv.	11	Payment Schedule	15	Kindly confirm if the release of payment is not linked to the submission of the separate SSS Sub-Scheme report.	The term <i>report</i> , as mentioned in Clause 11 on Payment Schedule, includes the corresponding report related to CD scheme and separate reports related to SSS Sub-Scheme and EC Sub-Scheme. Thus, payment is linked to submission of all three reports.
v.	11	Payment Schedule	15	We kindly request increasing the payment upon delivery of the first milestone from 10% to 20%. This adjustment will support essential field-level expenses and ensure timely progress on-site.	Bidder has requested modification of the subject clause. The request was deliberated and decided not to change the payment schedule.
vi.	18(b)	Performance Security, Penalty and Liquidated Damages	21	We respectfully propose reducing the penalty rate for missed deliverables from 5% to 0.2%. A more balanced penalty ensures accountability while remaining fair and proportional—aligned with widely accepted contract standards and legal principles.	Bidder has requested modification of the subject clause. The request was deliberated and decided not to change the penalty clause.
