

Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation

MPLADS Division

Statement of Queries Received from Prospective Bidders and Response from the Ministry

Name of bidder firm					
IMPACT AND POLCIY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (IMPR) DELHI					
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1.	7.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	9	Since we are a startup and registered under MSME and Companies Act, will we get exemption from EMD amount of Rs. 20 lakhs?	Not accepted.
2.	9	Scope of work	9	Will a single agency cover PAN India selected districts or they can choose to cover 3-4 districts where they have regional presence?	As already stated in the RFP, districts shall be awarded to selected agency on en-block basis.
3.				We have less than 50 Crore turnover, are we eligible to participate?	No.

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1.	Annexure III Para-4	Relevant record Experience / previous Track Record Total no. of completed works	35	We request you to include similar ongoing works into account.	Not accepted.
2.	Annexure – III para 4 & 5	Agency securing highest marks shall be awarded 04 marks.	36	We appreciate the Ministry for deriving a novel technique for normalizing the	The pattern of assigning scores is robust. Therefore,

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		Accordingly, the scores of other Agencies / Organisations will be standardised.		parameters. However, we would request to consider the standard pattern of giving scores on number of works / projects or range basis.	suggestion is not accepted.
3.	Annexure-III para 6	Reach/ Network organizations	37	We believe that reach includes Project offices in states / UTs. We are currently working with various state governments / public sectors on a long term basis. This will ensure that the bidders will be able leverage their existing resources to the extent possible	Annexure VI in the RFP may be referred to.
4.	Annexure-III para 6	Reach/ Network organizations	37	It seems the scores are given based on the number of states where bidder is having reach / network organisations. However, it is also written that "Agency securing highest marks shall be awarded 04 marks. Accordingly, the scores of other Agencies / Organisations will be standardised". Please clarify.	Scoring criteria for this parameter is robust and the same is given at para 6 of Annexure III.
5.	Para 19 IPR	MoSPI shall own and have a right in perpetuity to use all Intellectual Property Rights which have arisen out of or in connection with	32	We request you to replace this clause with This is to be replaced with the below clause :- "On payment of all of agency's fees and expenses in connection with this	Not accepted.



		the implementation of this contract.		Contract, MoSPI shall obtain a non-exclusive license to use within its internal business, subject to the other provisions of this Contract, any deliverables/report or work product for the purpose for which the deliverables/report or work product were supplied. The Agency may retain all rights in the deliverables/report and work product, and in any software, materials, know-how and/or methodologies that the agency may use or develop in connection with this Contract”	
6.	Para 19 IPR	MOSPI shall retain all right, title and interest in and to any and all data, entered or generated by the agency for MoSPI pursuant to this agreement and any modifications thereto or works derived there from.	32	The Agency should retain ownership rights given the report contains some of our know how as well. We suggest this clause be replaced with the below :- On payment of all of agency's fees and expenses in connection with this Contract, MoSPI shall obtain a non-exclusive license to use within its internal business, subject to the other provisions of this Contract, the deliverables/report or work product for the purpose for which the deliverables/report or	Not accepted.

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				work product were supplied. Agency may retain all rights in the deliverables/report and work product, and in any software, materials, know-how and/or methodologies that the agency may use or develop in connection with this Contract.	
7.	Para 22 Indemnity	And the agency shall keep the Ministry indemnified against all costs... during the course of performance of the services.	34	We humbly request you to remove these 2 clauses.	Not accepted.
8.	NA	NEW	NEW	<p>We suggest the following clauses are added:-</p> <p>23. MoSPI agrees that the agency/Bidder shall not be liable for any losses or damages arising from or in relation to this Contract, for an aggregate amount in excess of the fees paid by MoSPI to the agency/Bidder under this Contract.</p> <p>24. MoSPI shall indemnify and hold harmless the Bidder/agency for all losses, claims, expenses,</p>	<p>Adherence to highest standard of integrity during the award of the contract shall be done by both the client and the bidder. In this regard necessary terms and conditions have already been incorporated.</p> <p>Suggestion is not accepted.</p>

Sumal

			<p>damages, liabilities arising in connection with any third party claim in relation to or pursuant to the Contract or the services, except to the extent finally judicially determined to have resulted primarily from the fraud of the Bidder/agency.</p> <p>25. MoSPI shall not disclose to any third party the advice, opinions, reports or other work product of the Bidder/agency provided hereunder without the prior express written consent of the Bidder/agency.</p> <p>26. In the performance of this Contract, each party will comply with anti-bribery and corruption laws applicable in India. In connection with the services, each of us agree not to offer, promise or give financial or other advantage to another person with the intention of inducing such a person to perform improperly or to reward improper behavior for your benefit, in each case, in violation of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988</p>	
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				and any other similar laws to which each of us is subject.	
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Name of bidder firm		IPSOS			
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1.	3	Section 2 Eligibility The agency must have done physical evaluation of the schemes for any ministry/ department in the last five years	7	How many evaluations are to be shown? What encompasses physical evaluation?	Please refer Para 3a in the RFP.
2.	3	Section 2 Eligibility The agency must have done physical evaluation of the schemes for any ministry/ department in the last five years	7	Can one show case the evaluation of Government Schemes through a private agency as a partner? For example if the client is NITI Aayog and the study has been awarded to KPMG and if our agency has been sub contracted by KPMG, will such studies be counted?	No. Firm should demonstrate individual ability and track record in evaluation.
3.	9.3	Select Minimum 50 works	10	Is there a list of projects from which agency can choose from?	Please refer to Para 9.5.4 and 9.5.5. in the RFP.
4.	9.3	Select Minimum 50 works	10	Will MoSPI help in arranging the smooth survey process for any scheme with any ministry	Please refer to Para 14 in the RFP.

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				the agency choose to work for? Is there a minimum number of ministries the agency needs to evaluate the schemes for?	
5.		Brief description of works Depute team of experts and manpower at Ministry level and each district	10	How big is the team ministry expects the agency to deploy? What would be the role of this team?	This is to be assessed and decided by the bidder.
6.		Payment schedule 2 nd installment 30 %	13	Request the authority to consider moving the 2nd installment a little earlier , or an interim payment.	Not accepted.
7.		No. of states UTs covered One mark for each State/ UT Covered	36	It is requested that the ministry chooses the number of State/UTs to be covered in the study so that all agencies are on the level playing field as this will have impact on the cost. This also depends on the level at which the ministries are looking to get the indicators	Please refer to Annexure-I in the RFP.
8.		Annexure- III Relevant record experience. The agency/organization securing the highest marks shall be awarded 4 marks. Accordingly the scores of other agencies shall be	35	This method of evaluation is quite ambiguous. It is suggested that the Ministry defines the number of studies that can be showcased by the agency. What if there are two or more agencies with the same number of studies fulfilling all requirements are there? How that tie would be	The scoring pattern is robust. Yet if such circumstances arise, the matter shall be examined by the Competent Committee.

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	standardized .		managed? Hence overall score be the criteria rather than following a standardization method.	
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Name of bidder firm		HTA Pvt. Ltd.			
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1.	4	Technical specifications and qualifications	8	a. Agency assumes the qualification of engineer including the diploma or certificate in the respective fields (i.e. civil works) . b. Please clarify the total number of technical personnel required for the verification	This is to be decided by the bidder and accordingly informed to the client.

Name of bidder firm		AFC INDIA LIMITED			
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1.	4	Technical specifications and qualifications	8	Point on query : The agencies /organizations having yearly annual turnover of more than Rs. 50 crores We would like to appraise client that AFC has successfully completed third party physical monitoring and evaluation of MPLAD Scheme works in 100 districts (50 districts each in North and West Zone) during 2013-	Not accepted

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			<p>14 and physical monitoring of MPLADS scheme works in all 22 districts of Punjab during 2014.</p> <p>Further, AFC fulfills all other eligibility criteria's as per the RFP document and is very much interested for participation in this bid</p> <p>Suggestions: We request client to kindly give some relaxation in this criteria as :</p> <p>The agencies /organizations having yearly annual turnover of more than Rs. 15.00 crores</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>The agencies /organizations having average annual turnover of Rs. 20.00 crores in the last three financial year.</p>	
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NAME OF THE BIDDER FIRM - MPCON				
1	Technical Specifications and Qualifications	8	<p>We request you kindly consider relaxing the turnover of more than 50 crores to 40 crores in every immediately preceding three years.</p>	Not accepted

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