

## MHRD RFP ON SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR REVIEW/APPRaisal OF RMSA: RESPONSE TO PRE-BID QUERIES

Sl.	Representatives of Bidder	Queries	Response to Queries
1	<b>Ernst &amp; Young LLP, New Delhi</b>	Regarding para 3 (c) of the TORs: (i) Whether the existing data from NAS is sufficient. (ii) Can we use tests for evaluating learning outcomes	(i) NAS data can be used as reference. However, the Consultant is required to collect the data from the sampled schools using statistical or qualitative tools like interviews or surveys in order to evaluate learning outcomes and quality of education.
		Regarding para 4(2) of the TORs: (i) Whether the MHRD would provide list of schools to be visited	MHRD would provide the full list of schools in the States/UTs. The sampling of schools is to be done by the Consultant in view of the guidelines given in this para.
		Regarding para 5 of the TORs: The time schedule of 4 months may be extended considering the big size of sample survey.	The specified time schedule cannot be altered.
2	<b>Indian Institute of Public Administration, I.P. Estate, Ring Road, New Delhi</b>	Regarding Form FIN 1(C): It would be difficult to assess the staff-month rate	The total cost should specify the unit rate to be paid to each Professional and number of months for which they are deployed.
		Regarding Form FIN1(B): Do expenses on transportation, accommodation, TA/DA, etc include reimbursable expenses as specified in para 1.1 (I) of the contract.	Para 1.1(I) of the contract has already been deleted vide Addendum no.1 dated 28.4.2017.
		Regarding para 10 (a) of Form TECH-2(A): What information is required to be submitted in the details of Data Management Capability	It was clarified that it means details of the tools to be employed for the assignment and how data is to be stored as well as made secure.
3	<b>National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD), Narela, Delhi</b>	Regarding Form FIN1(B): There may not be need for giving bifurcation of the costs in the Form as total cost is required for evaluation	Bifurcation of cost in terms of allocating professionals/staff to various jobs is required in order to understand how the total cost has been arrived at, to assess the quality of input proposed by the bidder for the assignment.

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4	<b>Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS)</b>	Whether MHRD would help in the collection of data from schools.	MHRD would facilitate access of the consultants to the schools for collection of data pertaining to assignment / job.
5	<b>Wapcos Ltd., K.G. Marg, New Delhi</b>	<p>(i) Regarding Sl No.5 of Part-II (Data Sheet), who will bear the cost of MHRD rep accompanying the team</p> <p>(ii) Whether the CVs of field investigators are required to be given</p> <p>(iii) Infrastructure verification requires the additional professionals like civil engineers and weight age be given for such staff</p> <p>Regarding Form FIN-1(B): The total cost of bid includes the applicable taxes. The Taxes may be change during the duration of study and the cost of bid may exclude the applicable taxes.</p> <p>Regarding Sl No. 5 of the Special conditions of the contract: words “plus applicable service tax” needs to be deleted and percentage payable should be calculated only on the approved cost of assignment</p> <p>Regarding para 5 of the TOR, feedback from the States should be taken into account in the final report, what if there is delay be the States in submission of feedback</p> <p>Regarding para 11 of Form TECH-2(A): Whether the organization is to furnish list of all professionals.</p>	<p>(i) Expenses of the visiting MHRD representative would be borne by MHRD.</p> <p>(ii) CVs of field investigators are not required. Only number of field investigators need be mentioned along with the details of recruitment procedure &amp; the general qualification. However, CVs of other professionals are required and will be evaluated.</p> <p>(iii) Addendum No. 2 to (C) (e) (i) of Appendix-I of RFP may be seen.</p> <p>This is standard format for submitting the bid and cannot be changed.</p> <p>MHRD will issue an addendum to delete the words “plus applicable service tax if any”</p> <p>MHRD would issue an addendum stating that, if the comments of States are not received within 15 days on the draft report, the consultant can proceed with finalization of the report without waiting for the same.</p> <p>It was clarified that the list should include only those professionals who would be assigned this particular project.</p>
6	<b>Price Water House Coopers Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon</b>	(i) As Review/Appraisal of RMSA is a strategic study of a National level programme, we want to emphasize that quality should be of	The minimum cut off technical score of 60 has been arrived at considering the following aspects: (i) All the shortlisted applicants have reached a

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		<p>importance in the selection process and we request you to consider a QCBS process of 80:20 ratio.</p> <p>(ii) We also request that the technical qualifying criteria, for selected agencies should be considered at 75 marks, as it will facilitate selection of a high quality team to deliver a high quality study and analysis.</p> <p>(iii) Use of CAPI based data collection has been emphasized for this assignment. We wanted to highlight that in case of CAPI, the tab based programme/software can only be developed once the tool has been finalized (after consultation). This process will take about a month. The programme/software will further require to be tested, and this may overall take about 1.5-2 months. The total duration of the study is for 4 months, which leaves only a window of 2 months for data collection and analysis. Kindly request you to please take this into consideration.</p>	<p>minimum benchmark of pre-qualification through Eol;</p> <p>(ii) This method minimizes the subjectivity in scoring criteria while ensuring the quality and cost effectiveness of the work done.</p> <p>The time-schedule is fixed and non negotiable.</p>
7	<p><b>Centre for Market Research &amp; Social Development Pvt. Ltd., East of Kailash, New Delhi</b></p>	<p>Regarding SI No. 11 of the part-II (Data Sheet): Time of the presentations on technical bids on 15.5.2017 should be specified or date may be changed.</p>	<p>The date of presentation on technical bids is on 16.05.2017 at 1200 hours.</p>