

Pre-Bid Queries and responses

RFP/Market Analytics /2020/001 Empanelment of Consultants for Research and Analytics

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<u>Clause /Page No</u>	<u>Existing Clause</u>	<u>Proposed Change/Clarification</u>	<u>NSDC Response</u>
<u>Page 8</u>	Evaluation of Technical proposal 1.3	Please clarify whether peer reviewed published research work would require at firm level or proposed resource level. <i>Number of Peer Reviewed Published Research Work in National/International Journals (3 or more)</i>	Both research works at the individual and firm levels will be considered.
<u>Page 8</u>	Evaluation of Technical proposal 2.2	Please specify eligibility criteria (qualification and experience) and evaluation of each key and non-key resources.	There is no minimum requirement. Better profiles will be scored higher.
	Eligibility criteria	Does the consulting firm becomes ineligible, if it hasn't worked with any of the below mentioned categories-a/b/c? or does it fulfill the eligibility if the consultancy has worked with any of the categories? Eligibility Criteria The Consultant should have experience of research studies including field investigation a) conducted for state and central governments, or their agencies, b)UN and other reputed bilateral/ multilateral agencies, c)and for large and reputed public limited companies, private companies, large and reputed Non-profits, scheduled commercial banks etc.	No. If consultants have experience in any of the category, they are eligible.
<u>Page 19</u>	Performance Security	We understand at present there are no specific assignments and financials involved through this empanelment. Hence request you to revisit the clause	Existing clause will remain.

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		<i>Within twenty-one (21) days from date of signing of the Framework Agreement award, the Firm shall furnish to the Purchaser the performance security of Rs. 5 Lakhs.</i>	
<u>Page 20</u>	Insurance	Request to revisit above mentioned clause. EY maintains professional indemnity insurance only. Such professional indemnity insurance covers our professional liability up to an appropriate level sufficient for the purposes of this engagement.	Please share the copy of insurance.
Pg. 7	(Clause 22 - 1) 1 – Overall experience of the firm	Please confirm whether applicant can submit assignments of sister-concern entities to fulfill the requirements of overall experience of the firm	If sister concerns are separate legal entities, then they can apply separately. Experience of the applicant firm will be assessed.
Section 14 (pg 6):	Sub-Contracting :	The consultant shall not subcontract any part or the whole of the Services (Query: How is this possible, there are freelancers appointed to carry out so many piecemeal activity in a research i.e., data collection, data processing, translation, transcription, etc., need to get clarity from the Client on the same)	Sub-Contracting may be allowed at the assignment stage depending on the nature and requirement in the assignment. Details of subcontracting process will be mentioned at the assignment stage.

For queries related to Agreement, please refer to Corrigendum 1.