



REPLIES TO PRE BID QUERIES

Ref: RFP No. ArSRLM – DDU GKY / 13 / 2017 (TSA) dated 9th March 2021x

Sl.	Queries	Response
1.	Request for extension of the last date for submission of Bids.	ArSRLM is considering the matter to extend the last date of submission of Bids to a date, not later than 16 th April 2021
2.	Request for clarifying correct/acceptable method of submitting the EMD and RFP fee.	ArSRLM is accepting the stipulated EMD amount of Rs.1,92,000/- (Rupees One Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand) only and the RFP fee for an amount of Rs.10000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only in the prescribed bank account No.6803168107. Bank Name: Indian Bank, IFSC Code: IDIBO0001015 (which would be confirmed internally) through any of the following means a. Direct Bank Transfer in the aforementioned bank account through online transfer, in which case a copy of the online transaction receipt would need to be attached with the RFP bid. b. Demand Draft in favour of CEO cum SMD.
3.	Request for clarification on Bank Guarantee	A Bank Guarantee (Performance Guarantee) issued by any nationalized or scheduled bank in India amounting to 6.25% of the duly approved financial proposal would be required to be furnished by the selected agency within 15 days from the date of issue of Letter of Invitation (LoI) from ArSRLM. The Bank Guarantee shall be refunded / returned within six months from the date of successful completion of assignment or after 42 nd month, whichever is earlier. The clause regarding forfeiture of bank guarantee is clearly outlined at Sl. 25 of ITC at Page 41 of the RFP. The mention of Bank Guarantee (Performance Guarantee amounting to 15% may be read as 6.25% of the total financial proposal, which is in reference to the existing norm of Performance Guarantee under DDU GKY programme. This is also clarified at Sl. F. on Page 31 of the RFP.
4.	Request for clarification of the project duration	The services of TSA are being sought for the current period of Action Plan concerning 2019-2022. However ArSRLM would extend the services of the same TSA (subject to good performance) consequent to approval of another action plan under DDU GKY from Ministry of Rural Development. Total engagement of a TSA would not exceed a period of 36 months in any case. Therefore the resources are being sought for maximum possible duration envisaged.


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5.	Request for clarification regarding provision of CVs of suitably qualified APST candidates as a mandatory feature.	ArSRLM intends to ensure maximum possible involvement of locally available talent, with a specific focus on engagement of APST candidates who are suitably qualified and have required experience. ArSRLM also understands that if required efforts are put in a sincere manner, agencies would be in a position to procure resources from amongst APST population in the State. The submission of CVs from APST population is not mandatory to the extent where submission of details of advertisement and number of corresponding details of Human Resources shortlisted is provided. The requirement of engaging at least 2 out of the 4 nos. of resources sought under the RFP remains, in reference to the conditionalities already mentioned in the RFP document.
6.	Request for clarification regarding submission of bids through electronic submission procedure.	The proposal bids can be submitted through online as per the prescribed process contained in the RFP. This provision is kept in view of COVID-19 pandemic. However submission of offline bids through registered post / courier / submission in the drop box at SMMU office at the prescribed address of ArSRLM as contained in the RFP document (during office hours) is encouraged.
7.	Request regarding travel costs of resources for work related to ArSRLM as per its travel policy	ArSRLM will be willing to bear the travel costs for the assignments entrusted to TSA on case to case basis as per limited to extant norms at ArSRLM.
8.	Request for change of qualifications for Key Personnel	ArSRLM is not in a position to change the prescribed qualifications for key personnel.
9.	Request for clarification regarding extending the scope of Force Majeure Clause for including eventuality of extension of COVID-19 pandemic and spread of any similar pandemic etc.	It is clarified that ArSRLM would follow the corresponding SOPs issued by Government of India and Government of Arunachal Pradesh in these circumstances in letter and spirit. Therefore, there is no apparent need for including the scope of Force Majeure at present.
10.	Request for lowering the value of advisory assignments in skill development with any central ministry including MoRD / NSDC / MSDE / Donors	This request cannot be entertained at this stage.
11.	Request for removing the requirement of e-SOP certified candidates	The provision for allotment of marks for e-SOP certified candidates is for providing additional weightage to agencies that have e-SOP certified candidates who are ready to be deployed from day one. Therefore this request cannot be entertained. Absence of e-SOP certified candidates at the bid time with the concerned agency is not a prohibitive factor, in any ways.



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