National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)
Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
Ministry of Jal Shakti

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Response to Pre Proposal/Bid Queries

Sub: Position-wise Empanelment of Agencies for Project Engineering (PE) Services for NMCG Sewerage and Wastewater Projects.

S. No.	RFP Clause No.	Subject/RFP Clause	Bidder's Query	Response
1.	Section I / Clause 13.2 and 13.3 – Opening of Financial Proposals and Final Evaluation / Page no. 5-6	Selection of Agencies Based on the Lowest Financial Quote (L1) for Each Position	Considering that sewerage and wastewater infrastructure projects implemented under NMCG are of significant public importance and require high levels of technical expertise, engineering precision, and quality assurance, it is submitted that selection based solely on the lowest financial quote may compromise the quality of professional services. It is therefore requested that the selection methodology be revised to Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) with a weightage of 80% for technical evaluation and 20% for financial evaluation, ensuring due consideration of the technical competence, relevant experience, and overall capabilities of the consulting agencies. Further, it is requested that the selection of agencies be made for the overall scope of services rather than independently for each position, wherever feasible, to encourage comprehensive participation by competent consulting firms, improve coordination across engineering disciplines, and ensure consistency in the quality and delivery of Project Engineering (PE) services.	As per RFP

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			This approach would also encourage firms to deploy multidisciplinary teams and take integrated responsibility for the quality of engineering outputs. Accordingly, it is requested that Clauses 13.2 and 13.3 be suitably amended to adopt the QCBS methodology and permit selection of agencies for the overall assignment instead of position-wise selection.	
2.	Section IV / Clause 9 / Page no. 22	Substitution of Proposed experts/engineers	The RFP stipulates that substitution of proposed experts/engineers shall not be permitted except for reasons not attributable to the empanelled agencies, such as medical incapacity or death. It is requested that an additional provision be incorporated to permit the substitution of an expert/engineer in the event of resignation, voluntary separation, or termination of employment for reasons beyond the reasonable control of the empanelled agen**cy**. In such cases, the empanelled agency shall propose a suitable replacement having qualifications, experience, and professional competence equivalent to or better than those of the originally approved expert, subject to NMCG's prior approval. This provision would enable the agency to maintain continuity of services and meet project requirements without compromising the quality of deliverables.	As per RFP
3.	Section IV / Clause 10 &11 / Page no. 21-23	Deployment Timeline and Revision of Penalty Clauses	The RFP stipulates that the empanelled agency shall deploy the selected experts within 15 days from the date of issuance of the specific work order. Considering the time required to obtain acceptance from the selected experts, complete	Refer to Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No. 1

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			necessary formalities, and arrange their mobilisation**,** it is requested that the deployment period be extended from 15 days to 30 days. Accordingly, all related penalty clauses and provisions concerning delays in deployment may also be revised to align with the proposed 30-day deployment period, ensuring consistency across the RFP and providing the empaneled agencies with reasonable time for mobilization. We request NMCG to kindly consider and incorporate the above revisions in the RFP.	
4.	Section IV / Clause 10 / Page no. 22	Consideration of Sick Leave	The RFP stipulates that experts/engineers shall not be entitled to paid casual leave, sick leave, or vacation leave, except for NMCG holidays, and that the agency's remuneration shall be deemed to cover these items. It is requested that reasonable sick leave be permitted for experts/engineers in case of illness or medical emergencie**s**, considering that such circumstances are beyond their control. Allowing reasonable sick leave would support the health and well-being of deployed personnel and ensure sustainable service delivery. It is therefore requested that a provision for reasonable sick leave, in accordance with applicable rules and mutually agreed contractual conditions, be incorporated into the RFP without adversely affecting the continuity and quality of project services.	Refer to Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No. 15
5.	Section IV / Clause 10 / Page no. 22	Reimbursement of Travel and Accommodation Costs	We understand, that the travel and accommodation expenses incurred for the mobilization of experts/engineers shall be	As per RFP. (Admissibility of travelling allowance shall differentiate

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			reimbursed to the empaneled agency on an actual basis, in accordance with the applicable NMCG rules and provisions, subject to submission of supporting bills and documents. We request NMCG to kindly confirm the above understanding and clarify the applicable procedure and conditions for reimbursement.	movement from project HQ and sites and movement from project HQ to any other place as per the instructions of NMCG)
6.	General	Last date of submission of proposal: 09.11.2026	Considering the time required to review the pre-bid clarifications, incorporate the changes communicated through the corrigendum, and prepare a comprehensive and compliant bid, it is requested that the bid submission deadline be extended by at least two (2) weeks from the date of issuance of the pre-bid clarification/corrigendum, whichever is issued later. This extension would provide adequate time to prospective bidders to take into account the clarifications and amendments and submit well-prepared, competitive bids.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 3
7.	Clause 3.3 – Cost of Proposal Printed Page 3	-	Clause 3.3 states that applicants shall bear all costs associated with preparation of proposals and participation in the RFP process, including visits to NMCG and project sites, and that NMCG shall not be liable for such costs. Kindly clarify whether project-site visit expenses are to be entirely borne by the empanelled agency or whether any reimbursement is admissible under a separate NMCG provision. If reimbursement is applicable, please provide the relevant	The empanelment agency shall bear all expenses related to project-site visit. However, if any project related travel expenses of the deployed experts/Engineer shall be reimbursed only after prior approval of the NMCG and upon submission of valid documentary evidence as per provision in the RFP.

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			provision, tentative list of project sites, and anticipated frequency of site visits to enable applicants to estimate the cost appropriately.	
8.	Clauses 15.2 and 16 – Performance Security Printed Page 6	-	Clause 15.2 requires the selected empanelled agency to submit Performance Security of ₹10,00,000 along with acceptance of the Letter of Empanelment. Clause 16 separately requires Performance Security equivalent to 5% of each work-order value, to be submitted for each work order. Kindly clarify whether both securities are required (₹10,00,000 at empanelment and 5% for each work order), or whether one requirement supersedes the other, and confirm the applicable timing and validity for each.	Yes, both securities are required to be submitted. • The Performance Security of Rs. 10,00,000/- shall be furnished at the empanelment stage in accordance with Section II Clause 15.2 of the RFP. • Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) equivalent to 5% of the value of the respective work order shall be furnished separately in accordance with Section II Clause 16 of the RFP.
9.	Section III – Eligibility Criteria and Evaluation Methodology, Parts A and B Printed Pages 9–10	-	The RFP specifies minimum eligibility criteria in Section III(A) and the evaluation process in Section III(B). The technical evaluation appears to be based on compliance with the eligibility criteria, followed by position-wise financial evaluation on an L1 basis. Kindly confirm whether technical evaluation is strictly pass/fail, with no separate technical marks/scoring matrix. If any additional technical scoring or marking is intended, please provide detailed criteria and	Technical evaluation shall be conducted on a pass/fail basis, and no separate technical marks matrix is prescribed.

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			allocation of marks.	
10.	Section IV – Terms of Reference, Clause 4: Qualification and Experience Details of Experts/Engineer Printed Pages 18–20	-	Clause 4 specifies educational qualifications and experience requirements for the Team Lead and other experts/engineers. Kindly clarify how overall professional experience is to be calculated where a Master's degree is prescribed or accepted—whether from the date of obtaining the bachelor's degree or the master's degree. Please also confirm that relevant/specific experience will be assessed separately against the discipline- and project-specific requirements stated for each position.	Where requirement of Masters/Post-graduation is mandatorily asked for, the experience will be counted from the year of completion of post- qualification.
11.	Clause 10 – Proposal Due Date, particularly Clause 10.2 Printed Page 5; related schedule under Clause 18, Printed Page 7	-	In view of the festive season and the time required to compile supporting documents and prepare a complete proposal, kindly consider extending the proposal submission deadline. Please confirm whether an extension will be granted and, if so, issue an addendum indicating the revised submission date and time.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 3
12.	ITA Clause 15.2 & Clause 16, Pages 6-7	15.2 The selected empaneled agencies shall submit Performance Security for an amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh only) along with their acceptance of the Letter of Empanelment. Clause 16 The Applicant shall furnish a Performance Security equivalent to 5% of the value of work order.	Kindly clarify whether both securities are required to be submitted. If yes, please elaborate on the applicability, adjustment mechanism, and relationship between the Rs. 10 lakh Performance Security at empanelment stage and the 5% PBG for each work order.	Please refer S.No. 8
13.	ToR Para 4 - Electrical Engineer Qualification, Page 19	c. Electrical Engineer For Graduate: Should have more than 8	For consistency with other Senior Expert positions, it is requested that the experience requirement for Post-Graduate Electrical	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 4

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		years of experience in supervising electrical installations and instrumentation related to power driven equipment. For Post-Graduate: Should have more than 8 years of experience in supervising electrical installations and instrumentation related to power driven equipment.	Engineers be reduced to 5 years, while retaining 8 years for Graduate Engineers.	
14.	ToR Para 4 - Quality Control Expert Qualification, Page 19	Minimum experience required – For Post-Graduate	For consistency with other Senior Expert positions, it is requested that the experience requirement for Post-Graduate Quality Control Expert be reduced to 5 years, while retaining 8 years for Graduate Engineers.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 5
15.	ToR Para 4 - Instrumentation Engineer Qualification, Page 19	Educational Qualification Master's / Bachelor's in Electronics and Instrumentation	Kindly amend the educational qualification requirement for Instrumentation Engineer to "Master's/Bachelor's Degree in Electronics Engineering or Instrumentation Engineering in place of "Electronics and Instrumentation", to include candidates from both relevant engineering disciplines.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 6
16.	ToR Clause 6(a), Page 21	Roles and Responsibilities of NMCG NMCG assigned min 3 (three) assignments to the agency. Empanelment shall not guarantee any minimum volume of work.	The clause indicates that NMCG shall assign a minimum of three assignments to the agency, whereas the same clause also states that empanelment does not guarantee any minimum volume of work. Kindly clarify the intent of this provision and confirm whether empanelled agencies are assured a minimum	As per RFP.

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			of three assignments during the empanelment period. Kindly confirm.	
17.	ToR Clause 8 - Deployment Mechanism and Draft Work Order, Pages 21-22 & 47-48	8. Deployment Mechanism	Kindly clarify whether deployment of experts shall be continuous full-time deployment or intermittent/need-based deployment with minimum man-month. Please also specify the expected duration of deployment in one stretch, likely deployment locations, working arrangements, and extent of travel requirements.	As per RFP
18.	ToR Clause 8 - Deployment Mechanism and Draft Work Order, Pages 21-22 & 47-48	Deployment Mechanism	Kindly specify the base location(s) of deployment and the expected extent of travel within and outside the project state for the deployed experts.	The base location of deployment shall be specified in the respective project wise work Order. Any travel for the deployed experts shall be approved by the NMCG for getting the reimbursement claim.
19.	Annexure-XI (Draft Work Order) Para 10, Page 48	10. You are requested to acknowledge acceptance of this work order within seven (7) days from the date of its issuance and submit the Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG), along with the CV(s) of the expert(s) specified in Para 2 above, in the prescribed CV format enclosed herewith as Appendix A. The submitted CV(s) shall comply with the eligibility requirements specified in Para 4 of the Terms of	We understand that CVs are not required during bidding stage. CVs to be submitted during the award stage, as per para 10 of page 48. Kindly confirm.	Bidder understanding is correct.

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		Reference (ToR).		
20.	Clause 17.4 – Integrity Pact, Page 7	17.4 The Integrity Pact (IP) is to be submitted in a separate sealed envelope along with other documents as per Clause 8.3.	Kindly clarify whether the Integrity Pact is required to be submitted physically in a separate sealed envelope or uploaded digitally along with the Technical proposal.	The bidder shall submit the hard copy of the Integrity Pact in a separate sealed envelope, physically, at the following address, on or before the bid due date. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), 1st Floor, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, India Gate, New Delhi – 110002. The sealed cover shall mention the title as *"Position-wise Empanelment of Agencies for Project Engineering (PE) Services for NMCG Sewerage and Wastewater Projects*".
21.	Clause 8.1, Clause 8.2, Submission of Proposal, Page 4	8.1 The applicants shall submit the electronic copy of the Proposal through e-procurement portal/Central public procurement portal (CPPP) after digitally signing of all the documents. 8.2 The applicants shall upload the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal separately by using the appropriate sections on e-procurement portal/CPPP.	We understand that proposal shall be submitted online through e-procurement portal/Central public procurement. No physical submission of proposal in hard copy to be submitted. Kindly clarify.	Bidder understanding is correct.

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22.	III. A) Eligibility Criteria B – Technical Capacity	B. The Bidder should have, over the past 7 (Seven) years preceding the Bid Due Date, has completed a minimum of 1 (one) *engineering consultancy assignment, Project Management Consultancy (PMC) / Detailed Design / Design Engineering / Construction Supervision Consultancy / Owner's Engineer services for sewerage schemes or sewerage systems that include consultancy assignments related to construction of Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) / Effluent Treatment Plants (ETP) / Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) / Water Treatment Plants (WTP) projects for government sector in India, ~~each~~ such project worth equal to or more than INR 100 crores having consultancy fee of at least INR 2 Crore for ~~each of~~ the assignments.	We understand that the engineering consultancy assignment should have the requisite project components, as mentioned, with a consultancy fee of Rs. 2 Cr. and project cost Rs. 100 crore. Kindly confirm.	Refer the Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 8
23.	9. Substitution of Proposed experts/ engineers, Page 22	For substitutions against reasons other than mentioned above, a sum – up to 5% (Five per cent) of the total remuneration specified for the original experts/engineer may be deducted from the payments due to the Emplaned Agencies. In the case of a further substitutions hereunder, such deduction shall be up to 10% (Ten per cent) of the total remuneration specified for the original experts/engineer for each substitution.	Request to delete the provision for deduction/penalty on substitution of experts. In the current market environment, professional attrition and job mobility are common and often beyond the control.	As per RFP

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24.	General - Scope of Services	-	Kindly indicate the minimum anticipated man-month deployment under a typical assignment/work order to enable agencies to appropriately plan expert availability and pricing.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 14
25.	General - Price Schedule / Reimbursable	-	Kindly clarify whether outstation deployment costs shall be deemed included in the quoted rates or reimbursed separately. If reimbursable, please specify the admissible components and reimbursement procedure.	Please refer S.No.7
26.	General – TA/DA Provisions	Payment Terms	Kindly clarify whether TA/DA, boarding, lodging and local conveyance expenses for official project-related travel shall be reimbursed separately by NMCG or shall be deemed included in the quoted rates.	Please refer S.No.7
27.	General	Commercial	Request to provide the details General Contract Conditions of the subject assignment.	Refer Section V, page no. 24 of RFP.
28.	General	Bid Submission Due Date	We request to kindly extend the bid submission due date at least 10 days from the date of issuance of pre-bid clarifications.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 3
29.	III. Eligibility Criteria and Evaluation Methodology A) Eligibility Criteria Page no. 9	B. The Bidder should have, over the past 7 (Seven) years preceding the Bid Due Date, has completed a minimum of 1 (one) *engineering consultancy assignment, Project Management Consultancy (PMC) /	Please clarify whether the ₹100 crore requirement refers to the project construction cost/capital cost or the value of the consultancy services. Please also confirm whether the ₹2 crore consultancy fee is required for only one assignment.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 8

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		Detailed Design / Design Engineering / Construction Supervision Consultancy / Owner's Engineer services for sewerage schemes or sewerage systems that include consultancy assignments related to construction of Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) / Effluent Treatment Plants (ETP) / Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) / Water Treatment Plants (WTP) projects for government sector in India, each such project worth equal to or more than INR 100 crores having consultancy fee of at least INR 2 Crore for each of the assignments.		
30.	III. Eligibility Criteria and Evaluation Methodology B) Evaluation Methodology Page no. 10	ii) Stage 2: Financial Evaluation (L1 Selection – Position-wise)	The RFP states that L1 will be determined position-wise, after which other qualified bidders may match L1. Please confirm whether there is no limit on the number of agencies empanelled per position.	There is no limit on the number of agencies to be empanelled for each position, subject to RFP provision.
31.	IV. Terms of Reference Page no.11	6. Roles and Responsibilities of NMCG	The TOR states that NMCG will assign a minimum of three assignments, but the immediately following sentence states that empanelment does not guarantee any minimum volume of work. Please clarify which provision prevails.	Please refer S.No.16
32.	II. Instructions to Applicants 15. Award of Contract & 16. Performance	15.2 The selected empaneled agencies shall submit Performance Security for an amount of ₹10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh only) along with their acceptance of the Letter of Empanelment. The format for	Clause 15.2 requires Performance Security of ₹10 lakh with acceptance of LoE, whereas Clause 16 specifies 5% of each work order value. Please clarify whether both securities are required or whether one supersedes the	Please refer S.No.12

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	Security Page no.6	submission of the Performance Security is provided at Annexure-IX. & The Successful Applicants shall be required to furnish a Performance Security within 7 days after issuance of work order (The Applicant shall furnish a Performance Security equivalent to 5% of the value of work order. The Performance Security shall be submitted separately for each work order, as and when the work order is issued. in the form of Account Payee Demand Draft/Fixed Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee (including e-Bank Guarantee) from a commercial bank in India or Insurance Surety Bond from insurance company in India in acceptable form in favour of 'National Mission for Clean Ganga' payable at New Delhi.	other.	
33.	II. Instructions to Applicants 15. Award of Contract Page no. 6	15.3 Deployment shall commence within the 15 days of issuance of work order.	Deployment is required within 15 days of the work order. Please confirm whether NMCG will approve the CV before issuing the work order and whether the 15 day period will commence only after CV approval.	Please refer S.No.3
34.	II. Instructions to Applicants 8. Submission of Proposal Page no. 4	8.5 RFP submission shall comprise two separate envelopes / files: b) Envelope–II: Financial Proposal (Position-wise Quote) • Applicant can submit the financial quote completely or partial as per their choice. • Man-Day rate (INR) per position, inclusive of salary, statutory dues,	The financial quote is a man-day rate inclusive of salary, statutory dues, overheads and agency charges. Please specify the standard number of billable working days per month assumed for evaluation and payment.	As per RFP.

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		overheads, agency charges and any other charges. • GST, as applicable, to be quoted separately in respective field.		
35.	IV. Terms of Reference 10. Payment Terms Page no. 22	b) Payment shall be made on a monthly basis according to the actual deployment of the expert(s) during the months against verified attendance and performance.	Payment is based on actual deployment/attendance, and leave is excluded. Please clarify the treatment of weekly offs and gazette/NMCG holidays when computing payable man-days.	Please refer S.No.4 Payment shall be made on the basis of actual deployment and attendance. However, while raising invoices, the Agency shall duly account for weekly offs and Gazetted/NMCG-declared holidays.
36.	IV. Terms of Reference 10. Payment Terms Page no. 22	e) The travel and accommodation cost will be reimbursed as per provision of NMCG. f) Project-related travel expenses of the deployed experts/engineers shall be reimbursed only after prior approval of NMCG and upon submission of valid documentary evidence.	Please provide the applicable NMCG limits/entitlements for travel, accommodation, local conveyance, airfare/rail fare and daily allowance, as these are stated to be reimbursable.	As per RFP
37.	IV. Terms of Reference 3. Scope of Services Page no. 12	The Empanelment Agencies (EA) shall provide Experts/Engineer personnel to NMCG on as and when required basis for providing support various projects at different field locations across the Ganga and its tributaries river basin areas states.	Please provide the indicative project locations/states, expected deployment duration, and approximate requirement for each expert category during the empanelment period.	The project location(s) shall be within the 11 Ganga Basin States and their tributary States, namely Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Haryana, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Himachal

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				Pradesh. The empanelment shall initially be for a period of two (02) years, which may be extended by a further period of one (01) year at the sole discretion of NMCG, subject to satisfactory performance of the empanelled agency. The required number of man-days for deployment of experts shall be specified in the respective Work Order(s) issued by NMCG.
38.	II. Instructions to Applicants 8. Submission of Proposal Page no. 4	8.4. The rates quoted shall be firm throughout the period of performance of the assignment and discharge of all obligations of the agency under the Contract.	Rates are stated to remain firm throughout performance while empanelment is two years and may be extended for one year. Please confirm whether annual escalation/ indexation will be permitted for salaries/statutory wage increases during extension.	No annual escalation/indexation shall be provided during the empanelment period.
39.	IV. Terms of Reference 9. Substitution of Proposed experts/engineers Page no. 22	The NMCG will not consider substitution of experts/engineers except for reasons not attributable to the Emplaned Agencies such as any medical incapacity/death. Substitution shall ordinarily be subject to equally or better qualified and experienced experts/engineers being provided to the satisfaction of the NMCG. Maximum of one substitution of experts/engineers against a work order for Engagement of	Substitution without penalty is permitted only in cases of medical incapacity or death. Please clarify the treatment of employee resignation, which is ordinarily beyond the agency's reasonable control, provided that an equally or better qualified replacement is mobilized promptly.	Please refer S.No. 2

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		Expert(s) on account of medical incapacity/death shall be applicable without penalty during the contract period. For substitutions against reasons other than mentioned above, a sum – up to 5% (Five per cent) of the total remuneration specified for the original experts/engineer may be deducted from the payments due to the Emplaned Agencies. In the case of a further substitutions hereunder, such deduction shall be up to 10% (Ten per cent) of the total remuneration specified for the original experts/engineer for each substitution. However, NMCG reserve the right to waive off or reduce the deduction in fee on the basis of merits of the case.		
40.	IV. Terms of Reference 11. Liquidated Damages (Penalty Clause) Page no. 23	a) In the event of failure by the empaneled agency to deploy the expert within the 15 days after issuance of the work order, Liquidated Damages (LD) shall be levied at the rate of 0.5% (zero point five percent) of the monthly remuneration of the respective expert per week of delay, or part thereof, subject to a maximum of 10% of the monthly remuneration.	Please clarify whether LD for delayed deployment applies only where the delay is solely attributable to the agency, excluding delays in CV approval, access, site readiness or instructions from NMCG.	Liquidated Damages (LD) shall be applicable in cases where the delay in deployment is attributable to the empaneled agency.
41.	IV. Terms of Reference 4. Qualification and Experience Details of experts/engineer	**1. Team Lead:** **Educational Qualification:** Master's in Engineering (Civil Engineering) preferably in Environmental Engineering	For the Team Leader, a Master's degree in Civil Engineering, "preferably in Environmental Engineering", is specified. Please confirm whether a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering with the prescribed wastewaters experience is acceptable or	As per RFP

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	Page no. 23		whether a Master's degree is mandatory.	
42.	IV. Terms of Reference 4. Qualification and Experience Details of experts/engineer Page no. 23	**2. Senior Experts** **c. Electrical Engineer:** Master's /Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering	For the Senior Electrical Engineer, both graduate and postgraduate candidates appear to require more than 8 years' experience, unlike the Mechanical and Instrumentation positions, for which the experience requirement is lower for postgraduate candidates. Please confirm whether this is intentional.	Please refer S.No. 13
43.	IV. Terms of Reference 4. Qualification and Experience Details of experts/engineer Page no. 23	**2. Senior Experts** **f. Quality Control Expert:** Master's /Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering	Similarly, the Quality Control Expert requires more than 8 years's experience for both graduate and postgraduate candidates. Please confirm whether this requirement is intentional.	Please refer S.No. 14
44.	IV. Terms of Reference 4. Qualification and Experience Details of experts/engineer Page no. 23	**3. Support Experts** **Safety Expert:** Graduate/Post graduate in Engineering/Science/Arts/Commerce	Please define what constitutes a "licensed/registered Safety Engineer", including the acceptable licensing or registering authority, and confirm the acceptable EHS Fire Safety and Industrial Safety qualifications.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 12
45.	IV. Terms of Reference 4. Qualification and Experience Details of experts/engineer Page no. 23	**3. Support Experts** **Coordinator:** B.Tech /M.Tech in Computer Science engineering/IT.	Please clarify the acceptable advanced data analytics software and the type of experience expected.	As per RFP
46.	V. General Terms & Conditions 1. Conflict of Interest	a) Agencies/Applicants shall not have any conflict of interest that may affect the selection process or performance of Project	The RFP imposes a restriction on providing goods, works or services for the same project and refers to a five-year period after	As per RFP.

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	Page no. 24	Engineer services. Any conflict shall lead to disqualification and forfeiture of Bid Security.	completion. Please confirm whether this restriction applies only to the specific project on which the agency's expert was deployed, rather than to all NMCG projects.	
47.	ll. Instructions to Applicant Page no. 7	17. Integrity Pact	JVs/consortia are prohibited under Clause II.1, but the Integrity Pact clauses refer to JVs, consortia and subcontractors. Please confirm whether subcontracting or the supply of personnel through associates is prohibited, or specify the arrangements that are permissible.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 10
48.	Annexure-l: Page no. 28	Proposal Submission Letter	Proposal Submission Letter refers to Bid Security, whereas tender particulars indicate EMD ₹0. Please confirm that no Bid Security/ EMD is required.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No.9
49.	ll. Instructions to Applicant Page no. 4 & 7	**8. Submission of Proposal** 8.3. The Proposal shall be made in the forms specified in this RFP. Any attachment to such forms must be provided on separate sheets of paper and only information that is directly relevant should be provided. This may include photocopies of the relevant pages of printed documents. No separate documents like printed annual statements, company brochures, copy of contracts etc. will be entertained. **17. Integrity Pact** 17.4 The Integrity Pact (IP) is to be submitted in a separate sealed envelope along with other documents as per Clause 8.3. Bidder's failure to comply with the	The proposal is to be submitted electronically through CPPP, while the Integrity Pact clause refers to a separate sealed envelope. Please confirm that uploading the digitally signed Integrity Pact in the appropriate electronic cover will satisfy this requirement.	Please refer S.No. 20 & 21.

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8. Deployment Mechanism
Page no. 21</td><td>c) NMCG reserves the right to select any empanelled agency for the deployment of personnel on prorata basis, taking into consideration project-specific requirements, the availability and suitability of experts, and the agency's past performance.</td><td>The RFP states that personnel may be allocated among empanelled agencies on a "pro-rata basis". Please clarify the allocation methodology, particularly where several agencies have matched the L1 rate.</td><td>Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No.11</td></tr>
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4.Positions Proposed for Empanelment
Page No. 3</td><td>Agencies may apply for one or more of the following positions:<table><tr><th>Sl. No</th><th>Category</th><th>Experts/Position</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Team Lead</td><td>Senior Civil Engineer cum Waste Water Expert</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">2.</td><td rowspan="2">Senior Experts</td><td>a. Process Experts</td></tr><tr><td>b. Mechanical Engineer</td></tr></table></td><td>It is understood that the projects undertaken by NMCG may be spread across different locations in India, and the requirement for personnel may vary depending on the nature, location, and specific needs of each project. In this regard, clarification is requested on the number of CVs required to be submitted by the Consultant against each position specified in the RFP.

In previous Project Engineer (PE) assignments undertaken by NMCG, the</td><td>Please refer S.No. 51

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			professionals, ensure their availability across different geographical locations, and submit an appropriate and compliant technical proposal. The Authority is therefore requested to provide the necessary clarification regarding the expected staffing arrangement, CV submission requirements, and deployment mechanism for the proposed personnel.	
53.	III. Eligibility Criteria and Evaluation Methodology B) Evaluation Methodology –ii) Page no. 10	**Stage 2: Financial Evaluation (L1 Selection – Position-wise)** I) Financial proposals shall be opened after technical evaluation. II) After technical evaluation those applicants who technically qualified during the technical evaluation are eligible for opening of their Financial Proposal. III) For each position, who quoted lowest rate shall consider for empanelment for that particular position. IV) Other applicants who meet the eligibility and technical requirements shall be given an opportunity to match the L1 rate. All applicants who agree to match the L1 rate shall also be included in the panel for the respective position. V) NMCG may empanel one or more agencies per position based on requirement	The RFP does not explicitly specify whether the selection and empanelment of consultants will be based solely on technical evaluation or on a combined evaluation of technical and financial proposals. In this regard, the Authority is requested to clarify whether the empanelment process will be conducted on a technical qualification basis only or through a combined technical and financial evaluation. In case a combined evaluation methodology is adopted, the Authority is requested to specify the weightage allocated to the technical proposal and the financial proposal, respectively (e.g., the percentage assigned to technical evaluation and financial evaluation), along with the applicable evaluation methodology and selection criteria. The above clarification is requested to ensure a clear understanding of the empanelment process and to enable prospective bidders to prepare and submit their proposals in accordance with the Authority's evaluation	As per RFP.

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			requirements.	
54.	IV. Terms of Reference 10. Payment Terms Page no. 22	e) The travel and accommodation cost will be reimbursed as per provision of NMCG. f) Project-related travel expenses of the deployed experts/engineers shall be reimbursed only after prior approval of NMCG and upon submission of valid documentary evidence. g) Any reimbursement claim, if applicable, shall be submitted on a monthly basis and shall be subject to verification and approval by NMCG. No claim shall be admissible without prior approval and supporting documents.	It is understood that the personnel proposed by the Consultant may be required to travel to various project locations across India as and when instructed by NMCG. However, the RFP does not clearly specify the expected duration of deployment at each project site, the advance notice period for mobilisation, or the provisions for reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses incurred by the Consultant's personnel. Since the proposed professionals may also be engaged in other ongoing assignments of the Consultant, their immediate the availability for deployment cannot always be assured, particularly when requirement arises at short notice. For instance, the proposed professional may be engaged at another project location in India or may be travelling outside India when NMCG requests deployment at a particular project site. In such circumstances, immediate mobilisation may not be practically feasible. The above clarifications are essential for the Consultant to plan the availability and mobilisation of suitable personnel, manage existing project commitments, and estimate the financial Implications of the assignment accurately. The Authority is therefore requested to provide the necessary clarification and incorporate the applicable provisions in the RFP, wherever required, to ensure a clear understanding of the	As per RFP.

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18. Schedule of Selection Process
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<tr><td>56.</td><td>Portal: Location PDF page 1 RFP IV.2 and IV.3 PDF pages 14 and 15
Annexure-XI Paras 2 and 5 PDF page 50</td><td>-</td><td>Please clarify whether the experts will be based in Delhi or at project sites in other states. Kindly provide the likely states and cities before bidding and confirm whether Delhi-based specialists may undertake design review with approved site visits. This is needed to confirm availability, plan relocation and quote realistic rates.</td><td>Please refer S.No. 37</td></tr>
<tr><td>57.</td><td>RFP IV.3 and IV.3.1(e) PDF page 15RFP IV.6(b) PDF page 24 RFP IV.10(b) PDF page 25</td><td>-</td><td>Please state, for each position, whether full-time presence at site or intermittent deployment is required. Kindly indicate the expected man-days per month and the likely period of each assignment. This is needed to commit suitable experts and assess salary costs between deployments.</td><td>Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 14</td></tr>
<tr><td>58.</td><td>RFP II.1 PDF page 6 RFP II.17.3 PDF page 10
Earlier NMCG precedent noted below</td><td>-</td><td>Kindly permit an approved sub-consultant as Sub-PE for specified expert positions, as provided in earlier NMCG PE tenders. The empanelled agency would remain fully responsible and the experts would meet the</td><td>Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 13</td></tr>
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	the table		prescribed qualifications. Please state the approval procedure. This would help ensure timely deployment of suitable experts.	
59.	RFP III(A)(iii) PDF page 9 Annexure-VIII PDF page 39	-	The eligibility clause refers to the last three financial years, but Annexure-VIII lists FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25. Please confirm the three years to be used for the Rs. 9 crore average annual turnover requirement and align the form accordingly, so that all bids are evaluated on the same basis.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 7
60.	RFP II.8.5(a)PDF page 8Annexure-XI, para 10PDF page 51	-	Annexure-XI requires CVs within seven days of the work order, while Clause II.8.5(a) does not list CVs with the technical bid. Please confirm that CVs are to be submitted at the work-order stage only. This will allow experts to be finalised against the confirmed location and deployment period.	Annexure-XI prescribes the format for the 'Work Order for Engagement of Expert(s) against Empanelment', which includes the CV format at Appendix-A. It is further clarified that the CVs of the proposed experts shall be submitted by the empaneled agency only at the Work Order stage and shall not be required to be submitted at the empanelment stage.
61.	RFP II.15.2 and II.16PDF page 9	-	Please clarify whether the Rs. 10 lakh security at empanelment is payable once per agency or for each position, and whether the 5% work-order security is additional or adjusted against it. Kindly state the validity and release conditions for the Rs. 10 lakh security. This is needed to assess the total security cost.	Please refer S.No. 8

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62.	RFP II.8.5(b)PDF page 8RFP IV.10(b) and (d) to (g)PDF pages 25 and 26	-	Please specify working hours, working days per week and the billing treatment of weekly holidays, NMCG holidays and travel days. Kindly provide travel and accommodation entitlements, including stay at the regular posting location, and confirm whether these costs are reimbursed separately from the man-day rate. This is needed for comparable quotations.	As per RFP.
63.	RFP IV.6(a) and IV.8PDF pages 24 and 25Annexure-X, para 4PDF page 48	-	Clause IV.6(a) mentions a minimum of three assignments but also states that no minimum work is guaranteed. Annexure-X similarly gives no assured engagement. Please clarify the intended provision and share indicative man-day requirements and the basis for allocating work among agencies matching L1. This is needed for manpower planning and pricing.	Please refer S.No.16
64.	RFP II.1 PDF page 6 RFP II.17.3 PDF page 10 Earlier NMCG precedent noted below the table	-	To improve expert availability and timely mobilisation, please allow suitable sub-consultants to support the empanelled agency as approved Sub-Pes, as in earlier NMCG PE tenders. The agency would retain full responsibility and all experts would meet the tender requirements. Kindly specify how approval for the Sub-PE is to be obtained.	Please refer S.No.58
65.	RFP (III A) (iii) PDF page 12 Annexure-VIII		Please specify the financial years applicable to the Rs. 9 crore average annual turnover test. Clause III(A)(iii) states the last three	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 7

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	PDF page 42		financial years, whereas Annexure-VIII covers FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25. Kindly align these provisions to avoid different interpretations during eligibility evaluation.	
66.	Portal: Location PDF page 1 RFP IV.2 and IV.3 PDF page 14 and 15 Annexure-XI Paras 2 and 5 PDF page 50	-	Kindly indicate the likely posting locations, including the states and cities, before bid submission. Please confirm whether deployment will be in Delhi or elsewhere, and whether specialists may work from Delhi for design review with approved site visits. Without this information, it is difficult to finalise manpower, assess relocation needs and price the services.	Please refer S.No. 37
67.	RFP II. 15.2 and II. 16 PDF page 6	-	Clause II 15.2 requires Rs 10 lakh at empanelment, while Clause II 16 requires 5% security for each work order. Kindly confirm whether both are required separately or an adjustment is allowed. Please also state whether Rs 10 lakh applies per agency or per position, its validity and release conditions, to allow the security cost to be assessed.	Please refer S.No.8
68.	RFP IV. 3 and IV. 3.1 (e) PDF page 15 RFP IV. 6(b) PDF page 24 RFP IV. 10(b) PDF page 25	-	Kindly confirm which positions require continuous full time attendance at site and which may be engaged for selected days or visits. Please provide the expected monthly man-days and likely assignment duration for each position, so that availability and salary cost between engagements can be properly assessed.	Please refer S.No.57
69.	RFP II. 8.5 (a)	-	Please confirm whether expert CVs are	Bidders understanding is

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	PDF page 5 Annexure-XI, para 10 PDF page 48		required only within seven days after issue of the work order, as stated in Annexure-XI, and not with the technical bid under Clause II. 8.5 (a). Confirmation is needed so that experts can be selected once the actual location and period of deployment are known.	correct.
70.	RFP IV. 6 (a) and IV. 8 PDF page 21 and 24 Annexure-X, para 4 PDF page 45	-	Please clarify whether any minimum engagement is assured, since Clause IV. 6(a) refers to three assignments while the same clause and Annexure-X disclaim a minimum commitment. Kindly indicate the expected man-days and how assignments will be distributed among agencies accepting L1 rates, so that manpower commitments and rates can be planned.	As per RFP Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No. 14
71.	RFP II. 8.5 (b) PDF page 8 RFP IV. 10 (b) and (d) to (g) PDF pages 25 and 26	-	For a common pricing basis, please define working hours, the working week and which weekly holidays, NMCG holidays and travel days are billable. Kindly share the travel and accommodation reimbursement limits, including accommodation at the normal place of posting, and confirm whether these expenses are payable separately from the quoted man-day rate.	As per RFP
72.	Clause No. III-Eligibility Criteria and Evaluation Methodology of RFP Page No.-9	A) Eligibility Criteria ii) Technical Experience A. A. The Agency should have a minimum of seven (07) years of experience in providing Project Management Consultancy (PMC) /	Kindly requesting to allow sub-consultancy assignments for govt. organizations from prime consultants funded by external agencies like World Bank, ADB, JICA and other international banks in similar nature of work.	Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No. 13

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		Detailed Design / Design Engineering/ Construction Supervision Consultancy/ Owner's Engineer services for sewerage schemes or sewerage systems that include consultancy assignments related to construction of Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) / Effluent Treatment Plants (ETP) / Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) / Water Treatment Plants (WTP), meeting at least one of the following minimum capacity criteria (Supporting document/s to be submitted along with Technical Proposal): a) At least one (1) plant of minimum 50 MLD capacity, or b) At least two (2) plants of minimum 20 MLD capacity each, or c) At least three (3) plants of minimum 10 MLD capacity each. B. The Bidder should have, over the past 7 (Seven) years preceding the Bid Due Date, has completed a minimum of 1 (one) *engineering consultancy assignment, Project Management Consultancy (PMC) / Detailed Design / Design Engineering / Construction Supervision Consultancy/ Owner's Engineer services for sewerage schemes or sewerage systems that include consultancy assignments related to construction of		

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		Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) / Effluent Treatment Plants (ETP) / Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) / Water Treatment Plants (WTP) projects for government sector in India, each such project worth equal to or more than INR 100 crores having consultancy fee of at least INR 2 Crore for each of the assignments.		
73.	Page 9 – Clause III(A)(ii)(B); Technical Experience; read with Clause III(A)(ii)(A)	The Bidder is required to have completed the stipulated engineering consultancy assignment "over the past 7 (Seven) years preceding the Bid Due Date".	It is requested that the eligibility period for completed assignments may kindly be extended from 7 (seven) years to 10 (ten) years preceding the Bid Due Date. Sewerage and wastewater projects of the size contemplated under this RFP, namely projects worth INR 100 Crore or more, have a long gestation and implementation period, as considerable time is involved in surveys and investigations, design and approvals, construction, testing and commissioning and the trial run. A look-back period of seven years therefore excludes a number of substantial and directly relevant assignments which fully demonstrate the capability sought. A ten-year eligibility period is commonly adopted for consultancy assignments of this nature and would bring in more experienced bidders and improve competition, without any dilution of the technical capability required.	As per RFP
74.	Page 9 – Clause III(A)(ii)(A) and (B);	Eligible technical experience is described as PMC / Detailed Design / Design	We understand that consultancy assignments for rehabilitation of sewerage systems,	As per RFP

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	Technical Experience; read with Page 12 – TOR Para 3.1	Engineering / Construction Supervision Consultancy / Owner's Engineer services for sewerage schemes or sewerage systems that include consultancy assignments related to construction of STP / ETP / CETP / WTP.	including rehabilitation of trunk sewers, peripheral sewer lines and sewerage networks by trenchless and structural lining technologies, together with the associated condition assessment, design and construction supervision services, shall also be considered as eligible experience for this assignment. Kindly confirm. The scope of services under TOR Para 3.1 expressly extends to "STPs, pumping stations, sewer networks, rising mains, and allied infrastructure". Rehabilitation assignments involve the same disciplines of supervision, quality assurance, contract management and design review as greenfield sewerage works, and are frequently of a higher order of technical complexity. Recognizing such assignments as eligible experience would align the eligibility criterion with the actual scope of services and would widen the pool of qualified agencies, in keeping with Para 7.3.3(7) of the Manual for Procurement of Consultancy Services, Second Edition, 2025.	
75.	Page 9 – Clause III(A)(ii)(B); Technical Experience	The assignment is required to have been executed "for government sector in India".	We understand that assignments executed for Central or State Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings, Urban Local Bodies, Development Authorities, State	As per RFP

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			Water Supply and Sewerage Boards and other parastatal agencies, including externally aided projects (World Bank / ADB / JICA) implemented through such entities, shall qualify as assignments for the government sector. Kindly confirm. A confirmation at this stage will avoid differing interpretations of the expression "government sector" at the evaluation stage.	
76.	Page 9 – Clause III(A)(iii); Financial Capacity; read with Page 39 – Annexure-VIII	The Agency should have a minimum average annual turnover of not less than INR 9 Crore during the last three financial years, shown in Annexure-VIII as FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25.	It is requested that the minimum average annual turnover may kindly be relaxed to INR 5.00 Crore. The tender value in the e-procurement portal is indicated as "NA", and TOR Para 6(a) provides that empanelment shall not guarantee any minimum volume of work, payment being on a man-day basis against actual deployment. Table 2 of Para 7.3.3 of the Manual for Procurement of Consultancy Services, 2025 benchmarks the turnover requirement at about 200% of the value of the assignment, and the Department of Expenditure Advisory (OM No. F.No.1/3/2026-PPD dated 22.07.2026) specifically cautions against prescribing comparatively high annual turnover requirements which restrict competition. A turnover of INR 9 Crore is disproportionate to	As per RFP

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			a man-day rate empanelment carrying no assured value of work. Kindly also confirm that the three financial years may be read as FY 2023-24, FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26, the last of these being complete and audited as on the proposal due date, and that Annexure-VIII may be submitted accordingly.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 7
77.	Page 9 – Clause III(A), Eligibility Criteria; read with Page 5 – Clause 8.5(b)	The same eligibility criteria apply whether an Applicant quotes for all thirteen positions or for a single Support Expert position, although Clause 8.5(b) permits an Applicant to submit a financial quote completely or partially.	It is requested that position-linked eligibility may kindly be considered, with relaxed turnover and experience requirements for the Support Expert positions, namely Safety Expert, Engineer cum Estimator, Civil Engineer, Mechanical Engineer and Coordinator. Para 3 of the Department of Expenditure Advisory dated 22.07.2026 requires eligibility criteria to be commensurate with the actual requirement of the assignment. Graded criteria would enable specialised smaller firms to compete for the support positions, while the full criteria continue to apply to the Team Lead and the senior technical positions.	As per RFP
78.	Page 9 – Clause III(A), Eligibility Criteria; read with Page 18 – TOR Para 4	Qualification and experience of the individual experts are prescribed in the TOR, and CVs of the proposed experts are called for only after issuance of the work	We understand that (i) CVs and manpower details are not required to be submitted at proposal stage; (ii) the experts may be engaged on regular, contract or retainer basis	As per RFP

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	and Page 48 – Annexure-XI	order.	at the time of deployment; (iii) no minimum on-payroll or full-time staff strength is required to be maintained by the Agency at proposal stage; and (iv) prior experience in, or an office in, the Ganga basin States is not an eligibility requirement under this RFP. Kindly confirm. Para 7.3.3(4) of the Manual for Procurement of Consultancy Services, 2025 provides that the qualification of key experts does not form part of the qualification criteria for shortlisting, and Para 3 of the Department of Expenditure Advisory dated 22.07.2026 requires any prescribed staff strength to be commensurate with the actual manpower required for the assignment. There is accordingly no requirement of full-time, on-payroll manpower or of experience in the region at bid stage.	
79.	Page 4 – Clause 4.1, Clarifications by Applicants; read with NIT (Critical Dates)	Queries were to be submitted within four (4) days of publication of the RFP, i.e. by 20.10.2026, whereas the Pre-Proposal Meeting was held on 23.10.2026 and proposals are due on 09.11.2026. The NIT on the portal shows the Clarification Start Date and End Date as "NA".	It is requested that queries may kindly be accepted up to seven (7) days after the Pre-Proposal Meeting, that the clarification dates may kindly be published on the e-procurement portal, and that the proposal submission date may kindly be extended suitably in the event any Addendum or Corrigendum is issued. A query window of four days, closing before	Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No.3

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			the Pre-Proposal Meeting is held, leaves Applicants no opportunity to raise issues arising out of the discussions at the meeting.	
80.	Page 24 and 25 – General Terms Clause 1(a) and 4.1; Page 28 – Annexure-I(b); Page 34 – Integrity Pact Section 4	These clauses provide for forfeiture of the "Bid Security" / "Earnest Money Deposit", whereas the NIT on the portal shows the Tender Fee and the EMD as NIL.	Kindly confirm that no Bid Security or Earnest Money Deposit is payable under this RFP, and that clause (b) of Annexure-I may accordingly be treated as deleted or marked "Not Applicable". Annexure-I is to be submitted as a signed declaration, and a confirmation will avoid an inadvertent declaration in respect of a Bid Security that has not in fact been furnished.	Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No.9
81.	Page 6 – Clause 15.2 read with Clause 16; Performance Security	Clause 15.2 requires Performance Security of INR 10,00,000 to be furnished along with acceptance of the Letter of Empanelment, while Clause 16 requires Performance Security of 5% of the value of each work order, separately for every work order.	Kindly confirm whether both securities are payable. It is requested that the Performance Security of INR 10,00,000 at empanelment stage may kindly be waived, or in the alternative allowed to be adjusted against the Performance Security payable for the first work order. It is further requested that the work-order Performance Security may kindly be reduced from 5% to 3%, which is the level ordinarily adopted under the General Financial Rules for services contracts. Empanelment by itself carries no assured value of work, and a flat security at that stage blocks the Agency's working capital without	Please refer S.No. 8

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			any corresponding contract.	
82.	Page 6 – Clause 15.3 and 15.5; read with Page 21-22 – TOR Para 8(b) and 8(d), and Page 23 – TOR Para 11(b)	Deployment is required to commence within 15 days of issuance of the work order, failing which penalties may be imposed and the Performance Bank Guarantee forfeited. After a delay of four weeks the PBG may be forfeited and the expert engaged through another agency.	It is requested that the deployment period may kindly be extended to 30 days from the date of the work order. Kindly also confirm that forfeiture of the Performance Bank Guarantee will be invoked only in the event of repeated default, the remedy for a delay in a single position being the Liquidated Damages provided under TOR Para 11(a) read with cancellation of that deployment order. CVs of the proposed experts are called for only after the work order is issued. Identification, screening, obtaining acceptance and mobilising an expert to a project site within 15 days is not practical, and forfeiture of the entire PBG on account of delay in one position is disproportionate to the loss occasioned.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 1
83.	Page 6 – Clause 13.2 and 13.3; Page 10 – Clause III(B)(ii); read with Page 21 – TOR Para 7	Empanelment for each position is to be made on the basis of the lowest quoted man-day rate (L1), with other qualified Applicants given the opportunity to match the L1 rate.	It is requested that a quality-cum-cost based selection may kindly be considered for this empanelment. In the alternative, kindly prescribe verification of the quoted man-day rates against the applicable statutory minimum wages, EPF, ESI and bonus, with provision for rejection of abnormally low rates.	As per RFP

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			Rule 192 of the General Financial Rules, 2017 and Para 8.4.2 of the Manual for Procurement of Consultancy Services, 2025 provide for quality-based selection in the procurement of consultancy services. The Introduction to this RFP itself records that Project Engineers have not consistently deployed the designated personnel at site. Selection purely on the lowest man-day rate is likely to aggravate that difficulty, as the man-day rate is almost entirely the remuneration of the expert concerned.	
84.	Page 21 – TOR Para 6(a); read with Page 6 – Clause 15.4 and Page 22 – TOR Para 8(c)	TOR Para 6(a) states that "NMCG assigned min 3 (three) assignment to the agency" and, in the same provision, that "Empanelment shall not guarantee any minimum volume of work".	Kindly clarify whether a minimum of three assignments is assured to each empanelled Agency. Kindly also explain the pro-rata methodology by which work will be distributed among the several agencies empanelled for the same position. The two statements presently read differently. Clarity on this point is necessary for Applicants to assess the viability of the empanelment and to quote the man-day rates accordingly.	As per RFP Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No. 11
85.	Page 5 – Clause 8.5(b); read with Page 22 – TOR Para 10(e)	Clause 8.5(b) requires the man-day rate to be inclusive of "salary, statutory dues, overheads, agency charges and any other	We understand that the quoted man-day rate excludes project-related travel and accommodation costs, which shall be	As per RFP

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	and 10(f)	charges", whereas TOR Para 10(e) and 10(f) provide that travel and accommodation costs will be reimbursed as per NMCG provisions.	reimbursed separately at actuals in accordance with the applicable NMCG provisions. Kindly confirm. Kindly also share the applicable NMCG entitlement and ceiling for travel and accommodation, position-wise. The two provisions presently read differently. In the absence of a common basis, Applicants will load travel costs into the man-day rate to differing extents and the financial quotes will not be comparable.	
86.	BOQ (BOQ_978155.xls) on the e-procurement portal; read with Page 5 – Clause 8.5(b)	The financial proposal is to be submitted as a position-wise man-day rate in the BOQ, with GST quoted separately, and an Applicant may submit the financial quote completely or partially.	Kindly confirm that the BOQ covers all thirteen positions listed in Clause 4 read with TOR Para 3.1, that an Applicant quoting for only some of the positions may leave the remaining cells blank or enter them as zero without the proposal being treated as non-responsive, and that GST shall be excluded while determining the L1 rate for each position. Online BOQ formats frequently reject blank cells at the time of upload. A confirmation will prevent rejection of a validly submitted partial quote on a procedural ground. Out of the total 13 items, if a bidder wishes to bid for only a few items, they should submit their bid for those specific items and enter	The BOQ covers a total of 13 positions. Bidders may submit their financial quotes for only those positions for which they wish to bid. However, they shall enter zero (0) against all the remaining positions for which they are not submitting a quote. No cell in the BOQ shall be left blank.

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			zero (0) for the remaining items. Do not leave any cells blank.	
87.	Page 4 – Clause 8.4; read with Page 3 – Clause 3, Validity of Empanelment	The rates quoted shall remain firm throughout the period of performance, while the empanelment is valid for two years and is extendable by one further year.	It is requested that an annual escalation of 5% on the man-day rates may kindly be permitted from the second year onwards; in the alternative, that the rates may kindly be linked to notified revisions in the statutory minimum wages. The man-day rate is almost entirely wage cost, and the statutory minimum wages and dearness allowance are revised periodically by the Government. A firm rate for a period of up to three years would compel Applicants to build the anticipated escalation into the first-year rate itself, which is not in the interest of NMCG.	Please refer S.No. 38
88.	Page 22 – TOR Para 10(b) and 10(d); Payment Terms	Payment is to be made on a monthly basis according to actual deployment against verified attendance, and all leave taken by the expert is excluded from the man-days of service.	Kindly confirm the number of man-days per month to be reckoned for payment (for instance 26 days), the treatment of weekly offs and NMCG holidays, and whether statutory leave (earned, casual and sick leave) is deemed to be covered within the quoted man-day rate. The Agency is obliged under TOR Para 5(c) and 5(e) to meet all statutory and labour law obligations in respect of the deployed experts, including paid leave. The basis on which man-days are reckoned therefore directly	As per RFP 30 man-days shall be considered as one month, irrespective of whether the deployment is full-time or intermittent.

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			determines the rate to be quoted.	
89.	Page 19 and 20 – TOR Para 4; Qualification and Experience	For the Electrical Engineer and the Quality Control Expert, the experience required is shown as "more than 8 years" for Graduates as well as for Post-Graduates, whereas for the Mechanical, Instrumentation, Structural and O&M positions the requirement prescribed for Post-Graduates is lower than that for Graduates.	Kindly confirm whether the requirement for Post-Graduates in these two positions is to be read as 5 years, in line with the other comparable positions. The repetition of the same experience requirement for both qualification levels appears to be typographical. A confirmation will ensure uniform evaluation of the CVs at the deployment stage.	Please refer S.No.13 & 14
90.	Page 18 – TOR Para 4; Team Lead	The Team Lead is required to hold a Master's degree in Engineering (Civil), preferably Environmental Engineering, with at least 12 years of experience. No graduate route is provided for this position.	It is requested that a B.E. / B.Tech (Civil) with at least 15 years of experience in sewage and wastewater treatment projects may kindly be permitted as an alternative qualification for the Team Lead. Every other position under the TOR provides a graduate route coupled with higher experience. Extending the same to the Team Lead would widen the pool of available experts without any dilution of capability.	As per RFP
91.	Page 20 – TOR Para 4; Coordinator	The Coordinator is required to hold a B.Tech / M.Tech in Computer Science Engineering or Information Technology with more than 8 years of experience in technology management and 3 years in large-scale data analysis.	It is requested that MCA, BCA or B.Sc. (IT), or a graduate with relevant MIS experience, may kindly be permitted as an alternative qualification, and that the experience requirement may kindly be reduced to 5 years.	As per RFP.

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			The job description for this position is confined to maintaining the MIS, preparing dashboards, document control and periodic reporting. The prescribed qualification and experience are disproportionate to the role and restrict the availability of suitable candidates.	
92.	Page 20 – TOR Para 4; Safety Expert	The Safety Expert is required to be a licensed or registered Safety Engineer, or to hold a Post Graduate Diploma in Environment, Health & Safety or in Fire Engineering and Industrial Safety Management.	Kindly confirm that an Advanced Diploma in Industrial Safety recognised by a State Board of Technical Education, or a NEBOSH International General Certificate, together with the prescribed 7 years of experience, is acceptable for this position. These are the qualifications commonly held by safety professionals deployed on infrastructure projects in India, and accepting them will not dilute the requirement.	Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No.12
93.	Page 22 – TOR Para 9; Substitution of experts	Substitution of an expert is permitted only on grounds of medical incapacity or death. For any other reason, a deduction of up to 5%, and thereafter up to 10%, of the total remuneration of the original expert is to be made.	It is requested that substitution may kindly also be permitted on account of resignation or separation of the expert, with an equally or better qualified replacement on 15 days' notice, without any deduction. Resignation of an employee is not an event attributable to the Agency, and over an empanelment period of two to three years a degree of attrition is unavoidable. The Agency's obligation to provide an equally or	Please refer S.No. 2

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			better qualified replacement, subject to approval by NMCG, adequately protects the interest of NMCG.	
94.	General	-	We kindly request you to extend the current bid submission deadline of 09th Nov 2026 by two weeks from the date of publication of the pre-bid replies, to enable us to prepare a comprehensive and well-evaluated proposal	Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No.3
95.	Clause No.III (A), Eligibility Criteria: ii) Technical Experience, A Pg. No.9 of 51	ii) Technical Experience A. The Agency should have a minimum of seven (07) years of experience in providing Project Management Consultancy (PMC) / Detailed Design / Design Engineering / Construction Supervision Consultancy / Owner's Engineer services for sewerage schemes or sewerage systems that include consultancy assignments related to construction of Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) / Effluent Treatment Plants (ETP) / Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) / Water Treatment Plants (WTP), meeting at least one of the following minimum capacity criteria (Supporting document/s to be submitted along with Technical Proposal) : a) At least one (1) plant of minimum 50 MLD capacity, or b) At least two (2) plants of minimum 20 MLD capacity each, or c) At least three (3)	In the Technical Experience criteria, Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) are mentioned as an eligible component. Accordingly, we understand that consultancy assignments involving Water Supply Schemes / Water Supply Systems, that include Water Treatment Plants (WTPs), shall also be considered eligible under the prescribed Technical Experience criteria. Further, since the existing eligibility criteria include Detailed Design / Design Engineering services, we understand that consultancy assignments involving the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) shall also be considered qualifying experience. Kindly Confirm.	As per RFP.

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		plants of minimum 10 MLD capacity each.		
96.	Clause No.III (A), Eligibility Criteria: ii) Technical Experience, B Pg. No.9 of 51	B. The Bidder should have, over the past 7 (Seven) years preceding the Bid Due Date, has completed a minimum of 1 (one) *engineering consultancy assignment, Project Management Consultancy (PMC) / Detailed Design / Design Engineering / Construction Supervision Consultancy / Owner's Engineer services for sewerage schemes or sewerage systems that include consultancy assignments related to construction of Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) / Effluent Treatment Plants (ETP) / Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) / Water Treatment Plants (WTP) projects for government sector in India, each such project worth equal to or more than INR 100 crores having consultancy fee of at least INR 2 Crore for each of the assignments.	In the Technical Experience criteria, Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) are mentioned as an eligible component. Accordingly, we understand that consultancy assignments involving Water Supply Schemes / Water Supply Systems**,** that include Water Treatment Plants (WTPs), shall also be considered eligible under the prescribed Technical Experience criteria. Further, since the existing eligibility criteria include Detailed Design / Design Engineering services, we understand that consultancy assignments involving the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) shall also be considered qualifying experience. Kindly Confirm.	As per RFP.
97.	Clause 18 –Schedule of Selection Process	RFP Submission end date	Due to the upcoming Diwali festival and associated festive holidays, the effective working days available for the preparation and finalization of the bid have been considerably reduced. Further, considering the complexity and extensive scope of the assignment, additional time is required to thoroughly review the tender requirements, compile the necessary supporting documents,	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 3

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			and prepare a comprehensive and technically compliant proposal. Request for Extension of Bid Submission Deadline by 12 Days, i.e., up to 20/11/2026.	
98.	Clause 18 – RFP Submission Schedule, Page 7; Clause 10.2, Page 5	RFP specifies the Proposal Due Date and the schedule for submission of proposals.	It is requested to extend the Proposal Due Date by 15 calendar days, up to 24.11.2026 at 03:00 PM, to facilitate preparation and submission of the proposal along with the requisite supporting documents.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 3
99.	Section II, Clause 8.3, Page 4; Section IV, Clause 6(d), Page 21	The RFP prescribes the applicable requirements and supporting documents for submission and evaluation of the proposal.	Kindly clarify the documentary evidence acceptable for substantiating the information furnished by the Bidder, including work orders, completion certificates/Performance Certificate, relevant contract documents, audited financial statements and certificates issued by a Chartered Accountant, wherever applicable.	As per RFP.
100.	Section III(B), Page 10; Section IV, Clause 7, Page 21	The RFP provides for L1 rate matching and the procedure applicable to empanelment.	Kindly clarify the procedure for matching the L1 rate, including the timeline for conveying acceptance, applicability of rate matching to each position/category and the procedure for allocation of assignments amongst empanelled agencies.	Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No. 11
101.	Clause 15.2, Page 6; Clause 16, Page 6	Clause 15.2 refers to Performance Security of ₹10,00,000, while Clause 16 refers to a Performance Bank Guarantee equivalent to 5% of each Work Order.	Kindly consider waiving the fixed Performance Security of ₹10,00,000 and retaining only the Work Order-wise Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) of 5%,	As per RFP

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			or alternatively, adjusting the fixed security against the applicable PBG to avoid duplication of financial security requirements and reduce the upfront financial burden on the empanelled agency.	
102.	Clauses 15.3–15.5, Page 6; Section IV, Clause 8, Page 21	The RFP provides for deployment within 15 days of the Work Order and specifies the applicable consequences for noncompliance.	Kindly clarify the commencement of the stipulated 15-day period for deployment and whether the Work Order will specify the position, place of deployment, duration and other applicable deployment requirements. The provision for extension in justified circumstances may also be clarified.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No.1
103.	Section IV, Clause 9 – Substitution of Proposed Experts/Engineers, Page 22	The RFP prescribes conditions governing substitution of Proposed Experts/Engineers and the consequences applicable to substitution.	Kindly consider permitting substitution, subject to prior approval of NMCG, in cases of resignation, non-availability or other unforeseen circumstances, provided that the replacement personnel satisfy the prescribed qualification and experience requirements. The applicable approval procedure, replacement timeline and penalty provisions may be clarified.	Please refer S.No. 2
104.	Clause 8.4, Page 4; Section IV, Clause 6(d), Page 21; Draft Work Order, Clause 6, Page 48	The RFP specifies the applicable conditions relating to quoted rates, performance/attendance requirements, invoices and payment.	Kindly clarify the procedure for submission, verification and certification of invoices, the applicable payment cycle and the timeline for payment against complete invoices. The treatment of changes in applicable statutory contributions during the assignment period	As per RFP

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			may also be clarified.	
105.	Clause 8.5, Page 4; Section IV, Clause 5, Page 21	The quoted rates cover , statutory dues, overheads and agency charges, with GST treated separately as specified in the RFP.	Kindly clarify the applicable working days, working hours, holidays, leave and replacement arrangements, and the responsibility for travel, accommodation and other expenses associated with deployment at the designated project location.	Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No.14 & 15.
106.	Section IV, Clause 6(c), Page 21	The RFP refers to facilities, access and supervision to be provided by NMCG for deployed personnel.	Kindly clarify the facilities and resources to be provided by NMCG, including workspace, internet connectivity and access to project records. The responsibility for laptops, software, official travel and accommodation, wherever applicable, may also be specified.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 16
107.	Section III (A)(iii) Financial Capacity, Page 9	Minimum average annual turnover of not less than INR 9 crore during the last three financial years	Please reduce the requirement to a minimum average annual turnover of INR 3 crore during the last three financial years. If that is not acceptable, please reduce it to INR 5 crore at most.	As per RFP
108.	Section III (A)(iii), Page 9, and Annexure-VIII, Page 39	The clause says "last three financial years", but Annexure-VIII lists FY 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25. FY 2025-26 has since ended, and audited accounts may not be available for all bidders.	Please confirm the three financial years to be considered. We suggest any three of the last four FYs (2022-23 to 2025-26), or FY 2022-23 to 2024-25 as in Annexure-VIII. Please also confirm that a CA/Statutory Auditor certificate is acceptable where audited accounts for FY 2025-26 are not yet finalised.	Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No. 7

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109.	Section II (18), Schedule of Selection Process, Page 7	Submission end: 09.11.2026, 03:00 PM; technical opening: 09.11.2026, 04:00 PM	Please extend the bid submission date by at least 15 days (to on or about 24.11.2026, with a corresponding revision of the opening date) by issuing an Addendum under Clause II-5.2.	Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No. 3
110.	General Query	-	Performance Security: Clause II-15.2 says a flat ₹10,00,000 on acceptance of the LoA, but Clause II-16 says 5% of each work order value. Please clarify which applies.	Please refer S.No. 8
111.	General Query	-	Bid Security: Annexure-I refers to a "Bid Security" and "GeM portal", but the NIT shows EMD as 0.00 and bids go through CPP/eProcurement. Please confirm that no Bid Security applies.	Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No. 9
112.	General Query	-	Integrity Pact: Clause II-17.4 says to submit it in a "separate sealed envelope", but submission is online. Please confirm how to upload it.	Please refer S.No. 20
113.	General Query	-	Partial quotes: Clause II-8.5 allows partial financial quotes. Please confirm that bidders may quote for selected positions only.	Bidder understand is correct.
114.	Clause 18 –Schedule of Selection Process (Proposal Due Date: 09.11.2026 at 03:00 PM), read with Clause 10.2 of the RFP.	RFP submission end date & time: 09.11.2026 (03:00 pm)	As the Diwali and Chhath Puja holidays fall within the bid preparation period, staff availability and coordination may be affected, causing difficulties in compiling the required documents and finalising the bid. We therefore kindly request an extension of 20 days to allow adequate time for thorough	Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No. 3

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			preparation and submission of a comprehensive and competitive proposal, ensuring fair participation in the selection process.	
115.	Clause 18 –Schedule of Selection Process	RFP Submission end date	We kindly request you to extend the bid submission deadline by Fourteen (14) days, from 09.11.2026 to 23.11.2026, to enable us to complete all internal formalities and submit a comprehensive, competitive, and responsive proposal.	Refer Corrigendum No. 5 at S.No. 3
116.	Clause IV, Para 10, Page 22 – Man-Day Calculation	-	Kindly clarify the standard working hours, number of working days per month and the basis for calculating payable man-days. Further, please clarify whether payment shall be made on a pro-rata basis for partial months of deployment and whether NMCG-declared holidays shall be treated as payable days.	Please refer S.No. 57
117.	Clause IV, Para 9, Page 22 – Substitution	-	Kindly clarify whether an expert may be deployed across more than one project/location on a part-time or shared basis, subject to the requirements and approval of NMCG, or whether each deployed expert shall be exclusively assigned to one project.	Each full time deployed expert shall be exclusively assigned to one project.
118.	Clause II, Para 8.3 and 8.5, Pages 4–5	-	Clause 8.3 states that separate documents such as printed annual statements and copies of contracts shall not be entertained, whereas the eligibility criteria require supporting	Agency are need to submit the supporting document/s as per RFP document for assessing the eligibility of the

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			documents for experience and financial capacity. Kindly clarify the acceptable documentary evidence for establishing project experience and turnover, including work orders, completion certificates, client certificates and audited financial statements.	bidder only.
119.	Clause II, Para 17, Page 6 – Integrity Pact	-	Clause 17.4 specifies submission of the Integrity Pact in a separate sealed envelope, whereas Clause 8.1 provides for electronic submission through the e-procurement portal/CPPP. Kindly clarify whether the Integrity Pact is required to be uploaded electronically or submitted physically in a sealed envelope.	Please refer S.No. 20
120.	Annexure-I, Page 28 – Proposal Submission Letter	-	Annexure-I contains a declaration regarding submission of Bid Security. However, the main RFP provisions do not clearly specify the amount, form, validity or exemption provisions relating to Bid Security. Kindly clarify whether Bid Security/EMD is applicable for this empanelment and, if applicable, provide the relevant details.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 9
121.	Clause II, Para 8.1 and Annexure-I, Page 28	-	The RFP specifies submission through the e-procurement portal/CPPP, whereas Annexure-I refers to submission in a sealed envelope and financial submission through GeM. Kindly confirm the correct portal and submission procedure for the Technical and	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 9

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			Financial Proposals.	
122.	Clause IV, Para 8 and Clause II, Para 15.4, Pages 6 and 21	-	It is stated that NMCG reserves the right to select any empanelled agency based on project-specific requirements, availability and performance. Kindly clarify the objective criteria or selection mechanism for allocation of work orders among multiple empanelled agencies quoting/matching the same L1 rate.	As per RFP
123.	Clause II, Para 8.5, Page no. 5 of RFP	-	The financial quote is required to be submitted as a man-day rate inclusive of salary, statutory dues, overheads, agency charges and other charges, with GST quoted separately. Kindly clarify whether the quoted man-day rate shall remain fixed throughout the empanelment period or whether any escalation shall be permitted during the two-year empanelment period, particularly in case of statutory revisions in minimum wages and other labour-related costs.	As per RFP
124.	Clause III (B)(ii), – L1 Selection Page no. 10 of RFP	-	It is mentioned that the lowest quoted agency for each position shall be considered for empanelment, while other technically qualified agencies may also be given an opportunity to match the L1 rate. Kindly clarify the procedure and timeline for matching the L1 rate and whether all agencies agreeing to match the L1 rate shall be	As per RFP

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			empanelled for the respective position.	
125.	Clause 18. Schedule of Selection Process, S.no. 3 page no. 7 of RFP	Extension of submission Date	It is requested to extend the date by further 2 weeks for us to submit a comprehensive proposal.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 3
126.	18. Schedule of Selection Process & Page No.7 of RFP	3. RFP Submission end date & time 09.11.2026 (03:00 pm)	Due to the Diwali festival and associated holidays, our regular working hours have been affected, resulting in delays in the preparation and finalization of the required bid documents. Therefore, we kindly request the Authority to extend the bid submission deadline by 15 days to allow sufficient time for completing the necessary documentation and submitting a complete bid. We shall be grateful for your kind consideration of our request.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S.No. 3
127.	A) Eligibility Criteria ii)Technical Experience	B. The Bidder should have, over the past 7 (Seven) years preceding the Bid Due Date, has completed a minimum of 1 (one) *engineering consultancy assignment, Project Management Consultancy (PMC) / Detailed Design / Design Engineering / Construction Supervision Consultancy / Owner's Engineer services for sewerage schemes or sewerage systems that include consultancy assignments related to	Change required. B. The Bidder should have, over the past 7 (Seven) years preceding the Bid Due Date, has completed a minimum of 1 (one) *engineering consultancy assignment, Project Management Consultancy (PMC) / Detailed Design / Design Engineering / Construction Supervision Consultancy / Owner's Engineer services for sewerage schemes or sewerage	As per RFP

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		construction of Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) / Effluent Treatment Plants (ETP) / Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) / Water Treatment Plants (WTP) projects for government sector in India, each such project worth equal to or more than INR 100 crores having consultancy fee of at least INR 2 Crore for each of the assignments.	systems that include consultancy assignments related to construction of Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) / Effluent Treatment Plants (ETP) / Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) / Water Treatment Plants (WTP) projects for government sector in India, each such project worth equal to or more than INR 100 crores having consultancy fee of at least INR 2 Crore for each of the assignments. Rational Behind our suggestions. The requirement of consultancy fee as an eligibility criterion may not provide a true assessment of a consultant's technical competence. Since consultancy fees vary significantly across projects and clients, the project cost and successful completion of similar works should be considered as the primary benchmark for technical eligibility. Evaluation based on the capital cost of projects handled by the consultant would ensure a fair and objective assessment of experience and capability.	
128.	A) Eligibility Criteria iii) Financial Capacity	The Agency shall have a minimum average annual turnover of not less than INR 9 crore during the last three (3) financial years (Supporting document/s to be submitted along with Technical Proposal).	Change required. The Agency shall have a minimum average annual turnover of not less than INR 1 crore during the last three (3) financial years (Supporting document/s to be submitted along	As per RFP

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			with Technical Proposal). Rational Behind our suggestions. • **Turnover does not directly reflect technical competence** • The primary objective of consultancy procurement is to engage technically qualified and experienced professionals. Technical capability is more appropriately demonstrated through successful execution of similar assignments, project size handled, treatment capacity designed, domain expertise, and key personnel qualifications rather than aggregate turnover. • **Specialized water-sector consultancies generally operate with lower turnover** • In India, many highly competent and reputed consultancy firms specializing exclusively in water supply, sewerage, wastewater treatment, reuse, and environmental engineering operate with moderate annual revenues. Such firms possess extensive technical expertise despite having turnovers significantly lower than INR 9 Crore.	

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			• **Current criterion may restrict competition** • A turnover requirement of INR 9 Crore significantly narrows the pool of eligible bidders and may inadvertently exclude several technically capable water-sector consultants. Reduced competition may not be in the best interest of the procuring authority and may limit access to specialized expertise. • **Large turnover does not necessarily indicate relevant experience** • Firms with high turnover may derive substantial revenue from unrelated sectors such as highways, buildings, urban planning, general engineering, project management, or multidisciplinary consultancy services. Therefore, a high turnover does not necessarily guarantee relevant experience in water and wastewater consultancy. • **Promoting wider participation** • Rationalizing the turnover requirement would encourage participation from specialized sector-focused consultants, resulting in greater competition, improved quality of proposals, and	

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					potentially better value for public funds.	
129.	Clause 4. Qualification and Experience Details of Experts/engineer, S.No.2 (a) & (b)	**Process Expert**	Post-graduation in Public Health/Environmental Engineering/Chemical Engineering/Biotechnology or Equivalent	Should be Wastewater Treatment Process Expert with more than 10 years of overall experience, of which at least 5 years as Process Design Engineer in STP construction. He should have undertaken the process design and construction/ Review and Monitoring of construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP/Effluent Treatment Plant(ETP)/Common Effluent Treatment Plant(CETP).	Change required. For Graduate: B. Tech in environmental Engineering Should be Wastewater Treatment Process Expert with more than 10 years of overall experience, of which at least 5 years as Process Design Engineer in STP construction. For Post Graduate: Should be Wastewater Treatment Process Expert with more than 7 years of overall experience, of which at least 5 years as Process Design Engineer in STP construction. He should have undertaken the process design and construction/ Review and Monitoring of construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP/Effluent Treatment Plant(ETP)/Common Effluent Treatment Plant(CETP). Rational Behind our suggestions In this section it is seen that for other Positions like Mechanical Engineer (also Shown in the screen shot here), electrical engineer, Instrumentation engineer and all other Bachelors Degree holders are given	As per RFP
		Mechanical Engine	Master's/ Bachelor's Degree	<u>For Graduate:</u> Should have more than 8 years of		

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		er	in Mechanical Engineering	experience of in supervising, installation and testing of pumps and associated equipment and plant. He should have undertaken the supervision of installation/ installation & testing of mechanical equipment/pumps and associated components of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)/Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP)/Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP)/Water Treatment Plant (WTP) <u>For Post-Graduate:</u> Should have more	chance however for environmental engineers no Bachelor Degree option is Considered. There are lot of Government Institutes offering B-tech in environmental engineering in that case Masters of Environmental Engineering may not required. Premier Institutes Like Delhi technical University, NSUT Delhi, Engineering College Kolhapur and Many More. We would like to request you to kindly consider B-tech in environmental engineering also for Consideration.	

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				than 5 years of experience of in supervising, installation and testing of pumps and associated equipment and plant. He should have undertaken the supervision of installation/ installation & testing of mechanical equipment/pumps and associated components of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)/Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP)/Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP)/Water Treatment Plant (WTP).		

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130.	Clause 18, Schedule of Selection Process,	RFP submission end date & time 09.11.2026 (03:00 pm)	We would like to kindly bring to your attention that the upcoming Diwali festival and associated holidays may affect our working schedule, staff availability, and internal coordination required for compiling the necessary RFP documents. Considering the above circumstances, we sincerely request your good office to kindly grant an extension of at least two weeks beyond the existing RFP submission deadline. The requested extension would allow us sufficient time to complete the required documentation, coordinate internally, and submit a comprehensive and well-prepared Request for proposal.	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S. No. 3
131.	GCC Provision	-	LIABILITY & LIMITATION OF LIABILITY In the event of any defect in the Services proven to be solely attributable to the Consultant, the Consultant's exclusive liability during the Contract period shall be limited to re-performing the defective Services at no additional cost to the Client. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, the Consultant shall not be liable for any other claims, damages, or liabilities. Notwithstanding any other provision of the	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S. No. 17

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			Contract, the Consultant's aggregate liability under the Contract shall in no event exceed fifty percent (50%) of the actual fees paid to the Consultant as of the date on which such liability arises and is duly notified in writing to the Consultant. For the avoidance of doubt, this limitation shall apply to all claims, whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence), or otherwise, and shall survive termination or expiry of the Contract. The Consultant shall not be liable for any indirect, incidental, consequential, special, exemplary, or punitive damages, including, without limitation, loss of profits, loss of business opportunities, loss of goodwill, or loss of data, even if the Consultant has been advised of the possibility of such damages. For the avoidance of doubt, this exclusion applies to all claims arising under or in connection with the Contract, whether based in contract, tort (including negligence), strict liability, or otherwise.	
132.	GCC Provision	-	DELAY AND CONSEQUENCES The Consultant shall be entitled to an extension of time for the performance of the Services if any delay is caused by the Client, its other contractors, delays in approvals, failure to provide required information on	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S. No. 18

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			time, changes in scope, force majeure events, or any other circumstances beyond the Consultant's reasonable control. In the event of such delay, the Consultant shall be entitled to a corresponding extension of time together with equitable additional compensation, to be mutually agreed between the Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, the Consultant shall not be held liable for delays or costs arising from such circumstances.	
133.	GCC Provision	-	FORCE MAJEURE Neither Party shall be liable for any failure or delay in performing its obligations under the Contract if such failure or delay is caused by a Force Majeure event, as defined herein. For the purposes of the Contract, "Force Majeure" means any cause beyond the reasonable control of either Party, including but not limited to: • Natural phenomena such as fire, explosion, floods, drought, earthquakes, epidemics/pandemics, or sudden adverse climatic or geological conditions at the Site, as well as geopolitical events. • Acts of any governmental authority, domestic or foreign, including war (declared or undeclared), terrorism, embargoes,	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S. No. 19

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			licensing controls, or restrictions on production or distribution. • Disruption in communication, strikes and lockouts, sabotage, riots, civil commotion, invasion, or insurrection. • any law or government order, sanctions, rule, regulation or direction, or any action taken by a government or public authority, including but not limited to imposing an embargo, export / import or other restriction, quota or other restriction or prohibition, or failing to grant a necessary license. During the continuance of a Force Majeure event, the time for performance of the affected obligations shall be extended by mutual agreement for the duration of such event. If the Force Majeure event continues for more than one hundred eighty (180) calendar days, either Party may terminate the Contract without liability to other Party, by giving written notice to the other Party. In the event of termination due to Force Majeure, the Consultant shall be entitled to receive all dues accrued up to the date of termination. The Client shall reimburse, at cost, all necessary expenses incurred by the	

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			Consultant in continuing the Services or in evacuating its Personnel from the Client's offices, work locations, or project Sites, as deemed appropriate by the Consultant or by competent authorities, including Embassies or national, regional, or local governments. The decision as to whether the Consultant can continue the Work during a Force Majeure event, even at additional cost, shall rest solely with the Consultant.	
134.	GCC Provision	-	CHANGE IN LEGISLATION The Contract Price shall be adjusted to take account of any increase/decrease in cost resulting from a change in the law (including the introduction of new laws and the repeal or modification of existing laws but excluding modification/changes in the existing / duties / Cess/ or in the judicial or official governments interpretation of such laws, made after the base date), which affect the Consultant in the performance of obligations under the contract. Any change in law, relating to any taxes for the time being in force, which inter alia includes change in tax rates, new levies or relaxation/ exemption to existing taxes and duties by any Government (State, Centre,	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S. No. 20

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			Local Authorities) shall be subject to adjustment of related taxes and duties	
135.	GCC Provision	-	NO RESPONSIBILITY OF THIRD PARTY APPOINTED BY CLIENT The Consultant shall not be held responsible or liable for any fault, defect, delay, deficiency, or non-performance caused by any other contractor, subcontractor, CONSULTANT, vendor, or third party engaged by the AUTHORITY. The CONSULTANT's obligations, timelines, and liabilities shall be strictly limited to the Scope of Work expressly assigned under the Contract and shall not be extended or expanded due to the acts, omissions, errors, or delays attributable to others. For the avoidance of doubt, the Consultant shall not be required to coordinate, supervise, or assume responsibility for the performance of third parties engaged by the CLIENT, and any impact on the Services arising therefrom shall entitle the Consultant to a reasonable extension of time and equitable adjustment of fees.	As per RFP
136.	GCC Provision	-	PERSONNEL/NON-SOLICITATION During the term of the Contract and for two (2) years thereafter, the CLIENT shall not,	As per RFP

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			directly or indirectly, hire, engage, solicit, or induce any employee, Consultant associate, or sub-CONSULTANT of the Consultant without the Consultant CONSULTANT's prior written consent. This restriction also applies to engagement through Affiliates, subsidiaries, partners, subcontractors, intermediaries, or through substantially similar roles. This clause shall survive the expiry or termination of the Contract.	
137.	GCC Provision	-	VALIDITY OF COMPENSATION & ESCALATION The compensation / rates agreed under the Contract shall remain valid during the original term of the Contract. Upon expiry of the initial term and/or extension of Contract period, the compensation / rates applicable to any continuing or remaining scope of Services shall automatically escalate at twelve percent (12%) per annum on a year-on-year basis, unless otherwise revised through a written amendment mutually executed by the Parties.	Please refer S.No. 38.
138.	GCC Provision	-	DIPSUTE RESOLUTION Any dispute, controversy, claim, or difference of any kind whatsoever between the Parties	Refer Corrigendum No.5 at S. No. 21

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			arising under, out of, or in connection with the Contract (including questions regarding its existence, validity, or termination, whether based in breach of contract, tort, or any other legal doctrine ("Dispute") shall first be attempted to be resolved as under: Mediation: If good faith negotiation fails or is terminated, the Parties shall proceed to mediation to be conducted in Mumbai, in English, with a mediator to be appointed mutually by the Parties. Arbitration: If the Dispute remains unresolved within sixty (60) days from commencement of mediation, same shall be referred to the arbitration to be conducted in accordance with Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 by the Sole Arbitrator to be appointed mutually. The seat and venue of the arbitration shall be Mumbai. The language of the proceeding shall be English. The cost of the arbitration shall be borne equally by the Parties and the arbitrator's award shall be final and binding on the Parties.	
139.	GCC Provision	-	IDLE CHARGES In the event of any delay, suspension, or underutilization of resources caused by the Client's failure to provide timely access,	As per RFP

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			information, approvals, materials, and/or any other cause not attributable to the Consultant; the Consultant shall be entitled to claim Idle Charges. Such Idle Charges shall cover, without limitation, salary / wages and statutory payments for manpower remaining idle, hire charges and standby expenses for machinery and equipment, Site overheads and utilities, loss of productivity and inefficiency costs, as well as demobilization and remobilization expenses attributable to the Client. Idle Charges shall be reimbursed by the Client to the Consultant on actuals, together with applicable overheads and a reasonable profit margin.	
140.	GCC Provision	-	REWORK If the Consultant is required to redo any completed or partially completed Services due to Client instructions, changes in Client-provided data or documents, changes in design codes or statutory requirements, or for any reasons not attributable to the Consultant, such rework shall be fully compensated by the Client on mutually agreed commercial terms. The Consultant shall not commence any such rework until it receives written instructions from the Client clearly defining the revised scope and associated commercial	As per RFP

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			implications.	
141.	GCC Provision	-	REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES The Client shall reimburse the Consultant for all actual travelling, lodging, boarding, and other related expenses incurred in connection with the performance of the Services. All such expenses shall be reimbursed at actuals upon submission of valid supporting documents and shall be paid along with the next invoice or within 15 days of submission of claims, whichever is earlier	As per RFP

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