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## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

## FOR SELECTION

## OF

## **TRANSACTION ADVISER**

## FOR

## REDEVELOPMENT OF IDENTIFIED LAND PARCELS AT SAI REGIONAL CENTRES AT ZIRAKPUR, PUNJAB AND BENGALURU, KARNATAKA THROUGH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP)

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## Disclaimer

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This RFP is not an agreement or an offer by the Authority to the prospective Applicants or any other person. The purpose of this RFP is to provide interested parties with information that may be useful to them in the formulation of their Proposals pursuant to this RFP. This RFP includes statements, which reflect various assumptions and assessments arrived at by the Authority in relation to the Consultancy. Such assumptions, assessments and statements do not purport to contain all the information that each Applicant may require. This RFP may not be appropriate for all persons, and it is not possible for the Authority, its employees or advisers to consider the objectives, technical expertise and particular needs of each party who reads or uses this RFP. The assumptions, assessments and information contained in this RFP, may not be complete, accurate, adequate or correct. Each Applicant should, therefore, conduct its own investigations and analysis and should check the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, reliability and completeness of the assumptions, assessments and information contained in this RFP and obtain independent advice from appropriate sources.

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The Authority also accepts no liability of any nature whether resulting from negligence or otherwise, howsoever caused, arising from reliance of any Applicant upon the statements contained in this RFP.

The Authority may in its absolute discretion, but without being under any obligation to do so, update, amend or supplement the information, assessment or assumption contained in this RFP. The issue of this RFP does not imply that the Authority is bound to select an Applicant or to appoint the Selected Applicant, as the case may be, for the Consultancy and the Authority reserves the right to reject all or any of the Proposals without assigning any reasons whatsoever. The Applicant shall bear all its costs associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of its Proposal including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses associated with any demonstrations or presentations which may be required by the Authority or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to its Proposal. All such costs and expenses will remain with the Applicant and the Authority shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for the same or for any other costs or other expenses incurred by an Applicant in preparation or submission of the Proposal, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Selection Process.

## Glossary

Authorised Representative	As defined in Clause 2.13.3
Authority	As defined in Clause 1.1.1
Bid Documents	As defined in Clause 1.2.1
Conditions of Eligibility	As defined in Clause 2.2.1
Conflict of Interest	As defined in Clause 2.3.1
Consultant	As defined in Clause 1.2.1
Consultancy	As defined in Clause 1.2.1
Consultancy Team	As defined in Clause 2.1.4
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LOA	As defined in Clause 2.27
Other Projects	As defined in Clause 3.1.4 (c)
PPP Projects	As defined in Clause 3.1.4 (a)
Project	As defined in Clause 1.1.1
Proposals	As defined in Clause 1.2.1
SAI Regional Centre	As defined in Clause 1.1.1
Selected Applicant	As defined in Clause 1.6.1
Selection Process	As defined in Clause 1.6.1
Specific Assignments	As defined in Clause 3.1.5
Technical Proposal	As defined in Clause 2.14.1
TOR	As defined in Schedule 1

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

#### 1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 Sport Authority of India (SAI) is the national sports promotion body set up under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (the "Authority") having its Headquarters at New Delhi, India. It has decided to develop Sports Authority of India's Regional Centre (hereinafter the "SAI Regional Centre"), located at Zirakpur, Punjab and at Bengaluru, Karnataka through Public Private Partnership mode (the "Project"). Key objective of this project is to develop regional centres as per world class standards for sports related activities, at the same time developing the unutilized/ underutilized spaces for commercial and hospitality activity/ies so as to maximize the revenue streams through optimal and sustainable usage of available land resources.
- 1.1.2 SAI Regional Centre, Zirakpur spans over ~16 acres of land parcel and includes one building with a ground coverage of 939 sq. mtr. which is being used by the Administration as well as training of the athletes across Boxing, Taekwondo and Archery. The Regional Centre caters to athletes from Dharamshala, Ludhiana, Bilaspur, Mastuana Sahib, Jammu, Ext., Centre Tran Taran. The Regional Centre was inaugurated in November 2020 and is SAI's one of the newest regional centre across India. Out of the entire 'Regional centre' land area, approximately 10 acres of land is available for redevelopment through PPP.

SAI Regional Centre, Bengaluru is located at Thimannahalli Shanti Nagar, close to the city centre spans over ~82 acres of land parcel and was established in October 1986. The Regional Centre has multiple hostel buildings dedicated to different camps and athletes, hockey turf, football ground, multi-purpose hall for multiple sports, volleyball court, swimming pool, etc. Out of the entire 'Regional centre' land area, approximately 15 acres of land is available for redevelopment through PPP.

- 1.1.3 With a view to inviting bids for the Project, the Authority has decided to conduct a feasibility study. If found viable, the Project may be awarded on PPP basis to a private entity (the "Concessionaire") selected through a competitive bidding process (the "Bidding Process"). The Project would be implemented in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the concession agreement to be entered into between the Authority and the Concessionaire (the "Concession Agreement").
- 1.1.4 In pursuance of the above, the Authority has decided to carry out the process for selection of transaction adviser, for determining the viability of the Project, drafting the transaction documents and for assisting the Authority in the transaction process. The Consultant shall carry out the tasks in accordance with the Terms of Reference specified at Schedule-1 (the "**TOR**").

#### **1.2 Request for Proposal**

- 1.2.1 The Authority invites proposals from interested firms (the "**Proposals**") for selection of a transaction adviser (the "**Consultant**") who shall prepare the project feasibility report (the "**Project Feasibility Report**"), prepare bid documents for selection of the Concessionaire (the "**Bid Documents**") and assist the Authority in the bidding process (collectively the "**Consultancy**"), in accordance with the ToR specified at Schedule-1.
- 1.2.2 The Authority intends to select the Consultant through an open competitive bidding process in accordance with the procedure set out herein.

#### **1.3** Due diligence by Applicants

1.3.1 Applicants are encouraged to inform themselves fully about the assignment and the local conditions before submitting the Proposal by paying a visit to the Authority and the Project site, sending written queries to the Authority, and attending a Pre-Proposal Conference on the date and time specified in Clause 1.10.

#### 1.4 **RFP Document**

1.4.1 The RFP document will be available at <u>www.eprocure.gov.in</u>. Applicants can download the RFP Document directly from the said website and shall not tamper/modify it. In case if the same is found to be tempered/modified in any manner, Proposal will be summarily rejected.

### **1.5** Validity of the Proposal

1.5.1 The Proposal shall be valid for a period of not less than 90 days from the Proposal Due Date (the "**PDD**").

#### **1.6 Brief description of the Selection Process**

1.6.1 The Authority has adopted a two-stage selection process (collectively the "Selection **Process**") for evaluating the Proposals comprising technical and financial bids. In the first stage, a technical evaluation will be carried out as specified in Clause 3.1. Based on this technical evaluation, a list of short-listed applicants shall be prepared as specified in Clause 3.2. In the second stage, a financial evaluation will be carried out as specified in Clause 3.3. Proposals will finally be ranked according to their combined technical and financial scores as specified in Clause 3.4 The first ranked Applicant (the "Selected Applicant") shall be called for negotiation, if necessary.

#### 1.7 Currency conversion rate and payment

- 1.7.1 For the purposes of technical evaluation of Applicants, INR 70 (Rupees seventy) per US Dollar shall be considered as the applicable currency conversion rate. In case of any other currency, the same shall first be converted to US\$ as on the date 60 (sixty) days prior to the PDD, and the amount so derived in US\$ shall be converted into INR at the aforesaid rate. The conversion rate of such currencies shall be the daily representative exchange rates published by the International Monetary Fund for the relevant date.
- 1.7.2 All payments to the Consultant shall be made in INR in accordance with the provisions of this RFP. The Consultant may convert INR into any foreign currency as per Applicable Laws and the exchange risk, if any, shall be borne by the Consultant.

#### **1.8** Schedule of Selection Process

The Authority would endeavour to adhere to the following schedule:

Date of Publication	28.08.2021
Bid document download start Date	29.08.2021
Last date and time of submission of queries	04.09.2021 at 15:00 Hrs
for 5 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE	To spdivision.sai@gov.in
Virtual Pre-Bid conference	06.09.2021 at 11:00 Hrs

	Video conferencing link for online pre-
	bid meeting
	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85791080496
	?pwd=ZGMyVmgwR1JOTU51WVRqb
	0xEaUJsdz09
	Meeting ID: 857 9108 0496
	Passcode: 12345
Bid submission end date and time	17.09.2021 at 17:00 Hrs
Proposal Due Date (PDD)	
Bid Validity Period	90 days
Mode of Submission	Online
Opening of Technical Bid date and time	20.09.2021 at 15:00 Hrs
Opening of Financial Bids	Shall be notified later
Method of selection	Quality & Cost Based Selection
	(QCBS- 70: 30)

\* If any of the specified date falls on Sunday, then the next working day shall be considered.

### 1.9 Pre-Proposal visit and inspection of data

Prospective applicants may visit the office of the Project Authority and the Project site and review the available documents and data between 10:30 Hrs to 15:30 Hrs on all working days prior to PDD. For this purpose, they will provide at least two working days' notice to the nodal officer specified below:

Name: Mr. Manikant Sharma Designation: Deputy Director (Special Project) Address: IT Division, Sports Authority of India, JLN Stadium, Gate No. 10, New Delhi Phone: 011-24360526 Email: spdivision.sai@gov.in

#### 1.10 Pre-Proposal Conference

The date, time and venue of Pre-Proposal Conference shall be as mentioned in Clause 1.8.

#### **1.11 Communications**

1.11.1 All queries by prospective Applicants must be sent to the following email id only:

Spdivision.sai@gov.in

1.11.2 The Official Website of the Authority is: www.sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in

1.11.3 All communications pertaining to the RFP, should contain the following information, to be marked at the top in bold letters:

# RFP NOTICE NO. 15 (16)/ 32/SAI/Infra/PPP Model/ 2021 (New Delhi) DATED 28.08.2021, SELECTION OF TRANSACTION ADVISER FOR REDEVELOPMENT

#### OF IDENTIFIED LAND PARCELS AT SAI REGIONAL CENTRE AT ZIRAKPUR, PUNJAB AND BENGALURU, KARNATAKA THROUGH PPP

## 2 INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

## A. GENERAL

## 2.1 Scope of Proposal

- 2.1.1 Detailed description of the objectives, scope of services, deliverables and other requirements relating to the Consultancy are specified in this RFP. In case an applicant firm possesses the requisite experience and capabilities required for undertaking the Consultancy, it may participate in the Selection Process individually (the "Sole Firm") in response to this invitation. The term applicant (the "Applicant") means the Sole Firm. Consortium is not allowed under this RFP. The manner in which the Proposal is required to be submitted, evaluated and accepted is explained in this RFP.
- 2.1.2 Applicants are advised that the selection of consultant shall be on the basis of an evaluation by the Authority through the Selection Process specified in this RFP. Applicants shall be deemed to have understood and agreed that no explanation or justification for any aspect of the Selection Process will be given and that the Authority's decisions are without any right of appeal whatsoever.
- 2.1.3 The Applicant shall submit its Proposal in the form and manner specified in this section of the RFP. The Technical proposal shall be submitted in the form at Appendix-I and the Financial Proposal shall be submitted in the form at Appendix-II.

## 2.1.4 Key Personnel and Other Experts

The Consultant's team (the "**Consultancy Team**") shall consist of the following key personnel (the "**Key Personnel**") and Other Experts

Key Personnel	Educational Qualification	Length of Professional Experience*	Experience on Eligible Assignments
Financial Expert (the "Financial Expert" cum "Team Leader")		10 years	He should have led the financial team for transaction advisory of at least 5 (five) Eligible Assignments
PPP and Transaction Advisor	MBA / CA/ CFA/ Masters in Planning/ Masters in Economics or equivalent	6 years	He should have worked as PPP expert/ Transaction advisor on 3 (three) PPP projects in Eligible assignments, with at-least one sports infrastructure project.
Sports Infrastructure Expert (Sector Expert)	Masters/ Bachelor in Sports Management/ Sports Infrastructure or MBA/ M.Planning/ B. Architecture/M.	6 years	He/ She should have worked as a sector expert in at least 3 (three) Sports Projects in Specific assignments.

Architecture or	
equivalent	

Other Experts	Educational Qualification	Length of Professional Experience	Experience on Eligible Assignments
Real Estate Expert (Sector Expert)	MBA / CA/ CFA/ Masters in Planning/ Masters in Economics or equivalent	6 years	He/ She should have worked as a sector expert in at least 3 (three) Real estate Projects in Specific Assignments.
Legal Expert	Bachelor's Degree in Law	6 years	He should have worked as a legal expert in at least 3 (three) Eligible Assignments.
Associate Consultant	MBA/ Masters in Planning or equivalent	3 years	He should have worked as member of a team in preparation of feasibility report and/or bid documents for at least 2 (two) Eligible Assignments.

\* Professional Experience acquired after the qualification will only be considered for eligibility and evaluation.

# Financial Expert (the "Financial Expert" cum "Team Leader") and PPP and Transaction Advisor should be on the payroll of the Applicant Firm from at least 6 months as on to PDD.

## 2.2 Conditions of Eligibility of Applicants

- 2.2.1 Applicants must read carefully the minimum conditions of eligibility (the "**Conditions of Eligibility**") provided herein. Proposals of only those Applicants who satisfy the Conditions of Eligibility will be considered for evaluation. The Applicant should be a registered legal entity recognised under the legal statute of India including any Company, Partnership firms/LLP established for more than 5 years as on PDD. It should be registered with the Income Tax (PAN) and GST (GSTN) Authorities in India with active status. The Applicant should have its office in Delhi NCR. Documentary evidence for the same to be attached along with Appendix I, Form 2 including proof of address office at Delhi NCR)
- 2.2.2 To be eligible for evaluation of its Proposal, the Applicant shall fulfil the following:
- (A) **Technical Capacity:** The Applicant should have, over the past 10 (Ten) years preceding the PDD, undertaken a minimum of 10 (Ten) Eligible Assignments as specified in Clause 3.1.4 of this document, out of which at least 5 (Five) should be PPP Projects and at-least 5 (Five) Specific Assignments as specified in Clause 3.1.5 of this

document, of which at-least 3 (Three) Real Estate Projects and at least 2 in Sports, as a lead/sole member.

- (B) Financial Capacity: The Applicant should have received a minimum of ₹ 2 crore (INR Two crore) per annum as professional fees during each of the 3 (three) financial years (FY 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20). For the avoidance of doubt, professional fees hereunder refer to fees received by the Applicant for providing advisory or consultancy services to its clients and does not include fee earned from audit or other related services.
- (C) Availability of Key Personnel and other experts: The Applicant shall offer and make available all Key Personnel and other experts meeting the requirements specified in Sub-clause (D) below for successful execution of the project.
- (D) **Conditions of Eligibility for Key Personnel:** Each of the Key Personnel must fulfil the Conditions of Eligibility specified in Clause 2.1.4.
- 2.2.3 The Applicant shall enclose with its Proposal, certificate(s) from its Statutory Auditors stating its total revenues from professional fees during each of the 3(three)financial years preceding the PDD and the fee received in respect of each of the Eligible Assignments specified in the Proposal. In the event that the Applicant does not have a statutory auditor, it shall provide the requisite certificate(s) from the firm of Chartered Accountants that ordinarily audits the annual accounts of the Applicant.
- 2.2.3A In computing the Technical Capacity and Financial Capacity of the Applicant under clauses 2.2.2, 2.2.3 and 3.1, the Technical Capacity and Financial Capacity (subject to clause 2.2.2 (B)) of their respective Associates would also be eligible hereunder.

For purposes of this RFP, Associate means, in relation to the Applicant, a person who controls, is controlled by, or is under the common control with such Applicant (the "Associate"). As used in this definition, the expression "control" means, with respect to a person which is a company or corporation, the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty per cent) of the voting shares of such person, and with respect to a person which is not a company or corporation, the power to direct the management and policies of such person by operation of law or by contract.

- 2.2.4 The Applicant should submit a Power of Attorney as per the format at Form-4 of Appendix-I authorizing the signatory of the application to commit the Applicant.
- 2.2.5 Any entity which has been barred by the Central Government, any State Government, a statutory authority or a public sector undertaking, as the case may be, from participating in any project, and the bar subsists as on the date of the Proposal, would not be eligible to submit a Proposal either by itself or through its Associate.
- 2.2.6 An Applicant or its Associate should have, during the last three years, neither failed to perform on any agreement, as evidenced by imposition of a penalty by an arbitral or judicial authority or a judicial pronouncement or arbitration award against the Applicant or its Associate, nor been expelled from any project or agreement nor have had any agreement terminated for breach by such Applicant or its Associate
- 2.2.7 While submitting a Proposal, the Applicant should attach clearly marked and referenced continuation sheets in the event that the space provided in the specified forms in the

Appendices is insufficient. Alternatively, Applicants may format the specified forms making due provision for incorporation of the requested information.

#### 2.3 Conflict of Interest

- 2.3.1 An Applicant shall not have a conflict of interest that may affect the Selection Process or the Consultancy (the "**Conflict of Interest**"). Any Applicant found to have a Conflict of Interest shall be disqualified. In the event of disqualification, the Authority shall forfeit and appropriate the Performance Security, if available, as mutually agreed genuine pre-estimated compensation and damages payable to the Authority for, *inter alia*, the time, cost and effort of the Authority including consideration of such Applicant's Proposal, without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to the Authority hereunder or otherwise.
- 2.3.2 The Authority requires that the Consultant provides professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold the Authority's interest's paramount, avoid conflicts with other assignments or its own interests, and act without any consideration for future work. The Consultant shall not accept or engage in any assignment that would be in conflict with its prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place it in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interests of the Authority.
- 2.3.3 Some guiding principles for identifying and addressing Conflicts of Interest have been illustrated in the Guidance Note at Schedule-3. Without limiting the generality of the above, an Applicant shall be deemed to have a Conflict of Interest affecting the Selection Process, if:
  - the Applicant and its Associate (or any constituent thereof) have common (a) controlling shareholders or other ownership interest; provided that this disqualification shall not apply in cases where the direct or indirect shareholding or ownership interest of an Applicant, its Associate (or any shareholder thereof having a shareholding of more than 20% (twenty per cent) of the paid up and subscribed share capital of such Applicant, or Associate, as the case may be) in the other Applicant, its Associate is less than 20% (twenty per cent) of the subscribed and paid up equity share capital thereof. For the purposes of this Clause 2.3.3(a), indirect shareholding held through one or more intermediate persons shall be computed as follows: (aa) where any intermediary is controlled by a person through management control or otherwise, the entire shareholding held by such controlled intermediary in any other person (the "Subject Person") shall be taken into account for computing the shareholding of such controlling person in the Subject Person; and (bb) subject always to Sub-clause (aa) above, where a person does not exercise control over an intermediary, which has shareholding in the Subject Person, the computation of indirect shareholding of such person in the Subject Person shall be undertaken on a proportionate basis; provided, however, that no such shareholding shall be reckoned under this Subclause (bb) if the shareholding of such person in the intermediary is less than 26% (twenty six per cent) of the subscribed and paid up equity shareholding of such intermediary; or
  - (b) a constituent of such Applicant is also a constituent of another Applicant; or

- (c) such Applicant or its Associate receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy or grant from any other Applicant or its Associate; or
- (d) such Applicant has the same legal representative for purposes of this Application as any other Applicant; or
- (e) such Applicant has a relationship with another Applicant, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to each other's information about, or to influence the Application of either or each of the other Applicant; or
- (f) there is a conflict among this and other consulting assignments of the Applicant (including its personnel other members, if any) and any subsidiaries or entities controlled by such Applicant or having common controlling shareholders. The duties of the Consultant will depend on the circumstances of each case. While providing consultancy services to the Authority for this particular assignment, the Consultant shall not take up any assignment that by its nature will result in conflict with the present assignment; or
- (g) a firm which has been engaged by the Authority to provide goods or works or services for a project, and its Associates, will be disqualified from providing consulting services for the same project save and except as provided in Clause 2.3.4; conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project, and its members or Associates, will be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or services related to the same project; or
- the Applicant, its Member or Associate (or any constituent thereof), and the (h) bidder or Concessionaire, if any, for the Project, its contractor(s) or subcontractor(s) (or any constituent thereof) have common controlling shareholders or other ownership interest; provided that this disqualification shall not apply in cases where the direct or indirect shareholding or ownership interest of an Applicant, its Member or Associate (or any shareholder thereof having a shareholding of more than 20% (twenty percent) of the paid up and subscribed share capital of such Applicant, Member or Associate, as the case may be,) in the bidder or Concessionaire, if any, or its contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) is less than 20% (twenty percent) of the paid up and subscribed share capital of such Concessionaire or its contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s); provided further that this disqualification shall not apply to ownership by a bank, insurance company, pension fund or a Public Financial Institution referred to in subsection (72) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013. For the purposes of this Sub-clause (h), indirect shareholding shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of Sub-clause (a) above.

For purposes of this RFP, Associate means, in relation to the Applicant, a person who controls, is controlled by, or is under the common control with such Applicant, or is deemed or published as an "Associate Office"; or has a formal arrangement such as tie up for client referral or technology sharing with the Applicant (the "Associate"). As used in this definition, the expression "control" means, with respect to a person which is a company or corporation, the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty per cent) of the voting shares of such person, and with respect to a person

which is not a company or corporation, the power to direct the management and policies of such person by operation of law or by contract.

- An Applicant eventually appointed to provide Consultancy for this Project, its 2.3.4 Associates, and affiliates and the Financial Expert cum Team Leader shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or services related to the construction and operation of the same Project and any breach of this obligation shall be construed as Conflict of Interest; provided that the restriction herein shall not apply after a period of 3(three) years from the completion of this assignment or to any consulting assignments granted by banks/ lenders at any time; provided further that this restriction shall not apply to consultancy/ advisory services performed for the Authority in continuation of this Consultancy or to any subsequent consultancy/ advisory services performed for the Authority in accordance with the rules of the Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, an entity affiliated with the Consultant shall include a partner in the Consultant's firm or a person who holds more than 5% (five per cent) of the subscribed and paid-up share capital of the Consultant, as the case may be, and any Associate thereof. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that: (a) Financial Expert cum Team Leader of an Applicant/ Consultant was a partner or an employee of another firm, which attracts the provisions relating to Conflict of Interest hereunder; and (b) was directly or indirectly associated with any assignment that causes a Conflict of Interest hereunder, then such Financial Expert cum Team Leader shall be deemed to suffer from Conflict of Interest for the purpose hereof.
- 2.3.5 In the event that the Consultant, its Associates or affiliates are auditors or financial advisers to any of the bidders for the Project, they shall make a disclosure to the Authority as soon as any potential conflict comes to their notice but in no case later than 7 (seven) days from the opening of the technical bids under the RFQ/RFP for the Project and any breach of this obligation of disclosure shall be construed as Conflict of Interest. The Authority shall, upon being notified by the Consultant under this Clause 2.3.5, decide whether it wishes to terminate this Consultancy or otherwise, and convey its decision to the Consultant within a period not exceeding 15 (fifteen) days.

#### 2.4 Number of Proposals

No Applicant or its Associate shall submit more than one Application for the Consultancy. An Applicant applying individually or as an Associate shall not be entitled to submit another application.

#### 2.5 Cost of Proposal

The Applicants shall be responsible for all of the costs associated with the preparation of their Proposals and their participation in the Selection Process including subsequent negotiation, visits to the Authority, Project site etc. The Authority will not be responsible or in any way liable for such costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Selection Process.

#### 2.6 Visit to the Authority and verification of information

Applicants are encouraged to submit their respective Proposals after visiting the office of the Authority and ascertaining for themselves the availability of documents and other data with the Authority, Applicable Laws and regulations or any other matter considered relevant by them.

#### 2.7 Acknowledgement by Applicant

- 2.7.1 It shall be deemed that by submitting the Proposal, the Applicant has:
  - (a) made a complete and careful examination of the RFP;
  - (b) received all relevant information requested from the Authority;
  - (c) accepted the risk of inadequacy, error or mistake in the information provided in the RFP or furnished by or on behalf of the Authority or relating to any of the matters referred to in Clause 2.6 above;
  - (d) satisfied itself about all matters, things and information, including matters referred to in Clause 2.6 herein above, necessary and required for submitting an informed Application and performance of all of its obligations thereunder;
  - (e) acknowledged that it does not have a Conflict of Interest; and
  - (f) agreed to be bound by the undertaking provided by it under and in terms hereof.
- 2.7.2 The Authority shall not be liable for any omission, mistake or error in respect of any of the above or on account of any matter or thing arising out of or concerning or relating to RFP or the Selection Process, including any error or mistake therein or in any information or data given by the Authority.

#### 2.8 Right to reject any or all Proposals

- 2.8.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in this RFP, the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal and to annul the Selection Process and reject all Proposals, at any time without any liability or any obligation for such acceptance, rejection or annulment, and without assigning any reasons therefor.
- 2.8.2 Without prejudice to the generality of Clause 2.8.1, the Authority reserves the right to reject any Proposal if:
  - (a) at any time, a material misrepresentation is made or discovered, or
  - (b) the Applicant does not provide, within the time specified by the Authority, the supplemental information sought by the Authority for evaluation of the Proposal.

Misrepresentation/ improper response by the Applicant may lead to the disqualification of the Applicant. If such disqualification / rejection occurs after the Proposals have been opened and the highest-ranking Applicant gets disqualified / rejected, then the Authority reserves the right to cancel the selection and/or take any other measure as may be deemed fit in the sole discretion of the Authority.

## **B. DOCUMENTS**

#### 2.9 Contents of the RFP

This RFP comprises the Disclaimer set forth hereinabove, the contents as listed below and will additionally include any Addendum / Amendment issued in accordance with Clause 2.11:

#### **Request for Proposal**

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Instructions to Applicants
- 3 Criteria for Evaluation
- 4 Fraud and corrupt practices
- 5 Pre-Proposal Conference
- 6 Miscellaneous Schedules
- 1 Terms of Reference

#### 2 Form of Agreement

- Annex-1: Terms of Reference
- Annex-2: Key Personnel
- Annex-3: Cost of Services
- Annex-4: Payment Schedule
- Annex-5: Bank Guarantee for Performance Security

#### Guidance Note on Conflict of Interest Appendices

#### Appendices

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#### Appendix-I: Technical Proposal

- Form-1: Letter of Proposal
- Form-2: Particulars of the Applicant
- Form-3: Statement of Legal Capacity
- Form-4: Power of Attorney for Authorised Representative
- Form-5: Financial Capacity of the Applicant
- Form-6: Abstract of Eligible / Specific Assignments of Applicant
- Form-7: Eligible / Specific Assignments of Applicant
- Form-8: Proposed Methodology and Work Plan
- Form-9: Particulars of Key Personnel
- Form-10: Abstract of Eligible / Specific Assignments of Key Personnel
- Form-11: Curriculum Vitae (CV) of Key Personnel
- Form-12: Capacity of the Firm (Manpower)

#### Appendix–II: Financial Proposal

Form-1: Financial Proposal

#### 2.10 Clarifications

2.10.1 Applicants requiring any clarification on the RFP may send their queries to the Authority by e-mail so as to reach before the date mentioned in the Schedule of Selection Process at Clause 1.8. The subject of the email shall clearly bear the following identification:

#### "Queries concerning RFP for SELECTION OF TRANSACTION ADVISER FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF IDENTIFIED LAND PARCELS AT REGIONAL CENTRE PROJECT AT ZIRAKPUR AND BENGALURU"

The Authority shall endeavour to respond to the queries within the period specified therein but no later than 9 (nine) days prior to the PDD. The Authority will post the reply to all such queries on the Official Website without identifying the source of queries.

2.10.2 The Authority reserves the right not to respond to any queries or provide any clarifications, in its sole discretion, and nothing in this Clause 2.10 shall be construed as obliging the Authority to respond to any question or to provide any clarification.

#### 2.11 Amendment of RFP

- 2.11.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Proposal, the Authority may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to clarifications requested by an Applicant, modify the RFP document by the issuance of Addendum/ Amendment and posting it on the Official Website.
- 2.11.2 The revised RFP with the amendments will be binding on all Applicants.
- 2.11.3 In order to afford the Applicants a reasonable time for taking an amendment into account, or for any other reason, the Authority may, in its sole discretion, extend the Proposal Due Date<sup>\$</sup>.

## C. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

#### 2.12 Language

The Proposal with all accompanying documents (the "**Documents**") and all communications in relation to or concerning the Selection Process shall be in English language and strictly on the forms provided in this RFP. No supporting document or printed literature shall be submitted with the Proposal unless specifically asked for and in case any of these Documents is in another language, it must be accompanied by an accurate translation of all the relevant passages in English, in which case, for all purposes of interpretation of the Proposal, the translation in English shall prevail.

#### 2.13 Format and signing of Proposal

- 2.13.1 The Applicant shall provide all the information sought under this RFP. The Authority would evaluate only those Proposals that are received in the specified forms and complete in all respects.
- 2.13.2 The Proposal shall be typed. It shall be signed by the authorised signatory of the Applicant who shall initial each page, in blue ink. In case of printed and published Documents, only the cover shall be initialled. All the alterations, omissions, additions, or any other amendments made to the Proposal shall be initialled by the person(s) signing the Proposal.
- 2.13.3 The Proposals must be properly signed by the authorised representative (the "Authorised Representative") as detailed below:
  - (a) by the proprietor, in case of a proprietary firm; or
  - (b) by a partner, in case of a partnership firm and/or a limited liability partnership; or

(c) by a duly authorised person holding the Power of Attorney, in case of a Limited Company or a corporation; or

A copy of the Power of Attorney for Authorised Representative certified under the hands of a partner or director of the Applicant and notarised by a notary public in the form specified in Appendix-I (Form-4) shall accompany the Proposal.

2.13.4 Applicants should note the Proposal Due Date, as specified in Clause 1.8, for submission of Proposals. Except as specifically provided in this RFP, no supplementary material will be entertained by the Authority, and that evaluation will be carried out only on the basis of Documents received by the Proposal Due Date as specified in Clause 2.17.1. Applicants will ordinarily not be asked to provide additional material information or documents subsequent to the date of submission, and unsolicited material if submitted will be summarily rejected.

#### 2.14 Technical Proposal

- 2.14.1 Applicants shall submit the technical proposal in the formats at Appendix-I (the "Technical Proposal").
- 2.14.2 While submitting the Technical Proposal, the Applicant shall, in particular, ensure that:
  - (a) all forms are submitted in the prescribed formats and signed by the prescribed signatories;
  - (b) Power of Attorney for Authorised Representative, if applicable, is executed as per Applicable Laws;
  - (c) CVs of all Key Personnel have been included;
  - (d) Key Personnel have been proposed only if they meet the Conditions of Eligibility laid down at Clause 2.2.2 (D) of the RFP;
  - (e) no alternative proposal for any Key Personnel is being made and only one CV for each position has been furnished;
  - (f) the CVs have been recently signed and dated in blue ink by the respective Personnel and countersigned by the Applicant. Photocopy or unsigned / countersigned CVs shall be rejected;
  - (g) Deleted
  - (h) Key Personnel proposed have good working knowledge of English language;
  - (i) Financial Expert cum Team Leader shall ensure that Key Personnel and other experts with qualifications and experience as defined in 2.1.4 are available for successful execution of the project.
  - (j) the proposal is responsive in terms of Clause 2.22.3.
- 2.14.3 Failure to comply with the requirements spelt out in this Clause 2.14 shall make the Proposal liable to be rejected.

- 2.14.4 If an individual Key Personnel makes a false averment regarding his qualification, experience or other particulars, he shall be liable to be debarred for any future assignment of the Authority for a period of 3 (three) years. The award of this Consultancy to the Applicant may also be liable to cancellation in such an event.
- 2.14.5 The Technical Proposal shall not include any financial information relating to the Financial Proposal.
- 2.14.6 The proposed team shall include experts and specialists (the "Professional Personnel") in their respective areas of expertise and managerial/support staff (the "Support Personnel") such that the Consultant should be able to complete the Consultancy within the specified time schedule. The Key Personnel specified in Clause 2.1.4 shall be included in the proposed team of professional personnel. The team shall comprise other competent and experienced professional personnel in relevant areas of expertise (where applicable) as required for successful completion of this Consultancy. The CV of each such professional personnel, if any, should also be submitted in the format at Form-11 of Appendix-I.

#### 2.14.7 Deleted

- 2.14.8 The Authority reserves the right to verify all statements, information and documents, submitted by the Applicant in response to the RFP. Any such verification or the lack of such verification by the Authority to undertake such verification shall not relieve the Applicant of its obligations or liabilities hereunder nor will it affect any rights of the Authority thereunder.
- 2.14.9 In case it is found during the evaluation or at any time before signing of the Agreement or after its execution and during the period of subsistence thereof, that one or more of the eligibility conditions have not been met by the Applicant or the Applicant has made material misrepresentation or has given any materially incorrect or false information, the Applicant shall be disqualified forthwith if not yet appointed as the Consultant either by issue of the LOA or entering into of the Agreement, and if the Selected Applicant has already been issued the LOA or has entered into the Agreement, as the case may be, the same shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained therein or in this RFP, be liable to be terminated, by a communication in writing by the Authority without the Authority being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Selected Applicant or Consultant, as the case may be.

In such an event, the Authority shall forfeit and appropriate the Performance Security, if available, as mutually agreed pre-estimated compensation and damages payable to the Authority for, *inter alia*, time, cost and effort of the Authority, without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to the Authority.

#### 2.15 Financial Proposal

2.15.1 Applicants shall submit the financial proposal in the formats at Appendix-II (the "**Financial Proposal**") clearly indicating the total cost of the Consultancy (Form-1 of Appendix-II) in both figures and words, in Indian Rupees, and signed by the Applicant's Authorised Representative. In the event of any difference between figures and words, the amount indicated in words shall prevail. In the event of a difference

between the arithmetic total and the total shown in the Financial Proposal, the lower of the two shall prevail.

- 2.15.2 While submitting the Financial Proposal, the Applicant shall ensure the following:
  - (i) All the costs associated with the assignment shall be included in the Financial Proposal. These shall normally cover remuneration for all the Personnel (Expatriate and Resident, in the field, office etc.). For travelling and accommodation including Food (Operational Expenses), maximum 8% (including GST) of the quoted price shall be considered. The operational expense will not be considered for the evaluation. All such travel cost will be borne by the Firm, which will be reimbursed by the Authority on the actual basis (on production of tickets and bills) as per the existing rules and regulations of Government of India. The type and class of accommodations and travel arrangements shall be on similar lines as available to an Assistant Director in SAI. The total amount indicated in the Financial Proposal shall be without any condition attached or subject to any assumption and shall be final and binding. In case any assumption or condition is indicated in the Financial Proposal, it shall be considered non-responsive and liable to be rejected.
  - (ii) The Financial Proposal shall take into account all expenses and tax liabilities. For the avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that all taxes shall be deemed to be included in the costs shown under different items of the Financial Proposal. Further, all payments shall be subject to deduction of taxes at source as per Applicable Laws.
  - (iii) Costs shall be expressed in INR.

#### 2.16 Submission of Proposal

- 2.16.1 The Applicant shall submit its Proposal (the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal), on the Official Website www.eprocure.gov.in, duly signed in digital form by the authorised signatory of the Applicant, no later than the date and time specified as the PDD as specified in Clause 2.17.1, by uploading the complete and legible scanned/digital copies of Technical and Financial Proposal in pdf /digital format (i.e. scanned copy of original signed documents and the supporting documents).The documents submitted in the Proposal should be scanned in at least 100 dpi with black and white option. Each page of the submission shall be initialled by the Authorised Representative of the Applicant as per the terms of this RFP. The Bidders participating for the first time for e-Tenders on e-Tendering portal will have to complete Online Registration Process on the e-Tendering portal as mentioned in Appendix IV Instructions for Online Bid Submission.
- 2.16.2 The proposal is to be submitted on the document downloaded from Official Website, the Applicant shall be responsible for its accuracy and correctness as per the version uploaded by the Authority and shall ensure that there are no changes caused in the content of the downloaded document. In case of any discrepancy between the document used for submission by the Applicant and the version uploaded by the Authority, the latter shall prevail.

- 2.16.3 The Proposal will contain a 'Technical Proposal' and a 'Financial Proposal'. The 'Technical Proposal' shall contain the Application in the prescribed format (Form 1 of Appendix-I) along with Forms 2 to 12 of Appendix-I and supporting documents. The 'Financial Proposal' shall contain the financial proposal in the prescribed format (Forms 2 & 3 of Appendix-II).
- 2.16.4 The Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal shall be typed and signed by the Authorised Representative of the Applicant. All pages of the Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal must be numbered and initialled by the person or persons signing the Proposal.
- 2.16.5 Proposals submitted by fax, telex, telegram, special messenger, or e-mail shall not be entertained and shall be rejected.
- 2.16.6 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, firm profiles, copy of contracts etc. will be entertained.
- 2.16.7 The rates quoted shall be firm throughout the period of performance of the assignment up to and including discharge of all obligations of the Consultant under the Agreement.

#### 2.17 Proposal Due Date

- 2.17.1 Proposal should be submitted on the Proposal Due Date and time as specified in Clause 1.8 in the manner and form as detailed in this RFP.
- 2.17.2 The Authority may, in its sole discretion, extend the PDD by issuing an Addendum in accordance with Clause 2.11 uniformly for all Applicants.

#### **2.18** Deleted.

#### 2.19 Modification/ substitution/ withdrawal of Proposals

- 2.19.1 The Applicant may modify, substitute, or withdraw its Proposal after submission, provided that the modification, substitution, or withdrawal is submitted/received by the Authority prior to the Proposal Due Date. No Proposal shall be modified, substituted, or withdrawn by the Applicant after the PDD.
- 2.19.2 Any alteration / modification in the Proposal or additional information or material supplied subsequent to the PDD, unless the same has been expressly sought for by the Authority, shall be disregarded.

#### 2.20 Performance Security

2.20.1 The Applicant, by submitting its Application pursuant to this RFP, shall be deemed to have acknowledged that without prejudice to the Authority's any other right or remedy hereunder or in law or otherwise, its Performance Security shall be forfeited and appropriated by the Authority as the mutually agreed pre-estimated compensation and damages payable to the Authority for, *inter alia*, the time, cost and effort of the

Authority in regard to the RFP, including the consideration and evaluation of the Proposal, under the following conditions:

- (a) If an Applicant engages in any of the Prohibited Practices specified in Clause 4.1 of this RFP;
- (b) if the Applicant is found to have a Conflict of Interest as specified in Clause 2.3; and
- (c) if the selected Applicant commits a breach of the Agreement.
- 2.20.2 An amount equal to 3% (three per cent) of the Agreement Value shall be deemed to be the Performance Security for the purposes of this Clause 2.20, which may be forfeited and appropriated in accordance with the provisions hereof.

The successful applicant within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of LOA, shall furnish an irrevocable bank guarantee for an amount of 03% of Agreement Value ("Performance Security") failing which an amount of 0.1% penalty per day of the contracted amount will be levied on the Bidder. Penalty is for specified period not exceeding further ten days and in case failure continues, the contract may be terminated by SAI.

## **D. EVALUATION PROCESS**

#### **2.21 Evaluation of Proposals**

- 2.21.1 The Authority shall open the Proposals on the date and time as specified in Clause 1.8, and in the presence of the Applicants who choose to attend. The "Technical Proposal" shall be opened first. The "Financial Proposal" shall be opened at a later date.
- 2.21.2 Proposals for which a notice of withdrawal has been submitted in accordance with Clause 2.19 shall not be opened.
- 2.21.3 Prior to evaluation of Proposals, the Authority will determine whether each Proposal is responsive to the requirements of the RFP. A Proposal shall be considered responsive only if:
  - (a) the Technical Proposal is received in the form specified at Appendix-I;
  - (b) it is received by the PDD including any extension thereof pursuant to Clause 2.17;
  - (c) it is signed and marked as stipulated in Clauses 2.13 and 2.16;
  - (d) it is accompanied by the Power of Attorney as specified in Clause 2.2.4;
  - (e) it contains all the information (complete in all respects) as requested in the RFP;
  - (f) it does not contain any condition or qualification; and
  - (g) it is not non-responsive in terms hereof.
- 2.21.4 The Authority reserves the right to reject any Proposal which is non-responsive and no request for alteration, modification, substitution or withdrawal shall be entertained by the Authority in respect of such Proposals.
- 2.21.5 The Authority shall subsequently examine and evaluate Proposals in accordance with the Selection Process specified at Clause 1.6 and the criteria set out in Section 3 of this RFP.

- 2.21.6 After the technical evaluation, the Authority shall prepare a list of pre-qualified Applicants in terms of Clause 3.2 for opening of their Financial Proposals. A date, time and venue will be notified to all Applicants for announcing the result of evaluation and opening of Financial Proposals. Before opening of the Financial Proposals, the list of pre-qualified Applicants along with their Technical Score will be read out. The opening of Financial Proposals shall be done in presence of respective representatives of Applicants who choose to be present. The Authority will not entertain any query or clarification from Applicants who fail to qualify at any stage of the Selection Process. The financial evaluation and final ranking of the Proposals shall be carried out in terms of Clauses 3.3 and 3.4.
- 2.21.7 Applicants are advised that Selection shall be entirely at the discretion of the Authority. Applicants shall be deemed to have understood and agreed that the Authority shall not be required to provide any explanation or justification in respect of any aspect of the Selection Process or Selection.
- 2.21.8 Any information contained in the Proposal shall not in any way be construed as binding on the Authority, its agents, successors or assigns, but shall be binding against the Applicant if the Consultancy is subsequently awarded to it.

## 2.22 Confidentiality

Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation, and recommendation for the selection of Applicants shall not be disclosed to any person who is not officially concerned with the process or is not a retained professional adviser advising the Authority in relation to matters arising out of, or concerning the Selection Process. The Authority shall treat all information, submitted as part of the Proposal, in confidence and shall require all those who have access to such material to treat the same in confidence. The Authority may not divulge any such information unless it is directed to do so by any statutory entity that has the power under law to require its disclosure or is to enforce or assert any right or privilege of the statutory entity and/or the Authority or as may be required by law or in connection with any legal process.

## 2.23 Clarifications

- 2.23.1 To facilitate evaluation of Proposals, the Authority may, at its sole discretion, seek clarifications from any Applicant regarding its Proposal. Such clarification(s) shall be provided within the time specified by the Authority for this purpose. Any request for clarification(s) and all clarification(s) in response thereto shall be in writing.
- 2.23.2 If an Applicant does not provide clarifications sought under Clause 2.23.1 above within the specified time, its Proposal shall be liable to be rejected. In case the Proposal is not rejected, the Authority may proceed to evaluate the Proposal by construing the particulars requiring clarification to the best of its understanding, and the Applicant shall be barred from subsequently questioning such interpretation of the Authority.

## E. APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT

#### 2.24 Negotiations

2.24.1 The Selected Applicant may, if necessary, be invited for negotiations. The negotiations shall generally not be for reducing the price of the Proposal but will be for re-confirming

the obligations of the Consultant under this RFP. Issues such as understanding of the RFP, methodology and quality of the work plan shall be discussed during negotiations.

2.24.2 The Authority will examine the CVs of all other Professional Personnel and those not found suitable shall be replaced by the Applicant to the satisfaction of the Authority.

#### 2.24.3 Deleted.

#### 2.25 Substitution of Key Personnel

- 2.25.1 The Authority will not normally consider any request of the Selected Applicant for substitution of the Financial Expert cum Team Leader as the ranking of the Applicant is based on the evaluation of the Financial Expert cum Team Leader and any change therein may upset the ranking. Substitution will, however, be permitted in exceptional circumstances if the Financial Expert cum Team Leader is not available for reasons of any incapacity or due to health, subject to equally or better qualified and experienced personnel being provided to the satisfaction of the Authority.
- 2.25.2 The Authority expects the Key Personnel to be available during implementation of the Agreement. The Authority will not consider substitution of the Key Personnel except for reasons of any incapacity or due to health. Such substitution shall ordinarily be limited to one Key Personnel subject to equally or better qualified and experienced personnel being provided to the satisfaction of the Authority. Without prejudice to the foregoing, substitution of the Financial Expert cum Team Leader shall only be permitted subject to reduction of remuneration equal to 20% (twenty per cent) of the total remuneration specified for the original Financial Expert cum Team Leader who is proposed to be substituted.
- 2.25.3 Notwithstanding Clauses 2.25.1 and 2.25.2, Applicants should specifically note that substitution of the Financial Expert cum Team Leader will not normally be considered during the implementation of the Agreement and may lead to disqualification of the Applicant or termination of the Agreement. Applicants are expected to propose only such Financial Expert cum Team Leader who will be in a position to commit the time required for and be available for delivering the Consultancy in accordance with the Key Dates specified herein and in the Agreement.

#### 2.26 Indemnity

The Consultant shall, subject to the provisions of the Agreement, indemnify the Authority for an amount not exceeding 3 (three) times the value of the Agreement for any direct loss or damage that is caused due to any deficiency in Services.

#### 2.27 Award of Consultancy

After selection, a Letter of Award (the "**LOA**") shall be issued, in duplicate, by the Authority to the Selected Applicant and the Selected Applicant shall, within 7 (seven) days of the receipt of the LOA, sign and return the duplicate copy of the LOA in acknowledgement thereof. In the event the duplicate copy of the LOA duly signed by

the Selected Applicant is not received by the stipulated date, the Authority may, unless it consents to extension of time for submission thereof, may cancel the LOA.

#### 2.28 Execution of Agreement

After acknowledgement of the LOA as aforesaid by the Selected Applicant, it shall execute the Agreement. The selected Applicant shall not be entitled to seek any deviation in the Agreement.

#### 2.29 Commencement of Assignment

The Consultant shall commence the Consultancy within 7 (seven) days of the date of the Agreement, or such other date as may be mutually agreed. If the Consultant fails to either sign the Agreement as specified in Clause 2.28 or commence the assignment as specified herein, the Authority reserves the right to cancel/ terminate the LOA or the Agreement, as the case may be.

#### 2.30 Proprietary data

Subject to the provisions of Clause 2.22, all documents and other information provided by the Authority or submitted by an Applicant to the Authority shall remain or become the property of the Authority. Applicants and the Consultant, as the case may be, are to treat all information as strictly confidential. The Authority will not return any Proposal, or any information related thereto. All information collected, analysed, processed or in whatever manner provided by the Consultant to the Authority in relation to the Consultancy shall be the property of the Authority.

## **3 CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION**

#### **3.1** Evaluation of Technical Proposals

3.1.1 Applicants scoring a minimum of 60 marks (out of 100 marks) in the Evaluation of Technical Proposals shall be considered for opening of financial proposals.

#### 3.1.2 Deleted

3.1.3 The scoring criteria to be used for evaluation shall be as follows:

SN	Criteria	Marks	Criteria
1	Relevant	40	Breakup provided below:
	Experience of the Applicant		
1 (a)	Eligible experience of the Applicant	15	Applicant will receive 1.5 marks for every additional project over and above the minimum number of required eligible projects (10 projects) (as per 2.2.2 A & 3.1.4), maximum up to 15 marks
1 (b)	Specific experience of the Applicant	15	Applicant will receive 3 marks for every additional project over and above the minimum number of required eligible projects (05 projects) (as per 2.2.2 A & 3.1.5), maximum up to 15 marks
1 (c)	Average Annual Professional fees received for providing advisory or consultancy services during financial years (FY 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20)	10	Average Annual Professional fees > 2 Cr. and $\leq$ 5 Cr 4 marks Average Annual Professional fees > 5 Cr. and $\leq$ 10 Cr 8 marks Average Annual Professional fees > 10 Cr 10 marks
2	Relevant Experience of Key	40	Break-up provided below
2 (a)	<b>personnel</b> Financial Expert cum Team Leader	20	a) 50% of the maximum marks shall be awarded for compliance to Educational Qualification,
2 (b)	PPP cum Transaction Advisor	10	Professional Experience and Experience on assignments as defined in 2.1.4
2 (c)	Sports Infrastructure Expert	10	(b) 10% of the maximum marks will be assigned to each extra assignment executed over and above Minimum no. of Experience on Assignments as defined 2.1.4 above (subject to maximum marks for each category defined)
3	Approach and Methodology	20	Explain firm's understanding of the client requirements and methodology to achieve the desired goals as set out in the RFP. The applicants may be called for Technical Presentation, if required.
Grand	l Total	100	

#### (Technical score obtained by an applicant: S<sub>T</sub>)

#### **3.1.4 Eligible Assignments**

For the purposes of satisfying the Conditions of Eligibility and for evaluating the Proposals under this RFP, advisory/ consultancy assignments granted by the government, regulatory commission, tribunal, multilateral agencies, statutory authority or public sector entity in respect of preparation of financial model and/or preparation of transaction / bid documents and / or other similar assignments in relation to the bidding process or other transactions, as the case may be, for the following projects shall be deemed as eligible assignments (the "**Eligible Assignments**"):

- (a) An infrastructure project undertaken through Public Private Partnership (PPP) or other forms of private participation and having an estimated capital cost (excluding land) of at least INR 50 Cr. (Fifty crore Indian rupees) in case of a project in India, and US\$ 25 million (US\$ Twenty-Five million) for infrastructure projects undertaken elsewhere through PPP or other forms of private participation (the "PPP Projects"); OR
- (b) privatization or disinvestment of government owned companies in India involving transfer of management control to a private sector entity where the financial transaction involves a payment of at least INR 10 Cr. (Rupees Ten crore) for such transfer (the "**Disinvestment Projects**"); **OR**
- (c) an infrastructure project having an estimated capital cost (excluding land) of at least INR 50 crore (Rupees Two hundred crore) in case of a project in India, and US\$ 15 million (US\$ Fifteen million) for infrastructure projects undertaken elsewhere, provided that the payment of professional fee to the Applicant was at least INR 10 lakh (Rupees Ten Lakh) in case of a project in India, and US\$ 0.1 million (US\$ One Hundred Thousand) for any infrastructure project elsewhere (the "Other Projects");

#### 3.1.5 Specific Assignments

For the purposes of determining Conditions of Eligibility and for evaluating the Proposals under this RFP, consultancy assignments in respect of the following projects shall be deemed as specific assignments (the "**Specific Assignments**"):

 a) Pre-feasibility/Feasibility report/ detailed project report/ or end to end support in transaction advisory projects for sports stadium/ sports centre and related support infrastructure and having an estimated capital cost (excluding land) of at least INR 5 Cr. (Rupees Five crore) in case of a project in India, and US\$ 3 million (US\$ Three million) for projects elsewhere (the "Sports Projects").

#### **3.2** Short-listing of Applicants

Of the Applicants ranked as aforesaid, not more than 10 (ten) shall be pre-qualified and short-listed for financial evaluation in the second stage. However, if the number of such pre-qualified Applicants is less than 2 (two), the Authority may, in its sole discretion, pre-qualify the Applicant(s) whose Technical Score is less than the score specified in Clauses 3.1.1; provided that in such an event, the total number of pre-qualified and short-listed Applicants shall not exceed 2 (two).

#### 3.3 Evaluation of Financial Proposal

- 3.3.1 In the second stage, the financial evaluation will be carried out as per this Clause 3.3. Each Financial Proposal will be assigned a financial score (S<sub>F</sub>) as specified in Clause 3.3.3.
- 3.3.2 For financial evaluation, the total cost indicated in the Financial Proposal will be considered as specified in Form-1 of Appendix-II.
- 3.3.3 The Authority will determine whether the Financial Proposals are complete, unqualified and unconditional. The cost indicated in the Financial Proposal shall be deemed as final and reflecting the total cost of services. Omissions, if any, in costing any item shall not entitle the Consultant to be compensated and the liability to fulfil its obligations as per the TOR within the total quoted price shall be that of the Consultant. The lowest Financial Proposal (F<sub>M</sub>) will be given a financial score (S<sub>F</sub>) of 100 points. The financial scores of other proposals will be computed as follows:

$$S_F = 100 \ x \ F_M/F$$

(F = amount of Financial Proposal)

#### 3.4 Combined and final evaluation

3.4.1 QCBS Proposals will finally be ranked according to their combined technical (S<sub>T</sub>) and financial (S<sub>F</sub>) scores as follows:

$$S = S_T \ x \ T_w + S_F \ x \ F_w$$

Where S is the combined score, and  $T_w$  and  $F_w$  are weights assigned to Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal, which shall be 0.70 and 0.30 respectively.

3.4.2 The Applicant having the highest combined score will be declared as the Selected Applicant.

## 4 FRAUD AND CORRUPT PRACTICES

- 4.1 The Applicants and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the Selection Process. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this RFP, the Authority shall reject a Proposal without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Applicant, if it determines that the Applicant has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice (collectively the "**Prohibited Practices**") in the Selection Process. In such an event, the Authority shall, without prejudice to its any other rights or remedies, forfeit and appropriate the Performance Security, if available, as mutually agreed genuine preestimated compensation and damages payable to the Authority for, *inter alia*, time, cost and effort of the Authority, in regard to the RFP, including consideration and evaluation of such Applicant's Proposal.
- 4.2 Without prejudice to the rights of the Authority under Clause 4.1 hereinabove and the rights and remedies which the Authority may have under the LOA or the Agreement, if an Applicant or Consultant, as the case may be, is found by the Authority to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice during the Selection Process, or after the issue of the LOA or the execution of the Agreement, such Applicant or Consultant shall not be eligible to participate in any tender or RFP issued by the Authority during a period of 2 (two) years from the date such Applicant or Consultant, as the case may be, is found by the Authority to have directly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice or restrictive practice, as the case may be.
- 4.3 For the purposes of this Clause, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:
  - "corrupt practice" means (i) the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly (a) or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the action of any person connected with the Selection Process (for avoidance of doubt, offering of employment to or employing or engaging in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, any official of the Authority who is or has been associated in any manner, directly or indirectly with the Selection Process or the LOA or has dealt with matters concerning the Agreement or arising therefrom, before or after the execution thereof, at any time prior to the expiry of one year from the date such official resigns or retires from or otherwise ceases to be in the service of the Authority, shall be deemed to constitute influencing the actions of a person connected with the Selection Process; or (ii) save as provided herein, engaging in any manner whatsoever, whether during the Selection Process or after the issue of the LOA or after the execution of the Agreement, as the case may be, any person in respect of any matter relating to the Project or the LOA or the Agreement, who at any time has been or is a legal, financial or technical consultant/ adviser of the Authority in relation to any matter concerning the Project;
  - (b) "**fraudulent practice**" means a misrepresentation or omission of facts or disclosure of incomplete facts, in order to influence the Selection Process;

- (c) "**coercive practice**" means impairing or harming or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any persons or property to influence any person's participation or action in the Selection Process;
- (d) "**undesirable practice**" means (i) establishing contact with any person connected with or employed or engaged by the Authority with the objective of canvassing, lobbying or in any manner influencing or attempting to influence the Selection Process; or (ii) having a Conflict of Interest; and
- (e) "**restrictive practice**" means forming a cartel or arriving at any understanding or arrangement among Applicants with the objective of restricting or manipulating a full and fair competition in the Selection Process.

## **5 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE**

- 5.1 Pre-Proposal Conference of the Applicants shall be convened at the designated date, time and place. A maximum of two representatives of each Applicant shall be allowed to participate on production of an authority letter from the Applicant.
- 5.2 During the course of Pre-Proposal Conference, the Applicants will be free to seek clarifications and make suggestions for consideration of the Authority. The Authority shall endeavour to provide clarifications and such further information as it may, in its sole discretion, consider appropriate for facilitating a fair, transparent and competitive Selection Process.

### **6 MISCELLANEOUS**

- 6.1 The Selection Process shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of India and the Courts in the State in which the Authority has its headquarters shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all disputes arising under, pursuant to and/or in connection with the Selection Process.
- 6.2 The Authority, in its sole discretion and without incurring any obligation or liability, reserves the right, at any time, to:
  - (a) suspend and/or cancel the Selection Process and/or amend and/or supplement the Selection Process or modify the dates or other terms and conditions relating thereto;
  - (b) consult with any Applicant in order to receive clarification or further information;
  - (c) retain any information and/or evidence submitted to the Authority by, on behalf of and/or in relation to any Applicant; and/or
  - (d) independently verify, disqualify, reject and/or accept any and all submissions or other information and/or evidence submitted by or on behalf of any Applicant.
- 6.3 It shall be deemed that by submitting the Proposal, the Applicant agrees and releases the Authority, its employees, agents and advisers, irrevocably, unconditionally, fully and finally from any and all liability for claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities in any way related to or arising from the exercise of any rights and/or performance of any obligations hereunder, pursuant hereto and/or in connection herewith and waives any and all rights and/or claims it may have in this respect, whether actual or contingent, whether present or future.
- 6.4 All documents and other information supplied by the Authority or submitted by an Applicant shall remain or become, as the case may be, the property of the Authority. The Authority will not return any submissions made hereunder. Applicants are required to treat all such documents and information as strictly confidential.
- 6.5 The Authority reserves the right to make inquiries with any of the clients listed by the Applicants in their previous experience record.

# **SCHEDULES**

## **SCHEDULE-1- Terms of Reference (TOR)**

(See Clause 1.1.3)

# Consultancy

# for

Transaction Adviser for Redevelopment of identified land parcels at SAI Regional Centre at Zirakpur, Punjab and Bengaluru, Karnataka through PPP

## 1 General

The Authority has decided to develop SAI Regional Centre at Zirakpur, Punjab and Bengaluru, Karnataka through public private partnership. Key objective of this project is to promote holistic development of regional centre as per world class standards for sports related activities, at the same time developing the unutilized/ underutilized spaces for commercial and hospitality activity/ies so as to maximize the revenue streams through optimal and sustainable usage of available land resources.

SAI Regional centre, Zirakpur spans over ~16 acres of land parcel and includes one building with a ground coverage of 939 sq. mtr which is being used by the Administration as well as training of the athletes across Boxing, Taekwondo and Archery. The regional centre caters to athletes from Dharamshala, Ludhiana, Bilaspur, Mastuana Sahib, Jammu, Ext., Centre Tran Taran. The Regional Centre was inaugurated in November 2020 and is SAI's one of the newest regional centre across India. Out of the entire 'Regional centre' area, approximately 10 acres of land is available for redevelopment through PPP.

SAI Regional centre, Bengaluru is located at Thimannahalli Shanti Nagar, close to the city centre and spans over ~82 acres of land parcel and was established in October 1986. The centre has multiple hostel buildings dedicated to different camps and athletes, hockey turf, football ground, multi-purpose hall for multiple sports, volleyball court, swimming pool, etc. Out of the entire 'Regional centre' area, approximately 15 acres of land is available for redevelopment through PPP.

## 2 Objective

Objective of this consultancy (hereinafter called Objective) is to undertake preparation of a Project Feasibility Report for development of Zirakpur's and Bengaluru's SAI Regional centre for the purpose of exploring the potential of its development through PPP mode. Based on this, enable the PPP transaction process and select the potential bidder.

## **3** Scope of Services

The Scope of Services shall include but not limited to the following:

- I. Feasibility Study for redevelopment of land under PPP
- II. Preparation of Bid Documents
- III. Assistance in conducting the bid process

The details of the Scope are:

#### I. Feasibility Study for redevelopment of land under PPP

- a. Undertaking end to end (including commercial, legal and regulatory) analysis of the Asset including but not limited to information/ assessment of:
  - i. Site Scoping and assessment Capacity, location, nature of ownership (owned/ rented/ through PPP etc.);
  - ii. Project parameters and past operational performance viz. availability, utilization etc.
  - iii. Current value of the Asset and cumulative and capital investment by the Authority, including the funding plan therein;
  - iv. Past financial performance over 3-5 years including revenue generated, operating expenditure incurred, fixed expenditure incurred, long/ short-term asset/ liabilities etc.;

- v. Contracts entered into with respect to the Asset, including for the purpose of the construction, operations, maintenance, usage etc.;
- vi. Assessment of existing manpower deployed for the asset management etc.
- vii. Review of existing Government laws, Bye-laws, Development Control Regulation etc. for the development or any other statutory or regulatory guidelines or compliances for the asset;

Note: It does not include technical and structural surveys and analysis

- b. Market Assessment with focus on identifying best use for the centres with emphasis on sports facilities
  - i. Market assessment based on the surrounding facilities and benchmarking exercise to identify the optimal product scope and mix for revenue maximisation
- c. Financial Feasibility and Project Structuring
  - i. Identify the project costs
  - ii. Develop a detailed financial model including all assumptions for capital expenditure, operation and maintenance costs, possible revenue streams, accounting and tax implications, returns to the Authority and investors etc. over the entire period of the concession. The financial model should include all necessary assumptions, calculations, statements, ratios etc. required for evaluating various aspects of the transaction; Carry out scenario analysis to ascertain a range of expected value for the asset, depending upon performance, market conditions, yield expectations etc.;
  - iii. Preparation of alternative business models for the project along with its pros and cons. Based on the same, recommend the optimal project structure for implementing the Project on Public-Private Partnership basis and elaborate the detailed contours of the chosen structure including the recommended terms, ownership structure, capital structure, documentation required etc.
  - iv. Develop risk assessment matrix and clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the different parties to be involved in the project. Recommend allocation/ mitigation of the risks across different parties.

#### II. Preparation of Bid Documents

- a. Preparation of draft bid documents
  - i. Preparation of Memorandum/ Term Sheet for submission to PPPAC/ EFC/ SFC etc.
  - ii. Post the finalisation of the feasibility and project structure, the consultant shall prepare the draft bid documents (RFQ, RFP documents)
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  - iii. Preparation of the draft Concession Agreement
- b. Assistance in obtaining approvals
  - i. Provide support to SAI for obtaining approvals for the Feasibility, bidding documents and Concession Agreement from the competent Authority (PPPAC/ EFC/SFC etc.).

#### **III.** Assistance in conducting the bid process

- a. Assist in undertaking]stakeholder consultations; Responding to all queries satisfactorily and within the specified time;
- b. Render advisory services for conducting the bid process including but not limited to attending investor interactions, meetings, pre-bid conferences etc;

- c. Assist Authority in evaluation of bids and selection of the concessionaire for the project;
- d. Render advisory services up to the signing of the concession agreement and any pre/post closure activities incidental to such transaction.

## 4 Deliverables

In pursuance of this TOR, the Consultant shall undertake/deliver the following deliverables (the "**Deliverables**") during the course of this Consultancy. Each deliverable shall include an executive summary, analyses, assumptions, results of computations, tables, charts, recommendations, and such other contents that generally comprise deliverables for similar consultancy work by way of best practices. 5 (five) hard copies and 2 (two) soft copies of all the Reports mentioned herein below shall be submitted to the Authority. The deliverables shall include:

A. Inception Report

- B. Interim Report including Market Assessment Report
- C. Draft Feasibility Report
- D. Project Feasibility Report
- E. Bid Documents
- F. Assistance during Transaction Process

## 5 Time and Payment Schedule

- 5.1 The total duration for preparation of the reports and Bid Documents and the bidding process shall be 52 weeks, excluding the time taken by the Authority in providing the requisite documents or in conveying its comments on the draft Deliverables. The Applicants should carefully assess the scope of work as defined in this document and accordingly deploy personnel for successful completion of the work.
- 5.2 The schedule for completing the Deliverables shall be determined by the maximum number of weeks from the Effective Date of the Agreement (the "Key Dates" or "KD"). Time schedule for important Deliverables of the Consultancy and the payment schedule linked to the specified Deliverables is given below:

Key Date No.	Description of Deliverables	Weeks <sup>\$</sup>	Payment
KD1	Inception Report	4	10%
KD2	Interim Report	8	10%
KD3	Draft Feasibility Report	14	20%
KD4	Project feasibility Report	18	20%
KD5	Bid Documents	26	20%

	Cumulative on completion of services	52 weeks	100%
KD7	Completion of Services till execution of Concession Agreement	52	10%
KD6	Assistance during Transaction process	38	10%

<sup>§</sup> Excludes the time taken by the Authority in providing its comments on the Deliverables specified under Paragraphs 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 4F. The Consultant shall get one week for submission of the final Deliverable after comments of the Authority are provided.

\*Post the submission of Inception report, the deliverables for both the sites will be submitted separately. The payment for each site/ asset will be calculated at 50:50 ratio at each deliverable stage.

\*\*The payment shall be strictly based on the successful submission and acceptance of deliverable. No payment shall be due for the next deliverable as each deliverable is considered distinct and separate.

## 6 Other Terms

- 6.1. The Consultants will work closely with the Authority and its other advisors. A designated representative of the Authority will be responsible for the overall coordination. The representative will play a coordinating role in arranging required information, dissemination of the Consultant's outputs, facilitating discussions, and ensuring required reactions and responses to the Consultant.
- 6.2. Available data as may be required by the Consultant will be provided by the Authority on request. The designated representative shall facilitate handing over of such information to the Consultant.
- 6.3. The Consultant will make presentations of its Deliverables to the Authority for discussions as and when required.

## 7 Completion of Services

7.1 All the Deliverables shall be compiled, classified and submitted by the Consultant to the Authority in soft form, to the extent possible. The documents comprising the Deliverables shall remain the property of the Authority and shall not be used by the Consultant for any purpose other than that intended under these Terms of Reference without the permission of the Authority. The Consultancy shall stand completed on acceptance by the Authority of all the Deliverables of the Consultant. Unless completed earlier, the Services shall be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Authority and the final Deliverable shall be deemed approved by the Authority as satisfactory upon expiry of 90 (ninety) days after receipt of the final Deliverable unless the Authority, within such 90 (ninety) day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail, the deficiencies in the Services. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections and/or additions, and upon completion of such corrections or additions, the foregoing process shall be repeated. The Consultancy shall in any case be deemed to be completed upon expiry of 1 (one) year from the Effective Date, unless extended by mutual consent of the Authority and the Financial Consultant.

## **SCHEDULE 2- AGREEMENT**

(See Clause 2.1.3)

#### FOR

Transaction Adviser

Redevelopment of Identified Land Parcels at SAI Regional Centre at Zirakpur, Punjab and Bengaluru, Karnataka through PPP

RFP for Selection of Transaction Adviser

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#### AGREEMENT

#### Provision of Transaction Services for ...... Project

This AGREEMENT (hereinafter called the "Agreement") is made on the ....... day of the month of ....... 20...., between, on the one hand, the [President of India acting through .....] (hereinafter called the "Authority" which expression shall include their respective successors and permitted assigns, unless the context otherwise requires) and, on the other hand,......(hereinafter called the "Consultant" which expression shall include their respective successors and permitted assigns).

#### WHEREAS

- (A) The Authority vide its Request for Proposal for appointment of Transaction Adviser (hereinafter called the "Consultancy") for the ......
   Project (hereinafter called the "Project");
- (B) the Consultant submitted its proposals for the aforesaid work, whereby the Consultant represented to the Authority that it had the required professional skills, and in the said proposals the Consultant also agreed to provide the Services to the Authority on the terms and conditions as set forth in the RFP and this Agreement; and
- (C) the Authority, on acceptance of the aforesaid proposals of the Consultant, awarded the Consultancy to the Consultant vide its Letter of Award dated ...... (the "LOA"); and
- (D) in pursuance of the LOA, the parties have agreed to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

#### 1. General

#### **1.1. Definitions and Interpretation**

- 1.1.1 The words and expressions beginning with capital letters and defined in this Agreement shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:
  - (a) "Agreement" means this Agreement, together with all the Annexes;
  - (b) "Agreement Value" shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 6.1.2;
  - (c) "Applicable Laws" means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in India as they may be issued and in force from time to time;
  - (d) "**Confidential Information**" shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 3.3;
  - (e) **"Conflict of Interest**" shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 3.2 read with the provisions of RFP;
  - (f) **"Dispute**" shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 9.2.1;
  - (g) **"Effective Date**" means the date on which this Agreement comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause 2.1;
  - (h) "Expatriate Personnel" means such persons who at the time of being so hired had their domicile outside India;
  - (i) **"Government**" means the Government of India;
  - (j) "**INR**, **₹**." means Indian Rupee;
  - (1) **"Party**" means the Authority or the Consultant, as the case may be, and Parties means both of them;

- (m) **"Personnel"** means persons hired by the Consultant or by any Sub-Consultant as employees or retainers and assigned to the performance of the Services or any part thereof;
- (n) "**Resident Personnel**" means such persons who at the time of being so hired had their domicile inside India;
- (o) **"RFP**" means the Request for Proposal document in response to which the Consultant's proposal for providing Services was accepted;
- (p) "**Services**" means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement, as described in the Terms of Reference hereto;
- (q) "Third Party" means any person or entity other than the Government, the Authority, the Consultant or a Sub-Consultant.
  All terms and words not defined herein shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning assigned to them in the RFP.
- 1.1.2 The following documents along with all addenda issued thereto shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as integral part of this Agreement and in case of any contradiction between or among them the priority in which a document would prevail over another would be as laid down below beginning from the highest priority to the lowest priority:
  - (a) Agreement;
  - (b) Annexes of Agreement;
  - (c) RFP; and
  - (d) Letter of Award

#### **1.2.** Relation between the Parties

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relation of master and servant or of agent and principal as between the Authority and the Consultant. The Consultant shall, subject to this Agreement, have complete charge of Personnel performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.

#### **1.3.** Rights and obligations

The mutual rights and obligations of the Authority and the Consultant shall be as set forth in the Agreement, in particular:

- (a) the Consultant shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement; and
- (b) the Authority shall make payments to the Consultant in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

#### 1.4. Governing law and jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with and governed by the laws of India, and the courts in the State in which the Authority has its headquarters shall have exclusive jurisdiction over matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

#### 1.5. Language

All notices required to be given by one Party to the other Party and all other communications, documentation and proceedings which are in any way relevant to this Agreement shall be in writing and in English language.

#### **1.6.** Table of contents and headings

The table of contents, headings or sub-headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be used in, and shall not affect, the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

#### 1.7 Notices

Any notice or other communication to be given by any Party to the other Party under or in connection with the matters contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall:

- (a) in the case of the Consultant, be given by e-mail and by letter delivered by hand to the address given and marked for attention of the Consultant's Representative set out below in Clause 1.10 or to such other person as the Consultant may from time to time designate by notice to the Authority; provided that notices or other communications to be given to an address outside the city specified in Subclause (b) below may, if they are subsequently confirmed by sending a copy thereof by registered acknowledgement due, air mail or by courier, be sent by e-mail to the number/address as the Consultant may from time to time specify by notice to the Authority;
- (b) in the case of the Authority, be given by e-mail and by letter delivered by hand and be addressed to the Authority with a copy delivered to the Authority Representative set out below in Clause 1.10 or to such other person as the Authority may from time to time designate by notice to the Consultant; provided that if the Consultant does not have an office in the same city as the Authority's office, it may send such notice by e-mail and by registered acknowledgement due, air mail or by courier; and
- (c) any notice or communication by a Party to the other Party, given in accordance herewith, shall be deemed to have been delivered when in the normal course of post it ought to have been delivered and in all other cases, it shall be deemed to have been delivered on the actual date and time of delivery; provided that in the case of email, it shall be deemed to have been delivered on the working days following the date of its delivery.

#### 1.8 Location

The Services shall be performed at the site of the Project in accordance with the provisions of RFP and at such locations as are incidental thereto, including the offices of the Consultant.

#### 1.9 Deleted

#### 1.10 Authorised Representatives

- 1.10.1 Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed, under this Agreement by the Authority or the Consultant, as the case may be, may be taken or executed by the officials specified in this Clause 1.10.
- 1.10.2 The Authority may, from time to time, designate one of its officials as the Authority Representative. Unless otherwise notified, the Authority Representative shall be:

Designation:
Address:
Phone:
Email:

1.10.3 The Consultant may designate one of its employees as Consultant's Representative. Unless otherwise notified, the Consultant's Representative shall be:

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Tel:
Mobile:
Email:

#### 1.11 Taxes and duties

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, the Consultant shall pay all such taxes, duties, fees and other impositions as may be levied under the Applicable Laws and the Authority shall perform such duties in regard to the deduction of such taxes as may be lawfully imposed on it.

#### 2. Commencement, Completion and Termination of Agreement

#### 2.1 Effectiveness of Agreement

This Agreement shall come into force and effect on the date of this Agreement (the "Effective Date").

#### 2.2 Commencement of Services

The Consultant shall commence the Services within a period of 7 (seven) days from the Effective Date, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

#### 2.3 Termination of Agreement for failure to commence Services

If the Consultant does not commence the Services within the period specified in Clause 2.2 above, the Authority may, by not less than 1 (one) weeks' notice to the Consultant, declare this Agreement to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration, this Agreement shall stand terminated and the Consultant shall be deemed to have accepted such termination

#### 2.4 Expiry of Agreement

Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clauses 2.3 or 2.9 hereof, this Agreement shall, unless extended by the Parties by mutual consent, expire upon the earlier of (i) expiry of a period of 90 (ninety) days after the delivery of the final deliverable to the Authority; and (ii) the expiry of 1 (one) year from the Effective Date. Upon Termination, the Authority shall make payments of all amounts due to the Consultant hereunder.

#### 2.5 Entire Agreement

- 2.5.1 This Agreement and the Annexes together constitute a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement between the Parties on the subject hereof, and no amendment or modification hereto shall be valid and effective unless such modification or amendment is agreed to in writing by the Parties and duly executed by persons especially empowered in this behalf by the respective Parties. All prior written or oral understandings, offers or other communications of every kind pertaining to this Agreement are abrogated and withdrawn; provided, however, that the obligations of the Consultant arising out of the provisions of the RFP shall continue to subsist and shall be deemed to form part of this Agreement.
- 2.5.2 Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of Clause 2.5.1, on matters not covered by this Agreement, the provisions of RFP shall apply.

#### 2.6 Modification of Agreement

Modification of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including any modification of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties. Pursuant to Clauses 6.1.3 hereof, however, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposals for modification made by the other Party.

#### 2.7 Force Majeure

#### 2.7.1 Definition

- (a) For the purposes of this Agreement, "**Force Majeure**" means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, and which makes a Party's performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible in the circumstances, and includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action (except where such strikes, lockouts or other industrial action are within the power of the Party invoking Force Majeure to prevent), confiscation or any other action by government agencies.
- (b) Force Majeure shall not include (i) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or employees, nor (ii) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both (A) take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Agreement, and (B) avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder.
- (c) Force Majeure shall not include insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder.

#### 2.7.2 No breach of Agreement

The failure of a Party to fulfil any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Agreement insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

- 2.7.3 Measures to be taken
  - (a) A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall take all reasonable measures to remove such Party's inability to fulfil its obligations hereunder with a minimum of delay.
  - (b) A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any event not later than 14 (fourteen) days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.
  - (c) The Parties shall take all reasonable measures to minimise the consequences of any event of Force Majeure.
- 2.7.4 Extension of time

Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Agreement, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure.

#### 2.7.5 Payments

During the period of its inability to perform the Services as a result of an event of Force Majeure, the Consultant shall be entitled to be reimbursed for Operational Costs reasonably and necessarily incurred by it during such period for the purposes of the Services and in reactivating the Services after the end of such period.

#### 2.7.6 Consultation

Not later than 30 (thirty) days after the Consultant has, as the result of an event of Force Majeure, become unable to perform a material portion of the Services, the Parties shall consult with each other with a view to agreeing on appropriate measures to be taken in the circumstances.

#### 2.8 Suspension of Agreement

The Authority may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant shall be in breach of this Agreement or shall fail to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, including the carrying out of the Services; provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify the nature of the breach or failure, and (ii) shall provide an opportunity to the Consultant to remedy such breach or failure within a period not exceeding 30 (thirty) days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension.

#### 2.9 Termination of Agreement

#### 2.9.1 By the Authority

The Authority may, by not less than 30 (thirty) days' written notice of termination to the Consultant, such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in this Clause 2.9.1, terminate this Agreement if:

- (a) the Consultant fails to remedy any breach hereof or any failure in the performance of its obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to Clause 2.8 hereinabove, within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of such notice of suspension or within such further period as the Authority may have subsequently granted in writing;
- (b) the Consultant becomes insolvent or bankrupt or enters into any agreement with its creditors for relief of debt or take advantage of any law for the benefit of debtors or goes into liquidation or receivership whether compulsory or voluntary;
- (c) the Consultant fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to Clause 9 hereof;
- (d) the Consultant submits to the Authority a statement which has a material effect on the rights, obligations or interests of the Authority and which the Consultant knows to be false;
- (e) any document, information, data or statement submitted by the Consultant in its Proposals, based on which the Consultant was considered eligible or successful, is found to be false, incorrect or misleading;
- (f) as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than 60 (sixty) days; or
- (g) the Authority, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Agreement at any point of time during the period of the agreement.

#### 2.9.2 By the Consultant

The Consultant may, by not less than 30 (thirty) days' written notice to the Authority, such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in this Clause 2.9.2, terminate this Agreement if:

- (a) the Authority fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clause 9 hereof within 45 (forty-five) days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue;
- (b) the Authority is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement and has not remedied the same within 45 (forty-five) days (or such longer period as the Consultant may have subsequently granted in writing) following the receipt by the Authority of the Consultant's notice specifying such breach;
- (c) as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than 60 (sixty) days; or
- (d) the Authority fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to Clause 9 hereof.
- 2.9.3 Cessation of rights and obligations
  - Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to Clauses 2.3 or 2.9 hereof, or upon expiration of this Agreement pursuant to Clause 2.4 hereof, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except (i) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration, or which expressly survives such Termination; (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in Clause 3.3 hereof; (iii) the Consultant's obligation to permit inspection, copying and auditing of such of its accounts and records set forth in Clause3.6, as relate to the Consultant's Services provided under this Agreement; and (iv) any right or remedy which a Party may have under this Agreement or the Applicable Laws.

#### 2.9.4 Cessation of Services

Upon termination of this Agreement by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to Clauses 2.9.1 or 2.9.2 hereof, the Consultant shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and

orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultant and materials furnished by the Authority, the Consultant shall proceed as provided respectively by Clauses 3.9 or 3.10 hereof.

2.9.5 Payment upon Termination

Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to Clauses 2.9.1 or 2.9.2 hereof, the Authority shall make the following payments to the Consultant (after offsetting against these payments any amount that may be due from the Consultant to the Authority):

- (i) remuneration pursuant to Clause 6 hereof for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the date of termination;
- (ii) reimbursable expenditures pursuant to Clause 6 hereof for expenditures actually incurred prior to the date of termination; and
- (iii) except in the case of termination pursuant to sub-clauses (a) through (e) of Clause 2.9.1 hereof, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incidental to the prompt and orderly termination of the Agreement including the cost of the return travel of the Consultant's personnel.
- 2.9.6 Disputes about Events of Termination

If either Party disputes whether an event specified in Clause 2.9.1 or in Clause 2.9.2 hereof has occurred, such Party may, within 30 (thirty) days after receipt of notice of termination from the other Party, refer the matter to arbitration pursuant to Clause 9 hereof, and this Agreement shall not be terminated on account of such event except in accordance with the terms of any resulting arbitral award.

#### 3. Obligations of the Consultant

#### 3.1 General

3.1.1 Standards of Performance

The Consultant shall perform the Services and carry out its obligations hereunder with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional techniques and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate advanced technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods. The Consultant shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Agreement or to the Services, as a faithful adviser to the Authority, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Authority's legitimate interests in any dealings.

- 3.1.2 Terms of Reference The scope of services to be performed by the Consultant is specified in the Terms of Reference (the "**TOR**") at Annex-1 of this Agreement. The Consultant shall provide the Deliverables specified therein in conformity with the time schedule stated therein.
- 3.1.3 Applicable Laws

The Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the Applicable Laws and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that the Personnel of the Consultant comply with the Applicable Laws.

#### **3.2** Conflict of Interest

3.2.1 The Consultant shall not have a Conflict of Interest and any breach hereof shall constitute a breach of the Agreement.

#### 3.2.2 Consultant and Affiliates not to be otherwise interested in the Project

The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Agreement and after its termination, the Consultant or any Associate thereof, as well as any entity affiliated with it, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works, services, loans or equity for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services and any breach of this obligation shall amount to a Conflict of Interest; provided that the restriction herein shall not apply after a period of three years from the completion of this assignment or to consulting assignments granted by banks/ lenders at any time; provided further that this restriction shall not apply to consultancy/ advisory services provided to the Authority in continuation of this Consultancy or to any subsequent consultancy/ advisory services provided to the Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, an entity affiliated with the Consultant shall include a partner in the firm of the Consultant or a person who holds more than 5% (five per cent) of the subscribed and paid-up share capital of the Consultant, as the case may be, and any Associate thereof.

#### 3.2.3 Prohibition of conflicting activities

Neither the Consultant nor its Personnel shall engage, either directly or indirectly, in any of the following activities:

- (a) during the term of this Agreement, any business or professional activities which would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Agreement;
- (b) after the termination of this Agreement, such other activities as may be specified in the Agreement; or
- (c) at any time, such other activities as have been specified in the RFP as Conflict of Interest.
- 3.2.4 Consultant not to benefit from commissions, discounts, etc.

The remuneration of the Consultant pursuant to Clause 6 hereof shall constitute the Consultant's sole remuneration in connection with this Agreement or the Services and the Consultant shall not accept for its own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Agreement or to the Services or in the discharge of its obligations hereunder, and the Consultant shall use its best efforts to ensure that the Personnel, similarly shall not receive any such additional remuneration.

3.2.5 The Consultant and its Personnel shall observe the highest standards of ethics and shall not have engaged in and shall not hereafter engage in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice, restrictive practice or anti-competitive practices (collectively the "**Prohibited Practices**"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Authority shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement forthwith by a communication in writing to the Consultant, without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Consultant, if it determines that the Consultant has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in any Prohibited Practices in the Selection Process or before or after entering into of this Agreement. In such an event, the Authority shall forfeit and appropriate the Performance Security, if any, as mutually agreed genuine pre-estimated compensation and damages payable to the

Authority towards, *inter alia*, the time, cost and effort of the Authority, without prejudice to the Authority's any other rights or remedy hereunder or in law.

- 3.2.6 Without prejudice to the rights of the Authority under Clause 3.2.5 above and the other rights and remedies which the Authority may have under this Agreement, if the Consultant is found by the Authority to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any Prohibited Practices, during the Selection Process or before or after the execution of this Agreement, the Consultant shall not be eligible to participate in any tender or RFP issued during a period of 2 (two) years from the date the Consultant is found by the Authority to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any Prohibited Practices.
- 3.2.7 For the purposes of Clauses 3.2.5 and 3.2.6, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:
  - "corrupt practice" means(i) the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, (a) directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the actions of any person connected with the Selection Process (for removal of doubt, offering of employment or employing or engaging in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, any official of the Authority who is or has been associated in any manner, directly or indirectly with Selection Process or LOA or dealing with matters concerning the Agreement before or after the execution thereof, at any time prior to the expiry of one year from the date such official resigns or retires from or otherwise ceases to be in the service of the Authority, shall be deemed to constitute influencing the actions of a person connected with the Selection Process); or (ii) engaging in any manner whatsoever, whether during the Selection Process or after the issue of LOA or after the execution of the Agreement, as the case may be, any person in respect of any matter relating to the Project or the LOA or the Agreement, who at any time has been or is a legal, financial or technical adviser the Authority in relation to any matter concerning the Project;
  - (b) "**fraudulent practice**" means a misrepresentation or omission of facts or suppression of facts or disclosure of incomplete facts, in order to influence the Selection Process;
  - (c) "**coercive practice**" means impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any person or property to influence any person's participation or action in the Selection Process or the exercise of its rights or performance of its obligations by the Authority under this Agreement;
  - (d) "**undesirable practice**" means (i) establishing contact with any person connected with or employed or engaged by the Authority with the objective of canvassing, lobbying or in any manner influencing or attempting to influence the Selection Process; or (ii) having a Conflict of Interest; and
  - (e) "**restrictive practice**" means forming a cartel or arriving at any understanding or arrangement among Applicants with the objective of restricting or manipulating a full and fair competition in the Selection Process.
  - (f) "Anti-competitive practice" means any collusion, bid rigging or anticompetitive arrangement, or any other practice coming under the purview of The Competition Act, 2002, between two or more bidders, with or without the

knowledge of the Authority, that may impair the transparency, fairness and the progress of the procurement process or to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels.

(g) "**Obstructive practice**" materially impede the Authority's investigation into allegations of one or more of the above mentioned prohibited practices either by deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering; or by concealing of evidence material to the investigation; or by making false statements to investigators and/or by threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or by impeding the Authority's rights of audit or access to information;

#### 3.3 Confidentiality

The Consultant and its Personnel shall not, either during the term or within two years after the expiration or termination of this Agreement disclose any proprietary information, including information relating to reports, data, drawings, design software or other material, whether written or oral, in electronic or magnetic format, and the contents thereof; and any reports, digests or summaries created or derived from any of the foregoing that is provided by the Authority to the Consultant and its Personnel; any information provided by or relating to the Authority, its technology, technical processes, business affairs or finances or any information relating to the Authority's employees, officers or other professionals or suppliers, customers, or contractors of the Authority; and any other information which the Consultant is under an obligation to keep confidential in relation to the Project, the Services or this Agreement ("**Confidential Information**"), without the prior written consent of the Authority.

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the Consultant and its Personnel may disclose Confidential Information to the extent that such Confidential Information:

- (i) was in the public domain prior to its delivery to the Consultant and its Personnel or becomes a part of the public knowledge from a source other than the Consultant and its Personnel;
- (ii) was obtained from a third party with no known duty to maintain its confidentiality;
- (iii) is required to be disclosed by Applicable Laws or judicial or administrative or arbitral process or by any governmental instrumentalities, provided that for any such disclosure, the Consultant and its Personnel shall give the Authority, prompt written notice, and use reasonable efforts to ensure that such disclosure is accorded confidential treatment; and
- (iv) is provided to the professional advisers, agents, auditors or representatives of the Consultant or its Personnel, as is reasonable under the circumstances; provided, however, that the Consultant or its Personnel, as the case may be, shall require their professional advisers, agents, auditors or its representatives, to undertake in writing to keep such Confidential Information, confidential and shall use its best efforts to ensure compliance with such undertaking.

#### 3.4 Liability of the Consultant

3.4.1 The Consultant's liability under this Agreement shall be determined by the Applicable Laws and the provisions hereof.

- 3.4.2 The Consultant shall, subject to the limitation specified in Clause 3.4.3, be liable to the Authority for any direct loss or damage accrued or likely to accrue due to deficiency in Services rendered by it.
- 3.4.3 The Parties hereto agree that in case of negligence or wilful misconduct on the part of the Consultant or on the part of any person acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services, the Consultant, with respect to damage caused to the Authority's property, shall not be liable to the Authority:
  - (i) for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and

(ii) for any direct loss or damage that exceeds (a) the Agreement Value set forth in Clause 6.1.2 of this Agreement, or (b) the proceeds the Consultant may be entitled to receive from any insurance maintained by the Consultant to cover such a liability in accordance with Clause 3.5.2, whichever of (a) or (b) is higher.

3.4.4 This limitation of liability specified in Clause 3.4.3 shall not affect the Consultant's liability, if any, for damage to Third Parties caused by the Consultant or any person on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services subject, however, to a limit equal to 3 (three) times the Agreement Value.

#### 3.5 Insurance to be taken out by the Consultant

- 3.5.1 (a) The Consultant shall, for the duration of this Agreement, take out and maintain, at its own cost, but on terms and conditions approved by the Authority, insurance against the risks, and for the coverages, as specified in the Agreement and in accordance with good industry practice.
  - (b) Within 15 (fifteen) days of receiving any insurance policy certificate in respect of insurances required to be obtained and maintained under this clause, the Consultant shall furnish to the Authority, copies of such policy certificates, copies of the insurance policies and evidence that the insurance premia have been paid in respect of such insurance. No insurance shall be cancelled, modified or allowed to expire or lapse during the term of this Agreement.
  - (c) If the Consultant fails to effect and keep in force the aforesaid insurances for which it is responsible pursuant hereto, the Authority shall, apart from having other recourse available under this Agreement, have the option, without prejudice to the obligations of the Consultant, to take out the aforesaid insurance, to keep in force any such insurances, and pay such premia and recover the costs thereof from the Consultant, and the Consultant shall be liable to pay such amounts on demand by the Authority.
  - (d) Except in case of Third Party liabilities, the insurance policies so procured shall mention the Authority as the beneficiary of the Consultant and the Consultant shall procure an undertaking from the insurance company to this effect; provided that in the event the Consultant has a general insurance policy that covers the risks specified in this Agreement and the amount of insurance cover is equivalent to 3 (three) times the cover required hereunder, such insurance policy may not mention the Authority as the sole beneficiary of the Consultant or require an undertaking to that effect.

- 3.5.2 The Parties agree that the risks and coverages shall include but not be limited to the following:
  - (a) Third Party liability insurance as required under Applicable Laws, with a minimum coverage of Rs. 20 (twenty) crores
  - (b) employer's liability and workers' compensation insurance in respect of the Personnel of the Consultant, in accordance with Applicable Laws; and
  - (c) professional liability insurance for an amount no less than the Agreement Value.

The indemnity limit in terms of "Any One Accident" (AOA) and "Aggregate limit on the policy period" (AOP) should not be less than the amount stated in Clause 6.1.2 of the Agreement.

#### **3.6** Accounting, inspection and auditing

The Consultant shall:

- (a) keep accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services provided under this Agreement, in accordance with internationally accepted accounting principles and standards such as Indian Accounting Standards, GAAP, etc. and in such form and detail as will clearly identify all relevant time charges and cost, and the basis thereof (including the basis of the Consultant's costs and charges); and
- (b) permit the Authority or its designated representative periodically, and up to one year from the expiration or termination of this Agreement, to inspect the same and make copies thereof as well as to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Authority.

#### 3.7 Consultant's actions requiring the Authority's prior approval

The Consultant shall obtain the Authority's prior approval in writing before action that is specified in this Agreement.

#### **3.8 Reporting obligations**

- 3.8.1 The Consultant shall submit to the Authority the reports and documents specified in the Agreement, in the form, in the numbers and within the time periods set forth therein.
- 3.8.2 The Consultant shall electronically by mail and in hard copies submit the deliverables as mentioned.

#### 3.9 Documents prepared by the Consultant to be property of the Authority

3.9.1 All plans, drawings, specifications, designs, reports and other documents (collectively referred to as "**Consultancy Documents**") prepared by the Consultant in performing the Services shall become and remain the property of the Authority, and all intellectual property rights in such Consultancy Documents shall vest with the Authority. Any Consultancy Document, of which the ownership or the intellectual property rights do not vest with the Authority under law, shall automatically stand assigned to the Authority as and when such Consultancy Document is created and the Consultant

agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other acts as the Authority may deem necessary to secure its rights herein assigned by the Consultant.

- 3.9.2 The Consultant shall, not later than termination or expiration of this Agreement, deliver all Consultancy Documents to the Authority, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Consultant may retain a copy of such Consultancy Documents. The Consultant shall not use these Consultancy Documents for purposes unrelated to this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Authority.
- 3.9.3 The Consultant shall hold the Authority harmless and indemnified for any losses, claims, damages, expenses (including all legal expenses), awards, penalties or injuries (collectively referred to as 'Claims') which may arise from or due to any unauthorised use of such Consultancy Documents, or due to any breach or failure on part of the Consultant to perform any of its duties or obligations in relation to securing the aforementioned rights of the Authority.

#### 3.10. Equipment and materials furnished by the Authority

Equipment and materials made available to the Consultant by the Authority shall be the property of the Authority and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, the Consultant shall furnish forthwith to the Authority, an inventory of such equipment and materials and shall dispose of such equipment and materials in accordance with the instructions of the Authority. While in possession of such equipment and materials, the Consultant shall, unless otherwise instructed by the Authority in writing, insure them in an amount equal to their full replacement value.

#### 3.11. Providing access to Project Office and Personnel

The Consultant shall ensure that the Authority, and officials of the Authority having authorisation from the Authority, are provided unrestricted access to the Project Office and to all Personnel during office hours. The Authority's official, who has been authorised by the Authority in this behalf, shall have the right to inspect the Services in progress, interact with Personnel of the Consultant and verify the records relating to the Services for his satisfaction.

#### 3.12. Accuracy of Documents

The Consultant shall be responsible for accuracy of the documents drafted and/ or vetted and data collected by it directly or procured from other agencies/authorities, the designs, drawings, estimates and all other details prepared by it as part of these services. Subject to the provisions of Clause 3.4, it shall indemnify the Authority against any inaccuracy in its work which might surface during implementation of the Project, if such inaccuracy is the result of any negligence or inadequate due diligence on part of the Consultant or arises out of its failure to conform to good industry practice. The Consultant shall also be responsible for promptly correcting, at its own cost and risk, the documents including any re-survey / investigations.

#### 4. Consultant's Personnel

#### 4.1 General

The Consultant shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Personnel as may be required to carry out the Services.

#### 4.2 Deployment of Personnel

4.2.1 The Applicants should carefully assess the scope of work as defined in this document and accordingly deploy personnel for successful completion of the work.

#### 4.3 Approval of Personnel

- 4.3.1 The Key Personnel listed in Annex-2 of the Agreement are hereby approved by the Authority. No other Key Personnel shall be engaged without prior approval of the Authority.
- 4.3.2 If the Consultant hereafter proposes to engage any person as Key Personnel, it shall submit to the Authority its proposal along with a CV of such person in the form provided at Appendix–I (Form-11) of the RFP. The Authority may approve or reject such proposal within 14 (fourteen) days of receipt thereof. In case the proposal is rejected, the Consultant may propose an alternative person for the Authority's consideration. In the event the Authority does not reject a proposal within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of receipt thereof under this Clause 4.3, it shall be deemed to have been approved by the Authority.

#### 4.4 Substitution of Key Personnel

The Authority expects all the Key Personnel specified in the Proposal to be available during implementation of the Agreement. The Authority will not consider any substitution of Key Personnel except under compelling circumstances beyond the control of the Consultant and the concerned Key Personnel. Such substitution shall be limited to not more than two Key Personnel subject to equally or better qualified and experienced personnel being provided to the satisfaction of the Authority. Without prejudice to the foregoing, substitution of one Key Personnel shall be permitted subject to reduction of remuneration equal to 20% (twenty per cent) of the total remuneration specified for the Key Personnel who is proposed to be substituted. In case of a second substitution, such reduction shall be equal to 50% (fifty per cent) of the total remuneration specified for the Key Personnel who is proposed to be substituted.

#### 4.5 Deleted

#### 4.6 Financial Expert cum Team Leader

The person designated as the Financial Expert cum Team Leader of the Consultant's Personnel shall be responsible for the coordinated, timely and efficient functioning of the Personnel.

#### 5. Obligations of the Authority

#### 5.1 Assistance in clearances etc.

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, the Authority shall make best efforts to ensure that the Government shall:

- (a) provide the Consultant and its Personnel with work permits and such other documents as may be necessary to enable the Consultant and its Personnel to perform the Services;
- (b) facilitate prompt clearance through customs of any property required for the Services; and

(c) issue to officials, agents and representatives of the Government all such instructions as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services.

#### 5.2 Access to land and property

The Authority warrants that the Consultant shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to the site of the project in respect of which access is required for the performance of Services; provided that if such access shall not be made available to the Consultant as and when so required, the Parties shall agree on (i) the time extension, as may be appropriate, for the performance of Services, and (ii) the additional payments, if any, to be made to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to Clause 6.1.3.

#### 5.3 Change in Applicable Law

If, after the date of this Agreement, there is any change in the Applicable Laws with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost or reimbursable expenses incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, by an amount exceeding 2% (two per cent) of the Agreement Value specified in Clause 6.1.2, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Agreement shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties hereto, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the aforesaid Agreement Value.

All service tax and other taxes other than income tax, as may be applicable from time to time, on the payment of the professional fees to the Consultant, shall be borne by the Authority.

#### 5.4 Payment

In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Agreement, the Authority shall make to the Consultant such payments and in such manner as is provided in Clause 6 of this Agreement.

#### 6. Payment to the Consultant

#### 6.1 Cost estimates and Agreement Value

- 6.1.1 An abstract of the cost of the Services payable to the Consultant is set forth in Annex-3 of the Agreement.
- 6.1.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Clause 6.1.2, if pursuant to the provisions of Clauses 2.6 and 2.7, the Parties agree that additional payments shall be made to the Consultant in order to cover any additional operational expenditures not envisaged in the cost estimates referred to in Clause 6.1.1 above, the Agreement Value set forth in Clause 6.1.2 above shall be increased by the amount or amounts, as the case may be, of any such additional payments.

#### 6.2 Currency of payment

All payments shall be made in Indian Rupees. The Consultant shall be free to convert Rupees into any foreign currency as per Applicable Laws.

#### 6.3 Mode of billing and payment

Billing and payments in respect of the Services shall be made as follows:-

- (a) The Consultant shall be paid for its services as per the Payment Schedule at Annex-4 of this Agreement, subject to the Consultant fulfilling the following conditions:
  - (i) No payment shall be due for the next stage till the Consultant completes, to the satisfaction of the Authority, the work pertaining to the preceding stage; and
  - (ii) The Authority shall pay to the Consultant, only the undisputed amount.
- (b) The Authority shall cause the payment due to the Consultant to be made within 30 (thirty) days after the receipt by the Authority of duly completed bills with necessary particulars (the "**Due Date**").
- (c) The final payment under this Clause 6.3 shall be made only after the final Deliverable as per the Annex 5 shall have been submitted by the Consultant and approved as satisfactory by the Authority. The Services shall be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Authority and the final Deliverable shall be deemed approved by the Authority as satisfactory upon expiry of 90 (ninety) days after receipt of the final Deliverable unless the Authority, within such 90 (ninety) day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail, the deficiencies in the Services. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections and/or additions, and upon completion of such corrections or additions, the foregoing process shall be repeated. The Authority shall make the final payment upon acceptance or deemed acceptance of the final Deliverable by the Authority.
- (d) Any amount which the Authority has paid or caused to be paid in excess of the amounts actually payable in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall be reimbursed by the Consultant to the Authority within 30 (thirty) days after receipt by the Consultant of notice thereof. Any such claim by the Authority for reimbursement must be made within 1 (one) year after receipt by the Authority of a final report in accordance with Clause 6.3 (c). Any delay by the Consultant in reimbursement by the due date shall attract simple interest @ 10% (ten percent) per annum.
- (e) 10% (ten per cent) of the Agreement Value has been earmarked as Final Payment to be made to the Consultant upon execution of the Concession Agreement. In the event the Concession Agreement does not get executed within 1 (one) year or as mutually agreed of the Effective Date the Final Payment shall not become due to the Consultant, save and except the costs incurred for meeting its reimbursable expenses during the period after expiry of 24 (twenty four) weeks from the Effective Date, including travel costs and personnel costs, at the agreed rates.
- (f) All payments under this Agreement shall be made to the account of the Consultant as may be notified to the Authority by the Consultant.

#### 7. Liquidated Damages and Penalties

#### 7.1 **Performance Security**

7.1.1 The Authority shall retain by way of Performance Security, 3% (three per cent) of all the amounts due and payable to the Consultant, to be appropriated against breach of this Agreement or for recovery of liquidated damages as specified in Clause 7.2. The

balance remaining out of the Performance Security shall be returned to the Consultant at the end of 3 (three) months after the expiry of this Agreement pursuant to Clause 2.4 hereof. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties hereto expressly agree that in addition to appropriation of the amounts withheld hereunder, in the event of any default requiring the appropriation of further amounts comprising the Performance Security, the Authority may make deductions from any subsequent payments due and payable to the Consultant hereunder, as if it is appropriating the Performance Security in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

7.1.2 The Consultant may, in lieu of retention of the amounts as referred to in Clause 7.1.1 above, furnish a Bank Guarantee substantially in the form specified at Annex-5 of this Agreement.

#### 7.2 Liquidated Damages

7.2.1 Liquidated Damages for error/variation

In case any error or variation is detected in the reports submitted by the Consultant and such error or variation is the result of negligence or lack of due diligence on the part of the Consultant, the consequential damages thereof shall be quantified by the Authority in a reasonable manner and recovered from the Consultant by way of deemed liquidated damages, subject to a maximum of 50% (fifty per cent) of the Agreement Value.

#### 7.2.2 Liquidated Damages for delay

In case of delay in completion of Services/ Key deliverables, liquidated damages not exceeding an amount equal to 0.2% (zero-point two percent) of the Agreement Value per day, subject to a maximum of 10% (ten percent) of the Agreement Value shall be imposed and shall be recovered by appropriation from the Performance Security or otherwise. However, in case of delay due to reasons beyond the control of the Consultant, suitable extension of time shall be granted.

#### 7.2.3 Encashment and appropriation of Performance Security

The Authority shall have the right to invoke and appropriate the proceeds of the Performance Security, in whole or in part, without notice to the Consultant in the event of breach of this Agreement or for recovery of liquidated damages specified in this Clause 7.2.

#### 7.3 Penalty for deficiency in Services

In addition to the liquidated damages not amounting to penalty, as specified in Clause 7.2, warning may be issued to the Consultant for minor deficiencies on its part. In the case of significant deficiencies in Services causing adverse effect on the Project or on the reputation of the Authority, other penal action including debarring for a specified period may also be initiated as per policy of the Authority.

#### 8. Fairness and Good Faith

#### 8.1 Good Faith

The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Agreement and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realisation of the objectives of this Agreement.

#### 8.2 Operation of the Agreement

The Parties recognise that it is impractical in this Agreement to provide for every contingency which may arise during the life of the Agreement, and the Parties hereby

agree that it is their intention that this Agreement shall operate fairly as between them, and without detriment to the interest of either of them, and that, if during the term of this Agreement either Party believes that this Agreement is operating unfairly, the Parties will use their best efforts to agree on such action as may be necessary to remove the cause or causes of such unfairness, but failure to agree on any action pursuant to this Clause 8.2 shall not give rise to a dispute subject to arbitration in accordance with Clause 9 hereof.

#### 9. Settlement of Disputes

#### 9.1 Amicable settlement

The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or the interpretation thereof.

#### 9.2 Dispute resolution

- 9.2.1 Any dispute, difference or controversy of whatever nature howsoever arising under or out of or in relation to this Agreement (including its interpretation) between the Parties, and so notified in writing by either Party to the other Party (the "**Dispute**") shall, in the first instance, be attempted to be resolved amicably in accordance with the conciliation procedure set forth in Clause 9.3.
- 9.2.2 The Parties agree to use their best efforts for resolving all Disputes arising under or in respect of this Agreement promptly, equitably and in good faith, and further agree to provide each other with reasonable access during normal business hours to all non-privileged records, information and data pertaining to any Dispute.

#### 9.3 Conciliation

In the event of any Dispute between the Parties, either Party may call upon Secretary, SAI and the Managing Partner/ Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Consultant or a substitute thereof for amicable settlement, and upon such reference, the said persons shall meet no later than 10 (ten) days from the date of reference to discuss and attempt to amicably resolve the Dispute. If such meeting does not take place within the 10 (ten) day period or the Dispute is not amicably settled within 15 (fifteen) days of the meeting or the Dispute is not resolved as evidenced by the signing of written terms of settlement within 30 (thirty) days of the notice in writing referred to in Clause 9.2.1 or such longer period as may be mutually agreed by the Parties, either Party may refer the Dispute to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of Clause 9.4.

#### 9.4 Arbitration

- 9.4.1 Any Dispute which is not resolved amicably by conciliation, as provided in Clause 9.3, shall be finally decided by reference to arbitration by an Arbitral Tribunal appointed in accordance with Clause 9.4.2. Such arbitration shall be held in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration of the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, New Delhi (the "**Rules**"), or such other rules as may be mutually agreed by the Parties, and shall be subject to the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act,1996. The place of such arbitration shall be the capital of the State where the Authority has its headquarters and the language of arbitration proceedings shall be English.
- 9.4.2 There shall be a sole arbitrator whose appointment shall be made in accordance with the Rules.
- 9.4.3 The arbitrators shall make a reasoned award (the "**Award**"). Any Award made in any arbitration held pursuant to this Clause 9 shall be final and binding on the Parties as

from the date it is made, and the Consultant and the Authority agree and undertake to carry out such Award without delay.

- 9.4.4 The Consultant and the Authority agree that an Award may be enforced against the Consultant and/or the Authority, as the case may be, and their respective assets wherever situated.
- 9.4.5 This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall remain in full force and effect, pending the Award in any arbitration proceedings hereunder.

# IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED	SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED		
For and on behalf of	For and on behalf of		
Consultant:	Authority		

(Signature) (Name) (Designation)

(Address)

In the presence of:

1.

2.

## **Terms of Reference**

(Refer Clause 3.1.2)

(Reproduce Schedule-1 of RFP)

## **Key Personnel**

(Refer Clause 4.2)

(Reproduce as per Form-9 of Appendix-I)

### **Cost of Services**

(Refer Clause 6.1)

(Reproduce as per Form-1 of Appendix-II)

## **Payment Schedule**

(Refer Clause 6.3)

#### **Bank Guarantee for Performance Security**

(Refer Clause 7.1.2)

То

Secretary Sports Authority of India

3. We, ...... (indicate the name of the Bank) do hereby undertake to pay to the Authority any money so demanded notwithstanding any dispute or disputes raised by the Consultant in any suit or proceeding pending before any court or tribunal relating thereto, our liability under this present being absolute and unequivocal. The payment so made by us under this bond shall be a valid discharge of our liability for payment thereunder and the Consultant shall have no claim against us for making such payment.

4. We, ..... (indicate the name of Bank) further agree that the Guarantee herein contained shall remain in full force and effect during the period that would be required for the performance of the said Agreement and that it shall continue to be enforceable till all the dues

of the Authority under or by virtue of the said Agreement have been fully paid and its claims satisfied or discharged or till the Authority certifies that the terms and conditions of the said Agreement have been fully and properly carried out by the said Consultant and accordingly discharges this Guarantee. Unless a demand or claim under this Guarantee is made on us in writing on or before a period of one year from the date of this Guarantee, we shall be discharged from all liability under this Guarantee thereafter.

5. We, ...... (indicate the name of Bank) further agree with the Authority that the Authority shall have the fullest liberty without our consent and without affecting in any manner our obligations hereunder to vary any of the terms and conditions of the said Agreement or to extend time of performance by the said Consultant from time to time or to postpone for any time or from time to time any of the powers exercisable by the Authority against the said Consultant and to forbear or enforce any of the terms and conditions relating to the said Agreement and we shall not be relieved from our liability by reason of any such variation, or extension being granted to the said Consultant or for any forbearance, act or omission on the part of the Authority or any indulgence by the Authority to the said Consultant or any such matter or thing whatsoever which under the law relating to sureties would, but for this provision, have the effect of so relieving us.

6. This Guarantee will not be discharged due to the change in the constitution of the Bank or the Consultant(s).

7. We, ..... (indicate the name of Bank) lastly undertake not to revoke this Guarantee during its currency except with the previous consent of the Authority in writing.

8. For the avoidance of doubt, the Bank's liability under this Guarantee shall be restricted to ₹..... crore (Rupees ..... crore) only. The Bank shall be liable to pay the said amount or any part thereof only if the Authority serves a written claim on the Bank in accordance with Paragraph 2 hereof, on or before [...... (indicate the date falling 365days after the date of this Guarantee)].

For .....

Name of Bank:

Seal of the Bank:

Dated, the ......day of ...... 2020......

(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)

#### NOTES:

- (i) The Bank Guarantee should contain the name, designation and code number of the officer(s) signing the Guarantee.
- (ii) The address, telephone no. and other details of the Head Office of the Bank as well as of issuing Branch should be mentioned on the covering letter of issuing Branch

## **SCHEDULE-3**

(See Clause 2.3.3)

#### **Guidance Note on Conflict of Interest**

- 1. This Note further explains and illustrates the provisions of Clause 2.3 of the RFP and shall be read together therewith in dealing with specific cases.
- 2. Consultants should be deemed to be in a conflict of interest situation if it can be reasonably concluded that their position in a business or their personal interest could improperly influence their judgment in the exercise of their duties. The process for selection of consultants should avoid both actual and perceived conflict of interest.
- 3. Conflict of interest may arise between the Authority and a consultant or between consultants and present or future concessionaries/ contractors. Some of the situations that would involve conflict of interest are identified below:
- (a) Authority and consultants:
- (i) Potential consultant should not be privy to information from the Authority which is not available to others.
- (ii) Potential consultant should not have defined the project when earlier working for the Authority.
- (iii) Potential consultant should not have recently worked for the Authority overseeing the project.
- (b) Consultants and concessionaires/contractors:
- (i) No consultant should have an ownership interest or a continuing business interest or an ongoing relationship with a potential concessionaire/ contractor save and except relationships restricted to project-specific and short-term assignments.
- (ii) No consultant should be involved in owning or operating entities resulting from the project.
- (iii) No consultant should bid for works arising from the project.

The participation of companies that may be involved as investors or consumers and officials of the Authority who have current or recent connections to the companies involved, therefore, needs to be avoided.

- 4. Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing and unless stated otherwise in the data sheet for the RFP document, the consultant shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:
- a) Conflicting activities: A firm that has been engaged by the client to provide Goods, Works, or Non-consultancy services for a project, or any of its affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing Consultancy service resulting from or directly related to those Goods, Works, or Non-consultancy services. Conversely, a firm hired to provide consultancy services for the preparation or implementation of a project, or any of its affiliates, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing Goods or Works or Nonconsultancy services resulting from or directly related to the consultancy services for such preparation or implementation;

- **b) Conflicting assignments:** Consultants (including its experts and sub-consultants) or any of their affiliates shall not be hired for any assignment that, by its nature, may be in conflict with another assignment of the consultant for the same or for another Authority; and
- c) Conflicting relationships: A consultant (including its/his experts and sub-consultants) that has a close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Authority who are directly or indirectly involved in any part of: 1. the preparation of ToR for the assignment; 2. selection process for the contract; or 3. supervision of the contract, may not be awarded a contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the client throughout the selection process and execution of the contract.
- 5. The normal way to identify conflicts of interest is through self-declaration by consultants. Where a conflict exists, which has not been declared, competing companies are likely to bring this to the notice of the Authority. All conflicts must be declared as and when the consultants become aware of them.
- 6. Another approach towards avoiding a conflict of interest is through the use of "Chinese walls" to avoid the flow of commercially sensitive information from one part of the consultant's company to another. This could help overcome the problem of availability of limited numbers of experts for the project. However, in reality effective operation of "Chinese walls" may be a difficult proposition. As a general rule, larger companies will be more capable of adopting Chinese walls approach than smaller companies. Although, "Chinese walls" have been relatively common for many years, they are an increasingly discredited means of avoiding conflicts of interest and should be considered with caution. As a rule, "Chinese walls" should be considered as unacceptable and may be accepted only in exceptional cases upon full disclosure by a consultant coupled with provision of safeguards to the satisfaction of the Authority.
- 7. Another way to avoid conflicts of interest is through the appropriate grouping of tasks. For example, conflicts may arise if consultants drawing up the terms of reference or the proposed documentation are also eligible for the consequent assignment or project.
- 8. Another form of conflict of interest called "scope–creep" arises when consultants advocate either an unnecessary broadening of the terms of reference or make recommendations which are not in the best interests of the Authority, but which will generate further work for the consultants. Some forms of contractual arrangements are more likely to lead to scope-creep. For example, lump-sum contracts provide fewer incentives for this, while time and material contracts provide built in incentives for consultants to extend the length of their assignment.
- 9. Every project contains potential conflicts of interest. Consultants should not only avoid any conflict of interest; they should report any present/ potential conflict of interest to the Authority at the earliest. Officials of the Authority involved in development of a project shall be responsible for identifying and resolving any conflicts of interest. It should be ensured that safeguards are in place to preserve fair and open competition and measures should be taken to eliminate any conflict of interest arising at any stage in the process.

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## **APPENDIX-I: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**

(See Clause 2.1.3)

#### Form-1: Letter of Proposal

(On Applicant's letter head)

(Date and Reference) To, Secretary, Sports Authority of India.

Sub: Appointment of Transaction Adviser for Redevelopment of Land Parcels at SAI Regional Centre at Zirakpur, Punjab and Bengaluru, Karnataka through PPP.

Dear Sir,

2. I/We acknowledge that the Authority will be relying on the information provided in the Proposal and the documents accompanying the Proposal for selection of the Consultant, and we certify that all information provided in the Proposal and in the Appendices is true and correct, nothing has been omitted which renders such information misleading; and all documents accompanying such Proposal are true copies of their respective originals.

3. This statement is made for the express purpose of appointment as the Consultant for the aforesaid Project.

4. I/We shall make available to the Authority any additional information it may deem necessary or require for supplementing or authenticating the Proposal.

5. I/We acknowledge the right of the Authority to reject our application without assigning any reason or otherwise and hereby waive our right to challenge the same on any account whatsoever.

6. I/We certify that in the last three years, we or any of our Associates have neither failed to perform on any contract, as evidenced by imposition of a penalty by an arbitral or judicial authority or a judicial pronouncement or arbitration award against the Applicant, nor been expelled from any project or contract by any public authority nor have had any contract terminated by any public authority for breach on our part.

7. I/We declare that:

(a) I/We have examined and have no reservations to the RFP Documents, including any Addendum issued by the Authority;

(b) I/We do not have any conflict of interest in accordance with Clause 2.3 of the RFP Document;

(c) I/We have not directly or indirectly or through an agent engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice, as defined in Clause 4.3 of the RFP document, in respect of any tender or request for proposal issued by or any agreement entered into with the Authority or any other public sector enterprise or any government, Central or State; and

(d) I/We hereby certify that we have taken steps to ensure that in conformity with the provisions of Section 4 of the RFP, no person acting for us or on our behalf will engage in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice.

8. I/We understand that you may cancel the Selection Process at any time and that you are neither bound to accept any Proposal that you may receive nor to select the Consultant, without incurring any liability to the Applicants in accordance with Clause 2.8 of the RFP document.

9. I/We certify that in regard to matters other than security and integrity of the country, we or any of our Associates have not been convicted by a Court of Law or indicted or adverse orders passed by a regulatory authority which would cast a doubt on our ability to undertake the Consultancy for the Project or which relates to a grave offence that outrages the moral sense of the community.

10. I/We further certify that in regard to matters relating to security and integrity of the country, we have not been charge-sheeted by any agency of the Government or convicted by a Court of Law for any offence committed by us or by any of our Associates.

11.I/We further certify that no investigation by a regulatory authority is pending either against us or against our Associates or against our CEO or any of our Directors/Managers/employees.<sup>\$</sup>

12. I/We hereby irrevocably waive any right or remedy which we may have at any stage at law or howsoever otherwise arising to challenge or question any decision taken by the Authority [and/ or the Government of India] in connection with the selection of Consultant or in connection with the Selection Process itself in respect of the above mentioned Project.

13. I/We agree and understand that the proposal is subject to the provisions of the RFP document. In no case, shall I/we have any claim or right of whatsoever nature if the Consultancy for the Project is not awarded to me/us or our proposal is not opened or rejected.

14. I/We agree to keep this offer valid for 90 (ninety) days from the Proposal Due Date specified in the RFP.

15. A Power of Attorney in favour of the authorised signatory to sign and submit this Proposal and documents is attached herewith in Form-4.

16.In the event of my/our firm/being selected as the Consultant, I/we agree to enter into an Agreement in accordance with the form at Schedule–2 of the RFP. We agree not to seek any changes in the aforesaid form and agree to abide by the same.

17.In the event of my/our firm being selected as the Consultant, I/we agree and undertake to provide the services of the Financial Expert in accordance with the provisions of the RFP and that the Financial Expert shall be responsible for providing the agreed services himself and not through any other person or Associate.

18. I/We have studied RFP and all other documents carefully and also surveyed the Project site. We understand that except to the extent as expressly set forth in the Agreement, we shall have no claim, right or title arising out of any documents or information provided to us by the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\$</sup>In case the Applicant is unable to provide the certification specified in paragraph 12, it may precede the paragraph by the words viz. "Except as specified in Schedule ...... hereto". The exceptions to the certification or any disclosures relating thereto may be clearly stated in a Schedule to be attached to the Application. The Authority will consider the contents of such Schedule and determine whether or not the exceptions/disclosures are material to the suitability of the Applicant for pre-qualification hereunder.

Authority or in respect of any matter arising out of or concerning or relating to the Selection Process including the award of Consultancy.

19. The Financial Proposal is being submitted in a separate cover. This Technical Proposal read with the Financial Proposal shall constitute the Application which shall be binding on us.

20. I/We agree and undertake to abide by all the terms and conditions of the RFP Document. In witness thereof, I/we submit this Proposal under and in accordance with the terms of the RFP Document.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)

(Name and seal of the Applicant/ Lead Member)

1.1	Title of Consultancy:					
	-					
1.2	Title of Project:					
	····· Project					
1.3	State the following:					
	Name of Firm:					
	Legal status (e.g. sole proprietorship or partnership):					
	Country of incorporation:					
	Registered address:					
	Year of Incorporation:					
	Year of commencement of business:					
	Principal place of business:					
	Name, designation, address and phone numbers of authorised signatory of the Applicant:					
	Name: Designation: Company: Address: Phone No.: E-mail address:					
	The Applicant must have office in Delhi NCR. Please specify if Applicant has office in Delhi NCR.					
	Yes/No					
1.4	For the Applicant state the following information:					
	(1) In case of non-Indian Firm, does the Firm have business presence in India?					
	Yes/No					
	If so, provide the office address(es) in India.					
	(2) Has the Applicant been penalised by any organization for poor quality of work or breach of contract in the last five years?					
	Yes/No					
	(3) Has the Applicant/ or any of its Associates ever failed to complete any work awarded to it by any public authority/ entity in last five years?					
	Yes/No					
	(4) Has the Applicant been blacklisted by any Government department/Public Sector Undertaking in the last five years?					
	Yes/No					

# Form-2: Particulars of the Applicant

	(v) Has the Applicant or any of its Associates, suffered bankruptcy/insolvency in the last five years?
	Yes/No
	Note: If answer to any of the questions at (ii) to (v) is yes, the Applicant is not eligible for this consultancy assignment.
1.5	Does the Applicant's firm combine functions as a consultant or adviser along with the functions as a contractor and/or a manufacturer?
	Yes/No
	If yes, does the Applicant agree to limit the Applicant's role only to that of a consultant/ adviser to the Authority and to disqualify themselves, their Associates/ affiliates, subsidiaries and/or parent organization subsequently from work on this Project in any other capacity?
	Yes/No
	(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)
	For and on behalf of

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### Form-3: Statement of Legal Capacity

(To be forwarded on the letter head of the Applicant)

Ref. Date: To, ..... Dear Sir, Sub: RFP for Consultant: .....Project

I/We hereby confirm that we, the Applicant, satisfy the terms and conditions laid down in the RFP document.

I/We have agreed that ..... (insert individual's name) will act as our Authorised Representative/ will act as the Authorised Representative of firm/ Applicant and has been duly authorized to submit our Proposal. Further, the authorised signatory is vested with requisite powers to furnish such proposal and all other documents, information or communication and authenticate the same.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)

For and on behalf of .....

#### **Form-4: Power of Attorney**

of the registered office) do hereby constitute, nominate, appoint and authorise Mr / Ms..... son/daughter/wife and presently residing at ....., who is presently employed with/ retained by us and holding the position of ...... as our true and lawful attorney (hereinafter referred to as the "Authorised Representative") to do in our name and on our behalf, all such acts, deeds and things as are necessary or required in connection with or incidental to submission of our Proposal for and selection as the Consultant for Transaction Services for the .....Project, proposed to be developed by the ..... (the "Authority") including but not limited to signing and submission of all applications, proposals and other documents and writings, participating in pre-bid and other conferences and providing information/ responses to the Authority, representing us in all matters before the Authority, signing and execution of all contracts and undertakings consequent to acceptance of our proposal and generally dealing with the Authority in all matters in connection with or relating to or arising out of our Proposal for the said Project and/or upon award thereof to us till the entering into of the Agreement with the Authority.

AND, we do hereby agree to ratify and confirm all acts, deeds and things lawfully done or caused to be done by our said Authorised Representative pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred by this Power of Attorney and that all acts, deeds and things done by our said Authorised Representative in exercise of the powers hereby conferred shall and shall always be deemed to have been done by us.

For .....

(Signature, name, designation and address)

Witnesses:

1.

2.

Notarised

Accepted

.....

(Signature, name, designation and address of the Attorney)

Notes:

The mode of execution of the Power of Attorney should be in accordance with the procedure, if any, laid down by the applicable law and the charter documents of the executant(s) and when it is so required the same should be under common seal affixed in accordance with the required procedure.

Wherever required, the Applicant should submit for verification the extract of the charter documents and other documents such as a resolution/power of attorney in favour of the person executing this Power of Attorney for the delegation of power hereunder on behalf of the Applicant.

For a Power of Attorney executed and issued overseas, the document will also have to be legalised by the Indian Embassy and notarised in the jurisdiction where the Power of Attorney is being issued. However, Applicants from countries that have signed the Hague Legislation Convention 1961 need not get their Power of Attorney legalised by the Indian Embassy if it carries a conforming Apostille certificate.

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### Form-5: Financial Capacity of the Applicant

(Refer Clause 2.2.2 (B))

### Form – 5A: Annual revenue on Account of professional fees

S. No.	. No. Financial Year Annual Revenue							
		(₹ in crore)						
1.	1.							
2.								
3.								
	Certificate from the Statutory Auditor <sup>\$</sup>							
	•	(name of the Applicant) has received the payments bective years on account of professional fees.						
Name o	f the audit firm:							
Seal of	Seal of the audit firm							
Date:	Date:							
(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)								

\$\$In case the Applicant does not have a statutory auditor, it shall provide the certificate from its chartered accountant that ordinarily audits the annual accounts of the Applicant.

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S. No.	Financial Year	Overall Turnover						
		(₹ in crore)						
1.								
2.								
3.								
	Certificate from the Statutory Auditor <sup>\$</sup>							
	to certify that bove against the resp	(name of the Applicant) has received the payments pective years.						
Name o	f the audit firm:							
Seal of	the audit firm							
Date:	Date:							
	(Sign	ature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)						

## Form – 5B: Overall Turnover of the Firm

<sup>\$\$</sup>In case the Applicant does not have a statutory auditor, it shall provide the certificate from its chartered accountant that ordinarily audits the annual accounts of the Applicant.

### Form-6: Abstract of Eligible / Specific Assignments of the Applicant<sup>\$</sup>

Sl.N o	Name of Assignment	Type of Assignment (Eligible / Specific)	Name of Client	Estimated capital cost of Project (in Rs crore/ US\$ million)	Professional fee <sup>\$\$</sup> received by the Applicant (in Rs crore) <sup>£</sup>
(1) ££	(2)		(3)	(4)	(5)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

(Refer Clause 3.1)

<sup>\$</sup>The Applicant should provide details of only those assignments that have been undertaken by it under its own name.

<sup>\$\$</sup> Exchange rate for conversion of US \$ shall be as per Clause 1.7.1.

<sup>£</sup>In the event that the Applicant does not wish to disclose the actual fee received for any particular assignment, it may state that it has received more than the amount specified for eligibility under this RFP. For example, it may state: "Above Rs. 5 (five) lakh" in respect of a particular project.

<sup>££</sup>The names and chronology of Eligible Assignments included here should conform to the project-wise details submitted in Form-7 of Appendix-I.

### **Certificate from the Statutory Auditor<sup>\$</sup>**

This is to certify that the information contained in Column 5 above is correct as per the accounts of the Applicant and/ or the clients.

(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)

Date:

Name and seal of the audit firm:

<sup>\$</sup> In case the Applicant does not have a statutory auditor, it shall provide the certificate from its chartered accountant that ordinarily audits the annual accounts of the Applicant.

## Form – 7: Eligible/ Specific Assignments of Applicant

#### (Refer Clause 3.1.4)

1.	Name of Applicant:	
2.	Name of the Project:	
3.	Type of Assignment	
	(Eligible / Specific)	
4.	Project Particulars	
5.	Description of services performed by the Applicant Firm:	
6.	Name of client and Address:	
	(indicate whether public or private)	
7.	Name and telephone no. of client's representative:	
8.	Estimated capital cost of the Project (₹ in crore or \$ in million):	
9.	Payment received by the Applicant (₹ in crore):	
10	Start date of the services (month/ year):	
11	Finish date of the services (month/ year):	
12	Brief description of the Project:	
	is certified that the aforesaid in nowledge and belief.	formation is true and correct to the best of my
		(Signature and name of Authorised representative)

### Notes:

1. Use separate sheet for each Eligible Project.

2. The Applicant may attach separate sheets to provide brief particulars of other relevant experience of the Applicant.

3. Exchange rate for conversion of USD, \$ shall be as per Clause 1.7.1.

#### Form-8: Proposed Approach and Methodology

The proposed methodology and work plan shall be described as follows:

1. Understanding of TOR (not more than two pages)

The Applicant shall clearly state its understanding of the TOR and also highlight its important aspects. The Applicant may supplement various requirements of the TOR and also make precise suggestions if it considers this would bring more clarity and assist in achieving the Objectives laid down in the TOR.

2. Approach and Methodology (not more than three pages)

The Applicant will submit its methodology for carrying out this assignment, outlining its approach toward achieving the Objectives laid down in the TOR. The Applicant will submit a brief write up on its proposed team and organisation of personnel explaining how different areas of expertise needed for this assignment have been fully covered by its proposal. The Applicant should specify the sequence and locations of important activities and provide a quality assurance plan for carrying out the Consultancy Services.

S. No	Designatio n of Key	Nam e	Educational Qualificatio	Length of Profession	Present Employment		No. of Eligible /	
	Personnel		n	al Experience	Nam e of Firm	Employed Since	Specific Assignmen ts <sup>\$</sup>	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	

# Form-9: Particulars of Key Personnel

<sup>\$</sup>Refer Form 10 of Appendix I for Eligible Assignments of Key Personnel.

## Form-10: Abstract of Eligible / Specific Assignments of Key Personnel<sup>\$</sup>

## (Refer Clause 3.1.4)

Name of Key Personnel:

Designation:

Sl. No	Name of Assignment <sup>\$</sup>	Name of Client	Type of Assignm ent (Eligible / Specific)	Estimated capital cost of project (₹in crore / \$ in million)	firm for which the Key	Designatio n of the Key Personnel on the assignment	Dateofcompletionoftheassignment	Man hours spent on the assign ment
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1								
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<sup>\$</sup> Use separate Form for each Key Personnel.

<sup>\$\$</sup> The names and chronology of projects included here should conform to the project-wise details submitted in Form-11 of Appendix-I.

**Note**: The Applicant may attach separate sheets to provide brief particulars of other relevant experience of the Key Personnel.

### Form-11: Curriculum Vitae (CV) of Professional Personnel

- **1.** Proposed Position:
- **2.** Name of Personnel:
- **3.** Date of Birth:
- **4.** Nationality:
- **5.** Educational Qualifications:
- **6.** Employment Record:

(Starting with present position, list in reverse order every employment held.)

7. List of projects and its details on which the Personnel has worked:

Name of the Project	
Position held	
Name of the Client	
Type of Assignment (Eligible/ Specific)	
Start Date of the Services:	
Finish Date of the Services:	
Estimated capital cost of the Project (₹in crore or \$ in million)	
Brief Description of the Project	
Description of services performed by the Key personnel	

Certification:

- 1 I am willing to work on the Project and I will be available for entire duration of the Project assignment as required.
- 2 I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes my qualifications, my experience and me.

(Signature and name of the Professional Personnel)

Place.....

(Signature and name of the authorised signatory of the Applicant)

Notes:

1.Use separate form for each Key Personnel and Professional Personnel.

2. In the case of Financial Expert, only those assignments shall be included where the Financial Expert worked as the Team Leader or the leader of the Financial Team in the relevant assignment.

3. The names and chronology of assignments included here should conform to the project-wise details submitted in Form-10 of Appendix-I.

4. Each page of the CV shall be signed in inland dated by both the Personnel concerned and by the Authorised Representative of the Applicant firm along with the seal of the firm. Photocopies will not be considered for evaluation.

5. Exchange rate for conversion of USD, \$ shall be as per Clause 1.7.1.

6. The details provided in the CV shall be the responsibility of the firm.

## Form-12: Capacity of the Firm (Manpower)

(on Firm's letter head)

Date

#### To Whom-so-ever it May Concern

This is to certify that (Name of the applicant) ...... has (No. of employees) ...... full time regular employees in India providing advisory/ consulting services.

Thanking you,

To be signed by Human Resources/ Authorised representative of the applicant

## **APPENDIX-II- FINANCIAL PROPOSAL**

### Form-1: Financial Proposal (Summary of Costs)

#### \*TO BE UPLOADED AS PER FORMAT IN CPP PORTAL

SI. No.		Amount in INR	Amount (in words)
Ι	Comprehensive Remuneration for all experts/ Key Personnel		
II	Taxes/ GST		
	Total		

Note:

1. Sf, the Financial Score will be derived as mentioned above. Taxes will not be included in the evaluation.

2. Taxes will be applicable as per existing government norms.

3. Operational Expenses (Travel, accommodation and food etc.) will be limited to maximum of 8% (including GST) of the quoted Price (not to be included in the evaluation). All such travel cost will be borne by the Firm, which will be reimbursed by the Authority on the actual basis (on production of tickets and bills) as per the existing rules and regulations of Government of India. The type and class of accommodations, travel arrangements and food etc. shall be on similar lines as available to an Assistant Director in SAI.

#### **APPENDIX-II**

### **APPENDIX – III: LIST OF BID-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS<sup>\$</sup>**

#### A. Clauses with currency-based footnotes

- 1. Introduction.
- 2. Clause 2.2.3: Conditions of Eligibility of Applicants.
- 3. Clause 2.11.3: Amendment of RFP.

**Note**: The above footnotes marked "\$" shall be retained in the RFP for guidance of the Applicants while submitting their respective Proposals.

#### **B.** Schedules with non-numeric footnotes

All non-numeric footnotes marked "\$" in the Schedules shall be retained in the respective Schedules for guidance of the Applicants while submitting their respective Proposals.

#### C. Appendices with non-numeric footnotes

All non-numeric footnotes in the Appendices shall be retained in the respective Appendices for guidance of the Applicants. These shall be omitted by the Applicants while submitting their respective Proposals.

#### D. Schedules and Appendices with blank spaces

All blank spaces in the Schedules and Appendices shall be retained in the RFP. These shall be filled up when the format of the respective Schedule or Appendix is used.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\$</sup> This Appendix-III contains a list of Clauses, Schedules and Appendices that would need to be suitably modified for reflecting bid-specific provisions. This Appendix-III may, therefore, be included in the RFP document to be issued to prospective Applicants.

## **APPENDIX – IV: INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE BID SUBMISSION**

1. The Bidders are required to submit soft copies of their bids electronically on the CPP Portal, using valid Digital Signature Certificates. The instructions given below are meant to assist the Bidders in registering on the CPP Portal, prepare their bids in accordance with the requirements and submitting their bids online on the CPP Portal.

More information useful for submitting online bids on the CPP Portal may be obtained at: <u>https://eprocure.gov.in//eprocure/app</u>.

#### 2. **REGISTRATION**

- (i). Bidders are required to enrol on the e-Procurement module of the Central Public Procurement Portal (URL: <u>https://eprocure.gov.in//eprocure/app</u>) by clicking on the link "Online bidder Enrolment" on the CPP Portal which is free of charge.
- (ii). As part of the enrolment process, the Bidders will be required to choose a unique username and assign a password for their accounts.
- (iii). Bidders are advised to register their valid e-mail address and mobile numbers as part of the registration process. These would be used for any communication from the CPP Portal.
- (iv). Upon enrolment, the Bidders will be required to register their valid Digital Signature Certificate (Class II or Class III Certificates with signing key usage) issued by any Certifying Authority recognized by CCA India (e.g. Sify/TCS/nCode/eMudhra etc.), with their profile.
- (v). Only one valid DSC should be registered by a Bidder. Please note that the Bidders are responsible to ensure that they do not lend their DSC's to others which may lead to misuse.
- (vi). Bidder then logs in to the site through the secured log-in by entering their user ID / password and the password of the DSC / e-Token.

#### 3. SEARCHING FOR TENDER DOCUMENTS

- (i). Various search options built in the CPP Portal, to facilitate bidders to search active tenders by several parameters. These parameters could include Tender ID, Organization Name, Location, Date, Value, etc. There is also an option of advanced search for tenders, wherein the bidders may combine a number of search parameters such as Organization Name, Form of Contract, Location, Date, Other keywords etc. to search for a tender published on the CPP Portal.
- (ii) Once the bidders have selected the tenders they are interested in, they may download the required documents / tender schedules. These tenders can be moved to the respective 'My Tenders' folder. This would enable the CPP Portal to intimate the bidders through SMS / e-mail in case there is any corrigendum issued to the tender document.
- (iii) The bidder should make a note of the unique Tender ID assigned to each tender, in case they want to obtain any clarification / help from the helpdesk.

#### 4. **PREPARATION OF BIDS**

(i) Bidder should take into account corrigendum/amendment/modification published on the tender document before submitting their bids.

- (ii) Bidder should go through the tender advertisement and the tender document carefully to understand the documents required to be submitted as part of the bid. Please note the number of covers in which the bid documents have to be submitted, the number of documents – including the names and content of each of the document that need to be submitted. Any deviations from these may lead to rejection of the bid.
- (iii) Bidder, in advance, should get ready the bid documents to be submitted as indicated in the tender document / schedule and generally, they can be in PDF / XLS / RAR / DWF/JPG formats. Bid documents may be scanned with 100 dpi with black and white option which helps in reducing size of the scanned document.
- (iv) To avoid the time and effort required in uploading the same set of standard documents which are required to be submitted as a part of every bid, a provision of uploading such standard documents (e.g. PAN card copy, annual reports, auditor certificates etc.) has been provided the bidders. Bidders can use "My Space" or "Other Important Documents" area available to them to upload such documents. These documents may be directly submitted from the "My Space" area while submitting a bid and need not be uploaded again and again. This will lead to a reduction in the time required for bid submission process.

#### 5. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- (i) Bidder should log into the site well in advance for bid submission so that they can upload the bid in time i.e. on or before the bid submission time. Bidder will be responsible for any delay due to other issues.
- (ii) The Bidder has to digitally sign and upload the required bid documents one by one as indicate in the tender document.
- (iii) Bidder has to select the payment option as "offline" to pay the tender fee / EMD as applicable and enter details of the instrument.
- (iv) Bidder should prepare the Bid Security as per the instruction specified in the tender document. The original should be posted/couriered/given in person to the concerned official latest by the last date of bid submission or as specified in the tender documents. The details of the DD/any other accepted instrument, physically sent, should tally with the details available in the scanned copy and the data entered during bid submission time. Otherwise the uploaded bid will be rejected.
- (v) The server time (which is displayed on the bidders' dashboard) will be considered as the standard time for referencing the deadlines for submission on the bids by the bidders, opening of bids etc. The Bidders should follow this time during bid submission.
- (vi) All the documents being submitted by the bidders would be encrypted using PKI encryption techniques to ensure the secrecy of the data. The data entered cannot be viewed by unauthorized persons until the time of bid opening. The confidentiality of the bids is maintained using the secured Socket Layer 128-bit encryption technology. Data storage encryption of sensitive fields is done. Any bid document that is uploaded to the server is subjected to symmetric encryption using a system generated symmetric key. Further this key is subjected to asymmetric encryption using buyers/bid openers public keys. Overall, the uploaded tender documents become readable only after the tender opening by the authorized bid openers.
- (vii) The uploaded tender documents become readable only after the tender opening by the authorized bid openers.

- (viii) Upon the successful and timely submission of bids (i.e. after Clicking "Freeze Bid Submission" in the portal), the portal will give a successful bid submission message &a bid summary will be displayed with bid no. and the date & time of submission of the bid with all other relevant details.
- (ix) The bid summary has to be printed and kept as an acknowledgement of the submission of the bid. This acknowledgement may be used as an entry pass for any bid opening meetings.

#### 6. ASSISTANCE TO BIDDERS

(i) Any query relating to the tender document and the terms and conditions contained therein should be addressed to the Tender Inviting Authority for a tender or the relevant contact person indicated in the tender.

(ii) Any query relating to the process of online bid submission or queries relating to CPP Portal in general may be directed to the 24x7 CPP Portal Helpdesk. The Contact number for the helpdesk is 1800 3072 2232. Foreign bidder can get help at +91-7878007972, +91-7878007973.