



**District Mineral Foundation  
Keonjhar  
Government of Odisha**

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**Response to the Pre-Proposal Clarifications for RFP No: 3/VI-11/2021 for 'Selection of agency for Establishment and Management of Programme Management Unit (PMU) for District Mineral Foundation (DMF), Keonjhar'**

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1	Pre-Qualification Criteria Page No. 11	<p>The Bidder should have experience of running at least 5 Programme Management Units (PMU) or equivalent for Central Government Ministries &amp; Departments / State Government Departments /District Administrations for social sector schemes/projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the last 5 years</li> <li>• Of minimum contract value of INR 3 Crore each</li> <li>• Of minimum contract duration of 12 months each</li> </ul> <p>Copy of Completion Certificate/Agreement/Work Order</p>	<p>We request you to kindly modify the Criteria as: The Bidder should have experience of running at least 5 Programme Management Units (PMU) or equivalent for Central Government Ministries &amp; Departments / State Government Departments /District Administrations for social sector schemes/projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the last 5 years</li> <li>• Of minimum contract value of INR 1 Crore each</li> <li>• Of minimum contract duration of 12 months each</li> </ul> <p>Copy of Completion Certificate/CA Certificate Agreement/Work Orde</p>		<p>Revised Criteria:</p> <p>The Bidder should have experience of running at least 5 Programme Management Units (PMU) or equivalent for Central Government Ministries &amp; Departments / State Government Departments /District Administrations for social sector schemes/projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the last 5 years</li> <li>• Of minimum contract value of INR 1 Crore each</li> <li>• Of minimum contract duration of 12 months each</li> </ul> <p>Copy of Completion Certificate/Agreement/Work Order</p>
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3	9. Evaluation of Proposal Page No. 15	<p>Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries &amp; Departments/ State Government Departments / PSUs/ District Administrations for the implementation of DMF/PMKKKY/ OMBADC or similar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the last 5 years</li> <li>• Of minimum contract value of INR 50 lakhs each annually</li> <li>• Of minimum duration of 6 months each</li> </ul> <p>3 marks for each PMU, subject to a maximum of 15 marks</p>	<p>We request you to kindly modify the criteria as:</p> <p>Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries &amp; Departments/ State Government Departments / PSUs/ District Administrations for the implementation of DMF/PMKKKY/ OMBADC/Skilling/Health or any Scheme implemented by State/Central Govt. or similar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the last 5 years</li> <li>• Of minimum contract value of INR 50 lakhs each annually</li> <li>• Of minimum duration of 6 months each</li> </ul> <p>5 marks for each PMU, subject to a maximum of 15 marks</p>		<p>Revised Criteria:</p> <p>Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries &amp; Departments/ State Government Departments / PSUs/ District Administrations for the implementation of DMF/PMKKKY/ OMBADC or similar assignments for the development of mining affected areas/ Welfare of Affected People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the last 5 years</li> <li>• Of minimum contract value of INR 50 Lakhs each annually</li> <li>• Of minimum duration of 6 months each</li> </ul> <p>3 marks for each PMU, subject to a maximum of 15 marks</p>
4	Page No 11 Pre-Qualification Criteria Sr No .1-Registration	<p>The Bidder should be a Company / Firm / LLP registered in India with a track record of providing consulting/ advisory services for at least 10 years as on March 31,2025.</p>	<p>Request to revise the clause to reduce the minimum experience requirement from 10 years to 7 years to encourage wider participation from qualified and competent consulting firms with substantial relevant experience, ensuring competitive bidding without compromising quality.</p> <p>Can be Read as: The Bidder should be a Company / Firm / LLP registered in India with a track record of providing consulting/ advisory services for at least 07 years as on March 31, 2025</p>		<p>No change. As per provision in RFP.</p>
5	Page No 11 Pre-Qualification Criteria Sr No .2- Programme Management Experience	<p>The Bidder should have experience of running at least 5 Programme Management Units (PMU) or equivalent for Central Government Ministries &amp; Departments / State Government Departments / District Administrations for social sector schemes/ Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the last 5 years</li> <li>• Of minimum contract value of INR 3 Crore each .</li> <li>• Of minimum contract duration of 12 months each</li> </ul>	<p>Request you to specify the experience of DMF PMU for the qualification of organizations.</p> <p>Can be Read as: The Bidder should have experience of running at least 1 Programme Management Units (PMU) or equivalent for DMF in any Central Government Ministries &amp; Departments / State Government Departments / District Administrations/ During the last 7 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Of total consultancy fee of INR 3 Crores each.</li> <li>-Of minimum contract duration of 12 months</li> </ul>		<p>As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 1 above.</p>

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6	Page No 15 Evaluation Criteria Sr no 1. Experience of Bidder-Point 1.1	Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments/ District Administrations for social sector schemes/ projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the last 5 years</li> <li>• Of minimum contract value of INR 3 Crore each annually</li> <li>• Of minimum contract duration of 12 months each</li> </ul> 3 marks for each PMU, subject to a maximum of 15 marks	To ensure broader yet qualified participation, we request the clause be revised to include PMC/TPIA assignments for PSUs in infrastructure and consider contract value threshold of Rs 1 Crore. Can be read as: Experience of running PMU/ PDMC/PMC/TPIA or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments/ District Administrations/PSU'S for Infrastructure Projects -During the last 5 years - Of minimum contract value of INR 1 Crore each annually Of minimum contract duration of 12 months each 2 Projects = 5 marks 2 marks for each additional project beyond the first 2, subject to a maximum of 15 marks. For ongoing projects, the project must have been running for at least 12 months. A certificate from the client or a Chartered Accountant (CA) must be provided to confirm the fees received and the duration completed		As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 2 above.
7	Page No 15 Evaluation Criteria Sr no 1. Experience of Bidder-Point 1.2	Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments / PSUs/ District Administrations for the implementation of DMF/ PMKKKY/ OMBADC or similar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the last 5 years</li> <li>• Of minimum contract value of INR 50 lakhs each annually</li> <li>• Of minimum duration of 6 months each</li> </ul> 3 marks for each PMU, subject to a maximum of 15 marks	Request you to update it as follows: Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments / PSUs/ District Administrations for the implementation of DMF/ PMKKKY/ OMBADC or similar -During the last 7 years -Of minimum contract value of INR 50 lakhs each annually -Of minimum contract duration of 6 months each 5 marks for each PMU, subject to a maximum of 15 marks		As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 3 above.
8	Clause No 1 ". Pre-Qualification Criteria Page No: 11 SI No:3	The Bidder should have an average consulting turnover of a minimum INR 50 Crores (Rs. Fifty Crores) and a positive net worth in each of the previous three financial years (FY 21-22,22-23 and 23-24)	We kindly request that the earlier clause be amended to state the following: The average annual financial turnover must be Rs. 10.00 Cr from consulting business only, and the bidder must have a positive net worth in each of the previous three financial years (FY 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24).		No change. As per provision in RFP.
9	Clause No 9 "Evaluation of Proposal" Page No: 15 SI No: 1.1	Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments/ District Administrations for social sector schemes/ projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•During the last 5 years</li> <li>•Of minimum contract value of INR 3 Crore each annually</li> <li>•Of minimum contract duration of 12 months each</li> </ul>	Requesting to consider Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments/ District Administrations for social sector schemes/ projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•During the last 5 years</li> <li>•Of minimum contract value of INR 1 Crore.</li> <li>•Of minimum contract duration of 12 months each.</li> <li>•Regional Experience - Odisha Specific project should be given additional marks.</li> </ul>		As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 2 above.
10	Bidder data sheet	Last Date for submission of Proposal 18.06.2025 by 03.00 PM (Through Registered Post / Speed Post)	In order to ensure the submission of a comprehensive and high-quality proposal, we also request an extension of the bid submission deadline until 10th July 2025 by 03:00 PM		No change. As per provision in RFP.

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11	4. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Pg no 12)	The bidder must furnish as part of the technical proposal, an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amounting to INR 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) in shape of DD/ Bank Guarantee from any scheduled commercial bank in favor of "Collector -cum-Chairman and Managing Trustee, District Mineral Foundation Keonjhar, payable at Keonjhar.	IPE Global is officially registered as a Medium Enterprise under the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) framework. We kindly request clarification on whether exemptions or relaxations related to EMD (including waiver or reduced requirements) are applicable for MSME bidders under this tender.		No change. As per provision in RFP.
12	9. Evaluation of the Proposal – (1) Experience of the Bidder (Pg no 15)	1.1. Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments/ District Administrations for social sector schemes/projects  1.2. Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments / PSUs/ District Administrations for the implementation of DMF/ PMKKKY/ OMBADC or similar	In some of our relevant assignments, the contracts were signed with development partners or donor agencies (Like ADB, World Bank, CIFF, USAID etc); however, the implementation was carried out in close coordination with the respective government departments.  As the engagement involved direct collaboration with the government and aligned with the objectives of social sector schemes, we kindly request that the clause be updated to also consider such projects where the contract was signed with a development partner or donor agencies, but the work was conducted in close association with and on behalf of the Government.		As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 2 & 3 above.
13	9. Evaluation of the Proposal – (1) Experience of the Bidder (Pg no 15)	1.2. Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments / PSUs/ District Administrations for the implementation of DMF/ PMKKKY/ OMBADC or similar •During the last 5 years •Of minimum contract value of INR 50 lakhs each annually •Of minimum duration of 6 months each	We respectfully submit that currently, only a limited number of agencies across India possess direct experience in managing PMUs specifically for programs like DMF, PMKKY, or OMBADC. This stringent criterion may inadvertently restrict the participation of several competent and technically qualified agencies that have demonstrated strong capabilities in managing PMUs or equivalent structures in related social sector programs.  To encourage fair and competitive participation and to ensure that a broader pool of capable agencies can contribute to the success of the proposed PMU, we kindly request a revision of this clause. We suggest expanding the eligibility criteria to also include experience in managing PMUs or similar assignments in the following relevant thematic sectors under DMF: •Livelihood and Skill Development •Drinking Water and Sanitation •Healthcare and Hospital Administration •Education •Environment Conservation, Watershed & Natural Resource Management •Nutrition, Women & Child Development •Infrastructure Development •Urban & Town Planning •Irrigation and Water Harvesting •Alternate and Renewable Energy  This broader consideration would align with the current clause's reference to "similar" projects and will enable the inclusion of agencies with extensive sectoral expertise and experience in implementing complex, multi-stakeholder programs. We believe this adjustment will uphold the principles of transparency and inclusivity, ultimately strengthening the quality and competitiveness of the PMU engagement.		As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 3 above.

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14	9. Evaluation of the Proposal – (2) Team Experience (Pg no 16)	2.4. Senior Project Officer - Public Procurement (One) • Master's Degree (or equivalent) in Management, Finance, Commerce, Accounting, or related field(s) from a reputed University/ Institution	In addition to the listed qualifications, we request you to consider candidates holding degrees in procurement and supply chain management or similar fields, given their relevance to the role.		Revised Criteria:  Senior Project Officer – Public Procurement (One) • Master's Degree (or equivalent) in Management, Finance, Commerce, Accounting, procurement and supply chain management or related field(s) from a reputed University/ Institution • Minimum of 3 years of total work experience in procurement of goods, works & services, contract management in Government/ Development Sector/ reputed NGOs
15	9. Evaluation of the Proposal – (2) Team Experience (Pg no 16)	2.6. Project Officer - Finance (One) • Master's Degree (or equivalent) in Management, Finance, Commerce, Accounting, or related field(s) from a recognized University/ Institution	We request that candidates with Chartered Accountancy (CA) qualifications also be considered, as their credentials are equivalent and relevant for the responsibilities of this role		No change. As per provision in RFP.
16	26. Replacement of the Personnel (Pg no 21)	(B) During the assignment: 3. Once the proposal for replacement is accepted, the consultant must replace the professional within 14 days of the communication of such approval. Client reserves the right to invoke the right to claim liquidated damages in case of failure of the Consultant to provide replacement personnel to the satisfaction of the Client after 2 such attempts	In practice, consultants are required to serve a notice period of 30 days after approval for replacement and resignation. We therefore request that the replacement timeline be revised to reflect this operational reality and ensure a smooth transition.		Revised Criteria:  (B) During the Assignment 1. In case of non-satisfactory performance of any of the assigned personnel during the course of the assignment, the client reserves the right to request for a replacement. Once a request is raised, the consultant must provide the CV and other qualification and details of the replacement personnel so as to permit evaluation within 14 days. On receipt of such CVs, the client must process the same within 7 days and communicate its approval / rejection. In case of failure to provide replacement personnel within 21 days of communication of the request for a change to the satisfaction of the client, the client reserves the right to not make payment for the resource and the resource may be treated as withdrawn after communication of such rejection.  3. Once the proposal for replacement is accepted, the consultant must replace the professional within 31 days of the communication of such approval. Client reserves the right to invoke the right to claim liquidated damages in case of failure of the Consultant to provide replacement personnel to the satisfaction of the Client after 2 such attempts. <i>(*Point 2nd and 4th under (B) to be read as it is)</i>

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17	Technical Evaluation of Proposal: Experience of the Bidder Point No, 1.2 (Page 15 of 50 in RFP)	Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments / PSUs/ District Administrations for the implementation of DMF/ PMKKKY/ OMBADC or similar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the last 5 years.</li> <li>• Of minimum contract value of INR 50 lakhs each annually</li> <li>• Of minimum duration of 6 months each</li> </ul>	This clause is restrictive and hence we request the authority to kindly deleted / amend it. Further, Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India had issued a RFP for PMU for PMKKKY on 09th April 2025 wherein this clause was also present in the RFP, and post request by several bidder the clause was deleted.  Hence, to ensure a fair competition this clause may be deleted, or the below clause may be amended.  "Experience of running large PMU or equivalent (minimum aggregated contract value of INR 8 Crs) for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments / PSUs/ District Administrations" 15 Marks, 3 marks for each PMU, subject to a maximum of 15 marks		As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 3 above.
18	Technical Evaluation of Proposal: Presentation on Approach, Methodology and Work Plan, Point No, 3 (Page 17 of 50 in RFP)	Presentation on Approach, Methodology and Work Plan ' <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Understanding of the Assignment and issues/ Challenges (10 Marks)</li> <li>2. Approach, Methodology and Work Plan (10 Marks)</li> <li>3. Case study of handling DMF/ PMKKKY/ OMBADC/ or similar (10 Marks)</li> </ol>	We kindly request the authority to consider broadening the scope of case studies under Point No. 3 to include social development projects instead of limiting them specifically to DMF, PMKKKY, and OMBADC initiatives. Allowing a broader range of case studies would encourage inclusivity and innovation while ensuring that relevant experience and best practices are highlighted effectively		Revised Criteria:  1.Understanding of the Assignment and issues/ Challenges (10 Marks) 2. Approach, Methodology and Work Plan (10 Marks) 3. Case study of handling DMF/ PMKKKY/ OMBADC/ or similar assignments for the development of mining affected areas / Welfare of Affected People (10 Marks)
19	Section II: instructions to the Bidders: Point No. 2, Documents / Formats for submission along with Technical Proposal (Page 12 of 50 in RFP)	The proposal must be complete in all respect, indexed and hard bound. Each page should be numbered and signed by the authorized representative	We request the authority to kindly allow Aadhar enabled digital signature by the authorized representative in each page of the proposal.		No change. As per provision in RFP.
20	Conflict of interest: Point No 14 (Page 18 of 50 in RFP)	Conflict of interest exists in the event of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conflicting assignments, typically monitoring and evaluation/environmental assessment of the same project by the eligible bidder.</li> <li>2. Consultants, agencies, or institutions (individuals or organizations) who have a relation with the Client directly or indirectly: business or family.</li> <li>3. practices prohibited under the anti-corruption policy of the Government of India and Government of Odisha. The bidders are to be careful so as not to give rise to a situation where there will be any conflict of interest with the Client as this would amount to their disqualification and breach of contract.</li> </ol>	We request the authority to consider the addition of one more clause "Any Bidder who has been involved in litigation, arbitration, or any legal dispute with the Client or involving the Client in any previous project shall be disqualified from participating in this bidding process. No exceptions shall be made in this regard."		No change. As per provision in RFP.

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21	Letter of invitation: Point No 4 (Page 09 of 50 in RFP)	The proposal must be delivered at the specified address as per the Bidder Data Sheet by Speed post / Registered Post only. The Client shall not be responsible for postal delay or any consequence. Submission of proposal through any other mode will be rejected.	We request the Authority to consider allowing in-person submission of proposals, in addition to the existing Speed Post/Registered Post options. Allowing self-submission would help mitigate postal delays and uncertainties that are beyond the bidders' control. It would also enhance efficiency and ensure the secure and direct delivery of proposals to the designated address		No change. As per provision in RFP.
22	Bidder data sheet clause 7 (Page 06 of 50 in RFP)	Last Date for Submission of proposal	We request the Authority to consider 15 days extension of the bid submission deadline outlined in the RFP		No change. As per provision in RFP.
23	Bidder Data Sheet: Point No. 11, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Refundable) (Page 6 of 50 in RFP)	The proposal must be complete in all respect, indexed and hard bound. Each page should be numbered and signed by the authorized representative.	We request the Authority to kindly consider reducing the EMD amount INR 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only) instead of INR 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only). Further we request that Bank Guarantee may be allowed for the same.		No change. As per provision in RFP.
24	Fin 2 – Summary of Financial form	OPE	We understand that OPE shall be required in the project for travel and other related activities. Given that the OPE is difficult to predict for 3 years at this point of time, the same may be reimburse on actual basis		Bills and vouchers, if any, are to be separately submitted. Any work-related travel of team deployed will be arranged by client.
25	1.Pre-Qualification Criteria Page 11	Registration - The Bidder should be a Company / Firm / LLP registered in India with a track record of providing consulting/ advisory services for at least 10 years as on March 31,2025	Please kindly include NGO's Registered as a Trust permissible as well"	As per the current guidelines, developmental activities termed as charitable activities are often done by NGO's that have been registered under a Trust under the Indian Trust Act. Non inclusion of Trusts will discriminate against all such organisation like Swaniti.	No change. As per provision in RFP.
26	1.Pre-Qualification Criteria Page 11	Turnover and contract Value - The Bidder should have an average consulting turnover of minimum INR 50 Crores (Rs. Fifty Crores) and a positive net worth in each of the previous three financial years (FY 21-22,22-23 and 23-24)	Please kindly consider reducing the annual turnover to Rs 3.5cr in the last 3 financial years and minimum contract value to be set at 50 lakhs against the 2cr mentioned.	As per the Gol directive as well as well Budget guidelines 2025, the Govt encourages participation of national and local small and medium manufacturing, services, research firms and NGOs to participate in tenders and bids actively and recommends relaxation in financial conditions. The current value mentioned is very large and not in accordance with these guidelines.	No change. As per provision in RFP.
27	Page: 6 Bidder Data Sheet	Date for Pre-bid Meeting	Request to mention date for Pre-bid Meeting	Request you to kindly arrange a Pre-bid Meeting (in-person/virtual) so that bidders can directly clarify their queries/ concerns with the authorities.	No change. As per provision in RFP.
28	Page : 11 Pre-Qualification Criteria	Bidder's turnover	Request to increase the average annual turnover in each of the last three years to at least INR 100 Cr	Request you to kindly increase Applicant's turnover to at least INR 100 Cr in order to ensure that only experienced, competent and reputed agencies participate in the bid to run/manage the PMU for DMF Keonjhar.	No change. As per provision in RFP.

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29	Page :15 Technical Evaluation Criteria (S. No. 1.2)	Bidder's experience	<p>Request to consider the experience of PMU for the implementation of DMF/PMKKKY/OMBADC only. The word 'similar' should be omitted.</p> <p>Request to assign 1 mark for each DMF/PMKKKY/OMBADC assignment experience. The marking may be done as 1 mark for each PMU, subject to a maximum of 10 marks'</p> <p>The minimum contract value should be 1 Cr each annually. Minimum duration should be 12 months.</p>	<p>Request you to kindly assign 1.5 marks for each DMF/PMKKKY/OMBADC assignment experience considering the fact that</p> <p>a)DMF/PMKKKY is the core of the present engagement – maximum DMF/PMKKKY assignment experience/credentials should be assigned marks compared to other (generic) PMU experience with Central/ State Government agencies</p> <p>b)only few government agencies across the country have engaged Consultants for DMF/PMKKKY/OMBADC assignments so far</p> <p>c)A suitable contract value and duration will show the strength of the agency working in such assignments.</p>	As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 3 above.
30	Page: 15 Technical Evaluation Criteria 1	Experience of the Bidder	Request to earmark 5 (five) marks for agency's experience of working in Keonjhar district for a minimum duration of one year.	Request you to kindly split the marking criteria under (sub criteria 1.2), wherein 10 (ten) marks may be awarded for DMF/PMKKKY/OMBADC experience, and 5 (five) marks may be added for relevant experience of working in Keonjhar district. This will ensure firms with experience of working in Keonjhar gets duly recognized.	As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 3 above.
31	Page: 15-16 Technical Evaluation Criteria	Educational qualifications of key professional staff	Request to clarify regarding Master's Degree from a reputed National/ International University/ institution	Request you to kindly list out the names of the reputed institutes/universities clearly in order to avoid any ambiguity.	No change. As per provision in RFP.

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32	Page: 15-16 Technical Evaluation Criteria 2 Team Experience Sub criteria 2.1 and 2.2	Mark distribution for CVs	Request to earmark 1.5 (one and half) marks for Team Leader with minimum one year of relevant professional experience in the Keonjhar district. Request to include a clause for submission of CVs for at least five (5) SPOs from a total of ten (10), each possessing a minimum of one year of relevant professional experience in the Keonjhar district	Request you to earmark 1.5 (one and half) marks out of 2 (two) (assigned for relevance of experience to proposed position) marks assigned for Team Leader experience with relevant professional experience in the Keonjhar district. This will ensure professionals with experience of working in Keonjhar district gets duly recognized.  Request you to earmark 1 (one) mark out of 2 (two) (assigned for relevance of experience to proposed position) marks assigned for atleast five SPOs experience with relevant professional experience in the Keonjhar district. This will ensure professionals with experience in Keonjhar district gets duly recognized.	No change. As per provision in RFP.
33	Page: 20 Replacement of Key Personnel	Time period for replacement of key professionals	Request to increasetime period for replacement of key professionals deployed	Request you to kindly increase time period: a) to 21 days – to provide CVs of appropriate candidates to replace deployed personnel who are not performing satisfactorily b) to 30 days – to replace deployed personnel with candidate approved by client This is considering the fact that adequate notice period needs to be provided for replacement candidate(s)	As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 16 above.
34	Page: 43 Fin – 2	Summary of Financial Proposal	Annual hike in Consulting Fee	Request you to kindly include provision to increase annual consulting fee by 10 %, considering inflationary pressures, subject to satisfactory performance.	No change. As per provision in RFP.
35	Page : 43 Fin – 2	Summary of Financial Proposal	Overhead Expenses	Request you to kindly clarify whether bills/vouchers have to be separately submitted for claiming/reimbursing amount mentioned under Overhead Expenses or will they be a part of the monthly invoicing.  Further, we assume that any work-related travel of team deployed will be arranged by client and need not be budgeted by the bidder.	Bills and vouchers, if any, are to be seperately submitted  Yes, any work-related travel of team deployed will be arranged by client.

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36	Page: 20 Clause 21	Confidentiality	Request to include the following point Confidentiality clause	<p>Except as otherwise permitted by this Agreement, neither of the parties may disclose to third parties the contents of this Agreement or any information provided by or on behalf of the other that ought reasonably to be treated as confidential and/or proprietary. Parties may, however, disclose such confidential information to the extent that it: (a) is or becomes public other than through a breach of this Agreement, (b) is subsequently received by the receiving party from a third party who, to the receiving party's knowledge, owes no obligation of confidentiality to the disclosing party with respect to that information, (c) was known to the receiving party at the time of disclosure or is thereafter created independently, (d) is disclosed as necessary to enforce the receiving party's rights under this Agreement, or (e) must be disclosed under applicable law, legal process or professional regulations. These obligations shall be valid for a period of 3 years from the date of termination of this Agreement.</p>	No change. As per provision in RFP.
37	Page: 20 Clause 24	Copyright, Patents and Other Proprietary Rights	Request to include the following point in the said clause	<p>The bidder may use data, software, designs, utilities, tools, models, systems and other methodologies and know-how ("Materials") that bidder own in performing the Services. Notwithstanding the delivery of any Reports, bidder retain all intellectual property rights in the Materials (including any improvements or knowledge developed while performing the Services), and in any working papers that bidder compile and retain in connection with the Services (but not Client Information reflected in them). Upon payment for the Services, Client may use any Materials included in the Reports, as well as the Reports themselves as permitted by this Agreement.</p>	No change. As per provision in RFP.

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38	N/A	Termination	Request to include the following Termination clause	Bidder may terminate this Agreement, or any particular Services, immediately upon written notice to Client if Bidder reasonably determine that Bidder can no longer provide the Services in accordance with applicable law or professional obligations	No change. As per provision in RFP.
39	Technical Evaluation 1.2 Page no 15	Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments / PSUs/ District Administrations for the implementation of DMF/ PMKKKY/ OMBADC or similar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. During the last 5 years</li> <li>. Of minimum contract value of INR 50 lakhs each annually</li> <li>. Of minimum duration of 6 months each</li> </ul> 15 Marks, 3 marks for each PMU, subject to a maximum of 15 marks	This clause is restrictive and hence may be deleted / amended. Further, Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India had issued a RFP for PMU for PMKKKY on 09th April 2025 wherein this clause was also present in the RFP, and post request by several bidder the clause was deleted.  Hence, to ensure a fair competition this clause may be deleted or the below clause may be amended.  "Experience of running large PMU or equivalent (minimum aggregated contract value of INR 8 Crs) for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments / PSUs/ District Administrations"  15 Marks, 3 marks for each PMU, subject to a maximum of 15 marks		As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 3 above.

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40	Clause No 1 " Pre-Qualification Criteria Page No: 11 SI No:3	The Bidder should have an average consulting turnover of a minimum INR 50 Crores (Rs. Fifty Crores) and a positive net worth in each of the previous three financial years (FY 21-22,22-23 and 23-24)	It is requested to kindly Consider and revised it to:  The average annual financial turnover must be Rs. 25.00 Cr from consulting business only and a positive net worth in each of the previous three financial years (FY 21-22,22-23 and 23-24).	As per the published RFP, the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is INR 10.00 lakh.  According to Clause 212 on page 92 of the OGFR 2023, it states that "The amount of bid security should generally be between two to five percent of the estimated value of the goods and services to be procured." Based on this, if 2% equals INR 10 lakh, the estimated total contract value would be approximately INR 5 crores.  Furthermore, the Ministry of Finance, Central Vigilance commission (CVC) Government of India's manual specifies that "financial soundness as established by audited balance sheets and/ or financial statements. Average Annual Financial Turnover of the bidders during the last three years ending 31st March of the previous financial year should be at least 30% of the estimated cost". In light of this the turnover for the said procurement should not be more than 1.5 Crores.	No change. As per provision in RFP.
41	Clause No 9 "Evaluation of Proposal" Page No: 15 SI No: 1.1	Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments/ District Administrations for social sector schemes/ projects.  •During the last 5 years •Of minimum contract value of INR 3 Crore each annually •Of minimum contract duration of 12 months each	Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments/ International donor agencies/ PSUs/ District Administration for Social Sector/ Development Sector/ Scheme Management/ Project Monitoring/ Technical Advisory. •During Last 5 Years •Of minimum contract value of INR 3 Crore •Of minimum contract duration of 12 months each Scoring •0 PMU to 3 PMUs = 0 Marks •4 PMU to 6 PMUs = 3 Marks •Number of PMU Undertaken in the state of Odisha each 1.5 Marks (Maximum 12 Marks)	Experience across diverse sectors enhances the likelihood of successful project management. Additionally, familiarity with Odisha's geographical conditions will enable more effective outcomes for the District Administration.	As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 2 above.

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42	Clause No 9 "Evaluation of Proposal" Page No: 15 SI No: 1.2	Experience of running PMU or equivalent for Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments / PSUs/ District Administrations for the implementation of DMF/ PMKKKY/ OMBADC or similar.  •During the last 5 years •Of minimum contract value of INR 50 lakhs each annually •Of minimum duration of 6 months each	It is requested to kindly Consider and revised it to:  Experience of managing consulting services for the Central Government Ministries & Departments/ State Government Departments / PSUs in several Sector Such Skill & Entrepreneurship, Farmer Welfare, Transport, Education, Policing, Monitoring/MIS etc. with a minimum project value of 3 Crores. •Each Project 2 marks (Maximum-10 Marks)  •Number of Projects executed in Odisha, Highest Number will be given maximum marks rest on Pro data basis (Maximum-10 Marks)  •Additional 5 Marks if all the projects in Odisha.	As per standard market practices and RFPs issued by various government agencies, sector-specific experience is essential to execute the programme more effectively. Furthermore, sectoral experience ensured quality outcome and benefits for District Administration.  The current clauses are only considering two to three programmes which is restrictive, Further, to ensure a more inclusive and competitive bidding process, the clauses should be modified to facilitate wider participation. This will enable firms to highlight their technical competence and sector diverse consulting experience for effective project execution.	As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 2 above.
43	Clause No 9 "Evaluation of Proposal" Page No: 17 SI No: 3	Presentation on Approach, Methodology and Work Plan. 1.Understanding of the Assignment and issues/Challenges (10 Marks) 2.Approach, Methodology and Work Plan (10 Marks) 3.Case study of handling DMF/ PMKKKY/ OMBADC/ or similar (10 Marks)	Presentation on Approach, Methodology and Work Plan.  1.Understanding of the Assignment and issues/Challenges (10 Marks) 2.Approach, Methodology and Work Plan (10 Marks) 3.Case study of handling different projects in Odisha (10 Marks)	Sectoral experience is crucial to demonstrate the project's true requirements, facilitating a smoother selection process and ensuring the identification of the most suitable consultancy firm for its execution.	As per revised criteria of Sr. No. 18 above.
44	Team Experience	Team Leader (One). Master's Degree (or equivalent) in: Management, Development Studies/ Practice, Social Work, or related field(s) from a reputed National/ International university/ Institution  Minimum of 6 years of total work experience related to project management in private/ public/ not-for-profit sector.  Minimum of 4 years of experience in implementation of government schemes/ projects	Team Leader (One). Master's Degree (or equivalent) in: Management, Development Studies/ Practice, Social Work, or related field(s) from a reputed National/ International university/ Institution Minimum of 8 years of total work experience related to project management in private/ public/ not-forprofit sector.  Minimum of 4 years of experience in implementation of government schemes/ projects	To ensure the successful execution of the project, it is recommended to enhance the experience requirements for the Team Leader position. This will help in selecting a more qualified and seasoned professional capable of handling the project's complexities effectively	No change. As per provision in RFP.
45	Bidder data sheet	Last Date for submission of Proposal 18.06.2025 by 03.00 PM (Through Registered Post / Speed Post)	It is requested to kindly Consider and revised it to:  Last date and time for receipt of proposals from Bidders.  25/06/2025 by 03:00 PM (Through Registered Post / Speed Post)	You are requested to kindly provide minimum one week of extension from the date of publication of corrigendum	No change. As per provision in RFP.
<b>Amendments in the RFP document; RFP No. 3/VI-11/2021, dated: 29.05.2025</b>					
46	Pre-Qualification Criteria, Point 3 of table (Turnover) (Page 11 of 50 in RFP)	Certificate from statutory auditor / audited financial statements for the three previous financial years ending March 2020 i.e., FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24			To be read as:  Certificate from statutory auditor / audited financial statements for the three previous financial years ending March 2024 i.e., FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24

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47	Documents / Formats for submission along with Technical Proposal, Point 2 (Page 11 of 50 in RFP)				The 2nd and 3rd point to be read as 'Covering letter (TECH – 1) on bidder's letterhead requesting to participate in the selection process.'												
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49	Tech 8 (Page 37 of 50)				Point 'C' to be read as 'Case study of handling OMBADC/ DMF/ PMKKKY or similar assignments for the development of mining affected areas / Welfare of Affected People'												

  
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