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25 K.G. Marg, New Delhi

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ADDENDUM
(ON THE BASIS OF PRE-BID QUERIES AND THEIR REPLIES)

Subject: Pre-Bid meeting held on 23-09-2024 in conference room Ministry of Panchayati Raj for the Empanelment of Training Agencies for Conducting Trainings under Revamped Rashtiya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).

A Pre-Bid Meeting for above mentioned work was held on 23-09-2024 in the conference room Ministry of Panchayati Raj, 11th Floor, Jeevan Prakash Building, 25 KG Marg, New Delhi in presence of prospective bidders.

2. The replies/clarification w.r.t. the queries received from the prospective bidders is as under:

S. No.	Common Queries raised during Pre-Proposal Conference	Criterion as per the EOI document	Remarks
1	Allow organizations registered as Societies, Trusts, and NGOs to participate, not just companies/LLPs	5.1 Preliminary Eligibility Criteria (S.No.1) Organization must be a Company registered in India under Companies Act 1956 or 2013 or Limited Liability Partnership registered under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 and Section 8 of the Companies Act 1956 or 2013, with their registered office in India. (Joint Ventures/ Consortium are not allowed to participate)	EOI Clause Stands This exercise is aimed at empanelling professional Training Companies at National Level. However, it is clearly mentioned at clause no 5.1 of Preliminary Eligibility Criteria that organisations registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act 1956 or 2013 , with their registered office in India are also

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			allowed to apply for the empanelment.
2	Allow consortium/ joint venture bidding	5.1 Preliminary Eligibility Criteria (S. No. 1) (Joint Ventures/ Consortium are not allowed to participate)	EOI Clause Stands Preliminary goal of this exercise is to empanel leading professional Training Companies having good track record and registered as single entity in the area of CB&T activities and have their own capacity and domain expertise in the field of Capacity Building & Training
3	Reduce minimum years of existence requirement (e.g. from 10 years to 5-8 years)	5.1 Preliminary Eligibility Criteria (S.No. 2) The organization must have been in existence for a minimum period of ten (10) years (as on 31.03.2024)	EOI Clause Stands Under the scheme of RGSA the CB&T activities at State Level are conducted on large scale, having complex nature of trainings which require greater experience, expertise and resources. ,
4	Reduce minimum average annual turnover requirement (e.g. from 15 crore to 5-8 crore)	5.1 Preliminary Eligibility Criteria (S. No. 3) The organization should have a minimum average annual turnover of 15 Crore in the last 03 financial years ending 31 March 2024.	EOI Clause Stands Under the scheme of RGSA the CB&T activities at State Level are conducted on large scale, which may entail greater investment and financial capacity.
5	Reduce minimum order value of past assignments (e.g. from 5 crore to 1-2 crore each)	5.1 Preliminary Eligibility Criteria (S.No 5) The organization should have undertaken at least 3 assignments on capacity building & training for rural communities or training programs in PRIs or for Urban	5.1 Preliminary Eligibility Criteria (S.No 5) The organization should have undertaken at least 3 assignments on capacity building & training for rural communities or training programs in PRIs or for

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		Local Bodies/ or of PSUs / or Corporate Sector or Multilateral Organizations, in the last 3 years of minimum order value of Rs.5 cr., each.	Urban Local Bodies/ or of PSUs / or Corporate Sector or Multilateral Organizations, in the last 5 years of minimum order value of Rs.5 cr., each.
6	Consider ongoing projects from last 5-10 years instead of just last 3 years		
7	Reduce number of required past assignments (e.g. from 3 to 1)		
8	Expand types of eligible training experience beyond just PRIs/ rural communities	5.1 Preliminary Eligibility Criteria (S. No. 5) The organization should have undertaken training programs for at least 5 financial years and Conducted training programs for State/UT Govt., for rural communities or training programs in PRIs or for Urban Local Bodies under various schemes of the Union Government or State Government including RGSA / PSUs / Corporate Sector / Multilateral Organizations/ Autonomous bodies.	5.1 Preliminary Eligibility Criteria (S. No. 5) The organization should have undertaken training programs for at least 3 financial years and Conducted training programs for State/UT Govt., for rural communities or training programs in PRIs or for Urban Local Bodies under various schemes of the Union Government or State Government including RGSA / PSUs / Corporate Sector / Multilateral Organizations/ Autonomous bodies.
9	Reconsider geographical presence scoring criteria	5.2 Evaluation Criteria (S. No B.1) (i) Geographical Presence in minimum 2 States/ UTs = 5 Marks	EOI Clause Stands Widespread geographical presence of the Training Agencies across various regions may help in tailoring the CB&T programs to meet local needs, cultural contexts, and regional demands, making training more relevant and effective.
10	Modify marks for Geographical Footprints	(ii) 1 mark each for every additional State/ UT subject to maximum of 20 marks.	

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11	Adjust scoring for training man-days conducted	<p>5.2 Evaluation Criteria (S.No B.2)</p> <p>Training days conducted in one year duration in last 3 years</p> <p>(i) 0.5 lakh to 1.0 lakh training man days: 10 marks</p> <p>(ii) More than 1.0 lakh to 2.0 lakh training man days: 15 marks</p> <p>Above 2.0 lakh training man days: 20 marks</p>	<p>5.2 Evaluation Criteria (S.No B.2)</p> <p>Training days conducted in one year duration in last 3 years</p> <p>(iii) 0.5 lakh to 1.0 lakh training man days: 10 marks</p> <p>(iv) More than 1.0 lakh to 1.5 lakh training man days: 15 marks</p> <p>Above 1.5 lakh training man days: 20 marks</p>
12	Give relaxation in providing ISO Certificate	<p>5.1.9 Preliminary Eligibility criteria</p> <p>The organization should have valid ISO 9001:2015 certificate</p>	<p>EOI Clause Stands</p> <p>ISO certification demonstrates that an agency adheres to recognized standards for quality management in Training infrastructure and CB&T activities.</p>
13	Consider relaxations for organizations impacted by COVID-19	-----	EOI Clause Stands
14	Clarify development of training content/modules	<p>Scope of Work</p> <p>Point No 3.2.2(ii)</p> <p>The training content should be a mix of Audio-visual learning aids, participatory and interactive training exercises like group discussions, role plays, write-shops, storytelling etc. The content should be preferably in Hindi/English/ Regional or Vernacular language.</p>	<p>EOI Clause Stands.</p> <p>Scope of Work is clearly defined at Point No.3.2.2 of the Eol.</p>

15	Clarify Pre and post training assessment framework be given from MoPR or the agency needs to make themselves?	<p>Scope of Work</p> <p>Point No 3.2.2(iv)</p> <p>Pre and post-training assessment of the participants on Training Management Portal (TMP) of MoPR. The questions for pre and post assessment available at TMP may be utilized and additional training specific questions to be prepared.</p>	
16	Explain expectations for exposure visits	<p>(i) 3.2.7 Exposure visit: Empanelled agencies can also be engaged in organizing exposure visits as per norms of RGSA and would be responsible for: Identification of Model Panchayat/ other relevant places: The agency will identify model projects/panchayats for exposure visits within and outside of the States/UTs. This involves conducting secondary research and an advance visit to pinpoint model panchayats, whose best practices can be replicated in other Districts/States also. The agency will provide a list of neighbouring states for the exposure visit, which will be finalized in consultation with the Department of the States/UTs.</p> <p>(ii) Execution of visit: An actual visit to be undertaken by the</p>	<p>EOI Clause Stands</p> <p>Scope of Exposure Visit is clearly defined at Point No.3.2.7 of the EoI.</p>

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		Agency wherein an officer from the agency should accompany PRIs to ensure end-to-end arrangements and on ground learning. Logistics-transportation, stay arrangement, approvals from authority, collection of attendance, feedback form, etc. during the Exposure visit to be ensured by the Agency.	
17	Clarify specify minimum batch sizes	<p>3.2.1 Training Plan & Calendar Preparation</p> <p>For preparation of training calendar in consonance with the approved Annual Action Plan under RGSA in consultation with the State Panchayati Raj Department.</p>	<p>EOI Clause Stands</p> <p>This will be as per the requirement of the States/ UTs and may form the part of the work order of the State/UT, in case any State/ UT decide to engage the services of the empanelled agency.</p>
18	Clarify venue arrangements and reimbursements	<p>(i) 3.2.4 Venue Identification and Management: Finalization of Training venues in consultation of States/UTs and designated officers at respective level.</p> <p>(ii) As per the consultation with concerned State/UTs, the agency would be responsible for arranging of the venue, with adequate infrastructure and facilities for smooth conduct of trainings.</p> <p>(iii) For the residential trainings, suitable stay arrangements of the participants to be made by agency in</p>	<p>EOI Clause Stands</p> <p>Provisions regarding Venue Identification and Management are clearly defined at Point No.3.2.4 of the Eol.</p>


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		consultation with States/UTs.	
19	Clarify if training of youth from under-privileged / rural communities be considered, especially those trained under National Schemes or Skill Development Projects funded by Govt, Multilateral/ Corporate/ PSUs.	<p>4. Broad Training Categories & Subjects of CB&T activities under Revamped RGSA.</p> <p>4.1 Broad training categories & Target Groups are explained in the table mentioned at point no 4.1.</p>	<p>EOI Clause Stands</p> <p>Broad training categories & Target Groups are clearly explained in the table at point No 4.1. of EoI</p>
20	Consider training assignments completed for Teachers/ students including digital, life skills, soft skills etc		

3. All the bidders/ agencies are requested to peruse the above replies/ clarification for compliance.

4. No further correspondence will be published in Newspaper in future as the same will be available on Ministry's portal (<https://panchayat.gov.in/>).

5. The last date of submission of EoI extended to 7th October, 2024 till 3:00 PM.


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To all concern through MoPR' website (<https://panchayat.gov.in/>).

