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1	**Section-V: Terms and Conditions (Page No.19)**	The successful bidder will not outsource the work to any other associate/franchisee/third party under any circumstances. If it so happens then RECPDCL will impose sanctions which will include: forfeiture of the security deposit, revocation of bank guarantees (including the ones submitted for other work orders) and termination of the Contract for default.	social safeguards and health & safety. Joint bidding lets firms pool complementary expertise, widens competition and gives better value for money. JVs/consortia are permitted in most comparable tenders, so excluding them is a restrictive practice. Kindly allow JV/Consortium bids	**The provisions of RFP shall prevail**
2	Last date for bid submissionClause -3 (Page No.15)	Bids, complete in all respects, must be submitted online through GeM portal by the due date and time.	expected from the pre-bid process, and the time needed to finalise CVs, notarised documents and EMD, kindly extend the last date of bid submission by one week (7 calendar days).	Please refer corrigendum, if any, issued on GeM/e-procurement portal. RECPDCL reserves the right to extend the bid submission date at its sole discretion.
3	**Annexure-V ,Pg 35. Section IV, Para 8(ii) (PageNo..17)**	The bidder selected will have to submit Security Deposit as Bank Guarantee (BGs) @ 5% of award value from a scheduled commercial bank for the duration of the contract or extended period plus 6 months claim period, in favor of REC Power Development and Consultancy Ltd, Gurugram, Haryana. Failing in submission of BG as security within 7 days from the date of award, then the agency & bid will be treated as withdrawn, may result in suspension to participate in RECL/RECPDCL tenders and EMD shall be forfeited. On receipt of BG, EMD will be refunded without any interest.	Kindly confirm the applicable Performance Security percentage (3% or 5%)	**Performance Security shall be 5% of the Award Value as stipulated under Section-V of the RfP.**
4	**Section V, Clouse. 9(xiii) (Page No .22)**	The consultant resources deployed under this tender should be on pay roll and full-time employee of the successful consulting agency	The assignment needs niche specialisations (ecology, social safeguards, health & safety) where qualified experts are often engaged on a contractual basis. A contractual engagement with the agency, under which the agency remains fully responsible for the expert's deployment, performance and compliance, gives the same accountability as payroll employment. Kindly allow resources engaged on a contractual basis (not only payroll employees)	**The selected consultant is allowed to engage the resources on contractual basis. However, it is the complte responsibility of the consultant to ensure that the engaged resources shall deliver the scope of work as defined in RFP.**

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5	**Section V, Clouse. 12,13,14,16 (Page No..23-24)**	Request for reciprocal termination rights in case of non-payment/default by RECPDCL.	Kindly add a clause allowing the agency to suspend services and/or terminate the contract by written notice if RECPDCL defaults, in particular where undisputed invoices remain unpaid beyond a stated period, or where RECPDCL commits another material breach that is not cured within the notice period. Kindly also confirm that, on such termination, the agency will be paid for services rendered up to the termination date, approved reimbursables and reasonable demobilisation costs, and that the Performance Security will be released.	**The provisions of RFP shall prevail**
6	**Section III, Clause 1.1(g)(Page No.12)**	The bidder should be in the business of providing the consultancy services since last 5 years before the bid deadline in power distribution sector.	Kindly clarify whether experience in environmental and social safeguards, ESIAs, ESDD, ESMF, ESMP and project monitoring services for ADB/World Bank-financed power and renewable energy projects will qualify as relevant power-sector consultancy experience, rather than limiting the requirement exclusively to power distribution.	**The bidders having smilar type of experience in power sector shall be considered**
7	**Section III, Clause 1.1(j) (PageNo.12)**	Minimum Experience in providing consultancy services successfully during the last three years ending 30th September' 2026 should be either of the following: i. Single work order with contract value not less than Rs. 1.56 Crore. (or) ii. Two work orders with each contract value not less than Rs. 97.35 lakhs.	Please confirm whether completed E&S safeguards consultancy contracts in renewable energy, power generation, power transmission, distribution and infrastructure sectors, including MDB-financed assignments, will be considered similar services for qualification.	**The bidders having smilar type of experience in power sector shall be considered**
8	**Section III, Clause 1.1(j) (PageNo.12)**	Minimum Experience in providing consultancy services successfully during the last three years ending 30th September' 2026 should be either of the following: i. Single work order with contract value not less than Rs. 1.56 Crore. (or) ii. Two work orders with each contract value not less than Rs. 97.35 lakhs.	The RFP requires either one completed contract of ₹1.56 crore or two contracts of ₹97.35 lakh each, whereas GeM specifies alternative 40%/50%/80% experience thresholds. Kindly clarify which qualifying criteria shall prevail.	**The provisions of RFP shall prevail**
9	**Section II – Specialist Qualifications (Page11)**	Specialist Qualifications	Kindly confirm whether experts possessing qualifications and relevant experience equivalent to the prescribed requirements may be accepted, including senior specialists with extensive ADB/World Bank safeguard project experience.	**The provisions of RFP shall prevail**
10	**Section I –Deployment Schedule (Page No. 04)**	Deployment Schedule	Please provide the tentative deployment schedule for each of the seven professionals, including expected commencement, monthly or quarterly man-days, location and requirements for concurrent deployment.	The specialists shall be deployed as and when required by RECPDCL/MSEDCL during the contract period of 30 months. Detailed deployment schedules shall be communicated during project execution.

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11	**Section I – Man-day Requirements (Page No. 04)**	Man-day Requirements	Kindly confirm whether the total of 2,376 man-days represents a firm minimum commitment or an estimated upper limit, and whether any compensation will be payable for unused or cancelled man-days.	The man-days indicated in the RfP are estimated requirements for the contract period. Deployment shall be based on project requirements and instructions of RECPDCL/MSEDCL. Please refer Section-V, Clause (4) of RFP.
12	**Section I – Project Locations (Page No. 04)**	Project Locations	Kindly provide the number and geographical distribution of project sites, district-wise locations, expected field visits and tentative duration of travel for each expert.	Project locations shall be across MSEDCL offices, project locations and field sites in Maharashtra. Specific locations shall be communicated during execution of the assignment.
13	**Section-1, Scope of Work/services (Page No. 04)**	Scope of Work/services	Please clarify the exact responsibilities of the selected consultant regarding environmental and social safeguard screening, monitoring, ESMP implementation, stakeholder consultation, GRM, ecological monitoring and reporting. Kindly specify whether new baseline studies, biodiversity surveysor primary field investigations are required.	Scope of work, deliverables and responsibilities shall be as detailed in Section-I and Section-II of the RfP. Any specific survey, monitoring or assessment required for compliance with ADB safeguard requirements shall be undertaken as per project requirements.
14	**Scope – Roles and Responsibilities**	Roles and Responsibilities	Kindly clarify the division of responsibilities between RECPDCL, MSEDCL, existing PISC personnel and the selected consultant, including reporting lines, deliverable approval and sign-off responsibilities	The selected consultant shall work under the overall supervision of RECPDCL and in coordination with MSEDCL. Reporting, deliverable review and approvals shall be governed by project requirements and directions issued during execution.
15	**Section V –Financial Quotation and Expenses Clouse 7 (VIII), Page No. 20**	The consultancy fee quoted by the agency is inclusive of all. No out-of-pocket expensesshall be paid by RECPDCL. All the expenses including Travel, Accommodation etc. are to be borne by the successful bidder.	The RFP requires all travel, accommodation, survey and incidental expenses to be included in the quoted price. Kindly clarify whether a separate reimbursable-expense provision or capped allowance may be permitted for travel between widely dispersed project locations, particularly where actual site requirements are not presently defined	**The provisions of RFP shall prevail**
16	**Section V – Payment Terms / Clouse 7 (Page No. 20)**	Payment Terms	The RFP provides for quarterly invoices, 10% retention and payment subjectto receipt of funds from MSEDCL, whereas the GeM document specifies payment within 15 days of service delivery acceptance and online invoice submission. Kindly confirm the applicable payment terms and whether undisputed payments will be released independently of upstream payments.	**The provisions of RFP shall prevail**

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17	**Section V –Clause 7 (Page No. 20) Retention and Final Payment**	Retention and Final Payment	Please clarify whether the 10% retention shall be released progressively upon acceptance of individual deliverables or only after overall project completion. Please also confirm the proposed timeline for resolution of ADB observations and release of the retained amount.	Retention amount shall be released in accordance with Clause 7 of Section-V of the RfP after compliance of observations and submission of final reports, as applicable
18	**Section V –Clause 2 (Page No 19)Contract Period**	Thirty (30) months from the date of execution of the Contract Agreement. Extension, if any, shall be governed by the tender provisions and subject to approval of MSEDCL.	Kindly clarify whether additional man-days, extended deployment beyond 30 months, changes in the number of sites or additional safeguard studies will be compensated at the awarded rates, and whether price escalation will be considered for any extended contract duration	Please refer Section-V of RFP
19	**Section V –Clause 6(a) (Page No. 19) Security Deposit/Bank Guarantee (BGs):**	Security Deposit/Bank Guarantee (BGs):	Please confirm whether submission of EMD through the applicable GeM mechanisms is sufficient, whether additional physical submission is necessary and which performance security validity requirement shall prevail between the RFP and GeM provisions.	**The provisions of RFP shall prevail**
20	**GeM Price Bid Format**	GeM Price Bid Format	Please confirm whether specialist-wise man-day rates shall be the sole basis of financial quotation, and whether any additional commercial breakup of GST, travel, field surveys or administrative expenses is required.	Financial bid shall be submitted in the format prescribed on GeM/e-procurement portal. The quoted rates shall be inclusive of all applicable costs and taxes.
21	**Section V –Clouse 23 (Page 26) Term of Condition**	Notwithstanding the provisions of the tender, the Bidder will not be liable for forfeiture of its performance guarantee, liquidated damages or termination for default, if and to the extent that, it's delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the contract is the result of an event of Force Majeure.	1.We request you to add the following events in the Force Majeure definition i.e. "Pandemic, any other catastrophic unforeseeable, circumstances, any statutory, rules, regulations, orders or requisitions issued by a Govt. department or competent authority thereon considering Covid-19 situation 2.We request you to kindly allow us to provide a written notice within 60 (Sixty) days of occurrence of such force majeure 3.We request you to kindly include notice period of 60 days in case of termination due to force majeure if applicable for this contract	**The provisions of RFP shall prevail**
22	**Section V –Clouse 19 (Page No. 24) Term of Condition**	All personnel deployed under this consultancy shall be adequately insured by the Consultant at its own cost throughout the contract period.	We request you kindly suggest actual requirenment of Insurance for the services provider for this tender	The successful bidder shall ensure adequate insurance coverage for all personnel deployed under the consultancy at its own cost throughout the contract period as stipulated in Clause 19 of the RfP. The nature and extent of insurance shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder.

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23	**Section V –Clouse 21 (Page No. 24) Term of Condition**	The aggregate liability of the successful agency under this agreement, or otherwise in connection with the services to be performed hereunder, shall in no event exceed the total fees payable to the successful agency hereunder. The successful agency shall only be liable for the direct damages or loss arising out this agreement or otherwise from its services and not for any indirect or consequential damages. The limitation shall preceding not apply to liability arising as a result of the Consultant's fraud or willful misconduct in performance of the services hereunder ".	We understand the Limitation of Liability shall be limited to 100% of the total contract fees under any circumstances for this contract.	Please refer Clause 21 of the RfP. The provisions contained therein shall prevail
24	**Section V –Clouse 8.0 (Page 21) Term of Condition**	If it is observed that selected agency has submitted false observation report or ignored any irregularities in the field then 1% of the total quoted financial fees by the agency would be deducted from subsequent quarterly payment subjected to maximum 10% deduction	We request you to consider an overall cap of 5% of the contract value.	**The provisions of RFP shall prevail**
25	**Section V –Clouse 12 (Page No. 23) Term of Condition**	RECPDCL may by written notice sent to the successful bidder; terminate the work order and/or the Contract, in whole or in part at any time of its convenience. The notice of termination will specify that termination is for RECPDCL's convenience, the extent to which performance of work under the work order and /or the contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. RECPDCL reserves the right to cancel the remaining part and pay to the selected vendor an agreed amount for partially completed Services.	We request you to consider prior written notice of 60 days before termination of Contract due to any reason. b)We request you to please allow the equal right for termination by giving 30 days prior notice in writing to the contractor, in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified below. 1) If the Client fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Contract within forty-five (45) calendar days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue. 2) If, 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 sixty (60) calendar days. 3) If the Client fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration. 4) If the Client is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Contract and has not remedied the same within forty-five (45) days (or such longer period as the Consultant may have subsequently approved in writing) following the receipt by the Client of the Consultant's notice specifying such breach. c)We understand that client shall pay the outstanding fee prior to the termination, also we request you to please give the clarification on the payment after the termination of the contract.	**The provisions of RFP shall prevail**

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26	**Section V –Clouse 20 (Page No. 24) Term of Condition**	The successful agency will indemnify RECPDCL and its client organizations of all legal obligations of its professionals deployed for RECPDCL projects. RECPDCL and its Clients also stand absolved of any liability on account of death or injury sustained by the Agency staff during the performance of this empanelment and also for any damages or compensation due to any dispute between the agency and its staff	We understand that the limit of indemnification by a Third party inspection agency/Contractor will be limited to the contract fees in any circumstances	Please refer Clause 20 and Clause 21 of the RfP. The provisions contained therein shall prevail
27	**Tender Information (Page No. 02)**	The EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) is to be submitted by all the participating Bidders in the form of demand draft/Bank Guarantee of an amount of ₹2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) from any Indian scheduled commercial bank in favor of REC Power Development and Consultancy Ltd., Payable at Gurugram	We kindly request clarification regarding the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) requirement. The tender stipulates that the EMD of ₹2,50,000/- is to be submitted in the form of a Demand Draft or Bank Guarantee issued by any Indian Scheduled Commercial Bank in favour of REC Power Development and Consultancy Ltd., payable at Gurugram. In this regard, please confirm whether an EMD submitted through HSBC Bank would be considered valid and acceptable under the above requirement. Please confirm.	EMD in the form of Demand Draft/Bank Guarantee issued by any Indian Scheduled Commercial Bank shall be acceptable subject to compliance with the requirements specified in the RfP.
28		The estimated bid value is ₹1,94,70,000 inclusive of all taxes. The assignment requires seven specialist resources over 30 months and the financial quote is inclusive of all expenses.	The estimated bid value is stated as ₹1,94,70,000 inclusive of all taxes, while the assignment requires seven specialist resources to be provided over a period of 30 months, with the quoted rates/price inclusive of all expenses. The quoted amount would need to cover the professional fees/remuneration of all specialists as well as applicable taxes, travel, boarding, lodging and other deployment-related expenses across Maharashtra. Considering the number and seniority of experts, the duration and the all-inclusive nature of the price, the estimated amount appears restrictive and may not adequately cover the cost of deploying suitably qualified personnel. Kindly review and confirm whether the estimated bid value has been assessed with due consideration to all such costs, and whether any expenses are reimbursable separately or must be fully absorbed within the quoted amount.	The bidders are required to quote their rates strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RfP. As per Clause 7 (Payment Terms), the quoted consultancy fee shall be inclusive of all costs, taxes, duties, travel, accommodation and other incidental expenses. No separate reimbursement shall be admissible.

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29		The estimated bid value is ₹1,94,70,000 inclusive of all taxes; the evaluation is understood to be based on the lowest cumulative amount for all specialists (L1).	Kindly clarify whether bidders are permitted to quote a total financial bid value exceeding the estimated bid value of ₹1,94,70,000, or whether the estimate constitutes a strict upper limit/cap for financial bids. If bids above the estimate are permissible, please confirm whether such bids will remain eligible for evaluation and consideration for award, subject to the applicable evaluation criteria. If the estimated amount is a ceiling, we request the Client to clarify whether the estimate may be revised in view of the all-inclusive deployment costs for the required specialists.	**Bidders may quote their financial bids as per the prescribed format of the RfP. Financial evaluation shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the RfP. The technically qualified bidder quoting the lowest evaluated amount shall be considered for award of work, subject to price reasonability.**
30	**Section I, Clause 2 – Details of Specialists**	Seven specialists are proposed with 264/396 man-days, to be deployed "as and when required" over the 30-month contract period.	Kindly provide the indicative deployment schedule and expected distribution of man-days for each specialist over the contract period. Further, please clarify whether deployment is envisaged to be continuous or intermittent/as per requirement, and the indicative advance notice that would be provided for mobilization of specialists.	The specialists shall be deployed as and when required by RECPDCL/MSEDCL during the contract period of 30 months. Detailed deployment schedules shall be communicated during project execution.
31	**Section V –Clouse 3&9 (Page No. 19&21) Project Locationt /Deployment of Manpower/Resources**	Project Locationt /Deployment of Manpower/Resources	Kindly clarify the indicative base location(s) for deployment of each specialist and the expected geographical coverage/project locations across Maharashtra. Further, please clarify whether specialists are required to remain stationed at the identified locations throughout their deployment or whether inputs may be provided through a combination of office, field and off-site deployment, depending upon project requirements.	The project location shall be anywhere within Maharashtra, including MSEDCL offices, project locations and field sites as may be advised by RECPDCL/MSEDCL. Deployment may include office, field and site assignments as per project requirements. Resources shall be stationed at project locations whenever required by RECPDCL/MSEDCL. Please refer Section-I and Clause 9 of the RfP.
32	**Section II – Specialist Qualifications (Page 5-10)**	Qualification and Experience	Kindly confirm whether the educational qualifications specified for the respective specialist positions are mandatory, or whether equivalent/relevant qualifications supported by the prescribed experience may also be considered. For the Health and Safety positions, kindly also clarify whether IOSH/NEBOSH or equivalent certification is required in addition to both bachelor's and master's qualifications in engineering/related fields.	The qualification and experience requirements specified in the RfP are minimum eligibility requirements and shall be complied with by the bidder. For Health & Safety positions, ISOH/NEBOSH or equivalent certification along with the prescribed educational qualification and experience requirements shall be required as specified in the RfP

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33	**Section IV, Clause 8 / Section V, Clause 6(a) – Security Deposit / BG(Page No. 17,19)**	Security Deposit/Bank Guarantee (BGs)	Kindly clarify and confirm the applicable timeline for submission of the Performance Bank Guarantee/Security Deposit following issuance of the Letter of Award, considering the different timelines referenced in the RFP.	The successful bidder shall submit the Security Deposit/Performance Bank Guarantee within 07 working days from the date of issuance of LoA as stipulated in the RfP.
34	**Section V, Clause 10 – Work Assessment(Page No.-23)**	Concerned Division of RECPDCL will Supervise the project progress until its full completion of the project work. Concerned Division of RECPDCL will ensure that the assigned job is completed as per the schedules given in the work order. RECPDCL would advise the agency to post additional manpower, free of any additional charge, if there are perceived slippages on the time schedules.	Kindly clarify the circumstances and extent to which additional manpower may be required to be deployed without additional cost. Further, please clarify whether this provision would apply only where the schedule slippage is attributable to the selected agency, and whether any defined limit on such additional resource deployment would apply.	The RFP is amply clear