



Pre-BID queries response and Corrigendum-01 dated 09.01.2026

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(Corrigendum-1 09-01-2026)

Sr. No.	Volume & Section	Bid Clause	Remarks / Modified / added Clause
1	SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA PQ-03	<p>Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/consultancy / advisory services of following Tier-III or above Data center (including Civil, IT and Non-IT) during last 5 years as on bid issuance date.</p> <p>I. One order having Min 5000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 200 racks globally or</p> <p>II. two orders having Min 3000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 150 racks globally or</p> <p>III. three orders having Min 2500 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 100 racks globally</p> <p>Agreement/ Purchase Order / Work Order issued by client OR Client certificate for successful completion</p>	<p>Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/consultancy/ advisory services of following Tier-III or above Data center (including Civil, IT and Non-IT) during last 7 years as on bid issuance date.</p> <p>I. One order having Min 10,000 sq. ft. server farm area or having Min. 200 racks globally or</p> <p>II. two orders having Min 7,500 sq. ft server farm area or having Min. 150 racks globally or</p> <p>III. three orders having Min 5,000 sq. ft. server farm area or having Min. 100 racks globally</p> <p>Agreement/ Purchase Order / Work Order issued by client and Client certificate for successful completion</p>

	<p>SECTION VI: METHODOLOGY OF SELECTION</p> <p>Technical Bid Evaluation: TQ-01</p>	<p>The Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing of at least one Tier-III or above Data Centre globally during last 05 years as on bid issuance date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 to 150 Racks: 10 marks • 151 Racks to 200 Racks: 20 marks • > 200 Racks: 30 marks 	<p>The Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing of at least one Tier-III or above Data Centre globally during last 07 years as on bid issuance date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min 5,000 sq. ft. to 7,500 sq. ft. server farm area or having 100 to 150 Racks: 10 marks • > 7,500 sq. ft. to 10,000 sq. ft. server farm area or having 151 Racks to 200 Racks: 20 marks • > 10,000 sq. ft. server farm area or having > 200 Racks: 30 marks
2	<p>SECTION VI: METHODOLOGY OF SELECTION</p> <p>Technical Bid Evaluation: TQ-02</p>	<p>The Bidder should have at least 50 full time professionals on its payroll as on bid issuance date. Such professionals should have degrees such as BE/B. Tech/M. Tech/MBA/ MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA)</p> <p>50 to 100 professionals = 5 marks</p> <p>101 to 150 Professionals = 10 marks</p> <p>More than 150 Professionals = 15 marks</p> <p>Note: Bidder will get total 5 marks extra for having:</p> <p>a. One (1) CDCP/CDCS/DCCA/DCDC/ CDCMP/ CDCTP/Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier designer) or Equivalent certified professional on its payroll = 2 marks</p> <p>b. Two (2) CDCP/CDCS/DCCA/DCDC/CDCMP/ CDCTP/Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier designer) or Equivalent certified professional on its payroll = 5 marks</p>	<p>The Bidder should have at least 50 full time professionals on its payroll as on bid issuance date. Such professionals should have degrees such as BE/B. Tech/M. Tech/MBA/ MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA)</p> <p>50 to 100 professionals = 5 marks</p> <p>101 to 150 Professionals = 10 marks</p> <p>More than 150 Professionals = 15 marks</p> <p>Note: Bidder will get total 5 marks extra for having:</p> <p>a. One (1) CDSCS/ CDCMP/ CDCTP/Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier designer) = 2 marks</p> <p>b. Two (2) CDSCS/CDCMP/ CDCTP/Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier designer) = 5 marks</p>

3	SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA PQ-07	Additional PQ	<p>Consortium of only two partners is allowed i.e. Lead Bidder + 1 partner in this bid.</p> <p>Note: Consortium is only allowed for Physical Infra/Non-IT (Civil Architect cum Quality Assurance + MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) + Non-IT/Physical Infrastructure) related work as Lead Bidder may not have such expertise. Further, such consortium partner should have prior experience of designing at least one data center (Non-IT part) globally during last 7 years as on bid issuance date.</p> <p>Consortium Agreement along with the required credentials as asked in the clause.</p> <p>Note- Consortium up-to one consortium partner is allowed. Lead-bidder will be responsible for whole deliverables. The Work Order and contract signing will be carried out with Lead bidder only.</p>
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4	Data Centre Architect (Data Centre IT Expert)	Full Time during: DPR & RFP Phase; Thereafter need basis till Go-live of new Data center BE/B. Tech (EC/IT/CS) / MSC IT/ Master Computer Application (MCA) CDCP/ CDCS/ DCCA/ DCDC/ CDCMP/ CDCTP	Data Centre Architect (Data Centre IT Expert) Full Time during: DPR & RFP Phase; Thereafter need basis till Go-live of new Data center BE/B. Tech (EC/IT/CS) / MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) CDCS/CDCMP/CDCTP/ Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier designer)
5	Non-IT/Physical Infrastructure expert	Full Time during Contract Tenure B.E./B. Tech (Instrumentation, Control Systems, or Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering). CDCP/CDCS/DCCA/DCDC/CDCMP/CDCTP	Non-IT/Physical Infrastructure expert Full Time during Contract Tenure B.E./B. Tech (Instrumentation, Control Systems, or Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering). CDCS/CDCMP/CDCTP/ Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier designer)
6	Senior Consultant (Network & Security Expert)	Need basis till Go- live of new Data center · BE/B. Tech (EC/IT/CS) · CCNP/CCIE	Senior Consultant (Network & Security Expert) Need basis till Go- live of new Data center BE/B. Tech (EC/IT/CS) CCNP/CCIE / CISSP/ CISA /CISM
7	Additional clause		Bidder's experience, bidder's turn over criteria will not be considered of GeM bid. However, bidder must match eligibility criteria, experience, bidder's turn over criteria, etc. as mentioned in RFP document and time to time published corrigendum and will be considered for evaluation. EMD and PBG should submitted by bidder as per GEM.

8	Abbreviation	CDCS - Certified Data Centre Specialist CDCTP -Certified Data Centre Topology Professional CDCMP - Certified Data Centre Migration Professional DCDC - Data Centre Design Consultant CCNP – Cisco Certified Network Professional CCIE -Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert CISSP – Certified Information Systems Security Professional CISA – Certified Information Systems Audit CISM -Certified Information Security Manager
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Sr. no.	RFP Page no	Bidding Document Reference (Page / Clause)	Content of RFP requiring clarification	Points of Clarification required	Tenderer Response
1		Section V Pre-Qualification Criteria	Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/ Consultancy/ advisory services of following Tier-III or above Data Center (including Civil, IT and Non-IT) during last 5 years as on Bid issuance date. 1. One order having Min.5000 Sq.Mtr server farm area or having Min.200 racks globally or 2. One order having Min.3000 Sq.Mtr server farm area or having Min.150 racks globally 3. One order having Min.2500 Sq.Mtr server farm area or having Min.100 racks globally	Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/ Consultancy/ advisory services of following Tier-III (or equivalent) or above Data Center and Disaster recovery (including Civil and IT and/or IT and Non-IT) during last 5 years as on Bid issuance date. 1. One order having Min.5000 Sq.Mtr server farm area or having Min.200 racks globally or 2. One order having Min.3000 Sq.Mtr server farm area or having Min.150 racks globally 3. One order having Min.2500 Sq.Mtr server farm area or having Min.100 racks globally	please see corrigendum.
2		Section VI Methodology of Selection 1.1.2 Technical Bid evaluation	Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/ Consultancy/ advisory services of Tier-III or above Data Center globally during last 5 years as on Bid issuance date. 1. 100-150 Racks - 10 Marks 2. 151-200 Racks - 20 Marks 3. >200 Racks - 30 Marks	Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/ Consultancy/ advisory services of Tier-III (or equivalent) or above Data Center and Disaster recovery globally during last 5 years as on Bid issuance date. 1. 100-150 Racks - 10 Marks 2. 151-200 Racks - 20 Marks 3. >200 Racks - 30 Marks	please see corrigendum.
3	27	0	Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/consultancy/ advisory services of following Tier-III or above Data center (including Civil, IT and Non-IT) during last 5 years as on bid issuance date. I. One order having Min 5000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 200 racks globally or II. two orders having Min 3000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 150 racks globally or III. three orders having Min 2500 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 100 racks globally	The current clause is restrictive and biased in nature. Request to modify the clause as below: Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/consultancy/ advisory services of following Tier-II Tier-III or above Data center (including Civil, IT and Non-IT) during last 5 years as on bid issuance date. I. One order having Min 3000 5000 sq. mtr. ft. server farm area or having Min. 200 150 racks globally or II. two orders having Min 2500 3000 sq. mtr. ft. server farm area or having Min. 150 100 racks globally or III. three orders having Min 2000 2500 sq. mtr. ft. server farm area or having Min. 100 75 racks globally	please see corrigendum.
4	38	SECTION IX: SCOPE OF WORK	-	Request you to kindly clarify the size of Data Centre proposed in terms of power requirements	The size of Data Centre proposed in terms of power requirements will be discussed with Contract awarded PMC agency under this BID.
5	34	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Position: Principal Consultant/ Project Manager Experience: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Overall experience of >10 years in IT Consulting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Experience of >7 years in implementation of Tier 3 or above data centre Project *Master's Degree in Management/ Post Graduate Diploma in Management is desirable.	Request to modify clause as below: Experience: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Overall experience of >10 years in IT Consulting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Experience of >7 years in implementation of Tier 2 3 or above data centre Project *Master's Degree in Management/ Post Graduate Diploma in Management is desirable.	As per RFP
6	34	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Position: Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert) Min. qualification: BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) / MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA), CDCP/ CDCS/ DCCA/ DCDC/ CDCMP/ CDCTP	Request to modify clause as below: Min. qualification: BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) / MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA), CDCP/ CDCS/ DCCA/ DCDC/ CDCMP/ CDCTP/ equivalent	please see corrigendum.
7	35	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Position: Civil Architect cum Quality Assurance Engineer	Request to clarify whether the mentioned resource can be off-role/ contract basis? Justification: These are specified profiles for undertaking the most critical and vital elements pertaining to the Construction of the Data Centre Building comprising of the Building and External Architectural Design; Building structural design based on environmental conditions such as flood, cyclone and earthquake probability; Soil testing for load bearing capacity; Building Fire detection, prevention and evacuation plan and Utilities for the entire building including lift, staircase, cafeteria, parking, landscaping, and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing jobs etc. as these are required to typically undertaken by Civil & Architectural Consultancy Firms with domain expertise in these respective areas.	please see corrigendum.
8	35	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Position: MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) Site Engineer	Request to clarify whether the mentioned resource can be off-role/ contract basis? Justification: These are specified profiles for undertaking the most critical and vital elements pertaining to the Construction of the Data Centre Building comprising of the Building and External Architectural Design; Building structural design based on environmental conditions such as flood, cyclone and earthquake probability; Soil testing for load bearing capacity; Building Fire detection, prevention and evacuation plan and Utilities for the entire building including lift, staircase, cafeteria, parking, landscaping, and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing jobs etc. as these are required to typically undertaken by Civil & Architectural Consultancy Firms with domain expertise in these respective areas.	please see corrigendum.
9	36	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Position: Non-IT/Physical Infrastructure expert Min. qualification: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B.E./B.Tech (Instrumentation, Control Systems, or Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CDCTP/ CDCS/ DCCA/ DCDC/ CDCMP/ CDCTP	Request to modify clause as below: Min. qualification: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B.E./B.Tech (Instrumentation, Control Systems, or Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CDCTP/ CDCS/ DCCA/ DCDC/ CDCMP/ CDCTP/ equivalent	please see corrigendum.
10	36	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Position: Senior Consultant (Network & Security Expert) Min. qualification: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCNP/CCIE	Request to modify clause as below: Min. qualification: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCNP/CCIE/ equivalent	please see corrigendum.

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11	38	SECTION IX: SCOPE OF WORK	Certification of this Greenfield State data center (PMC is primarily responsible for helping/ensuring DST/GIL/GoG to obtain the certification through certification accredited agency. It is PMC's end to end responsibility under the RFP scope to get the required certifications.	Request to clarify whether the certification agency shall be appointed by DST/ GIL or it is also in scope of bidder. This shall enable us to prepare competitive proposal	Selected PMC agency has to provide support to obtain the certifications through certification accredited agency. Selected PMC's end to end responsibility under the RFP scope to get the required certifications. Fees for obtaining certifications are not to be born by the PMC.
12	45	SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	Submission of Final DPR (A) Civil and Non-IT part (B) IT part T2 = T1 + 3 months 10% of the total contract value	Request to modify the clause as below: T2=T1 + 5months 20% of the total contract value	As per RFP.
13	45	SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	Selection of Implementing Agency(s) for Submitted Final RFP(s)*. (A) Civil and Non-IT part (bidder may be asked to submit new RFP as per managements directives without any cost to tenderer) T3 = T2 + 3 months	Request to modify the clause as below: T3=T2 + 5months	As per RFP.
14	45	SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	Selection of Implementing Agency(s) for Submitted Final RFP(s)* (B) IT part (bidder may be asked to submit new RFP as per managements directives without any cost to tenderer) T4 = T3 +9 months	Request to modify the clause as below: T4=T3 + 5months	As per RFP.
15	46	SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	Project Management and Monitoring Activities Total 40 % in equated instalment of 5 % of the total contract value on quarterly basis during the said period	Request to modify the clause as below: Total 30 % in equated instalment of 5 % of the total contract value on quarterly basis during the said period	As per RFP.
16		GeM Bidding Document	मूल योग्यता/मूल योग्यता/Evaluation Method: Total value wise evaluation OCBS Weightage(Technical:Financial):70:30	Kindly confirm the evaluation method	QCBS based
17	7	SECTION 1: INVITATION FOR BIDS	1 Consortium Consortium bids are not permitted. Only single entities meeting all eligibility criteria may participate.	we would request your kind consideration for inclusion of a Consortium / Joint Venture partner to undertake the most critical and vital elements pertaining to the Construction of the Data Centre Building comprising of the Building and External Architectural Design; Building structural design based on environmental conditions such as flood, cyclone and earthquake probability; Soil testing for load bearing capacity; Building Fire detection, prevention and evacuation plan and Utilities for the entire building including lift, staircase, cafeteria, parking, landscaping, and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing jobs etc. as these are required to typically undertaken by Civil & Architectural Consultancy Firms with domain expertise in these respective areas. Also, this kind consideration of a Consortium / Joint Venture partner shall enable adherence to all the standards, compliances and regulatory norms of the Data Centre build / Consulting business with focus on maintaining a safe, healthy, free environmental and occupational hazards at the time of project execution and management for this strategic initiative.	please see corrigendum.
18		GeM Bidding Document	Bid End Date/Time 02-01-2026 15:00:00	We request you to extend the bid submission last date to atleast 2 weeks from current submission date of 05.01.2026. Our request is based on the following considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-Stakeholder Coordination: The proposal preparation involves inputs from multiple teams (especially the legal and business finance units) basis the updates in corrigendum. Upcoming annual financial freeze period upto 05.01.2026, has proven challenging within the current timeframe for aligning schedules and finalizing documentation• Quality Assurance: An extension would allow us to ensure thoroughness in our technical and commercial submissions, thereby aligning better with the tender's expectations and objectives.	please see corrigendum.
19			Indemnity	The Client shall indemnify and hold harmless the Protiviti India for all Losses incurred in connection with any third-party Claim, except to the extent finally judicially determined to have resulted primarily from the fraud or bad faith of such Protiviti India.	As per RFP.
20			Limitation of the Bidder's Liability towards the Purchaser	The Client (and any others for whom Services are provided) shall not recover from the Bidder, in contract or tort, under statute or otherwise, any amount with respect to loss of profit, data or goodwill, or any other consequential, incidental, indirect, punitive or special damages in connection with claims arising out of this Agreement or otherwise relating to the Services, whether or not the likelihood of such loss or damage was contemplated. The Client (and any others for whom Services are provided) shall not recover from the Bidder, in contract or tort, including indemnification obligations under this contract, under statute or otherwise, aggregate damages in excess of the fees actually paid for the Services that directly caused the loss in connection with claims arising out of this Agreement or otherwise relating to the Services, whether or not the likelihood of such loss or damage was contemplated. The Client (and any others for whom Services are provided) shall not recover from the Bidder, in contract or tort, under statute or otherwise, any amount with respect to loss of profit, data or goodwill, or any other consequential, incidental, indirect, punitive or special damages in connection with claims arising out of this Agreement or otherwise relating to the Services, whether or not the likelihood of such loss or damage was contemplated. The Client (and any others for whom Services are provided) shall not recover from the Bidder, in contract or tort, including indemnification obligations under this contract, under statute or otherwise, aggregate damages in excess of the fees actually paid for the Services that directly caused the loss in connection with claims arising out of this Agreement or otherwise relating to the Services.	As per RFP.
21			Non-solicitation	During the Restricted Period, no Engagement Personnel of either party shall solicit for employment any Engagement Personnel of the other party. "Engagement Personnel" shall be defined as only those personnel of either party who a) are directly involved in the provision of Services under the applicable Statement of Work, or b) are the direct recipients of such Services. The "Restricted Period" shall be defined to include a) the Term of the applicable Statement of Work, b) a period of 12 months after the expiration of such Term, and c) for those Engagement Personnel whose involvement as a direct provider or recipient of Services ends prior to the expiration of the Term, for 12 months after such involvement ends Provided, that this restriction shall not apply to a) Engagement Personnel of a party who respond to general advertisements for positions with the other party, b) Engagement Personnel of either party who come to the other party on their own initiative without direct or indirect encouragement from the other party's Engagement Personnel, or c) generic recruiting activities by non-Engagement Personnel, including direct outreach by recruiters of either party who have sourced the individuals in the ordinary course of recruitment through the use of research, social media and/or other technology or tools	As per RFP.
22			Force Majeure	I. To the extent that the provision of the Services is impacted by a pandemic (including COVID19) and any reasonable concerns or measures taken to protect the health and safety interests of either Party's personnel, the Parties will work together to amend the Agreement to provide for the Services to be delivered in an appropriate manner, including any resulting modifications with respect to the timelines, location, or manner of the delivery of Services. II. Where the Bidder Personnel are required to be present at Client's premises, the Bidder will use reasonable efforts to provide the Services on-site at Client side, provided that, in light of a pandemic the parties agree to cooperate to allow for remote working and/or an extended timeframe to the extent a) any government or similar entity implements restrictions that may interfere with provision of onsite Services b) either party implements voluntary limitations on travel or meetings that could interfere with provision of onsite Services, or c) a bidder's resource determines that he or she is unable or unwilling to travel in light of a pandemic-related risk	As per RFP.

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23			Termination for Convenience	In case of termination, Client shall pay the Bidder for all work-in progress, Services already performed, and expenses incurred by the Bidder up to and including the effective date of the termination of this Agreement.	As per RFP.
24			Retention of copies	On payment of all Protiviti India fees in connection with this Contract, the Client shall obtain a non-exclusive license to use within its internal business, subject to the other provisions of this Contract, any Deliverables or work product for the purpose for which the Deliverables or work product were supplied. Protiviti India retains all rights in the Deliverables and work product, and in any software, materials, know-how and/or methodologies that Protiviti India may use or develop in connection with this Contract.	As per RFP.
25			Non-Exclusivity	It is agreed that the services are being rendered on a non-exclusive basis and the Bidder shall have the right to pursue business opportunities that it may in its sole discretion deem appropriate.	As per RFP.
26			Confidential Information	<p>I. Confidential Information shall include any information which is identified by you at the time of disclosure as being of a confidential nature (including, but not limited to, business plans, products, trade secret processes or methodologies, software, documentation, design specifications, other technical documents and other proprietary rights or information) or that is disclosed to you under circumstances that would lead a reasonable person to understand that such information is confidential or proprietary in nature. Confidential Information may include information that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) is or becomes generally available to the public without breach by us of our confidentiality obligations under this Services Contract, b) is received by us from a third party without restriction against disclosure, c) was known to us without restriction prior to disclosure, or d) is independently developed by us without subsequent use of Confidential Information <p>II. We shall protect the Confidential Information in a manner consistent with the treatment that we accord to our own Confidential Information of a similar nature, and we shall use and reproduce Confidential Information only to perform our obligations under this Services Contract or for our internal collection, analysis and training purposes. We may disclose Confidential Information to Protiviti Persons and our employees, agents and subcontractors, who have a need to know, and employees of our Affiliates who have a need to know. We may also disclose Confidential Information as may be necessary by reason of legal, accounting and regulatory requirement and to our professional indemnity insurers and advisers. Notwithstanding, anything contrary agreed under the Services Contract, you agree that our obligations under the clause of Confidential Information shall survive and will be in force only during the term of the Engagement Letter and shall not in any event survive post completion of Services or termination or expiration of the Engagement Letter, whichever is earlier.</p> <p>III. For the purposes of marketing and publishing or selling our services, we may wish to disclose that we have performed work for you without disclosing any Confidential Information</p>	As per RFP.
27		Additional T&C	Variation in Scope of Contract	For any changes in the scope beyond the stipulated scope of services mentioned in the RFP, we would request the Client to consider additional professional fees as per mutually agreed terms and conditions.	As per RFP.
28		SECTION V: PREQUALIFICATION CRITERIA/ Sr.2/ Eligibility Criteria	Bidder should have average turnover of Rs. 16 crores during last 3 audited financial years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25).	This is highly technical project and should have required highly qualified consultants. Kindly revised the clause as per below: Bidder should have average turnover of Rs. 100 crores during last 3 audited financial years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25).	As per RFP.
29		SECTION VI: METHODOLOGY OF SELECTION/ 1.1. Pre-Qualification evaluation	<p>The Bidder should have at least 50 full time professionals on its payroll as on bid issuance date. Such professionals should have degrees such as BE/ B.Tech/ M.Tech/ MBA/ MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) 50 to 100 professionals = 5 marks - 101 to 150 Professionals = 10 marks - More than 150 Professionals = 15 marks Note: Bidder will get total 5 marks extra for having:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. One (1) CDCP/CDCS/CCCA/CDCC/CDCMP/ CDCTP/Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier designer) or Equivalent certified professional on its payroll = 2 marks b. Two (2) CDCP/CDCS/CCCA/CDCC/CDCMP/ CDCTP/Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier designer) or Equivalent Certified professional on its payroll = 5 marks 	<p>DCCP/CDCC/ CDCMP/ CDCTP are not standard certification, its from BICSI and it is not professionally driven company. Kindly remove it. CDCC, CDCS, CDCE, ATD, ISO 27001 are the standard certifications for the data center. Even this should be consider a part of PQ eligibility criteria rather than only QCBs.</p>	please see corrigendum.
30		SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS/ Manpower	<p>Manpower requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Principal Consultant /Project Manager 2. Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert) 3. Civil Architect 4. MEP Site Engineer 5. Non-IT/Physical Infrastructure expert 6. Senior Consultant (Network & Security Expert) 7. Consultant (DPR/RFP Expert) 	<p>The Manpower calculations are very oversized Kindly request you to revised it as per below to justify the cost of the project:</p> <p>Manpower requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Principal Consultant /Project Manager 2. Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert, Network & Security Expert) 3. Civil Architect 4. Non-IT/Physical/ MEP Infrastructure expert 5. Consultant (DPR/RFP Expert) 	As per RFP.
31		SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS/ Manpower	<p>Manpower requirement: 1. Principal Consultant /Project Manager: Qty: 1 Deployment/ Availability: Full Time during Contract Tenure</p> <p>Min. Qualification: BE/ B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) MSc IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) +PMP/Prince2Certification.</p> <p>Ø Experience: Overall experience of > 10 years in IT Consulting.</p> <p>Ø Relevant Experience of >7 years in implementation of Tier 3 or above data centre Project Master's Degree in Management/ Post Graduate Diploma in Management is desirable.</p> <p>2. Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert, Network & Security Expert) Qty: 1 Deployment/ Availability: Full Time during DPR & RFP Phase; Thereafter need basis till Go-live of new Data center</p> <p>Min. Qualification: BE/ B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) MSc IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) CDCC/CDCS/CCCA/CDCC/ CDMP/ CDCTP</p> <p>Ø Experience: Overall experience of > 8 years in IT Consulting. Relevant Experience of >5 years in implementation of data centre Project Ø Master's Degree in Management / Post Graduate Diploma in Management is desirable.</p>	<p>Manpower requirement: 1. Principal Consultant /Project Manager: Qty: 1 Deployment/ Availability: Full Time during Contract Tenure</p> <p>Min. Qualification: BE/ B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) MSc IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) /PMP/Prince2 Certification/ Bachelor Degree with 5 years of data experience Ø Overall experience of > 10 years in IT Consulting. Ø Relevant Experience of >7 years in implementation of data centre Project Ø Master's Degree in Management/ Post Graduate Diploma in Management is desirable.</p> <p>2. Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert, Network & Security Expert) Qty: 1 Deployment/ Availability: Need basis till Go-live of new Data center Min. Qualification: BE/ B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) MSc IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) / Bachelor Degree with 5 years of data center experience Ø Experience: Overall experience of > 8 years in IT Consulting.</p> <p>Ø Relevant Experience of >5 years in designing of large data centre</p>	As per RFP.
31		SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS/ Manpower	<p>3. Civil Architect Qty: 1 Deployment/ Availability: Full Time during DPR & RFP Phase of Non-IT/Physical Infra only. Thereafter need basis till Go-live of new Data center Min. Qualification: BE/ B.Tech in Civil or B.Arch (Bachelor of Architecture) Ø Experience: > Overall experience of > 10 years > Relevant Experience of > 5 years in designing Civil Infrastructure. Prior experience of designing data center will be preferred.</p> <p>Center will be designed additionally, fast-track construction, ensuring adherence to BIM/3D model consistency, safety, and quality checks (QA/QC) will be preferred.</p> <p>4. Non-IT/Physical/ MEP Infrastructure expert Qty: 1 Deployment/ Availability: Full Time during Contract Tenure Min. Qualification: B.E / B.Tech (Instrumentation, Control Systems, or Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering). Ø CDCC/CDCS/CCCA/CDCC/ CDMP/ CDCTP or Equivalent certification in Data Centre. Experience: Ø 8+ Years in building automation and controls engineering. 5+ Years dedicated to deploying and customizing DCIM (Data Center Infrastructure Management) platforms. Ø Proven experience in utilizing DCIM for real-time PUE optimization, capacity planning, and generating compliance reports will be preferred.</p> <p>5. Consultant (DPR/RFP Expert) Qty: 1 Deployment/ Availability: Full Time during Contract Tenure Min. Qualification: BE/ B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) Experience: Ø Overall experience of > 5 years Ø Relevant experience of >3 years in preparing DPR/RFP of large ICT infrastructure projects</p>	<p>3. Civil Architect Qty: 1 Deployment/ Availability: Need basis till Go-live of new Data center Min. Qualification: BE / B.Tech in Civil or B.Arch (Bachelor of Architecture) Ø Experience: > Overall experience of > 10 years > Relevant Experience of > 5 years in designing Civil Infrastructure. Prior experience of designing data center will be preferred.</p> <p>> Additionally, fast-track construction, ensuring adherence to BIM/3D model consistency, safety, and quality checks (QA/QC) will be preferred.</p> <p>4. Non-IT/Physical/ MEP Infrastructure expert Qty: 1 Deployment/ Availability: Need basis till Go-live of new Data center Min. Qualification: Ø B.E / B.Tech (Instrumentation, Control Systems, or Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering)/ Bachelor Degree Ø CDCC/CDCS/CCCA certification in Data Centre. Ø ATD Certified Ø ISO 27001:2022 certified Experience: Ø 8+ Years in building automation and controls engineering. 5+ Years dedicated to deploying and customizing Data Center MEP Infrastructure. Ø Proven experience in data center MEP designing will be preferred.</p> <p>5. DPR/RFP Expert Qty: 1 Deployment/ Availability: Full Time during DPR & RFP Phase; Thereafter need basis till Go-live of new Data center Min. Qualification: BE/ B.Tech (EC/IT/CS)/ Bachelor Degree Experience: Ø Overall experience of > 5 years Ø Relevant experience of >3 years in preparing DPR/RFP of large ICT infrastructure projects</p>	As per RFP.
32		SECTION V: PREQUALIFICATION CRITERIA/Eligibility Criteria	Additional clause	RFP has engineer & technicians are mentioned, but professional manpower who are core of the project are given optional. We have kept them with bonus points, means if any consultant who are doesn't have CDCP/ CDCS will qualify for the bid. We should keep professional manpower compulsory to have better design and approach for the data center.	As per RFP. Please see Corrigendum for revision in certification.
33		SECTION V: PREQUALIFICATION CRITERIA/Eligibility Criteria	Additional clause	CDCP/CDCS and ATD should be separate concept of design for data center. So both certification should be mandatory for the bidder. CDCP is for overall Non-IT/ MEP infra design where ATD is for Tier-III/ Tier-IV design certification and redundancy approach.	As per RFP. Please see Corrigendum for revision in certification.

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34		SECTION V: PREQUALIFICATION CRITERIA/Eligibility Criteria	General Additional clause	ISO 27001:20222 ISMS is required for network security.	As per RFP. Please see Corrigendum for revision in certification.
35		SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS/ Manpower	General Additional clause	Subcontracting should allowed for below categories of manpower/ Services: Ø Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert, Network & Security Expert) Ø Civil Architect Ø Non-IT/Physical/ MEP Infrastructure exper	please see corrigendum.
36		Delay contract	General	If any contract will be delayed due to any unavoidable circumstances then govt. should pay manpower cost monthly basis as per empanelled Tie-1 consultants under the NIC (National Informatics Centre) Rate Contract for IT Consultancy Services for extended period. If delay will be done from consultant side then govt.will be not liable to pay any extra cost and penalty clause will be apply as per tender / corrigendum documents.	As per RFP
37		SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	S/N 3- Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/consultancy/ advisory services of following Tier-III or above Data center (including Civil, IT and Non-IT) during last 5 years as on bid issuance date.	We respectfully request that the criterion of "demonstrable experience in designing/consultancy/advisory services for Tier-III or above Data Centers (including Civil, IT, and Non-IT components)" be considered for own setups executed during the last ten (10) years.	As per RFP
38		Section 1 – Consortium; Section VIII – Profile of Consultants.	-	The RFP disallows consortium and sub letting, but scope requires highly specialised Tier 4 DC and BIM/DCIM expertise. Please confirm that: a) Engagement of specialist firms as sub consultants for design/certification related assistance is permitted, while the prime PMC remains single bidding entity and fully responsible. b) Such specialist firms' experience and certifications can be counted under bidder's credentials where clearly documented.	please see corrigendum.
39		Section IV – Approvals/Clearances; Section IX – Scope of Work (certifications, BU permission, statutory approvals).	-	Please clarify whether statutory approval fees (e.g., BU permission, local authority NOCs, third party tests) and external agency charges (for certifications such as Uptime/TIA 942/ISO) will be paid separately by DST/GIL or should be included in the PMC's financial quote. If included, please specify the list of approvals and certifying bodies envisaged so bidders can estimate reasonably.	Statutory approval fees (e.g., BU permission, local authority NOCs, third party tests) and external agency charges (for certifications such as Uptime/TIA 942/ISO) will be paid separately by DST/GoG.
40		Section IX – responsibility to get SDC certified via accredited agency.	-	Please clarify if the PMC is only responsible for coordination and documentation for certification, or also for paying certification fees to agencies like Uptime Institute/ISO auditors out of the quoted price.	Selected PMC agency has to provide support to obtain the certifications through certification accredited agency. Selected PMC's end to end responsibility under the RFP scope to get the required certifications. Fees for obtaining certifications are not to be born by the PMC.
41		Section IV – Support from External Agency; Sub letting clause; Section IX – Scope.	-	The RFP prohibits sub letting but permits support from external agency for legal/contractual vetting. Given the breadth of technical scope, kindly clarify: a) whether external experts (e.g., structural peer reviewer, special MEP consultant) can be engaged as sub consultants under PMC's responsibility. b) if yes, what disclosures and documentation are required?	In RFP minimum requirement and Scope of work has been mentioned . Bidder can do as per RFP requirement but no additional cost to GoG. Total responsibility of same will be PMC.
42		Section VIII – Profile of Consultants; Section VI – Criterion 4 (quality and competency of on roll/off roll/contractual resources).	-	Please confirm whether proposed key resources must be on the bidder's payroll at bid submission, or can be committed contractual/on roll at LOI resources with binding letters of intent. If allowed, what proof is acceptable (LOI, affidavit, etc.)?	Bidder has to provide undertaking letter from the HR Head or Authorized signatory.
43		Section VIII – replacement, 3 candidate panel and penalties.	-	For long duration projects, attrition is inevitable. Request relaxation that: a) Replacement with equal or higher qualification/experience and same certifications will be acceptable with one alternate CV, not necessarily a panel of three. b) Replacement process timelines and approval mechanism be clearly defined (e.g., deemed approved if no response within 15 working days). Also confirm that such absence penalties are part of the overall 20% cap on total penalties.	As per RFP
44		Section VIII – penalties for absence; Section X – SLA and penalty cap.	-	Please confirm Leave allowed for the resources to be deployed and whether penalties for absence apply only when: a) The resource is absent beyond permitted leave; and b) No prior written approval is taken and no replacement is provided. Also confirm that such absence penalties are part of the overall 20% cap on total penalties.	Absence penalties are separate from 20% Penalty CAP. Penalty shoud apply as per RFP terms.
45		Section X – SLA: T1, T2 (3 month DPR timeline) and penalties.	-	DPR quality and timing depend on timely sharing of existing drawings, as built data, access to sites, and decisions from DST/GIL. Please confirm that the DPR timeline (T1 + 3 months) will start only after: a) Complete set of existing drawings/documents are handed over; b) Formal "DPR inputs sign off" is issued by DST/GIL. Also, please confirm that delays due to non availability or late approvals from DST/GIL or other agencies will not attract DPR delay penalties.	Delay at the end of tenderer is non attributable to the bidder timeline.
46		Section X – payment milestones linked to implementer FAT, go live and 3 months post go live.	-	PMC's payments for FAT/go live are dependent on implementer progress, which is not under PMC's direct control. Kindly clarify: a) Whether PMC will be protected from payment delays if implementers are delayed for reasons not attributable to PMC; b) Whether an alternate milestone (e.g., PMC's completion of specific monitoring and acceptance activities) can trigger part payment independent of implementer delays.	Delay at the end of tenderer is non attributable to the bidder timeline.
47		Section IX – requirement for BIM and DCIM ready outputs.	-	Please specify the required minimum set of DCIM data exports expected from PMC, so that tool and effort estimation is accurate.	One time final version should be submitted.
48		Section IX – DR, NDR, FDR required	-	Request clarity whether any existing DR or secondary site infrastructure is already available and to what extent PMC is expected to design vs implement vs supervise in DR/NDR/FDR scope.	The scope includes the formulation of a comprehensive Business Continuity Plan and Disaster Recovery Strategy that seamlessly integrates the new Primary SDC with the existing Near DR and Far DR. The PMC must ensure that the new architecture optimizes RPO/RT0 across all three sites and validates the interoperability of the Primary site with the existing NDR and FDR
49		Section VI – Technical Evaluation Criterion 1: Tier III or above DC design in last 5 years.	-	Please clarify whether: a) Ongoing any Tier design projects where DPR and major design deliverables are completed can be considered; and b) Experience of merged entities can be counted if supported with legal documents.	Bidder may provide their Own DPR and design.

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50		Section IX – Scope of Work; Section X – SLA;	-	For better comparability of bids, request the department to indicate indicative project duration and minimum man month expectation of PMC across major phases (DPR, RFP, PM, certification), so all bidders plan team strength similarly.	As per RFP.
51		Section VI – Technical Evaluation Criterion 4 (quality and competency of proposed resources).	-	Please share a more detailed marking scheme for Criterion 4 (e.g., how marks are distributed across roles, experience, certifications) to ensure transparent scoring.	Based on proposed resource presentation.
52		Section VII – Evaluation Methodology: notes on including all costs including taxes.	-	Please confirm whether any change in GST rate during contract period will be borne by the purchaser as per prevailing law.	All the taxes as per actual.
53	Section 5, Page No. 27	Pre-Qualification Criteria, Sr. No. 3	Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/consultancy/ advisory services of following Tier-III or above Data center (including Civil, IT and Non-IT) during last 5 years as on bid issuance date. I. One order having Min 5000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 200 racks globally or II. two orders having Min 3000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 150 racks globally or III. three orders having Min 2500 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 100 racks globally	Generally the data center implementation/upgradation assignment generally on milestones basis, and also the details for Server farm area and details of racks is not available in consultants certificate, hence we request to kindly modify the clause as below: "The bidder must have demonstrable experience in providing consultancy for at least one project involving the establishment of a Tier III or higher Data Centre with 1 mega watt capacity within the last 5 years.." Note – a) Projects executed within the Agency's own company, group of companies or Joint Venture companies shall not be considered. Ongoing project shall also be considered if atleast one deliverable has been submitted to end customer . Bidder declaration shall be required for the same.	As per RFP.
54	Section 6, Page No. 29	3. Methodology of Selection	The Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing of at least one Tier-III or above Data Centre globally during last 05 years as on bid issuance date. 1. 100 to 150 Racks: 10 marks 2. 151 Racks to 200 Racks: 20 marks 3. > 200 Racks: 30 marks	The data center implementation/upgradation assignment is generally on milestones basis, and also the details for Server farm area and details of racks is not available in consultants certificate, hence we request to kindly modify the clause as below: "The bidder must have demonstrable experience in providing consultancy for at least one project involving the establishment of a Tier III or higher Data Centre within the last 5 years." • 1 such Project: 20 marks • 2 such Project: 25 marks • More than 2 such Projects: 30 marks Documents Required: Agreement/ Purchase Order /Work Order issued by client OR Client certificate for successful completion. Ongoing project shall also be considered if atleast one deliverable has been submitted to end customer . Bidder declaration shall be required for the same.	please see corrigendum.
55	Section 5, Page No. 27	Pre-Qualification Criteria, Sr. No. 1	Bidder should have average turnover of Rs. 16 crores during last 3 audited financial years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25).	We request that the turnover requirement from consulting services be revised to 200 Crore, considering the criticality and scale of the project.	As per RFP.
56	Section 6, Page no. 42	Penalties	As per RFP	We kindly request the addition of an exemption for penalties in cases of vendor dependency or Departmental Dependency.	Delay at the end of tenderer is non attributable to the bidder timeline.
57	Section 8, Page no. 34	Profiles of Consultants	Principal Consultant/Project Manager Experience: Overall experience of >10 years in IT Consulting Relevant Experience of >7 years in implementation of Tier 3 or above data centre Project	We request you to kindly modify resource experience criteria for quality resources for as below: 1. Principal Consultant/Project Manager Experience: Overall experience of >10 years in IT Consulting Relevant Experience of >5 years in implementation of Tier2/Tier 3 or above data centre Project	As per RFP.
58	Section 8, Page no. 35	Profiles of Consultants	CIVIL Architect cum Quality Assurance Engineer Experience: Overall experience of > 10 years. Relevant Experience of > 5 years in designing Civil Infrastructure. Prior experience of designing data center will be preferred.	We request you to kindly modify resource experience criteria for quality resources for as below: Experience: Overall experience of > 7 years. Relevant Experience of > 3 years in designing Civil Infrastructure. Prior experience of designing data center will be preferred. We request to allow sub-contracting for Civil and HVAC design work.	As per RFP.
59	Section 8, Page no. 35	Profiles of Consultants	MEP (Mechanical,Electrical,Plumbing) Site Engineer Education Qualification:S.E./B.Tech (Electrical or Mechanical Engineering). Experience:3+ Years in construction monitoring for critical facilities (DCs, or similar). Direct experience overseeing the installation of 2N redundancy systems (UPS, Gensets, Chillers).	We request you to kindly modify resource education and experience criteria for quality resources for as below: Education Qualification:S.E./B.Tech (Electrical or Mechanical Engineering or Electrical and Electronics Engineering). Experience: 5+ Years in construction monitoring for critical facilities (DCs, or similar). Direct experience overseeing the installation of 2N redundancy systems (UPS, Gensets, Chillers) will be preferred.	As per RFP.
60	Section 8, Page no. 36	Profiles of Consultants	Non-IT/Physical Infrastructure expert Education Qualification:S.E./B.Tech (Instrumentation, Control Systems, or Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering). Experience: 8+ Years in building automation and controls engineering. 5+ Years dedicated to deploying and customizing DCIM (Data Center Infrastructure Management) platforms.	We request you to kindly modify resource education and experience criteria for quality resources for as below: Education Qualification:S.E./B.Tech (Instrumentation, Control Systems, or Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering or Electrical and Electronics Engineering). Experience: 5+ Years in building automation and controls engineering. 3+ Years dedicated to deploying and customizing DCIM (Data Center Infrastructure Management) platforms or Data Centre Non-IT/Physical Infra.	As per RFP. Please see Corrigendum for revision in certification.
61	Section 8, Page no. 36	Profiles of Consultants	Senior Consultant (Network & Security Expert) Education Qualification:BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) and CCNP/CCIE	We request you to kindly modify resource education and experience criteria for quality resources for as below: Education Qualification:BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) MCA and CCNP/CCIE/OSCP	As per RFP. Please see Corrigendum for revision in certification.
62	Section 8, Page no. 37	Point No. 6	The Bidder is not allowed to replace those resources whose profile has been submitted at the time of bidding process/Technical Presentation. Further in the event when the bidder is not able to retain the resources quoted in the bid, then the replacement must be pre-approved. For replacement, for every position, a panel consisting 3 times the number of positions shall be submitted. The DST/GIL has a right to reject entire panel and seek substitute panel in the same 3 times proportion. If bidder is planning to replace any resource, he/she is required to intimate DST/DIT/GIL at least two months in advance along with panel of likely replacement candidate to choose the substitution from the panel else penalties and pro-rata deduction in the quarterly fees will be made. We encourage the successful bidder to have a preapproved backup of resources for substitution for each of the team member.	We request that the clause related to manpower replacement specifically the requirement to submit three times the number of proposed positions be kindly removed. The roles proposed under this engagement are highly specialized and require expertise.	As per RFP.
63	Section 10, Page no. 47	Payment Terms	Penalties shall be capped to maximum of 20% of total order value. Beyond 10%, the Purchaser has the right to terminate the contract or a portion or part of the work thereof as per the termination clause mutually agreed in the agreement.	We request you to kindly modify resource education and experience criteria: Penalties shall be capped to maximum of 10% of total order value.	As per RFP.
64	SECTION VIII-Page no. 30-36	PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	No payment shall be made against the milestone if the submitted report not in the state of final approval of competent authority incorporating all the suggestions of tenderer	There are 7 full-time resources requested. Payment will be based on the approval of deliverables. Additionally, the bidder shall be responsible for penalties in case of delays. We request you to allow at least 50% payment upon deployment of resources and the remaining upon acceptance of deliverables, or kindly relax the condition of full-time deployment.	As per RFP.
65	SECTION VIII-Page no. 34-36	PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	3) Civil Architect cum Quality Assurance Engineer 4) MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) Site Engineer	We request you to allow subcontracting for Civil and MEP work. Hence remove these profile from fulltime deployment .	please see corrigendum.
66	GEM Bid Document	Bid Details (Pg. No. 1)	Bid end date/time: 02-01-2026 15:00:00	We request for providing an extension of the bid submission deadline by a minimum of three weeks from the date of the corrigendum or query response. As basis the corrigendum, we need sufficient time to completed internal legal/risk formalities for participation in the bid.	please see corrigendum.

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67	SECTION I: INVITATION FOR BIDS	1 Consortium (Pg. No. 7)	Consortium bids are not permitted. Only single entities meeting all eligibility criteria may participate.	Looking to scope of RFP, various Subject Matter Expertise(s) for the work like Civil Architect cum Quality Assurance & MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) Site Engineer would be required. So Bidder may require to hire SMEs to bring the best Industries practice of respective fields. So please allow hiring of SMEs (on Contractual basis) or allowing Sub-contracting for civil and Non IT-MEP related work. Hence, requesting to modify the clause as under : " Only single entities meeting all eligibility criteria may participate however, Bidders may hire & depute SMEs (contractual basis) or allow to do subcontracting for Civil and Non-IT-MEP related works for various profiles under SECTION VII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS, if any required.	please see corrigendum.
68	SECTION IV: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS	Support from External Agency (Pg. No. 24)	The successful bidder shall be allowed to obtain advisory support from within its organization towards legal or contractual vetting of drafts.	It is our understanding that providing legal service is out of scope of this RFP. Generally PMC agency provides technical advisory & support and shall not be required to provide any legal services, including legal review, drafting, or legal advice. Looking to this, the bidder shall only obtain advisory support from within its organization on technical aspects of documents such as the DPR, RFP, Monitoring etc. The bidder will review the Draft contract w.r.t. Technical aspect and its delivery. Pl confirm if this understanding is correct.	As per RFP.
69	SECTION IV: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS	Adherence to the HR Policy - Point No. 2 (Pg. No. 26)	Selected employee will get 12 paid leaves per year, that will not be encashed or carry forward at the end of contract.	The leaves shall be granted in line with current Government policies on Human Resources. Considering this and as per the industry standard, May we request to modify the clause as under : Selected Candidates will be entitled for 24 leaves per year.	As per RFP.
70	SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	Eligibility Criteria- Point No 2 (Pg. No. 27)	Bidder should have average turnover of Rs. 16 crores during last 3 audited financial years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25).	Looking to the importance of SDC Project and its large coverage, it is essential to onboard reputed company who has extensive experience. Hence, we may request to modify the clause: Bidder should have average turnover of Rs. 100 crores during last 3 audited financial years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25).	As per RFP.
71	SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	Eligibility Criteria- Point No 3 (Pg. No. 27)	Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/ consultancy/ advisory services of following Tier-III or above Data centre (including Civil, IT and Non-IT) during last 5 years as on bid issuance date. I. One order having Min 5000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 200 racks globally or II. two orders having Min 3000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 150 racks globally or III. three orders having Min 2500 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 100 racks globally	We believe that, there is typo in mentioning the area in "Sq. Mtr". Ideally it should be " Sq. Ft". Further, considering the current landscape of Data Centre development in India and globally, for both Government and Enterprise clients, the experience criteria specified in the RFP are very stringent and substantially limit participation as a sole bidder. Further, considering to the major technology updation in Data centre Technology during last 5 years like Hyper converse infra, Cloud, Virtualization, Security implementation etc. and considering different site conditions with respect to Indian requirement , requesting to modify the clause as : Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/ consultancy/ advisory services of following Tier-III or above Data centre (IT and Non-IT) during last 7 years as on bid issuance date. I. One order having Min 1500 sq. ft server farm or Min. 150 racks globally II. Two orders having Min 1000 sq. ft. server farm or Min. 100 racks globally III. Three orders having Min 700 sq. ft server farm or Min. 50 racks globally OR Experience in designing Data Centre facilities covering both IT and Non-IT infrastructure components, compliant with Tier-III or above design standards, irrespective of server farm area or rack count.	please see corrigendum.
72	SECTION VI: METHODOLOGY OF SELECTION	1.1.2. Technical Bid Evaluation- Point No. 1 (Pg. No. 29)	The Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing of at least one Tier-III or above Data Centre globally during last 05 years as on bid issuance date. ■ 100 to 150 Racks: 10 marks ■ 151 Racks to 200 Racks: 20 marks ■ > 200 Racks: 30 marks	The experience criteria specified in the RFP are very stringent and substantially limit participation as a sole bidder Hence, we may request you to modify the clause as : The Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing of at least one Tier-III or above Data Centre globally during last 05 years as on bid issuance date. ■ 50 to 100 Racks: 10 marks ■ 101 Racks to 150 Racks: 20 marks ■ > 150 Racks: 30 marks	please see corrigendum.
73	SECTION VI: METHODOLOGY OF SELECTION	1.1.3. DR site: (Pg. No. 30)	Existing DR improvement/upgradation recommendation and implementation along with Greenfield Data Center.	It is our understanding that the scope pertains only to advisory services for Disaster Recovery (DR) improvement and upgradation. However, the RFP requirements appear to be open-ended. We request clarification on the exact nature and extent of support expected from the selected bidder. Additionally, we request details on the current status and architecture/infrastructure of the existing DR environment. This information will help us better understand the actual requirements and enable us to propose an appropriate technical solution along with an accurate financial bid.	The scope includes the formulation of a comprehensive Business Continuity Plan and Disaster Recovery Strategy that seamlessly integrates the new Primary SDC with the existing Near DR and Far DR. The PMC must ensure that the new architecture optimizes RPO/RTO across all three sites and validates the interoperability of the Primary site with the existing NDR and FDR
74	SECTION VII: EVALUATION AND METHODOLOGY	1.3. NOTIFICATION OF AWARD AND SIGNING OF CONTRACT (Pg. No. 33)	1.3.2. Within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of the Contract Form, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to the TENDERER. The contract Performance guarantee has to be submitted within (15) fifteen working days of receipt of award. The Performance Bank guarantee shall be equal to 10% of the contract value valid for duration of 180 days beyond the expiry of contract.	We may request to modify the clause as below: Within fifteen (30) working days of receipt of the Contract Form, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to the TENDERER. The contract Performance guarantee has to be submitted within (15) fifteen working days of receipt of award. The Performance Bank guarantee shall be equal to 10% of the contract value valid for duration of 180 days beyond the expiry of contract.	As per RFP
75	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Table Sr. No. 2 -Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert) (Pg. No. 34)	Min. Qualification BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) CDCP/CDCS/DCCA/DCDC/DCDCP/CDCTP Experience ■ Overall experience of > 8 years in IT Consulting ■ Relevant Experience of > 5 years in designing of large data centre *Master's Degree in Management / Post Graduate Diploma in Management is desirable.	Request to modify the qualification as under for this position : Min. Qualification BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) At least 1 of the professional certifications from the following: CDCP/CDCS/DCCA/DCDC/DCDCP/CDCTP or similar relevant data centre OEM certificate. Experience ■ Overall experience of > 5 years in IT Consulting ■ Relevant Experience of > 3 years in designing of large data centre *Master's Degree in Management / Post Graduate Diploma in Management is desirable.	As per RFP. Please see Corrigendum for revision in certification.
76	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Table Sr. No.5: Non-IT/Physical Infrastructure expert (Pg. No. 36)	Min. Qualification B.E./B.Tech (Instrumentation, Control Systems, or Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering). ■ CDCP/CDCS/DCCA/DCDC/DCDCP/CDCTP Experience ■ 8+ Years in building automation and controls engineering. 5+ Years dedicated to deploying and customizing DCIM (Data Center Infrastructure Management) platforms. ■ Proven experience in utilizing DCIM for realtime PUE optimization, capacity planning, and generating compliance reports will be preferred.	Request to modify the qualification as under for this position : Min. Qualification BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS/Instrumentation, Control Systems, or Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering) MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) or Higher education At least 1 of the professional certifications from the following: CDCP/CDCS/DCCA/DCDC/DCDCP/CDCTP or similar relevant data centre OEM certificate. Experience ■ 5+ Years in building automation and controls engineering. 3+ Years dedicated to deploying and customizing DCIM (Data Center Infrastructure Management) platforms. ■ Proven experience in utilizing DCIM for realtime PUE optimization, capacity planning, and generating compliance reports will be preferred.	As per RFP. Please see Corrigendum for revision in certification.

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77	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Table Sr. No.6: Senior Consultant (Network & Security Expert) expert (Pg. No. 36)	Min. Qualification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCNP/CCIE	Request to modify the qualification as under for this position : Min. Qualification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS)/ MSc/IT/MCA or higher education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCNA/CCNP/CCIE or equivalent OEM certificate IICO as well from other OEM	As per RFP. Please see Corrigendum for revision in certification.
78	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Table Sr. No.7: Consultant (DPR/RFP Expert) (Pg. No. 34)	Min. Qualification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS)	Request to modify the qualification as under for this position : BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS)/MCA/MSc (IT) or Higher education	As per RFP
79	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Table Position no. 2,3 & 6	1. Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert) - Full Time during: DPR & RFP Phase; Thereafter need basis till Go-live of new Data centre 2. Civil Architect cum Quality Assurance Engineer - Full Time during: DPR & RFP Phase of Non-IT/Physical Infra part only; Thereafter need basis till Go- live of new Data centre 3. Senior Consultant (Network & Security Expert) - Need basis till Go- live of new Data centre	Based on our experience with government agencies, delays happened due to various factors that are beyond control of bidders which will impact the overall timelines for each phase of respective Milestone(s). Further, as the RFP specifies the requirement on a "need basis," it is difficult to accurately estimate effort, duration, and commercial pricing at the bidding stage. We therefore request clarification by either defining the consultants deployment duration in terms of man-months or make provision to quote man-month rates for such professionals, so that payment can be made based on the actual deployment of the consultant.	As per RFP
80	SECTION IV: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS OR SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Adherence to the HR Policy - Point No. 2 (Pg. No. 26) OR Point No. 7 (Pg. No. 37)	(Adherence to HR Policy) states that "selected employee will get 12 paid leaves per year, that will not be encashed or carry forward at the end of contract," OR Profile of Consultants) mentions that "prior intimated leave of absence will be allowed: 24 days per designated post in a year, and if a resource proceeding on leave or becoming absent is replaced with a resource approved by authority, then such substitution will not be treated as absence."	Both terms of RFP contradict each other statement hence, we request clarification on number of paid Leaves allowed under this RFP (12 or 24). We request to allow 24 leaves per year.	As per RFP
81	SECTION IX: SCOPE OF WORK	Point No. 4 (Pg. No. 38)	Preparation of revenue model for self-sustainability of the state data centre	There is no Financial Consultant provisioned in this RFP. Based on industry best practices and considering the involvement of financial, operational, and legal aspects, revenue modelling and financial sustainability planning typically fall under the purview of the client or a specialized financial consultant (SME). Accordingly, we request that this clause be either removed or redefined to clearly reflect the PMC's role as providing technical inputs only, or alternatively, that the PMC may assist the department in drafting the same based on inputs from the department's legal and financial teams. Please confirm	Mentioned manpowers and profile of manpowers are indicative only. Bidder has to manage additional manpowers for fulfill the RFP requirement.
82	SECTION IX: SCOPE OF WORK	Point No. 5&6 (Pg. No. 38)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing DR improvement/upgradation recommendation and implementation along with existing Greenfield Data Center. Preparation of way forward for existing state data centre <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preparation of way forward for existing Gujarat State Data Center along with NDR (100% Storage Replication) and FDR with (25% compute, 100% Storage Replication and with all related components like network, security, storage etc.)	As per our understanding of these two clauses of the RFP, the PMC team is expected to assist in preparing a detailed plan for the data centre, including full data replication to a Near DR site and partial compute with full data replication at a Far DR site, to ensure business continuity and disaster resilience. Kindly confirm if our understanding is correct; if not, please elaborate on the detailed tasks to be performed under these clauses.	The scope includes the formulation of a comprehensive Business Continuity Plan and Disaster Recovery Strategy that seamlessly integrates the new Primary SDC with the existing Near DR and Far DR. The PMC must ensure that the new architecture optimizes RPO/RTO across all three sites and validates the interoperability of the Primary site with the existing NDR and FDR
83	SECTION IX: SCOPE OF WORK	Point No. 7 (Pg. No. 38)	Certification of this Greenfield State data centre (PMC is primarily responsible for helping/ensuring DST/GIL/GoG to obtain the certification through certification accredited agency. It is PMC's end to end responsibility under the RFP scope to get the required certifications.	As per our understanding of this clause, the bidder's scope is limited to assisting the Tenderer in obtaining the relevant Tier/other certifications. However, the PMC shall not be held responsible for any delay or failure in obtaining such certification arising due to dependencies on the Data Centre Implementation team and/or the Client.	As per RFP, the selected PMC shall be responsible for providing end-to-end support to enable DST/GIL/GoG to obtain the required certifications through certification-accredited agencies. The scope includes coordination, documentation support, compliance facilitation, and liaison required for certification. The PMC's responsibilities shall be governed strictly as defined in the RFP. No change is envisaged
84	SECTION IX: SCOPE OF WORK	1.1.1 Planning and Design (Pg. No. 39)	Regarding various Civil works related scope mentioned in RFP - Preparing Structural drawing for Building - Design and preparing specification of various civil components - Responsibilities to seek various approval on drawing/building plan from Authorities - Soil Testing -To carry out Acceptance test for civil works and submit report	We request to modify the said scope work as follows : - PMC will assist client/client appointed Civil Architect/Contractor to facilitating the said activities. There is no active role of PMC to deliver the said services related with civil OR allow PMC to deploy independent Civil Architect/Contractor who will directly work with client and directly report to client and submit deliverables to client directly.	As per RFP
85	SECTION IX: SCOPE OF WORK	1.1.1 Planning and Design (Pg. No. 40)	b. Electrical/ Power Quality Design Engineering drawings for electrical, automation and data lines. Preparation of integrated 3D/4D Building Information Modelling (BIM) for all electrical, automation, and data lines.	We request amending this requirement to blueprints or block diagrams instead of full 3D/4D BIM modelling. Preparing detailed BIM models adds significant cost and effort, which is typically the responsibility of the implementing agency during construction, not the PMC PMC's role is consultative and design-oriented, not detailed construction modelling. Block diagrams or 2D blueprints are sufficient for planning and RFP preparation, while 3D/4D BIM should remain with the execution agency.	As per RFP
86	SECTION IX: SCOPE OF WORK	1.1.1 Planning and Design (Pg. No. 40)	b. Electrical/ Power Quality Design UPS installation and alignment of the electrical installation with the related standards	As per our understanding, the PMC's scope is limited to electrical and power design only and does not include any installation works. Please confirm whether this understanding is correct.	Your understanding is correct. The PMC's scope is limited to planning, design review, coordination, and compliance, while actual installation activities shall be carried out by the respective implementation agencies, as per RFP .
87	SECTION IX: SCOPE OF WORK	1.1.8 Other Activities (Pg. No. 44)	TIER-4-Rated-4 Ready and other Certification of this Greenfield State data centre through certification accredited agency (Like Uptime Tier Certification/EPI Certified ANSI/TIA-942 other Similar as per standard). PMC is primarily responsible for helping/ensuring DST/DIT/GIL/GoG to obtain the certification through certification accredited agency. It is PMC's end to end responsibility under the RFP scope to get the required certifications.	As per our understanding of this clause, the bidder's scope is limited to assisting the Tenderer in obtaining the relevant Tier/other certifications. However, the PMC shall not be held responsible for any delay or failure in obtaining such certification arising due to dependencies on the Data Centre Implementation team and/or the Client. Further, certification responsibility and all associated costs rest with the implementation team or tenderer. Please confirm if our understanding is correct.	As per RFP

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88	SECTION IX: SCOPE OF WORK	1.1.8 Other Activity (Pg. No. 44)	Preparation and Submission of various Drawing, layout, Diagrams like Network Connectivity, Overall Architecture, Inter Rack & Spine/Leaf Inter-connect Fabric Diagram, DC Layout, in digital, dynamic, and searchable formats (e.g., BIM/DCIM export) as and when required.	As per our understanding, the bidder's role is limited to providing indicative high-level architecture (HLD) during DPR and RFP preparation, while the final HLD and SLD will be finalized by the System Integrator (SI). Please confirm if our understanding is correct.	As per RFP. The PMC's scope includes preparation and submission of required drawings and diagrams as specified.
89	SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	Activity Timelines & Penalty (Pg. No. 45)	Deployment of Resources T1 = T + 3 weeks	Request to modify the time line against this Milestone as under : "(Deployment of Resources) Target : T1 = T + 1 Month" NOTE: Only after signing of the contract, Bidder can initiate the Resource onboarding process internally after the approval from tenderer. Since proposed resources may be aligned to other projects, it requires minimum one month to onboard them on new project. Further, any delay in approval of CV from tenderer should not be attribute to bidders.	As per RFP
90	SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	Activity Timelines & Penalty (Pg. No. 45)	Sr. No. 3 & 4 : - 3. Selection of Implementing Agency(s) for Submitted Final RFP(s)*. (A) Civil and Non-IT part* - 4. bidder may be asked to submit new RFP as per managements directives without any cost to tenderer *bidder may be asked to submit new RFP as per managements directives without any cost to tenderer.	This is very open ended scope. As per best industry standard, the bidder should be responsible for reiteration of the respective RFPs up to two (2) times only. Any additional iterations beyond this limit shall be treated as a change in scope and will be undertaken subject to mutual agreement on revised timelines, effort, and commercials. We request to amend the clause accordingly.	As per RFP
91	SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	Activity Timelines & Penalty (Pg. No. 45)	•10% – On submission of Final DPR (Civil & Non-IT + IT). •10% – After award of contract to L1 Implementing Agency (Civil & Non-IT). •10% – After award of contract to L1 Implementing Agency (IT). •40% – For Project Management & Monitoring Activities (paid quarterly in 5% instalments during the monitoring period). •10% – On FAT and sign-off of Civil and Non-IT Infra. •10% – On FAT and sign-off & Go-live of IT Infra. •5% – After 3 months post overall Go-Live (Civil & Non-IT). •5% – After 3 months post overall Go-Live (IT)	It is noticed that, there is no payment release attached with RFP related milestone and Bid Management process. As RFP preparation (Civil, IT and Non-IT) is major deliverables under this PMC scope, it is requested to modify the Payment Milestone as under : Proposed Revised Payment Terms: •10% – On submission of Final DPR (Civil & Non-IT + IT). •10% – On submission of RFP for Civil & Non-IT. •10% – On submission of Final RFP for Implementing Agency (IT). •5% – After award of contract to L1 Implementing Agency (Civil & Non-IT). •5% – After award of contract to L1 Implementing Agency (IT). •40% – For Project Management & Monitoring Activities (paid quarterly in 5% instalments during the monitoring period). •5% – On FAT and sign-off of Civil and Non-IT Infra. •5% – On FAT and sign-off & Go-live of IT Infra. •5% – After 3 months post overall Go-Live (Civil & Non-IT). •5% – After 3 months post overall Go-Live (IT).	As per RFP
92	SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	Activity Timelines & Penalty (Pg. No. 47)	Milestone Time line and relevant Payment	The RFP does not provide clarity on payment terms in the event of any milestone delays for reasons not directly attributable to the bidder. Such extensions typically require additional effort to be put in by Bidders to streamline the deliverables associated with the impacted milestone(s). In the absence of any payment mechanism during such extended periods, it becomes challenging for the bidder to sustain prolonged milestone delays without associated payments. In view of the above, we request inclusion of the following clause to address payments during milestone delays not attributable to the bidder: "In case of any delay in milestone(s) for reasons not directly attributable to the bidder, i) Bidder may raise the invoice at the end of defined time line of said milestone & ii) a pro-rata payment on monthly basis shall be made to the bidder based on the manpower deployed/available during such period. Man-month cost may be discovered for each position for the same."	As per RFP
93	SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	Activity Timelines & Penalty (Pg. No. 47)	Note: Contract may be extended till the Go-Live of Greenfield Data Center as per the Last milestone.	It is understood that the total project duration of this RFP is three (03) years. In this regard, as requested above, we strongly request inclusion of appropriate payment provisions against milestone delays where such delays are not attributable to the bidder. This is essential to safeguard the bidder against unforeseen circumstances beyond the bidder's control, which may impact milestone completion and extend overall project timelines.	As per RFP. The contract duration and any extension up to Go-Live shall be governed by the milestone provisions specified in the RFP. No separate payment provision for delays is envisaged.
94	SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	Manpower Availability	Availability of the resources at client location as specified on aforementioned Profile of Consultants table. Non-reporting/Unsanctioned Leaves/absent/Non-Replacement: (unavailability beyond the annual permissible leave of absence without replacement) •Principal consultant/Data Center Architect/ Civil Architect: Penalty of Rs. 5,000 per day or part thereof •All other category of Manpower: Penalty of Rs. 5,000 per day or part thereof	We may request to modify the manpower penalties as below: •Principal consultant/Data Center Architect/ Civil Architect: Penalty of Rs. 5,000 per day or part thereof •All other category of Manpower: Penalty of Rs. 2,000 per day or part thereof	As per RFP
95	SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	Manpower Availability	Penalties shall be capped to maximum of 20% of total order value. Beyond 10%, the Purchaser has the right to terminate the contract or a portion or part of the work thereof as per the termination clause mutually agreed in the agreement.	We request that the clause be modified as follows: Penalties shall be capped at a maximum of 10% of the total payment milestone value, as this limit is widely accepted by the majority of clients and aligns with prevailing industry practices.	As per RFP
96	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Point no. 3 (Page 36)	Selected agency has to provide detailed financial breakup for proposed manpower.	In the absence of any prescribed format in the RFP, it is challenging to provide a detailed financial breakup for the proposed manpower. Further, please note the following: - This is a service-based and milestone-driven engagement, wherein payments are linked to the successful completion of respective milestone(s). In case of delays, the bidder may also be subject to penalties. - The overall project cost is not limited to manpower cost alone and it also includes support from other backend SME/specialist resources, and other supporting teams in addition to the onsite deployed team, as envisaged under the RFP. - The bidder also incurs various other miscellaneous efforts and costs to deliver the overall services and associated deliverables under this RFP. - Certain resources are required onsite on an on-demand basis, making it difficult to provide an accurate financial breakup at this stage. In view of the above, we respectfully request removal of this clause from the RFP.	As per RFP.

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97		SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	Manpower Availability This penalty will be additional to non-payment of man days cost for the said period of absenteeism.	This is a milestone-based project, and accordingly, the bidder is responsible for meeting the defined milestone timelines. Any failure to do so shall attract penalties as specified in the RFP. Further, the RFP already defines penalties related to manpower availability. As highlighted earlier, it is challenging to provide a detailed financial breakup for manpower under this engagement. In view of the fact that penalties for manpower availability are already defined, inclusion of the referenced line would result in duplication of penalties for the same aspect. Therefore, we request removal of this line to avoid double penalization.	As per RFP
98	Page No. 7 & 34	SECTION 1: INVITATION FOR BIDS Section 1 – Consortium; Section VIII – Profile of Consultants.	1 Consortium Consortium bids are not permitted. Only single entities meeting all eligibility criteria may participate.	Request: Kindly allow consortium bidding. Architect and civil-structural expertise for DC consulting (IT and non-IT) is highly specialised and is typically sourced through expert partners, so permitting a consortium will enable technically stronger, domain-specific teams without compromising project quality. The RFP disallows consortium and sub letting, but scope requires highly specialised Tier 4 DC and BIM/DCIM expertise. Please confirm that: a) Engagement of specialist firms as sub consultants for design/certification related assistance is permitted, while the prime PMC remains single bidding entity and fully responsible. b) Such specialist firms' experience and certifications can be counted under bidder's credentials where clearly documented.	please see corrigendum.
99	Page No. 21	Performance Guarantee	1 The Selected agency shall furnish Performance Guarantee as provided in the bid document to the TENDERER for an amount equal to 10% of contract value.	As per GeM document its is 5%, please confirm	As per RFP, The Selected agency shall furnish Performance Guarantee as provided in the bid document to the TENDERER for an amount equal to 10% of contract value.
100	Page No. 21	Performance Guarantee	3 The Performance Guarantee shall be valid for a period of 180 days beyond Contract period	As per GeM document its is 38 months only, please confirm	As per RFP, the bidder shall submit Performance Bank guarantee which shall be as per GEM valid for duration of 180 days beyond the expiry of contract.
101	Page No. 24	Section IV – Support from External Agency; Sub letting clause; Section IX – Scope	Sub-letting/contracting of entire work or in part thereof is not permitted. The bidder needs to complete all the defined activities as per scope of work on its own. No Data/ Information should be sent out of the premise without obtaining prior written confirmation from the TENDERER. The successful bidder shall be allowed to obtain advisory support from within its organization towards legal or contractual vetting of drafts.	The RFP prohibits sub letting but permits support from external agency for legal/contractual vetting. Given the breadth of technical scope, kindly clarify: a) whether external experts (e.g., structural peer reviewer, special MEP consultant) can be engaged as sub consultants under PMC's responsibility. b) If yes, what disclosures and documentation are required?	please see corrigendum.
102	Page No. 24 & 44	Section IV – Approvals/Clearances; Section IX – Scope of Work (certifications, BU permission, statutory approvals).	Approvals/Clearances Necessary approvals/ clearances concerned authorities, for establishing the proposed project needs to be obtained by the selected agency.	Please clarify whether statutory approval fees (e.g., BU permission, local authority NOCs, third party tests) and external agency charges (for certifications such as Uptime/TIA 942/ISO) will be paid separately by DST/GI or should be included in the PMC's financial quote. If included, please specify the list of approvals and certifying bodies envisaged so bidders can estimate reasonably.	Statutory approval fees (e.g., BU permission, local authority NOCs, third party tests) and external agency charges (for certifications such as Uptime/TIA 942/ISO) will be paid separately by DST/GO.
103	Page No. 26	Adherence to the HR Policy	1.The bidder shall be abided to follow on its engaged resources with the Tenderer. 2.Selected employee will get 12 paid leaves per year, that will not be encashed or carry forward at the end of contract.	Please clarify whether 'Selected Employee' is required to remain physically present at GI / project site for the entire project duration (approx. 3 years) during full office working hours (e.g., 9:00-17:00) as a dedicated onsite resource, or whether a hybrid/on-site/off-site deployment model is acceptable, with subordinate taking care of the routine monitoring and day to day project progress documentation.	As per RFP
104	Page No. 27	SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	2. Bidder should have average turnover of Rs. 16 crores during last 3 audited financial years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25).	Considering the MSME orders and circulars, these conditions should be completely relaxed encourage larger participation; provided bidder meets all technical & quality expectations of the tender. The QCBS process would ensure the same for GI. (Please confirm the relaxation which can be provided for the MSME to enable more MSMEs for this project). Ref: •Public Procurement Policy for MSEs, 2012; •MSME OM dated 10.03.2016; •LifeCare Innovations judgment (2025 INSC 269);	As per RFP
105	Page No. 27	SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	2. Bidder should have average turnover of Rs. 16 crores during last 3 audited financial years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25).	GeM's own service-specific eligibility advisory states that "Average Turnover should be at least 30% of the estimated cost" for services, and standard public-procurement practice for consulting services typically keeps the turnover requirement in the range of about 30-50% of the estimated project value, in order to ensure both financial capacity and adequate competition. For this Design Consulting & PMC assignment, where the scope is predominantly advisory and manpower-driven (without the consultant undertaking capex or supply risk) and payments are milestone-based over 36 months, a 16-crore turnover condition appears disproportionate to the project risk profile and is likely to unduly restrict competition, especially from technically strong, specialised mid-sized consulting firms and MSMEs. In view of the above and in the spirit of GeM guidelines on non-discriminatory eligibility, we kindly request that the annual average turnover requirement be rationalised to around one-fourth of the estimated bid value, i.e. approx. INR 2 crore average annual turnover over the last three financial years, while retaining the existing stringent technical and project-experience criteria. This will continue to ensure that only financially sound and experienced bidders participate, but will widen competition and improve value-for-money for Government.	As per RFP
106	Page No. 27	SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	3. Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/consultancy/ advisory services of following Tier-III or above Data center (including Civil, IT and Non-IT) during last 5 years as on bid issuance date.	We respectfully request that the criterion of "demonstrable experience in designing/consultancy/advisory services for Tier-III or above Data Centers (including Civil, IT, and Non-IT components)" be considered for own setups executed during the last ten (10) years.	As per RFP
107	Page No. 27	SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	I. One order having Min 5000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 200 racks globally or II. two orders having Min 3000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 150 racks globally or III. three orders having Min 2500 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 100 racks globally	Please clarify unit of measurement for the server farm is Sq Mtr. Or Sq Feet as its not appropriate as per the number of rack.	please see corrigendum.
108	Page No. 29	SECTION VI: METHODOLOGY OF SELECTION	2.The Bidder should have at least 50 full time professionals on its payroll as on bid issuance date. Such professionals should have degrees such as BE / B.Tech / M.Tech / MBA / MSC IT /Master Computer Application (MCA) 50 to 100 professionals = 5 marks 101 to 150 Professionals = 10 marks Note: Bidder should have 5 marks for having: a. One (1) CDCCP / DCDS / DCCA / DCDC / DCDCMP / DCCTP/Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier designer) or Equivalent certified professional on its payroll = 3 marks b. Two (2) CDCCP / DCNS / DCCA / DCDC / DCDCMP / DCCTP/Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier designer) or Equivalent certified professional on its payroll = 5 marks	Section V also requires minimum 50 employees on the bidder's rolls, whereas the RFP staffing plan and Profiles of Consultants require deployment of 7 key professionals only (Principal Consultant, DC Architect, Civil Architect-QA, MEP, Non-IT Infra, Network Security, DPR/RFP Expert). This "50 employees" condition has no direct linkage with the defined team size or deliverables and can unnecessarily exclude specialised mid-sized consulting firms that can fully meet the 7-resource requirement. We request deletion or suitable relaxation of the "50 employees" clause, it should start with 10 employ with 10 marks & gradually increasing value with emphasis kept on actual deployment and qualifications of the prescribed 7 key professionals and on past project experience as already defined.	As per RFP
109	Page No. 29	Section VI – Technical Evaluation Criterion 1: Tier III or above DC design in last 5 years.	The Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing at least one Tier-III or above Data Centre globally during last 5 years as on bid issuance date.	Please clarify whether: a) Ongoing any Tier design projects where DPR and major design deliverables are completed can be considered; and b) Experience of merged entities can be counted if supported with legal documents.	As per RFP
110	Page No. 30	Section VI – Technical Evaluation Criterion 4 (quality and competency of proposed resources).	Quality and Competency of its on/roll/off roll/contractual similar resources, proposed resource for the project Note: During the technical presentation, Bidder has to present through proposed manpower only, no other resources will be allowed.	Please share a more detailed marking scheme for Criterion 4 (e.g., how marks are distributed across roles, experience, certifications) to ensure transparent scoring.	Based on proposed resource presentation.

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111	Page No. 32	Section VII – Evaluation Methodology; notes on including all costs including taxes.	The financial proposal must include all costs including taxes, duties, hosting charges, licensing (if any), manpower deployment, third-party integrations, and future enhancements as per scope.	Please confirm whether any change in GST rate during contract period will be borne by the purchaser as per prevailing law.	All the taxes as per actual.
112	Page No. 34	Section VIII – Profile of Consultants; Section VI – Criterion 4 (quality and competency of on roll/off roll/contractual resources).	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Please confirm whether proposed key resources must be on the bidder's payroll at bid submission, or can be committed contractual/on roll at LOI resources with binding letters of intent, if allowed, what proof is acceptable (LOI, affidavit, etc.)	Bidder has to provide undertaking letter from the HR Head or Authorized signatory.
113	Page No. 34	Section VIII – replacement, 3 candidate panel and penalties.	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	For long duration projects, attrition is inevitable. Request relaxation that: a) Replacement with equal or higher qualification/experience and same certifications will be acceptable with one alternate CV, not necessarily a panel of three. b) Replacement process timelines and approval mechanism be clearly defined (e.g., deemed approved if no response within 15 working days).	As per RFP
114	Page No. 34 & 45	Section VIII – penalties for absence; Section X – SLA and penalty cap.	SECTION VIII: PROFILE OF CONSULTANTS	Please confirm leave allowed for the resources to be deployed and whether penalties for absence apply only when: a) The resource is absent beyond permitted leave, and b) No prior written approval is taken and no replacement is provided. Also confirm that such absence penalties are part of the overall 20% cap on total penalties.	Absence penalties are separate from 20% Penalty CAP. Penalty should apply as per RFP terms.
115	Page No. 38	Section IX – responsibility to get SDC certified via accredited agency.	Certification of this Greenfield State data center (PMC is primarily responsible for helping/ensuring DST/GIL/GoG to obtain the certification through certification accredited agency. It is PMC's end to end responsibility under the RFP scope to get the required certifications.	Please clarify if the PMC is only responsible for coordination and documentation for certification, or also for paying certification fees to agencies like Uptime Institute/ISO auditors out of the quoted price.	Selected PMC agency has to provide support to obtain the certifications through certification accredited agency. Selected PMC's end to end responsibility under the RFP scope to get the required certifications. Fees for obtaining certifications are not to be born by the PMC.
116	Page No. 38	Section IX – Scope of Work; Section X – SLA.	SECTION IX: SCOPE OF WORK	For better comparability of bids, request the department to indicate indicative project duration and minimum man month expectation of PMC across major phases (DPR, RFP, PM, certification), so all bidders plan team strength similarly.	As per RFP.
117	Page No. 43	Para of 1.1.3 Implementation Plan: f. Migration Plan considering the criticality and operability of application/services hosted/installed in existing Data Center	Any other requirements/design basis required in line with ISO20000 and ISO27000 compliance standards	Consultant is required to submit the migration plan only, implementation remains with the contractor taking care of IT in DC implementation, please clarify confirm.	The understanding is correct.
118	Page No. 44	Section IX – requirement for BIM and DCIM ready outputs.	Preparation and Submission of various Drawing, layout, Diagrams like Network Connectivity, Overall Architecture, Inter Rack & Spine/Leaf Inter-connect Fabric Diagram, DC Layout, in digital, dynamic, and searchable formats (e.g., BIM/DCIM export) as and when required.	Please specify the required minimum set of DCIM data exports expected from PMC, so that tool and effort estimation is accurate.	One time final version should be submitted.
119	Page No. 44	Section IX – DR, NDR, FDR requirements.	Preparation of way forward for existing state data center along with NDR (100% Storage Replication) and FDR with (25% compute and 100% Storage Replication)	Request clarity whether any existing DR or secondary site infrastructure is already available and to what extent PMC is expected to design vs implement vs supervise in DR/NDR/FDR scope. All Fees and statutory levies by Owner, All documentation presentation and paper formalities by consultant & Follow-up and get it approved is in the scope of contractor as its their day to day routine activities and expertise for the same.	The scope includes the formulation of a comprehensive Business Continuity Plan and Disaster Recovery Strategy that seamlessly integrates the new Primary SDC with the existing Near DR and Far DR. The PMC must ensure that the new architecture optimizes RPO/RT0 across all three sites and validates the interoperability of the Primary site with the existing NDR and FDR
120	Page No. 44	1.1.8 Other Activities	TIER-4/Rated-4 Ready and other Certification of this Greenfield State data center through certification accredited agency (Like Uptime Tier Certification/EPI Certified ANSI/TIA-942 other Similar as per standard). PMC is primarily responsible for helping/ensuring DST/DIT/GIL/GoG to obtain the certification through certification accredited agency. It is PMC's end to end responsibility under the RFP scope to get the required certifications.	Responsibility Matrix: 1. CONSULTANT - Prepare Application and all other pre requisite document, presentation, models etc and represent the Owner in all meeting and inspections. 2. OWNER - ALL FEES & STATUTORY Levies applicable payable directly to the authority. 3. CONTRACTOR - Responsible for the follow up liaison and get the approval done.	Selected PMC agency has to provide support to obtain the certifications through certification accredited agency. Selected PMC's end to end responsibility under the RFP scope to get the required certifications. Fees for obtaining certifications are not to be born by the PMC.
121	Page No. 44	1.1.8 Other Activities	Coordination with various government agencies for NOC, permission, certifications, BU permission and any other relevant documentation related to this project	Responsibility Matrix: 1. CONSULTANT - Prepare Application and all other pre requisite document, presentation, models etc and represent the Owner in all meeting and inspections. 2. OWNER - ALL FEES & STATUTORY Levies applicable payable directly to the authority. 3. CONTRACTOR - Responsible for the follow up liaison and get the approval done	Selected PMC agency has to provide support to obtain the certifications through certification accredited agency. Selected PMC's end to end responsibility under the RFP scope to get the required certifications. Fees for obtaining certifications are not to be born by the PMC.
122	Page No. 45	Section X – SLA: T1, T2 (3 month DPR timeline) and penalties.	SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	DPR quality and timing depend on timely sharing of existing drawings, as built data, access to sites, and decisions from DST/GIL. Please confirm that the DPR timeline (T1 + 3 months) will start only after: a) Complete set of existing drawings/documents are handed over; b) Formal "DPR inputs sign off" is issued by DST/GIL. Also, please confirm that delays due to non availability or late approvals from DST/GIL or other agencies will not attract DPR delay penalties.	Delay at the end of tenderer is non attributable to the bidder timeline and Delay at the end of tenderer must be approved and decided by Competent Authority of the Department.
123	Page No. 45	Section X – payment milestones linked to implementer FAT, go live and 3 months post go live.	SECTION X: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)	PMC's payments for FAT/go live are dependent on implementer progress, which is not under PMC's direct control. Kindly clarify: a) Whether PMC will be protected from payment delays if implementers are delayed for reasons not attributable to PMC. b) Whether an alternate milestone (e.g., PMC's completion of specific monitoring and acceptance activities) can trigger part payment independent of implementer delays.	Delay at the end of tenderer is non attributable to the bidder timeline and Delay at the end of tenderer must be approved and decided by Competent Authority of the Department.
124	Page No. 47	Manpower Availability	unavailability beyond the annual permissible leave of absence without replacement	Please clarify whether 'Selected Employee' is required to remain physically present at GIL / project site for the entire project duration (approx. 3 years) during full office working hours (e.g., 9:00-17:00) as a dedicated onsite resource, or whether a hybrid/on-site-off site deployment model is acceptable, with subordinate taking care of the routine monitoring and day to day project progress documentation.	As per RFP
125	27	Section V (1)	Bidder should be a Company registered under Companies Registration act or Limited Liability Partnership Firm under Limited Liability Partnership Firm Act and should have presence in India for last 5 years.	We request to amend the clause to let the demerged entity bid. You may please refer the memorandum from department of expenditure which allows the demerged entities as per below: The demerged entities (by virtue of corporate restructuring exercise, etc.) may bid in this RFP in line with Office Memorandum No. F.8/78/2023-PPD dated 12.10.2023 of (Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance (MoF), Government of India).	As per RFP
126	27	Section V (2)	Request to increase the minimum average turnover requirement to ensure participation of larger and more experienced firms. Please specify the revised turnover threshold.	Given the scale of the project, request to consider increasing the minimum turnover requirement to INR 100 crores, in line with industry standards for large datacenter projects.	As per RFP
127	45-47	Section X: SLA	Penalty for delay in deliverables	Request to clarify if payment deductions/penalties will be applied only for delays attributable solely to the bidder, and not for delays caused by client dependencies or force majeure.	Delay at the end of tenderer is non attributable to the bidder timeline and Delay at the end of tenderer must be approved and decided by Competent Authority of the Department.
128	38-44	Section IX: Scope of Work	AS-IS Assessment and Site Evaluation	The RFP mentions AS-IS assessment but does not provide details of the existing infrastructure. Request to share key parameters such as for scope understanding: -Total built-up area and server farm area (sq. ft.) -Number of racks and their utilization -Existing power capacity and redundancy -Cooling system details -Current certifications (ISO, Uptime Tier, etc.)	Details will be shared with finalized PMC Agency.
129	45	Section X: SLA	Payment milestones linked to deliverables	The current payment structure is milestone-based and does not provide payment for resource deployment phase. To ensure continued cashflows and timely mobilization of resources, as is standard in other government RFPs, we request that payment terms be revised to incorporate payment for the deployment of resources phase.	As per RFP
130	45-47	Section X: SLA	Penalty for delay in deliverables and milestones	We request that penalties should not be levied on the PMC for delays caused by factors beyond its control, such as: -Delays in approvals from government departments -Delays in site readiness or statutory clearances -Delays in decision-making by the client	Delay at the end of tenderer is non attributable to the bidder timeline and Delay at the end of tenderer must be approved and decided by Competent Authority of the Department.

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131	45	Section X: SLA	Selection of Implementing Agency(s) for Submitted Final RFP(s)* (B) IT part [bidder may be asked to submit new RFP as per management directives without any cost to tenderer]	The clause states that the bidder may be asked to submit a "New RFP" as per management directives without any cost to the tenderer. Please clarify: -What does "New RFP" mean in this context? -Does it refer to minor revisions or a completely fresh RFP document? -Preparing a completely new RFP would involve significant effort and cost from the PMC side. We request confirmation that only minor changes or addendums will be required without additional cost, and any major rework should be treated as a change request with appropriate compensation.	New RFP means bidder has to make revision as per received directives from Authority.
132	45	Section X: SLA (4,5)	Payment post selection of implementing Agency(s) for Submitted Final RFP(s)(10% of the total contract value (after award of contract to L1 implementation agency))	The current milestone ties payment to vendor selection after RFP submission. We request that payment be linked to submission and approval of the final RFP document instead of vendor selection, because: -Vendor selection timelines are dependent on government processes and beyond PMC's control. -Linking payment to RFP submission ensures timely cash flow and aligns with standard government RFP practices. Please confirm if this change can be incorporated.	As per RFP
133	38-44	Section IX: Scope of Work	PMC responsible for monitoring all day-to-day work related to implementation	Please confirm that monitoring of Non-IT infrastructure (Civil, Electrical, MEP) is part of PMC's scope and clarify if any additional payment provision exists for this activity, as it involves significant effort and dedicated resources. If not, request to include a separate payment milestone for Non-IT monitoring to ensure fair compensation.	As per RFP
134	46	Section X: SLA	Project Management and Monitoring Activities	Please confirm that quarterly payments (40% in equal installments) will commence immediately after the selection and issuance of Purchase Orders to implementing agencies (including Non-IT). This is critical for maintaining cash flow during the long implementation phase.	As per RFP
135	38-44	Section IX: Scope of Work	Preparation of way forward for existing Gujarat State Data Center along with NDR (100% Storage Replication) and FDR (25% compute, 100% Storage Replication)	The RFP specifies FDR with 25% compute capacity, which we believe is insufficient for disaster recovery and business continuity. As per industry best practices and other government projects, minimum compute capacity should be at least 50% to ensure critical services can run during failover.	The scope includes the formulation of a comprehensive Business Continuity Plan and Disaster Recovery Strategy that seamlessly integrates the new Primary SDC with the existing Near DR and Far DR. The PMC must ensure that the new architecture optimizes RPO/RT0 across all three sites and validates the interoperability of the Primary site with the existing NDR and FDR
136	34-36	Section VIII: Profile of Consultants	Above manpower are minimum indicative only, bidder may provide additional manpower to meet the timeline and SLA to meet this RFP requirement without additional cost to GoG	The clause states that bidders may need to provide additional manpower to meet timelines and SLAs without additional cost. Please clarify: -Does this mean any increase in resources beyond the minimum indicative list will be at the bidder's expense? -Considering the scope and duration of the project, this could significantly impact cost. We request that additional manpower, if required by the client beyond the agreed scope, should be treated as a change request with appropriate compensation, in line with standard government RFP practices.	As per RFP
137	37	Section VIII: Profile of Consultants	During Project tenure, bidder may take help of its available resources/experts in its organization for various subject matter works like legal vetting, finance, pricing table preparation etc., without any additional cost to the tenderer	Please clarify: -Is this requirement limited to activities related to the specified Datacenter PMC project only, or does it extend to other projects handled by the department? -If major work is required (e.g., extensive legal drafting, complex financial modeling, or pricing strategy beyond normal advisory support), will such effort be compensated separately as a change request, or is it expected to be absorbed within the quoted price? We request confirmation that only incidental support is expected without cost, and significant additional work will be treated as a paid change request.	The scope of the RFP Pertains to Green Field Data Center project only. Additional resource if required to cater the RFP requirement, bidder has to provide without additional cost to GoG.
138	39	Section IX: Scope of Work	The bidder should design datacenter as per industry norms and considering Tier-04 ready Greenfield Datacenter.	Please clarify name of the TIER certifications such as TIA-942 or UPTIME.	As per RFP
139	7	Section 1: Invitation for bids	Consortium bids are not permitted. Only single entities meeting all eligibility criteria may participate.	We request to consider the bidder can work with sub consultants for architecture & civil design which enable us participating in bidding.	please see corrigendum.
140	38	Section IX: Scope of Work	Certification of this Greenfield State data center (PMC is primarily responsible for helping/ensuring DST/GI/GoG to obtain the certification through certification accredited agency. It is PMC's end to end responsibility under the RFP scope to get the required certifications.	We presume that the certification fee will be borne by client.	Selected PMC agency has to provide support to obtain the certifications through certification accredited agency. Selected PMC's end to end responsibility under the RFP scope to get the required certifications. Fees for obtaining certifications are not to be born by the PMC.
141	39	Section IX: Scope of Work	a. Building and External Architectural Design Auto cad 3D drawing	Please clarify if Autocad 3D or Revit or sketchup.	Bidder may use any tool for Building and External Architectural Design.
142		General		The details of the project such as site area, number of racks, kW/rack are not mentioned. It would be great if we can get these details to assess the efforts required for the project.	Details will be shared with finalized PMC Agency.
143		General		We request to have a complete scope in detail for IT and non IT areas instead of only having consultants on monthly chargeable basis for 36 months as there could be different areas requiring additional expertise in each of the areas of the project	As per RFP
144		General		Can you give an approximate area of the Data center with no of racks and power density which can help in assessing if the duration given is adequate	Details will be shared with finalized PMC Agency.
145	7 of 57	Consortium	Consortium bids are not permitted. Only single entities meeting all eligibility criteria may participate	We kindly request you to please allow JV for the assignment The JV may constitute of 2 members. 1 Lead Member + 1 other member of JV.	please see corrigendum.
146	7 of 57	2 Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) ANEXURE 8: BANK GUARANTEE FORMAT FOR EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT 53 of 57	a) Demand Draft / Bank Guarantee • In the form of Demand Draft, OR • An unconditional Bank Guarantee valid for 12 months from the last date of bid submission This guarantee will remain valid up to 6 months from the last date of bid submission	There is a discrepancy regarding the validity of BG in lieu of EMD. We kindly request you to clarify the validity of BG in lieu of EMD.	BG in terms of EMD shall be for period of 180 days from the date of BID submission.
147	17 of 57	Notification of Award & Signing of Contract	2 Within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the Contract Form, the successful Bidder shall sign the Contract and return it to the TENDERER. The bidder shall submit Performance Bank guarantee which shall be as per GEM. valid for duration of 180 days beyond the expiry of contract.	We kindly request you to amend the said clause as follows: Within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the Contract Form, the successful Bidder shall sign the Contract and return it to the TENDERER. The bidder shall submit Performance Bank guarantee which shall be as per GEM. valid for duration of 180 days beyond the expiry of contract.	Contract to be signed by both the parties on GEM. Performance Bank guarantee which shall be valid for duration of 180 days beyond the expiry of contract.
148	21 of 57	Performance Guarantee	The Selected agency shall furnish Performance Guarantee as provided in the bid document to the TENDERER for an amount equal to 10% of contract value	We kindly request you to amend the said clause as follows: The Selected agency shall furnish Performance Guarantee as provided in the bid document to the TENDERER for an amount equal to 5% of contract value	As per RFP. The Selected agency shall furnish Performance Guarantee as provided in the bid document to the TENDERER for an amount equal to 10% of contract value.

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149	21 of 57	SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	<p>Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/consultancy/ advisory services of following Tier-III or above Data centre (including Civil, IT and Non-IT) during last 5 years as on bid issuance date.</p> <p>I. One order having Min 5000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 200 racks globally or II. two orders having Min 3000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 150 racks globally or III. three orders having Min 2500 sq. mtr. Server farm area or having Min. 100 racks globally</p>	<p>We kindly request you to amend the said clause as follows:</p> <p>Bidder should have demonstrable experience of PMC/designing/consultancy/ advisory services of following Tier-III or above Data centre or IT park projects having data centre (including Civil, IT and Non-IT) during last 5 years as on bid issuance date.</p> <p>One order having Min 5000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 200 racks globally OR Two orders having Min 3000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 150 racks globally OR three orders having Min 2500 sq. mtr. Server farm area or having Min. 100 racks globally</p>	please see corrigendum.
150	29 of 57	SECTION VI: METHODOLOGY OF SELECTION	<p>The Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing of at least one Tier-III or above Data Centre globally during last 05 years as on bid issuance date.</p> <p>100 to 150 Racks: 10 marks 151 Racks to 200 Racks: 20 marks > 200 Racks: 30 marks</p>	<p>We kindly request you to amend the said clause as follows:</p> <p>The Bidder should have demonstrable experience of PMC or designing of at least one Tier-III or above Data Centre or IT park projects having data centre globally during last 07 years as on bid issuance date.</p> <p>100 to 150 Racks: 10 marks 151 Racks to 200 Racks: 20 marks > 200 Racks: 30 marks</p>	please see corrigendum.
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152	47 of 57	Manpower Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal consultant/Data Center Architect/ Civil Architect: Penalty of Rs. 10,000 per day or part thereof All other category of Manpower: Penalty of Rs. 5000 per day or part thereof Penalties shall be capped to maximum of 20% of total order value. Beyond 10%, the Purchaser has the right to terminate the contract or a portion or part of the work thereof as per the termination clause mutually agreed in the agreement. 	<p>We kindly request you to amend the said clauses as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal consultant/Data Center Architect/ Civil Architect: Penalty of Rs. 2,000 per day or part thereof All other category of Manpower: Penalty of Rs. 500 per day or part thereof Penalties shall be capped to maximum of 10% of total order value. 	As per RFP.
153	General	SECTION 1: INVITATION FOR BIDS	<p>Consortium bids are not permitted.</p> <p>Only single entities meeting all eligibility criteria may participate.</p>	<p>We kindly request you to please extend the bid submission date by minimum of 3 weeks after receipt of replies to one bid queries.</p> <p>Request: Kindly allow consortium bidding. Architect and civil-structural expertise for DC consulting (IT and non-IT) is highly specialised and is typically sourced through expert partners, so permitting a consortium will enable technically stronger, domain-specific teams without compromising project quality.</p>	please see corrigendum.
154	Page No. 7				please see corrigendum.
155	Page No. 21	Performance Guarantee	1 The Selected agency shall furnish Performance Guarantee as provided in the bid document to the TENDERER for an amount equal to 10% of contract value.	As per GeM document its is 5%, please confirm	As per RFP, The Selected agency shall furnish Performance Guarantee as provided in the bid document to the TENDERER for an amount equal to 10% of contract value.
156	Page No. 21	Performance Guarantee	3 The Performance Guarantee shall be valid for a period of 180 days beyond Contract period	As per GeM document its is 38 months only, please confirm	Performance Bank Guarantee which shall be valid for duration of 180 days beyond the expiry of contract.
157	Page No. 26	Adherence to the HR Policy	<p>1 The bidder shall be abided to follow on its engaged resources with the Tenderer.</p> <p>2 Selected employee will get 12 paid leaves per year, that will not be encashed or carry forward at the end of contract.</p>	<p>Please clarify whether 'Selected Employee' is required to remain physically present at Gil/ project site for the entire project duration (approx. 3 years) during full office working hours (e.g. 9:00-17:00) as a dedicated onsite resource, or whether a hybrid/on-site/off-site deployment model is acceptable, with subordinate taking care of the routine monitoring and day to day project progress documentation.</p>	As per RFP
158	Page No.27	SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	<p>2. Bidder should have average turnover of Rs. 16 crores during last 3 audited financial years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25).</p>	<p>Considering the GeM / MSME orders and circulars, these conditions should be completely relaxed to encourage larger participation; provided bidder meets all technical & quality expectations of the tender.</p> <p>The QLCB process would ensure the same for Gil. (Please confirm the relaxation which can be provided for the MSME to enable more MSMEs for this project).</p> <p>Ref:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Public Procurement Policy for MSEs, 2012; ▪MSME OM dated 10.03.2016; ▪Lifecare Innovations judgment (2025 INSC 269); 	As per RFP
159	Page No.27	SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	2. Bidder should have average turnover of Rs. 16 crores during last 3 audited financial years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25).	<p>GeM's own service-specific eligibility advisory states that "Average Turnover should be at least 30% of the estimated cost" for services, and standard public-procurement practice for consulting services typically keeps the turnover requirement in the range of about 30-50% of the estimated project value, in order to ensure both financial capacity and adequate competition. For this Design Consulting & PMC assignment, where the scope is predominantly advisory and manpower-driven (without the consultant undertaking capex or supply risk) and payments are milestone-based over 36 months, a 16-crore turnover condition appears disproportionate to the project risk profile and is likely to unduly restrict competition, especially from technically strong, specialised mid-sized consulting firms and MSMEs.</p> <p>In view of the above and in the spirit of GeM guidelines on non-discriminatory eligibility, we kindly request that the annual average turnover requirement be rationalised to around one-fourth of the estimated bid value, i.e. approx. INR 2 crore average annual turnover over the last three financial years, while retaining the existing stringent technical and project-experience criteria. This will continue to ensure that only financially sound and experienced bidders participate, but will widen competition and improve value-for-money for Government.</p>	As per RFP.
160	Page No.27	SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	3. Bidder should have demonstrable experience of designing/consultancy/ advisory services of following Tier-III or above Data centre (including Civil, IT and Non-IT) during last 5 years as on bid issuance date.	As per GeM and other Consulting references standards it should be 7 Years	please see corrigendum.
161	Page No.27	SECTION V: PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	<p>I. One order having Min 5000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 200 racks globally or II. two orders having Min 3000 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 150 racks globally or III. three orders having Min 2500 sq. mtr. server farm area or having Min. 100 racks globally</p>	<p>Please clarify unit of measurement for the server farm is Sq Mtr. Or Sq Feet as its not appropriate as per the number of rack.</p>	please see corrigendum.
162	Page No. 29	SECTION VI: METHODOLOGY OF SELECTION	<p>2.The Bidder should have at least 50 full time professionals on its payroll as on bid issuance date. Such professionals should have degrees such as BE / B.Tech / M.Tech / MBA / MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) 50 to 100 professionals = 5 marks 101 to 150 Professionals = 10 marks More than 150 Professionals = 15 marks Note: Bidder will get total 5 marks extra for having: a. One (1) CDCP / CDCS / DCCA / CDCE / CDCEP / CDCTP/Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier designer) or Equivalent certified professional on its payroll = 2 marks b. Two (2) CDCP / CDCS / DCCA / CDCE / CDCEP / CDCTP/Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier designer) or Equivalent certified professional on its payroll = 5 marks</p>	<p>Section V also requires minimum 50 employees on the bidder's rolls, whereas the RFP staffing plan and Profiles of Consultants require deployment of 7 key professionals only (Principal Consultant, DC Architect, Civil Architect-QA, MEP, Non-IT Infra, Network Security, DPR/RFP Expert). This "50 employees" condition has no direct linkage with the defined team size or deliverables and can unnecessarily exclude specialised mid-sized consulting firms that can fully meet the 7-resource requirement.</p> <p>We request deletion or suitable relaxation of the "50 employees" clause in marking,</p> <p>it should start with 10 employee with 10 marks & gradually increasing value. With emphasis kept on actual deployment and qualifications of the prescribed 7 key professionals and on past project experience as already defined. (In present market all the leading consultants in Data Centre domain are not having architect and structural engg on pay roll mostly hired, Please consider and allow highring best in class resources at least 3 persons out of 7)</p>	As per RFP. Please see Corrigendum for revision in certification.

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166	Page No. 47	Manpower Availability	unavailability beyond the annual permissible leave of absence without replacement	Please clarify whether 'Selected Employee' is required to remain physically present at GIL / project site for the entire project duration (approx. 3 years) during full office working hours (e.g., 9:00-17:00) as a dedicated onsite resource, or whether a hybrid/on-site-off-site deployment model is acceptable, with subordinate taking care of the routine monitoring and day to day project progress documentation.	As per RFP
167	Page 48	SECTION XI: FINANCIAL BID FORMAT	Selection of Project Management Consultant (PMC) for Implementation of Green Field Datacentre projects for Gujarat State Data Centre. Note: 1. Quoted prices shall be inclusive of all applicable taxes, duties, levies, and charges including GST, professional services, other expenses as per the scope of work. 2. No additional cost shall be payable by Tenderer beyond the quoted amounts mentioned above. 3. The bidder shall ensure that pricing remains firm and binding for the entire contract duration, including extensions if exercised. 4. The TENDERER reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of resources at any stage during the contract period. The payment for such resources shall be made strictly in accordance with the man-month rates quoted by the successful bidder in the Financial Bid.	As per format its total cost of the project (for 3 years) is to be quoted, In case it got delayed for say for one year how is GIL going to compensate for the cost of the consulting firm. Please clarify and also make provision if its has to be quoted as options or per person per month in GeM. (Presently there is only one cost in GeM).	As per RFP. Payment shall be milestone-based.
168	NA	Eligibility Criteria/ General	Suggestion/ Additional clause	The professional manpower should be part of the Pre-qualification criteria. Kindly add below criteria in Pre-qualification instead of QCBS. The consultant should have Non-IT infrastructure consultant with minimum below qualification 1. Manpower should be certified of CDCCP/CDCS 2. Manpower should be certified of ATD (Accredited Tier Designer)/ ATS / ATP 3. ISO 27001 certified This will help customer to design the data center professionally with taking care of all technical aspects.	As per RFP
169	27	Eligibility Criteria/ Turnover	Bidder should have average turnover of Rs. 16 crores during last 3 audited financial years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25).	This is a precious and critical project on govt. side as all different gujarat govt. companies may hosting their IT infra at SDC level. Kindly revised the clause to have only qualified consulting firms with good experience to looking at size and criticality of the project. Bidder should have average turnover of Rs. 100 crores during last 3 audited financial years (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25).	As per RFP.
170	NA	T&C for contract extension/ General	Suggestion/ Additional clause	The govt. project may get delay due to any circumstances. So, It is requested to provide separate list charges of manpower on month/ day basis for extended period.	As per RFP. Payment shall be milestone-based.
171	29	Pre-Qualification evaluation	The Bidder should have at least 50 full time professionals on its payroll as on bid issuance date. Such professionals should have degrees such as BE/B.Tech/M.Tech/MBA/ MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) 50 to 100 professionals = 5 marks □ 101 to 150 Professionals = 10 marks □ More than 150 Professionals = 15 marks Note: Bidder will get total 5 marks extra for having: a. One (1) CDCCP/CDCS/DCCA/DCDC/ CDCCP/ CDCTP/Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier Designer) or Equivalent certified professional on its payroll = 2 marks b. Two (2) CDCCP/CDCS/DCCA/DCDC/CDCCP/ CDCTP/Uptime Institute certified ATD (Accredited Tier designer) or Equivalent certified professional on its payroll = 5 marks	BICCI Certifications are not the market standard for data center. It is only accepted for data cabling design and not the data center build project. Kindly remove DCCA/DCDC/ CDCCP/ CDCTP are not standard certification.	As per RFP. Please see Corrigendum for revision in certification.
172	34	Profile of consultants/ Manpower	Suggestion/ Additional clause	The customer should put their thought on the revised the manpower structure which is specified in the tender. They have requested Non-IT infra and MEP executive separate, where looking on technical aspects both are same and need only one expert for these both position. Same way IT Infra/ Network expert and IT Security expert can be a same. This clause will help customer to reduce the cost of consultancy. Kindly request you to accept and share revised manpower structure. Kindly request you to revised it as per below to justify the cost of the project: 1. Principal Consultant (Project Leader) 2. DPR/RFP Expert (Document expert) 3. Civil Architect (Civil Architect) 4. Data centre IT Expert (IT Infra, Networking, Security) 5. Non-IT Infrastructure expert (MEP Infra)	As per RFP.

Sr. no.	RFP Page no	Bidding Document Reference (Page / Clause)	Content of RFP requiring clarification	Points of Clarification required	Tenderer Response
173	34	Profile of consultants/ Manpower Deployment/ Availability	1. Principal Consultant /Project Manager: Full Time during Contract Tenure 2. Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert) : Full Time during: DPR & RFP Phase; Thereafter need basis till Go-live of new Data center 3. Civil Architect cum Quality Assurance Engineer: Full Time during: DPR & RFP Phase of Non-IT/Physical Infra part only; Thereafter need basis till Go- live of new Data center 4. MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) Site Engineer: Full Time during Contract Tenure 5. Non-IT/Physical Infrastructure expert - Full Time during Contract Tenure 6. Senior Consultant (Network & Security Expert) - Need basis till Go- live of new Data center 7. Consultant (DPR/RFP Expert) : Full Time during Contract Tenure	Kindly revised as per below to reduce the cost and better output for long term if project may stretch due to any circumstances: 1. Principal Consultant /Project Manager: Full Time during Contract Tenure 2. Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert, Network & Security Expert) : DPR & RFP Phase of Non-IT/Physical Infra part only; Thereafter need basis till Go- live of new Data center 3. Civil Architect: Full Time during: DPR & RFP Phase of Non-IT/Physical Infra part only; Thereafter need basis till Go- live of new Data center 4. Non-IT/Physical/ MEP Infrastructure expert - DPR & RFP Phase of Non-IT/Physical Infra part only; Thereafter need basis till Go- live of new Data center 5. Consultant (DPR/RFP Expert) : DPR & RFP Phase of Non-IT/Physical Infra part only; Thereafter need basis till Go- live of new Data center	As per RFP. Please see Corrigendum for revision in certification.
174	34	Profile of consultants/ Manpower Minimum Qualification	1. Principal Consultant /Project Manager: Qualification: BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) + PMP/Prince2 Certification. 2. Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert): Qualification: BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) / CDCP/DCDS/D/ CCA/CDCC/ CDCMP/ CDCTP 3. Civil Architect cum Quality Assurance Engineer: Qualification: BE/B.Tech in Civil or B.Arch (Bachelor of Architecture) 4. MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) Site Engineer: Qualification: B.E/B.Tech (Electrical or Mechanical Engineering). 5. Non-IT/Physical Infrastructure expert: Qualification: > B.E/B.Tech (Instrumentation, Control Systems, or Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering)	1. Principal Consultant /Project Manager: Qualification: BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) / PMP/Prince2 Certification/ Data center certified Professional. 2. Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert): Qualification: BE/B.Tech (EC/IT/CS) MSC IT/Master Computer Application (MCA) / Data center certified Professional. 3. Civil Architect cum Quality Assurance Engineer: Qualification: BE/B.Tech in Civil or B.Arch (Bachelor of Architecture) 4. MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) Site Engineer: Qualification: B.E/B.Tech (Electrical or Mechanical Engineering). 5. Non-IT/Physical Infrastructure expert: Qualification: > B.E/B.Tech (Instrumentation, Control Systems, or Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering)/ Data center certified Professional. > CDCP/DCDS/CDCE > ATD Certified	As per RFP. Please see Corrigendum for revision in certification.
175	34	Profile of consultants/ Manpower Experience	1. Principal Consultant /Project Manager: Experience: > Overall experience of > 10 years in IT Consulting > Relevant Experience of 7 years in implementation of Tier 3 or above data centre Project > Master's Degree in Management/ Post Graduate Diploma in Management is desirable. 2. Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert): Experience: > Overall experience of > 8 years in IT Consulting > Relevant Experience of > 5 years in designing of large data centre *Master's Degree in Management / Post Graduate Diploma in Management is desirable. 3. Civil Architect cum Quality Assurance Engineer: Experience: > Overall experience of > 10 years > Relevant Experience of > 5 years in designing Civil Infrastructure. Prior experience of designing data center will be preferred. > Additionally, fast-track construction, ensuring adherence to BIM/3D model consistency, safety, and	1. Principal Consultant /Project Manager: Experience: > Overall experience of > 10 years in IT Consulting > Relevant Experience of 7 years in implementation of Tier 3 or above data centre Project 2. Data Centre Architect (Data centre IT Expert): Experience: > Overall experience of > 8 years in IT Consulting > Relevant Experience of > 5 years in designing of data centre 3. Civil Architect cum Quality Assurance Engineer: Experience: > Overall experience of > 10 years > Relevant Experience of > 5 years in designing Civil Infrastructure. Prior experience of designing data center will be preferred. > Additionally, fast-track construction, ensuring adherence to BIM/3D model consistency, safety, and quality checks (QA/QC) will be preferred. 4. MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) Site Engineer:	As per RFP. Please see Corrigendum for revision in certification.