

**Clarifications for Selection of Agency for conducting Third Party Audit for AP Fiber Grid Phase I Network, DT: 02.11.2021**

S.No	Description	As per Tender	Requisition	Clarification/ Corrigendum
1	Clause 1.2 Key Events and Dates, Pg no. 08	6. Last date and time for submission of proposal: 05/11/2021 at 3:00 PM	Considering the amount of time required to compile the bid, we request you to kindly provide extension of a minimum 2 weeks from the date of release of response to pre-bid queries.	No Extension
2	Clause 1.2 Key Events and Dates, Pg no. 08	10. Bid Security / EMD: INR 1,50,000 (Rupees Lakh Fifty Thousand only) shall be paid online on e-procurement Platform	We request you to kindly clarify whether EMD is to be submitted online on eprocurement portal or in the form of Bank Guarantee as format provided in Annexure L of the RFP document. We request you to provide clarification on whether the EMD is acceptable through BG format or not.	EMD shall be paid only on-line on e-Procurement Platform else bid will not be submitted.
3	Clause 3 Payment Terms, Pg no. 21	Payment Terms	We would like to highlight that monthly payment should be made to TPA to maintain the cash flow for working on such Large Projects. Hence, We request you to kindly provide 30% of the contract value as art of the monthly payment against the deployed TPA resources.	As per RfP
4	Clause. 4 Extension of the Intended Completion Date, Pg no. 25	Extension of the Intended Completion Date	We request you to kindly include the clause: If there are any unavoidable delays on the project due to any external factors, the extension shall be provided to the TPA on the same terms and condition including the payment terms. Further, the monthly payment shall be provided to the TPA on the same terms and condition.	As per RfP
5	Clause 8 Guidelines for Quality, Inspection & Testing, Pg no. 27	B. Inspection and Testing: 2. The entire cost of testing for factory & site acceptance, routine tests, production tests and other test shall be treated as included in the quoted unit price of materials, except for the expenses of the Authority representative.	Based on our past experience of working as TPA for similar projects for states such as Chhattisgarh and Telangana, we request you to kindly reimburse the expenses borne by TPA to take part in these activities on actuals basis because there are many times where site availability is not fully prepared or at many times FAT fails for a product and therefore multiple site visits have to be conducted. Hence, we request you to kindly reimburse the expense borne by TPA as per actual. Further, in case TPA has to borne such expenses, this will result in increase in the bidding value.	The bidder has to provide necessary tools and make his own arrangements to execute the TPA audit, those were part of scope of work.

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6	Clause 8 Guidelines for Quality, Inspection & Testing, Pg no. 27	C. Testing Methodology: b. The TPA shall be responsible to provide test/ measurement tools and testers for conducting various tests	Based on our past experience of working as TPA for similar projects for states such as Chhattisgarh and Telangana, the equipment used for conducting acceptance testing on active and passive infrastructure are provided by the appointed MSI or Client. Hence, we request you to kindly arrange the equipment at the time of testing. Further, in case TPA has to borne the expenses of arranging such tools, this will result in increase in the bidding value.	The bidder has to provide necessary tools and make his own arrangements to execute the TPA audit, those were part of scope of work.