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To

All CMMI Level 5 Certified IT Company

**Sub: Clarifications-II on queries on the request for proposal (RFP) published by the Board for "Selection And Appointment of Service Providers For E-Auction of Tea at Jorhat, Assam" Vide Reference No 6(29)/Lc/Jorhat/10222 dated 10.01.2018**

Sir/ Madam

With reference to the queries received from different applicants on the above captioned subject, the replies of the Board are attached.

Yours faithfully

Encl. As stated

Sd/-

(Rajanigandha Seal Naskar)  
Controller of Licensing

**CLARIFICATIONS-II ON QUERIES ON THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) PUBLISHED BY THE BOARD FOR “SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR E-AUCTION OF TEA AT JORHAT, ASSAM” VIDE REFERENCE NO 6(29)/LC/JORHAT/10222 DATED 10.01.2018**

SL NO	DOCUMENT	PAGE NO	CLAUSE NO	DESCRIPTION IN RFP	CLARIFICATIONS SOUGHT	REPLY OF TEA BOARD
1	RFP Section-2	10	8 (2)- Minimum Eligibility Criteria	The applicant should be CMMI level 5 certified IT company.	Please relax the said clause to CMMI 3 certified IT company	No change.
2	RFP Section-2	10	8 (5)- Minimum Eligibility Criteria	The company has never been blacklisted/ barred/ disqualified/suspended by any state/ central govt /UT Administration/Semi Government Organization/ PSU or any Company.	As per the CVC OR MOF guidelines particular Eligibility Criteria need to be amended and time frame need to be added that can be either “banned or delisted as on date or banned or delisted in last one year “ If the suggested changes is not amended then probably only few company can participate and board will not get best competitive Price for the RFP invited and if that happens then the whole purpose of RFP would not be achieved which is envisage	No change.

					<p>by CVC/MOF. We would also request you to check "Manual for Procurement of Consultancy and Other Services 2017" Guidelines 'Page no 45' 'Chapter -2' 'Para: 2.4.4' "Banning of Firms" - where it is clearly mentioned banning for specific period only. As per the said clause "Sl. No. 5" of "Minimum Eligibility Criteria" of "Section 2" of the RFP document on page no. 10 shall be revised accordingly.</p>	
3	RFP Section-2	7	2-Objective of RFP:	<p>The successful bidder will be awarded with the "Organiser of Tea Auction" license under the provision of the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003</p>	<p>In regards to the clarification given by Tea Board vide Ref. No.6(29)/LC/2014/Jorhat/10 397 dated 06/02/2018 on page no. 2 beside Sl. No. 1 Tea board have responded that "Tea Auction Organiser license will be issued by Tea Board for a period of one (01) year which is further renewable for a period of one (1) year as per the</p>	<p>Both clauses are same and identical. As per the Tea (Marketing) Control order, 2003, "Tea Auction Organiser license will be issued by Tea Board for a period of one (01) year which is further renewable for a period of one (1) year subject to fulfilment of terms and conditions of the guidelines issued by Tea Board from time to time.</p>

					provisions stipulated in the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003 and guidelines of the Board.” And on Pg. No. 19 beside Sl. No. 43 you have responded to same query as “The license will be renewed every year, subject to fulfilment of terms and conditions.” There is a discrepancy in both the responses. Tea Board is requested to clarify what needs to be considered.	
4	RFP Annexure – E	37	Commercial Template Note 1	The commercial proposal includes two components. Both components 1 & 2 are transaction fees to be collected from sellers and buyers respectively, which shall be quoted either in Rupees (fixed charge per transaction) or charges in rupees per kilogram of teas sold or bought in auction by sellers/buyers.	All the prospective bidders have raised the query for Annexure E (Commercial Template Note 1) of RFP (Pg. No. 37) stating Note 1: The commercial proposal includes two components. Both components 1 & 2 are transaction fees to be collected from sellers and buyers respectively, which shall be quoted either in Rupees (fixed charge per transaction) or charges in	The amended reply has already been provided by the Board in the clarification note vide Ref. No. 6(29)/LC/2014/Jorhat/10397 dated 06/02/2018 in Sl no 16.

					<p>rupees per kilogram of teas sold or bought in auction by sellers/buyers and the clarification from Tea Board does not satisfy. Tea Board has asked for Commercial Proposal in TWO different component (Per Transaction &amp; Per KG AND To Buyers &amp; Sellers) Tea board is requested to give a standard &amp; uniform price bid form for all the participants. If the clause remains unchanged then Tea Board would not be able to judge the Best Rate and we fail to understand what &amp; how competitive prices should be given.</p>	
5	RFP Annexure –D	32	1 (B) (I, II, III, IV)- Functional Specification	<p>I. Collection and tasting of samples (Organoleptic).  II. Chemical testing of samples on random basis.  III. Distribution of free trade samples to the eligible buyers.  IV. Facilitation of post-sale activities including collection and settlement of auction</p>	<p>Tea board is requested to provide a document stating the complete e-Auction process that is carried out at present including below activities</p> <p>1. Collection and tasting of samples (Organoleptic).</p>	<p>The amended reply has already been provided by the Board in the clarification note vide Ref. No. 6(29)/LC/2014/Jorhat/10397 dated 06/02/2018 in SI no 14.</p>

				proceeds and delivery of teas to the buyer destination.	<p>2. Chemical testing of samples on random basis.</p> <p>3. Distribution of free trade samples to the eligible buyers.</p> <p>4. Facilitation of post-sale activities including collection and settlement of auction proceeds and delivery of teas to the buyer destination.</p>	
6	RFP Section-2	9	7 (8)-Brief Scope of Work	The bidder shall provide dedicated resource for handling the e-auction process on a day to day basis. The team should have technical as well as non-technical resources.	As you mentioned, “The onsite location means the auction centre, which would be set up in Jorhat, Assam. The size of the team has to be decided based on the functionality to be handled by each of the members of the team. However, the team should be equipped with both technical and non-technical resources.”, You have not defined the exact team size in terms of the resources to do complete activity of the Pre-auction and post-auction as per RFP,	The amended reply has already been provided by the Board in the clarification note vide Ref. No. 6(29)/LC/2014/Jorhat/10397 dated 06/02/2018 in SI no 2

					we request you to give exact details as we are not able to give costing on this information only.	
7	General queries				Tea Board is requested to give list of present auction centre from where auction of Assam Tea is carried out	This is not required for the present tender. The RFP was published by Tea Board for selection and appointment of service providers for e-Auction of tea at Jorhat, Assam only. However, for your information, the existing auction centres are Kolkata, Siliguri, Guwahati, Cochin, Coimbatore, Coonoor and Jalpaiguri.