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To

All CMMI Level 5 Certified IT Company

Sub: Clarifications-III 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-III 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”

SL NO	DOCUMENT	PAGE NO	CLAUSE NO	DESCRIPTION IN RFP/CLARIFICATIONS PUBLISHED BY TEA BAORD	CLARIFICATIONS SOUGHT	REPLY OF TEA BOARD
1.	RFP Annexure –D	34	2 Part 2 (Technical Specification)	All the particulars mentioned under Part I & Part II of Technical specification in Annexure D need to be submit valid certification from STQC under DIT in place of certificates from an independent auditor, as was earlier sought in the RFP	STQC audit process does not include audit of performance parameters as specified or required in your RFP.	Submission of STQC certificate is mandatory. Hence, no change in this clause.
2.	Section-1- Bid Schedule and Address	4	Sl no 5 of Section-1- Bid Schedule and Address (Description and detailed information)	Last date and time for bid submission.	Extension of last date of submission to enable the bidders to submit a complete proposal	The last date of submission of application has already been extended for another 3 weeks i.e upto 20 th March, 2018 (3.00 PM) vide our corrigendum-III published by Tea Board on 23 rd February, 2018.
3.	RFP Section-2	7	2-Objective of RFP:	In this connection, Board would like to invite proposal from service providers for providing end-to-end integrated	The Annexure 'A' is missing in response to the queries.	Annexure-A has been provided vide our corrigendum-II published by Tea Board on 23 rd February, 2018.

				solution in relation to pre-auction, auction and post auction activities for teas produced in Assam or any other place across the country for a period of one (1) year renewable further as per the provisions stipulated in the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003 and guidelines of the Board.		
4.	RFP Annexure D	35	2-Part 2 (6)-Technical Specification	Applicant company should have its own Data Centre or hired data centre in India having valid SLA for more than three years from the date of RFP.	Request to delete this parameter as only one qualifying bidder has its own data centre (which does not have international certificate-Tier-III/Tier -IV	No Change
5.	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.	Would like to get the clarity whether the definition of Blacklist, Barred, Disqualified and Suspended is same as per the Tea Board or divergent. Would like your office to make it clear whether any firm who was put on holiday period for a specific period by any Govt. undertaking PSU, and the same Govt. undertaking PSU is now taking service from the same agency past holiday tenure. Would Tea Board consider bid response from such	As per published RFP, the company should have never been blacklisted/ barred/ disqualified/ suspended by any state/ central govt /UT Administration/Semi Government Organization/ PSU or any Company.

					agency or firms for called RFP although in RFP it is mentioned that the Bidder has to submit Self Declaration stating that “The company has never been blacklisted/ barred/ disqualified/suspended y any state/central govt. / UT Administration/Semi Government Organization/PSU or any Company”.	
6.					Please refer to the Clarifications & a response to the quarries raised by the bidder, Sr. No. 15, 36, 41, 49, 50 & 59 where tea board has asked “All the particulars mentioned under Part I & Part II of Technical specification in Annexure D need to be submit valid certification from STQC under DIT in place of certificates from an independent auditor, as was earlier sought in the RFP”. The above clause at this point is not relevant to the CVC-STQC Guidelines on e-Auction. It is therefore, requested that the solution may be tested and audited after it has been	Submission of STQC certificate is mandatory. Hence, no change in this clause.

					significantly modified for Tea Board. Therefore, it is requested to relax the criteria of having the e-Auction application Pre-audited by STQC and allow the companies to bid & asking them to submit an undertaking of getting the application STQC Audited as suggested in the STQC Guidelines.	
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