

Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Chhattisgarh State Skill Development Authority

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Minutes of Meeting of Pre-Bid Meeting regarding Request for Proposal (RFP) for the selection of organisations / agencies willing to undertake “Annual Scheme Effectiveness Assessment of Skill Development Programmes” held (Online due to COVID-19 pandemic) on dated 06.04.2021 at CSSDA Video Conference Room. The meeting was headed by Additional Chief Executive Officer, CSSDA. He had summarized the composition of the bid documents and highlighted important sections as per the instructions was emphasized.

Following are the members of committee from CSSDA were present in the pre bid meeting:-

1. Mr. A. K. Ahirwar, ACEO, CSSDA
2. Mr. Gannesh Ram Banjare, JCEO, CSSDA
3. Mr. Pramod Sahu, DCEO, SPLCS
4. Mr. Meemo Prasad Banjare, DCEO, SPLCS
5. Mr. SomeshYadav, Manager, CSSDA

Following are the list of participants belonging to Research Institutions, Academicians, Agencies, Companies, Consultancy firms and NGOs were present and took part in the pre-bid meeting.

1. Radha Garg, Associate Director, Hindustan Thosmpson Associates
2. Mohd Sartaz, Research Manager, Kantar
3. Ronak Agarwal, Manager, CFBTES
4. Sourav Jena, Research Manager, Hindustan Thompson Associates Pvt. Ltd.
5. Rahul Agrawal, Manager, PwC
6. Pravesh Gadia
7. Abdul Hamid
8. Amit Dave
9. Ishwar Chandra Awasthi
10. Shardha Shinde

Agenda of the meeting:

1. Introduction
2. Acquaintance with the tender procedures
3. Questions and Answers.

Committee welcomed the participants to the meeting and discussed the queries. Floor was opened for participants to share their queries with the Committee members. Queries regarding RFP raised by the participants were discussed one by one and clarified accordingly.

Queries raised by the participants and sought through email were discussed and the clarifications given by the committee are placed at Annexure- A.

ANNEXURE - A

S. No	Section / Page No.	Clause	Queries	Remark/Response
1.	4.3/03	Only academic/ research institutions can participate in the RFP	Request the authority to please clarify the definition of Academic and Research Institution and the required proof that need to be submitted by the bidding origination for the same. As per our understanding any organization which has done research related work in the field of impact assessment, skill gap, employability studies can be categorized as research institution. This is also mentioned in the RFP "The RFP seeks the service of suitable organizations/agencies willing to undertake "Annual Scheme Effectiveness Assessment of Skill Development Programmes". Kindly clarify whether our understanding is correct.	A registered legal entity as mentioned under bid clause no. 4 (4.2), only can participate in the bid.
2.	4.3/03	Only Academic/ Research institutions can participate in the RFP.	As per clause only Academic and Research Institution can participate in the RFP. TRIOs is a an organisation/agency of Social and Market Research firm registered with Registrar of Companies (ROC), Government of India & not an academic Institution. So could you kindly confirm the following: Whether TRIOs as agency is eligible to participate considering social and market research agency. Whether the EMD and processing fee is exempted for agency registered under MSME, Government of India.	Response same as S.N. 1
3.	4.3/03	Only Academic/ Research institutions can participate in the RFP	We would like to state that we have been working in the Skill Development sector for the last 12 years as a vocational training provider. We wanted to check whether we would be eligible for submission of	Response same as S.N. 1

			the proposal.	
4.	4.3/03	Only Academic/ Research institutions can participate in the RFP	Please confirm whether consulting firm (private Limited Company) can apply for the bid.	Response same as S.N. 1
5.	4.3/03	Only Academic/ Research institutions can participate in the RFP	Centre for Good Governance (CGG) has carried out social impact assessments and evaluation studies for more than 15 year, are we eligible for this study?	Response same as S.N. 1
6.	2/03	This RFP seeks the services of suitable organizations / agencies willing to undertake "Annual Scheme Effectiveness Assessment of Skill Development Programmes in Chhattisgarh" and preparation of Block wise, District wise, Sector and Course wise report for perspective plan for next five financial years 2020 -25.	We request the authority to limit the scope to only impact evaluation i.e. assessment of skill development programmes. The requirement w.r.t preparation of Block wise, District wise, Sector and Course wise report for perspective plan for next five financial years, i.e. 2020 -25 is already getting covered in the skill gap RFP earlier published by the authority and it will lead to increased cost for the authority as the same activity is done under two RFPs.	This is a part of Scope of work (SoW), The selected organization has to prepare a detailed report with the required plan by itself.
7.	4.12/04	The processing fees of Rs. 10,000/- to be submitted online through https://eproc.cgstate.eov.in during bid submission	Request the authority to please refer to Rule 161 (IV) of GFR 2017. We understand that cost of tender document should not be charged under the said Rule. Accordingly, we request you to waive / delete the requirement for submitting tender fee under the RFP.	Under the programme, State to ensure that the hiring of the agency should be done as per applicable State Government norms.
8.	No clause w.r.t turnover and Net worth requiremen	Not present	Request the authority to please specify the turnover and net-worth requirements in the pre-eligibility criteria. As per our understanding the turnover of the firm should be atleast 3 to 4	The eligibility criteria for the bidders will be as per RFP.

	ts in the pre-qualification criteria/ Not present		times of the estimated project value and the networth should be atleast equal to the estimate project cost; so as to cover the financial and operational risks and ascertaining the financial capability of the firm to deliver the project. For e.g if the estimated project cost by the authority for this RFP is INR 5 Crores, then the turnover of the bidding organization should be atleast INR 20 Crores and the networth should be equal to INR 5 Crores.Also networth and turnover criteria should also be given due weightage in the technical evaluation criteria.	
9.	No clause present w.r.t. consortium/ Not present	The RFP published by the authority, does not mention whether the consortium is allowed or not	Request the authority to please allow consortium, as the bid will require field level surveys to be conducted and will require partnership with a survey agency.	Response same as S.N. 1
10.	8.1.3/05	Project detail sheets outlining previous experience of the firm in similar types of assignments completed during the last five years in prescribed format (use Format 3 separately for each assignment).	As per our understanding the last five years means FY 2020-21, 2019-20, 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17. Request the authority to please confirm.	The last five years means- FY 2019-20, 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16.
11.	8.1.4/05	List of proposed expert team and CVs of personnel to work on this project (in the CV please include name of staff, nationality of staff	We request the authority to please allow the page limit of 6 pages per CV, as a large portion of the CV will be dedicated to resource experience in relevant project and will require at-least 6 pages for highlighting the relevant projects.	Change request is not accepted.

		profession/designation of staff proposed position in the team, whether employee of the firm, number of years with the firm, key qualifications, education, experience and languages known), restricted to maximum of two (2) pages per CV		
12.	8.1.8/05	Proof of payment of Income Tax	Request the authority to please clarify whether the Income Tax Return Form of the FY 2019-20 will suffice as proof of payment of Income Tax.	Yes
13.	13.1.1.2/07	Project experience in the areas of Skill gap analysis/ Educational Research/ Labour Market Study/ Employment Survey conducted 2.5 marks per project upto max.25 marks.	We request the authority to please specify the time period in which assignments were executed and the minimum project cost for each project. As per our view, all assignments within the period of last 5 financial years (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020- 21) should be considered under this criteria. Also as per our estimate the minimum project cost should be greater than or equal to INR 25 Lakhs to be considered eligible. Also only those projects should be considered where the workorder/contract is given by Central Government/ State Government / Any Multilateral agency like ADB, World Bank, DFID-UK etc. In addition to this relevant work order copies/ contract copies should be considered as proof for the project. Thus the modified clause will be: "Project experience in the areas	All the completed projects (completion certificate required) as per 13.1.1 submitted by the bidder will be considered for evaluation.

			<p>of Skill gap analysis/ Educational Research/ Labour Market Study/ Employment Survey conducted in the last 5 financial years (2016-17, 2017- 18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21) with project value greater than or equal to INR 25 Lakhs will be considered. Here only those projects should be considered where the workorder is given be Central Government/ State Government / Any Multilateral agency like ADB, World Bank, DFID-UK etc ”.</p> <p>2.5 marks per project upto max.25 marks</p> <p>Note: All agencies have to submit relevant workorder/ contract copies as proof the assignment/ project.</p>	
14.	13.1.1.3/07	<p>Team Leader's Qualification: PhD/M.Phil/Mas ter in Economics/ Statistics/ Management/ public Policy: PhD:10 Marks M.Phil/Master Degree: 5 Marks</p>	<p>The qualification of the Team Leader as PhD is given undue weightage in terms of Marks Allocation. Any Master’s degree in Economics/ Statistics/ Management/ Public Policy or M.Phil should be given the same weightage.</p> <p>Also the team leader should have executed 2 or more assignments in the field of Skill gap analysis/ Educational Research/ Labour Market Study/ Employment Survey conducted in the last 5 financial years (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21) with project value greater than or equal to INR 25 Lakhs will be considered. Here only those projects should be considered where the workorder is given be Central Government/ State Government / Any Multilateral agency like ADB, World Bank, DFID-UK etc. Request the authority to please modify the clause as:</p> <p>Team Leader's Qualification: PhD/M.Phil/Master in Economics/ Statistics/</p>	Change request is not accepted.

			Management/ public Policy: 2 Projects: 2 Marks For each additional project 1 Mark will be allocated, subject to a Maximum of 10 Marks	
15.	13.1.1.4/07	Qualification and Experience of Team Leader & Other Key Professionals as per format 5 I. Team Leader (minimum 7 years relevant working experience): = 7-10 Years - 7 Marks = 10+ Years - 15 Mar Subject Experts at least 2 in No, (minimum 04 years working experience in skilling/ Employment/La bour Market) = 4-7 Years - 7 Marks = 7+ Years - 15 Marks Data Analyst/Scientist at least 1 in number (minimum 2 years of relevant working experience) = 2 years -5 Marks = 3+ years- 15 Marks	We request the authority to please distribute the marks proportionately, as there is significant variation in mark allocation across the profiles. Request the authority to please modify the clause as: I. Team Leader (minimum 5 years relevant working experience): 5 Years - 5 Marks For each additional year 2 Marks will be allocated, subject to maximum of 15 Marks Subject Experts at least 2 in No, (minimum 2 years working experience in skilling/ Employment/Labour Market) 2 Years – 4.5 Marks For each additional year 1.5 Marks will be allocated, subject to maximum of 7.5 Marks Data Analyst/ Scientist at least 1 in number (minimum 1 years of relevant working experience) 2 years -10.5 Marks For each additional year 1.5 Marks will be allocated, subject to maximum of 15 Marks	Change request is not accepted.
16.	13.1.3/08	Minimum qualification for Field Surveyors is Graduate.	Request the authority to reduce the qualification of field surveyors to 12th Pass.	Change request is not accepted.
17.	15.1/13	Indemnities for IPR infringement claims without	We request client to include the following exceptions and procedure as these are industry	Change request is not accepted.

		exceptions	<p>standards and reasonable. They are also mentioned in the MeitY guidelines.</p> <p>Notwithstanding anything contained in this agreement, if the Indemnified Party promptly notifies Indemnifying Party in writing of a third party claim against Indemnified Party that any Service provided by the Indemnifying Party infringes a copyright, trade secret or patents incorporated in India of any third party, Indemnifying Party will defend such claim at its expense and will pay any costs or damages, that may be finally awarded against Indemnified Party.</p> <p>Indemnifying Party will not indemnify the Indemnified Party, however, if the claim of infringement is caused by: a) Indemnified Party's misuse or modification of the Service; b) Indemnified Party's failure to use corrections or enhancements made available by the Indemnifying Party; c) Indemnified Party's use of the Service in combination with any product or information not owned or developed by Indemnifying Party; However, if any service, information, direction, specification or materials provided by Indemnified Party or any third party contracted to it, is or likely to be held to be infringing, Indemnifying Party shall at its expense and option either: i. Procure the right for Indemnified Party to continue using it; ii. Replace it with a non-infringing equivalent; iii. Modify it to make it non-infringing.</p> <p>3. The foregoing remedies constitute Indemnified Party's</p>	
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18.	16.1/10	A Performance Security in the form of Bank Guarantee is to be submitted by the successful Bidder before signing of Contract for each Bid. Amount will be 10% of the contract value; this may be provided as 100% Bank Guarantee.	Government of India through Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure (Procurement Policy Division) recently came out with a notification No. F.9/4/2020-PPD dated 12th November 2020 has reduced Performance Security from existing 5-10 % to 3% of the value of the contract for all contracts. We request you to reconsider the amount for PBG for this contract.	Change request is not accepted.
19.	19.2/11	Identify developmental opportunities on the basis of Effective Assessment of Skill and sector specific demand with respect to each block at the District level	This is beyond the scope of impact analysis assessment, as the sector specific demand w.r.t district and block level are getting covered under the Skill Gap RFP published by CSSDA. Also by the time the findings of the Skills Gap RFP w.r.t demand assessment will be published (180 days) , the duration of the Impact Assessment project (180 days) will be over. Hence we request the authority to please delete this clause	Change request is not accepted.
20.	19.3/11	Identify specific developmental initiatives that have impact on employment generation taking into account the aspirations of the youth.	This is beyond the scope of impact analysis assessment, as the candidate aspiration survey are getting covered under the Skill Gap RFP published by CSSDA. Also by the time the findings of the Skills Gap RFP w.r.t aspiration survey will be published (180 days) , the duration of the Impact Assessment project (180 days) will be over. Hence we request the authority to please delete this clause	Change request is not accepted.

21.	19.4/11	Measuring the impact of skill training, course wise, Block wise, District wise and at the state Level	We propose that the study shall be carried out to measure impact of the schemes. Therefore, the emphasis shall be given to identify a proper comparison group so that a proper impact evaluation can be planned and carried out. Thus a multi-stage sampling design shall be proposed so that sample has balanced representation of districts, blocks and courses.	Please refer RFP clause No. 13.1.6
22.	19.5/11	The impact analysis is to be done for all the stakeholders of skill eco-system.	Request the authority to please specify the sample size for impact analysis for each of the stakeholder. As sample size will determine the costing and has financial implications w.r.t financial proposal. However, if the participating agencies are expected to prepare the sampling plan, there should be additional marks assigned to a robust sampling design. It should be noted that having a larger sample size doesn't ensure that the sampling design is robust and appropriate.	See the clause no. 13. Study the skill eco system and ascertain the provabale and available stakeholder of Skill development, important part of SOW. Reply and idea has been given in the meeting.
23.	19.8/11	Measuring and analyzing the impact of skill training by segregating it into job environment satisfaction, social satisfaction, economical satisfaction and personal satisfaction.	Could you please further explain what job environment satisfaction, social satisfaction, economical satisfaction and personal satisfaction mean? What are the areas that need to be covered to build these satisfaction level ?	See the clause no. 13. Approach and Methodology or Idea for study ascertain and presented by the bidders . It's a part of SoW.
24.	19.10/11	Assess the existing skill training infrastructure, both private and government.	As per our understanding assessing the skill training infrastructure means determining the total training capacity of the training institutions through desk research and it does not include physical inspection of centers	The study is required for existing skill training infrastructure, both private and government.

			w.r.t assessing their training infrastructure.	
25.	19.12/11	Impact analysis of SHG led social ventures and its comparison with the individual enterprises	Request the authority to please clarify the number of SHG led social ventures and individual enterprises. Also request the authority to please specify the sample size for survey w.r.t SHG led social ventures and individual enterprise; as it has cost implications w.r.t financial proposal.	Response same as S.N. 21.
26.	19.13/11	Impact analysis also to be segregated in terms of Gender, category, PVTGs, LWE affected trainees, Divyangjan, Destitute women and for other disadvantaged group. A separate report is required for this	This will mean drawing a sample size at these categories. Kindly share the trainees data including their category including gender, PVTGs, LWE, Divyangjan destitute women and other disadvantaged group.	Please refer RFP clause No-19.
27.	19.15/11	The whole analysis should show the comparison among the various skill development programmes of State and Central Government	As per our understanding here state govt. programme refers to MMKVY and central govt. program refers to PMKVY. Request the authority to please confirm.	All schemes related to skill development running in the state are to be covered.
28.	Format 6/20	I/We here by confirm that our firm has not been banned or blacklisted by any government organization/ Financial institution/Court /Publicsector	The Authority is requested to revise the pre-qualification regarding blacklisting/ debarment. Entities that are not blacklisted / debarred at the time of the submission of bid should be allowed to participate in the tender process. Further, entities whose blacklisting was subsequently revoked / set aside	Change Request is not accepted.

		Unit/ Central Government.	should also be allowed to participate in the tender process. Thus the modified clause will be: "I/We here by confirm that our firm has not been banned or blacklisted by any government organization/ Financial institution/Court/Public sector Unit/ Central Government on the date of submission of the bid".	
29.	11.2/29	For purposes of this Clause, "Force Majeure,, means an event beyond the control of the selected Bidder and not involving the selected Bidder's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but are not restricted to, acts of the Client either in its sovereign or contractual capacity, wars or evolutions, fires, floods, epidemics and quarantine restrictions.	As per our understanding, lockdown due to COVID 19 is also considered under Force Majeure. Kindly confirm.	Refer the RFP clause no. 11.2 under General Conditions of Contract in Annexure E: Terms of Referenc.
30.	No clause in RFP - Limitation of Liability/ Not present	Not Present	We request the authority to limit consultant's liability to 1X of the total contract value. This is as per GFR and the guidelines issued by Meity. It is also the normal industry practice. Client may consider including the following language:Purchaser/Client agrees that Consultants total liability for all claims connected with the services or this agreement (including but not limited to negligence), whether in contract, tort, statute, indemnities or	Refer the RFP clause no.13.1, 13.2 & 13.3 and 14.1 & 14.2 under General Conditions of Contract in Annexure E: Terms of Reference.

			<p>otherwise, is limited to one time the professional fees paid / payable for the services.</p> <p>Purchaser/Client agrees that Consultant will not be liable for (i) loss or corruption of data from your systems, (ii) loss of profit, goodwill, business opportunity, anticipated savings or benefits or (iii) indirect or consequential loss.</p>	
31.	No clause in RFP Limitation of Liability/ Not present	Liability is limited to 1X or insurance proceeds, whichever is higher	<p>We request the authority to not make the limitation of liability subject to receivables under the insurance proceeds. Client is requested to limit consultant's liability to 1X of the total contract value. This is as per GFR and the guidelines issued by Meity. It is also the normal industry practice. The insurance clause makes the 1X liability ineffective as it increases to multiple times of TCV.</p>	Change request is not accepted.
32.	No clause in RFP Limitation of Liability/ Not present	Liability has to be limited to 1x of the TCV	<p>Request the authority to limit consultant's liability to 1X of the total contract value. This is as per GFR and the guidelines issued by Meity. It is also the normal industry practice.</p>	Change request is not accepted.
33.	No clause in RFP Limitation of Liability/ Not present	Indirect and consequential losses are not excluded from liability	<p>Client is requested to include clause that we will not be liable for any indirect and consequential losses or damages. This is as per GFR and Meity guidelines and also the industry standard. Even the law, Contract Act, stipulates and remote and consequential damages are not payable. Client is requested to include the below clause:</p> <p>Purchase/Client agrees that Consultant will not be liable for (i) loss or corruption of data from your systems, (ii) loss of profit, goodwill, business opportunity, anticipated savings or benefits or (iii) indirect or consequential loss.</p>	Change request is not accepted.

34.	No clause in RFP- Confidentiality Obligations/ Not present	Exceptions to confidential information are not provided	Client is requested to allow standard exceptions to confidential information, which is industry standard and reasonable. Not all information can be regarded as confidential. For eg., if the information is in public domain, we cannot be expected to keep it confidential at our end. Similarly, if any information is liable to be disclosed under the RTI, giving it a confidential status and obliging us to keep such information confidential is not correct. We request inclusion of following clause: Confidential information does not include any information which (i) is rightfully known to the recipient prior to its disclosure; (ii) is independently developed by the recipient without use of or reliance on confidential information; or (iii) is or later becomes publicly available without violation of this agreement or may be lawfully obtained from a third party; or (iv) which would be required to be disclosed under the (Indian) Right to Information Act.	Refer the RFP clause no. 13.1, 13.2 & 13.3 and 14.1 & 14.2 under General Conditions of Contract in Annexure E: Terms of Reference.
35.	No clause in RFP- Indemnity/ Not present	Indemnities not subject to final determination by court/arbitrator	We agree to indemnify to the extent the damages/losses are finally determined by a competent court or arbitration. Request the authority to please make indemnities subject to final determination by court/arbitrator. This is also the industry standard and prescribed by Meity in its guidelines.	Change request is not accepted.
36.	No clause in RFP- Process of Indemnity/ Not present	No process for indemnity	The indemnities set out in this agreement shall be subject to the following conditions: (i) the Indemnified Party as promptly as practicable informs the Indemnifying Party in writing of the claim or proceedings and	Change request is not accepted.

			<p>provides all relevant evidence, documentary or otherwise; (ii) the Indemnified Party shall, at the cost of the Indemnifying Party, give the Indemnifying Party all reasonable assistance in the Defense of such claim including reasonable access to all relevant information, documentation and personnel provided that the Indemnified Party may, at its sole cost and expense, reasonably participate, through its attorneys or otherwise, in such Defense; (iii) if the Indemnifying Party does not assume full control over the Defense of a claim as provided in this clause, the Indemnified Party may participate in such defense at its sole cost and expense, and the Indemnified Party will have the right to defend the claim in such manner as it may deem appropriate, and the cost and expense of the Indemnified Party will be included in losses; (iv) the Indemnified Party shall not prejudice, pay or accept any proceedings or claim, or compromise any proceedings or claim, without the written consent of the Indemnifying Party; (v) all settlements of claims subject to indemnification under this Clause will: a) be entered into only with the consent of the Indemnified Party, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld and include an unconditional release to the Indemnified Party from the claimant or plaintiff for all liability in respect of such claim; and b) include any appropriate confidentiality agreement prohibiting disclosure of the terms of such settlement; (vi) the Indemnified Party shall account to the Indemnifying Party for all</p>	
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			awards, settlements, damages and costs (if any) finally awarded in favour of the Indemnified Party which are to be paid to it in connection with any such claim or proceedings; (vii) the Indemnified Party shall take steps that the Indemnifying Party may reasonably require to mitigate or reduce its loss as a result of such a claim or proceedings; (viii) in the event that the Indemnifying Party is obligated to indemnify an Indemnified Party pursuant to this clause, the Indemnifying Party will, upon payment of such indemnity in full, be subrogated to all rights and defenses of the Indemnified Party with respect to the claims to which such indemnification relates; and (ix) if a Party makes a claim under the indemnity set out under Clause above in respect of any particular loss or losses, then that Party shall not be entitled to make any further claim in respect of that loss or losses (including any claim for damages).	
37.	No clause in RFP- Termination notice/ Not present	Termination without notice and rectification period	To uphold the principles of natural justice, we request client to notify us and give us a rectification period of at least 30 days, prior to invoking this clause.	Change request is not accepted.
38.	No clause in RFP- Termination by Agency/Not present	We do not have any right to terminate	To uphold the principles of natural justice and to bring parity in the contract, we request client to give us the right to terminate the contract in case client breaches any of its material obligations under the contract, provided a notice for such breach is given to client along with a rectification period of 30 days.	Change request is not accepted.
39.	4.3/04		Please clarify about the legal form of the participants such and Companies registered under the companies act/ Partnership firm/	Response same as S No. 1

			section 25/ Section 8 Companies as per companies act etc.	
40.	Not Present/Not present	Not Present	Please clarify that whether participants can file the bids under joint venture/ consortium.	Response same as S No. 1
41.	Not Present/Not present	Not Present	Please provide the estimated cost/ Budget for the assignment.	Invalid Question.
42.	Not Present/Not present	Not Present	Can we submit the proposal in joint venture with the organization which has carried out major assignments in skill development area?	Response same as S No. 1
43.	Not Present/Not present	Not Present	Pradhan Mantri Koushal Vikas Yojana (PMKEY) and Mukhya Mantri Koushal Vikas Yojana schemes are implemented in all the districts of Chhattisgarh state simultaneously?	Yes
44.	Not Present/Not present	Not Present	As per the RFP we understand that two organizations can submit the proposal together in consortium for conducting the captioned study. Request you to kindly let us know if our understanding is not correct.	Refer response same as S No.-1
45.	Not Present/Not present	Not Present	As per the RFP, last date of submission of proposal is April 20, 2021. As you are aware that COVID-19 cases are on the rise again and hence, State Governments are taking strong measures including restrictive opening of commercial spaces and offices to ensure limited spread and casualties. Hence, we request you to kindly extend the submission deadline by at least 2 weeks till May 04, 2021, to enable us to prepare the RFP response as per the requirement.	Necessary action will be taken.
46.	4.3/03	Only Academic/ Research institutions can participate in the RFP.	In the current RFPs, only Academic/ Research institutions can bid as per clause 4.3 under section pre-qualification criteria (on page no. 3) of the RFP. During the pre-bid meeting concern person from CSSDA clarified that only institutions who are	Refer response same as S No.1

			<p>registered under company's act 1956, section 25 and section 8 are allowed.</p> <p>We would like to sincerely request for allowing KANTAR India to bid in this RFP as India's leading social and market research company. KANTAR has done some leading primary research projects in the country. We would like to reiterate CSSDA will be significantly benefit from the extensive experience and Infrastructure of private sector Research organizations. Requesting your kind consideration.</p>	
47.	Not Present/Not present	Not Present	<p>Since submission is also due in the next 5 days, we request for extension of deadline by at least 7-10 working days subject to your kind acceptance on above point on relaxing agency criteria.</p>	Refer response same as S No-45
48.	Not Present/Not present	Not Present	<p>We are keen on submitting our proposal for the survey - Annual Scheme Effectiveness Assessment of Skill Development Programmes in Chhattisgarh and are working on it.</p> <p>We understand that the Technical proposal and Financial proposal should be submitted in desired formats – (Format 1-7) as mentioned in Annexure B and financials as per Annexure C along with checklists in Annexure D. In the formats, there is no mention of Current study approach and methodology, so we just want to know where we will include current study scope and methodology.</p>	Refer RFP clause No.- 13
49.	4.12/04	The processing fees of Rs. 10,000/- to be submitted online through https://eproc.cg.state.eov.in	<p>We are writing to you in relation to the RFP for Annual Scheme Effectiveness Assessment of Skill Development Programmes in Chhattisgarh. As per the RFP notice (CSSDA/SANKALP/RFP/3191),</p>	Refer RFP clause No.-4.12

		during bid submission	which has been attached to this mail, the RFP document fee is INR 10,000. We request you to kindly share with us the procedure involved in downloading the RFP document for us to submit the proposal for the empanelment process.	
50.	4.3/03	Only Academic/ Research institutions can participate in the RFP.	<p>Please refer to the RFPs floated by CSSDA for conducting the study on 'Annual Scheme Effectiveness Assessment(CSSDA/SANKALP/RFP/3191 Dated 22/03/2021)' and 'Labour Market Trends and Skill Gap in Chhattisgarh(CSSDA/SANKALP/RFP/3189 Dated 22/03/2021)'. We would like to draw your attention to the Clause no 4. Pre-Qualification(Eligibility criteria) sub-clause 4.2 which states that Only Academic/Research institute can participate in the RFP.</p> <p>Deloitte has executed similar assignments (Skill Gap and impact assessment) with State/Central Govts, NSDC and multilateral Donor agencies(WB, UNDP etc) in the past and we have an excellent academically oriented in-house research capabilities. However, due to the above mentioned clause we are not eligible to participate in the RFP as we are incorporated as LLP in India.</p>	Refer response same as S No.-1

During the pre-bid session all the queries regarding RFP documents were resolved upto the satisfaction level of the participants. There were no further questions asked.

ACEO had suggested to all the participants that they should carefully study and understand the solicitation RFP documents, inclusive the technical specifications, Eligibility Criteria, SOP and General Conditions before submitting the Bid. All bidders must submit proof of legal entity's registration(Academic/Research Institution). The date of presentation for Approach and Methodology of the survey will be intimated to the bidders separately.

The meeting was closed at 3:30 pm.

Sd./-
Chief Executive Officer
Chhattisgarh State Skill Development Authority

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