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SELECTION OF CONSULTANCY AGENCY FOR SETTING UP NURSING COLLEGES FOR ACCF

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Date:29-11-2022

SI.No.	Clause No.	Existing Clause	Query	Amendment/Clarification
1	2. CALENDER OF EVENTS & KEY INFORMATION: -	IV. Last date & Time of Physical submission 10.12.22 @ 5:00 PM	It's not clear if ACCF expects physical copies of our proposals to be submitted at the designated address. There are no further pointers to this aspect in the RFP. Request you to please allow electronic submission of our proposals as per government and industry standards, given the uncertainty regarding postal or courier services.	Physical copy of proposal is required. No Change.
2	4. QUALIFICATION CRITERIA:	Eligibility Criteria: Bidder must have successfully completed at least five assignment of similar nature. as per proposed project, (Similar project means setting up Nursing College) in any sector under Private/Central / State Govt. /Autonomous bodies during the last five Years (after 1.1.2017). Supportive Documents: 1. Copy of Work Orders /Contract Documents 2. Completion/Satisfactory Certificate from the clients.	Setting up of nursing college is almost completely governed by the guidelines set up by Nursing Council of India, and it's a fairly straight jacketed project assessment, unlike setting up a hospital. Moreover, the condition of at least 5 such nursing college feasibility studies in the last 5 years is too stringent for the purpose of this assignment, eliminating a lot of interested consulting companies/bidders who also do feasibility studies/DPR among various other assignments related to healthcare. We therefore request that criteria be amended to: • 3 completed project feasibility assessments in the last five years • Feasibility study for at least 3 Nos. of 150-bedded hospital/ healthcare facility OR Nursing Colleges. As a matter of practical import, many clients do not end up certifying closure of the feasibility study for various reasons, including open ended engagement with Banks/FIs for loans. We often get challenged to obtain "completion certificate" from client. We therefore request that supportive documents requested may be amended to • "copy of work orders/ Contract Documents OR Completion/ Satisfactory Certificate."	Amended: 3 assignments of similar nature. (Similar project means setting up Nursing College) in any sector under Private/Central / State Govt. /Autonomous bodies during the last five Years (after 1.1.2017). On going projects shall be considered subject to submission of copy of work orders and payment certificate for the completed milestone with satisfactory certificate for till date work. Supportive Documents: 1. Copy of Work Orders /Contract Documents 2. Completion/Satisfactory Certificate from the clients.
3	4. QUALIFICATION CRITERIA:	Eligibility Criteria: - III. GST Registration Supportive Documents: - Certificate to be provided	Is GST mandatory?	If not registered under GST; Exemption criteria and declaration in this regard to be provided compulsorily.

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4	4. QUALIFICATION CRITERIA:	-	Joint Venture, Consortium	It is allowed subject to lead partner fulfilling the rest of the eligibility criteria.
5	5. QUALIFICATION CRITERIA:	Eligibility Criteria: Should be able to showcase end to hand handholding support provided for setting up at least two Nursing colleges in past five years. These two could be out of five assignments as mentioned above. Supportive Documents: 1. Copy of Work Orders /Contract Documents 2. Completion/Satisfactory Certificate from the clients.	From the scope of work, it is very clear that this project doesn't entail any implementation consulting. So, the question of "handholding support" to ACCF does NOT arise. Criteria will very clearly eliminate lot of consulting companies who choose not to get into project implementation (typically management consulting do not get into implementation of a project and is best left for engineering consulting firms). We therefore request you to please eliminate this criterion from the qualification criteria.	Amendment: - Handholding support means consultant was engaged till the college started. As amended above, out of three assignments, bidder should have provided hand holding support in at-least one assignment. Engineering or construction related consultancy is not a part of this RFQ.
6	5. PAYMENT TERMS: -	The Assignment is short term and consultants should be able to deliver the final report within Six weeks from the date of issue of work order. a. 20% Payment will be released on receipt of inception report with first draft after 3 weeks. Agency need to produce bill of 30% amount. b. 40% payment will be released post submission of the final draft report. c. Balance 40% payment will be release post acceptance of the final report.	Undertaking feasibility study of setting up potentially 9 Nursing colleges within 6 weeks, which includes submission of "draft report" and incorporation of all comments and feedback from ACCF is far stringent and may unnecessarily affect the quality of insights that is needed in setting up 9 nursing colleges with various constraints. We request you to please extend the timeline to at least 10 weeks, with Draft Report in 8th week. The payment is very back loaded with 40% of the payment release post "acceptance of the final report" and it affects smaller consulting firms to manage the cost of executing the project. Request you to please consider the following payment terms. a. 10% advance on signing of the contract/PO. b. 10% Payment will be released on receipt of inception report after 1 week. c. 20% payment will be released post submission of the "first draft report". d. 40% payment will be released post submission of the "final draft report". e. Balance 20% payment will be release post acceptance of the final report	Clarification: - The Assignment is short term and consultants should be able to deliver the final report within Six weeks from the date of issue of work order. a. 20% Payment will be released on receipt of inception report with first draft after 3 weeks. Agency need to produce bill of 20% amount. b. 40% payment will be released post submission of the final draft report. c. Balance 40% payment will be release post acceptance of the final report.
7	10. Other Terms	10.4. If consultant fail to submit the final draft report within the stipulated time, then 1% per week penalty shall be imposed.	Request you to reduce the penalty to a more reasonable amount since there maybe reasons beyond reasonable control of the consulting company.	No Change. Addition: There shall be no penalty for reasons beyond the control of consultant/agency.

Rest of the terms and conditions remains the same.

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