

Replies to Pre-bid queries - ANNEXURE I

Subject: Replies to Pre-bid queries for the project “RFP for Selection of Agency as Project Management Unit (PMU) for Establishment and Operation of Digital Biomass Sampling, Traceability and Quality Monitoring System for MAHAPREIT at designated power plants.”

Prebid meeting Date: 17/06/2026

Time: 2:30 PM to 3:15 PM

RFP No: MAHAPREIT/26-27/BIOFUELS/ PMU/1

Replies to Queries received from Bidders for the project: RFP for Selection of Agency as Project Management Unit (PMU) for Establishment and Operation of Digital Biomass Sampling, Traceability and Quality Monitoring System for MAHAPREIT at designated power plants.

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Sr. No.	Tender Clause / Reference	Original Clause	Bidder's Request / Suggestion	MAHAPREIT Final Remark
1	Clause 5.1.1 (4) – Eligibility Criteria	The Bidder shall possess valid ISO accreditation/certification such as ISO 9001:2015 and ISO/IEC 17020 or recognized accreditation body for inspection and quality assessment activities.	M/s Quality Council of India (QCI) requested exemption from the accreditation/certification requirement, stating that QCI itself is a recognized accreditation body and possesses relevant institutional experience.	The eligibility criteria specified in the RFP shall remain unchanged. However, recognized accreditation bodies may submit supporting credentials and undertakings demonstrating compliance with the intent of the eligibility requirement, which shall be evaluated by MAHAPREIT as per the provisions of the RFP.
2	Clause 7 – Last Date & Time of Submission (Page No. 5)	Last Date of Submission is specified as 29.06.2026.	M/s AgNext Technologies Pvt. Ltd. sought clarification regarding the exact deadline time for online and physical bid submission.	The bid submission date and time shall be as specified on the MAHATENDER portal. Bidders are advised to refer to the portal for the latest schedule and timelines.

3	Clause 1.10 & 1.12 (Page No. 6)	All bidders have to purchase Class II or Class III Digital Certificates having Sign Verification and Encryption/Decryption functionality.	M/s AgNext Technologies Pvt. Ltd. sought clarification regarding the class and type of Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) required for participation.	Class III Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) with Signing and Encryption functionality shall be considered valid for participation in the tender process.
4	Clause 4.1.3 & Clause 6.1.2 (Page No. 15 & 22)	The PMU shall appoint NABCB accredited agency to undertake sample collection, preparation, sealing, documentation and dispatch of biomass consignments.	M/s AgNext Technologies Pvt. Ltd. sought clarification whether the accreditation requirement refers to ISO/IEC 17020 accreditation issued by NABCB for inspection bodies.	Yes. ISO/IEC 17020 accreditation issued by NABCB or equivalent recognized accreditation body for inspection activities shall be considered acceptable.
5	Clause 7.16 (4) (Page No. 32)	The person signing the document submission on behalf of the Applicant shall enclose Power of Attorney duly authorized and notarized for the same.	M/s AgNext Technologies Pvt. Ltd. sought clarification regarding execution of Power of Attorney on non-judicial stamp paper and applicable stamp duty requirements.	Power of Attorney, wherever applicable, shall be executed in accordance with applicable statutory provisions and stamp duty requirements applicable in the respective State.
6	Clauses 5.2 & 5.3.1 (Page No. 18–20)	Technical Evaluation and Financial Evaluation Criteria.	M/s AgNext Technologies Pvt. Ltd. requested adoption of Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) methodology instead of L1-based selection methodology.	The bid evaluation methodology specified in the RFP shall remain unchanged. Technical and Financial Evaluation shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RFP.
7	Section III, Clause 3.1 & Section VI, Clause 6.2	Estimated Cost – ₹10 Crore.	M/s DiversityTech Solution & Services sought clarification regarding the basis of estimated contract value, assumptions relating to locations, power plants, truck movements, sample volumes, laboratory testing and manpower deployment.	The estimated contract value is indicative and pertains to the overall project requirements during the contract period. Bidders are advised to undertake their own assessment of scope, deployment requirements and operational assumptions while preparing their bids.

8	Section VI, Clause 6.2.2 & Annexure-4	Billing Mechanism.	M/s DiversityTech Solution & Services sought clarification regarding expected annual sample volume and truck volume considered for estimation.	Sample volumes and truck arrivals may vary depending upon operational requirements at designated locations. No minimum volume commitment shall be construed except as specifically provided in the RFP.
9	Section VI, Clause 6.2.3	Minimum Billing Threshold.	M/s DiversityTech Solution & Services sought clarification regarding commercial sustainability considering varying operational volumes.	Billing shall be governed by the provisions of the RFP, including the minimum billing threshold, wherever applicable.
10	Section VII, Clause 7.19	Contract Period – Five Years.	M/s DiversityTech Solution & Services sought clarification regarding rate revision, escalation, inflation adjustment and statutory cost increases during the contract period.	No provision for rate revision, escalation or inflation adjustment is envisaged under the RFP. Rates quoted by the bidder shall remain valid for the contract period unless otherwise approved by MAHAPREIT through a formal amendment.
11	Scope of Work & Contract Provisions	Scope Variation.	M/s DiversityTech Solution & Services sought clarification regarding treatment of substantial increase in sample volumes, locations, manpower deployment or laboratory requirements.	Any addition of locations, services or substantial change in scope shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the RFP and subsequent agreement.
12	Section VII, Clause 7.9.2	GST.	M/s DiversityTech Solution & Services sought clarification whether GST shall be reimbursed separately over and above quoted rates.	GST shall be applicable as per prevailing statutory provisions and shall be dealt with in accordance with the Financial Bid format and applicable laws.
13	Section VI, Clauses 6.2.1 & 6.2.2	Billing & Payment Terms.	M/s DiversityTech Solution & Services sought clarification regarding billing methodology and payment cycle.	Billing and payment shall be governed by the provisions of the RFP and subsequent agreement.
14	Section VI, Clause 6.2.1	Payment Delay Mechanism.	M/s DiversityTech Solution & Services sought clarification regarding escalation mechanism and compensation for delayed payments.	Payment shall be processed as per the provisions of the RFP. No separate interest or compensation shall be payable unless specifically provided under the contract.

15	Scope of Work	Operating Model.	M/s DiversityTech Solution & Services sought clarification whether the project is based on a centralized/regional model or dedicated deployment at each location.	The bidder shall propose an operating model that fully complies with the scope, service levels and operational requirements specified in the RFP.
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