

Pre-bid queries for tender – “GEM/2024/B/5078375: Tender for Hiring Consultants / Engagement of an Organisation - [For setting up a PMU (Project Management Unit) for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Cha Shramik Protsahan Yojna (PMCSPPY)]

Clarifications
Name of the Firm: BDO India LLP

Sl. No.	Section	Page No	Description in RFP	Clarification sought	Comments from Tea Board
1.	Scope of the Project Management Unit(PMU)	Page 5	As per our understanding, there are no quantifiable outcomes/ output indicators given in the RFP that are expected from the PMU team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We would request to specify and elaborate on the quantifiable outcome expected from the PMU as a deliverable for this project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tea Garden Workers in the state of Assam and West Bengal would be covered under the funds allocated for the scheme. The quantifiable outcome will be limited to budgetary allocation. As per Gem guidelines, Annual turnover requirement should be less than or equal to 1000 lakhs (400% of Estimated Bid value rounded to nearest lakhs). Accordingly, cumulative turnover in the last 3 financial years has been fixed at Rs. 10 Crores.
3.	Minimum Eligibility Criteria of Service Provider, Point 1	Page 8	The organization should have a positive net worth and cumulative turnover of INR 10 crores and above in the 3 (three financial) years (FY20-21, FY21-22, FY22-23).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We would request to raise the minimum eligibility criteria in terms of cumulative turnover in the 3 (three financial) years (FY20-21, FY21-22, FY22-23) to INR 100 Crores. As this is a long-term engagement, we request you to allow only those firms that have strong financial credibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As this PMCSPPY project will be undertaken both in the states of Assam and West Bengal and need to have better accessibility with the respective State Governments, this may be centrally located in West Bengal with a liaising /implementation unit in Assam for better implementation and managing the project.
4.	Scope of the Project Management Unit(PMU)	Page 7	The PMU will report to the Deputy Chairman, Tea Board and the Director of Tea Development, Tea Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We request to clarify on the location and mode of deployment of the PMU. In the Gem document, it has been mentioned that for deployment of resources would be in Hybrid (As specified in scope of work). 	



<p>5.</p> <p>Scope of the Project Management Unit(PMU)</p>	<p>Page 8</p>	<p>The PMU support is envisaged over the duration of the scheme over 2 financial years, 2024- 25 and 2025-26, from the date of commencement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We request to clarify on the duration of the PMU. In the GeM document the duration is given as 1 year 9 months, while in the RFP document is mentioned 2 financial years, 2024- 25 and 2025-26, from the date of commencement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It may kindly be noted that this project is only for two years i.e. from 2024-25 and 2025-26 only. As the first quarter of the CFY 2024-25 has been completed, it has been mentioned as 1 year 9 months.
<p>6.</p> <p>Technical Evaluation</p> <p>9.1 -</p>	<p>Page 10</p>	<p>The selection of the agency shall be based on the evaluation of the technical and financial bids by the Evaluation Committee. For evaluation, a Combined Quality Cum Cost Based System (QCBS) evaluation method shall be followed, wherein a weighted composite success score shall be calculated based on separate evaluations of the Technical Bid (70% weightage) and the Financial Bid (30% weightage), whereas in the illustration it is shown as 80% weightage towards technical and 20% towards financial</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We kindly request to modify the weightage in Combined Quality Cum Cost Based System (QCBS) to Technical Bid (80% weightage) and the Financial Bid (20% weightage), as this tender will require sound understanding of the sector and technical competence of the firm will be of paramount importance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The weightage in combined Quality cum Cost Based System (QCBS) will be Technical Bid (70%) and Financial Bid (30%).

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7.	Others		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additionally, we would request your attention on our request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Our liability for any direct loss or damage to be limited to the fee paid to us for the engagement. ◦ Third Party Indemnity from the client. • Restriction on circulation of our deliverable/report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liability for any direct loss or damage will be limited to fees paid to the Bidder for the engagement. • There will be third party indemnity from the Tea Board India. • There will be restriction on circulation of the deliverable / report of the selected Bidder.
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