

F. No. C-13014/12/2024-FOOD TESTING LAB

भारत सरकार

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खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय

Ministry of Food Processing Industries

पंचशील भवन, अगस्त क्रांति मार्ग

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Dated: November 6, 2024

NOTICE

Subject: Clarification to the queries/suggestions raised during pre-bid meeting held on 24.10.2024 on RFP for engagement of Program Management Agency for evaluation & monitoring of projects under SCHEME FOR SETTING UP/UP-GRADATION OF FOOD TESTING LABORATORIES, under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) -regarding

Reference is invited to the pre-bid meeting held on 24.10.2024 on RFP for engagement of Program Management Agency for evaluation and monitoring of projects under Scheme for setting up/Up-gradation of Food Testing Laboratories, under PMKSY.

2. The queries raised during pre-bid meeting have been examined by the Ministry in consonance with the RFP and clarifications against the same are enclosed.

3. Based on the requests received, the date for submission of bids is extended **upto 5:30 PM on 14.11.2024**. The revised Schedule is as follows:

Sl. No.	Date		
1.	Publishing Date & Time	17.10.2024	04:00 PM
2.	Bid Submission Start Date & Time	17.10.2024	05:00 PM
3.	Pre-bid Meeting	24.10.2024	11:00 AM
4.	Bid Closing Date & Time	14.11.2024	05.30 PM
5.	Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	19.11.2024	11:00 AM
6.	Presentation by Shortlisted Applicants	25.11.2024	02.00 PM
7.	Opening of Financial Bids	29.11.2024	11:00 AM

4. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl: as above



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FTL Scheme - Clarification on queries related to RFP for engagement of Project Management Agency (PMA)

S No	Clause of RFP	Query/ Suggestion/ Request	Clarification
1	Clause 2: Eligibility of the bidders Point c:-	Criteria for the eligibility of the bidder may also include the bidder(s) having prior sufficient experience in the other projects approved under PMKSY which are having in-house laboratory or laboratory components in the approved & completed projects under PMKSY.	Clause 2(c) may be read as under: "Should have sufficient experience of monitoring of actual setting up of laboratory(s) (food/environmental/pathology) and installation of equipment (satisfactory work completion certificate attached). At least two work orders of setting up of laboratory(s) (Food/ Procurement of equipment/ Environmental/ Drug/ Pathology) in the Government Sector/ Private Sector, should be provided."
2	Clause 3(a) S. No. 3 (Dedicated Personnel) & Clause 10(a)-C3 (Experience of Key Personnel)	We request you to kindly consider MBA Finance equal to CA with 5 years' of professional experience.	As per RFP.
3	Clause: 3 i.e. Dedicated Personnel Point e: Substitution of dedicated person.	While it is understood that ideally no replacement of dedicated personnel be done, but given that personnel change their job on lot of consideration, flexibility may be given to allow with substitute having equivalent or higher qualification. It is requested that no restriction be imposed on number of substitutions, and they be considered on case-to-case basis as the assignment is for 4 years. Also, it is requested that no penalty be imposed in case of substitution as it is the organization/ firm being selected as PMA and not individual	RFP already stipulates that substitution will be allowed in 'compelling' or 'unavoidable' circumstances. No change is necessary.

4	<p>Clause 10 (a): Evaluation of Technical Bid</p> <p>Point A: Number of years of experience</p>	<p>We request you to kindly consider the following:</p> <p>It may be highlighted that the food processing opportunities in the country have been emerged in the last 10–12 years. Moreover, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has started its flagship scheme such as Mega Food Park, Cold Chain etc. after 2009–2010, hence, it indicates that most of the projects and the related experience would suitably for around 10 years. Any experience beyond 10 years would largely may not be relevant under the initiatives promoted by MoFPI. It is also requested to consider the experience of water testing lab.</p> <p>In view of the same, we request you to kindly revise the experience as follows:</p> <p>A. 1: Having experience of equal to or more than 10 years – 20 marks</p> <p>B. 2: Having experience of less than 10 years but equal to or more than 5 years – 15 marks</p> <p>C. 3: Having experience of less than 5 years but equal to 3 years – 10 marks</p>	<p>The marking for experience will be as per RFP.</p> <p>The experience in water-testing will be considered.</p>
5	<p>Clause 10 (a) i.e. Evaluation of Technical Bid</p> <p>Point C (Experience of Key Personnel)</p>	<p>We request you to kindly include the professional qualification of MSc (Biotechnology)</p>	<p>M. Sc. (Biotechnology) is an eligible qualification.</p>
6	<p>Clause 14(a): Terms of payment to PMA Point 1: First Instalment: 10% on issue of approval letter</p>	<p>We request the ministry to increase the professional fee amount from 10% to 20% on issue of approval letter of the projects.</p>	<p>The payment schedule will be as per RFP.</p>

7	<p>Clause: 14 (a) i.e. Terms of payment to PMA</p> <p>Point4: 10% fee amount on 4th Instalment:</p>	<p>Kindly relax this clause:</p> <p>All the site visits are conducted based on availability of the promoters and external panels. Further, the evaluation reports are authenticated by their own auditors of the projects before submitting it to the PMA or Ministry. Ministry may suitably intervene in the circumstance of delay which solely occurred by the PIA. In such case where delay has occurred by the PIA, a reminder mail or a letter from the ministry may be sent to the respective projects after the follow ups done by the PMA.</p> <p>In the view of above, ministry may direct the PIA to extend the validity of bank guarantee (if required) in occurrence of any kind of delay pertaining to facilitating the site visit or furnishing of any supporting documents required for the preparation of final evaluation report by PMA which is the last deliverable for the respective projects.</p>	<p>The payment schedule will be as per RFP.</p> <p>Deduction in fee will be made only if the delay is on account of the actions of PMA.</p>
8	<p>Clause 10, Point B1- Numbers of Food Testing Laboratories project implemented as consultant</p>	<p>It is requested that the criteria should consider number of projects executed in which component of food testing was there. Marks should be allocated basis number of such projects executed – both on-going/completed</p>	<p>As per RFP</p>
9	<p>Clause 14 (b): Reduction in bank guarantee</p> <p>Clause 15 (2): Deduction in fee</p>	<p>It is requested to reduce the nature of penalty and fee reduction as it will impact the revenue of the bidder.</p>	<p>As per RFP</p>
