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**Government of India**  
**Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**  
**Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**  
**(Agriculture Census Division)**

KrishiBhawan, New Delhi-110001.  
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**The Corrigendum/Addendum/Clarifications to Pre-Bid Queries raised by prospective bidders in response to the RFP for Engagement of National Level Agency for “Providing end to end software development, support and maintenance for online data collection, cleaning/validation, processing, estimation and tabulation” for Agriculture Census 2020-21 vide Bid number GEM/2021/B/1458996 dated 24.08.2021.**

The pre-bid meeting through video conferencing was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 2:30 PM in KrishiBhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of ADG(Stats), DA&FW. Though most of the queries raised by prospective bidders were clarified during the meeting, Corrigendum/Addendum/Clarifications made in respect of some clauses and some queries/suggestions on the RFP are given below in Table-1 and Table-2 respectively:

<b>Corrigendum/Addendum/Clarifications made in respect of some clauses in the RFP - Table-1</b>				
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1	10	3(2)	The agency must have relevant experience of at least five years in development of Software/app/ web-portal for survey/census related work in the field of agriculture with Central/State Government Departments/ Ministries.	The clause is amended as "The agency must have relevant experience of at least five years in development of Software/app/web-portal for survey/census (population/economic/livestock etc) related work in the field of agriculture / rural development / rural infrastructure/ other allied activities with Central/State Government/Departments/ Ministries".
2	11	3(3)	The agency must have relevant experience of at least five years in National/State level data processing, analysis/estimation in the field of agriculture for any Ministry /Department of the Central/State Govt.	The clause is amended as "The agency must have relevant experience of at least five years in processing, analysis/estimation for National/State level survey/census (population/economic/livestock etc) in the field of agriculture/rural development/ rural infrastructure /other allied activities for any Ministry /Department of the Central/State Govt."
3	11	3(6)	The Agency must not have been currently blacklisted by any Government/Ministry/Department/PSU nor should have been currently debarred from dealing with any company/public department. Self-Declaration on Bidder's Letterhead as mentioned in Covering letter.	The clause is amended as "The Agency must not have been currently blacklisted or debarred from dealing with any Government/Ministry/Department/PSU". Self declaration on bidder's letterhead is required to be submitted as proof.
4	12	Para 4 of 5.2	Conflicting Relationships: An Agency (including its personnel) that has a business or family relationship with a member of the Client's staff who is directly or indirectly involved in any part of the project shall not be awarded the Contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Client throughout the selection process and the execution of the Contract.	The clause is amended as "Conflicting Relationships: Agency's board members and leaders of the project team that has a business or family relationship with a member of the Client's staff who is directly or indirectly involved in any part of the project shall not be awarded the Contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Client throughout the selection process and the execution of the Contract".
5	46	4 of Annex-I	Agency's prior experience (in years) in development of software/app for survey/census related work in the field of agriculture with Central/State Government Departments/Ministries. (Receipt of first order by the agency)	The clause is amended as "Agency's prior experience (in years) in development of software/app for survey/census (population/economic/livestock etc) related work in the field of agriculture / rural development / rural infrastructure/ other allied activities with Central/State Government/Departments/ Ministries. (Receipt of first order by the agency)"

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6	47	5 of Annex-I	No. of projects completed in development of software for data collection, processing/estimation/tabulation of survey/census related work in the field of agriculture with Central/State Government Departments/Ministries. (completion certificate/final payment/order only)	The clause is amended as "No. of projects completed in development of software for data collection, processing/estimation/tabulation of survey/census (population/economic/livestock etc) related work in the field of agriculture / rural development / rural infrastructure/ other allied activities with Central/State Government Departments/Ministries. (completion certificate/final payment/order only)"
7	13	8	Agency's proposal must remain valid for 90 days after the submission date. During this period, Agency shall maintain the availability of professional staff nominated in the proposal and also the financial proposal unchanged. The Client will make best effort to complete negotiations within this period. Should the need arise; however, the Client may request Agency to extend the validity period of their proposals. Agencies who agree to such extension shall confirm that they maintain the availability of the Professional staff nominated in the Proposal and their financial proposal during the extended period. Agencies who do not agree have the right to refuse to extend the validity of their Proposals. Under such circumstance, the Client shall not consider such Proposal for evaluation.	The clause is amended as "Agency's proposal must remain valid for 90 days after the submission date. During this period, the technical and financial proposals will remain unchanged. The Client will make best effort to complete negotiations within this period. Should the need arise; however, the Client may request Agency to extend the validity period of their proposals. Agencies who agree to such extension shall confirm that the technical and financial proposals remain unchanged during the extended period. Agencies who do not agree have the right to refuse to extend the validity of their Proposals. Under such circumstance, the Client shall not consider such Proposal for evaluation."
8	13-14	9.4 (b)	A brief description of the Agency's organization will be provided in Form TECH-2. In the same form, the Agency will provide details of experience of assignments which are similar to the proposed assignment/job as per the TOR. For assignment/job, the outline should indicate the names of Professional staff who participated, nature and duration of the assignment/job, contract amount, and Agency involvement. Information should be provided only for those assignment/jobs for which the Agency was legally contracted by a Client as a corporation or as one of the major firm/entity within a joint venture. Assignment/jobs completed by individual professional staff working privately or through other consulting consultancy cannot be claimed as the experience of the Agency, or that of the Agency associates, but can be claimed by the Professional staff themselves in their CVs. Agency should substantiate the claimed experience along with the proposal and must submit letter of award/ copy of contract for all the assignments mentioned in the proposal.	The clause is amended as "brief description of the Agency's organization will be provided in Form TECH-2. In the same form, the Agency will provide details of experience of assignments which are similar to the proposed assignment/job as per the TOR. For assignment/job, the outline should indicate the names of senior Professional staff(s) who participated, nature and duration of the assignment/job, contract amount, and Agency involvement. Information should be provided only for those assignment/jobs for which the Agency was legally contracted by a Client as a corporation or as one of the major firm/entity within a joint venture. Assignment/jobs completed by individual professional staff working privately or through other consulting consultancy cannot be claimed as the experience of the Agency, or that of the Agency associates, but can be claimed by the Professional staff themselves in their CVs. Agency should <i>invariably</i> substantiate the claimed experience through letter of award / copy of contract agreement and completion certificate for all the assignments mentioned in the proposal. However, in the case of Projects under NDA & Confidentiality, agency is allowed to submit Company Secretary letter in Lieu of Completion Certificate , Letter of Award , Agreement Copy."
9	47	6 of Annex-I	Experience of project leader in similar work in years.	The clause is amended as "Experience of project leader in similar work in years. Similar work here means work in IT applications in data collection / processing /dissemination etc."
10	47	7 of Annex-I	No. of technical professionals working in the	The clause is amended as "No. of technical

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			agency (Data Analysts/Data Scientists/Computer Programmers/Statisticians) (bio-data to be provided)	professionals working in the Agency with relevant skills set (Data Analysts/Data Scientists / Computer Programmers /Statisticians). (bio-data/resumes are to be provided for upto 15 professionals only)".																																							
11	21	27(ii)	The total fee for the assignment as agreed with the Agency will include service tax and other tax, if any, and the liability of payment of the tax will be of the agency carrying out the assignment.	The clause is amended as "The total fee for the assignment as agreed with the Agency will include service tax and other tax, if any, and the liability of payment of the tax will be of the agency carrying out the assignment. Any variation in statutory taxes and duties shall be admissible and should be duly reflected in the claims of payment with valid proof."																																							
12	21	27(iii)	During the assignment period Client may modify the ToR and other terms and conditions of the assignment, if necessary, in order to strengthen / deepen its scope / coverage.	The clause is amended as "During the assignment period Client may modify the ToR and other terms and conditions of the assignment, if necessary, in order to strengthen / deepen its scope / coverage. As is the recommended practice, the ToR will be finalized after due negotiations, which do not substantially alter (or dilute) the original ToR".																																							
13	36	Point (b) of FORM TECH - 4	Highlight numbers of hours you estimate are required to complete the work.	The sentence is amended as "highlight numbers of weeks you estimate are required to complete the work".																																							
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15	47	8 of Annex-I	Self Assessment of the capacity. The proposed plan/model of the bidder for undertaking the work with due justification of resource deployment and action plan for completion of the project by target dates. (based on comprehensive information given in the ToR and other detailed action plan)	The clause is amended as "Self Assessment of the capacity. The proposed plan/model of the bidder for undertaking the work with due justification of resource deployment and action plan for completion of the project by target dates. Agency is required to made a presentation on the proposed work plan. (based on comprehensive information given in the ToR and other detailed action plan)"																																							

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1	11	3(4)	To increase the average Annual Turnover of the Agency from Rs. 50 crore to Rs. 1000 Crore per year for the three financial years starting from 2017-18.	No changes required. Higher cumulative turnover will get higher score as mentioned in technical assessment criteria (refer 2(2) of Annex-I in the RFP).
2	11	3(7)	Please allow Sub-Contracting for Field Survey , Data Collection and Data Entry	No changes required as sub-contracting is not allowed/permitted.
3	7	Para 2	Please confirm whether it is 17th Sept, 2021 or 23rd Sept, 2021 for the submission date?	It is 23rd Sept, 2021 and not 17th Sep, 2021.
4	18	18	Request the Committee to let all participants know the process of evaluation.	No changes required. CQCCBS is adequately transparent.
5	21	24	Cancel the contract, forfeit the Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) and assign services to any other Contractor. Contractor shall be required to bear only the Excess Cost for procurement of goods and/or services similar to those undelivered. The Term "Excess Cost" as referred herein shall mean cost at which alternative arrangements shall be providing the undelivered goods and/ or services of equivalent specification to the Employer under this project minus the cost on which the Contractor agreed to provide the undelivered goods and/or services under this project. Provided further that the Contractor shall not be liable to Excess Cost in excess of (ten) 10% of the price of undelivered goods or services for which such option is exercised by the Employee.	No changes required as the cost of data recovery can be more than the cost of completion.
6	30	6.3 (i)	Please Confirm whether providing bandwidth is out of scope.	Please refer to 6.3(i) of the RFP. State will provide the bandwidth for uploading the field data but Agency will have to source their own bandwidth for performing various activities related to the project.
7	29	6.2(d)	Please confirm whether the charges for the audit would be paid by the client. If yes, when would the payment for audits be released? Also, what would be the frequency for such audits?	Agency will organize the Security Audit of all developed software as per Government policy. Agency will have to bear the expenses for conducting the security audit and therefore, all these cost will have to be factored in during the submission of financial proposal.
8	48-91	Annexure-II & III	Request to provide complete Schedules and output tables.	The sample schedules and output tables mentioned in the RFP are only indicative. Therefore, the schedules and output tables may undergo revision as and when required. However, Agency may refer the schedules and output tables of the past Censuses which are available on Agriculture Census website (agcensus.nic.in) and is expected to suggest/propose new innovative ideas of data dissemination using state of art technology in the work plan.
9	45	2(ii) of FORM FIN-2	We understand that the Cost model will be a "mixture of Transactional Price and Fixed Price" as when the actual records differ from the estimated records, i.e., 14 Crores of 80 bytes, the total cost for actual records will be calculated by "cost per record of 80bytes*actual no. of records." Please confirm.	Total cost for actual records will be calculated by "cost per record of 80 bytes X actual no. of records." Fixed cost has to be apportioned to transactional cost.
10	21	26	The deliverable / timeline and deliverable timeline are not aligned. In such a scenario how would the penalty amount worked out? Please clarify.	Form FIN 2 is not related to deliverables and it is designed to aid bidders to arrive at the total cost of the project. Penalty will be related to deliverables as mentioned in the RFP. Detail tasks along with deliverables timeline will be identified/fine-tuned at the time of signing the Agreement/MoU.
11	19-20, 45	20, FORM FIN-2	The payment terms does not match with Form FIN 2. For example, when and how the payment will	

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			be released for milestones mentioned in Form FIN 2. Also it's difficult to align the payment terms with Deliverable timelines. For e.g. the last 3 payment milestones say the 30% payment would be released after processing of Phase 1,2 and 3 data resp. Does it mean the payment would be released after the cleaning, validation etc. itself or only after the finalisation and hosting of the Phase 1,2 & 3 data respectively?	Agency may refer to clause no. 20 – payment terms of the RFP in regard to payment milestones
12	General queries related to RFP.		Is cloud services for hosting of entire application is under scope or out of scope?	Refer 6.2(k) & 6.4(a) of the RFP. NIC will provide the cloud. However, Agency will develop all the requisite software/applications and are required to be hosted and maintained on cloud server/data centre.
13			Is NIC cloud only or any empanelled MIETY for Hosting services?	
14			Please specify the approx. batch size of each of the proposed trainings.	One all India (about 100 participants) and 4 regional training workshops/ programmes (30-40 participants) for each Phase.
15			Please provide us the application functional requirement/SRS for proper planning.	Agency will have to prepare SRS and system design documents after the selection.
16			Request to provide sample demo presentation of the work plan.	Agency should prepare and provide the work plan as per RFP. Agency is required to give presentation of their proposed work plan.
17			Can Joint ventures be allowed to participate?	Consortium/Joint venture/subcontracting are not allowed/permitted to participate.
18			Request to allow 60-90 days to on-board the Key Resources post award of Contract.	Not acceptable.
19			Please allow Sample / Indicative profiles for the technical personnel to be engaged in the project.	No changes required. Agency is expected to identify the project team from available resources with relevant technical skills set as per the project requirement.
20			Is the Estimated Bid Value Rs. 10 crore with GST or without GST?	Exclusive of GST.
21			Is Agency expected to provide Phase- 1 (L1 & L2) Resources?	Refer para 6.2(k) and 6.4(a) of the RFP. Agency is required to provide assistance for Data Recovery and Backup through NIC CLOUD as and when required. However, Agency is expected to assess and propose the best available option for all technological solutions. It is also clarified that States NIC will support the agency in extraction of land records data for Phase-I & Phase-II. All data both extracted from Land Record as well as collected from field requires to be maintained on cloud server and its related activities are expected to be performed by the Agency.
22			Phase-II Data – Is Agency expected to keep data recovery and backup on real time basis and keep in Secure Fire Storage through Tape. Please Confirm	

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