



**RESPONSES TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS' QUERIES
NON-FORMAL EDUCATION PROJECT**



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Documents. The Bidders are required to undertake their independent assessment and to seek independent professional advice on any or all aspects of the RFP Documents. No decision should be based solely on the basis of the information provided by the RFP Documents and this Response Document.

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IN RESPECT OF
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IN RELATION TO THE TRANSACTION ADVISORY SERVICES FOR
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QUERIES AND RESPONSES			
SR. NO.	COMMENTS	RESPONSES	STATUS
01.	Can the department provide policy & other documents mentioned under section 5.3.1.1. (i)?	The Procuring Agency shall provide such documents to the Consultant after signing of Consultancy Services Agreement.	Disagree
02.	What are the basis of five (05) districts for feasibility?	The NFE wing of the School Education & Literacy Department has proposed the mentioned five (05) districts as per need assessment.	Clarification
03.	We understand that financial feasibility / viability will be conducted for each district. Please confirm	It is confirmed that financial feasibility / viability will be conducted for each of the five districts mentioned in the term of reference.	Clarification
04.	What will be the out of school children age bracket.	The range is mentioned in the project background information of the RFP document. However, the age cohort will be determined and finalized based on feasibility study.	Clarification

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05.	The annual turnover requirement may be considered for reduction.	The requirement will remain the same.	Disagree
06.	The age limit of Technical Team may be increased from 55 to 65 years in line with the Financial and Legal Team respectively.	The age limit of 55 years for technical team will remain the same.	Disagree
07.	Will monitoring & evaluation experience be entitled for scoring against feasibility study of NFE project?	Only feasibility study experience will be entitled for scoring.	Clarification
08.	The requirement of consortium agreement in the Technical Bid be exempted.	No acceptable	Disagree
09.	Will the experience requirement of financial modelling and project structuring undertake for private party entitled for scoring?	The project structuring of a PPP project is performed for public sector agency. Therefore, experience of public sector client shall be acceptable for scoring.	Clarification
10.	Can legal expert experience of 10 years be reduced to 7 years?	A certain weightage is assigned to number of years' relevant experience as per the RFP. Please refer weightage assigned for Key Professional Staff in the RFP for further clarity.	Clarification
11.	Can the bid security be reduced from 3% to 1%	The bid security will remain the same as given in the RFP.	Clarification
12.	How many consortium members be included in a Consortium?	Consortium cannot be of more than five (05) firms/organizations. The bidder must have at least a financial consulting firm, legal consulting firm and technical (education / NFE) consulting firm that will be represented by the Key Professional Staff.	Clarification