

**PMU's Response to the queries/clarifications of potential consultants**

#	Reference	Existing Clause	Queries/Suggestions from consultants	PMU's Responses
1.	Detailed REOI, Sl. no. 14, Pg no-6	Determination of the similarity of the experiences will be based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nature of services</li> <li>• The contracts size</li> <li>• The technical area and expertise</li> <li>• The location</li> </ul>	Please clarify whether any one of these criteria are to be satisfied for determination of similarity or whether all the mentioned four criteria are to be satisfied for determination of the similarity of the experiences?	Determination of the similarity of the experiences will be based on combination of the four criteria.
2.	Detailed REOI, Sl. no. 9, Pg no-6	This Request for Expression of Interest is open to: Consulting firms (single bidders/ joint ventures/ consortiums), or Joint Venture/ consortiums between consulting firms (lead) and NGOs and Academia, with a consulting firm as a lead partner, or NGO(s)/ think tanks	Please clarify on how many maximum partner firms can be part of a single consortium/joint venture?	A JV/Consortium may have maximum of three member firms.
3.	Detailed REOI-Annexure 1(b); Form 2- Compliance to Eligibility Criterion- Sl. 4, Pg no- 7.	Experience in working on preparing detailed project reports on "Forestry Research & Education" preferably in "Silviculture and Genetic"	Please clarify whether on-going assignments are also considered under this eligibility criteria? If not, we request the authority to consider ongoing assignments also for the purpose of compliance to Eligibility Criteria.	Yes, ongoing assignments would be considered.
4.	Terms of Reference- VI: Duration of the assignment; Pg no-6	The duration of the assignment is for 4 months.	Considering the detailed scope of work, we request the authority to increase the time duration to at least 6 months for an effective implementation.	The project duration is for 4 months. For more clarification, kindly refer to ToR clause VI, page 6 and clause VIII-Team Composition, page 7.
5.	Terms of Reference-VIII: Team Composition; Pg no-7	The consultancy firm needs to deploy the following key staffs, whose CVs are to be evaluated during evaluation of the technical proposal	Please clarify whether the firms need to submit the CVs at this Expression of Interest (EoI) stage or not? Since a detailed RFP will be shared later, we request the authority to require the CVs at the RFP stage only.	The consultants need <b>NOT</b> submit the CVs at EoI stage.
6.	Detailed REOI- Sl. 18; Pg no-6	The Expressions of Interest must be submitted in English language not later than 28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022 till 16:00 Hrs by email or hard-copy (soft copy in pen drive)	Since there will be a very less time period available between response to queries and submission deadline, we request that the authority extends the last date for submission of this EoI to at least 10 days after the release of the pre-bid queries so that the responses to the pre-bid queries are duly incorporated while preparing the bid.	The last date for submission of EOI has been extended till <b>10<sup>th</sup> October, 2022</b> till 16:00 Hrs. <b>(Corrigendum in this regard is being issued).</b>

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