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Prebid Queries and Response

Assignment: Procurement of Blended Learning Platform (BLP) for Resilient Agricultural Higher Education (RAES)
IFB No.: 36(14)2021-CPS
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1				How many JV members are allowed apart from the bidder? Can there be two JV members + the bidder? – that means a total of 3 parties in the consortium?	Please refer to the qualification requirements for the bidders – ITB 6.1 (a). Page no. 42
2	Page 42, 43	ITB 6.1 (a)	Annual Financial Turnover requirement:	Qualification requirements for Bidder a. Annual Financial Turnover requirement: (Is this mandatory for both bidder and JV partner or is it either/or?) b. Net worth (Is this mandatory for both bidder and JV partner or is it either/or?)	Please refer to the qualification requirements for the bidders – ITB 6.1 (a). Page no. 42

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Technical capability (Is this mandatory for both bidder and JV partner or is it either/or?) d. Quality certification (Is this mandatory for both bidder and JV partner or is it either/or?) e. Manpower (Is this mandatory for both bidder and JV partner or is it either/or?) 	
3	Page 47,48,49	ITB 28.5	<p>The technical evaluation categories and the features to be evaluated within each category are as follows: Point 2,5,8</p>	<p>Technical evaluation criterion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Point 2– If the project was done for NSDC d(national skills development corporation) without charging them, is it valid? b. Point 5– when is this live demonstration going to take place? Is it before the bid submission is opened or after it? c. Point 8– CMMI 3 requirement is only from bidder or from all JV partners too? 	<p>Point 2 – The project should have a valid work order and completion certificate (certified by the authorised signatory) as stated in the RFP document.</p> <p>Point 5 – The date of live demonstration shall be communicated later. This demonstration shall be done after the bid submission basis the availability of competent authority.</p>

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					Point 8 : The bid document clearly states that requirement can be fulfilled either by the Bidder or the JV member.
4				Which requirements are mandatory, and which are good to have?	Refer Page 179 of the bid document. The requirements listed under Point 2 – Features of RAES-BLP are mandatory.
5	Page 171,177,183,185			Technical Responsiveness checklist: Do we have to cover the following sections point wise? a. General Technical requirements b. Features of RAES-BLP c. Deployment Architecture d. Functional Requirement Specifications	The proposed platform should meet at least all requirements listed under Features of RAES - BLP
6	Page 165		B. BUSINESS FUNCTION AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS 1.1 Business Requirements to	How is a smartboard envisaged to be used in this context?	Smart board integration is not a part of the scope of this project.

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			Be Met by the System		
7	Page166		II. Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)	What are the MOOCS, that the purchaser would want integration with?	The platform should be able to integrate with leading MOOC's which are LTI compliant.
8	Page166		III. Assessment-	Is the download and upload facility for assessments, applicable for all types(multiple choice, descriptive, etc)? if not, for what kind of assessments?	Yes
9	Page166		Adaptive Assessments	Adaptive assessments-what is the criteria for 'tailoring' questions for a learner?	It should be based on students' response.

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10	Page166		Gamified Assessments	Gamified assessments: give an example of how a game-based assessment would take place in the system?	Leader boards on student profiles basis the learning activity on the BLP
11	Page167		Functional Performance Requirements of the System RAES-BLP: Guiding / Design Principles II. Federated Architecture Approach	What parameters are to be taken into account while defining the minimum rules and standards set by the central tenant?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document
12	Page168		II. Federated Architecture Approach Open-source and customizable	Explain the term 'Open Platform' in the pt 'Open Source and customizable'?	Should be developed using majorly open-source technologies.

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13	Page168		Micro Services provisioning:	Micro Services: Please provide a list of micro services that need to be implemented?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.
14	Page169		XI. Platform Reports	Platform Reports: Please provide a list of most relevant platform reports'?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document. Specific reports shall be mutually discussed during the implementation of BLP.
15	Page171	Functional Performance Requirements of the System RAES-BLP: Guiding / Design Principles	XXII. Non-Repudiable	Non-repudiable: Please provide an example of how this concept is envisaged to be used within the system? Or please provide the context of this requirement?	Refer to Section VII page 171 point no XXII of the bid documents.
16	Page175		General Technical Requirements e) Data driven guided and adaptive learning paths	Data driven and adaptive learning paths: what kind of patterns or parameters of user behavior are to be considered while creating personalized learning paths?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document. This should be based on user profile attributes and his/her activity on the platform

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17	Page175		General Technical Requirements F) Well define and flexible user roles	User roles: please provide details of the roles of educator/training provider/content provider?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.
18	Page 177	2.0	General Technical Requirements h) Content Layer:	AR/VR content: Please provide an example of how an AR/VR content will be used in the system?	.mp4 format videos which can be loaded on AR/VR headsets and devices.
19	Page177		2. FEATURES OF RAES-BLP Following are the key functional requirements of RAES-BLP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Organization Hierarchy 	Hierarchy creation: how many levels of hierarchy creation are required?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.
20	Page 177		2. FEATURES OF RAES-BLP	Explain in detail, how the tenant workflow is to be managed centrally?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.

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21	Page178		2. FEATURES OF RAES-BLP iii. Personalized Learning:	Personalized learning: what aspects of the user behavior is to be tracked to recommend courses?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.
22	Page180		vi. Classroom Management: Faculty	Faculty: what kind of past sessions data is to be maintained for the faculty?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.
23	Page 180		vi. Classroom Management: Learner	Learner: What are the parameters of external training and courses that will be required for upload?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.
24	Page 182		xi. Streaming Video Library	Describe the functions of 'Streaming video library' in detail?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.

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25	Page182		xii. Gamified Learning	Describe the redemption system in 'gamified learning'?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document. It shall be decided at the implementation stage
26	Page185		Software Specifications Requirement Specification of RAES BLP Functional Requirement Specification Learning Environment	Learning environment: describe the function of the 'format conversion tool'?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.
27	Page 188		Content Supported	Content Supported: Provide examples of secured 3rd party video platforms?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.

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28	Page189		Curation	Curation: describe curation capabilities? Is the system envisaged to integrate or have inbuilt curation tools?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.
29	Page189		Curation	Curation: Ability to add points to curation in conjunction with gamification- This is unclear	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.
30	Page189		Social and Q&A	Social and Q and A: Explain the context of how RSS will be used?	The RSS shall be used in context of discussion forum on the user profile screen.
31	Page190		Continuing Professional Education CPD (CEU)	Explain the CPD system and all points in it, in detail?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.

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32	Page191		Compliance and Regulatory	Compliance and Regulatory: explain the compliance and regulatory workflow?	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.
33	Page193		Functional Requirement Specification	Support for organizational units to model organizational hierarchies. Explain	Refer to Section VII of the bid document.
34				We would request the department to allow participation of Consortium in the bidding process, in addition to the existing participation as Individual, Join Venture, or Subcontractor and subsequently allow for acceptance of the consortium agreement	No Change
35	Page 42	ITB 6.1 (a)/ Legal Entity		We would request below amendment "The Bidder/ or any JV/ or any Consortium members must be Company registered under Companies Act, 1956/2013 Or a partnership firm registered under LLP Act, 2008 Or a partnership firm registered	

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				<p>under Partnership Act, 1932."</p> <p>Certificates of Incorporation/ Registration/Consortium Agreement as applicable</p>	
36	Page 42	ITB 6.1 (a)/ Annual Financial Turnover		<p>We would request below amendment "The Bidder/ or any JV/ or any consortium members should have cumulative average annual turnover of 30 Cr. from in any three financial years out of last five years (i.e., 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-21)"</p> <p>Financial Capability certificate duly signed by Chartered accountant. (If a firm is the wholly owned subsidiary of foreign company recently registered in India under Companies Act1956/2013 it may be considered as meeting the criteria provided the parent company (Principals) meets the specified criteria in full duly certified by CA and agrees to furnish (either jointly in consortium with Bidder or separately) [a] a legally enforceable</p>	No Change

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				undertaking to guarantee quality timely supply performance, and warranty obligations, and [b] performance security.	
37	Page 43	ITB 6.1 (a)/ Net Worth		We would request below amendment " The Bidder/or any JV/ or any consortium members should have positive net-worth at the time of bidding."	No Change
38	Page 43	ITB 6.1 (a)/ Technical Capability		We would request below amendment " Bidder/any of the JV/ or any of the Consortium members must have successfully completed/ or in execution of at least two (2) contracts involving the development, or web-based application/portal " Work Order /Contact Copy or Completion certificates from the client	No Change

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39	Page 47	ITB 28.5		<p>We would request below amendment " The Bidder/ or any of the JV/ or any of the Consortium member (should have relevant experience of design, development, and Implementation of Online Learning Management System/Online Video Classroom solution/Online assessment with auto proctor solution / web-application/web - portal</p> <p>a. Experience of executing 1 Project – 5 Marks b. Experience of executing 2 Projects – 10 Marks c. Experience of executing 3 Projects – 15 Marks "</p> <p>Work Order/ Purchase order/Lol/LoA Or Completion certificates/mail from the client. Or Work order + Self certificate of completion (Certified by the Authorised Signatory/Chartered Accountant); Or Work order + Phase completion certificate/mail from the client</p>	

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40	Page 47	ITB 28.5		<p>We would request below amendment "</p> <p>The Bidder/ or any of the JV/ or any of the Consortium member (should have experience of developing at least one LMS portal/ eGovernance Portal/Community Portal/ web-application/web-portal for any state govt/central govt/ PSU /BFSI</p> <p>a. Experience of executing 1 Project – 5 Marks</p> <p>b. Experience of executing 2 Projects – 10 Marks</p> <p>c. Experience of executing 3 Projects – 15 Marks</p> <p>Work Order/ Purchase order/Lol/LoA Or Completion certificates/mail from the client.</p> <p>Or Work order + Self certificate of completion (Certified by the Authorised Signatory/Chartered Accountant);</p> <p>Or Work order + Phase completion certificate/mail from the client</p>	<p>No Change. The requirement can be fulfilled by any of the JV members as already stated in the bid document</p>

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41	Page 49	ITB 28.5		<p>We would request below amendment "</p> <p>+The Bidder/ or any of the JV/ or any of the Consortium member (should have average turnover from Information System Integration/ ICT/IT /ITES Systems Development and Implementation Work in last 3 financial years (i.e. 2017-2018, 2018-2019 & 2019-2020): (Turnover in INR).</p> <p>a) Average Turnover \geq 100 crore: 15 marks b) $100 \leq$ Average Turnover < 50 crore: 10 marks c) $50 \leq$ Average Turnover \leq40 crore: 5 marks "</p>	No Change. The requirement can be fulfilled by any of the JV members as already stated in the bid document.
42	Page 49	ITB 28.5		<p>We would request below amendment "</p> <p>The Bidder/ or any of the JV/ or any of the Consortium member should have ISO 9001, or ISO 27001, or ISO 20001 or CMMI Level 3.</p> <p>a) ISO 9001, ISO 27001, ISO 20001 or "CMMI Level 3 or above" - 05 Marks b) ISO 9001, ISO 27001 or "CMMI Level 3 or above" -</p>	No Change. The requirement can be fulfilled by any of the JV members as already stated in the bid document.

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				03 Marks c) ISO 9001 or "CMMI Level 3 or above" - 02 Marks.	