

Minutes of Pre-Bid meeting held on 08/04/2026					
NIT No. - OMC/E-PROC/C&P/044/2025-26 dated 30.03.2026					
Name of Tender - Empanelment of Agencies for implementation & assessment of multi-sector CSR and convergence projects across different locations within Odisha.					
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1	4	Table 1/ Point No. 6	Bid Due Date : Date: 29.04.2026	We request you to extend the Bid due date till 20.05.2026	Please refer revised Tender document
2	16	7.3.1	The Bidder can be either i) a Company (Private or Public) under Section 8 of companies act, or ii)a Society, or iii)a Public Trust	EY LLP is a Limited Liability Partnership registered under the LLP Act, 2008. Clause 7.3.1 limits eligibility to Section 8 companies, societies, or public trusts. Kindly clarify whether LLPs are eligible, noting that LLPs are recognised as Service Providers in Annexure 2A.	Tender condition shall prevail
3	16	7.3.1	Copies of i. Company (Private or Public) •Certificate of Incorporation •Memorandum of Association •Articles of Association •proof of Registration in DARPAN with NITI Aayog	Please confirm whether DARPAN registration with NITI Aayog is mandatory for LLPs, as DARPAN is generally applicable to NGOs / Trusts / Societies.	Tender condition shall prevail
4	16	7.3.4	The Bidder should be registered under CSR-1 with Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Govt. of India.	Kindly clarify whether CSR-1 registration is mandatory at bid submission stage or whether an undertaking to obtain CSR-1 prior to empanelment/award will be acceptable.	Tender condition shall prevail
5	Pg 14-15	7.1.1 & 7.1.2	Year of Experience & Project Execution Experience	EY LLP has extensive experience in CSR advisory, programme management, monitoring and impact assessment. Please clarify whether advisory, PMU, M&E and impact assessment roles qualify as "successful execution of projects".	Tender condition shall prevail.  If the Agency is Implementing the projects along with CSR advisory , M&E, PMU shall be Considered. Purely advisory assignments without involvement any implementation, execution oversight, or outcome delivery shall not be considered as "successful execution of projects". Documentary evidence to the satisfaction of OMC must be submitted
6	Pg 15	7.1.3	The Bidder must have a minimum strength of 25 professionals in its payroll.	EY LLP follows a partner-led professional services model with payroll and long-term contractual staff. Kindly confirm whether contractual professionals deployed full-time may be considered for the minimum payroll requirement.	Tender condition shall prevail
7	Pg 15	7.1.4	The Bidder must have at least 10 professionals in its payroll with minimum qualification of MBA or Postgraduate in Rural Management/ Rural Development/ Development Studies/ Social work and 05 or more years of experience	Please confirm whether equivalent qualifications such as Public Policy, Development Economics, Social Sciences, Environmental Studies, etc. will be accepted as equivalents to Rural Management / Development Studies.	Tender condition shall prevail

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8	Pg 15	7.2	<p><b>Financial Criteria</b></p> <p>Average financial turnover of the Bidder in last 3 (three) financial years should be at least INR 03 (Three) Crore.</p> <p>Note: Applicable 3 (three) years are FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25</p>	Kindly confirm whether professional services revenue, including advisory and programme management services of the LLP, will be considered for meeting the turnover criteria.	Tender condition shall prevail
9	Pg 17	Note (d)	Bidding in the form of consortium and Joint Venture are NOT allowed	Please clarify whether internal network entities functioning under the same LLP, PAN and GSTIN will be treated as a single bidder and not as a consortium.	Tender condition shall prevail
10	Pg 12	6.1	Group-wise empanelment	Please clarify whether bidders can be empanelled exclusively for impact assessment assignments without participating in implementation projects.	Please refer revised Tender document
11	Pg 12	6.2	<p>Impact assessment exclusion</p> <p>"in case of impact assessment assignments, the Agency who was involved during execution will be excluded from the bidding process"</p>	Kindly confirm whether agencies empanelled only for impact assessment will be exempt from the restriction related to prior implementation involvement.	Tender condition shall prevail
12	Pg 12-13	6.3	<p>Use of empanelment by other departments</p> <p>"6.3 In case of any requirement other than OMC, this empanelment may be used by Govt. of Odisha/ any other Ministry/ Department/ PSU/ autonomous body/ Institute under Government of Odisha for implementation &amp; assessment of multi-sector CSR initiatives and convergence projects across different locations within Odisha at their discretion. In such case for successful execution of the event, the concerned Ministry/ Department/ PSU/ autonomous body/ Institute shall directly coordinate and onboard the agencies after following their due applicable procedure."</p>	Please clarify whether contracts by other Government of Odisha entities will be governed by OMC terms or negotiated independently.	Tender condition shall prevail
13	Pg 46-47	Annexure 2 – SCC 3.1	Scope of work	EY LLP specialises in programme design, technical assistance and evaluation. Kindly confirm whether end-to-end physical implementation is mandatory or whether advisory and knowledge-based roles are acceptable.	Tender condition shall prevail
14	Pg 12	Note under 6.1	The maximum limit of one single order for each group against this empanelment shall not exceed INR 3.00 Crore (Rupees Three Crores only) excluding GST.	Please clarify whether the INR 3 Cr cap applies separately for implementation and impact assessment assignments or cumulatively.	Tender condition shall prevail The maximum cap of INR 3.00 Crore applies to each work order separately, irrespective of whether the assignment pertains to implementation or impact assessment.

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15	Pg 12	6.2	Limited tender enquiry shall be sent to the group of empaneled agencies based on the category of the initiative as per Clause 6.1	Please confirm whether limited tenders will be evaluated only on L1 basis or whether quality parameters may be considered for specialised assignments like impact assessment.	Please refer Chapter 10 of the Tender document - Instructions to Empaneled Vendors for Participation in Limited Tenders
16	Pg 23-26	8.19.6	Approach and methodology - Presentation to be submitted by bidder	Please clarify whether the Approach & Methodology presentation will be required only at empanelment stage or separately for each limited tender.	Approach and methodology in Chapter 8 is for Empanelment. For finalization process in limited tender, please refer Chapter 10.
17	12	6.1.	<b>Group &amp; Categories (Table)</b> <b>Group-1</b> - Health, Education, Livelihoods, Women & Tribal Development, Social & Economic Development including all the activities under Sl. Nos. i, ii & iii of Schedule VII U/s 135, Companies Act 2013. (as an example, applicable for all 3 groups)	There might be a chance, where an Organisation has fulfilled (experience) most of the sectors/CSR initiatives mentioned under the group, but not having experience in 1 or 2. In that case, who or how the execution of that particular sector/CSR initiative will be ensured?  What modalities/ mechanism has been thought through?	The Limited Tender shall be floated to the group of vendors who are empanelled in that particular category.
18	19	8.6.2.	The Bidders, who are exempted to deposit Tender Paper Fee due to any exemption granted by the Government of Odisha, are required to attach scanned copy of relevant documents evidencing such exemption granted, along with the Techno-Commercial Bid document while submitting online. For clarity, it is being clarified that Bidders registered in Micro & Small Enterprises (MSE) category in the state of Odisha for similar category of Services, are exempted from payment of Tender Paper Fee	IGS is a national level organisation, and it has registration under MSME Udyam (under social category of entrepreneur), Government of India. The registration address is at Kolkata, not in Odisha (application across the country).  Whether IGS is eligible for the exemption to deposit Tender Paper Fee or not?	Bidders registered in Micro & Small Enterprises (MSE) category in the state of Odisha for similar category of Services, are exempted from payment of Tender Paper Fee
19	48	4.1/ 4.1.5	Annexure-2: Special Conditions of Contract Manpower deployment: Service Provider shall give preference to local manpower subject to meeting the required skill set suitability.	Is the list of positions and kind of manpower to be deployed, to be shared during Techno-Commercial Bid stage or after the empanelment?	No, not required at Tendering stage. However, the details may be required during the project stage
20	25	8.19.6 The Technical Scoring criteria is specified below: (1D)	No of professionals in Bidder's payroll a) 25 – 50 b) 51 – 100 c) > 100	We maintain an internal classification of professionals, including payroll staff, contractual staff, and consultants. However, contractual professionals are engaged on a full-time basis and are entitled to benefits such as EPF, similar to payroll employees. In this context, we propose that both payroll and contractual staff be considered under this clause.	Tender condition shall prevail
21	26	8.19.6 The Technical Scoring criteria is specified below: (1E)	No of professionals in Bidder's payroll with minimum qualification of MBA or Postgraduate in Rural Management/ Rural Development/ Development Studies/ Social work and 5 years or more experience a) 10 – 15 b) 16 – 25 c) > 25	We maintain an internal classification of professionals, including payroll staff, contractual staff, and consultants. However, contractual professionals are engaged on a full-time basis and are entitled to benefits such as EPF, similar to payroll employees. In this context, we propose that both payroll and contractual staff be considered under this clause.	Tender condition shall prevail

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22	62	Annexure-3	Power of Attorney	We already have a Power of Attorney executed on stamp paper and duly authorized by our Board Chair. In this context, could you please clarify whether an additional Power of Attorney, in the prescribed format, is required?	Power of Attorney must be submitted strictly in the prescribed format provided in Annexure-3.
23				CYSD (Centre for Youth and Social Development) is a development organization with over four decades of experience, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Government of India). We are also registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for CSR activities and hold valid 12A and 80G certifications. <b>In this context, we would like to know whether CYSD is exempted from GST or not.</b>	Applicability or exemption of GST shall be governed by prevailing GST laws and notifications. OMC shall not determine GST exemption status, and bidders are advised to comply accordingly.
24	76	Annexure 10 Covering Letter		If an organization applies for three groups and possesses an experience certificate that is relevant to all three groups, can the same certificate be submitted for each group?	Yes
25	16	7.3.4	The Bidder should be registered under CSR-1 with Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Govt. of India.	Why is the below mentioned required for assessment organizations?  This certificate is for those who receive funds. Hopefully, the necessary action is taken, and this is not a prerequisite for organizations involved in research/ assessment to participate in the said empanelment.	Tender condition shall prevail
26	16	7.3.1	The Bidder can be either i) a Company (Private or Public) under Section 8 of companies act, or ii) a Society, or iii) a Public Trust	We are a private Ltd company, can we apply for this Bid, as the criteria 7	Please refer Clause No. 7.3.1 of Eligibility Criteria - a Company (Private or Public) registered under Section 8 of companies act.
27	16	7.3.4	The Bidder should be registered under CSR-1 with Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Govt. of India.	Owing to the legal structure of PwC Services LLP, we do not hold CSR 1 registration, despite having the requisite technical capability, domain expertise, and experience to deliver the scope of work and comply with all other eligibility and submission requirements.  In light of the above, we respectfully request your consideration for relaxing or revisiting this eligibility criterion to enable participation from professional services firms and entities other than CSR 1 registered NGOs.	Tender condition shall prevail
28	16	7.3.4	The Bidder should be registered under CSR-1 with Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Govt. of India.	Request you to allow Pvt. Ltd/LLP companies meeting the eligibility criteria	Tender condition shall prevail

  
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