


PRE BID CLARIFICATION FOR RFP FOR SELECTION OF AGENCY FOR SETTING UP PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT (PMU) AT ODISHA WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD (OWSSB)

S.No	Clause No	Reference clause	Query / Request	Clarifications
1	Section 2: ITB; Cl 3.2; pg 13	In the event that the first ranked Bidder commences the assignment, the second ranked Bidder, whose proposal has been kept in reserve, shall be returned forthwith, but in no case not later than 180).	It is requested that the EMD of all unsuccessful bidders should be returned within 30 days of declaration of result / issuance of LOA. Whereas the bid validity of the 2nd bidder should be asked to maintain validity till first rank bidder commences work. As the second rank bidder will incur direct / indirect financial loses, loss of opportunities due to reasons not attributable to them.	RFP conditions prevail.
2	Section 2: ITB; Cl 6.2; pg 14	The ceiling limit for total value for the 19 professionals for 24 months excluding GST shall be Rs 6.42Cr. Bidders offering price more than above ceiling limit shall be rejected	While the method of Selection is defined as QCBS (70:30); indicating that the intent is to hire quality resources; the referred clause is very restrictive and demotivating to the provide highly technical resources, which attracts premium. Therefore, it is humbly requested to kindly DELETE this clause and to let the bidder quote their judicial financials.	RFP conditions prevail.
3	Section 2: ITB; Cl 8.2 (Technical Capability); S.No 2; pg 16	The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC).	We understand that the desired experience as 'Project Management Unit' is inherently equitable with 'Project Management Consultancy'. Kindly confirm.	RFP conditions prevail.
4	Section 2: ITB; Cl 8.2 (Technical Capability); S.No 2; pg 16	the Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC)for at least 2 years for a government department /agency in India during last 10 (Ten) years in Urban sector such as Housing, Water Supply, Sewerage etc. with	We understand that the referred criteria intended to seek bidders experience as PMU/PMC/PGMC. It is therefore requested to kindly amend the clause as: "The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC)for at least 2 years for a government department /agency in India during last 10 (Ten) years in Urban	Please refer corrigendum-II.

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		a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore or more for each such assignment,	Infrastructure sector such as Housing, Water Supply, Sewerage etc. with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore or more for each such assignment,"	
5	Section 2: ITB; Cl 8.2 (Technical Capability); S.No 2 and 3; pg 16	S.No2 "The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC)for at least 2 years for a government department /agency in India during last 10 (Ten) years in Urban sector such as Housing, Water Supply, Sewerage etc. with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore or more for each such assignment," AND S.No3 "The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) / Project Management Consultant (PMC)/any other consultancy projects specifically for Sewerage/ Used Water Management/ Water supply projects under a State /Central Government body /autonomous body or other government entity in India with a minimum consultancy fee of ₹2 Crore for each such assignment:"	As both the requirements are very similar in nature. While considering the CV requirement, it seems that due weightage is given to Design aspect of resources; it is therefore suggested to include bidder's experience in Water / Wastewater / Sewerage design experience as well, basis on the project cost of more than 500Cr or more. Because fee received in DPR projects are much lesser in comparison to PMC / PMU cost, yet the experience is relevant to the project.	RFP conditions prevail.

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6	Section 2: ITB; CI 8.2 (Technical Capability); S.No 3 pg 16	S.No3 "The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) / Project Management Consultant (PMC)/any other consultancy projects specifically for Sewerage/ Used Water Management/ Water supply projects under a State /Central Government body /autonomous body or other government entity in India with a minimum consultancy fee of ₹2 Crore for each such assignment:"	Considering that same set of technical skill and scale is required while executing PMU / PMC / PGMC for Water / Sewerage projects; it is requested to kindly consider experience in similar sector under Urban and / or Rural regions. This will also enhance participation level.	Please refer corrigendum-II.
7	Section 2: ITB; CI 8.2.1; Note (ii) on pg 17 Evaluation of P	Evaluation of Personnel (CVs) If same CV is submitted by two or more firms in an assignment, zero marks shall be given for such CV. Key personnel has to certify in their CV that he has not consented to any consultant other than the applicant to propose their CV in any other position for this assignment. In case, the Key personnel is found having given consent to more than the one bidder, he shall be debarred for Authority's works for two years	It is sincerely requested that it would be very harsh on the bidder specially in a QCBS criteria to be awarded 'zero' marks for duplicity of CVs in between 02 or more bidders for No fault of bidder rather individual. It is therefore suggested to kindly award equal marks for the duplicity of CV; whereas in case either of the bidder gets awarded, the bidder will submit alternate CV having equivalent or better profile than the submitted CV.	RFP conditions prevail. However, CV of the personnel shall be considered only if it contains the consent of the employee. The agency have to make sure that the personnel has not consented elsewhere.
8	Section 2: ITB; CI 22 (a); pg 23	It may be noted that the Team Leader proposed for the Project shall be available for the entire duration of the Project. Except as	It is requested to kindly relax this penalty to 1 month of respective expert remuneration. We also understand that, if the bidder has to replace the expert beyond the permissible	RFP conditions prevail.

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		the Client may otherwise agree, no changes shall be made in the Key Personnel after deployment. If, for any reason beyond the reasonable control of the Consultants, it becomes necessary to replace more than 1 Key Experts in the 1st six months, a penalty of 10% of the professional fee quoted for that Key Expert shall be imposed by the Client.	limit and boundaries set by labor laws and or due to certain specific conditions of individual experts, we believe that the client shall not impose penalty in that case.	
9	General		We request clarification regarding the provisions for extended deployment and price escalation under the subject tender. In the event that the deployment period of personnel extends beyond the stipulated contract duration, kindly clarify the mechanism for reimbursement, including whether such extended services will be compensated on a pro-rata basis as per the agreed contract rates or through a separate approval process. Further, we seek confirmation on whether any price escalation will be applicable after completion of two (2) years of the contract period. If so, the applicable methodology, index, or formula for determining such escalation may please be specified to enable us to prepare our bid accordingly.	RFP conditions prevail.
10	General		We request clarification on whether daily site supervision forms part of the Consultant's scope of services under this tender. Alternatively, kindly confirm if such	Daily site supervision forms part of the Consultant's scope of services under this tender.

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			supervision will be undertaken by a separately appointed PMC/TPI agency, and the Consultant's role would be limited to coordination and reporting with such agency. This clarification will help in appropriately defining the level of effort and staffing for the assignment.	If for supervision services, more site engineers are required, then those site engineers (Engineering associates) shall be engaged under this contract only.
11	Submission Date	04.05.2026 (16:00 Hrs IST)	We respectfully submit that the Proposal Due Date is currently scheduled for 04th May 2026. As certain clarifications and relaxations regarding the Project are being sought, we kindly request the Authority to consider extending the Proposal Due Date by at least two (2) weeks from the date of issuance of the pre-bid responses. Such an extension would provide bidders with adequate time to incorporate the clarifications, prepare comprehensive and competitive proposals, and ensure broader and more effective participation in the bidding process.	As per corrigendum issued
12	Clause No.1, Point No.3, Page No.11	The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) in any government department/ agency in India for a period of at least 2 years in Urban Sector in the last 10 years from the proposal due date with a minimum consultancy fee	We respectfully request you to consider PMU/PMC/PGMC experience across any sector for the purpose of meeting the minimum eligibility criteria and to remove the specific requirement of 'Urban Sector'. Allowing experience from any sector will enhance bidder participation, leading to more competitive bids and improved quality of services. Requested Amendment: The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management	Please refer corrigendum-II.

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		received of ₹2 Crore per annum or more for each such assignment.	Consulting (PGMC) in any government department/ agency in India for a period of at least 2 years in the last 10 years from the proposal due date with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore per annum or more for each such assignment.	
13	Clause No.8.2, Point No.2, Page No.16		We respectfully request you to consider PMU/PMC/PGMC experience across any sector and to remove the specific requirement of 'Urban Sector'. Requested Amendment: The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC)for at least 2 years for a government department /agency in India during last 10 (Ten) years with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore or more for each such assignment, • For successfully managing 2 such Projects – 5 Marks • For successfully managing each additional Project- 2.5 marks.	Please refer corrigendum-II.
14	Sub criteria for qualification of key Personnel, Point No.4, Page No.18		We respectfully request the Authority to remove the marking criteria for "Employment with Firm" from the evaluation framework. Further, we request that the allocated 10 marks be reassigned to "Preferential Qualifications (PMU/PMC Experience)" or other relevant experience-based criteria. Requested Amendment: S No. Sub-Criteria Percentage of Total Marks 1 General Qualifications 30	Please refer corrigendum-II.

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			<p>2 Adequacy for the project 60</p> <p>3 Preferential Qualifications (PMU/PMC Experience) 20</p> <p>4 Total 100</p>	
15	Clause No.12, Page No.6	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)- Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only) to be remitted online.	We respectfully request you to kindly permit submission of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the form of a Bank Guarantee or Surety Bond, in addition to the prescribed modes, to facilitate ease of participation and align with prevailing procurement practices.	RFP conditions prevail.
16	Clause 8.2 – Technical Evaluation (Turnover Criteria)	The bidder should have minimum average annual turnover of ₹50 Cr in last 3 years. Marking: 50–75 Cr (5 Marks), 75–100 Cr (10 Marks), >100 Cr (15 Marks)	It is requested to kindly consider average annual turnover of ₹10 Cr for eligibility in line with consultancy industry standards. Further, it is requested to revise marking criteria as: ₹5–7 Cr: 5 Marks, ₹7–10 Cr: 10 Marks, ₹10–13 Cr: 15 Marks.	RFP conditions prevail.
17	Clause 1 (Sl. No. 2) – Eligibility Criteria	Bidder should be in business of PMC services for at least 10 years	It is requested to kindly consider minimum 7 years of experience in Project Management Consultancy services instead of 10 years, considering the availability of competent firms with substantial project exposure	RFP conditions prevail.
18	Clause 1 (Sl. No. 3) – PMU/PGMC Experience	Experience of at least 2 PMU/PGMC projects with ₹2 Cr per annum consultancy fee.	It is requested to kindly clarify whether PMC / TPQA&QC and SQC experience in Sewerage and STP and Water Supply projects shall be considered equivalent to PMU/PGMC experience, as these involve similar scope such as monitoring, supervision, quality control, and reporting and also kindly consider projects with a minimum consultancy fee of ₹2 Crore for the entire project duration, instead of ₹2 Crore per annum.	Please refer corrigendum-II.



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19	Clause 8.2 – Technical Evaluation (PMU Projects)	The Bidder should have experience of working as PMU/ PGMC for at least 2 years for a Government Department/ Agency in Urban Sector with minimum consultancy fee of ₹2 Crore per assignment. Marks: 5 Marks for 2 Projects and 2.5 Marks for each additional project.	It is requested to kindly clarify whether PMC / TPQA&QC and SQC experience in Sewerage and STP and Water Supply projects shall be considered equivalent to PMU/PGMC experience, as these assignments involve similar scope including project monitoring, supervision, quality control, reporting, and coordination functions. Further, it is requested to kindly revise the marking criteria as 10 Marks for successfully managing 2 such projects and 2.5 Marks for each additional project.	Please refer corrigendum-II.
20	Clause 8.2 – Technical Evaluation (Project Marks)	The Bidder should have experience of working as PMU/PGMC/PMC or other consultancy projects in Sewerage / Used Water Management / Water Supply projects with minimum consultancy fee of ₹2 Crore. Marks: 2.5 Marks per project (maximum 7.5 Marks) and additional 2.5 Marks for at least one project with consultancy fee ≥ ₹10 Crore.	It is requested to kindly consider revising the marking criteria as 3 Marks for each such project (maximum up to 8 Marks). Further, it is requested to kindly modify the additional criteria to 2 Marks for at least one PMU/PMC/PDMC/PGMC assignment with consultancy fee ≥ ₹6 Crore.	Please refer corrigendum-II.
21	Clause 1 (Sl. No. 3) – PMU Experience Requirement	At least 2 PMU/PGMC projects in Urban Sector	It is requested to kindly clarify whether PMC / TPQA&QC and SQC experience in Sewerage / STP / Water Supply projects shall be considered equivalent to PMU/PGMC experience.	Please refer corrigendum-II.
22	Evaluation Criteria, Sl No 2, Pg No 16	The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC)	We request to consider that the Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC)/ Project Development	Please refer corrigendum-II.

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		for at least 2 years for a government department /agency in India during last 10 (Ten) years in Urban sector such as Housing, Water Supply, Sewerage etc. with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore or more for each such assignment.	and Management Consultant (PDMC) for at least 2 years for a government department /agency in India during last 10 (Ten) years in Urban sector such as Housing, Water Supply, Sewerage etc. with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore or more for each such assignment.	
23	TECH-5(A) & 5(B), pg no 48 & 49	Note: Bidders are requested to furnish the list of assignments of similar nature undertaken during the last 7 Years (preceding the Proposal Due Date) as per the above prescribed format only. Information not conforming to the above format will be treated as non-responsive. Copies of the Work order/Contract Document and Completion Certificate from the previous Authority's need to be furnished along with the above information.	We requested to clarify whether list of assignments of similar nature undertaken during the last 7 Years or 10 years, please amend accordingly.	List of assignments of similar nature undertaken shall be considered during the last 10 years in this tender.
24		The age limit of the proposed team shall be below 55 years at the time of deployment.	Minimum works experience desires as per RFP condition for the key -personnel under evaluation are (15-20) years, so we requested to consider proposed team shall be below 65 years at the time of deployment.	The age of the Key Personnel should not be more than 55 years. Age limit for the Senior Wastewater expert and Structural Engineer is 65 years
25	Page no. 35-39	S.No. / Name of position / Minimum Educational qualifications 1. Team leader cum Project Management Expert.	S.No / Name of position / Minimum Educational qualifications 1. Team leader cum Project Management Expert. B.Tech (Civil) with 20 years' experience or M.	Please refer corrigendum-II.

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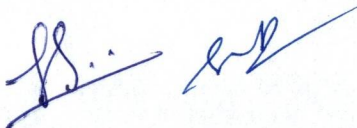
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		<p>B.Tech (Civil) and M. Tech. in Environmental Engineering from reputed institute for a minimum 20 years of experience.</p> <p>2. Dy. Team Leader B.Tech (Civil) and M. Tech. in Environmental Engineering from reputed institute for a minimum 15 years of experience.</p> <p>3. Senior Wastewater Expert B. Tech (Civil) and M. Tech. in Environmental Engineering from reputed institute for a minimum 15 years of experience.</p> <p>4. Structural Engineer BE/B.Tech(civil) with ME / M.Tech in Structural Engineering for a minimum 10 years of experience.</p> <p>5. Procurement Expert: Engineering Tenders B.E/ B.Tech in Civil Engineering And MBA / PGDBM for a minimum 07 years of experience.</p>	<p>Tech.in any Engineering with 15 years' experience from reputed institute.</p> <p>2. Dy. Team Leader B.Tech (Civil) with 15 years' experience or M. Tech.in any Engineering with 10 years' experience from reputed institute.</p> <p>3. Senior Wastewater Expert B.Tech (Civil) with 15 years' experience or M. Tech.in Environmental Engineering with 10 years' experience from reputed institute.</p> <p>4. Structural Engineer BE/B.Tech(civil) with 10 years' experience or M.E/M.Tech in Structural Engineering with 8 years of experience.</p> <p>5. Procurement Expert: Engineering Tenders B.E/ B.Tech in Civil Engineering And MBA / PGDBM/ Project management/ construction management.</p> <p>6. GIS Expert (02 nos.) Bachelor Degree/ Master Degree in Urban planning GIS and Remote sensing / urban planning from any reputed institute / University.</p>	
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		<p>6. GIS Expert (02 nos.) Master Degree in GIS and Remote sensing / urban planning from any reputed institute / University for a minimum 05 years of experience.</p> <p>7. Engineering Associate (Project) B.E / B.Tech in Civil Engineering and M-Tech (Env. Engg.) for a minimum 05 years of experience.</p> <p>8. Engineering Associate – (Used-Water) B.E / B.Tech in Civil Engineering and M-Tech (Env.) for a minimum 05 years of experience.</p> <p>9. Capacity Building and knowledge management Expert (FSSM) Master’s degree in public health/social work/development studies/urban governance/management or related field University for a minimum 05 years of experience.</p>	<p>7. Engineering Associate (Project) B.E / B.Tech in Civil Engineering with 05 year experience and M Tech with 03 year experience (Env. Engg.).</p> <p>8. Engineering Associate – (Used-Water) B.E / B.Tech in Civil Engineering with 05year experience and M Tech with 03year experience (Env.).</p> <p>9. Capacity Building and knowledge management Expert (FSSM) Bachelor Degree in public health/social work/development studies/ urban governance/management or related field University for a minimum 05 years of experience.</p> <p>10. Community Engagement & IEC Expert (FSSM) Bachelor Degree in communications/ social sciences/ public health/ Development communication/ Sociology University for a minimum 05 years of experience.</p> <p>11. Data Management Expert (FSSM) Bachelor’s degree with 05 years of experience/ Master’s degree with 03 year experience in Data science/ IT/Statistics/ Urban Informatics</p>	
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		<p>10. Community Engagement & IEC Expert (FSSM) Master's degree in communications/ social sciences/ public health/ Development communication/ Sociology University for a minimum 05 years of experience.</p> <p>11. Data Management Expert (FSSM) Bachelor's degree/ Master's degree in Data science/ IT/ Statistics/ Urban Informatics University for a minimum 05 years of experience.</p>		
26	As Per Pre-Qualification Criteria page no. 11 S.N. 3,4	The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) in any government department/ agency in India for a period of at least 2 years in Urban Sector in the last 10 years from the proposal due date with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore per annum or more for each such assignment.	The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC)/Authority Engineer/ Independent Engineer/ Project Management Consultant (PMC)/ Construction Supervision in any government department/ agency in India for a period of at least 2 years in Urban/Rural Sector in the last 10 years from the proposal due date with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore per annum or more for each such assignment.	Please refer corrigendum-II.

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27	As Per Pre-Qualification Criteria page no. 11 S.N. 3,4	The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) / Project Management Consultant (PMC) projects/ any other consultancy project in any government department / PSU/ULB in India, in Urban Sector specifically in Sewerage/ Used Water Management / water supply in the last 10 years from the proposal due date.	The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) / Project Management Consultant (PMC) projects/ Authority Engineer/ Independent Engineer/ Construction Supervision any other consultancy project in any government department / PSU/ULB in India/International, in Urban/Rural Sector specifically in Sewerage/ Used Water Management / water supply in the last 10 years from the proposal due date.	Please refer corrigendum-II.
28	Page – 13, Clause no. - 3. Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security – point no. – 3.1	The Bidder shall furnish as part of its Proposal, a bid security of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only) through online mode of transaction as prescribed in the RFP failing which the bid will be rejected (the "Bid Security"), returnable not later than 180 days from Proposal Due Date.	As per prevailing Government of India procurement guidelines, MSME firms are generally eligible for exemption from payment of EMD. In this regard, we request that MSME-registered bidders be exempted from submission of EMD, subject to submission of valid MSME / Udyam Registration Certificate. This provision will encourage participation from MSMEs and promote ease of doing business. We request your kind consideration.	RFP conditions prevail.
29	Page – 6, Clause - Data Sheet – Point no - 6 (Pre-bid meeting)	The pre-bid meeting shall be held on 18/04/2026 at 04:00 PM at Conference Room, OWSSB Office or through online.	With reference to the pre-bid meeting scheduled on 18.04.2026 at 16:00 Hrs. at Conference Room, OWSSB Office or through online, we kindly request that the meeting may be postponed by at least one week around 25.04.2026. This will allow sufficient time for bidders to thoroughly review the	RFP conditions prevail.



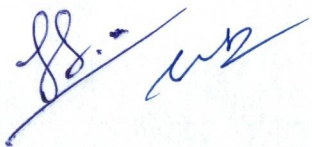
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			tender document and prepare meaningful queries for discussion. We request your kind consideration for rescheduling the meeting.	
30	Page – 12, Clause no. - 1. Pre Qualification Criteria – point no 5	The average financial turnover must be at least INR 50 Crores from consulting / advisory business only during the last 3 financial years (ending 31st March 2025).	With reference to the eligibility condition requiring a minimum average annual turnover of INR 50 Cr for the last three financial years, we respectfully submit that this criterion appears quite high and may restrict participation from otherwise competent and experienced firms. We kindly request that the minimum turnover requirement be reduced to INR 20–30 Cr, which would ensure wider participation while still maintaining adequate financial capability of bidders. We request your kind consideration.	RFP conditions prevail.
31	Page – 12, Clause no. - 1. Pre Qualification Criteria – point no 2	The bidder should have been in business of Project Management Consultancy Services for at least 10 years till the proposal due date.	We would like to submit that having been in business for the last 3 years is sufficient to demonstrate the required capability and experience for bidding, especially for firms with relevant project exposure and technical expertise. This relaxation will encourage wider participation from competent and emerging firms while maintaining the quality of services. We request your kind consideration.	RFP conditions prevail.
32	Page – 12, Clause no. - 1. Pre Qualification Criteria – point no 3	The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) in any government department/	With reference to the experience criteria for PMU/PMC/PGMC assignments, we kindly request the following considerations: • Ongoing projects with a minimum consultancy fee of ₹2 Crore per annum or	Please refer corrigendum-II.

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		agency in India for a period of at least 2 years in Urban Sector in the last 10 years from the proposal due date with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore per annum or more for each such assignment.	<p>more may also be considered, subject to certification from the client.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects where the original contract period has been successfully achieved may be considered, even if extensions were granted due to administrative reasons. • Substantially completed projects (e.g., 70–80% completion) may also be considered for eligibility. These relaxations will enable participation from capable agencies with relevant and active experience, thereby enhancing competition. We request your kind consideration. 	
33	Page – 12, Clause no. - 1. Pre Qualification Criteria – Note	Note: For the purpose of submission of proposals for this tender and for past experience to meet the eligibility criterion, JV (joint venture) is not allowed.	With reference to the clause stating that Joint Ventures/Consortium are not allowed, we kindly request that participation through JV/Consortium may be permitted. Allowing JV/Consortium will enable firms to combine complementary expertise, strengthen technical capability, and ensure better project delivery. It will also encourage wider and more competitive participation from qualified agencies. We request your kind consideration to allow bidders to participate either as a Single Entity or JV/Consortium (with defined roles and responsibilities of members).	RFP conditions prevail.
34	Page – 12, Clause no. - 1. Pre Qualification Criteria – Point no 3 & 4	Point no. 3 - The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program	With reference to Point No. 3 & 4 regarding the requirement of experience in PMU/PMC/PGMC assignments in the urban sector, we kindly request that PMU experience under Swachh Bharat Mission	Please refer corrigendum-II.



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		<p>Management Consulting (PGMC) in any government department/ agency in India for a period of at least 2years in Urban Sector in the last 10 years from the proposal due date with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore per annum or more for each such assignment.</p> <p>Point no. 3 - The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) / Project Management Consultant (PMC) projects/ any other consultancy project in any government department / PSU/ULB in India, in Urban Sector specifically in Sewerage/ Used Water Management / water supply in the last 10 years from the proposal due date</p>	<p>(SBM) and PMU experience in Drainage projects may also be considered as eligible experience. SBM projects involve significant components of wastewater management, sanitation infrastructure, and treatment systems, which are closely aligned with sewerage and used water management works. Further, drainage is an integral part of urban infrastructure, and PMU experience in drainage projects involves planning, design, and management of stormwater and wastewater systems, making it highly relevant to the present assignment. Considering the relevance and scope of such assignments, inclusion of SBM and Drainage PMU experience will enable participation from agencies with substantial and directly related expertise. We request your kind consideration.</p>	
35	Page – 34, Clause no. – 4 Payment Schedule – Office Space	<p>A dedicated Office space will be provided within the OWSSB Office Building for the PMU team. For any outstation travel for project related work by any of the PMU team members, travelling expenses (as claimed by the PMU team with due concurrence from</p>	<p>With reference to the provision regarding office space and travel expenses for the PMU team, we kindly seek clarification on the following:</p> <p>Whether the office space provided within the OWSSB Office Building will be free of cost or chargeable to the selected firm.</p>	RFP conditions prevail.

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		the authorities) shall be reimbursed as per admissible norms of Government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification on who will bear/pay the travel expenses, as it is mentioned that such expenses shall be reimbursed as per Government norms. Kindly confirm whether the reimbursement will be made by the OWSSB/Client Department. This clarification will help in accurate financial estimation and planning. We request your kind clarification. 	
36	Page 11 – Pre-Qualification Criteria, Sl. No. 4	The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) / Project Management Consultant (PMC) projects/ any other consultancy project in any government department / PSU/ULB in India, in Urban Sector specifically in Sewerage/ Used Water Management / water supply in the last 10 years from the proposal due date	Kindly include other relevant urban infrastructure sectors such as Urban Transport and Housing, which also involve complex, multi-stakeholder PMU/PMC engagements and are comparable in scale and complexity. Requested modification: The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) / Project Management Consultant (PMC) projects/ any other consultancy project in any government department / PSU/ULB in India, in Urban Sector specifically in Sewerage/ Used Water Management / water supply/urban transport/Housing in the last 10 years from the proposal due date	Please refer corrigendum-II.
37	Clause 8.2 Technical capability Sl no- 1	The bidder should have a minimum annual average turnover (from consulting / advisory business) of at least INR 50 Crores in the last 3 Financial Years (ending 31st March 2025)	Kindly revise the minimum turnover threshold to INR 30 Crores, with proportionate marks. This would enable participation of competent bidders with proven PMU credentials. Requested modification: The bidder should have a	RFP conditions prevail.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average Annual Turnover between INR 50 Crores to INR 75 Crores – 5 Marks • Average Annual Turnover between INR 75 Crores to INR 100 Crores – 10 Marks • Average Annual Turnover greater than INR 100 Crores – 15 Marks 	<p>minimum annual average turnover (from consulting / advisory business) of at least INR 30 Crores in the last 3 Financial Years (ending 31st March 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average Annual Turnover between INR 30 Crores to INR 40 Crores – 5 Marks • Average Annual Turnover between INR 40 Crores to INR 50 Crores – 10 Marks • Average Annual Turnover greater than INR 50 Crores – 15 Marks 	
38	Clause 8.2 Technical capability Sl no- 2	<p>The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) for at least 2 years for a government department /agency in India during last 10 (Ten) years in Urban sector such as Housing, Water Supply, Sewerage etc. with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore or more for each such assignment,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For successfully managing 2 such Projects – 5 Marks • For successfully managing each additional Project- 2.5 marks. 	<p>We request for inclusion of Transport and Smart City projects, which involve program management, stakeholder coordination, and technology integration similar to this assignment. Additionally, we request reconsideration of marks for managing the minimum two projects from 5 marks to 10 marks, to appropriately recognize qualifying experience.</p> <p>Requested modification: • For successfully managing each additional Project- 2.5 marks. The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) for at least 2 years for a government department /agency in India during last 10 (Ten) years in Urban sector such as Housing, Water Supply, Sewerage, Transport, Smart city etc. with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore or more for each such assignment,</p>	Please refer corrigendum-II.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For successfully managing 2 such Projects – 10 Marks • For successfully managing each additional Project- 2.5 marks. 	
39	Clause 9.2 Technical Evaluation Criteria, Sl.No. 1.2	<p>The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) / Project Management Consultant (PMC)/any other consultancy project specifically for Sewerage/ Used Water Management/ Water supply projects under a State /Central Government body /autonomous body or other government entity in India with a minimum consultancy fee of ₹2 Crore for each such assignment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For successfully managing such Projects – 2.5Marks for each project maximum up to 7.5 Marks • Successfully managed at least one PMU / PMC/ PDMC/ PGMC assignment with consultancy fee received of ₹10 Crore or more -2.5 Marks 	<p>We request expansion of eligible sectors to include Transport, Culture, and Agriculture, as PMU/PMC engagements in these sectors involve governance, procurement, monitoring, and MIS functions comparable to the present scope. Requested modification: The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) / Project Management Consultant (PMC)/any other consultancy project specifically for Sewerage/ Used Water Management/ Water supply projects / Public Infrastructure / Transport / Agriculture under a State /Central Government body /autonomous body or other government entity in India with a minimum consultancy fee of ₹2 Crore for each such assignment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For successfully managing such Projects – 2.5Marks for each project maximum up to 7.5 Marks • Successfully managed at least one PMU / PMC/ PDMC/ PGMC assignment with consultancy fee received of ₹10 Crore or more -2.5 Marks 	Please refer corrigendum-II.
40	Pre Qualification Criteria:	The bidder should have been in business of Project Management	Pre Qualification Criteria: The bidder should have been in business of Consultancy	RFP conditions prevail.

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		Consultancy Services for at least 10 years till the proposal due date.	Services for at least 10 years till the proposal due date. Broadening the criteria will allow inclusion of firms with diverse advisory experience while still ensuring adequate industry presence and maturity through the 10-year requirement. This revision promotes wider participation from capable and experienced bidders without diluting the intent of selecting qualified organizations	
41	Pre Qualification Criteria:	The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) in any government department/ agency in India for a period of at least 2years in UrbanSector in the last 10 years from the proposal due date with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore per annum or more for each such assignment.	Pre Qualification Criteria: The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) in any government department/ agency/ Public Listed Company in India in UrbanSector/ Infrastructure/ Consultancy/ e-governance in the last 10 years from the proposal due date with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹1 Crore per annum or more for each such assignment. The proposed revision retains the requirement of relevant PMU/PMC/PGMC experience while allowing flexibility in project scale, duration, sector, and eligible organizations. This enables participation from bidders with relevant and demonstrable experience and supports adequate competition without compromising on quality	Please refer corrigendum-II.
42	Point 1.4, Page 11	The Applicant should have experience of successfully	The Applicant should have experience of successfully managing at least two (02)	Please refer corrigendum-II.

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		<p>managing at least two (02) Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) / Project Management Consultant (PMC) projects/ any other consultancy project in any government department /PSU/ULB in India, in Urban Sector specifically in Sewerage/ Used Water Management / water supply in the last 10 years from the proposal due date.</p>	<p>Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) / Project Management Consultant (PMC) projects/ any other consultancy project in any government department /PSU/ULB/Public listed company in India, in Urban Sector/ Infrastructure/ Consultancy/e-governance in the last 10 years from the proposal due date.</p> <p>This aligns the eligibility with the nature of consultancy and program management engagements, where similar technical and managerial capabilities are applied across domains. It allows recognition of relevant experience in comparable project environments while maintaining the intent of selecting capable agencies</p>	
43	Point 8.2.2, Page 16	<p>The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC)for at least 2 years for a government department /agency in India during last 10 (Ten) years in Urban sector such as Housing, Water Supply, Sewerage etc. with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹2 Crore or more for each such assignment,- For successfully managing 2 such Projects – 5 Marks- For</p>	<p>The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) for a government department /agency/ Public Listed Company in India during last 10 (Ten) years in Urban sector/ infrastructure/Consultancy/e-governance with a minimum consultancy fee received of ₹1 Crore or more for each such assignment,- For successfully managing 2 such Projects – 5 Marks- For successfully managing each additional Project- 2.5 marks</p> <p>This would account for the evolving nature of PMU/PMC/PGMC and consultancy</p>	Please refer corrigendum-II.

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		successfully managing each additional Project- 2.5 marks	engagements, where assignments are often delivered in modular or phase-based formats with varying durations and fee structures. It allows appropriate recognition of relevant experience across such engagements, while maintaining the existing marking framework for evaluation	
44	Point 8.2.3, Page 16	The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) / Project Management Consultant (PMC)/any other consultancy project specifically for Sewerage/ Used Water Management/ Water supply projects under a State /Central Government body /autonomous body or other government entity in India with a minimum consultancy fee of ₹2 Crore for each such assignment:- For successfully managing such Projects – 2.5Marks for each project maximum up to 7.5 Marks- Successfully managed at least one PMU / PMC/ PDMC/PGMC assignment with consultancy fee received of ₹10 Crore or more -2.5 Marks	The Bidder should have the experience of working as Project Monitoring Unit/ Project Management Unit/ Program Management Consulting (PGMC) / Project Management Consultant (PMC)/any other consultancy project specifically for Sewerage/ Used Water Management/ Water supply/infrastructure projects under a State /Central Government body /autonomous body/Public Listed Company or other government entity in India with a minimum consultancy fee of ₹1 Crore for each such assignment:- For successfully managing such Projects – 2.5Marks for each project maximum up to 7.5 Marks- Successfully managed at least one PMU / PMC/ PDMC/PGMC assignment with consultancy fee received of ₹1 Crore or more -2.5 Marks This will enable consideration of relevant experience across a broader range of project sizes and engagement structures, where comparable technical and advisory capabilities are deployed. Inclusion of assignments with Public Listed Companies and revised fee thresholds allows recognition	Please refer corrigendum-II.

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			of wider experience while retaining the evaluation framework and focus on PMU specific expertise.	
45	Working Day	Additional Query	We assume that Consultants deployed will follow Govt of Odisha working hours and follow Working calendar issued by Govt of Odisha. And additionally, two paid/ casual leaves per month shall be permitted, subject to prior approval by Nodal Authority	Consultants deployed will follow Govt of Odisha working hours and follow Working calendar issued by Govt of Odisha. However, the consultants shall work as per the requirement of the projects.
46	Section 2, Clause 1 (Pre-Qualification Criteria) – Note	JV is not allowed	We request the Authority to kindly allow participation through Joint Venture (JV) / Consortium arrangement. Allowing JV/Consortium will enable participation of firms with complementary expertise (e.g., technical, project management, and domain specialization), thereby enhancing competition and ensuring better quality of services. This is a common practice in similar PMU/PMC assignments of such scale and complexity.	RFP condition shall prevail.
47	Clause 1, Page no 27: Background	The Odisha Water Supply & Sewerage Board (hereinafter referred to as "OWSSB") proposes to establish a Project Management Unit (PMU) to provide professional, technical, financial, and managerial support.	It is mentioned that the OWSSB projects mentioned in the tender requires financial support, there is no provision of manpower who has financial background. There is a requirement of Contract Specialist in the team who can do contract management, project appraisal, procurement etc. Please include a contract specialist in the team.	As mentioned Point 28 above

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48	Clause 1, Page no 27: Background	The Odisha Water Supply & Sewerage Board (hereinafter referred to as "OWSSB") proposes to establish a Project Management Unit (PMU) to provide professional, technical, financial, and managerial support. for planning, implementation, monitoring, and commissioning of sewerage and wastewater management projects, including sewer networks, pumping stations, sewage treatment plants (STPs), and associated infrastructure.	<p>Please refer similar assignments in OBCC, IDCO etc. The terms and conditions in the tender are very contradictory and doesn't support the scope of work mentioned. In the tender, the scope of work requires,</p> <p>1. Planning: This scope requires survey, detailed designing, preparation of DPR, estimation, tendering and onboarding of contractor, But there are no provisions mentioned in the RFP document. In similar assignment in OBCC and IDCO, the deliverables in the scope are quoted in % of the project cost. These kind of projects are not part of a PMU (Project Monitoring Unit) as the scope of 55PMU is only monitoring the progress of projects. Please rename the RFP as PGMC (Program Management consulting) as these type of RFPs deal with the entire life cycle of the project (from concept to commissioning). Request to term it as PGMC for broader participation.</p> <p>2. Implementation: During implementation, construction management experts are required, but in the tender document there is no such provision.</p>	There shall be provision of enhancing the scope of the PMU as per the requirement of the Client. In such cases relevant manpower of desired capability shall be deployed based on similar qualifications and manpower rate to be provided by the bidder for the set of manpower already mentioned in the tender.
49	Clause 3.4, Page no. 30	Bid Process Management	As the tender requires a comprehensive scope for bid process management, there shall be a provision for a personnel with management background, having experience in Government tendering of infrastructure projects on EPC/Turnkey / PPP mode, project	Already clarified above

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			appraisal of infrastructure projects, contract management etc in Odisha.	
50	Clause 2, Page no 6	Method of Selection QCBS (70:30)	Request you to please modify to Method of Selection QCBS (80:20). This will enable firms with rich technical background to participate and have more technical weightage.	RFP conditions prevail.
51		REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR Selection of Agency for Setting up Project Management Unit (PMU) at Odisha Water Supply & Sewerage Board (OWSSB)	Selection of Agency for Setting up Programme Management Consulting (PGMC) Unit at Odisha Water Supply & Sewerage Board (OWSSB) as PGMC project includes scope of infrastructure projects from Designing to successful commissioning of such projects.	RFP conditions prevail.

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