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1	Based on our discussion, it was understood that at this stage we will not be submitting any financial bid. Hence, will we still be required to submit the following with the proposal at this stage: · Bid Processing Fee; and · Earnest Money Deposit	Contracts	<p>After the Pre Bid meeting, it has been gathered that we need to suitably modify the Tender modality from "The hiring of ESIA consultant to the Empanelment of successful ESIA consultants" as the hiring of ESIA consultant specifically calls for the Project location, exact demography & other Geographical conditions of the given Project so that bidders can submit their price bids accordingly & their selection can be done. At this juncture, the exact location of the Project is under discussion which will be finalised soon. Thereafter also, there may be other such projects in future which will require this kind of ESIA study, whose exact location is still to be finalised.</p> <p>Henceforth, it has been decided to revise the Tender methodology so that the empanelment of Technically qualified Bidders with SECI for the upcoming Projects can be done. SECI may empanel multiple ESIA consultants subject to fulfilling the Technical & general eligibility criteria as mentioned in the Tender document. Bidders will not be required to submit any Bid processing fee, Earnest Money deposit (EMD) & Performance Security at this stage and only Technical documents will be required to submit at this point. Against the successful empanelment of the consultants with SECI, Price bids will be invited from such empanelled consultants only on Project to Project basis and then only the required Bid processing Fee, EMD and Performance security, if applicable will be required to submit by the empanelled consultants. Henceforth, for this Technical empanelment purpose the EMD & Bid processing fee are not required to be submitted at this stage. So, no price bids are to be quoted for this tender as per Format V of the tender document. Rest all other Forms and formats & technical documents as asked in the Tender document are to be provided.</p> <p>This clause will supersede all other existing clauses related to the Product origin/Source of supply clause elsewhere mentioned in the Tender Document.</p>
2	As per our understanding, this selection will be conducted based on the firm's experience and technical work in similar projects and sectors. Will we be required to submit a detailed approach and methodology proposed to undertake Environment and Social Impact Assessment and the associated studies as mentioned in the ToR such as Resettlement Action Plan, Indigenous Development Plan, Gender Action Plan etc?	Technical	A brief may be provided while bidding for empanelment on approach and methodology proposed to undertake Environment and Social Impact Assessment and the associated studies as mentioned in the ToR such as Resettlement Action Plan, Indigenous Development Plan, Gender Action Plan etc
3	Under clause 9.2.1. C. The ToR request for 3 Completed Projects in ESIA/ESMP/RAP/GAP or IDP for large scale power/infrastructure/renewable projects funded by multilateral agencies. Will international projects undertaken by the firm also be acceptable to meet this criteria?	Technical	Experience of at least 03 (Three) completed Consultancy Projects in conducting ESIA, preparing an Environmental Management Plan (EMP)/Resettlement Action Plan (RAP)/Gender Action Plan (GAP) or Indigenous Peoples Development Plan (IPDP) for large Scale/Power/Infrastructure/Renewable funded by multilateral agencies (World Bank/ADB/IFC etc). Considering the study requirement for projects in India, the experience of same kind of work done in India is must. Hence, min. 02 Projects (out of total 03) should be completed in India. (Document Required: Proof of documentation conforming above experience details/Client work order copies/Recommendation letter/ Successful Project completion confirmation from client side for all such Projects).
4	Will there be a new Notice Inviting Tender document issued for this project? If yes, when can we expect this by?	Technical	Required amendments will follow
5	As per section 9.2 – Eligibility Criteria under subsection 9.2.1 clause A, the consultant must be an "Accredited EIA consultant" with MoEF&CC/NABET for Power/renewable Energy Sector. The project is Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Studies for SECI's Solar Project which does not attract the EIA notification 2006 or its subsequent amendments. However considering the infrastructure requirement and extend for similar kind of assignments, we request you to kindly revise the accreditation sectors as, we request you to kindly revise the sector accreditation as- Power/renewable Energy Sector/ Buildings & Large Construction.	Technical	The consultant must be an "Accredited EIA consultant" with MoEF&CC/NABET for Power Generation projects/Physical Infrastructure projects/renewable Energy Sector". (Document Required: Document certifying Accreditation from MoEF/NABET)
6	Under Subsection 9.2.1., Clause B, the consultant has to complete three studies in last three financial years preceding to the bid submission date. Considering the nature of developments required, we request you to kindly consider the similar experience for the period of last 7 years.	Technical	Terms and conditions of the Tender document will prevail

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7	<p>The solar power plants are excluded from the environmental clearance and also from the state pollution control board. Solar Plant Technology using Photovoltaic Cell falls under "White Category" which is considered as a non-polluting categories of industries. With reference to the copy of the press release on 05th March, 2016 by Hon'ble Environmental Minister Prakash Javadekar, Ministry of Environmental and Forest, it's been stated that category of white industries will not require environmental clearance and consent" (The copy of the same is annexed). Further, the resettlement and rehabilitation will be as per the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 which is also not under the purview of MoEF.</p> <p>Undertaking the ESIA as per the World Bank guidelines will need experience in comprehending World bank Operational policies. PwC has undertaken numerous studies for solar plants and solar parks in line with the World Bank guidelines (which included the environmental and social impact assessments). Thus we would humbly request SECI to consider excluding the eligibility criteria "MoEF accredited EIA consultant" to ensure optimum participation.</p>	Technical	<p>As of now, the location of project is not clear. So, if any upcoming project have CRZ/Eco sensitive zone etc. releated issue, it may require EIA studies by Accrediated consultant for submission/clearance from MoEF&CC/State expert committee/authority. So, the consultant should be MoEF/NABET accredited EIA consultant.</p>
8	<p>As mentioned scope study regarding Review of negotiated land acquisition, if any, is this includes stake holder consultation after land acquisition acquired/before prior to land acquisition.</p> <p>Location of the project/survey.</p> <p>Coverage of rehabilitation study is only up to 0-5km/it also includes 5-10km of the area</p>	Technical	<p>Initial coverage of rehabilitation study may be considered as 0-5 Km. However, covergae of rehabilitation study may be finalized after identification of land and extent of rehabilitation involved. It may be ascertained before inviting financial bids</p>
9	<p>Pls. clarify what is the exact amount of DD to be prepared - Rs. 4600/- or R. 4600/- + 18% of GST i.e. Rs. 5428/-</p>	Contracts	<p>After the Pre Bid meeting, it has been gathered that we need to suitably modify the Tender modality from "The hiring of ESIA consultant to the Empanelment of successful ESIA consultants" as the hiring of ESIA consultant specifically calls for the Project location, exact demography & other Geographical conditions of the given Project so that bidders can submit their price bids accordingly & their selection can be done. At this juncture, the exact location of the Project is under dicussion which will be finalised soon. Therefater also, there may be other such projects in future which will require this kind of ESIA study, whose exact location is still to be finalised.</p> <p>Henceforth, it has been decided to revise the Tender methodology so that the empanlement of Technically qualified Bidders with SECI for the upcoming Projects can be done. SECI may empanel multiple ESIA consultants subject to fulfilling the Techincal & generla eligibility criteria as mentioned in the Tender document. Bidders will not be required to submit any Bid processing fee, Earnest Money deposit (EMD) & Performance Security at this stage and only Technical documents will be required to submit at this point. Against the sucesful emapnlement of the consultants with SECI, Price bids will be invited from such empanmened consultants only on Project to Project basis and then only the required Bid processing Fee, EMD and Performance security, if applicablw will be required to submit by the empanneled consultants.Hencforth, for this Technical empanlment purpose the EMD & Bid processing fee are not required to be submitted at this stage. So, no price bids are to be quoted for this tender as per Format V of the tender document . Rest all other Forms and formats & technical dpcuments as asked in the Tender document are to be providede.</p> <p>This clause will supersede all other existing clauses related to the Product origin/Source of supply clause elsewhere mentioned in the Tender Document.</p>

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11	<p>In power sector, NABET accreditation is required for power sector in thermal power, River valley (hydro power) and nuclear power for which environmental clearance is required as per EIA notification 2006. There is no NABET accreditation for renewable energy sector.</p> <p>There is no requirement of Environmental Clearance for Solar power project. Moreover this kind of project is closer to construction/infrastructure projects.</p> <p>However in the eligibility criteria experience of EIA/ESIA has been asked for large scale construction/infrastructure projects. So the Organization's NABET accreditation in large construction/infrastructure sectors (Building and large construction, Highway/Roads, townships and area development) must be incorporated under eligibility criteria</p>	Technical	Clarification as per Sl. No. 5 given above.
12	To ensure participation of high quality consultancy firm, the annual turnover may be enhanced to Rs. 5 crores under Financial eligibility criteria under Clause no. 9.3	Contracts	Terms and conditions of the Tender document will prevail
13	It is suggested to incorporate completion of minimum five EIA/ESIA studies in infrastructure/power/ large scale construction sectors during last five (5) years out of which at least three studies for infrastructure/power/ large scale construction funded by multilateral funding agencies (World Bank/ABD/IFC, etc)	Technical	Terms and conditions of the Tender document will prevail

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15	As per the original bid document the last date and time of submission has been given 21st August 2017 upto 18.00 hrs. Since there is change in the intension and scope of Bid, it is requested to extend the submission date upto 25th August 2017		Required amendments will follow