

## **EdCIL (India) Limited**

### **Corrigendum-01 Replies to BID Queries**

Date: 12/01/2026

**Subject: Invitation to Request for Proposal for Selection of an Agency for Third Party Evaluation of Higher Education Statistics & Public Information System (HESPIS) Scheme funded by the Ministry of Education, GOI**

N.I.T.: EdCIL/AS/HESPIS/2025-26, Dated: 08-01-2026

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Referred Section</b>	<b>Bidders Query</b>	<b>Reply/Tender Conditions</b>
1	Chapter - 1: Notice Inviting Tender	Given the scope and complexity of the RFP, and our commitment to submitting a high-quality proposal aligned with its objectives, we kindly request the agency to extend the submission deadline by 7 working days, i.e., up to 24 January 2026. This additional time will enable us to prepare robust technical and financial proposal that ensure better value and quality outcomes for the program.	Last date & Time for Bid submission shall be extended from 15.01.2026 to 19.01.2026 upto 14:00 Hrs
2	Clause Timelines 4.4.3	Given the scope of the evaluation, we request for an extension for submission of final report by at least 1 month, i.e. until April 2026, making this a 3-month study.	"No Change" in original clause of Tender
3	Clause 5.12	We request to cap the LD at a maximum of 5% of the delayed milestone payment. Additionally, we also request that no LD should be applied for delays caused by factors beyond the Consultant's control, and an appropriate extension of time should be granted to the Consultant. This is also in line with the Manual for Procurement of Consultancy Services, issued by the Dept. Of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. Of	"No Change" in original clause of Tender

		<p>India.(2025).</p> <p>Please also note that we request that If EdCIL does not provide comments or suggestions within 15 days on the deliverables, the deliverable shall be considered accepted by the Consultant.</p>	
4	Additional clause	<p>We request to consider that the Consultants reserve the right to replace personnel assigned to the project, provided the replacement has equivalent qualifications and experience without any financial implications. Further, EdCIL must evaluate and share their acceptance on the CV submitted within 21 days from the date of submission. In case no comments or observations are received within the said period, the CV shall be considered as deemed approved.</p>	<p>The selected Consultancy firm shall submit CVs of all Newly proposed key and professional personnel to EdCIL for review and approval. Any replacement of personnel during the course of the assignment shall be permitted only with the prior written approval of EdCIL, subject to the condition that the proposed replacement possesses qualifications and experience equal to or higher than those of the originally proposed personnel, and that such replacement is made without any additional financial implication to EdCIL or the Ministry of Education.</p>
5	<p>Chapter 6 Eligibility &amp; Evaluation Criteria</p> <p>6.1.2 No consortium/ No Joint Venture is allowed.</p> <p>6.1.3 No Sub-Contracting is allowed.</p>	<p>We seek clarification on Clauses 6.1.2 and 6.1.3, which restrict consortiums, joint ventures, and sub-contracting. In view of the timeline and scope of the project, we request the agency to kindly reconsider and allow sub-contracting arrangements. This flexibility would enable bidders to leverage specialized expertise, ensure timely delivery, and maintain the quality standards envisaged under the assignment.</p>	<p>6.1.2 "No Change" in original clause of Tender</p> <p>6.1.3 Sub-contracting of the entire scope of work on a back-to-back basis is not permitted. However, the selected consultancy firm may engage specialized experts or agencies on a case-to-case basis for specific and limited components of the assignment, while retaining overall responsibility, accountability, and control for successful</p>

			execution of the project. No additional financial claim shall be entertained for above.
6	Annexure II  Previous Consultancy Experience In (A) Ict & Data Systems, (B) Higher Education, And (C) Other Domains	We seek clarification on the documentation requirements listed under the mandatory criteria. Specifically, it should be understood whether a Work Order, Agreement Copy, Completion Certificate, Final Invoice Copy, or any other document evidencing completion of the project/study can be used interchangeably to meet the requirement. This will help ensure consistency and compliance with submissions.	"No Change" in original clause of Tender
7	Annexure VIII Details of Projects Completed (Domain Wise)	We request confirmation on whether ongoing projects may also be considered under this criterion, in addition to completed assignments. We further request that the eligibility requirement be broadened to explicitly include ongoing assignments, so that current, large-scale engagements demonstrating relevant experience can be duly recognized.	"No Change" in original clause of Tender
8	Annexure XX  Relevant Past Experience	We request confirmation on whether the eligibility criteria for Relevant Experience may be broadened to also include bidders' experience in Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E), studies, and programme management across a wider spectrum of sectors such as skills, and livelihoods, school education in addition to higher education. This will ensure that diverse yet relevant expertise in large-scale government initiatives is duly considered.	"No Change" in original clause of Tender

9	Annexure XX Relevant Past Experience	We seek clarification on whether the marking criteria under Section B (Higher Education Sector) and Section C (Non-Education/Non-ICT domains) can be combined into a single pool of 15 marks. This would allow both education and non-education evaluation assignments to be assessed together, ensuring that bidders' broader and relevant experience across diverse domains is duly recognized.	"No Change" in original clause of Tender
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All the Tender guidelines along with those mentioned above shall form part of the Tender document.

Prospective Bidders are requested to visit the EdCIL's website regularly for updates.

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