



बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा *Bank of Baroda*

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**Selection of Vendor for providing services regarding
Plantation of trees over a period of 1 year
On turnkey basis**

(Project planning, implementation, execution and its management)



[A] Important Dates:

#	Particulars	Timeline
1	RFP Issuance Date	22.06.2024
2	Eligible Entities	Bidder must be a NGO/Government Organization / PSU / Government agency / charitable Institutions registered under section 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 / Non-profit Institutions registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 or under Indian Trusts Act, 1882 / Companies registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act.
3	RFP Coordinator Name, Contact details (Bank)	1. Mr. Manoj Kumar, Asst General Manager Contact No.0265-2316437 2. Mr. Swagat Patra, Chief Manager Contact No.0265-2316410
4	Last Date of Written request for Clarifications Before the Pre-bid Meeting	5:00 PM on 29.06.2024
5	Pre-bid Meeting & Venue details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre bid meeting will be held online through Bank's Online Meeting Platform (i.e. Microsoft Teams) on 01.07.2024 @ 3.30 pm. Bidder to submit a maximum of -2- participant's names, contact numbers, designations and e-mail IDs on csr.bcc@bankofbaroda.com on or before 30.06.2024, 5.00pm along with pre-bid queries and meeting invite Link will be sent by the Bank to bidder's provided email IDs. Bidder representatives will have to click on the Bank provided link (provided in the e-mail) to join the On-Line Pre-bid meeting
6	Last date & time for submission of Technical & Commercial Bid and Address	03.00 PM on 15.07.2024 Mode of Application: By Post / Courier / Direct delivery to the following address- Financial Inclusion & CSR Department Bank of Baroda Head Office, Baroda Bhawan, 4 th Floor R C Dutt Road, Alkapuri, Vadodara – 390007.



7	Eligibility Cum Technical Bid Opening Date and Place	03.00 PM on 16.07.2024 Financial Inclusion & CSR Department Bank of Baroda Head Office, Baroda Bhawan, 4 th Floor R C Dutt Road, Alkapuri, Vadodara – 390007
8	Commercial Bid	The commercial bids of only those Bidders who qualify in both eligibility and technical evaluation will be opened. The date for opening of the commercial bid would be communicated separately to the technically qualified Bidders. *Annexure 8 – Commercial Bid Format – Should be kept in separate sealed cover and boldly written on the top as “Commercial Bid format”
9	Application Money	Nil
10	Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit)	Rs 1,50,000/- (Rs One Lac Fifty Thousand only)
11	Bank Details	Bidder shall submit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of Demand Draft drawn in favour of “Bank of Baroda” payable at Vadodara.
12	Address for communication	Financial Inclusion & CSR Department Bank of Baroda Head Office, Baroda Bhawan, 4 th Floor R C Dutt Road, Alkapuri, Vadodara – 390007 Ph : 0265 2316410 / 40 Email : csr.bcc@bankofbaroda.com

Important definitions/ clarifications:

- ❖ "Bank" means Bank of Baroda
- ❖ "HO" means Bank of Baroda, Head Office, Vadodara
- ❖ "Recipient", "Respondent", "Vendor", "Agency" and "Bidder" means respondent to this RFP document
- ❖ "Organization" to the bid can be "NGOs, Government Institutions, Government agencies/Undertakings, Agriculture institutes or any non-profit organizations from India only"
- ❖ "RFP" means this Request for Proposal document
- ❖ "Selected Bidder" means the applicant who is declared successful after completion of the entire process of evaluation as defined under this RFP.
- ❖ "SLA" means Service Level Agreement
- ❖ "NDA" means Non-Disclosure Agreement
- ❖ "TCO" means Total Cost of Ownership

Others

- Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. Dispute, if any, will be subject to Vadodara jurisdiction only.
- "Existing bidders or previously terminated bidders associated with our Bank on this Plantation project are not eligible to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP)."
- The successful bidder will not be allowed to sub-contract works to any contractor.
- Confidentiality: This document is meant for the specific use by the Company / person(s) interested to participate in the current tendering process. This document in its entirety is subject to Copyright Laws. Bank of Baroda expects the bidder or any person acting on behalf of the bidders strictly adhere to the instructions given in the document and maintain confidentiality of information. The bidders shall be held responsible for any misuse of information contained in the document in the event that such a circumstance is brought to the notice of the Bank or any of its agents. By downloading/purchasing the document, the interested party is subject to confidentiality clauses.

1. Introduction

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Bank of Baroda is one of the largest Public Sector Bank (PSU) in India with a branch network of over 8200+ branches in India and 93 overseas branches/offices, spanning 17 countries.

Bank of Baroda, a body corporate constituted under the Banking Companies (Acquisition & Transfer of Undertakings) Act 1970, having its Corporate Office at C-26, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai - 400051 and Head Office at 'Baroda Bhavan', R. C. Dutt Road, Alkapuri, Baroda – 390 007. (hereinafter referred to as the "Bank") which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof shall mean and include its successors and assigns), intends to issue this RFP document, hereinafter called RFP, to eligible Bidders, hereafter called as 'Bidders', to participate in the competitive bidding for Selection of NGO/Institute/Agency for providing services regarding Plantation of trees over a period of - 1- year on turnkey basis (Project planning, implementation, execution and its management)

1.2 Project overview

Bank, being committed towards environment safety and its protection, intends to plant a tree for every Auto loan and Housing loan disbursed as a part of CSR initiative. This Request for Proposal (RFP) document has been prepared solely for the purpose of enabling Bank of Baroda ("the Bank") for Selection of a suitable entity for providing services regarding Plantation of trees over a period of 1 year on turnkey basis (Project planning, implementation, execution and its management).

The Bank, for this purpose, invites proposal from Bidders who are interested in participating in this RFP who fulfil the eligibility criteria mentioned under "Section B of Annexure 02" and are also in a position to comply with the technical requirement as mentioned in "Annexure 7". Apart from the above the bidder must also agree to all our terms & conditions mentioned under this RFP.

The RFP document is not recommendation, offer or invitation to enter into a contract, agreement or any other arrangement, in respect of the services. The provision of the services is subject to observance of selection process and appropriate documentation being agreed between the Bank and any successful Bidder as identified by the Bank, after completion of the selection process as detailed in this document.

1.3 Project Scope

Bank will award the contract to the successful bidder and the bidder should provide services regarding Plantation of trees over a period of 1 year on turnkey basis (Project planning, implementation, execution and its management). It includes

- Identification of land/location and its free allotment for plantation purpose from either Government Department/ Institutes or private land belonging to farmers.
- To provide multiple options for types of trees that sustains and has environment benefits including fruit bearing/non-fruit bearing trees / agroforestry species.



- To schedule various activities for the purpose in consultation with Bank
- Supply of sapling and execution of plantation activity
- To manage the planted saplings 1 year from the date of its planting to make plant survive & sustain its own like land preparation, fertilization, soil improvement, watering, fencing etc.
- To replant the sapling, if plant don't survive for further period of -1- year.
- To capture Geo-tagging of every plant and to arrange all necessary arrangement for creating inventory for Bank at central level.
- To provide necessary information, documentation to the Bank or its designee, for effective post-delivery uses like generation of certificate in the name of Auto/Housing loan beneficiaries / assignment of credit / etc.

Description of the envisaged scope is enumerated as part of "Annexure 6" however the Bank reserves its right to change the scope of work considering the size and variety of the requirements and the changing business conditions.

The bidder needs to quote as per the Commercial Sheet mentioned in "Annexure 8".

Considering the enormity of the assignment, any service which forms a part of the Project Scope that is not explicitly mentioned in scope of work as excluded would form part of this RFP, and the Bidder is expected to provide the same at no additional cost to the Bank. The Bidder needs to consider and envisage all services that would be required in the Scope and ensure the same is delivered to the Bank. The Bank will not accept any plea of the Bidder at a later date for omission of services on the pretext that the same was not explicitly mentioned in the RFP.

General Conditions

- a) For plantation work, it shall be the responsibility of the Bidder to arrange and provide requisite support, tools, infrastructure, recording, MIS and auditing and all other things required for carrying out the plantation work as per industry practice and safety norms.
- b) The Bidder shall ensure there should not be any environmental hazard and/or no other damage due to their activities.
- c) Bidder shall complete the entire work and make all the systems operational and handing over to Bank within stipulated timeline mentioned in the delivery & installation section of this RFP and the support shall be on 24 x 7 x 365 basis.

Important aspects on Technical Proposal

- a) This RFP is not a contract offer. Receipt of a proposal neither commits Bank to award a contract to any bidder, nor limits Bank's rights to negotiate with any bidders, suppliers or contractors in Bank's best interest. Bank reserves the right to contract with any bidder, supplier or contractor at its own discretion.
- b) Bank reserves the right to request additional information necessary and pertinent to the project so as to assure the bidder's ability and qualification to perform the contract.
- c) Failure to answer any questions within stipulated timeline at any stage of this RFP may be considered non-responsive and the proposal may be disqualified.

- d) For any ambiguity, omissions or unclear content in the RFP the bidders should request Bank to clarify along with pre-bid queries within the time line mentioned in the "[A] Important Dates.
- e) For all technical details and relevant standards and specifications of this RFP that may not be stated in detail; bidders should ensure to delivering quality and standard products.
- f) Expenses incurred in the preparation of proposals in response to this RFP are the sole responsibility of the bidders.
- g) Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, or any part of any proposal, without penalty. Any allowance for oversight, omission, error, or mistake by the bidder made after receipt of the proposal will be at the sole discretion of Bank.
- h) Entire work specified in this RFP shall be carried out on Turnkey basis.
- i) As the contract is on Turnkey solution basis, any other miscellaneous requirements related to the scope described in the RFP or extra work required to be performed due to existing structure limitation shall be provided by the successful bidder even if those items are not mentioned explicitly in this RFP.

1.4 Contract period

The Contract with the selected bidder will be valid for a period of 1 year from the date of contract. The contract will be deemed completed only when all the trees and services contracted by the Bank to bidder are provided in satisfactory condition with proper auditing report and records, implemented, tested and accepted along with the associated documentation provided to Bank's employees; as per the requirements of the contract executed between the Bank and the Bidder.

1.5 Service Levels and Uptime Guarantee

For details, please refer to Annexure 09 that provides the service levels for plantation of trees.

1.6 Transportation and Insurance

All the costs should include cost, insurance and freight (CIF). However, the Bidder has the option to use transportation and insurance cover from any eligible source. Insurance cover should be provided by the bidder till the acceptance of the goods by the Bank. The bidder should also assure that the goods would be replaced with no cost to Bank in case insurance cover is not provided.

1.7 Affixing Asset Tags on the Plants:

It will be the responsibility of Bidder to affix the Asset tags on each tree component being supplied to Bank and also share the details with the Bank team. The Asset Tags so printed by Bidder must have the logo of Bidder as well as Bank along with other details like Type of tree, location, geo/tagging (lat-long), photograph, expected life, carbon print etc. The asset tag details for the tree would be mutually decided by the Bank and Bidder to complete asset inventory.

1.8 Handover Services

- ❖ The Bidder shall provide such necessary information, documentation to the Bank or its designee, for effective post-delivery uses like generation of certificate in the name of Auto/Housing loan beneficiaries / assignment of credit / etc.
- ❖ The Bidder shall provide all updated documentation (in English) in electronic form where available or otherwise a single hardcopy of all existing procedures, policies and programs required for Tree plantation.
- ❖ The Bidder shall not provide credit of tree plantation earmarked to our Bank to any other party. The Bidder shall maintain exclusivity of the inventory of trees planted on behalf of the Bank.
- ❖ All the credits related to project held by or in the name of the Bidder shall be assigned or transferred "As is" in the name of the Bank. The Bidder shall execute any and all such documents as may be necessary in this regard.
- ❖ The Bidder shall provide all other Services as may be agreed by the Parties in connection with the assignment, maintaining inventory etc.
- ❖ The Bidder recognizes that considering the enormity of the Assignment, the Handover Services listed herein are only indicative in nature and the Bidder agrees to provide all assistance and services required for fully and effectively handing over the Services provided by the Bidder under this assignment and subsequent Agreement, upon termination or expiration thereof, for any reason whatsoever.
- ❖ Post the handover process the Bidder shall continue to provide necessary support as per the terms including SLA.
- ❖ During this handover the Bidder would transfer all knowledge, knowhow and other things necessary for the Bank to take over and continue to manage the planted trees.
- ❖ The Bidder agrees that in the event of cancellation or exit or expiry of the contract, it would extend all necessary support to the Bank as would be required.
- ❖ Considering the enormity of the assignment, any service which forms a part of the Project Scope that is not explicitly mentioned in scope of work as excluded would form part of this assignment, and the Bidder is expected to provide the same at no additional cost to the Bank. The Bidder needs to consider and envisage all services that would be required in the Scope and ensure the same is delivered to the Bank. The Bank will not accept any plea of the Bidder at a later date for omission of services on the pretext that the same was not explicitly mentioned in the Project Scope.

1.9 Payment Terms

The bidder must accept the payment terms proposed by the Bank. The commercial bid submitted by the bidders must be in conformity with the payment terms proposed by the Bank. Any deviation from the proposed payment terms would not be accepted. The Bank shall have the right to withhold any payment due to the bidder, in case of delays or defaults on the part of the bidder. Such withholding of payment shall not amount to a default on the part of the Bank. If any of the items / activities as mentioned in the Commercial Bid is not taken up

by the bank during the course of the assignment, the bank will not pay the cost of such items and professional fees quoted by the bidder in the Commercial Bid against such activity / item.

The method and conditions of payments to be made to the successful bidder shall be:
Cost in proportion to the number of sapling proposed to be planted as per phases agreed in project planning & scheduling as against total requirement.

Stage I - 50% of the cost arrived for each phase of the project will be released upon completion of consultancy work, submission of project planning, execution planning. Documents like planning related documents in original including land use letter, meeting minutes, project planning documents, SOP etc. duly stamped and signed by the Project Managers of the successful bidder along with original invoice.

Stage II - 40% of the cost arrived will be released on completion of audit of individual trees and creation of inventory to the satisfaction of Bank.

Stage III - Balance amount of 10% of total cost of project will be released on completion of service period of 1 year plus 3 months or against bank guarantee in the format as specified in Annexure 10. Bank Guarantee for early release of retention money by a scheduled commercial bank other than Bank of Baroda valid for an equivalent amount valid for the period of warranty period plus 3 months.

There shall be no escalation in the prices once the prices are fixed and agreed to by the Bank and the bidder. Payment will be released by Bank as per above payment terms on submission of relevant documents.

The Bank will pay invoices within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of undisputed invoices. Any dispute regarding the invoice will be communicated to the selected bidder within 15 days from the date of receipt of the invoice. After the dispute is resolved, Bank shall make payment within 30 days from the date the dispute stands resolved.

1.10 Inspections and Tests

The Bank or its representative or third party Auditors appointed by the bidder/bank or RBI or any other statutory Authority shall have the right to inspect and/or to Audit the trees and the Works carried out by the Bidder at any time to confirm their conformity to the Contract specifications at no extra cost to the Bank.

Should any inspected or audited Trees fail to conform to the specifications or requirements set out in the Contract, the Bank may reject the work, and the Bidder shall either replace the rejected sapling or make alterations necessary to meet specifications or requirements free of cost to the Bank along with maintenance of -1- year.

If, during the warranty period, it is found that the quality or specifications of the Goods or Works are not in conformity with the Contract or if the Goods or Works are proven to be defective for any reason, including latent defects or the use of unsuitable materials, the Bank shall promptly notify the Bidder of the existence of a claim.

2. Evaluation process

A two stage process is adopted for selection of the bidder:

- ▶ Stage 1 – Eligibility Cum Technical Bid
- ▶ Stage 2 – Commercial Bid

During evaluation of the Tenders, the Bank, at its discretion, may ask the Bidder for clarification in respect of its tender. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing, and no change in the substance of the tender shall be sought, offered, or permitted. The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any tender in whole or in parts without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of the Bank shall be final and binding on all the bidders to this document and bank will not entertain any correspondence in this regard.

2.1 Eligibility cum Technical Bid

Eligibility criterion for the Bidder to qualify this stage is clearly mentioned in Annexure 02 – Eligibility Criterion Compliance to this document. The bidder would need to provide supporting documents as part of the eligibility proof.

The technical bids of only those bidders who qualify in the eligibility criteria will be evaluated. The Technical Proposal will be evaluated for technical suitability Annexure 07.

Bidders who meet these criteria would only qualify for the commercial bid opening. Bank may call for a presentation to understand the technical capabilities and processes.

Please note all bid documents should be put and sealed in different covers

2.2 Commercial Bid Evaluation

After qualifying of the bidders in both eligibility and technical evaluation, their commercial bids will be opened. The Bid will be evaluated by a Committee of Officers of Bank.

The date for opening of the commercial bid would be communicated separately to the eligible bidders. Bank may however, in its absolute discretion to disqualify a bidder whose commercial quote is found to be incomplete.

The commercial bid would be evaluated based on a “Total Cost of Ownership” (‘TCO’) basis. The key considerations of the TCO would be the total payouts for entire project through the contract period i.e. 1 year.

The lowest TCO rate (L-1) after opening of financial bids will be considered for awarding of the contract.

Awarding the Contract:

- The Bidder who quotes the lowest bid (L-1) will be referred to as selected Bidder. BOB will notify the name of the selected Bidders by displaying in the bank's website(<https://www.bankofbaroda.in/tenders/corporate-office>)
- The ranking of L1, L2, L3 etc., will be based on the fixed cost.
- The contract for particular schedule will be awarded to the L1 Bidder. However, Bank reserves the right of splitting the quantities between the L1, L2 and L3 in the ratio to be decided by Bank, provided L2 and L3 agrees to match the price quoted by L1 and agrees to all the conditions of the RFP.
- The contract shall, be awarded and the order shall be placed on selected Bidder. Bank releases the order either in full or in part or place more than one order towards the contract based on requirements.
- Bank reserves its right to consider at its sole discretion the late acceptance of the order by selected bidder.
- On failure of the selected bidder to accept the order within stipulated time, Bank shall be at liberty to proceed with other technically qualified Bidders within the purview of the same RFP by calling for fresh commercial quotes either considering existing commercial quote or fresh commercial quote. The initially selected bidder stands disqualified for further participation in the subject bid.
- Please note that the criteria mentioned in this section are only indicative and Bank at its discretion, may alter these criteria without assigning any reasons.
- "Existing bidders or previously terminated bidders associated with our Bank on this project are not eligible to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP)."

3. Terms and conditions

3.1 General Terms

- 3.1.1 Information Provided: The RFP document contains statements derived from information that is believed to be true and reliable at the date obtained but does not purport to provide all of the information that may be necessary or desirable to enable an intending contracting party to determine whether or not to enter into a contract or arrangement with the Bank in relation to the provision of services. Neither the Bank nor any of its directors, officers, employees, agents, representative, contractors, or advisers gives any representation or warranty (whether oral or written), express or implied as to the accuracy, updating or completeness of any writings, information or statement given or made in this RFP document. Neither the Bank nor any of its directors, officers, employees, agents, representative, contractors, or advisers has carried out or will carry out an independent audit or verification or investigation or due diligence exercise in relation to the contents of any part of the RFP document.
- 3.1.2 For Respondent Only: The RFP document is intended solely for the information of the party to whom it is issued ("the Recipient" or "the Respondent") and no other person or organization.
- 3.1.3 Costs Borne by Respondents: All costs and expenses (whether in terms of time or money) incurred by the Recipient / Respondent in any way associated with the development, preparation and submission of responses, including but not limited to attendance at meetings, discussions, demonstrations, etc. and providing any additional information required by the Bank, will be borne entirely and exclusively by the Recipient / Respondent.
- 3.1.4 No Legal Relationship: No binding legal relationship will exist between any of the Recipients / Respondents and the Bank until execution of a contractual agreement to the full satisfaction of the Bank.
- 3.1.5 Recipient Obligation to Inform Itself: The Recipient must apply its own care and conduct its own investigation and analysis regarding any information contained in the RFP document and the meaning and impact of that information.
- 3.1.6 Evaluation of Offers: Each Recipient acknowledges and accepts that the Bank may, in its sole and absolute discretion, apply whatever criteria it deems appropriate in the selection of bidder, not limited to those selection criteria set out in this RFP document.
- 3.1.7 The issuance of RFP document is merely an invitation to offer and must not be construed as any agreement or contract or arrangement nor would it be construed as any investigation or review carried out by a Recipient. The Recipient unconditionally acknowledges by submitting its response to this RFP document that it has not relied on any idea, information, statement, representation, or warranty given in this RFP document.



- 3.1.8 Acceptance of Terms: A Recipient will, by responding to the Bank's RFP document, be deemed to have accepted the terms as stated in this RFP document
- 3.1.9 Only one submission of response to RFP by each Respondent will be permitted
- 3.1.10 The Bank expects the bidder to adhere to the terms of this tender document and would not accept any deviations to the same.
- 3.1.11 The Bank expects that the bidder appointed under the tender document shall have the single point responsibility for fulfilling all obligations and providing all deliverables and services required by Bank.
- 3.1.12 Unless agreed to specifically by the Bank in writing for any changes to the issued tender document, the bidder responses would not be incorporated automatically in the tender document.
- 3.1.13 Unless expressly overridden by the specific agreement to be entered into between the Bank and the bidder, the tender document shall be the governing document for arrangement between the Bank and the bidder.
- 3.1.14 The Bank will notify the Respondents in writing as soon as practicable after the RFP Evaluation Complete date, about the outcome of the RFP evaluation process, including whether the Respondent's RFP response has been accepted or rejected. The Bank is not obliged to provide any reasons for any such acceptance or rejection.

3.2 Rules for Responding to this RFP

- 3.2.1. The timeframe provided in point "[A] Important Dates" above is for the overall selection process. The Bank reserves the right to vary this timeframe at its absolute and sole discretion and without providing any notice/intimation or reasons thereof. Changes to the timeframe will be relayed to the affected Respondents during the process. The time schedule will be strictly followed. Interested parties are expected to adhere to these timelines. However, the Bank reserves the right to change the aforementioned timelines.
- 3.2.2. All responses received after the due date/time as mentioned in "[A] Important Dates - Last Date of Submission of RFP Response (Closing Date)" would be considered late and would be liable to be rejected. It should be clearly noted that the Bank has no obligation to accept or act on any reason for a late submitted response to RFP. The Bank has no liability to any Respondent who lodges a late RFP response for any reason whatsoever, including RFP responses taken to be late only because of another condition of responding.

All questions relating to the RFP, technical or otherwise, must be in writing and addressed to the addresses given in point "[A] Important Dates" above. Interpersonal communications will not be entered into and a Respondent will be liable to be disqualified if attempting to enter into such communications. The Bank will try to reply, without any obligation in respect thereof, every reasonable question raised by the Respondents in the manner specified.



However, the Bank may in its absolute discretion seek, but under no obligation to seek, additional information or material from any Respondents after the RFP closes and all such information and material provided must be taken to form part of that Respondent's response.

Respondents should invariably provide details of their email address (es) as responses to queries will only be provided to the Respondent via email. If Bank in its sole and absolute discretion deems that the originator of the query will gain an advantage by a response to a question, then Bank reserves the right to communicate such response to all Respondents.

The Bank may in its absolute discretion engage in discussion or negotiation with any Respondent (or simultaneously with more than one Respondent) after the RFP closes to improve or clarify any response.

- 3.2.3. Bidder should submit their Eligibility Cum Technical and Commercial bids in the Tender Box as mentioned in "[A] Important Dates – 5".

Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security as mentioned in "[A] Important Dates – Bid Security" must be deposited through Demand Draft drawn in favour of "Bank of Baroda payable at Vadodara. Bidder should submit the bid security along with the bid response. The details of the transaction viz. copy of the receipt of making transaction is required to be submitted along with the Bid Response.

The RFP response without the accompanying amount towards EMD / Bid Security are liable to be rejected. Commercial Bid – (As per details given in Annexure 08).

If the submission to this RFP does not include all the documents and information required or is incomplete or submission is through Fax/email mode, the RFP is liable to be summarily rejected.

All submissions, including any accompanying documents, will become the property of the Bank. The Recipient shall be deemed to have licensed, and granted all rights to, the Bank to reproduce the whole or any portion of their submission for the purpose of evaluation, to disclose the contents of the submission to other Recipients who have registered a submission and to disclose and/or use the contents of the submission as the basis for any resulting RFP process, notwithstanding any copyright or other intellectual property right of the Recipient that may subsist in the submission or accompanying documents

- 3.2.4. All responses should be in English language. All responses by the bidder to this tender document shall be binding on such bidder for a period of 180 days after opening of the bids. The Bank shall have the right at its sole and absolute discretion to continue the assignment/contract on the selected bidder for future requirement for various items/activities as described in the RFP after expiry of current assignment period.

- 3.2.5. All responses including commercial and technical bids would be deemed to be irrevocable offers/proposals from the bidders and may be accepted by the Bank to form part of final contract between the Bank and the selected bidder. Bidders are requested to attach a letter from an authorized signatory attesting the veracity of information provided in the responses. Unsigned responses would be treated as incomplete and are liable to be



rejected.

- 3.2.6. The bids once submitted cannot be withdrawn / modified after the last date for submission of the bids unless specifically permitted by the Bank. In case, due to unavoidable circumstances, the Bank does not award the contract within six months from the last date of the submission of the bids, and there is a possibility to award the same within a short duration, the bidder would have the choice to maintain the EMD or to withdraw the bid and obtain the security provided.
- 3.2.7. The bidder may modify or withdraw its offer after submission but prior to the closing date and time as prescribed by Bank. No offer can be modified or withdrawn by the bidder subsequent to the closing date and time for submission of the offers.
- 3.2.8. The bidders required to quote for all the components/services mentioned in the "Project scope" and all other requirements of this RFP. In case the bidder does not quote for any of the components/services, the response would be deemed to include the quote for such unquoted components/service. It is mandatory to submit the details in the formats provided along with this document duly filled in, along with the offer. The Bank reserves the right not to allow / permit changes in the technical specifications and not to evaluate the offer in case of non-submission of the technical details in the required format or partial submission of technical details.
- 3.2.9. Based on the Bank's requirements as listed in this document, the bidder should identify the best-suited product / solution that would meet the Bank's requirements and quote for the same. In case the bidder quotes more than one model and they have not specified which particular model quoted by them needs to be considered, then the response would be considered as improper and the whole tender submitted by the bidder is liable to be rejected. The bidder is expected to provide the best option and quote for the same.
- 3.2.10. Bidder must furnish requirements as per the formats provided in the RFP document.
- 3.2.11. In the event the bidder has not quoted for any mandatory items as required by the Bank and forming a part of the tender document circulated to the Bidder's and responded to by the bidder, the same will be deemed to be provided by the bidder at no extra cost to the Bank.
- 3.2.12. In the event the Bank has not asked for any quotes for alternative prices, and the bidder furnishes the alternative price in the bidder's financial bid, the higher of the prices will be taken for calculating and arriving at the Total Cost of Ownership. However, payment by the Bank will be made at the lower price. The Bank in this case may also reject the offer outright.
- 3.2.13. In the event optional prices are not quoted by the bidder, for items where such prices are a must and required to be quoted for, the highest price quoted by any of the participating bidder will be taken as the costs, for such alternatives and also for arriving at the Total Cost of Ownership for the purpose of evaluation of the Bidder. The same item has to be supplied by the Bidder free of cost
- 3.2.14. The Bank is not responsible for any assumptions or judgments made by the bidder for proposing and implementing the solution. The Bank's interpretation will be final.
- 3.2.15. The Bank ascertains and concludes that everything as mentioned in the tender documents



circulated to the Bidder and responded by the bidders have been quoted for by the bidder, and there will be no extra cost associated with the same in case the bidder has not quoted for the same.

- 3.2.16. All out of pocket expenses, traveling, boarding and lodging expenses for the entire life of the contract should be a part of the financial bid submitted by the bidder to the Bank. No extra costs on account of any items or services or by way of any out of pocket expenses, including travel, boarding and lodging etc. will be payable by the Bank. The bidder cannot take the plea of omitting any charges or costs and later lodge a claim on the Bank for the same.
- 3.2.17. The bidder at no point of time can excuse themselves from any claims by the Bank whatsoever for their deviations in confirming to the terms and conditions, payments schedules, time frame for solution etc. as mentioned in the tender document circulated by the Bank. Bidder shall be fully responsible for deviations to the terms & conditions as proposed in the tender document.
- 3.2.18. Grievance Redressal: Any bidder who claims to have a grievance against a decision or action with regard to the provisions of this RFP may file a request to the General Manager, FI & CSR Dept. at gm.fi.bcc@bankofbaroda.com. It may please be noted that the grievance can be filed by only that bidder who has participated in Procurement proceedings in accordance with the provisions of this RFP. All letters must be addressed to the following:

The General Manager,
Financial Inclusion & CSR Dept
4th floor, Baroda Bhawan
R C Dutt Road, Alkapuri
Vadodara – 390 007

3.3 Commercial Bids

- 3.3.1 The bidder is requested to quote in Indian Rupee (INR). Bids in currencies other than INR would not be considered. The date for opening of Commercial Bids would be communicated separately to the successful bidders post the completion of the technical evaluation.
- 3.3.2 **The prices and other terms offered by bidders must be firm for an acceptance period of 180 days from the opening of the commercial bid.**
- 3.3.3 In case of any variation (upward or down ward) in Government levies/ taxes/ cess/ duties etc. which has been included as part of the price will be borne by the bidder. Variation would also include the introduction of any new tax/ cess/ duty, etc provided that the benefit or burden of other taxes quoted separately as part of the commercial bid like GST and any taxes introduced instead of GST and levies associated to GST or any new taxes introduced after the submission of bidder's proposal and same shall also be borne by the bidder. If the Bidder makes any conditional or vague offers, without conforming to these guidelines, Bank will treat the prices quoted as in conformity with these guidelines and proceed accordingly. Necessary documentary evidence should be produced for having paid any tax/ cess/ duty, if applicable, and or other applicable levies.
- 3.3.4 If any Tax authorities of any state, including, Local authorities like Corporation, Municipality



etc. or any Government authority or Statutory or autonomous or such other authority imposes any tax, charge or levy or any cess/ charge other than GST and if the Bank has to pay the same for any of the items or supplies made here under by the bidder, for any reason including the delay or failure or inability of the bidder to make payment for the same, the Bank has to be reimbursed such amounts paid, on being intimated to the Bidder along with the documentary evidence. If the Bidder does not reimburse the amount within a fortnight, the Bank shall adjust the amount out of the payments due to the Bidder from the Bank along with the interest calculated at commercial rate.

- 3.3.5 Terms of payment as indicated in the Purchase Contract that will be issued by the Bank on the selected Bidder will be final and binding on the bidder and no interest will be payable by the Bank on outstanding amounts under any circumstances. If there are any clauses in the Invoice contrary to the terms of the Purchase Contract, the bidder should give a declaration on the face of the Invoice or by a separate letter explicitly stating as follows "Clauses, if any contained in the Invoice which are contrary to the terms contained in the Purchase Contract will not hold good against the Bank and that the Invoice would be governed by the terms contained in the Contract concluded between the Bank and the bidder".
- 3.3.6 The Bank ascertains and concludes that everything as mentioned in the tender documents circulated to the bidder and responded by the bidders have been quoted for by the bidder, and there will be no extra cost associated with the same in case the bidder has not quoted for the same.
- 3.3.7 The Bank is not responsible for any assumptions or judgments made by the bidder for arriving at any type of costing. The Bank at all times will benchmark the performance of the bidder to the RFP and other documents circulated to the bidder and the expected service levels as mentioned in these documents. In the event of any deviations from the requirements of these documents, the bidder must make good the same at no extra costs to the Bank, in order to achieve the desired service levels as well as meeting the requirements of these documents. The Bank shall not be responsible for any assumptions made by the bidder and the Bank's interpretation will be final.
- 3.3.8 The Commercial Offer should give all relevant price information and should not contradict the Technical Offer in any manner. There should be no hidden costs for items quoted.
- 3.3.9 The Bank is not responsible for the arithmetical accuracy of the bid. The bidders will have to ensure all calculations are accurate. The Bank at any point in time for reasons whatsoever is not responsible for any assumptions made by the Bidder. The Bank at a later date will not accept any plea of the bidder or changes in the commercial offer for any such assumptions.
- 3.3.10 Considering the enormity of the assignment, any service which forms a part of the Project Scope that is not explicitly mentioned in scope of work as excluded would form part of this RFP, and the Bidder is expected to provide the same at no additional cost to the Bank. The Bidder needs to consider and envisage all services that would be required in the Scope and ensure the same is delivered to the Bank. The Bank will not accept any plea of the Bidder at a later date for omission of services on the pretext that the same was not explicitly mentioned in the RFP

3.4 Price Comparisons

- 3.4.1 The successful bidder will be determined on the basis of evaluation mentioned in Evaluation Criteria in this RFP document.
- 3.4.2 **Normalization of bids:** The Bank will go through a process of evaluation and normalization of the bids to the extent possible and feasible to ensure that bidders are more or less on the same ground of evaluation. After the normalization process, if the Bank feels that any of the bids needs to be normalized and that such normalization has a bearing on the Commercial Bids; the Bank may at its discretion ask all the shortlisted bidders to resubmit the commercial bids once again for scrutiny. The Bank can repeat this normalization process at every stage of bid submission or till the Bank is satisfied. The bidders agree that they have no reservation or objection to the normalization process and all the bidders will, by responding to this RFP, agree to participate in the normalization process and extend their co-operation to the Bank during this process. The bidders, by submitting the response to this RFP, agree to the process and conditions of the normalization process.
- 3.4.3 The Price offer shall be on a fixed price basis. Bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation will be treated as non-responsive and will be liable to be rejected. The rate quoted by the bidder should necessarily include the following:
- 3.4.4 Transportation, forwarding and freight charges of all equipment to the site;
- 3.4.5 Prices quoted by the Bidder should be inclusive of all taxes, duties, levies etc. except GST. GST will be paid at actuals. The Bidder is expected to provide the GST percentage in both the commercial and masked bids (without amounts being submitted in the technical response). There will be no price escalation during the contract period and any extension thereof. Bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation will be treated as non-responsive and will be rejected.
- 3.4.6 The Bidders expected to provide details of services which are required to be extended by the Bidder in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.
- 3.4.7 The Bidder must provide and quote for the required product and services as desired by the Bank as mentioned in this RFP. Any product or services not proposed to be provided by the Bidder will result in the proposal being incomplete, which may lead to disqualification of the Bidder.

3.5 Application Money, Bid Security and Performance Guarantee

3.5.1 Application Money - Nil

3.5.2 Bid Security / Earnest Money Deposit

Bidders are required to give an earnest money deposit of an amount as mentioned in “[A] Important Dates – Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit)” shall be paid through Demand Draft drawn in favour of BANK OF BARODA payable at Vadodara. The Demand Draft should be from a scheduled commercial Bank and will be accepted subject to the discretion of the Bank.

- Offers made without the Earnest money deposit will be rejected.
- The amount of Earnest money deposit would be forfeited in the following scenarios:
 - In case the bidder withdraws the bid prior to validity period of the bid for any reason whatsoever;
 - In case the bidder refuses to accept and sign the contract as specified in this document within 1 month of issue of contract order/letter of intent for any reason whatsoever; or
 - In case the Bidder fails to provide the performance guarantee within 30 days from the purchase order date, for any reason whatsoever.
- Unsuccessful Bidder's - Bid security money deposit will be returned by the Bank within two weeks from closure of the RFP process. No interest shall be paid on Bid security money deposit to unsuccessful Bidders.
- Successful Bidder – Bid security money deposit will be discharged upon the bidder furnishing the performance guarantee. The Bid security Money of the successful bidder may be forfeited if the bidder fails to furnish performance guarantee within 30 days from the date of Bank placing the order for any reason whatsoever and / or the bidder refuses to accept and sign the contract within 1 month of issue of contract order / letter of intent for any reason whatsoever.

3.5.3 Performance Guarantee

The successful bidder shall provide a Performance Guarantee within 30 days from the date of receipt of the order or signing of the contract whichever is earlier in the format as provided in Annexure 09 to the extent of 10% of the total order value for the entire period of the contract plus 3 months and such other extended period as the Bank may decide for due performance of the project obligations. The guarantee should be of that of a Scheduled Commercial Bank only, other than Bank of Baroda.

In the event of non-performance of obligation or failure to meet terms of this Tender the Bank shall be entitled to invoke the performance guarantee without notice or right of demur to the bidder. Any amount pending for payment due to non-achieving of milestone/s set under the agreement or any other reason solely attributable to the bidder should be included in the remaining amount of the contract value.

The Bank reserves the right to recover any dues payable by the selected bidder from any amount outstanding to the credit of the selected bidder, including the pending bills and/or invoking Performance Guarantee, if any, under this contract.

If the Performance guarantee is not submitted within the stipulated time, the Bank reserves the right to cancel the order / contract and the earnest money deposit taken from the bidder, will be forfeited.

3.6 Others

- 3.6.1 Responses to this RFP should not be construed as an obligation on the part of the Bank to award a purchase contract for any services or combination of services. Failure of the Bank to select a bidder shall not result in any claim whatsoever against the Bank. The Bank reserves the right to reject any or all bids in part or in full, without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- 3.6.2 By submitting a proposal, the bidder agrees to promptly contract with the Bank for any work awarded to the bidder. Failure on the part of the awarded bidder to execute a valid contract with the Bank will relieve the Bank of any obligation to the bidder, and a different bidder may be selected based on the selection process.
- 3.6.3 The terms and conditions as specified in the RFP and addendums (if any) thereafter are final and binding on the bidders. In the event the bidders are not willing to accept the terms and conditions of the Bank, the bidder may be disqualified. Any additional or different terms and conditions proposed by the bidder would be rejected unless expressly assented to in writing by the Bank and accepted by the Bank in writing
- 3.6.4 The bidder must strictly adhere to the delivery dates or lead times identified in their proposal and as agreed by the Bank. Failure to meet these delivery dates, unless it is due to reasons entirely attributable to the Bank, may constitute a material breach of the Bidder's performance. In the event that the Bank is forced to cancel an awarded contract (relative to this tender document) due to the Bidder's inability to meet the established delivery dates or any other reasons attributing to the bidder then that bidder will be

responsible for any re-procurement costs suffered by the Bank. The liability in such an event could be limited to the differential excess amount spent by the Bank for procuring similar deliverables and services.

- 3.6.5 The bidder shall represent and acknowledge to the Bank that it possesses necessary experience, expertise and ability to undertake and fulfil its obligations, involved in the performance of the provisions of this RFP. The bidder represents that the proposal to be submitted in response to this RFP shall meet the proposed RFP requirement. If any services, functions or responsibilities not specifically described in this RFP are an inherent, necessary or customary part of the deliverables or services and are required for proper performance or provision of the deliverables or services in accordance with this RFP, they shall be deemed to be included within the scope of the deliverables or services, as if such services, functions or responsibilities were specifically required and described in this RFP and shall be provided by the bidder at no additional cost to the Bank. The bidder also acknowledges that the Bank relies on this statement of fact, therefore neither accepting responsibility for, nor relieving the bidder of responsibility for the performance of all provisions and terms and conditions of this RFP, the Bank expects the bidder to fulfil all the terms and conditions of this RFP. The modifications, which are accepted by the Bank, shall form a part of the final contract.
- 3.6.6 The Bidder shall represent that the services provided and/or use of the same by the Bank shall not violate or infringe the rights of any third party or the laws or regulations under any governmental or judicial authority. The Bidder further represents that the documentation to be provided to the Bank shall contain a complete and accurate description of the deliverables and services (as applicable), and shall be prepared and maintained in accordance with the highest industry standards. The Bidder represents and agrees to obtain and maintain validity throughout the specified term, of all appropriate registrations, permissions and approvals, which are statutorily required to be obtained by the bidder for performance of the obligations of the bidder.
- 3.6.7 All terms and conditions, payments schedules, time frame for expected service levels as per this tender will remain unchanged unless explicitly communicated by the Bank in writing to the bidder. The Bank shall not be responsible for any judgments made by the bidder with respect to any aspect of the Service. The bidder shall at no point be entitled to excuse themselves from any claims by the Bank whatsoever for their deviations in confirming to the terms and conditions, payments schedules, expected service levels etc. as mentioned in this tender document.
- 3.6.8 The Bank and the bidder covenants and represents to the other Party the following:
- It is duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under as per the laws of the state in which such Party is incorporated.
 - It has the corporate power and authority to enter into Agreements and perform its obligations there under. The execution, delivery and performance of terms and conditions under Agreements by such Party and the performance of its obligations there under are duly authorized and approved by all necessary action and no other action on the part of such Party is necessary to authorize the execution, delivery

and performance under an Agreement.

3.6.9 The execution, delivery and performance under an Agreement by such Party:

- Will not violate or contravene any provision of its documents of incorporation;
- Will not violate or contravene any law, statute, rule, regulation, licensing requirement, order, writ, injunction or decree of any court, governmental instrumentality or other regulatory, governmental or public body, agency or authority by which it is bound or by which any of its properties or assets are bound;
- Except to the extent that the same have been duly and properly completed or obtained, will not require any filing with, or permit, consent or approval of or license from, or the giving of any notice to, any court, governmental instrumentality or other regulatory, governmental or public body, agency or authority, joint venture party, or any other entity or person whatsoever;
- To the best of its knowledge, after reasonable investigation, no representation or warranty by such Party in this Agreement, and no document furnished or to be furnished to the other Party to this Agreement, or in connection herewith or with the transactions contemplated hereby, contains or will contain any untrue or misleading statement or omits or will omit any fact necessary to make the statements contained herein or therein, in light of the circumstances under which made, not misleading. There have been no events or transactions, or facts or information which has come to, or upon reasonable diligence, should have come to the attention of such Party and which have not been disclosed herein or in a schedule hereto, having a direct impact on the transactions contemplated hereunder.
- The bidder shall undertake to provide appropriate human as well as other resources required, to execute the various tasks assigned as part of the project, from time to time.
- It would be the responsibility of the bidder to arrange / obtain necessary road permits or any other document for delivery of the material till Bank's premises. The bidder shall arrange road permit for locations applicable at no extra cost to the Bank.
- The Bank would not assume any expenses incurred by the bidder in preparation of the response to this RFP and also would not return the bid documents to the Bidders
- The Bank will not bear any costs incurred by the bidder for any discussion, presentation, demonstrations etc. on proposals or proposed contract or for any work performed in connection therewith.

3.7 Other RFP Requirements

This tender document may undergo change by either additions or deletions or modifications before the actual award of the contract by the Bank. The Bank also reserves the right to change any terms and conditions of the tender document and its subsequent addendums as it deems necessary at its sole discretion. The Bank will inform all bidders about changes, if any.

The Bank may revise any part of the tender document, by providing a written addendum at stage till the award of the contract. The Bank reserves the right to issue revisions to this tender document at any time before the award date. The addendums, if any, shall be published on Bank's website only.

The Bank reserves the right to extend the dates for submission of responses to this document.

Preliminary Scrutiny – The Bank will scrutinize the offers to determine whether they are complete, whether any errors have been made in the offer, whether required documentation has been furnished, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether items are quoted as per the schedule. The Bank may, at its discretion, waive any minor non-conformity or any minor deficiency in an offer. This shall be binding on all bidders and the Bank reserves the right for such waivers and the Bank's decision in the matter will be final.

Clarification of Offers – To assist in the scrutiny, evaluation and comparison of offers, the Bank may, at its discretion, ask some or all bidders for clarification of their offer. The Bank has the right to disqualify the bidder whose clarification is found not suitable to the proposed project.

No Commitment to Accept Lowest bid or Any Tender – The Bank shall be under no obligation to accept the lowest Commercial Bid or any other offer received in response to this Tender notice and shall be entitled to reject any or all offers including those received late or incomplete offers without assigning any reason whatsoever. The Bank reserves the right to make any changes in the terms and conditions of purchase. The Bank will not be obliged to meet and have discussions with any Bidder, and / or to listen to any representations unless there is change in the terms and conditions of purchase.

Erasures or Alterations – The offers containing erasures or alterations will not be considered. There should be no hand-written material, corrections or alterations in the offer. Technical details must be completely filled up. Correct information of the services being offered must be filled in. Filling up of the information using terms such as "OK", "accepted", "noted", "as given in brochure / manual" is not acceptable. The Bank may treat the offers not adhering to these guidelines as unacceptable.

Price Discussion – It is absolutely essential for the Bidders to quote the lowest price at the time of making the offer in their own interest. The Bank reserves the right to do price discovery and engage the successful bidder in discussions on the prices quoted.

Right to Alter Quantities – The Bank reserves the right to alter the requirements specified in the Tender. The Bank also reserves the right to delete one or more items from the list of items specified in the Tender. The Bank will inform all Bidders about changes, if any. The Bidder agrees that the Bank has no limit on the additions or deletions on the items for the period of the contract. Further the Bidder agrees that the prices quoted by the Bidder would be proportionately adjusted with such additions or deletions in quantities

Incidental Services - The Bidder shall provide all the services as specified in the tender document, particularly the Project Overview and Technical Summary. The price for performing the required incidental services shall be deemed to be included in the Contract Price.

If the Bank is not satisfied with the specifications as specified in the tender document and observes major deviations, the bids of such bidders will not be short-listed for further

evaluation. No further discussions shall be entertained with such bidders in respect of the subject bid.

There will be an acceptance test by the Bank after implementation of the solution. In case of discrepancy in solution implemented, the Bank reserves the right to cancel the entire purchase contract and the bidder should take back their equipment at their costs and risks. The test will be arranged by the bidder at the sites in the presence of the officials of the Bank and / or its consultants

Bidder shall indemnify, protect and save the Bank against all claims, losses, costs, damages, expenses, action, suits and other proceedings, resulting from infringement of any intellectual property right including patent, trademarks, copyrights etc or such other statutory infringements under any laws including the Copyright Act, 1987 in respect of services provided by them in the Bank from whatsoever source, provided the Bank notifies the Bidder in writing as soon as practicable when the Bank becomes aware of the claim. However, (i) the Bidder has sole control of the defense and all related settlement negotiations (ii) the Bank provides the Bidder with the assistance, information and authority reasonably necessary to perform the above and (iii) the Bank does not make any statements or comments or representations about the claim without the prior written consent of the Bidder, except where the Bank is required by any authority/regulator to make a comment/statement/representation.

The Bidder shall perform its obligations under this Tender as an independent contractor, and may engage subcontractors to perform any of the Deliverables or Services with prior permission from Bank. Neither this Tender nor the Bidder's performance of obligations under this Tender shall create an association, partnership, joint venture, or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee, between the Bank and the Bidder or its employees, subcontractor; and neither Party shall have the right, power or authority (whether expressed or implied) to enter into or assume any duty or obligation on behalf of the other Party.

The Bidder shall solely be responsible for all payments (including any statutory payments) to its employees and / or sub-contractors and shall ensure that at no time shall its employees, personnel or agents hold themselves out as employees or agents of the Bank, nor seek to be treated as employees of the Bank for any purpose, including claims of entitlement to fringe benefits provided by the Bank, or for any kind of income or benefits. The Bidder alone shall file all applicable tax returns for all of its personnel assigned hereunder in a manner consistent with its status as an independent contractor of services; and the Bidder will make all required payments and deposits of taxes in a timely manner.

3.8 Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices

As per Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) directives, it is required that Bidders / Suppliers / Contractors observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts in pursuance of this policy:

- "Corrupt Practice" means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of values to influence the action of an official in the procurement process or in contract execution
AND

- "Fraudulent Practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of contract to the detriment of the Bank and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the Bank of the benefits of free and open competition.

The Bank reserves the right to reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question.

The Bank reserves the right to declare a firm ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

3.9 Authorized Signatory

The selected bidder shall indicate the authorized signatories who can discuss and correspond with the Bank, with regard to the obligations under the contract. The selected bidder shall submit at the time of signing the contract, a certified copy of the resolution of their Board, authenticated by Company Secretary/Director, authorizing an official or officials of the company or a Power of Attorney copy to discuss, sign agreements/contracts with the Bank. The bidder shall furnish proof of signature identification for above purposes as required by the Bank.

3.10 Service Level Agreement and Non-Disclosure Agreement

The successful bidder shall execute a) Service Level Agreement (SLA), which must include all the services and terms and conditions of the services to be extended as detailed herein, and as may be prescribed or recommended by the Bank and b) Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA). The successful bidder shall execute the SLA and NDA within 30 days from the date of acceptance of Purchase Order

All the expenses related to execution of the document such as the applicable stamp duty and registration charges if any shall be borne by the bidder.

3.11 Right to Reject Bids

Bank reserves the absolute and unconditional right to reject the response to this RFP if it is not in accordance with its requirements and no correspondence will be entertained by the Bank in the matter. The bid is liable to be rejected if:

- It is not in conformity with the instructions mentioned in the RFP document.
- It is not accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).
- If Commercial Bid Format(Annexure 8) not kept in separate sealed cover and boldly written on the top as "Commercial Bid format"
- It is not properly or duly signed.
- It is received through email.
- It is received after expiry of the due date and time.

- It is incomplete including non- furnishing the required documents.
- It is evasive or contains incorrect information.
- There is canvassing of any kind.
- It is submitted anywhere other than the place mentioned in the RFP
- Any form of canvassing/lobbying/influence/query regarding short listing, status etc will be a ground for disqualification.

4 General Terms and Conditions

4.1 Dispute Resolution

All questions, disputes or differences arising in selection process will be decided by the bank which will be final and binding on bidders and after execution of SLA any dispute between the bank and successful bidder, the Bank and the Bidder shall make every effort to resolve amicably, by direct informal negotiation between the respective project managers/ directors of the Bank and the Bidder, any disagreement or dispute arising between them under or in connection with the contract.

If the Bank project manager/director and Bidder project manager/ director are unable to resolve the dispute after thirty days from the commencement of such informal negotiations, they shall immediately escalate the dispute to the senior authorized personnel designated by the Bidder and Bank respectively.

If after thirty days from the commencement of such negotiations between the senior authorized personnel designated by the Bidder and Bank, the Bank and the Bidder have been unable to resolve contractual dispute amicably, either party may require that the dispute be referred for resolution through formal arbitration by a sole Arbitrator acceptable to both parties OR the number of arbitrators shall be three, with each side to the dispute being entitled to appoint one arbitrator. The two arbitrators appointed by the parties shall appoint a third arbitrator shall act as the chairman of the proceedings. Arbitration will be carried out at Bank's office that placed the order. The Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 or any statutory modification thereof shall apply to the arbitration proceedings. The place and seat of arbitration shall be **Vadodara**.

The arbitral award shall be in writing, state the reasons for the award, and be final and binding on the parties. The award may include an award of costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements. Judgment upon the award may be entered by any court having jurisdiction thereof or having jurisdiction over the relevant Party or its assets.

4.2 Governing Laws

This RFP and the subsequent contract shall be governed and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of India both Parties shall agree that in respect of any dispute arising upon, over or in respect of any of the terms of this Agreement, only the courts in Vadodara shall have exclusive jurisdiction to try and adjudicate such disputes to the exclusion of all other courts.

4.3 Notices and other Communication

If a notice has to be sent to either of the parties following the signing of the contract, it has to be in writing and shall be sent personally or by certified or registered post with acknowledgement due or overnight courier or email duly transmitted, facsimile/fax transmission (with hard copy to follow for email/fax), addressed to the other party at the addresses, email and fax number given in the contract. Notices shall be deemed given upon receipt, except that notices sent by registered post in a correctly addressed envelope shall be deemed to be delivered within 5 working days (excluding Sundays and public holidays) after the date of mailing dispatch and in case the communication is made by facsimile transmission or email, on business date immediately after the date of successful facsimile/email transmission (that is, the sender has a hard copy of a confirmation page evidencing that the facsimile was completed in full to the correct fax number or email sent to correct email address).

Any Party may change the address, email address and fax number to which notices are to be sent to it, by providing written notice to the other Party in one of the manners provided in this section.

4.4 Force Majeure

The Bidder shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, liquidated damages, penalties or termination for default, if any to the extent that its delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the contract is the result of an event of Force Majeure. For purposes of this Clause, "Force Majeure" means an event explicitly beyond the reasonable control of the Bidder and not involving the Bidder's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events are Acts of God or of public enemy, acts of Government of India in their sovereign capacity, strikes, political disruptions, bandhs, riots, civil commotions and acts of war.

If a Force Majeure situation arises, the Bidder shall promptly notify the Bank in writing of such conditions and the cause thereof within fifteen calendar days. Unless otherwise directed by the Bank in writing, the Bidder shall continue to perform Bidder's obligations under this Agreement as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.

In such a case the time for performance shall be extended by a period(s) not less than duration of such delay. If the duration of delay continues beyond a period of three months, the Bank and Bidder shall hold consultations in an endeavour to find a solution to the problem.

4.5 Assignment

The Bidder agrees that the Bidder shall not be entitled to assign any or all of its rights and or obligations under this Tender and subsequent Agreement to any entity including Bidder's affiliate without the prior written consent of the Bank.

If the Bank undergoes a merger, amalgamation, takeover, consolidation, reconstruction, change of ownership, etc., this RFP along with the subsequent Addendums published shall be considered to be assigned to the new entity and such an act shall not affect the rights of the Bidder under this RFP.

4.6 Sub-Contracting

Any type of, sub-contracting is not allowed under this Project.

4.7 Waiver

No failure or delay on the part of either party relating to the exercise of any right power privilege or remedy provided under this tender document or subsequent agreement with the other party shall operate as a waiver of such right power privilege or remedy or as a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach by the other party nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right power privilege or remedy preclude any other or further exercise of such or any other right power privilege or remedy provided in this tender document all of which are several and cumulative and are not exclusive of each other or of any other rights or remedies otherwise available to either party at law or in equity.

4.8 Confidentiality

The bidder acknowledges that in the course of performing the obligations under this Tender and subsequent Agreement, it shall be exposed to or acquire information of the bank, which the bidder shall treat as confidential.

- a) All BOB's product and process details, documents, data, applications, software, systems, papers, statements and business / customer information which may be communicated to or come to the knowledge of Bidder or bidder's employees during the course of discharging their obligations shall be treated as absolutely confidential and Bidder irrevocably agrees and undertakes and ensures that bidder and its employees shall keep the same secret and confidential and not disclose the same, in whole or in part to any third party without prior written permission of BOB. The bidder shall not use or allow to be used any information other than as may be necessary for the due performance by Bidder of its obligations hereunder.
- b) Bidder shall not make or retain any copies or record of any Confidential Information submitted by BOB other than as may be required for the performance of Bidder
- c) Bidder shall notify BOB promptly of any unauthorized or improper use or disclosure of the Confidential Information.
- d) Bidder shall return all the Confidential Information that is in its custody, upon termination / expiry of this Agreement. Also so far as it is practicable Bidder shall immediately expunge any Confidential Information relating to the projects from any computer, word processor or other device in possession or in the custody and control by Bidder or its affiliates.
- e) Bidder shall extent practicable, immediately furnish a certificate signed by its director or other responsible representative confirming that to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief, having made all proper enquiries the requirements of this paragraph have been fully complied with.
- f) Bidder hereby unconditionally agrees and undertakes that it and its employees shall not disclose the terms and conditions of the Agreement/ Work Order or any other oral or written information which may contain, hold or bear confidential information or disclose the information submitted by BOB under any other Agreement to any third party unless such disclosure is mandatorily required by law or if it is required necessarily to be disclosed to any other agency/subcontractor or the like for the purpose of performing any of its obligations under the contract.

However the Confidential Information will not be limited to the information mentioned above but not include the following as Confidential Information:

- I. Without breach of these presents, has already become or becomes and/or hereinafter will become part of the public domain;
- II. Prior to the disclosure by BOB was known to or in the possession of the Bidder at the time of disclosure ;
- III. Was disclosed or parted with the prior consent of BOB;
- IV. Was acquired by Bidder from any third party under the conditions such that it does not know or have reason to know that such third party acquired directly or indirectly from BOB.

The Bidder agrees to take all necessary action to protect the Confidential Information against misuse, loss, destruction, deletion and/or alteration. It shall neither misuse or permit misuse directly or indirectly, nor commercially exploit the Confidential Information for economic or other benefit.

In any dispute over whether information or matter is Proprietary or Confidential Information or not mentioned herein, it shall be the burden of Bidder to show that such contested information or matter is not Proprietary or Confidential Information within the meaning of this Agreement, and that it does not constitute violation under any laws for the time being enforced in India.

The confidentiality obligations shall survive the expiry or termination of the RFP / agreement between the bidder and the Bank.

4.9 Termination

Bank shall have option to terminate / cancel this RFP at any stage without any prior notice and without assigning any reason. In following events Bank shall terminate this assignment or cancel any particular order if service provider:

- Breaches any of its obligations set forth in this assignment or any subsequent agreement and Such breach is not cured within thirty (30) Working Days after Bank gives written notice; or
- Failure by Service Provider to provide Bank, within thirty (30) Working Days, with a reasonable plan to cure such breach, which is acceptable to the Bank. Or
- The progress regarding execution of the contract/ services rendered by the Service Provider is not as per the prescribed time line, and found to be unsatisfactory.
- Supply of substandard materials/ services
- Delay in delivery / installation / commissioning of services.

Bank may terminate this RFP or subsequent agreement on happening of following events:

- The bidder unable to pay its debt as they fall due or otherwise enters into any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of its creditors or any class thereof;
- A liquidator or a receiver is appointed over all or a substantial part of the undertaking, assets or revenues of the bidder and such appointment continues for a period of twenty one (21) days;



- The bidder is subject of an effective resolution for its winding up other than a voluntary winding up for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation.
- Failure of the Bidder make good the situation within the remedy period.
- The selected Bidder commits a breach of any of the terms and conditions of the RFP / contract.
- The selected Bidder becomes insolvent or goes into liquidation voluntarily or otherwise
- An attachment is levied or continues to be levied for a period of 7 days upon effects of the tender.
- Discrepancy in the quality of service / security expected during the implementation, rollout and subsequent maintenance process.
- The bidder becomes the subject of a court order for its winding up.

Notwithstanding above, Bank reserves the right to terminate this assignment or any subsequent agreement and / or any particular order, in whole or in part, without assigning any reason, by giving Service Provider at least 90 days prior notice in writing.

4.10 Effect of termination

If bank terminate or cancel the assignment on the default mentioned in the termination clause, in such case bank reserves the right to get the balance contract executed by another party of its choice. In this event, the Service Provider shall be bound to make good the additional expenditure, which the Bank may have to incur to carry out bidding process for the selection of a new service provider and for execution of the balance of the contract.

Immediately upon the date of expiration or termination of the Tender and subsequent Agreement, Bank shall have no further obligation to pay any fees for any periods commencing on or after such date.

Without prejudice to the rights of the Parties, upon termination or expiry of this Tender and subsequent Agreement, Bank shall pay to Bidder, within thirty (30) days of such termination or expiry, of the following:

- All the undisputed fees outstanding till the date of termination;
- Upon the termination or expiry of this Tender and subsequent Agreement:
- The rights granted to Bidder shall immediately terminate.
- Upon Bank's request, with respect to (i) any agreements for maintenance, disaster recovery services or other third-party services, and any Deliverables not owned by the Bidder, being used by Bidder to provide the Services and (ii) the assignable agreements, Bidder shall, use its reasonable commercial endeavors to transfer or assign such agreements and Bidder Equipment to Bank and its designee(s) on commercially reasonable terms mutually acceptable to both Parties.
- Upon Bank's request in writing, Bidder shall be under an obligation to transfer to Bank or its designee(s) the Deliverables being used by Bidder to perform the Services free and clear of all liens, security interests, or other encumbrances at a value calculated as stated.

4.11 Publicity

Any publicity by the Bidder in which the name or Logo of the Bank is to be used should be done only with the explicit written permission of the Bank.

4.12 Solicitation of Employees

The selected Bidder, during the term of the contract shall not without the express written consent of the Bank, directly or indirectly: a) recruit, hire, appoint or engage or attempt to recruit, hire, appoint or engage or discuss employment with or otherwise utilize the services of any person who has been an employee or associate or engaged in any capacity, by the Bank in rendering services in relation to the contract; or b) induce any person who shall have been an employee or associate of the Bank at any time to terminate his/ her relationship with the Bank.

4.13 Inspection of Records

All bidder records with respect to any matters covered by this RFP shall be made available to auditors, internal or external and or inspecting officials of the Bank and/or Reserve Bank of India and/or any regulatory authority, at any time during normal business hours, as often as the Bank deems necessary, to audit, examine, and make excerpts or transcripts of all relevant data. Said records are subject to examination. The cost of the audit will be borne by the Bank. The scope of such audit would be limited to Service Levels being covered under the contract, and financial information would be excluded from such inspection, which will be subject to the requirements of statutory and regulatory authorities.

4.14 Visit Rights

The Bank and its authorized representatives, including Reserve Bank of India (RBI) or any other regulator shall have the right to visit any of the Bidder's premises without prior notice to ensure that data provided by the Bank is not misused. The Bidder shall cooperate with the authorized representative/s of the Bank and shall provide all information/ documents required by the Bank.

4.15 Compliance with Laws

Compliance in obtaining approvals/permissions/licenses: The Bidder shall promptly and timely obtain all such consents, permissions, approvals, licenses, etc., as may be necessary or required for any of the purposes of this project or for the conduct of their own business under any applicable Law, Government Regulation/Guidelines and shall keep the same valid and in force during the term of the project, and in the event of any failure or omission to do so, shall indemnify, keep indemnified, hold harmless, defend, protect and fully compensate the Bank and its employees/ officers/ staff/ personnel/ representatives/agents from and against all claims or demands of liability and all consequences that may occur or arise for any default or failure on its part to conform or comply with the above and all other statutory obligations arising there from and the Bank will give notice of any such claim or demand of liability within reasonable time to the Bidder.

The Bidder is not absolved from its responsibility of complying with the statutory obligations as specified above. Indemnity shall exclude indirect, consequential and incidental damages. The Vendor should adhere to laws of the land and rules, regulations and guidelines issued by the various Regulatory, Statutory and Government authorities in respect of Data Privacy and especially the guidelines issued by RBI with respect to outsourcing and protection of SPDI (sensitive personal data or information) as per IT (Amendment) Act 2008 including the

provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and the rules/regulations framed there under, such as the Information Technology 46 (reasonable security practices and procedures and sensitive personal data or information) Rules, 2011.

4.16 Indemnity

The Bidder shall indemnify the Bank, and shall always keep indemnified and hold the Bank, its employees, personnel, officers, directors, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Personnel") harmless from and against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, actions, costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) relating to, resulting directly or indirectly from or in any way arising out of any claim, suit or proceeding brought against the Bank as a result of:

- Bank's authorized / bona fide use of the Deliverables and /or the Services provided by Bidder under this RFP; and/or
- an act or omission of the Bidder and/or its employees, agents, sub-contractors in performance of the obligations under this RFP; and/or
- claims made by employees or subcontractors or subcontractors' employees, who are deployed by the Bidder, against the Bank; and/or
- Claims arising out of employment, non-payment of remuneration and non-provision of statutory benefits by the Bidder to its employees, its agents, contractors and sub-contractors.
- breach of any of the term of this RFP or breach of any representation or false representation or inaccurate statement or assurance or covenant or warranty of the Bidder under this RFP; and/or
- any or all Deliverables or Services infringing any patent, trademarks, copyrights or such other Intellectual Property Rights; and/or
- breach of confidentiality obligations of the Bidder contained in this RFP; and/or
- Negligence or gross misconduct attributable to the Bidder or its employees or sub-contractors.
- The Bidder shall at its own cost and expenses defend or settle at any point of time any claim against the Bank that the Deliverables and Services delivered or provided under this RFP infringe a patent, utility model, copyright, trade secret, mask work or trade mark in the country where the Deliverables and Services are used, sold or received, provided the Bank:
- notifies the Bidder in writing as soon as practicable when the Bank becomes aware of the claim; and
- Cooperates with the Bidder in the defence and settlement of the claims.

However, (i) the Bidder has sole control of the defence and all related settlement negotiations (ii) the Bank provides the Bidder with the assistance, information and authority reasonably necessary to perform the above and (iii) the Bank does not make any statements or comments or representations about the claim without the prior written consent of the Bidder, except where the Bank is required by any authority/regulator to make a comment/statement/representation.

Indemnity shall exclude indirect, consequential and incidental damages. However indemnity would cover damages, loss or liabilities suffered by the Bank arising out of claims made by

customer and / or regulatory authorities for reasons attributable to breach of obligations under this RFP and subsequent agreement by the Bidder.

In the event of successful bidder not fulfilling its obligations under this clause within the period specified in the notice issued by the Bank, the Bank has the right to recover the amounts due to it under this provision from any amount payable to the bidder under this project.

The indemnities under this clause are in addition to and without prejudice to the indemnities given elsewhere in this RFP.

4.17 Violation of Terms

The Bank clarifies that the Bank shall be entitled to an injunction, restraining order, right for recovery, suit for specific performance or such other equitable relief as a court of competent jurisdiction may deem necessary or appropriate to restrain the Bidder from committing any violation or enforce the performance of the covenants, obligations and representations contained in this tender document. These injunctive remedies are cumulative and are in addition to any other rights and remedies the Bank may have at law or in equity, including without limitation a right for recovery of any amounts and related costs and a right for damages.

4.18 Authorized Signatory

The selected Bidder shall indicate the authorized signatories who can discuss and correspond with the Bank, with regard to the obligations under the contract. The selected Bidder shall submit at the time of signing the contract, a certified copy of the resolution of their Board, authenticated by Company Secretary/Director, authorizing an official or officials of the company or a Power of Attorney copy to discuss, sign agreements/contracts with the Bank. The Bidder shall furnish proof of signature identification for above purposes as required by the Bank.

4.19 Limitation of Liability

Bidder's aggregate liability in connection with obligations undertaken as a part of the RFP regardless of the form or nature of the action giving rise to such liability (whether in contract, tort or otherwise), shall be at actual and limited to the Total Contract Value.

Bidder's liability in case of claims against the Bank resulting from Wilful Misconduct or Gross Negligence of Bidder, its employees and Subcontractors or from infringement of patents, trademarks, copyrights or such other Intellectual Property Rights or breach of confidentiality obligations shall be unlimited.

Bank shall not be held liable for and is absolved of any responsibility or claim / litigation arising out of the use of any third party software or modules supplied by Bidder as part of procurement under the RFP.

Under no circumstances BOB shall be liable to the selected Bidder for direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, special or exemplary damages arising from termination of this Agreement, even if BOB has been advised of the possibility of such damages, such as, but not limited to, loss of revenue or anticipated profits or lost business.

Subject to any law to the contrary, and to the maximum extent permitted by law neither parties shall be liable to other for any consequential/ incidental, or indirect damages arising out of this agreement.

All employees engaged by the party shall be in sole employment of the party and both the parties shall be solely responsible for their salaries, wages, statutory payments etc. That under no circumstances shall other party be liable for any payment or claim or compensation (including but not limited to compensation on account of injury/death/termination) of any nature to the employees and personnel of the other party.

4.20 Provident Fund

Bidder need to ensure that all the applicable Labor Laws are compiled and their all employees are covered under PF. Bidder need to submit PF coverage letter for their employees issued by the Employees Provident Fund Organization as part of their bid response.

4.21 Property Rights

- Each Party owns and retains all rights, title and interests in and to its respective Pre-Existing Intellectual Property and Independent Intellectual Property. Independent Intellectual Property means any Intellectual Property developed by a Party independently of the applicable statement of work. "Pre-Existing Intellectual Property" means any Intellectual Property owned by a Party, or licensed to such Party (other than by the other Party), as at the commencement date of the applicable statement of work.
- Whereas title to all inventions and discoveries made jointly by the parties resulting from the Work performed as per this agreement shall reside jointly between the parties. Both the parties shall mutually decide the future course of action to protect/ commercial use of such joint IPR. The Intellectual Property Rights shall be determined in accordance with Indian Laws.
- Without prejudice to above paras all the interim/ final deliverables shall be property of bank. Subject to requisite payments the service provider deemed to grant exclusive, perpetual rights to use of the deliverables in favor of bank.

4.22 Information Confidentiality

This document is meant for the specific use by the Company / person/s interested to participate in the current tendering process. This document in its entirety is subject to copyright laws. Bank of Baroda expects the bidders or any person acting on behalf of the bidders to strictly adhere to the instructions given in the document and maintain confidentiality of information. The Bidders will be held responsible for any misuse of the information contained in the document and liable to be prosecuted by the Bank, in the event of such circumstances being brought to the notice of the Bank. By downloading the document, the interested party is subject to confidentiality clauses.

4.23 No Legal Relationship: No binding legal relationship shall exist between any of the Bidder and the Bank until execution of a contract.

4.24 Bank shall follow guidelines issued by Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services vide their letter No.10/01/2021-Coord dtd.22-11-2021 on debarment of firms from bidding.

4.25 Bank reserves the right to extend the project period depending on the operational / business requirement.

4.26 Independent External Monitor

- i. The BOB has appointed Independent External Monitors (hereinafter referred to as monitors) for this Pact in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission. 1) Shri Umesh Kumar (email id: umeshkumar84@rediffmail.com) 2) Dr. Sandeep Tripathi (email id: sandeeptrip.ifs@gmail.com) appointed competent and credible Independent External Monitors for this Pact after approval by Central Vigilance Commission. The task of the Monitors is to review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this agreement.
- ii. The Monitor is not subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and performs his/ her functions neutrally and independently. The Monitor would have access to all Contract documents, whenever required. It will be obligatory for him / her to treat the information and documents of the Bidders as confidential.
- iii. The Bidder(s) accepts that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction to all Project documentation of the BOB including that provided by the Bidder. The Bidder will also grant the Monitor, upon his/ her request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to their project documentation. The same is applicable to Sub-contractors.
- iv. The Monitor is under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the Bidder(s) / Sub-contractor(s) with confidentiality. The Monitor has also signed 'Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information'. In case of any conflict of interest arising during the selection period or at a later date, the IEM shall inform BOB and recuse himself / herself from that case.
- v. The BOB will provide to the Monitor sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the Project provided such meetings could have an impact on the contractual relations between the BOB and the Bidder. The parties offer to the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings.
- vi. As soon as the Monitor notices, or believes to notice, a violation of this agreement, he/ she will so inform the Management of the BOB and request the Management to discontinue or take corrective action, or to take other relevant action. The monitor can in this regard submit non-binding recommendations. Beyond this, the Monitor has no right to demand from the parties that they act in a specific manner, refrain from action or tolerate action.
- vii. The Monitor will submit a written report to the BOB officials within 15 days from the date of reference or intimation to him by the BOB and, should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.

- viii. If the Monitor has reported to the BOB , a substantiated suspicion of an offence under relevant IPC/ PC Act, and the BOB has not, within the reasonable time taken visible action to proceed against such offence or reported it to the Chief Vigilance Officer, the Monitor may also transmit this information directly to the Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- ix. The word 'Monitor' would include both singular and plural.

Disclaimer

Subject to any law to the contrary, and to the maximum extent permitted by law, the Bank and its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, agents, and advisers disclaim all liability from any loss, claim, expense (including, without limitation, any legal fees, costs, charges, demands, actions, liabilities, expenses or disbursements incurred therein or incidental thereto) or damage, (whether foreseeable or not) ("Losses") suffered by any person acting on or refraining from acting because of any presumptions or information (whether oral or written and whether express or implied), including forecasts, statements, estimates, or projections contained in this RFP document or conduct ancillary to it whether or not the Losses arises in connection with any ignorance, negligence, inattention, casualness, disregard, omission, default, lack of care, immature information, falsification or misrepresentation on the part of the Bank or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, agents, or advisers.

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3	Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) Or Bid Security Form (Earnest Money Deposit in the form of Bank Guarantee)	
4	Executive Technical Summary	
5	Copy of the tender document along with Annexures and addendum duly sealed and signed on all the pages of the document / digitally signed tender document.	
6	Letter of authorization from the company authorizing the person to sign the tender response and related documents.	
7	A certified copy of the resolution of Board, authenticated by Company Secretary/Director, authorizing an official/s of the company or a Power of Attorney copy to discuss, sign agreements/contracts with the Bank.	
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Annexure 02 – Bidders Profile and Eligibility Criteria
Section A - BIDDER'S PROFILE

Details filled in this form must be accompanied by sufficient documentary evidence, in order to verify the correctness of the information. **All the documents uploaded should be attested by the bidder.**

Sr. No.	Description	Bidders Response
1.	Name of the Bidder/Firm	
2.	Affiliated from	
3.	Permanent Account Number	
4.	GST No.	
5.	Registered Office address	
6.	Office address at different parts of India. (Kindly attach additional sheet, if required)	
7.	Email Address (at least three)	
8.	Phone/Mobile nos. (at least three)	
9.	Year of Establishment	
10.	Status of the firm (Sole Proprietorship/ Partnership/ Ltd. Co./ Others)	
11.	Name of Director/Partner/Proprietor	
12.	Name of the person who have power of attorney or Authorized Signatory	
13.	Account no., Bank name, NEFT Details, Address of the Bank, Branch Name, IFSC Code – Provide Bank Mandate/Cancelled cheque	
14.	Escalation matrix for Service or sales issue. (Kindly attach additional sheet, if required)	
15.	Details of Earnest Money Deposit /Bid Security submitted to Bank of Baroda	EMD:

- Bidder can use a separate sheet if required



Annexure 02 Section B - Eligibility Criteria

S no	Eligibility Criteria	Supporting documents required
A	General	
1	Bidder must be a NGO/Government Organization / PSU / Government agency / charitable Institutions registered under section 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 / Non-profit Institutions registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 or under Indian Trusts Act, 1882 / Companies registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act.	Certificate of Incorporation / Registration along with requisite KYC documents of the Directors/Trustees/Key persons/authorized Signatories. Resolution of the Entity in respect of nomination of Authorized Signatory.
2	Bidder must not be blacklisted / debarred by any Statutory, Regulatory or Government Authorities or Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs / PSBs).	Letter of confirmation (self-certified letter)
3	Bidder should possess technical capabilities to scale up and also to integrate the project related data with Bank's system. Bidder should have digitized/system based monitoring mechanism. Bidder should be willing and capable to alter/modify the processes/systems as per Bank's need.	Letter of confirmation (self-certified letter) and any additional documentary proof available to support.
4	The Bidder to provide information that any of its subsidiary or associate or holding company or companies having common director/s or companies in the same group of promoters/management or partnership firms / LLPs having common partners has not participated in the bid process.	Letter of confirmation from bidder.
5	The Bidder to provide an undertaking on his letter head that all the technical features highlighted as part of Technical Scope are covered in totality in the proposal submitted by the bidder.	Letter of confirmation from bidder
6	Bidder must have experience of handling tree plantation projects at least for a period of last three years as on 31.03.2024.	Letter of confirmation (self-certified letter)
7	Bidder must have planted minimum of 2 lakh tree plantations in the past with minimum 3 orders in last 2 years.	Letter of confirmation (self-certified letter)
B	Financial	
1	Balance Sheet	Audited Financial statements for the financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 & 2023-24. Certified letter from the Chartered Accountant without any riders or qualification

All dates if not specified to be applicable from the date of the RFP.

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Vendor's Corporate Name

Address (Email and Phone)

Seal & Signature of Bidder

Annexure 03 - Bid Security Letter

1. WHEREAS,.....(hereinafter referred to as "Bidder") has submitted its proposal and response dated.....(hereinafter referred to as "Bid") for the supply of all the requirements described in the Request for Proposal No. along with its amendments/Annexures and other ancillary documents (hereinafter referred to as "RFP") as issued by Bank of Baroda.
2. We having our registered office at(hereinafter called the 'BIDDER') are offering security deposit of Rs. _____/- (Rupees _____ only) vide [demand draft / pay order / issued by a scheduled/Commercial bank] bearing No._____ dated _____ [drawn on/ issued by] _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Bid Security") favouring 'Bank of Baroda for consideration of the Bid of the above mentioned Bidder.
3. The Bidder specifically acknowledges and agrees that the Bidder has furnished his Bid on the understanding and condition that, if the Bidder:
 - a) Withdraws its Bid during the period of Bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Tender Documents or
 - b) Having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid by Bank of Baroda during the period of validity: -
 - i. Fails or refuses to execute the contract form if required; or
 - ii. Fails or refuses to furnish the Performance Security, in accordance with the instruction to Bidders.

Bank of Baroda has the right to forfeit the entire Bid Security amount merely on the occurrence of one or more of the foregoing events without demur or a written demand or notice to the Bidder.
4. The Bid Security shall be returned to unsuccessful Bidders within thirty (30) days from the date of the award of contract to a successful Bidder. The Bid Security shall be returned to the successful Bidder upon furnishing of Performance Security in accordance with the instructions of the Bidder.
5. The Bidder undertakes that it will not cancel the Bid Security referred to above till the Bidder is returned the Bid Security from Bank of Baroda in accordance with the foregoing conditions.
6. The Bidder represents and warrants that the Bidder has obtained all necessary approvals, permissions and consents and has full power and authority to issue this Bid Security and perform its obligations hereunder, and the Bidder has taken all corporate, legal and other actions necessary or advisable to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Bid Security. The absence or deficiency of authority or power on the part of the Bidder to issue this Bid Security or any irregularity in exercise of such powers shall not affect the liability of the Bidder under this Bid Security.

Dated this.....day of.....

Place:_____

Seal and signature of the Bidder

Annexure 04 – Undertaking from the Bidder

The General Manager
Financial Inclusion & CSR Dept
Bank of Baroda
Baroda Bhawan, 4th Floor
R C Dutt Road, Alkapuri
Vadodara – 390 007

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Request for Proposal for

1. Having examined the Tender Documents including all Annexures and Appendices, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned offer to supply, deliver, implement and commission all the items mentioned in the 'Request for Proposal' and the other schedules of requirements and services for your bank in conformity with the said Tender Documents in accordance with the schedule of Prices indicated in the Commercial Bid and made part of this Tender.
2. If our Bid is accepted, we undertake to comply with the delivery schedule as mentioned in the Tender Document.
3. We agree to abide by this Tender Offer for 180 days from date of bid opening and our Offer shall remain binding on us and may be accepted by the Bank any time before expiry of the offer.
4. This Bid, together with your written acceptance thereof and your notification of award, shall constitute a binding Contract between us.
 - a) We undertake that in competing for and if the award is made to us, in executing the subject Contract, we will strictly observe the laws against fraud and corruption in force in India namely "Prevention of Corruption Act 1988".
 - b) Commission or gratuities, if any paid or to be paid by us to agents relating to this Bid and to Contract execution, if we are awarded the Contract are listed below.
 - i. Name and Address of the Agent -(please specify NA if not applicable)
 - ii. Amount and Currency in which Commission paid / payable -(please specify NA if not applicable)
 - iii. Purpose of payment of Commission (If commission is not paid / not payable indicate the same here) -(please specify NA if not applicable)
5. We agree that the Bank is not bound to accept the lowest or any Bid the Bank may receive.
6. We certify that we have provided all the information requested by the bank in the format requested for. We also understand that the bank has the exclusive right to reject this offer in case the bank is of the opinion that the required information is not provided or is provided in a different format.

Dated this.....by20

Yours faithfully,

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Bidder's Corporate Name

Address, Email and Phone #

Annexure 05– Conformity Letter

(This letter should be on the letterhead of the bidder duly signed by an authorized signatory)

To

The General Manager
Financial Inclusion & CSR Dept
Bank of Baroda
Baroda Bhawan, 4th Floor
R C Dutt Road, Alkapuri
Vadodara – 390 007

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Request for Proposal -----

Further to our proposal dated, in response to the Request for Proposal.....(Bank's tender No. hereinafter referred to as "RFP") issued by Bank of Baroda ("Bank") we hereby covenant, warrant and confirm as follows:

We hereby agree to comply with all the terms and conditions / stipulations as contained in the RFP and the related addendums and other documents including the changes made to the original tender documents issued by the Bank shall form a valid and binding part of the aforesaid RFP document. The Bank is not bound by any other extraneous matters or deviations, even if mentioned by us elsewhere either in our proposal or any subsequent deviations sought by us, whether orally or in writing, and the Bank's decision not to accept any such extraneous conditions and deviations will be final and binding on us.

Yours faithfully,

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Bidder's Corporate Name

Address

Email and Phone #

Seal & Signature of Bidder

Annexure 6 – Scope of Work (Technical Requirement)

A. Project Scope

- Planning, implementation, execution and management of tree plantations over a period of 1 year starting from procuring saplings, their planting as well as re-planting / gap filling wherever sapling die within a year of its plantation. The order will be in multiple of 0.50 lakh plants.
- Location of plantation project: Government land (under Afforestation programme) or Land belonging to Farmers (under Rural Livelihood model) or both.

B. Detailed Scope of work:

- Identification of land/location and its free allotment for plantation purpose from Government Department/ Institutes or on private farmers' land.
- To provide multiple options for types of trees including fruit bearing/non-fruit trees & agroforestry species that have environmental benefits.
- To schedule various activities for the purpose in consultation with Bank
- To obtain all appropriate registrations, permissions and approvals, which are statutorily required to be obtained by the bidder for executing plantation activity under the Project.
- To manage the planted saplings 1 year from the date of its planting to make plant survive & sustain its own like land preparation, fertilization, soil improvement, watering, fencing etc.
- To replant the sapling, if plant don't survive.
- To capture Geo-tagging of every plant and to arrange all necessary arrangement for creating inventory for Bank at central level.
- To provide necessary information including the photographs/certificates, documentation to the Bank or its designee, for effective post-delivery uses like issuing certificate to Auto/Housing loan beneficiaries CSR or re-assignment of credit, carbon foot-print etc.

Annexure 7 – Technical Specification

- a) This RFP is not a contract of offer. Receipt of a proposal neither commits Bank to award a contract to any bidder, nor limits Bank's rights to negotiate with any bidders, suppliers or contractors in Bank's best interest. Bank reserves the right to contract with any bidder, supplier or contractor at its own discretion.
- b) Bank reserves the right to request additional information necessary and pertinent to the project so as to assure the bidder's ability and qualification to perform the contract.
- c) Failure to answer any questions within stipulated timeline at any stage of this RFP may be considered non-responsive and the proposal may be disqualified.
- d) For any ambiguity, omissions or unclear content in the RFP the bidders should request Bank to clarify along with pre-bid queries within the time line mentioned in the "[A] Important Dates.
- e) For all technical details and relevant standards and specifications of this RFP that may not be stated in detail; bidders should ensure to provide quality and standard products to Bank.
- f) In case of any difference in the standards between this RFP and the bidders' proposal, the higher standards shall prevail and be applicable.
- g) Expenses incurred in the preparation of proposals in response to this RFP are the sole responsibility of the bidders.
- h) Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, or any part of any proposal, without penalty. Any allowance for oversight, omission, error, or mistake by the bidder made after receipt of the proposal will be at the sole discretion of Bank.
- i) Entire work specified in this RFP shall be carried out on Turnkey basis.
- j) As the contract is on Turnkey solution basis, any other miscellaneous requirements related to the scope described in the RFP or extra work required to be performed due to existing structure limitation shall be provided by the successful bidder even if those items are not mentioned explicitly in this RFP.

Annexure 8 – Commercial Bid Format – (Should be kept in separate sealed cover and boldly written on the top as “Commercial Bid format”)

Sr.	Parameter	Cost per Plant in INR
1	Providing services regarding Plantation of trees with 1 year of maintenance On turnkey basis (Project planning, implementation, execution and its management)	

Note

- The cost quoted by the bidder for all the work should include all cost per plant
- For each of the above items provided the bidder is required to provide the cost for every line item where the bidder has considered the cost.
- If the cost for any line item is indicated as zero then it will be assumed by the Bank that the said item is provided to the Bank without any cost.
- All Deliverables to be supplied as per RFP requirements provided in the tender
- The Service Charges need to include all services and other requirements as mentioned in the RFP
- The bidder has to make sure all the arithmetical calculations are accurate. Bank will not be held responsible for any incorrect calculation show ever for the purpose of calculation Bank will take the corrected figures / cost.
- Detailed BOM (Bill of Material) needs to be submitted along with technical proposal.
- All prices to be in Indian Rupees (INR) only.
- Prices quoted by the Bidder should be inclusive of all taxes, duties, levies etc. except GST which will be paid extra on actuals. The Bidder is expected to provide the GST percentage in commercial (without amounts being submitted in the technical response). There will be no price escalation for during the contract period and any extension thereof. Bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation will be treated as non-responsive and will be rejected
- Details to be provided for any commercials provided against “Any Other Charges”. Bank has the discretion to mark these line items under any other charges if Bank feels these items are not mandatory for the project. Cost of any other charges will be considered for TCO calculation purpose however Bank will place order for these items at Bank’s discretion as per requirement.
- All Quoted Commercial Values should comprise of values only upto 2 decimal places. Bank for evaluation purpose will consider values only upto 2 decimal places for all calculations & ignore all figures beyond 2 decimal places.

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Bidder’s Corporate Name

Annexure 09 - Performance Guarantee

(FORMAT OF PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE)

To

The General Manager
Financial Inclusion & CSR
Bank of Baroda
Baroda Bhawan, R C Dutt Road
Alkapuri, Vadodara - 390007

WHEREAS M/S (Name of Bidder) a Company registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and having its Registered Office at, (Please provide complete address) (hereinafter referred to as "Bidder") was awarded a contract by Bank of Baroda (the Bank) vide their Purchase Order no. dated (hereinafter referred to as "PO") for

AND WHEREAS, in terms of the conditions as stipulated in the PO and the Request for Proposal document No. Dated for (hereinafter referred to as "RFP"), the bidder is required to furnish a Performance Bank Guarantee issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank in India in your favour for Rs...../- towards due performance of the contract in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the purchase order and RFP document (which guarantee is hereinafter called as "BANK GUARANTEE").

AND WHEREAS the Bidder has approached us for providing the BANK GUARANTEE.

AND WHEREAS at the request of the Bidder, WE,a body corporate in terms of the Banking Companies Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings Act,1970/1980 having it's Office at and a branch inter alia at..... India have agreed to issue the BANK GUARANTEE.

THEREFORE, WE, (name of Bank and it's address)through our local office at India furnish you the BANK GUARANTEE in manner hereinafter contained and agree with you as follows:

1. We do hereby expressly, irrevocably and unconditionally undertake to pay the amounts due and payable under this Guarantee without any demur, merely on demand from you and undertake to indemnify you and keep you indemnified from time to time and at all times to the extent of Rs.-(Rupees only) against any loss or damage caused to or suffered by or that may be caused to or suffered by you on account of any breach or breaches on the part of the Bidder of any of the terms and conditions contained in the PO and RFP and in the event of the Bidder committing default or defaults in carrying out any of the work or discharging any obligation under the PO or RFP document or otherwise in the observance and performance of

any of the terms and conditions relating thereto in accordance with the true intent and meaning thereof, we shall forthwith on demand pay to you such sum or sums not exceeding the sum of Rs...../-(Rupees only) as may be claimed by you on account of breach on the part of the Bidder of their obligations or default in terms of the PO and RFP.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or elsewhere, we agree that your decision as to whether the bidder has committed any such breach/ default or defaults and the amount or amounts to which you are entitled by reasons thereof will be binding on us and we shall not be entitled to ask you to establish your claim or claims under Bank Guarantee, but will pay the same forthwith on your demand without any protest or demur. Any such demand made by Bank of Baroda shall be conclusive as regards the amount due and payable by us to you.
3. This Bank Guarantee shall continue and hold good until it is released by you on the application by the Bidder after expiry of the relative guarantee period provided always that the guarantee shall in no event remain in force after (date) without prejudice to your claim or claims arisen and demanded from or otherwise notified to us in writing before the expiry of the said date which will be enforceable against us notwithstanding that the same is or are enforced after the said date.
4. You will have the fullest liberty without our consent and without affecting our liabilities under this Bank Guarantee from time to time to vary any of the terms and conditions of the PO and RFP or extend the time of performance of the contract or to postpone for any time or from time to time any of your rights or powers against the bidder and either to enforce or forbear to enforce any of the terms and conditions of the said PO and RFP and we shall not be released from our liability under Bank Guarantee by exercise of your liberty with reference to matters aforesaid or by reason of any time being given to the bidder or any other forbearance, act or omission on your part or any indulgence by you to the bidder or any other act, matter or things whatsoever which under law relating to sureties, would but for the provisions hereof have the effect of so releasing us from our liability hereunder provided always that nothing herein contained will enlarge our liability hereunder beyond the limit of Rs. /-(Rupees..... only) as aforesaid or extend the period of the guarantee beyond the said (date) unless expressly agreed to by us in writing.
5. The Bank Guarantee shall not in any way be affected by your taking or giving up any securities from the bidder or any other person, firm or company on its behalf or by the winding up, dissolution, insolvency or death as the case may be of the bidder.
6. In order to give full effect to the guarantee herein contained, you shall be entitled to act as if we were your principal debtors in respect of all your claims against the bidder hereby guaranteed by us as aforesaid and we hereby expressly waive all our rights of surety ship and other rights, if any, which are in any way inconsistent with any of the provisions of Bank Guarantee.
7. Subject to the maximum limit of our liability as aforesaid, Bank Guarantee will cover all your claim or claims against the bidder from time to time arising out of or in relation to the PO and RFP and in respect of which your claim in writing is lodged on us before expiry of Bank Guarantee.
8. Any notice by way of demand or otherwise hereunder may be sent by special courier, telex, fax or registered post to our local address as aforesaid and if sent accordingly it shall be deemed to have been given when the same has been posted.
9. The Bank Guarantee and the powers and provisions herein contained are in addition to and not by way of limitation of or substitution for any other guarantee or guarantees hereto before given to you by us (whether jointly with others or alone) and now existing uncanceled and this Bank Guarantee is not intended to and shall not revoke or limit such guarantee or guarantees.
10. The Bank Guarantee shall not be affected by any change in the constitution of the bidder or us nor

shall it be affected by any change in your constitution or by any amalgamation or absorption thereof or therewith but will ensure to the benefit of and be available to and be enforceable by the absorbing or amalgamated company or concern.

11. The Bank Guarantee shall come into force from the date of its execution and shall not be revoked by us any time during its currency without your previous consent in writing.
12. We further agree and undertake to pay you the amount demanded by you in writing irrespective of any dispute or controversy between you and the bidder in any suit or proceeding pending before any court or Tribunal relating thereto, our liability under this present being absolute and unequivocal. The payments so made by us shall be a valid discharge of our liability for payment here under and the bidder shall have no claim against us for making such payment.
13. Notwithstanding anything contained herein above;
 - a. our liability under this Guarantee shall not exceed Rs./- (Rupeesonly)
 - b. this Bank Guarantee shall be valid and remain in force upto and including the date and
 - c. we are liable to pay the guaranteed amount or any part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only and only if you serve upon us a written claim or demand on or before the expiry of this guarantee.
14. We have the power to issue this Bank Guarantee in your favour under the Memorandum and Articles of Association of our Bank and the undersigned has full power to execute this Bank Guarantee under the Power of Attorney issued by the Bank.

Dated this the day of, 20.....

For and on behalf of

Branch Manager

Seal and Address

Seal & Signature of Bidder

Annexure 10 - Bank Guarantee for early release of retention money
(FORMAT OF BANK GUARANTEE)

To

The General Manager
Financial Inclusion & CSR
Bank of Baroda
Baroda Bhawan, R C Dutt Road
Alkapuri, Vadodara - 390007

Dear Sir,

WHEREAS (Name of Bidder) a Company registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and having its Registered Office at, (Please provide complete address) (hereinafter referred to as "Bidder") was awarded a contract by Bank of Baroda (BOB) vide their Purchase Order no. dated (hereinafter referred to as "PO") for

<details of equipment that supplied to be filled in table>

and it has been agreed that a payment of Rs./- (Rupees only) will be made to the bidder representing balance 10% of the consideration amount against the security of a Bank Guarantee from a Scheduled Commercial Bank.

2. Now this deed of guarantee witnesseth that in consideration of BOB agreeing to release a sum of Rs./- (Rupees only) representing balance 10% of the consideration amount payable to the bidder in terms of, the said agreement, we (Bank) having our head office at and amongst other places, a branch at (hereinafter referred to as the guarantor) do hereby expressly, irrevocably and unreservedly agree and undertake that :

a) In the event of bidder committing breach of any of the undertakings or committing default in fulfilling any obligation arising out of said agreement, we (bank) shall on demand, pay BOB without any demur Rs./- (Rupees only) and notwithstanding any right the bidder may have against BOB or any disputes raised by the bidder or any suit or proceedings pending in any competent Court of Law in India or otherwise or before any arbitrator, and BOB's written demand shall be conclusive evidence to us that such amount is payable by us under the said contract and shall be binding in all respects on the Guarantor.

3. The Guarantor shall not be discharged or released from the aforesaid undertaking and guarantee by any agreement, variations made between BOB and the bidder, indulgence shown to the bidder by BOB, with or without the consent and knowledge of the Guarantor or by any alterations in the obligations of the bidder by any forbearance whether as to payment, time performance or otherwise.

4. (a) This guarantee shall remain valid until (date which is 3 months after expiry of warranty period), or until discharged by BOB in writing.

(b) This guarantee shall be a continuing guarantee and shall not be revocable except with the previous written consent of BOB and save as aforesaid it will be in force until the bidder complies with its obligations hereunder.

(c) This Guarantee shall not be affected by any change in the constitution of the bidder by absorption

with any other body or corporation or dissolution or otherwise and this guarantee will be available to or enforceable against such body or corporation.

5. In order to give effect to this guarantee, BOB will be entitled to act as if the guarantor were the principal debtor and the guarantor hereby waives all and any of its rights of suretyship.

6. This guarantee shall continue to be in force notwithstanding the discharge of the bidder by operation of law and shall cease only on payment of the full amount by the guarantor to BOB of the amount hereby secured.

7. This Guarantee shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any other guarantee or security for the bidder given or to be given to BOB in respect of the said contract.

8. Any notice by way of request and demand or otherwise hereunder may be sent by post or any other mode of communication to the guarantor's address as aforesaid, and if sent by post, it shall be deemed to have been given at the time when it would be delivered in due course by post and in proving such notice when given by post it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice was posted and a certificate signed by an officer of BOB that the envelope was so posted shall be conclusive.

9. These presents shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Indian Law. Notwithstanding anything contained herein:

a) Our liability under this Bank Guarantee shall not exceed Rs./- (Rupees only)

b) This Bank Guarantee shall be valid up to (date which is 3 months after expiry of warranty period) and

c) We are liable to pay the guaranteed amount or any part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only and only if you serve upon us a written claim or demand on or before _____ (three months after the date of expiry of the warranty).

d) The guarantor has under its constitution powers to give this guarantee and Shri. (signatories) Officials / Managers of the Bank who has/have signed this guarantee has/have powers to do so.

Dated this day of..... 20__ at

For and on behalf of..... (Bank).

Authorised Signatory in favour of the Bank

Designation

**Annexure-11
Pre-Bid Queries Form**

(Please note that all pre-bid queried need to be send by email in excel format only)

[Please provide your comments on the Terms & conditions in this section. You are requested to categorize your comments under appropriate headings such as those pertaining to the Scope of work, Approach, Work plan, Personnel schedule, Curriculum Vitae, Experience in related projects etc. You are also requested to provide a reference of the page number, state the clarification point and the comment/ suggestion/ deviation that you propose as shown below.]

Name of the Respondent:

Contact Person from Respondent in case of need.

Name :

Tel No :

e-Mail ID:

Sr. No.	Page #	Point / Section #	Category (Scope/Commercial/Legal/General)	Clarification point as stated in the tender document	Comment/ Suggestion/ Deviation
1					
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6					

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Bidder's Corporate Name

Address

Email and Phone #

Date:

Seal & Signature of Bidder

Annexure -12

Declaration/ undertaking from bidder regarding applicability of restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India as per the order no. 6/18/2019-PPD dated 23rd July 2020 issued by Ministry of finance department of expenditure

(This letter should be on the letterhead of the Bidder duly signed by an authorized signatory)

To

The General Manager
Financial Inclusion & CSR
Bank of Baroda
Baroda Bhawan, R C Dutt Road
Alkapuri, Vadodara - 390007

Sir,

We, M/s ----- are a private/public limited company/LLP/Firm ~~<strike off whichever is not applicable>~~ incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956/2013 Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008/ Indian Partnership Act 1932, having our registered office at -----
------(referred to as the "Bidder") are desirous of participating in the Tender Process in response to your captioned RFP and in this connection we hereby declare, confirm and agree as under:

We, the Bidder have read and understood the contents of the RFP and Office Memorandum & the Order (Public Procurement No.1) both bearing no. F.No.6/18/2019/PPD of 23rd July 2020 issued by Ministry of Finance, Government of India on insertion of Rule 144 (xi) in the General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017 and the amendments & clarifications thereto, regarding restrictions on availing/procurement of goods and services, of any Bidder from a country which shares a land border with India and / or sub-contracting to contractors from such countries.

In terms of the above and after having gone through the said amendments including in particular the words defined therein (which shall have the same meaning for the purpose of this Declaration cum Undertaking), we the Bidder hereby declare and confirm that:

Please strike off whichever is not applicable

1. "I/ we have read the clause regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India; I/ we certify that _____ is not from such a country."
2. "I/ we have read the clause regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India; I/ we certify that _____ is from such a country. I hereby certify that _____ fulfills all requirements in this regard and is eligible to be considered. [Valid registration by the Competent Authority is attached.]"

Seal & Signature of Bidder

Further In case the work awarded to us, I/ we undertake that I/ we shall not subcontract any of assigned work under this engagement without the prior permission of bank.

Further we undertake that I/we have read the clause regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India and on sub-contracting to contractors from such countries; I certify that our subcontractor is not from such a country or, if from such a country, has been registered with the Competent Authority and will not sub-contract any work to a contractor from such countries unless such contractor is registered with the Competent Authority. I hereby certify that our subcontractor fulfills all requirements in this regard and is eligible to be considered. [Valid registration by the Competent Authority is attached herewith.]”

2. We, hereby confirm that we fulfil all the eligibility criteria as per the office memorandum/ order mentioned above and RFP and we are eligible to participate in the Tender process.

We also agree and accept that if our declaration and confirmation is found to be false at any point of time including after awarding the contract, Bank shall be within its right to forthwith terminate the contract/ bid without notice to us and initiate such action including legal action in accordance with law. Bank shall also be within its right to forfeit the security deposits/ earnest money provided by us and also recover from us the loss and damages sustained by the Bank on account of the above.

3. This declaration cum undertaking is executed by us through our Authorized signatory/ies after having read and understood the Office Memorandum and Order including the words defined in the said order.

Dated this.....by20

Yours faithfully,

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Vendor's Corporate Name

Address

Email and Phone #

List of documents enclosed:

1. Copy of certificate of valid registration with the Competent Authority (strike off if not applicable)
2.
3.
4.

Annexure 13 – Integrity Pact**PRE CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT
(TO BE STAMPED AS AN AGREEMENT)**

To

The General Manager
Financial Inclusion & CSR
Bank of Baroda
Baroda Bhawan, R C Dutt Road
Alkapuri, Vadodara - 390007

This pre-bid pre-contract Agreement (hereinafter called the Integrity Pact) is made on ____ day of ____ month, 20____, between, on one hand,

BANK OF BARODA, a body corporate constituted under the provisions of Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 (hereinafter referred to as "**BOB**"; which expression shall, unless it be repugnant to the meaning or context thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and assigns); and.....hereinafter referred to as "The Bidder /Bidder"

Preamble

BOB is a one of the nationalized PSU Banks having its presence through its ____ number of branches and ____ administrative offices throughout India and ____ overseas territories. BOB is committed to fair and transparent procedure in appointing of its outsource service providers.

The BOB intends to appoint/ select, under laid down organizational procedures, contract/ s for..... The BOB values full compliance with all relevant laws of the land, rules, regulations, economic use of resources and of fairness / transparency in its relations with its Bidder(s) and / or Bidder(s).

In order to achieve these goals, the BOB will appoint Independent External Monitors (IEM) who will monitor the tender process and the execution of the contract for compliance with the principles mentioned above.

Section 1 - Commitments of BOB

1. The BOB commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption and to observe the following principles: -
 - a. No employee of the BOB, personally or through family members, will in connection with the tender for, or the execution of a contract, demand; take a promise for or accept, for self or third person, any monetary or non-monetary benefit which the person is not legally entitled to.
 - b. The BOB will, during the tender process treat all Bidder(s) with equity and reason. The BOB will in particular, before and during the tender process, provide to all Bidder(s) the same information and will not provide to any Bidder(s) confidential /additional information through

which the Bidder(s) could obtain an advantage in relation to the tender process or the contract execution.

- c. The BOB will make endeavour to exclude from the selection process all known prejudiced persons.
2. If the BOB obtains information on the conduct of any of its employees which is a criminal offence under the IPC/PC Act, or if the rebeassubs tantive suspicion in this regard, the BOB will inform the Chief Vigilance Officer and in addition can initiated is ciplinary actions.

Section 2 - Commitments of the Bidder(s)/ Bidder(s)

- a. The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) commit themselves to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption. The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) commit themselves to observe the following principles during participation in the tender process and during the contract execution.
- b. The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) will not, directly or through any other person or firm, offer, promise or give to any of the BOB's employees involved in the tender process or the execution of the contract or to any third person any material or other benefit which he/ she is not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange any advantage of any kind whatsoever during the tender process or during the execution of the contract.
- c. The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) will not enter with other Bidders into any undisclosed agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal. This applies in particular to prices, specifications, certifications, subsidiary contracts, submission or non-submission of bids or any other actions to restrict competitiveness or to introduce cartelization in the bidding process.
- d. The Bidder(s)/ Bidder(s) will not commit any offence under the relevant IPC/ PC Act; further the Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) will not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others, any information or document provided by the BOB as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained or transmitted electronically.
- e. The Bidder(s) / Bidders(s) of foreign origin shall disclose the name and address of the Agents/ representatives in India, if any, similarly the Bidder(s) /Bidders(s) of Indian Nationality shall furnish the name and address of the foreign principals, if any. Further details as mentioned in the "Guidelines on Indian Agents of Foreign Suppliers" shall be disclosed by the Bidder(s) / Bidder(s). 6-7}
- f. The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) will, when presenting their bid, disclose any and all payments made, is committed to or intends to make to agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the award of the contract.
- g. Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) who have signed the Integrity Pact shall not approach the Courts while representing the matter to IEMs and shall wait for their decision in the matter.
3. The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) will not instigate third persons to commit offences outlined above or be an accessory to such offences.

Section 3 - Disqualification from tender process and exclusion from future contracts

If the Bidder, before contract award has committed a transgression through a violation of Section 2 or in any other form such as to put his reliability or credibility as Bidder into question, the Principal is entitled to disqualify the Bidder from the tender process or to terminate the contract, if already signed, for such reason (pages.8-17).

Section 4 - Compensation for Damages

- (1) If the BOB has disqualified the Bidder(s) from the tender process prior to the award according to Section 3, the BOB is entitled to demand and recover the damages equivalent to Earnest Money Deposit/ Bid Security.
- (2) If the BOB has terminated the contract according to Section 3, or if the BOB is entitled to terminate the contract according to Section the BOB shall be entitled to demand and recover from the Bidder liquidated damages of the Contract value or the amount equivalent to Performance Bank Guarantee.

Section 5 - Previous transgression

- (1) The Bidder declares that no previous transgressions occurred in the last three years with any other Company in any country conforming to the anti-corruption approach or with any Public Sector Enterprise in India that could justify his exclusion from the tender process.
- (2) If the Bidder makes incorrect statement on this subject, he can be disqualified from the tender process or action can be taken as per the procedure mentioned in "Guidelines on Banning of business dealings".

Section 6 - Equal treatment of all Bidders | Bidders | SubBidders

- (1) In case of Sub-contracting, the Principal Bidder shall take the responsibility of the adoption of Integrity Pact by the Sub-Bidder.
- (2) The BOB will enter into agreements with identical conditions as this one with all Bidders and Bidders.
- (3) The BOB will disqualify from the tender process all bidders who do not sign this Pact or violate its provisions.

Section 7 - Criminal charges against violating Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) /SubBidder(s)

If the BOB obtains knowledge of conduct of a Bidder, Bidder or SubBidder, or of an employee or a representative or an associate of a Bidder, Bidder or SubBidder which constitutes corruption, or if the BOB has substantive suspicion in this regard, the BOB will inform the same to the Chief Vigilance Officer.

Section 8 - Independent External Monitor

- (1) The BOB has appointed Independent External Monitors (hereinafter referred to as Monitors) for this Pact in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission. . 1) Shri Umesh Kumar (email id: umeshkumar84@rediffmail.com) 2) Dr. Sandeep Tripathi (email id: sandeeptrip.ifs@gmail.com) appointed competent and credible Independent External Monitor for this Pact after approval by Central Vigilance Commission. The task of the Monitor is to

review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this agreement.

- (2) The Monitor is not subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and performs his/ her functions neutrally and independently. The Monitor would have access to all Contract documents, whenever required. It will be obligatory for him / her to treat the information and documents of the Bidders/Bidders as confidential.
- (3) The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) accepts that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction to all Project documentation of the BOB including that provided by the Bidder. The Bidder will also grant the Monitor, upon his/ her request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to their project documentation. The same is applicable to Sub-Bidders.
- (4) The Monitor is under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) / Sub-Bidder(s) with confidentiality. The Monitor has also signed 'Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information '. In case of any conflict of interest arising during the selection period or at a later date, the IEM shall inform BOB and recuse himself / herself from that case.
- (5) The BOB will provide to the Monitor sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the Project provided such meetings could have an impact on the contractual relations between the BOB and the Bidder. The parties offer to the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings.
- (6) As soon as the Monitor notices, or believes to notice, a violation of this agreement, he/ she will so inform the Management of the BOB and request the Management to discontinue or take corrective action, or to take other relevant action. The monitor can in this regard submit non-binding recommendations. Beyond this, the Monitor has no right to demand from the parties that they act in a specific manner, refrain from action or tolerate action.
- (7) The Monitor will submit a written report to the BOB officials within 15 days from the date of reference or intimation to him by the BOB and, should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.
- (8) If the Monitor has reported to the BOB , a substantiated suspicion of an offence under relevant IPC/ PC Act, and the BOB has not, within the reasonable time taken visible action to proceed against such offence or reported it to the Chief Vigilance Officer, the Monitor may also transmit this information directly to the Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- (9) The word ' Monitor' would include both singular and plural.

Section 9 Facilitation of Investigation

In case of any allegation of violation of any provisions of this Pact or payment of commission, the BUYER or its agencies shall be entitled to examine all the documents including the Books of Accounts of the BIDDER and the BIDDER shall provide necessary information and documents in English and shall extend all possible help for the purpose of such examination

Section 10 - contract has been awarded. Any violation of the same would entailed is qualification of the Pact Duration

This Pact begins when both parties have legally signed it. It expires for the selected Bidder till the contract period, and for all other Bidders 6 months after the bidders and exclusion from future business dealings.

If any claims made/lodged during this time, the same shall be binding and continue to be valid despite the lapse of this pact as specified above, unless it is discharged / determined by BOB.

Section 11 - Other provisions

- (1) Changes and supplements as well as termination notices need to be made in writing.
- (2) If the Bidder is a partnership or a consortium, this agreement must be signed by all partners or consortium members.
- (3) Should one or several provisions of this agreement turn out to be valid, the remainder of this agreement remains valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to the original intentions.
- (4) Issues like scope of work, Warranty/ Guarantee etc. shall be outside the purview of IEMs.
- (5) In the event of any contradiction between the Integrity Pact and RFP/ RFQ/ tender documents and its Annexure, the Clause in the Integrity Pact will prevail.

(For & Onbehalf of the BOB)

(For & Onbehalf of Bidder/ Bidder)

(Office Seal)

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Place-----

Date-----

Witness1:

(Name & Address) _____

Witness2:

(Name & Address) _____

Seal & Signature of Bidder