Corrigendum to
RFP No: [Rev (DMC) (F)11-50/2023-DRRP-AFD-III (IVA)]

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All firms that participated in the pre-bid meeting on 22nd December 2025 are informed that the queries for which the committee suggested changes have been revised and are given in the table below.

The remaining queries, which are not mentioned here, shall be considered as per the original provisions of the RFP, and no changes have been made to the queries raised by the firms.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
S. No.	**RFP document reference(s) (Section & page number)**	**Content of RFP requiring clarification(s)**	**Points of clarification**	**Clause Revised as:**
1	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)**- 11.1, page 31 **Grant Thornton**	**11.1:** Participation of Sub-consultants, Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal is permissible: Yes 21.1. Consulting firms may submit proposals as a consortium to enhance their technical and execution capabilities. However, the number of consortium partners shall not exceed two. The consortium agreement shall clearly identify the lead firm.	A clarification was requested on whether the same consultant shall be part of 2 bidding consortia. It was stated that experts may be proposed from another organisation, provided that it is explicitly disclosed that the expert is also a proposed member of another participating firm. In such cases, the arrangement shall be in the form of a Consortium or Joint Venture, and the Lead Participating Firm must be clearly identified in the proposal documents.	No Change ; retained as per the RFP
2	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)**- 11.1, page 31 **Grant Thornton**	**11.1:** Participation of Sub-consultants, Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal is permissible: Yes	It is requested to confirm whether Clause 11.1, which permits the participation of Sub-consultants, Key Experts, and Non-Key Experts in more than one proposal, may be revised to disallow such participation, in view of potential implications on the evaluation process where the same experts may be proposed by multiple bidders.	No Change ; retained as per the RFP
3	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)**- 21.1, Part A page 34 **Grant Thornton**	Must have a minimum average annual turnover of INR 2 Crores (Two Crore only) from consulting/ advisory services in similar Project in last three financial years out of last five financial years.	It is requested to increase the minimum requirement of average annual turnover to INR 200 crores.	No Change ; retained as per the RFP
4	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)**- 21.1, Part A page 34 **Grant Thornton**	**Part A. Supporting Documents** 4. Satisfactory performance certificate on the organization letter head duly signed by the Head of the organization should also be uploaded in support of experience criteria.	A request was made regarding the clause, seeking confirmation on whether the supporting documents must be signed specifically by the Head of the organization.	It was stated that the supporting documents may be duly signed by the Authorized Signatory, with their name and designation clearly mentioned.

				The clause shall be revised to read as follows: Satisfactory performance certificate on the organization letterhead, duly signed by the Head of the organization or an Authorized Signatory (with name and designation), should be uploaded in support of the minimum experience criteria. *All other conditions shall remain as specified in the RFP.*
5	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)-** 21.1, Part B page 35 **Grant Thornton**	**Part B** **2.** Prior experience in handling IVA assignments, results evaluation from Central Government/ State Government Departments/ Corporations/ PSU/ Boards/ Autonomous Bodies/ organisations. Each Assignment - 4 points (up to maximum of five Assignments)	A request was made to confirm whether **ongoing projects** would be considered for meeting the experience requirements.	It was stated that **only completed projects** shall be taken into account for the purpose of evaluation. The provisions shall remain as per the RFP.
6	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)-** 21.1, Part B page 35 **Grant Thornton**	**Part B** **2.** Prior experience in handling IVA assignments, results evaluation from Central Government/ State Government Departments/ Corporations/ PSU/ Boards/ Autonomous Bodies/ organisations. Each Assignment - 4 points (up to maximum of five Assignments)	A request was made to reduce the required number of IVA assignments considered for evaluation from five (5) to four (4) under the clause.	No Change ; retained as per the RFP
7	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)-** 21.1, Part B page 35 **Grant Thornton**	**Part B** **Supporting Documents:** Satisfactory performance certificate in organization letter head duly signed by the head of the organization should also be uploaded in support of experience criteria.	A request was made regarding the clause, seeking confirmation on whether the supporting documents must be signed specifically by the Head of the organization.	It was stated that the supporting documents may be duly signed by the Authorized Signatory, with their name and designation clearly mentioned. **The clause shall be revised to read as follows:** Satisfactory performance certificate on the organization letterhead, duly signed by the Head of the organization or an Authorized Signatory (with name and designation), should be uploaded in support of the minimum experience criteria.

				All other conditions shall remain as specified in the RFP.
8	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)**- 21.1, Part B page 36 **Grant Thornton**	**Part B:** 3. Prior experience in handling disaster management or climate change management or ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) assignments in India, from Central Government/ State Government Departments/ Corporations/ PSUs/ Boards/ Autonomous Bodies/ Organizations - Each Assignment - 3 points (up to maximum of three assignments)	It is requested to confirm whether the maximum number of assignments that may be submitted for evaluation is limited to three, and that any assignment beyond three will not be considered for evaluation.	No Change ; retained as per the RFP
9	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)**- 21.1, Part B page 36 **Grant Thornton**	**Part B:** Prior experience in handling IVA assignments, results evaluation from Central government/ State Government Departments/ Corporations/ PSUs/ Boards/ Autonomous Bodies/ Organizations - Each Assignment - 4 points (up to maximum of five Assignments) Prior experience in handling disaster management or climate change management or ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) assignments in India, from Central government/ State Government Departments/ Corporations/ PSUs/ Boards/ Autonomous Bodies/ Organizations - Each Assignment - 3 points (up to maximum of three assignments)	It is requested to confirm whether the term 'Central Government/ State Government Departments/ Corporations/ PSUs/ Boards/ Autonomous Bodies/ Organizations' also includes Private Sector Organizations as clients.	Private sector organizations as Clients not allowed. No Change ; retained as per the RFP
10	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)**- 21.1, Part B page 37 **Grant Thornton, Sambodhi Research and Communications Private Limited, Forvis Mazars LLP, IPSOS**	**Key Expert Proposed** **Team Leader:** BE/ B Tech in Civil Engineering and Masters in Business Administration At least 9 years' experience in implementing/managing monitoring and evaluation systems in similar work from Central government/ State Government Departments/ Corporations/ PSUs/ Boards/ Autonomous Bodies/ Organizations for externally aided projects, including at least one project on the results-based financing model	It is requested to revise the eligibility criteria and marking scheme for the position of Team Leader by broadening the educational qualifications and rationalizing the experience requirements, as proposed below. **Team Leader:** BE/ B Tech in Civil Engineering and Masters in Business Administration or B.Sc. in Statistics with a Master's degree or Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration, Master's in Economics, and Master's in Climate Change and Disaster Management	No Change ; retained as per the RFP
11	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)**- 21.1,	**Disaster Management and Climate Change Specialist:**	It is requested to add M.Tech in Civil Engineering (or equivalent, including Integrated Water	No Change ; retained as per the RFP

	Part B page 37 **Grant Thornton, Sambodhi RCPL**	BE/ B. Tech in Civil Engineering/ M. Tech in Environmental Engineering At least 7 years' experience from Central government/ State Government Departments/ Corporations/ PSUs/ Boards/ Autonomous Bodies/ Organizations in disaster management and climate change projects, including at least two projects in India	Resource Management) and M.Sc. in Climate Change and Disaster Management or other related disciplines to the qualification criteria for the position of Disaster Management and Climate Change Specialist.	
12	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)-** 21.1, Part B page 38 **Grant Thornton**	**Information Technology Specialist:** BE/BTech (Information Technology or Computer Science) At least 7 years' experience from Central government/ State Government Departments/ Corporations/ PSUs/ Boards/ Autonomous Bodies/ Organizations in disaster management and climate change projects as Information Technology Specialists, including at least 2 projects in India. Bifurcation of Marks BE/BTech (Information Technology or Computer Science) — 2 Experience in Disaster Management Projects as information technology specialist in India, 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 3 projects — 3 Experience in Climate Change projects as information technology specialist in India, 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 3 projects — 3 Experience in Disaster Management and Climate Change Projects in Himachal Pradesh as information technology specialist, 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 2 projects — 2	It is requested to revise the eligibility criteria for the position of Information Technology Specialist by making the experience requirement sector-agnostic, while retaining the requirement of a minimum of two disaster management or climate change projects in India. Bifurcation of Marks BE/BTech (Information Technology or Computer Science) — 2 Experience as Information Technology specialist in India, 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 5 projects — 5 Experience in Disaster Management projects as information technology specialist or aligned roles in India, 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 2 projects — 2 Experience in as information technology specialist or aligned roles in Himachal Pradesh or other similar geographies (hill states), 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 2 projects — 2	
13	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)-** 21.1, Part B page 39 **Grant Thornton**	**Public Financial Management Specialist:** MBA in Finance / Public Financial Management/ Masters in Financial Control/Masters in Commerce/ Chartered Accountant At least 7 years' experience from Central government/ State Government Departments/ Corporations/ PSUs/ Boards/ Autonomous Bodies/ Organizations in public financial management projects. Bifurcation of Marks:	It is requested to revise the eligibility criteria and bifurcation of marks for the position of Public Financial Management Specialist by broadening the experience requirement to include public financial management across sectors, and by rationalising the project-wise marking for experience in India and Himachal Pradesh or other similar geographies, as proposed. Bifurcation of Marks:	Added: Work Experience in similar geographies (atleast 60% area of the State should be hilly terrain.)

		MBA in Finance / Public Financial Management/ Masters in Financial Control/Masters in Commerce/ Chartered Accountant — 1 Experience in Public Financial Management Projects in India, 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 2 projects — 2 Experience in Public Financial Management Projects in Himachal Pradesh, 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 2 projects — 2	MBA in Finance / Public Financial Management/ Masters in Financial Control/Masters in Commerce/ Chartered Accountant — 1 Experience in Public Financial Management in India, 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 3 projects — 3 Experience in Public Financial Management in Himachal Pradesh or other similar geographies (hill states), 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 1 projects — 1	
14	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)**- 21.1, Part B page 39 1. **Grant Thornton**, 2. **Forvis Mazars LLP**	**Gender Specialist:** Postgraduate in Gender Studies, Social Work, Sociology or related fields under the field of social science At least 7 years' experience from Central government/ State Government Departments/ Corporations/ PSUs/ Boards/ Autonomous Bodies/ Organizations in gender sensitisation/ gender mainstreaming/ gender equity or social inclusion. Bifurcation of Marks Postgraduate in Gender Studies, Social Work, Sociology or related fields under the field of social science — 1 Experience in gender sensitisation/ gender mainstreaming/ gender equity or social inclusion in India, 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 2 projects — 2 Experience in gender sensitisation/ gender mainstreaming/ gender equity or social inclusion in Himachal Pradesh, 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 2 projects — 2	It is requested to revise the eligibility criteria for the position of Gender Specialist by including Rural Management, Public Health and other related disciplines under social sciences, and by specifying experience in Himachal Pradesh or other similar geographies (hill states), as proposed. Bifurcation of Marks Postgraduate in Gender Studies, Social Work, Sociology, Rural Management, Public Health or related fields under the field of social science — 1 Experience in gender sensitisation/ gender mainstreaming/ gender equity or social inclusion in India, 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 3 projects — 3 Experience in gender sensitisation/ gender mainstreaming/ gender equity or social inclusion in Himachal Pradesh or other similar geographies (hill states), 1 mark for each project, up to a maximum of 1 projects — 1	Related fields by the evaluation Committee, whose decision would be fund & bounding. Added: Work Experience in similar geographies (atleast 60% area of the State should be hilly terrain.)
15	**Section 3- Technical Proposal – Standard Forms** Page 44 **Grant Thornton**	**<u>Checklist of Required Forms</u>**	A request was made to consider an extension of the upper page limits prescribed for the Standard Forms to be submitted as part of the Technical Proposal.	Upper page limits for Standard Forms increased by up to 25%; decimals to be rounded off to next higher integer.

16	**Section 3- Technical Proposal – Standard Forms** Page 44 **FORM TECH-2** Page 48 **Grant Thornton**	**B - Consultant's Experience**	It is requested to confirm whether the project details filled in the prescribed template will be counted within the page limit, and whether supporting documents may be submitted separately or as annexures beyond the page limit.	Prescribed templates can have supporting documents, if required (maximum 2 pages)
17	**Section 3- Technical Proposal – Standard Forms** Page 57 **Grant Thornton**	**FORM TECH-7 (FOR FTP) CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXPERTS FORM**	It is requested to confirm whether Form TECH-7 is applicable only to the selected consultant at the stage of contract signing and is therefore not required to be submitted at the proposal stage.	Yes, will be applicable to selected Firm/consultant, only.
18	**Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms (Lump-Sum)** **GCC Clause 23.1 & SCC Clause 23.1** (Page 111, 127) **Grant Thornton**	**23. Liability of the Consultant**	It is requested to confirm the applicable multiplier for limiting the Consultant's liability under SCC Clause 23.1, as the template currently leaves the multiplier unspecified. It is also requested to consider capping the liability up to the total contract value.	No Change ; retained as per the RFP
19	**Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms (Lump-Sum** **General Conditions of Contract** Page 117 **Grant Thornton**	**38. Access to Project Site** 38.1. The Client warrants that the Consultant shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to the project site in respect of which access is required for the performance of the Services. The Client will be responsible for any damage to the project site or any property thereon resulting from such access and will indemnify the Consultant and each of the experts in respect of liability for any such damage, unless such damage is caused by the willful default or negligence of the Consultant or any Sub-consultants or the Experts of either of them	It is requested to clarify the nature of the indemnity provisions under GCC Clause 38.1, and to consider making the indemnity clause mutual.	No Change ; retained as per the RFP
20	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)- 16.2,** Page 32 **Grant Thornton**	**16.2** A price adjustment provision applies to remuneration rates: NO	It is requested to reconsider ITC 16.2 and to include a rate escalation clause linked to a standard inflation index	No Change ; retained as per the RFP
21	**Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms** Page 46 **Grant Thornton**	**Form Tech 1: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**	It is requested to allow the declaration on debarment/blacklisting [Form TECH-1, page 46, point (h)] to be qualified as **'as on the date of submission'**	Self certification to this effect shall be given by the bidder that such certificate is applicable as on date of submission of bid.

22	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)- 16.2,** Page 33 **1. Grant Thornton ,** **2. Sambodhi RCPL** **3. Forvis Mazars LLP**	**17.7 & 17.9** The Proposals must be submitted on the e-procurement portal no later than: Date: 03.01.2026 Time: 03:00 PM	It is requested to extend the deadline by a period of 3 weeks from date of issue of clarifications.	Extension of deadline will be decided by the competent Authority and will be notified in due course
23	**Section 7 (TOR)-18,** Page 81 **Sambodhi RCPL**	**18 The DLI verification** **(ii)** Within one week of the notification, the IVA submits a Verification Plan to the HPSDMA for approval.	It is requested to confirm whether the period for scheduling and mobilisation shall commence upon receipt of official intimation from HPSDMA or only after the complete claim documentation is shared with the IVA.	No Change ; retained as per the RFP
24	**Section 7 (TOR)-17, 18** Page 81 **Sambodhi RCPL**	**Access to Program Data and Systems** Several DLIs involve verification of IT-based systems (e.g., DMPMS, Tourist/Pilgrim Management System).	It is requested to confirm whether the IVA will be provided live system access for functional testing, or whether verification will be limited to secondary evidence such as screenshots, reports, and user testimonies.	Will be provided as per availability, in addition to secondary data.
25	**Section 7 (TOR)-VI, 21** Page 82 **Sambodhi RCPL**	**VI. Re-verification of unmet DLIs** 21. In instances where the IVA reports non-achievement of a DLI after verification, HPSDMA shall provide the necessary information and documentation to support the claim during the subsequent verification cycle. The IVA shall undertake the re-verification of the concerned DLI at no additional cost. After the re-verification, if the IVA concludes that the DLI is still unmet, HPSDMA shall make payment quoted by the IVA for the related DLI.	It is requested to clarify whether, in cases of partial achievement of targets, a DLI will be treated as unmet in entirety or whether partial fulfilment may be recorded and considered for payment and reporting purposes.	It will be treated as unmet. No payment would be given in such cases.
26	**Section 7 (TOR)-VI, 22** Page 82 **Sambodhi RCPL**	**VI. Re-verification of unmet DLIs** 22. A second re-verification, if necessary, will be compensated by HPSDMA at 50% of the amount quoted for that DLI. A third re-verification is not expected from the IVA.	It is requested to clarify if this payment be proportionate to the actual effort required if fewer sites or documents need review?	Payment as provided in RFP document shall be given irrespective of lesser work than envisaged in RFP, if so, required. However, in case of second re-verification it will be done as per RFP clause.
27	**Section 7 (TOR)-VI, 22** Page 84 **Sambodhi RCPL**	**Payment Scheduling** Payment is tied to verification of individual DLIs, but there is no indicative forecast of when these DLIs will mature.	It is requested to indicate the expected distribution of DLI achievements over the program period to facilitate realistic planning of research resources and budgeting?	No Change ; retained as per the RFP

28	**Section 7 (TOR)-Annex-2** Page 90 **Sambodhi RCPL**	**<u>Annex -2: Verification Protocol for Disbursement Linked Indicators</u>** The Verification Protocol refers to a "suitable sampling method" for field verification but offers no benchmarks for sample size or representativeness.	It is requested to confirm whether the IVA will have full discretion to determine the sampling frame and sample size, or whether the same will require review and approval by HPSDMA/AFD for each DLI cycle.	Tentative sampling frame and sampling g size require the approval of program director HPDRRP Program.
29	**Section 7 (TOR)-Annex-2** Page 90 **Sambodhi RCPL**	**<u>DLI 5 – System Implementation</u>** The verification protocol includes "interact with users to confirm usage."	It is requested to confirm whether the IVA will be provided with contact details of relevant end-users, or whether the IVA will be responsible for identifying and scheduling such interactions independently.	HPSDMA will facilitate in this only. IVA shall do the needful in this regard.
30	**Section 2 (ITC-Data Sheet)-** 10.1, 11, Part B page 30 **Sambodhi RCPL**	**<u>10.1 For FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (FTP</u>** 11…… The Earnest Money of successful bidder shall remain in the custody of Procuring Department till the completion of work has been made by the contracting firm to the best of satisfaction of Procuring Department. The EMD shall be forfeited if successful bidder fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the contract. The EMD of unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded after the finalization of tender. Earnest money will be refunded without any interest in case it is deposited through account payee Bankers Cheque/Demand Draft…….	It is requested to consider granting exemption from submission of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for organizations registered as Micro, Small, or Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) under the Ministry of MSME.	No Change ; retained as per the RFP

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