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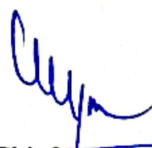
**Response to Pre-Bid Queries**

Following thorough evaluation of the structural and technical clarifications sought by prospective bidders, the Competent Authority of the Sikkim State Rural Livelihoods Mission (SRLM) has finalized the official determinations for immediate implementation and strategic integration into forthcoming proposal, the officially revised clarification is detailed below:

Sl. No.	RFP Clause Reference / Query Topic	Official Clarification & Authoritative Response from Sikkim SRLM
1	<b>Core Team Detail</b> <i>(RFP Annexure VII / Page 23)</i>	Pursuant to the core parameters established in the Terms of Reference (ToR) on page 23, the mandatory threshold for professional experience is fixed at a minimum of <b>5 (five) years for the Team Leader</b> and <b>4 (four) years for the Evaluation Specialist</b> . Prospective bidders are instructed that sample tables contained within the annexures serve solely as formatting models and do not override the main text of the ToR.
2	<b>ToR – Qualitative Interviews &amp; Scope</b> <i>(Section IV / Sample Framework)</i>	The qualitative evaluation architecture is officially finalized as <b>Key Informant Interviews (KII): 200 + 3</b> and <b>Focus Group Discussions (FGD): 4</b> . This structure requires a 200-respondent random sample survey administered at the block level, complemented by 3 primary Key Informant Interviews conducted with state and block-level mission officials. The 4 mandatory Focus Group Discussions must be evenly distributed, dedicating exactly 2 FGDs to each of the two selected sample blocks: <b>Martam Block</b> (Gangtok District) and <b>Soreng Block</b> (Soreng District).
3	<b>Eligibility Criteria &amp; EMD Submission</b> <i>(Clause 15 / Page 7-8)</i>	The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) instruments must be submitted <b>physically in original form</b> at the Sikkim SRLM Headquarters prior to the designated deadline for bid closing. Organizations seeking regulatory exemptions via MSME Certification are permitted to digitally upload a valid certificate alongside their online Technical Bid. However, the technically qualifying bidder shall be strictly

		required to present the physical, original hard copy of the MSME certificate for verification during the formal execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
4	<b>Turnover Financial Years Assessment</b> <i>(Annexure VI / Page 30)</i>	While the ToR initially outlined the submission of financial turnover data for FY 2023-24, FY 2024-25, and FY 2025-26, the Mission acknowledges that audited financial statements for FY 2025-26 may not be universally available at the time of bid submission. Accordingly, the criteria are amended to permit bidders to submit the audited turnover reports for <b>FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24, and FY 2024-25</b> . The sample formats provided in the annexures remain for illustrative layout reference only.
5	<b>Technical Evaluation Milestone</b> <i>(Clause 11.3 / Page 6 &amp; 11)</i>	The presence of the word "seventy-five" in parenthesis adjacent to the numeral 70 in Clause 11.3 is hereby noted as a typographical error. The definitive minimum qualifying milestone for the Technical Bid evaluation is exactly <b>70 (seventy) marks</b> out of a maximum of 100. Proposals scoring below 70 marks will be disqualified and will not proceed to commercial financial bid opening.
6	<b>Timeline for Completion of Work</b> <i>(Terms of Reference)</i>	The ToR originally stipulated that the final work completion report must be submitted within 90 days of the signing of the MoU. However, in consideration of seasonal monsoon conditions, terrain challenges, and subsequent geographical mobility constraints across the state, the permissible timeline for final report submission is hereby extended to <b>120 days from the date of MoU execution</b> .

All other terms, conditions, and technical delivery protocols set forth in the original RFP dated 21st May 2026 remain unaltered. Bidders must ensure their Technical and password-protected Financial Proposals are fully synchronized with the amendments detailed herein and are submitted through email (ceosikkimsrlm@gmail.com) before the absolute deadline of **17th June 2026 at 2:00 PM IST**.

  
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