QUERIES RAISED BY VENDORS

Q #	Query of the Vendor	Committee Response
1.	Please clarify whether a Joint Venture (JV) or a consortium can be formed for any combination of the Lots?	Only JV is allowed. Bids submitted by a joint venture of two or more companies or partners shall comply with the following requirements: a) The Bid, and in case of successful Bid, the Contract form, shall be signed by all so as to be legally binding on all the partners; b) One of the partners shall be authorized to be in charge; and this authority shall be evidenced by submitting a power of attorney signed by legally authorized signatories of all the partners; c) The partner in charge shall be authorized to incur liabilities, receive payments and receive instructions for and on behalf of any or all partners of the joint venture; d) The technical evaluation will be made of the partner in charge exclusively. Therefore, the partner in charge should provide all requisite details for technical evaluation. e) All partners of the joint venture shall be liable jointly and severally for the executing of the Contract in accordance with the Contract terms, and a relevant statement to this effect shall be included in the authorization mentioned above as well as in the Bid Forms and the Form of Agreement (in case of a successful Bid); and f) A copy of the agreement entered into by the joint venture partners shall be submitted with the Bid.
2.	Are there any existing projects for which the said prequalification is required or will prequalification be	Once prequalification process is completed. NITB may engage the potential bidders against the on-going or future projects.

	done for some potential future project? In case there are some projects for which the prequalification process is underway, please share the lot-wise list of these Projects.	
3.	If the Bid is submitted on EPAD, will it still be required to submit a hard copy either? If yes how many copies are required against each bid?	It is not necessary, but it may be asked by the Committee at any time during the technical evaluation process.
4.	In the evaluation criteria, it would be difficult to share the challenges, solutions, and outcomes of past projects as required in the document.	High level overview about the challenges and automation/digitalization along with the outcomes is required from the past projects for the evaluation.
5.	In Lot 4, does NITB require Software Consultancy Services only or is Consultancy for IT Infrastructure also required under this lot?	The bidder may be engaged on the solution designing and developments covering all of the aspects of required solution.
6.	What is the relationship between the Core Team and Relevant Top-Five Experts? Is it necessary that the relevant experts be from the Core Team or not? Please clarify.	It is not necessary but relevant experts may be from the Core Team as well.
7.	Annual Turnover of an organization is determined for all the operations of that organization but not department-wise or division-wise such as IT Businesses only.	Annual turnover of the RO should be from IT business.
8.	The government-owned entity or other entities who gets its Financial Audit late. In that case, can a government entity submit Management Accounts for the fiscal year 2022-23 if the financial audited statement is underway?	RO can submit last approved financial statement.
9.	Since it is a prequalification stage, we feel that there is no Bid Security required along with the proposal whereas the advertisement specifies the enclosure of Bid Security Instrument. Please clarify	No bid security is required against the Prequalification.
10.	We feel that the deadline for proposal submission is short after the prebid meeting. It is therefore requested to extend the time for proposal submission.	No further extension in submission timeline.
11.	Reference to the published tender by NITB for pre-qualification of software development and IT consultancy firms, we want to get some further clarity on the following; **Lot 3: Cyber Security & Information Technology:**	
	End-point security: Is there any endpoint security solution that is currently deployed in NITB? Please share relevant details.	The consultancy may be required from the bidders in procurement or deployment/design of end-point solutions against the projects.
	DevSecOps: What technology stack would be covered in this?	The consultancy may be required in relevant requirements.

	Malware protection: Is there any Malware solution that is currently deployed in NITB? Please share relevant details.	The consultancy may be required from the bidder in procurement or deployment/design of Security solutions against the projects.
	Infrastructure security: Is this related to Assessment or any solution?	The consultancy may be required from the bidder in procurement or deployment/design of Security solutions against the projects.
	Network security: Is there any Network security solution that is currently deployed in NITB? Please share relevant details	The consultancy may be required from the bidder in procurement or deployment/design of Security solutions against the projects.
	Identity and access management: Is there any Identity and access management solution that is currently deployed in NITB? Please share relevant details	The consultancy may be required from the bidder in procurement or deployment/design of Security solutions against the projects.
	Security design and security architecture: What are the objectives?	The consultancy may be required from the bidder in procurement or deployment/design of Security solutions against the projects.
	Security operations and incident management: Is this related to SIEM/SOAR solution?	The consultancy may be required from the bidder in procurement or deployment/design of Security solutions against the projects.
12.	Only one file can be uploaded for submission on EPADs. Please confirm in case of more than one Lot?	A single file can be uploaded on EPADS. However, if submitting a bid for multiple lots, please clearly specify the lot(s) being applied for.
13.	Please share the list of ongoing projects for which pre-qualified vendors can be engaged.	Once the prequalification process is completed. NITB may engage the potential bidders against the on-going or future projects.