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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

**FOR ENGAGEMENT OF DEA EMPANELLED TRANSACTION ADVISOR FOR PROVIDING
ADVISORY SERVICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRI-TECH SMART FARM AT
VARIOUS LOCATIONS OF ODISHA THROUGH PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP)**

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT 2023-24**

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Sl. No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Name of the Client	Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha under the Department of Agriculture & F.E, Government of Odisha
2.	Method of Selection	Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
3.	Availability of RFP Document	Detail RFP documents are available in following website: www.agrisnetodisha.ori.nic.in , agri.odisha.gov.in . and tendersodisha.gov.in
4.	Date of Issue of RFP	13.12.2023
5.	Deadline for Submission of Pre-Bid Query	20.12.2023
6.	Pre-Bid Meeting	30.12.2023
7.	Publication of Pre-Bid Clarification through Website	05.01.2024
8.	Last Date and Time for submission of Bid	29.01.2024 up to 4.30 PM
9.	Date of opening of Technical Proposal	31.01.2024
10.	Date of Technical Presentation	03.02.2024
11.	Date of opening of Financial Proposal	07.02.2024
12.	Expected Date of Commencement of Assignment	To be intimated later
13.	Pre-Bid meeting	A pre-bid meeting will be held on 29.12.2023 at 4.30 P.M in virtual mode over a video conference the link of which would be communicated to the bidders. All queries should be received on or before 20.12.2023 up to 5.30 PM on Email: diragri.or@nic.in & jdafarmseeds.dag@nic.in in MS Word format addressed to: Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha, 2nd Floor, Krushi Bhawan, Gopabandhu Marg, Near State Guest House, Bhubaneswar - 751001
14.	Bid Processing Fee (Non-Refundable) *	INR 10,000/- in form Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft in favour of "Establishment Officer-IV" O/o the Directorate of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha, Bhubaneswar drawn in

		any Scheduled Commercial Bank payable at Bhubaneswar
15.	Earnest Money Deposit /Bid Security (Refundable)	An Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bid Security amounting to Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Only) in shape of DD/ Banker's Cheque from any Scheduled Nationalized Commercial Bank drawn in favour of “Establishment Officer- IV” O/o the Directorate of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha, Bhubaneswar drawn in any Scheduled Commercial Bank payable at Bhubaneswar
16.	Address for Contact	Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha, Krushi Bhawan, Gopabandhu Marg Bhubaneswar, PIN-751001 Telephone No- 0674- 2395532/2391925 Email: diragri.or@nic.in & jdafarmseeds.dag@nic.in
17.	Mode of Submission of Proposal	Mode of Submission: e-Procurement Mode Through tendersodisha.gov.in Submission of bid through other modes and late bid will be rejected. However, the Technical Proposal shall submit online as well as offline mode at the address mentioned as above.
18.	Place of Opening of Technical Proposal:	Board Room, Ground Floor, Krushi Bhawan, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment. Odisha, Gopabandhu Marg, Bhubaneswar-751001

For details on the selection process, please visit: agrisnetodisha.ori.nic.in, agri.odisha.gov.in, and tendersodisha.gov.in

SECTION: 1

Letter of Invitation

Subject: Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of DEA empanelled transaction advisor for providing advisory services for IMPLEMENTATION AGRI-TECH SMART FARM projects at various locations of Odisha through PPP.

1. **Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha under the Department of Agriculture & F.E, Government of Odisha** (herein after called "Authority") propose to appoint a transaction advisor for providing advisory services for IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRI-TECH SMART FARM projects at various locations of Odisha through PPP.
2. This bid is only open for DEA empanelled Transaction Advisors as provided in the DEA publication Transaction advisors for PPP Projects: Manual for use of the Panel dated July 2022.
3. More details on the consultancy services are provided under Terms of Reference in this RFP document. Your firm is now invited to submit its proposal as per the RFP document available on: agrisnetodisha.ori.nic.in, agri.odisha.gov.in and tenderodisha.gov.in. Separate proposals (technical and financial) should be submitted. The technical proposals should have separate team of experts.
4. A pre-bid meeting will be held online on date as mentioned in the data sheet. The last date and time for submission of the proposal is 29.01.2024 till 4.30 PM.

Yours sincerely



**Director of Agriculture & Food Production,
Department of Agriculture & F.E, Odisha**



Disclaimer

The information contained in this Request for Proposal document (“RFP”) or subsequently provided to Applicants, whether verbally or in documentary or any other form by or on behalf of the Authority or any of its employees or advisers, is provided to Applicants on the terms and conditions set out in this RFP and such other terms and conditions subject to which such information is provided.

This RFP is not an agreement or an offer by the Authority to the prospective Applicants or any other person. The purpose of this RFP is to provide interested parties with information that may be useful to them in the formulation of their Proposals pursuant to this RFP. This RFP includes statements, which reflect various assumptions and assessments arrived at by the Authority in relation to the Consultancy. Such assumptions, assessments and statements do not purport to contain all the information that each Applicant may require. This RFP may not be appropriate for all persons, and it is not possible for the Authority, its employees or advisers to consider the objectives, technical expertise and particular needs of each party who reads or uses this RFP. The assumptions, assessments, statements and information contained in this RFP, may not be complete, accurate, adequate or correct. Each Applicant should, therefore, conduct its own investigations and analysis and should check the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, reliability and completeness of the assumptions, assessments and information contained in this RFP and obtain independent advice from appropriate sources.

Information provided in this RFP to the Applicants may be on a wide range of matters, some of which may depend upon interpretation of law. The information given is not intended to be an exhaustive account of statutory requirements and should not be regarded as a complete or authoritative statement of law. The Authority accepts no responsibility for the accuracy or otherwise for any interpretation or opinion on the law expressed herein.

The Authority, its employees and advisers make no representation or warranty and shall have no liability to any person including any Applicant under any law, statute, rules or regulations or tort, principles of restitution or unjust enrichment or otherwise for any loss, damages, cost or expense which may arise from or be incurred or suffered on account of anything contained in this RFP or otherwise, including the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, reliability or completeness of the RFP and any assessment, assumption, statement or information contained therein or deemed to form part of this RFP or arising in any way in the selection process of Financial Consultant and Transaction Advisor.

The Authority also accepts no liability of any nature whether resulting from negligence or otherwise, howsoever caused, arising from reliance of any Applicant upon the statements contained in this RFP.

The Authority may in its absolute discretion, but without being under any obligation to do so, update, amend or supplement the information, assessment or assumption contained in this RFP.

The issue of this RFP does not imply that the Authority is bound to select an Applicant or to appoint the Selected Applicant, as the case may be, for the Consultancy and the Authority reserves the right to reject all or any of the Proposals without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

The Applicant shall bear all its costs associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of its Proposal including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses associated with any demonstrations or presentations which may be required by the Authority or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to its Proposal. All such costs and expenses will remain with the Applicant and the Authority shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for the same or for any other costs or other expenses incurred by an Applicant in preparation or submission of the Proposal, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Selection Process.

Glossary

Agreement	As defined in Schedule -2
Agreement Value	As defined in Clause 6.1.2 of Schedule -2
Applicable Laws	As defined in Clause 1.1.1 (d) of Schedule – 2
Applicant	As defined in Clause 2.1.1
Associate	As defined in Clause 2.3.3 (h)
Authorized Representative	As defined in Clause 2.13.3
Authority	As defined in Clause 1.1.1
Bid Documents	As defined in Clause 1.1.3
Bid Security	As defined in Clause 2.2.1
Concession Agreement	As defined in Clause 1.1.2
Concessionaire	As defined in Clause 1.1.2
Conditions of Eligibility	As defined in Clause 2.2.1
Conflict of Interest	As defined in Clause 2.3.1
Consultancy	As defined in Clause 1.2
Consultancy Team	As defined in Clause 2.1.4
Consultant	As defined in Clause 1.2
CV	Curriculum Vitae
DBFOT	Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer
DEA	Department of Economic Affairs
Deliverables	As defined in Paragraph 4 of Schedule-1
Documents	As defined in Clause 2.12
Effective Date	As defined in Clause 2.1 of Schedule-2
Eligible Assignments	As defined in Clause 3.1.4
Expatriate Personnel	As defined in Clause 1.1.1(i) of Schedule-2
Financial Proposal	As defined in Clause 2.15.1
Form of Agreement	Form of Agreement as in Schedule -2
INR, ₹	Indian Rupee(s)
Inception Report	As specified in Paragraph 4(A) of Schedule-1
Key Date or KD	As defined in Paragraph 5.2 of Schedule-1
Key Personnel	As defined in Clause 2.1.4
Lead Member	As defined in Clause 2.1.1
LOA	Letter of Award
Lump Sum Payment	As defined in Paragraph 10.2 of Schedule-1
Member	As defined in Clause 2.3.3 (a)
One crore	10 Million
One lakh	0.1 Million

Directorate of Agriculture & F.P (O)	RFP for Engagement of DEA Empanelled Transaction Advisor
Official Website	As defined in Clause 1.11.2
PPP	Public Private Partnership
Personnel	As defined in Clause 1.1.1(n) of Schedule-2
Project	As defined in Clause 1.1.1
Project Manager	As defined in Clause 4.6 of Schedule-2
Professional Personnel	As defined in Clause 2.14.6
Prohibited Practices	As defined in Clause 4.1
Proposal	As defined in Clause 1.2
Proposal Due Date or PDD	As defined in Clause 1.5
RFP	As defined in Disclaimer
Resident Personnel	As defined in Clause 1.1.1(o) of Schedule-2
Scheduled Bank	As specified in RBI Act, 1934
Selected Applicant	As defined in Clause 1.6
Selection Process	As defined in Clause 1.6
Services	As defined in Clause 1.1.1(q) of Schedule -2
Sole Firm	As defined in Clause 2.1.1
Statement of Expenses	As defined in Note 8, Form-2 of Appendix- II
Statutory Auditor	An Auditor appointed under Applicable Laws
Sub-Consultant	As defined in Clause 1.1.1(r) of Schedule-2
Support Personnel	As defined in Clause 2.14.6
Technical Proposal	As defined in Clause 2.14.1
TOR	As defined in Clause 1.1.3
Working Days	Monday to Friday except Gazetted Holidays declared by the Government of Odisha for [XXXX] Region.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS EMPOWERMENT
DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD PRODUCTION, ODISHA
KRUSHI BHAWAN: BHUBANESWAR

RFP No 49095

Date- 08-12-2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha under the Department of Agriculture & F.E, Government of Odisha invites online Tenders/Bids from reputed Consulting firms in two cover systems (Cover – I: Technical Bid and Cover – II: Financial Bid) for **“Request for Proposal for engagement of DEA empanelled transaction advisor for providing advisory services for IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRI-TECH SMART FARM projects at various locations of Odisha through PPP”**.

1. Critical Data sheet: Empanelled firms may download the Tender document online from the website agrisnetodisha.ori.nic.in, agri.odisha.gov.in, and tenderodisha.gov.in and are advised to pay INR 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) towards bid processing fees in form of Banker Cheque / Demand Draft from any Scheduled Nationalized Commercial Bank drawn in favour of “Establishment Officer-IV, O/o the Directorate of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha, Bhubaneswar” payable at Bhubaneswar.


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6.	Opening of Financial Proposal	07.02.2024
7.	Letter of Award (LOA)	(To be Intimated later)
8.	Signing of Agreement	(To be Intimated later)
9.	Validity of Applications	180 days of Proposal Due Date
10.	Bid Processing Fees	Rs.10,000/-

2. Method of Selection

Bidder will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) and procedures described in this Tender document.

3. Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders without assigning any reason and no correspondence shall be entertained in this regard.
4. Corresponding details for clarification on Tender is following

diragri.or@nic.in and jdafarmseeds.dag@nic.in


Director of Agriculture & Food Production,
Department of Agriculture & F.E, Odisha



Invitation for Proposals

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background

1.1.1 The Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha under the Department of Agriculture & F.E, Government of Odisha (“Authority” having its Head Office at Krushi Bhawan, Gopabandhu Marg Bhubaneswar, PIN- 751001 has envisaged to develop Agri-Tech Smart Farm projects

1.1.2 With a view to inviting bids for the Project, the Authority has decided to conduct a feasibility study for determining the technical feasibility and financial viability of the Project.

Based on the finding of the feasibility study the Project may be awarded to the private entity (the “Concessionaire”) selected through competitive bidding process (the “Bidding Process”) either on DBFOT/BOOT/BOT/ (as the case may be) basis or on VGF support under VGF scheme of Government of India The Project would be implemented in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the concession agreement to be entered into between the Authority and the Concessionaire (the “Concession Agreement”).

1.1.3 In pursuance of the above, the Authority has decided to carry out the process for selection of a Financial Consultant and Transaction Adviser (hereinafter referred to as of the “**Transaction Adviser**” or the “**Consultant**”) from the empanelled Transaction Advisors of Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), for preparing the Technical and Financial Feasibility reports (the “**Project Feasibility Report**”), the Bid documents and the Manual of Standards and Specifications for operation and maintenance of various facilities of the Project (the “**Manual**”). The Transaction Adviser shall appraise the Project, develop a revenue model and project structure, and shall assist the Authority in documentation and presentation for availing the VGF from Government of India (GoI) and in the bidding process, in accordance with the Terms of Reference specified at Schedule-1 (the “**TOR**”).

1.2 Request for Proposals

The Authority invites proposal (the “**Proposal**”) from the empanelled Transaction Advisors of DEA for selection of a Transaction Advisor who shall carry out the task as mentioned in Term of Reference, as defined in Schedule-1 of this document (collectively the “**Consultancy**”). The Authority intends to select the Consultant through an open competitive bidding process in accordance with the procedure set out herein.

1.3 Due diligence by Applicants

Applicants are encouraged to inform themselves fully about the assignment and the local conditions before submitting the Proposal by paying a visit to the Authority and the Project site, sending written queries to the Authority, and attending a Pre-Proposal Conference on the date and time specified in Clause 1.10.

1.4 Sale of RFP Document

RFP document can be obtained between 10:30 Hrs to 15:30 Hrs on all working days from agrisnetodisha.ori.nic.in, agri.odisha.gov.in, and tendersodisha.gov.in. The proposal shall be accompanied with the Bid Processing Fees INR 10,000/- including GST in form Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft in favour of "Establishment Officer-IV" O/o the Directorate of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha, Bhubaneswar drawn in any Scheduled Commercial Bank payable at Bhubaneswar.

1.5 Validity of the Proposal

The Proposal shall be valid for a period of **180 days** from the Proposal Due Date (the "PDD").

1.6 Brief description of the Selection Process

The Authority has adopted a two-step selection process (collectively the "Selection Process") for evaluating the Proposals comprising technical bid to be submitted in both physical form in sealed envelope and online on the procurement site and financial bid to be submitted online only. In the first step, a technical evaluation will be carried out as specified in Clause 3.1 of this document by a tender committee (the "Tender Committee"), to be appointed by the Authority. Based on this technical evaluation, a list of short-listed applicants shall be prepared as specified in Clause 3.2 of this document. In the second step, a financial evaluation will be carried out as specified in Clause 3.3 of this document. Proposals will finally be ranked according to their combined technical and financial scores as specified in Clause 3.4 of this document. The first ranked Applicant (the "Selected Applicant") shall be called for negotiation, if necessary, while the second ranked Applicant will be kept in reserve.

1.7 Currency conversion rate and payment

1.7.3 The applicant shall submit their Financial Proposal in INR Only.

1.7.4 All payments to the Consultant shall be made in INR in accordance with the provisions of this RFP.

1.8 Schedule of Selection Process

The Authority would endeavor to adhere to the following schedule:

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9	Validity of Applications	180 days of Proposal Due Date
10	Bid Processing Fees	Rs.10,000/-

1.9 Pre-Proposal visit to the Site and inspection of data

Prospective applicants may visit the office of the Project Authority and the Project site and review the available documents and data between 10:30 Hrs to 15:30 Hrs on all working days prior to PDD. For this purpose, they will provide at least two working days' notice to the officer specified below:

Name: Sandip Sahoo, Subrata Ray, BAO(Farm)
Designation: Joint Director of Agriculture(Farm &Seeds)
E-Mial- jdafarmseeds.dag@nic.in
Mobile No-9937359185, 9937336047

1.10 **Pre-Proposal Conference**

The date and time of Pre-Proposal Conference shall be:Date : 31.01.2024

Time : 12.30PM

Through Video Conferencing [video link]

1.11 **Communications**

1.11.3 All communications including the submission of Proposal should be addressed to:

Designation Director of Agriculture & Food Production(O),
Address: Krushi Bhawan, Gopabandhu Marg, Bhubaneswar.
Phone: 0674- 2395532/2391925
Email: diragri.or@nic.in & jdafarmseeds.dag@nic.in

1.11.4 The Official Website of the Authority is:

[diragri.or@nic.in & jdafarmseeds.dag@nic.in]

1.11.5 All communications, should contain the following information and the envelopes to be marked at the top in bold letters:

RFP Notice No. [_____] dated: [_____]

FOR ENGAGEMENT OF DEA EMPANELLED TRANSACTION ADVISOR FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRI-TECH SMART FARM PROJECTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS OF ODISHA THROUGH PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP)

2. INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

A. GENERAL

2.1 Scope of Proposal

- 2.1.1 Detailed description of the objectives, scope of services, deliverables and other requirements relating to this Consultancy are specified in this RFP. In case an applicant firm is empanelled by the DEA, Ministry of Finance, Government of India as Empanelled Transaction Advisors for Public Private Partnership Project and has notified via F no. 2/3/2021-PPP, Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, Private Investment Unit dated 1st July 2022 , , it may participate in the Selection Process in response to this invitation. The manner in which the Proposal is required to be submitted, evaluated and accepted is explained in this RFP.
- 2.1.2 Applicants are advised that the selection of Consultant shall be on the basis of an evaluation by the Authority through the Selection Process specified in this RFP. Applicants shall be deemed to have understood and agreed that no explanation or justification for any aspect of the Selection Process will be given and that the Authority's decisions are without any right of appeal whatsoever.
- 2.1.3 The Applicant shall submit its Proposal in the form and manner specified in this Section of the RFP. The Technical proposal shall be submitted in the form at Appendix-I and the Financial Proposal shall be submitted in the form at Appendix-II. Upon selection, the Applicant shall be required to enter into an agreement with the Authority in the form specified at Schedule-2.
- 2.1.4 **Key Personnel**

The Consultant's team (the "**Consultancy Team**") shall consist of the following key personnel (the "**Key Personnel**") who shall discharge their respective responsibilities as specified below:

Key Personnel	Responsibilities
Team Leader	<p>He/She will lead, co-ordinate and supervise the Consultancy Team for delivering the Consultancy in a timely manner as envisaged in this RFP.</p> <p>She/He will be responsible for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Overall execution of the Consultancy assignment. ✓ Accountable leadership providing guidance, problem solving support and leading discussions with senior stakeholders. ✓ Ensure all deliverables and milestones are satisfactorily delivered
Finance Expert cum PPP Expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He/She will be responsible for preparation of Market assessment for various product mix Pre-feasibility report, the cost estimates based on the Master Plan, work on financial analysis, demand assessment, project structuring, transaction advisory, and will do financial feasibility analysis for pre-feasibility report and project feasibility report. • He/She will bring in sector experience in the team and be responsible for review of Pre-feasibility report and propose requisite amendments. He/She will be responsible for assessment of demand and absorption capacity of the revenue generating elements of the Project (such as leasable Build Up Area created, mapping of prevailing lease rentals). He/She will also review the cost estimates based on the Master Plan, Project Feasibility Report and Manual. The Sector/Technical Expert will also provide requisite inputs on Sector Portfolio Optimization/ Optimal Product Mix, Business and Investor Appetite, Global Benchmarking etc.

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Key Personnel	Responsibilities
Procurement Expert	He/ She will prepare bid documents & documents related to VGF and will be assisting Authority in Bid Process Management.
Architect	He/She will prepare the layout, drawing and design of the project based on the prevailing byelaws, norms and standards and provide necessary inputs to the Consultancy team for preparing the feasibility report and bid documents
Sector Expert-Agriculture	He/She will assist in the layout, drawing and design of the project based on the prevailing byelaws, norms and standards and provide necessary inputs to the Consultancy team for preparing the feasibility report and bid documents. He/ She will co-ordinate to the associated departments and prepare the estimates of the Agriculture and allied activities to be taken up in Agri-Tech Seed Farms.
Sector Expert-Allied Sector	He/She will assist in the layout, drawing and design of the project based on the prevailing byelaws, norms and standards and provide necessary inputs to the Consultancy team for preparing the feasibility report and bid documents. He/ She will co-ordinate to the associated departments and prepare the estimates of the Agriculture and allied activities to be taken up in Agri-Tech Seed Farms.

- 2.1.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this RFP, the detailed terms specified in the draft Contract shall have overriding effect, provided, however, that any conditions or obligations imposed on the Bidder hereunder shall continue to have effect in addition to its obligations under the Contract.

2.2 Conditions of Eligibility of Applicants

- 2.2.1 Applicants must read carefully the minimum conditions of eligibility (the “**Conditions of Eligibility**”) provided herein. Proposals of only those Applicants who satisfy the Conditions of Eligibility will be considered for evaluation.

- 2.2.2 To be eligible for evaluation of its Proposal, the Applicant shall fulfil the following:

(A) Technical Capacity:

- (i) The Applicant should be empanelled by the DEA, Ministry of Finance, Government of India as Empanelled Transaction Advisors for Public Private Partnership Project and has notified via F no. 2/3/2021-PPP, Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, Private Investment Unit dated 1st July 2022 under. The letter from Private Investment Unit in Infrastructure Support and Development Division, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance confirming the empanelment to be submitted with the Proposal.

- (ii) The Applicant should be single entity.

(B) Financial Capacity:

The Applicant should have minimum Turnover of Rs (100 Crs)(One Hundred Crores) as a professional fees from last three years preceding from the year of PDD.

****The Applicant may be registered under the Odisha GST Act as per OGFR-2023 or may registered within 60days of the receiving the Letter of Awards. The said clause is compulsory .**

- (C) **Availability of Key Personnel:** The Applicant shall offer and make available all Key Personnel meeting the requirements specified in Sub- clause (D) below.

- (D) **Conditions of Eligibility for Key Personnel:** Each of the Key Personnel must fulfil the Conditions of

Eligibility specified below:

Key Personnel	Educational Qualification	Professional Experience	Experience on Eligible Assignments
Team Leader	MBA/CA/CFA/MCA/BE/ B. Arch or equivalent	12 years	He should have led the team for transaction advisory of at least 5 (five) Eligible Assignments
Finance Expert cum PPP Expert	MBA/CA/CFA or equivalent with MBA/BTech/BE	8 years	He should have worked as a Finance cum PPP expert in at least 3 (three) Eligible Assignments. Experience of financial modelling is must.
Procurement Expert	MBA/Bachelor's Degree in Law	8 years	He should have worked as legal/procurement expert in atleast 3 (three) Eligible Assignments.
Architect	B Arch/ M Arch	5 years	He should have worked in atleast 3 (three) Eligible Assignments.
Sector Expert-Agriculture	Should have B(Sc), in Agriculture with full time Masters in Fishery / Rural Management / Rural Development / Agri Business Management from a recognized institutions	10years	He should have worked in atleast 3 (three) Eligible Assignments
Sector Expert-Allied Sector	Should have B.V.Sc in Veterinary and Animal Husbandry from a recognized institutions or B(Sc), in Fishery with full time Masters in Fishery / Rural Management / Rural Development / Agri Business Management from a recognized institutions	5 years	He should have worked in atleast 3 (three) Eligible Assignments

- 2.2.3 The Applicant should submit a Power of Attorney as per the format at Form -4 of Appendix-I; provided, however, that such Power of Attorney would not be required if the Application is signed by a Partner or Director (on the Board of Directors) of the Applicant
- 2.2.4 Any entity which has been barred by the Central Government, any State Government, a statutory authority or a public sector undertaking, as the case may be, from participating in any project, and the bar subsists as on the date of the Proposal, would not be eligible to submit a Proposal.
- 2.2.5 An Applicant or its Associate should have, during the last three years, neither failed to perform on any agreement, as evidenced by imposition of a penalty by an arbitral or judicial authority or a judicial pronouncement or arbitration award against the Applicant or its Associate, nor been expelled from any project or agreement nor have had any agreement terminated for breach by such Applicant or its Associate.
- 2.2.6 While submitting a Proposal, the Applicant should attach clearly marked and referenced continuation sheets in the event that the space provided in the specified forms in the Appendices is insufficient. Alternatively, Applicants may format the specified forms making due provision for incorporation of the requested information.
- 2.2.7 Any entity which has been blacklisted by the Central Government, any State Government, a statutory authority or a public sector undertaking, as the case may be, in last 5 (five) years from the date of advertisement of RFP, would not be eligible to submit a Proposal either by itself or through its Associate.

2.3 Conflict of Interest

- 2.3.1 An Applicant shall not have a conflict of interest that may affect the Selection Process or the Consultancy (the “**Conflict of Interest**”). Any Applicant found to have a Conflict of Interest shall be disqualified. In the event of disqualification, the Authority shall forfeit and appropriate the Performance Security, if available, as mutually agreed genuine pre-estimated compensation and damages payable to the Authority for, *inter alia*, the time, cost and effort of the Authority including consideration of such Applicant’s Proposal, without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to the Authority hereunder or otherwise.
- 2.3.2 The Authority requires that the Consultant provides professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold the Authority’s interests’ paramount, avoid conflicts with other assignments or its own interests, and act without any consideration for future work. The Consultant shall not accept or engage in any assignment that would be in conflict with its prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place it in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interests of the Authority.
- 2.3.3 Some guiding principles for identifying and addressing Conflicts of Interest have been illustrated in the Guidance Note at Schedule-3. Without limiting the generality of the above, an Applicant shall be deemed to have a Conflict of Interest affecting the Selection Process, if:
- (a) the Applicant, its Associates (or any constituent thereof) and any other Applicant, its Associate (or any constituent thereof) have common controlling shareholders or other ownership interest; provided that this disqualification shall not apply in cases where the direct or indirect shareholding or ownership interest of an Applicant or Associate (or any shareholder thereof having a shareholding of more than 5 per cent of the paid up and subscribed share capital of such Applicant or Associate, as the case may be) in the other Applicant or Associate is less than 5% (five per cent) of the subscribed and paid up equity share capital thereof. For the purposes of this Clause 2.3.3(a), indirect shareholding held through one or more intermediate persons shall be computed as follows: (aa) where any intermediary is controlled by a person through management control or otherwise, the entire shareholding held by such controlled intermediary in any other person (the “**Subject Person**”) shall be taken into account for computing the shareholding of such controlling person in the Subject Person; and (bb) subject always to Sub-clause (aa) above, where a person does not exercise control over an intermediary, which has shareholding in the Subject Person, the

computation of indirect shareholding of such person in the Subject Person shall be undertaken on a proportionate basis; provided, however, that no such shareholding shall be reckoned under this Sub-clause (bb) if the shareholding of such person in the intermediary is less than 26% (twenty six per cent) of the subscribed and paid up equity shareholding of such intermediary; or

- (b) a constituent of such Applicant is also a constituent of another Applicant; or
- (c) such Applicant or its Associate receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy or grant from any other Applicant or its Associate; or
- (d) such Applicant has the same legal representative for purposes of this Application as any other Applicant; or
- (e) such Applicant has a relationship with another Applicant, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to each other's information about, or to influence the Application of either or each of the other Applicant; or
- (f) there is a conflict among this and other consulting assignments of the Applicant (including its personnel and other members, if any) and any subsidiaries or entities controlled by such Applicant or having common controlling shareholders. The duties of the Consultant will depend on the circumstances of each case. While providing consultancy services to the Authority for this particular assignment, the Consultant shall not take up any assignment that by its nature will result in conflict with the present assignment; or
- (g) a firm which has been engaged by the Authority to provide goods or works or services for a project, and its Associates, will be disqualified from providing consulting services for the same project save and except as provided in Clause 2.3.4; conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project, and its Associates, will be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or services related to the same project; or
- (h) the Applicant or Associate (or any constituent thereof), and the bidder or Concessionaire, if any, for the Project, its contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) (or any constituent thereof) have common controlling shareholders or other ownership interest; provided that this disqualification shall not apply in cases where the direct or indirect shareholding or ownership interest of an Applicant, or Associate (or any shareholder thereof having a shareholding of more than 5% (five per cent) of the paid up and subscribed share capital of such Applicant or Associate, as the case may be,) in the bidder or Concessionaire, if any, or its contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) is less than 5% (five per cent) of the paid up and subscribed share capital of such Concessionaire or its contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s); provided further that this disqualification shall not apply to ownership by a bank, insurance company, pension fund or a Public Financial Institution referred to in sub-section (72) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013. For the purposes of this Sub-clause (h), indirect shareholding shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of Sub-clause (a) above.

For purposes of this RFP, Associate means, in relation to the Applicant, a person who controls, is controlled by, or is under the common control with such Applicant, or is deemed or published as an "Associate Office"; or has a formal arrangement such as tie up for client referral or technology sharing, joint venture with the Applicant (the "Associate"); provided, however, that if the Applicant has any formal arrangement such as consortium membership in a consortium of advisers/ consultants for a particular assignment/ project, not being this project, with any other person, then such other person shall not be treated to be an Associate of the Applicant solely due to the reason of forming such consortium. As used in this definition, the expression "control" means, with respect to a person which is a company or corporation, the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty per cent) of the voting shares of such person, and with respect to a person which is not a company or corporation, the power to direct the management and policies of such person by operation of law or by contract.

2.3.4 An Applicant eventually appointed to provide Consultancy for this Project, its Associates, affiliates and the

Experts, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or services related to the construction and operation of the same Project and any breach of this obligation shall be construed as Conflict of Interest; provided that the restriction herein shall not apply after a period of 3 (three) years from the completion of this assignment or to any consulting assignments granted by banks/ lenders at any time; provided further that this restriction shall not apply to consultancy/ advisory services

2.3.5 performed for the Authority in continuation of this Consultancy or to any subsequent consultancy/ advisory services performed for the Authority in accordance with the rules of the Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, an entity affiliated with the Consultant shall include a partner in the Consultant's firm or a person who holds more than 5% (five per cent) of the subscribed and paid up share capital of the Consultant, as the case may be, and any Associate thereof. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that: (a) the Experts of an Applicant/ Consultant was a partner or an employee of another firm, which attracts the provisions relating to Conflict of Interest hereunder; and (b) was directly or indirectly associated with any assignment that causes a Conflict of Interest hereunder, then such Financial Expert shall be deemed to suffer from Conflict of Interest for the purpose hereof.

2.3.6 In the event that the Consultant, its Associates or affiliates are auditors or financial advisers to any of the bidders for the Project, they shall make a disclosure to the Authority as soon as any potential conflict comes to their notice but in no case later than 7 (seven) days from the opening of the RFP applications for the Project and any breach of this obligation of disclosure shall be construed as Conflict of Interest. The Authority shall, upon being notified by the Consultant under this Clause 2.3.5, decide whether it wishes to terminate this Consultancy or otherwise, and convey its decision to the Consultant within a period not exceeding 15 (fifteen) days.

2.4 Number of Proposals

Nil

2.5 Cost of Proposal

The Applicants shall be responsible for all of the costs associated with the preparation of their Proposals and their participation in the Selection Process including subsequent negotiation, visits to the Authority, Project site etc. The Authority will not be responsible or in any way liable for such costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Selection Process.

2.6 Site visit and verification of information

Applicants are encouraged to submit their respective Proposals after visiting the office of the Authority and ascertaining for themselves the availability of documents and other data with the Authority, Applicable Laws and regulations or any other matter considered relevant by them.

2.7 Acknowledgement by Applicant

2.7.1 It shall be deemed that by submitting the Proposal, the Applicant has:

- (a) made a complete and careful examination of the RFP;
- (b) received all relevant information requested from the Authority;
- (c) accepted the risk of inadequacy, error or mistake in the information provided in the RFP or furnished by or on behalf of the Authority or relating to any of the matters referred to in Clause 2.6 above;
- (d) satisfied itself about all matters, things and information, including matters referred to in Clause 2.6 herein above, necessary and required for submitting an informed Application and performance of all of its obligations thereunder;
- (e) acknowledged that it does not have a Conflict of Interest; and
- (f) agreed to be bound by the undertaking provided by it under and in terms hereof.

2.7.2 The Authority shall not be liable for any omission, mistake or error in respect of any of the above or on account of any matter or thing arising out of or concerning or relating to RFP or the Selection Process, including any error or mistake therein or in any information or data given by the Authority.

2.8 Right to reject any or all Proposals

2.8.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in this RFP, the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal and to annul the Selection Process and reject all Proposals, at any time without any liability or any obligation for such acceptance, rejection or annulment, and without assigning any reasons therefor.

2.8.2 Without prejudice to the generality of Clause 2.8.1, the Authority reserves the right to reject any Proposal if:

- (a) at any time, a material misrepresentation is made or discovered, or
- (b) the Applicant does not provide, within the time specified by the Authority, the supplemental information sought by the Authority for evaluation of the Proposal.

Misrepresentation/ improper response by the Applicant may lead to the disqualification of the Applicant. If such disqualification / rejection occurs after the Proposals have been opened and the highest ranking Applicant gets disqualified / rejected, then the Authority reserves the right to consider the next best Applicant, or take any other measure as may be deemed fit in the sole discretion of the Authority, including annulment of the Selection Process.

B. DOCUMENTS

2.9 Contents of the RFP

2.9.1 This RFP comprises the Disclaimer set forth hereinabove, the contents as listed below and will additionally include any Addendum / Amendment issued in accordance with Clause 2.11:

Request for Proposal

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Instructions to Applicants
- 3 Criteria for Evaluation
- 4 Fraud and corrupt practices
- 5 Pre-Proposal Conference
- 6 Miscellaneous

Schedules

1 Terms of Reference

2 Form of Agreement

Annex-1: Terms of Reference

Annex-2: Deployment of Key Personnel

Annex-3: [Deleted]

Annex-4: [Deleted]

Annex-3: Cost of Services

Annex-4: Payment Schedule

Annex-5: Bank Guarantee for Performance Security

Annex-5 (II) Bank Guarantee for Bid Security

Annex-6: [Fortnightly/Monthly] Time Report

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Form 1: Letter of Proposal

Form 2: Particulars of the Applicant

Form 3: Statement of Legal Capacity

Form 4: Power of Attorney

Form 5: Financial Capacity of the Applicant

Form 6: Particulars of Key Personnel

Form 7: Abstract of Eligible Assignments of the Applicant

Form 7A: Abstract of Specific Assignments of the Applicant

Form 8: Abstract of Eligible Assignments of Key Personnel

Form 8A: Abstract of Specific Assignments of Key Personnel

Form 9: Eligible Assignments of Applicant

Form 9A: Specific Assignments of Applicant

Form 10: Eligible Assignments of Key Personnel

Form 10A: Specific Assignments of Key Personnel

Form 11: CVs of Professional Personnel

Appendix – II: Financial Proposal Form

1: Covering Letter

Form 2: Financial Proposal

2.10 Clarifications

- 2.10.1 Applicants requiring any clarification on the RFP may send their queries to the Authority in writing by speed post/ courier/ special messenger or by e-mail so as to reach before the date mentioned in the Schedule of Selection Process at Clause 1.8. The envelopes shall clearly bear the following identification:

"Queries concerning RFP for “ENGAGEMENT OF DEA EMPANELLED TRANSACTION ADVISOR FOR PROVIDING ADVISORY SERVICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRI-TECH SMART FARM PROJECTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS OF ODISHA THROUGH PPP”

The Authority shall endeavour to respond to the queries within the period specified therein but no later than 9 (Nine) days prior to the PDD. The Authority will post the reply to all such queries on 05.01.2024 agrisnetodisha.ori.nic.in, agri.odisha.gov.in, and tendersodisha.gov.in

- 2.10.2 The Authority reserves the right not to respond to any queries or provide any clarifications, in its sole discretion, and nothing in this Clause 2.10 shall be construed as obliging the Authority to respond to any question or to provide any clarification.

2.11 Amendment of RFP

- 2.11.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Proposal, the Authority may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to clarifications requested by an Applicant, modify the RFP document by the issuance of Addendum/ Amendment and posting it on the Official Website.

- 2.11.2 All such amendments will be notified through e-mail to all Applicants who have purchased the RFP document. The amendments will also be posted on the agrisnetodisha.ori.nic.in, agri.odisha.gov.in and tendersodisha.gov.in along with the revised RFP containing the amendments and will be binding on all Applicants.
- 2.11.3 In order to afford the Applicants a reasonable time for taking an amendment into account, or for any other reason, the Authority may, in its sole discretion, extend the PDD.

C. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

2.12 Language

The Proposal with all accompanying documents (the “**Documents**”) and all communications in relation to or concerning the Selection Process shall be in English language and strictly on the forms provided in this RFP. No supporting document or printed literature shall be submitted with the Proposal unless specifically asked for and in case any of these Documents is in another language, it must be accompanied by an accurate translation of all the relevant passages in English, in which case, for all purposes of interpretation of the Proposal, the translation in English shall prevail.

2.13 Format and Signing of Proposal

- 2.13.1 The Applicant shall provide all the information sought under this RFP. The Authority would evaluate only those Proposals that are received in the specified forms and complete in all respects.
- 2.13.2 The Applicant shall prepare original set of the Proposal (together with originals/ copies of Documents required to be submitted along therewith pursuant to this RFP) and clearly marked “**ORIGINAL**”. In addition, the Applicant shall submit 1 (one) copy of the Proposal, along with Documents, marked “**COPY**”. In the event of any discrepancy between the original and its copies, the original shall prevail.
- 2.13.3 The Proposal, shall be typed or written in indelible ink and signed by the authorised signatory of the Applicant who shall initial each page, in blue ink. In case of printed and published Documents, only the cover shall be initialled. All the alterations, omissions, additions, or any other amendments made to the Proposal shall be initialled by the person(s) signing the Proposal. The Proposals must be properly signed by the authorised representative (the “**Authorised Representative**”) as detailed below:
- (a) by the proprietor, in case of a proprietary firm; or
 - (b) by a partner, in case of a partnership firm and/or a limited liability partnership; or
 - (c) by a duly authorised person holding the Power of Attorney, in case of a Limited Company or a corporation; or

A copy of the Power of Attorney certified by a notary public in the form specified in Appendix-I (Form-4) shall accompany the Proposal (if required).

- 2.13.4 Applicants should note the PDD, as specified in Clause 1.8, for submission of Proposals. Except as specifically provided in this RFP, no supplementary material will be entertained by the Authority, and that evaluation will be carried out only on the basis of Documents uploaded on agrisnetodisha.ori.nic.in, agri.odisha.gov.in, tendersodisha.gov.in by the closing time of PDD as specified in Clause 1.8. Applicants will ordinarily not be asked to provide additional material information or documents subsequent to the date of submission, and unsolicited material if submitted will be summarily rejected.

2.14 Technical Proposal

2.14.1 Applicants shall submit the technical proposal in the formats at Appendix-I (the “**Technical Proposal**”).

2.14.2 While submitting the Technical Proposal, the Applicant shall, in particular, ensure that:

- (a) all forms are submitted in the prescribed formats and signed by the prescribed signatories;
- (b) processing fees and bid security is provided;
- (c) power of attorney, if applicable, is executed as per Applicable Laws;
- (d) CVs of all Key Personnel have been included;
- (e) Key Personnel have been proposed only if they meet the Conditions of Eligibility laid down at Clause 2.2.2 (D) of the RFP;
- (f) no alternative proposal for any Key Personnel is being made and only one CV for each position has been furnished;
- (g) the CVs have been recently signed and dated i.e. within 30 days prior to PDD, in blue ink by the respective Personnel and countersigned by the Applicant. Photocopy or unsigned / countersigned CVs shall be rejected;
- (h) the CVs shall contain an undertaking from the respective Key Personnel about his/her availability for the duration specified in the RFP;
- (i) Key Personnel proposed have good working knowledge of English language;
- (j) Key Personnel would be available for the period indicated in the TOR;
- (k) no Key Personnel should have attained the age of 70 years at the time of submitting the proposal; and
- (l) the proposal is responsive in terms of Clause 2.21.3.

2.14.3 Failure to comply with the requirements spelt out in this Clause 2.14 shall make the Proposal liable to be rejected.

2.14.4 If an individual Key Personnel makes a false averment regarding his qualification, experience or other particulars, he shall be liable to be debarred for any future assignment of the Authority for a period of 3 (three) years. The award of this Consultancy to the Applicant may also be liable to cancellation in such an event.

2.14.5 The Technical Proposal shall not include any financial information relating to the Financial Proposal.

2.14.6 The proposed team shall include experts and specialists (the “**Professional Personnel**”) in their respective areas of expertise and managerial/support staff (the “**Support Personnel**”) such that the Consultant should be able to complete the Consultancy within the specified time schedule. The Key Personnel specified in Clause 2.1.4 shall be included in the proposed team of Professional Personnel. The team shall comprise other competent and experienced professional personnel in the relevant areas of expertise (where applicable) as required for successful completion of this Consultancy. The CV of each such professional personnel, if any, should also be submitted in the format at Form-11 of Appendix-I.

- 2.14.7 An Applicant may, from time to time, if it considers necessary, propose suitable Sub-Consultants in specific areas of expertise (where applicable). Credentials of such Sub-Consultants should be submitted by the Applicant in Form-12 of Appendix-I. A Sub-Consultant, however, shall not be a substitute for any Key Personnel.
- 2.14.8 The Authority reserves the right to verify all statements, information and documents, submitted by the Applicant in response to the RFP. Any such verification or the lack of such verification by the Authority to undertake such verification shall not relieve the Applicant of its obligations or liabilities hereunder nor will it affect any rights of the Authority thereunder.
- 2.14.9 In case it is found during the evaluation or at any time before signing of the Agreement or after its execution and during the period of subsistence thereof, that one or more of the eligibility conditions have not been met by the Applicant or the Applicant has made material misrepresentation or has given any materially incorrect or false information, the Applicant shall be disqualified forthwith if not yet appointed as the Consultant either by issue of the LOA or entering into of the Agreement, and if the Selected Applicant has already been issued the LOA or has entered into the Agreement, as the case may be, the same shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained therein or in this RFP, be liable to be terminated, by a communication in writing by the Authority without the Authority being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Selected Applicant or Consultant, as the case may be.

In such an event, the Authority shall forfeit and appropriate the Performance Security, if available, as mutually agreed pre-estimated compensation and damages payable to the Authority for, *inter alia*, time, cost and effort of the Authority, without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to the Authority.

2.15 Financial Proposal

- 2.15.1 Applicants shall submit the financial proposal online only on tendersodisha.gov.in in the formats at Appendix-II (the “**Financial Proposal**”) clearly indicating the total cost of the Consultancy (Item III of Form-2 of Appendix II) in both figures and words, in Indian Rupees, and signed by the Applicant’s Authorised Representative. In the event of any difference between figures and words, the amount indicated in words shall prevail. In the event of a difference between the arithmetic total and the total shown in the Financial Proposal, the lower of the two shall prevail.
- 2.15.2 While submitting the Financial Proposal, the Applicant shall ensure the following:
- (i) All the costs associated with the assignment shall be included in the Financial Proposal. These shall normally cover (a) remuneration for all the Personnel (Expatriate and Resident, in the field, office etc), and (b) reimbursable such as subsistence (per diem, housing/accommodation), transportation (national and local, for mobilization and demobilization), services and equipment (vehicles, office equipment, furniture, and supplies), office rent, insurance, printing of documents, surveys; and training, if it is a major component of the assignment. The total amount indicated in the Financial Proposal shall be without any condition attached or subject to any assumption and shall be final and binding. In case any assumption or condition is indicated in the Financial Proposal, it shall be considered non-responsive and liable to be rejected.
 - (ii) The Financial Proposal shall take into account all expenses and tax liabilities. For the avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that Goods and Service Tax (GST) shall be deemed to be included in the costs shown under different items of the Financial Proposal. Further, all payments shall be subject to deduction of taxes at source as per Applicable Laws.
 - (iii) Costs (including break down of costs) shall be expressed in INR.

2.16 Submission of Proposal

The Applicants shall upload the Technical Proposal on the tendersodisha.gov.in] and also submit the same

in hard bound form with all pages numbered serially and by giving an index of submissions. by the closing time of PDD as specified in Clause 2.17.1 Each page of the submission shall be initialised by the Authorised Representative of the Applicant as per the terms of this RFP. The Financial Proposal shall be submitted online only on tendersodisha.gov.in, by the closing time of PDD as specified in Clause 2.17.1. The hard copy of the Technical Proposal which are duly countersigned and should be reached at the following address- Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha, Krushi Bhawan, Gopabandhu Marg Bhubaneswar, PIN-751001, Telephone No- 0674- 2395532/2391925, Email: diragri.or@nic.in & jdafarmseeds.dag@nic.in

In case the proposal is submitted on the document downloaded from Official Website, the Applicant shall be responsible for its accuracy and correctness as per the version uploaded by the Authority and shall ensure that there are no changes caused in the content of the downloaded document. In case of any discrepancy between the downloaded or photocopied version of the RFP and the original RFP issued by the Authority, the latter shall prevail.

- 2.16.1 The Proposal will be sealed in an outer envelope which will bear the address of the Authority, RFP Notice number, Consultancy name as indicated at Clause 1.11.1 and 1.11.3 and the name and address of the Applicant. It shall bear on top, the following:

“Do not open, except in presence of the Authorised Person of the Authority”

If the envelope is not sealed and marked as instructed above, the Authority assumes no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the contents of the Proposal submitted and consequent losses, if any, suffered by the Applicant.

- 2.16.2 The aforesaid outer envelope will contain sealed envelope, clearly marked **‘Technical Proposal’**. The envelope marked **‘Technical Proposal’** shall contain the Application in the prescribed format (Form 1 of Appendix-I) along with Forms 2 to 12 of Appendix-I and supporting documents.
- 2.16.3 The Technical Proposal shall be typed and its pages should be signed in indelible ink by the Authorised Representative of the Applicant. All pages of the original Technical Proposal must be numbered and initialled by the person or persons signing the Proposal.
- 2.16.4 The completed Proposal (both Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal) must be uploaded on the tendersodisha.gov.in and Technical Proposal in physical form shall be delivered on or before the specified time on PDD. Proposals submitted by fax, telex, telegram or e-mail shall not be entertained.
- 2.16.5 The Proposal shall be made in the Forms specified in this RFP. Any attachment to such Forms must be provided on separate sheets of paper and only information that is directly relevant should be provided. This may include photocopies of the relevant pages of printed documents. No separate documents like printed annual statements, firm profiles, copy of contracts etc. will be entertained.
- 2.16.6 The rates quoted shall be firm throughout the period of performance of the assignment upto and including discharge of all obligations of the Consultant under the Agreement.

2.17 Proposal Due Date

- 2.17.1 Proposal should be submitted at or before 29.01.2024 up to 4.30PM on the Proposal Due Date specified in Clause 1.8 at the address provided in Clause 1.11.1 in the manner and form as detailed in this RFP. A receipt thereof should be obtained from the person specified therein.
- 2.17.2 The Authority may, in its sole discretion, extend the PDD by issuing an Addendum in accordance with Clause 2.11 uniformly for all Applicants.

2.18 Late Proposals

Proposals received by the Authority after the specified time on PDD shall not be eligible for consideration and shall be summarily rejected.

2.19 Modification/ substitution/ withdrawal of Proposals

The Applicant may modify, substitute, or withdraw its Proposal as per the guidelines of tendersodisha.gov.in. For any clarification and support on the prerequisite/procedures/assistance for submission of Proposal tendersodisha.gov.in the Applicant shall mail to diragri.or@nic.in and jdafarmseeds.dag@nic.in

2.20 Performance Security

- 2.20.1 Within 7 days of receipt of the Letter of Acceptance, the successful Consultant shall deliver to the Client the Performance Security for an amount 10% (ten per cent) of the Contract price in the form of bank guarantee as given in Annex-5 of the draft Contract.
- 2.20.2 Performance Security shall be provided to the Client not later than the date specified in the Letter of Acceptance and shall be issued in an amount and form and type of instrument acceptable to the Client. The performance security shall be valid until a date 90 days from the date of expiry of the Contract.
- 2.20.3 The Performance Security shall be furnished from any Nationalised Banks/ Scheduled Commercial Banks approved by Reserve Bank of India.
- 2.20.4 Failure of the Selected Consultant to furnish the Performance Security as described in Clause 2.20 or enter into Contract with the Authority would constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of Letter of Acceptance. In such event, the Authority reserves the right to
- i. debar the Applicant from participating in Selection Process or Procurement by the Authority for 1 year, and
 - ii. either invite the Consultant with the next best offer for negotiations, or
 - iii. take any such measure as may be deemed fit in the sole discretion of the authority, including annulment of the Selection Process.
- 2.20.5 The Applicant, by submitting its Application pursuant to this RFP, shall be deemed to have acknowledged that without prejudice to the Authority's any other right or remedy hereunder or in law or otherwise, its Performance Security shall be forfeited and appropriated by the Authority as the mutually agreed pre-estimated compensation and damages payable to the Authority for, *inter alia*, the time, cost and effort of the Authority in regard to the RFP, including the consideration and evaluation of the Proposal, under the following conditions:
- (a) If an Applicant engages in any of the Prohibited Practices specified in Clause 4.1 of this RFP;
 - (b) if the Applicant is found to have a Conflict of Interest as specified in Clause 2.3; and
 - (c) if the selected Applicant commits a breach of the Agreement.
- 2.20.6 An amount equal to 10% (ten per cent) of the Agreement Value shall be deemed to be the Performance Security for the purposes of this Clause 2.20, which may be forfeited and appropriated in accordance with the provisions hereof.

2.21 Bid Security

- 2.21.1 The Applicant shall furnish as part of its Proposal, a bid security of ₹ 3,00,000

(Rupees Three Lakh Only)] in the form of a Demand Draft/Bank Guarantee (in the form and manner as mentioned in Annexure 5 (II)) issued by one of the Nationalised/ Scheduled Banks in India in favour of in form of DD/ Banker's Cheque from any Scheduled Nationalized Commercial Bank drawn in favour of **“Establishment Officer- IV” O/o the Directorate of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha, Bhubaneswar**” drawn in any Scheduled Commercial Bank payable at Bhubaneswar) (the **“Bid Security”**), returnable not later than 45 (Forty Five) days from PDD except in case of the two highest ranked Applicants as required in Clause 2.26.1. In the event that the first ranked Applicant commences the assignment as required in Clause 2.31, the second ranked Applicant, who has been kept in reserve, shall be returned its Bid Security forthwith, but in no case not later than 180 (one hundred and eight) days from PDD. The Selected Applicant's Bid Security shall be returned, upon the Applicant signing the Agreement and completing the Deliverables assigned to it for the first 2 (two) months of the Consultancy in accordance with the provisions thereof.

- 2.21.2 Any Bid not accompanied by the Bid Security shall be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive.
- 2.21.3 The Authority shall not be liable to pay any interest on the Bid Security and the same shall be interest free.
- 2.21.4 The Applicant, by submitting its Application pursuant to this RFP, shall be deemed to have acknowledged that without prejudice to the Authority's any other right or remedy hereunder or in law or otherwise, the Bid Security shall be forfeited and appropriated by the Authority as the mutually agreed pre- estimated compensation and damage payable to the Authority for, *inter alia*, the time, cost and effort of the Authority in regard to the RFP including the consideration and evaluation of the Proposal under the following conditions:
- (a) If an Applicant submits a non-responsive Proposal;
 - (b) If an Applicant engages in any of the Prohibited Practices specified in Section 4 of this RFP;
 - (c) If an Applicant withdraws its Proposal during the period of its validity as specified in this RFP and as extended by the Applicant from time to time;
 - (d) In the case of the Selected Applicant, if the Applicant fails to reconfirm its commitments during negotiations as required vide Clause 2.26.1;
 - (e) In the case of a Selected Applicant, if the Applicant fails to sign the Agreement or commence the assignment as specified in Clauses 2.30 and 2.31 respectively; or
 - (f) If the Applicant is found to have a Conflict of Interest as specified in Clause 2.3.

D. EVALUATION PROCESS

2.22 Evaluation of Proposals

The Authority shall open the Proposals uploaded on tendersodisha.gov.in at 11.30] hours on the PDD, at the place specified in Clause 1.11.1 and in the presence of the Applicants who choose to attend. The envelopes marked “Technical Proposal” and Technical Proposal uploaded on tendersodisha.gov.in shall be opened Date for opening of the “Financial Proposal” shall informed to the eligible applicant, and shall be opened accordingly.

- 2.22.1 Prior to evaluation of Proposals, the Authority will determine whether each Proposal is responsive to the requirements of the RFP. A Proposal shall be considered responsive only if:
- (a) it is accompanied with Document Fees/proof of payment of Document Fees (to be retained if applicable)(it may be deleted)
 - (b) it is accompanied with Bid security in the form and manner as specified in Clause 2.21.
 - (c) the Technical Proposal is received in the form specified at Appendix-I;
 - (d) it is received by the PDD including any extension thereof pursuant to Clause 2.17;
 - (e) it is signed, sealed, bound together in hard cover and marked as stipulated in Clauses 2.13 and 2.16;
 - (f) it is accompanied by the Power of Attorney as specified in Clause 2.2.4;
 - (g) it contains all the information (complete in all respects) as requested in the RFP;
 - (h) it does not contain any condition or qualification; and
 - (i) it is not non-responsive in terms hereof.
- 2.22.2 The Authority reserves the right to reject any Proposal which is non- responsive and no request for alteration, modification, substitution or withdrawal shall be entertained by the Authority in respect of such Proposals.
- 2.22.3 The Authority shall subsequently examine and evaluate Proposals in accordance with the Selection Process specified at Clause 1.6 and the criteria set out in Section 3 of this RFP.
- 2.22.4 After the technical evaluation, the Authority shall prepare a list of pre- qualified Applicants in terms of Clause 3.2 for opening of their Financial Proposals. A date, time and venue will be notified to all Applicants for announcing the result of evaluation and opening of Financial Proposals. Before opening of the Financial Proposals, the list of pre-qualified Applicants along with their Technical Scores will be read out. The opening of Financial Proposals shall be done in presence of respective representatives of Applicants who choose to be present. The Authority will not entertain any query or clarification from Applicants who fail to qualify at any stage of the Selection Process. The financial evaluation and final ranking of the Proposals shall be carried out in terms of Clauses 3.3 and 3.4.
- 2.22.5 Applicants are advised that Selection shall be entirely at the discretion of the Authority. Applicants shall be deemed to have understood and agreed that the Authority shall not be required to provide any explanation or justification in respect of any aspect of the Selection Process or Selection.
- 2.22.6 Any information contained in the Proposal shall not in any way be construed as binding on the Authority, its agents, successors or assigns, but shall be binding against the Applicant if the Consultancy is subsequently awarded to it.

2.23 Confidentiality

Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation, and recommendation for the selection of Applicants shall not be disclosed to any person who is not officially concerned with the process or is not a retained professional adviser advising the Authority in relation to matters arising out of, or concerning the Selection Process. The Authority shall treat all information, submitted as part of the Proposal, in confidence and shall require all those who have access to such material to treat the same in confidence. The Authority may not divulge any such information unless it is directed to do so by any statutory entity that has the power under law to require its disclosure or to enforce or assert any right or privilege of the statutory entity and/or the Authority or as may be required by law or in connection with any legal process.

2.24 Clarifications

- 2.24.1 To facilitate evaluation of Proposals, the Authority may, at its sole discretion, seek clarifications from any Applicant regarding its Proposal. Such clarification(s) shall be provided within the time specified by the Authority for this purpose. Any request for clarification(s) and all clarification(s) in response thereto shall be in writing.
- 2.24.2 If an Applicant does not provide clarifications sought under Clause 2.24.1 above within the specified time, its Proposal shall be liable to be rejected. In case the Proposal is not rejected, the Authority may proceed to evaluate the Proposal by construing the particulars requiring clarification to the best of its understanding, and the Applicant shall be barred from subsequently questioning such interpretation of the Authority.

E. APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT

2.25 Negotiations

- 2.25.1 The Selected Applicant may, if necessary, be invited for negotiations. The negotiations shall generally not be for reducing the price of the Proposal, but will be for re-confirming the obligations of the Consultant under this RFP. Issues such as deployment of Key Personnel, understanding of the RFP, methodology and quality of the work plan shall be discussed during negotiations. A Key Personnel who did not score [(70%) (Seventy percent)] marks as required under Clause 3.1.2 shall be replaced by the Applicant with a better candidate to the satisfaction of the Authority. In case the Selected Applicant fails to reconfirm its commitment, the Authority reserves the right to designate the next ranked Applicant as the Selected Applicant and invite it for negotiations.
- 2.25.2 The Authority will examine the CVs of all other Professional Personnel and those not found suitable shall be replaced by the Applicant to the satisfaction of the Authority.
- 2.25.3 The Authority will examine the credentials of all Sub-Consultants/ Consortium Members proposed for this Consultancy and those not found suitable shall be replaced by the Selected Applicant to the satisfaction of the Authority.

2.26 Substitution of Key Personnel

- 2.26.1 The Authority will not normally consider any request of the Selected Applicant for substitution of the Key Personnel as the ranking of the Applicant is based on the evaluation of the Key Personals and any change therein may upset the ranking. Substitution will, however, be permitted in exceptional circumstances if the Key Personal(s) is not available for reasons of any incapacity or due to health, subject to equally or better qualified and experienced personnel being provided to the satisfaction of the Authority.
- 2.26.2 The Authority expects the Key Personnel to be available during implementation of the Agreement. The Authority will not consider substitution of the Key Personnel except for reasons of any incapacity or due to health. Such substitution shall ordinarily be limited to one Key Personnel subject to equally or better qualified and experienced personnel being provided to the satisfaction of the Authority.
- 2.26.3 Notwithstanding Clauses 2.26.1 and 2.26.2, Applicants should specifically note that substitution of Key Personal(s) will not normally be considered during the implementation of the Agreement and may lead to disqualification of the Applicant or termination of the Agreement. Applicants are expected to propose only such Key Personal(s) who will be in a position to commit the time required for and be available for delivering the Consultancy in accordance with the Target Completion Period specified herein and in the Agreement.

2.27 Indemnity

The Consultant shall, subject to the provisions of the Agreement, indemnify the Authority, for an amount not exceeding 3 (three) times the value of the Agreement, for any direct loss or damage that is caused due to any deficiency in Services.

2.28 Award of Consultancy

After selection, a Letter of Award (the “LOA”) shall be issued, in duplicate, by the Authority to the Selected Applicant and the Selected Applicant shall, within 7 (Seven) days of the receipt of the LOA, sign and return the duplicate copy of the LOA in acknowledgement thereof. In the event the duplicate copy of the LOA duly signed by the Selected Applicant is not received by the stipulated date, the Authority may, unless it consents to extension of time for submission thereof, cancel the LOA

and the next highest ranking Applicant may be considered.

2.29 Execution of Agreement

After acknowledgement of the LOA as aforesaid by the Selected Applicant, it shall execute the Agreement within the period prescribed in Clause 1.8. The Selected Applicant shall submit to the Authority the Performance Security as specified in clause 2.20 in the form and manner in accordance with the RFP. The Selected Applicant shall not be entitled to seek any deviation in the Agreement.

2.30 Commencement of Assignment

The Consultant shall commence the Consultancy within seven days of the date of the Agreement, or such other date as may be mutually agreed. If the Consultant fails to either sign the Agreement as specified in Clause 2.29 or commence the assignment as specified herein, the Authority may invite the second ranked Applicant for negotiations. In such an event, the LOA or the Agreement, as the case may be, may be cancelled /terminated.

2.31 Proprietary data

Subject to the provisions of Clause 2.22, all documents and other information provided by the Authority or submitted by an Applicant to the Authority shall remain or become the property of the Authority. Applicants and the Consultant, as the case may be, are to treat all information as strictly confidential. The Authority will not return any Proposal or any information related thereto. All information collected, analysed, processed or in whatever manner provided by the Consultant to the Authority in relation to the Consultancy shall be the property of the Authority.

2.32 Contacts during Proposal Evaluations

Proposals shall be deemed to be under consideration immediately after they are opened and until such time The Authority makes official intimation of award/rejection to the Applicant(s). While the Proposals are under consideration, Applicant(s) and/ or their representatives or other interested parties are advised to refrain from contacting by any means, the Authority and/ or their employees/representatives on matters related to the Proposals under consideration.

3. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

3.1 Evaluation of Technical Proposals

- 3.1.1 In the first stage, the Technical Proposal will be evaluated on the basis of Applicant's experience, zits understanding of TOR, proposed methodology and Work Plan, and the experience of Key Personnel. Only those Applicants whose Technical Proposals score 75 (Seventy Five) marks or more out of 100 (One hundred) shall be ranked as per score achieved by them, from highest to the lowest technical score (ST).

Evaluation of Technical Proposal shall be based on the documents uploaded on the tendersodisha.gov.in by the Applicant. If the uploaded document is unreadable then the documents submitted in physical form shall be referred for clarification. Any additional documents submitted in physical form with the Technical Proposal but is not uploaded on tendersodisha.gov.in shall not be considered for Technical evaluation.

- 3.1.2 Each Key Personnel must score a minimum of []70% (*Seventy percent*) marks, except as provided herein.

- 3.1.3 The scoring criteria to be used for evaluation shall be as follows.

Item Code	Criteria	Marks	Criteria
1.	Relevant Experience of the Applicant	10	Breakup Provided below:
1(a)	Eligible experience of the Applicant	40%	Marks shall be awarded for the number of Eligible Assignments undertaken by the Applicant. Minimum number of Eligible Assignments – 3 For 4 Eligible Assignments - 3 marks On every additional Eligible assignment - 1 mark
1(b)	Specific experience of the Applicant	60%	Marks shall be awarded for the number of Specific Assignments undertaken by the Applicant. Minimum number of Specific Assignments – 3 For 4 Specific Assignments - 5 marks On every additional Specific Assignment - 1 mark
2.	Relevant Experience of Key Personnel	50	Break-up Provided Below:
	Team Leader (TL)	20	Marks shall be awarded for the number of Eligible Assignments undertaken by the Applicant 2 marks for each eligible assignment Marks shall be awarded for the number of Specific Assignments undertaken by the Applicant. 4 marks for each specific assignment
	Finance Expert cum PPP Expert	10	Marks shall be awarded for the number of Eligible Assignments undertaken by the Applicant 1.5 marks for each eligible assignment Marks shall be awarded for the number of Specific Assignments undertaken by the Applicant.

			3 marks for each specific assignment
	Procurement Expert (PE)	10	Marks shall be awarded for the number of Eligible Assignments undertaken by the Applicant 1.0 marks for each eligible assignment Marks shall be awarded for the number of Specific Assignments undertaken by the Applicant. 2 marks for each specific assignment
	Sector Expert - Agriculture	5	Marks shall be awarded for the number of Eligible Assignments undertaken by the Applicant 1.0 marks for each eligible assignment Marks shall be awarded for the number of Specific Assignments undertaken by the Applicant. 2 marks for each specific assignment
	Sector Expert - Allied Sector	5	Marks shall be awarded for the number of Eligible Assignments undertaken by the Applicant 1.0 marks for each eligible assignment Marks shall be awarded for the number of Specific Assignments undertaken by the Applicant. 2 marks for each specific assignment
3.	Approach & Methodology	10	
4.	Presentation on Approach & Methodology	30	
Grand Total		Total Marks = 100	

No score will be awarded to an Applicant/ Key Personnel for fulfilling the eligibility criteria of a minimum number of Eligible/Specific Assignments and only projects exceeding the eligibility criteria shall qualify for scoring. For the avoidance of doubt and by way of illustration, if the minimum number of Eligible/Specific Assignments for meeting the eligibility criteria is say, 3 (three), then an equivalent number will be ignored for each Applicant/ Key Personnel and only the balance remaining will be considered for awarding scores relating to the number of Eligible/Specific Assignments on a proportionate basis. However, for assigning scores in respect of the size of Eligible/Specific Assignments, all Eligible/Specific Assignments of the Applicant/ Key Personnel shall be considered.

Applicant whose bids are found responsive will be called for making presentation on the Approach and Methodology. Authority will inform in writing to the Applicants about the time, date and place of presentation.

3.1.4 Eligible Assignments

For the purposes of satisfying the Conditions of Eligibility and for evaluating the Proposals under this RFP, advisory/ consultancy assignments granted by the government, regulatory commission, tribunal, multilateral agencies, statutory authority, or public sector entity in respect of preparation of revenue model and/or

preparation of transaction / bid documents and other similar assignments in relation to the bidding process or other transactions, as the case may be, for the following projects shall be deemed as eligible assignments (the “**Eligible Assignments**”):

- (a) Development of any infrastructure project undertaken through Public Private Partnership (PPP) or other forms of private participation or other forms of private participation (the “**PPP Projects**”), for projects elsewhere.

The bidder should have at least one consultancy assignment for undertaking financial feasibility assessment and bid advisory / transaction advisory for the development of an infrastructure project on PPP / EPC mode for a public sector organization in India, including the Central Government, State Government or PSUs. The assignment must have been undertaken and completed (i.e. the private sector player / concessioner is chosen) within the previous 08 (Eight) years prior to the project due date. .

3.1.5 Specific Assignments

Furtherance to the Conditions of the Eligible Assignments, for the purposes of satisfying the Conditions of Eligibility and for evaluating the Proposals under this RFP, advisory/ consultancy assignments granted by the government, regulatory commission, tribunal, multilateral agencies, statutory authority, public or private sector entity in respect of preparation of revenue model and/or preparation of transaction / bid documents and other similar assignments in relation to the bidding process or other transactions, as the case may be, for the following projects shall be deemed as specific assignments

Advisory services for Agriculture / Horticulture / Allied Sector Infrastructure Development. (Specific Project) Feasibility assessment and market study or market demand assessment for development of Agriculture / Horticulture / Allied Sector or any other similar large scale project cost of at least 10 Cr. Ongoing / Completed assignment undertaken within the previous 5 (Five) Years of the PDD.

- 3.1.6 The Applicant firm claiming credit for the Eligible/Specific assignment should have, prior to PDD, received professional fees of at least ₹[50 Lakhs], (Rupees [50 Lakhs]), for the respective assignment.

3.2 Short-listing of Applicants

Of the Applicants ranked as aforesaid, not more than 5 (five) shall be pre-qualified and short-listed for financial evaluation in the second stage. However, if the number of such pre-qualified Applicants is less than 2 (two), the Authority may, in its sole discretion, pre-qualify the Applicant(s) whose Technical Score is less than the score specified in Clauses 3.1.1 and 3.1.2; provided that in such an event, the total number of pre-qualified and short-listed Applicants shall not exceed 3 (three). If the score obtained by the 3rd applicant and the onward applicants are equal, all such applicants will be eligible for consideration beyond the limit of 3. Similarly, if number of eligible applicant are taken as 4 then in that case all those applicants having the same score as that of 4th applicant, will also be considered beyond the minimum limit of 4.

3.3 Evaluation of Financial Proposal

- 3.3.1 In the second stage, the financial evaluation will be carried out as per this Clause 3.3. Each Financial Proposal will be assigned a financial score (SF) as specified in Clause 3.3.3.
- 3.3.2 For financial evaluation, the total cost indicated in the Financial Proposal, excluding GST, will be considered.

- 3.3.3 The Authority will determine whether the Financial Proposals are complete, unqualified and unconditional. The cost indicated in the Financial Proposal shall be deemed as final and reflecting the total cost of services. Omissions, if any, in costing any item shall not entitle the Consultant to be compensated and the liability to fulfil its obligations as per the TOR within the total quoted price shall be that of the Consultant. The lowest Financial Proposal (FM) will be given a financial score (SF) of 100 points. The financial scores of other proposals will be computed as follows:

$$SF = 100 \times FM/F$$

(F = amount of Financial Proposal)

3.4 Combined and Final Evaluation

- 3.4.1 Proposals will finally be ranked according to their combined technical (ST) and financial (SF) scores as follows:

$$S = ST \times T_w + SF \times F_w$$

Where, T_w and F_w are weights assigned to Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal, which shall be 0.80 and 0.20 respectively.

- 3.4.2 The Selected Applicant shall be the Applicant having the highest combined score. The second highest Applicant shall be kept in reserve and may be invited in its discretion for negotiations in case the first-ranked Applicant withdraws, or fails to comply with the requirements specified in Clauses 2.25, 2.29 and 2.30, as the case may be.

4. FRAUD AND CORRUPT PRACTICES

- 4.1 The Applicants and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the Selection Process. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this RFP, the Authority shall reject a Proposal without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Applicant, if it determines that the Applicant has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice, restrictive practice or anti-competitive practices (collectively the “**Prohibited Practices**”) in the Selection Process. In such an event, the Authority shall, without prejudice to its any other rights or remedies, forfeit and appropriate the Performance Security, if available, as mutually agreed genuine pre-estimated compensation and damages payable to the Authority for, *inter alia*, time, cost and effort of the Authority, in regard to the RFP, including consideration and evaluation of such Applicant’s Proposal.
- 4.2 Without prejudice to the rights of the Authority under Clause 4.1 hereinabove and the rights and remedies which the Authority may have under the LOA or the Agreement, if an Applicant or Consultant, as the case may be, is found by the Authority to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice, restrictive practice or anti-competitive practices during the Selection Process, or after the issue of the LOA or the execution of the Agreement, such Applicant or Consultant shall not be eligible to participate in any tender or RFP issued by the Authority during a period of 2 (two) years from the date such Applicant or Consultant, as the case may be, is found by the Authority to have directly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice, restrictive practice or anti-competitive practices, as the case may be.
- 4.3 For the purposes of this Clause, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:
- (a) “**corrupt practice**” means (i) the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the action of any person connected with the Selection Process (for avoidance of doubt, offering of employment to or employing or engaging in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, any official of the Authority who is or has been associated in any manner, directly or indirectly with the Selection Process or the LOA or has dealt with matters concerning the Agreement or arising therefrom, before or after the execution thereof, at any time prior to the expiry of one year from the date such official resigns or retires from or otherwise ceases to be in the service of the Authority, shall be deemed to constitute influencing the actions of a person connected with the Selection Process; or (ii) save as provided herein, engaging in any manner whatsoever, whether during the Selection Process or after the issue of the LOA or after the execution of the Agreement, as the case may be, any person in respect of any matter relating to the Project or the LOA or the Agreement, who at any time has been or is a legal, financial or technical consultant/ adviser of the Authority in relation to any matter concerning the Project;
 - (b) “**fraudulent practice**” means a misrepresentation or omission of facts or disclosure of incomplete facts, in order to influence the Selection Process;
 - (c) “**coercive practice**” means impairing or harming or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any persons or property to influence any person’s participation or action in the Selection Process;
 - (d) “**undesirable practice**” means (i) establishing contact with any person connected with or employed or engaged by the Authority with the objective of canvassing, lobbying or in any manner influencing or attempting to influence the Selection Process; or (ii) having a Conflict of Interest; and

- (e) **“restrictive practice”** means forming a cartel or arriving at any understanding or arrangement among Applicants with the objective of restricting or manipulating a full and fair competition in the Selection Process.
- (f) **“Anti-competitive practice”** mean any collusion, bid rigging or anti- competitive arrangement, or any other practice coming under the purview of The Competition Act, 2002, between two or more bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Authority, that may impair the transparency, fairness and the progress of the procurement process or to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels.
- (g) **“Obstructive practice”** materially impede the Authority’s investigation into allegations of one or more of the above mentioned prohibited practices either by deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering; or by concealing of evidence material to the investigation; or by making false statements to investigators and/or by threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or by impeding the Authority’s rights of audit or access to information.

4.4 **Punitive Provisions:** Without prejudice to and in addition to the rights of the Authority to other penal provisions as per the bid documents or contract, if the Authority comes to a conclusion that a (prospective) bidder/contractor/supplier/consultant/service provider, directly or through an agent, has violated the above mentioned fraud and corrupt practices in competing for the contract or in executing a contract, the Authority may take appropriate measures including one or more of the following:

- i) If his bids are under consideration in any procurement,
 - a) forfeiture or encashment of bid security;
 - b) calling off of any pre-contract negotiations; and
 - c) rejection and exclusion of the applicants in the bid process.
- ii) If a contract has already been awarded,
 - a) cancellation of the relevant contract and recovery of compensation for loss incurred by the Authority;
 - b) forfeiture or encashment of any other security or bond relating to the procurement;
 - c) recovery of payments made by the Authority along with interest thereon at the prevailing rate;
- iii) Provisions in addition to above,
 - a) removal from the list of registered suppliers and banning/debarment of the bidder from participation in future procurements of the Authority for a period not less than one year;
 - b) in case of anti-competitive practices, information for further processing may be filed under a signature of the Appropriate Authority, with the Competition Commission of India;
 - c) initiation of suitable disciplinary or criminal proceedings against any individual or staff found responsible.

5. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

- 5.1 Pre-Proposal Conference of the Applicants shall be convened at the designated date and time. Only those Applicants who have purchased the RFP document or downloaded the same from the Official Website of the Authority, shall be allowed to participate in the Pre-Proposal Conference. One Authorised participant of each Applicant shall be allowed to participate on production of an authority letter from the Applicant.
- 5.2 During the course of Pre-Proposal Conference, the Applicants will be free to seek clarifications and make suggestions for consideration of the Authority. The Authority shall endeavour to provide clarifications and such further information as it may, in its sole discretion, consider appropriate for facilitating a fair, transparent and competitive Selection Process.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- 6.1 The Selection Process shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of India and the Courts in the State in which the Authority has its headquarters shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all disputes arising under, pursuant to and/or in connection with the Selection Process.
- 6.2 The Authority, in its sole discretion and without incurring any obligation or liability, reserves the right, at any time, to:
- (a) suspend and/or cancel the Selection Process and/or amend and/or supplement the Selection Process or modify the dates or other terms and conditions relating thereto;
 - (b) consult with any Applicant in order to receive clarification or further information;
 - (c) retain any information and/or evidence submitted to the Authority by, on behalf of and/or in relation to any Applicant; and/or
 - (d) independently verify, disqualify, reject and/or accept any and all submissions or other information and/or evidence submitted by or on behalf of any Applicant.
- 6.3 It shall be deemed that by submitting the Proposal, the Applicant agrees and releases the Authority, its employees, agents and advisers, irrevocably, unconditionally, fully and finally from any and all liability for claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities in any way related to or arising from the exercise of any rights and/or performance of any obligations hereunder, pursuant hereto and/or in connection herewith and waives any and all rights and/or claims it may have in this respect, whether actual or contingent, whether present or future.
- 6.4 All documents and other information supplied by the Authority or submitted by an Applicant shall remain or become, as the case may be, the property of the Authority. The Authority will not return any submissions made hereunder. Applicants are required to treat all such documents and information as strictly confidential.
- 6.5 The Authority reserves the right to make inquiries with any of the clients listed by the Applicants in their previous experience record.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE – 1
(See Clause 1.1.3)

**Engagement of
DEA Empanelled
Transaction Advisor**

For

**Implementation of Agri-Tech Smart Farm projects at
various locations of Odisha**

**Terms of Reference
(TOR)**

Terms of Reference (TOR)

1. General

- 1.1 The Authority seeks to avail the Financial Consultancy and Transaction Advisory services of a qualified firm (collectively referred as the “**Transaction Advisor**” or the “**Consultant**”) from DEA empanelled Transaction Advisor to appoint the Concessionaire(s) to **Implementation of Agri-Tech Smart Farm projects at various locations of Odisha** (hereinafter referred as the “**Project**”) under a suitable Public-Private Partnership (“**PPP**”) framework.
- 1.2 For this the Transaction Advisor is expected to undertake various activities including but not limited to business and market potential study, different product mix, appraisal of the Project, preparing the feasibility report, developing a Revenue Model, assistance in obtaining upfront requisite clearances and approvals, preparation of documents and assistance in obtaining approvals for availing VGF under VGF scheme of GoI if applicable, preparing the Concession Agreement and Bid Documents for the Project and other documents as required based on the project revenue model (collectively the “**Consultancy**”). The Terms of Reference (the “**TOR**”) and the scope of the Consultancy for this assignment are specified below.
- 1.3 The Consultant shall be responsible for preparing the relevant Schedules of the Concession Agreement and for bringing out any special feature or requirement of the Project referred to in the Concession Agreement or the Manual.
- 1.4 The Consultant shall assist the Authority and its Technical Consultant by furnishing clarifications as required for the structuring, documentation and award of the Project.
- 1.5 The Consultant shall assist the Authority in required documentation, procedural requirement and pursuance with appropriate authorities in Department of Economic Affairs, Ministries or other department as the case may be for availing VGF under VGF scheme of Government of India
- 1.6 The Consultant shall also participate in the pre-bid conferences with the Bidders of the Project and assist the Authority in clarifying the financial aspects arising from the Bid Documents.
- 1.7 The Consultant shall make available the Key Personnel(s) to attend and participate in meetings, conferences and discussions with the Authority and shall otherwise advise on and assist the Authority in the diverse commercial issues that may arise from time to time.

2. Objective

The objective of this Consultancy (the “**Objective**”) is to procure transaction related advice, develop a Revenue Model, undertake a financial appraisal and assist in the bidding process and award of the Project in a manner which ensures:

- (a) participation by the best available companies in the global bidding process;
- (b) financing of the capital and operation cost by Concessionaire and other stakeholders or through VGF under VGF scheme of GoI as applicable
- (c) optimizing the revenue potential of the Project; and
- (d) ensuring development of world class infrastructure/ facilities in line with market potential of the project.

3. Scope of Services

- 3.1 The scope of services shall include:
 - (i) Undertaking a prefeasibility study to ascertain the financial & technical viability of the

Project, preparation of the project feasibility report along with the Manual and the relevant schedules of the Concession Agreement and the appraisal report, along with the detailed implementation methodology. These will indicate the nature and extent of infrastructure, facilities and services to be provided by the Concessionaire. Project Feasibility Report shall also include those elements of the Project that are independent of commercial development (the “**Mandatory Capex Report**”). The Consultant shall also make a broad assessment of Operation and Maintenance expenses on Project Management to be incurred by the Concessionaire during the entire Concession period based on standards and specifications laid down in the Manual. While doing so the Consultant should analyse different business scenarios for the Project Management and recommend a suitable business model.

- (ii) Evaluation of the strategic objectives of the Authority in relation to the Project and advising on the commercials with reference to applicable Laws;
- (iii) Collection, compilation and analysis of relevant financial data relating to all costs and revenue;
- (iv) Prepare cost estimates to be part of the Feasibility Report;
- (v) the Consultant shall carry out market surveys to prepare a reasonable estimation of the likely revenues of the Concessionaire from Project facility (the “Project Revenues”) and from commercial development excluding Project Management (the “Commercial Revenues”). It shall propose of various possible alternatives for revenue maximization and preparation of a detailed financial and revenue model for the Project. Prepare a reasonable estimation of the likely revenues;
- (vi) Assisting the Authority in identification of project risks and in allocation of the same in an efficient and economic manner;
- (vii) Identification and quantification of estimated financial impact of the Project on government resources;
- (viii) Development of various possible alternatives for revenue optimization and preparation of Revenue Model for the Project;
- (ix) Preparation of consolidated list of approvals/consent/ clearances required from Government Authorities;
- (x) In case VGF assistance is required for project development, preparation of required documents not limited to application, proposal as per the prevailing VGF guidelines of GoI documents and assisting Authority in availing the approvals from various committees for required VGF;
- (xi) Assisting in the entire bidding process up to the signing of the concession agreement;
- (xii) undertake extensive market and business demand and potential investor (both national and international) analysis to lay-out the framework for different scenarios of business structure (i.e. Master developer with Sub-licensing Rights for different facilities, and the Portfolio optimization/ Optimal product mix strategy for the mixed-use.
- (xiii) identification and quantification of estimated financial impact of the Project on government resources;
- (xiv) preparation and submission of a financial-cum-appraisal report.
- (xv) other relevant aspect, if any.

- (xvi) Also assist the Authority on the following:-
- a. preparation of Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) document
 - b. Preparation of Memorandum for VGF application and assisting the Authority in responding to queries raised and undertaking meetings including preparation for or making presentations, if required.
 - c. Any other relevant aspect.

In making its projections, recommendations and Reports, the Consultant shall identify the underlying assumptions and reach an agreement with the Authority in relation thereto. The services to be rendered by the financial consultants are briefly explained hereunder:

3.2 Transaction Adviser

The Consultant will also render advisory services for conducting the bid process and will assist in the preparation of bidding documents and in conducting the bidding process for selection of the concessionaire(s) for the project. The Consultant shall also maintain, update and disseminate the necessary data and information related to the Project and the bid process. During interaction with the bidders and stakeholders, the Consultant shall assist the Authority in responding to all queries satisfactorily and within the specified time. The Consultant shall render advisory services upto the signing of the Concession Agreement.

3.3 Compilation and analysis of Data

The Consultant shall, based on available information, compile and analyse the financial and commercial data relating to the Project and prepare a revenue and expenditure statement, on commercial accounting principles, for three financial years preceding the Consultancy. The expenditure statement shall include expenses on staff, material, contractual payments, etc.

3.4 Review of costs

Project Feasibility Report, along with the Concession Agreement will indicate the nature and extent of infrastructure, facilities and services to be provided by the Concessionaire. The Consultant shall ensure that appropriate provisions have been made for physical and price contingencies, financing costs, interest during construction, etc. The Consultant shall also make a broad assessment of Operation and Maintenance (O&M) expenses to be incurred by the Concessionaire during the entire Concession period and recommend standards and specifications for maintaining the Project facilities.

3.5 Ensuring Optimal Product Mix and Estimation of Revenues

The Consultant shall perform estimation of demand for the various product mix including but not limited to assessing the real estate absorption capacity for leasable office, retail space etc. For this the Consultant shall study the region and India's evolving real-estate market and other similar facilities, international benchmarking etc. Basis this the Consultant shall evaluate the available data and information with a view to preparing a reasonable estimation of the likely revenues from the Project and from other sources of revenue, if any. It shall propose various options for optimising such revenues.

3.6 Impact of Project on Government Resources

The Consultant shall compute the Economic Internal Rate of Return (EIRR) of the Project and highlight the benefits of the facilities to be created in the Project on the development of that sector in India. It shall also identify and quantify the estimated financial impact of the Project on the resources of the Central / State Governments and the Project Authority.

3.7 Development of Revenue Model

The Consultant shall identify and quantify all costs, expenses and revenues of the Project, and shall prepare cash-flow statements for the concession period. Based on the above, the Consultant shall prepare a detailed Financial and the Revenue Model (Based on Windows Microsoft Excel) which will indicate the possible capital structure, likely sources of financing, the costs of financing, the cash flow, debt service, return on investment, potential sources of revenue, detailed scenario analysis, contingencies etc. (the "**Revenue Model**"). This would also include sensitivity analysis in relation to the critical parameters of the Revenue Model.

3.8 Project Appraisal

Based on the parameters specified in the draft Bid Documents as well as the Revenue Model, the Consultant shall prepare an Appraisal Report for the Project outlining the salient features of the Project, its financial viability over appropriate period of time and its social and economic benefits. The Consultant shall work out the financial viability of the Project. Based on the Project Feasibility Report, Manual and the draft Concession Agreement the Consultant shall estimate the capital costs, O&M costs, revenues etc. and prepare a financial appraisal report for the Project (the "**Appraisal Report**").

3.9 Assistance in Obtaining Upfront Approvals & Clearances

The Consultant shall prepare a consolidated list of approvals/consents/clearances required from Government Instrumentalities for implementation and construction of the Project. The Consultant shall further advise the Authority for obtaining requisite approvals and clearances upfront/prior to the bid with the intent to provide better certainty to potential investors and hence maximize the returns to the exchequer.

3.10 Assistance in the RFQ process

The Consultant shall assist in adapting the Model RFQ document for project-specific purposes. The Consultant shall also assist the Authority in the pre-qualification process. The Authority intends to pre-qualify and short-list bidders on the basis of the response to the RFQ document.

3.11 Assistance in preparation of Bid Documents

The Consultant shall assist in preparing the Expression of Interest, Request for Qualification, Request for Proposal and the Concession Agreement. It may also suggest improvements in the development plan and in the Bid Documents. For this purpose, the Transaction Advisor shall work closely with the Authority and its legal advisers and technical consultants. Bid documents would include the draft Concession Agreement and the Project Feasibility Report. Bids to be submitted by the bidders shall be based on the aforesaid Bid Documents.

3.12 Assistance in the Bid Process

The Consultant shall assist the Authority in the bid process for selection of the Concessionaire from among the bidders and till the signing of the Concession Agreement. This will primarily relate to participation in pre-bid meetings and answering questions or issuing clarifications with the approval of the Authority. The Consultant shall also assist the Authority in engaging with the bidders on different aspects of the Project such as its assets, the process of the transaction, the Revenue Model and the structure of the Project. It will also assist the Authority in preparing internal notes and projections for securing governmental approvals, if any.

3.13 Assistance in selection of the preferred bidder

The Authority intends to select the preferred bidder on the basis of the Proposals received from pre-qualified bidders. Only financial proposals will be invited as part of the Bidding Process. The Consultant shall assist the Authority in evaluating the financial proposals and in engaging with the selected bidder till execution of the Concession Agreement.

3.14 Rendering advisory services

The Consultant shall provide such other advice and assistance as may be necessary and incidental to the Services and as may be requested by the Authority in respect of the Project, including but not limited to attending meetings, conferences and discussions with the Authority, and shall otherwise advise on and assist the Authority on the diverse commercial issues that may arise from time to time. The Consultant shall be responsible primarily for providing advice relating to financial issues arising from or during the course of the bidding process and the documents relating thereto.

3.15 Specific Requirements for the Project

Identification of minimum Project Requirements / Services / Benchmark Standards, along with list of activities to review the existing Government Laws, By-laws, Constitution and Powers vested with the Authority

Recommend the Clearances and Approvals (Final or In-Principle) to be obtained prior to the Appointment Date of the Bid Recommend and assist in facilitating Government interventions required to fast track the above

Prepare marketing collateral/ information memorandum for the identified projects to solicit interest from various investors

Identification of various activities leading to end-to-end implementation of identified project(s); Identification of appropriate state agencies/departments or central agencies (if applicable) for implementation; timelines for implementation; key milestones and leading indicators of success; resource requirements; identification of applicable statutory/regulatory clearances. Develop detailed mitigation plan for the risks pertaining to project implementation Ensure local and international market and investor outreach to enable Authority to appoint a Concessionaire(s) to deliver and invest this Project.

3.16 Scope not exhaustive

The Scope of Services specified in this Paragraph 3 are not exhaustive and the Consultant shall undertake such other tasks as may be necessary to appraise the project financially, prepare the Revenue Model and successfully complete the bid process for the Project.

4. Deliverables

In pursuance of this TOR, the Consultant shall undertake/deliver the following deliverables (the “**Deliverables**”) during the course of this Consultancy. Each deliverable shall include an executive summary, analyses, assumptions, results of computations, tables, charts, recommendations, and such other contents that generally comprise deliverables for similar consultancy work by way of best practices. (7 (seven) hard copies and (7 (seven) soft copies of all the Reports mentioned herein below shall be submitted to the Authority. The deliverables shall include:

A. Inception Report

On commencement of the Consultancy, the Consultant shall prepare and submit an Inception Report (the “**Inception Report**”). The Inception Report shall be a further elaboration of the Consultant’s submissions towards understanding the RFP and the objective of the Consultancy, the methodology to be followed, the Work Plan and the schedule for submission of sub- activities etc. It shall also comprise of the recommendation for the Authority to maximize the Revenue potential of the Project. Within a period of six weeks of the submission of the Inception Report, the Consultant shall submit a Supplementary Inception Report.

B. Technical Feasibility Report

C. Revenue Model (Refer Paragraph 3.7) and Draft Appraisal Report

D. Appraisal Report (Refer Paragraph 3.8)

E. Bid Documents (RFQ, RFP and Concession Agreement) (Refer Paragraphs 3.10 &

- 3.11)
- F. Upfront Approvals & Clearances (Refer Paragraphs 3.9)
- G. Assistance in Bidding Process (Refer Paragraph 3.12 & 3.13)
- H. Signing of Concession Agreement.

5. Time and Payment Schedule

- 5.1 Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 10.1 of the TOR, the total duration for preparation of the Feasibility Report, Revenue Model, Appraisal Report and Bid Documents and the bidding process shall be 32 weeks. However, the Period can be extended up to 52 Weeks after getting due concurrence from the Govt. in A& FE, Deptt. The Consultant shall deploy the Key Personnel as per the deployment of Personnel proposed.
- 5.2 The schedule for completing the Deliverables shall be determined by the maximum number of [days/weeks/months] from the Effective Date of the Agreement. Time schedule for important Milestones of the Consultancy and the payment schedule linked to the specified Deliverables are given below:

Key Milestones

SI No	Milestones	Target Completion Period (weeks)
KM 1	Mobilisation of Team	T + 1
KM 2	Inception Report	T + 2
KM 3	Feasibility Report	T + 8
KM 4	Draft Revenue Model and Draft Appraisal Report	T + 11
KM 5	Final Revenue Model and the Appraisal Report	T + 13
KM 6	Draft RFP and Draft Concession Agreement	T + 14
KM 7	In principal approval for required VGF support (if applicable)	T + 24
KM 8	Final RFP and Concession Agreement	T + 26
KM 9	Signing of Concession Agreement	T + 32

Where T is date of signing of Agreement

5.3 The payment schedule for Consultancy for Project is as follows

SI No	Deliverables	Payment
I	Feasibility Study	
KD1	Inception Report	5%
KD2	Feasibility Report	10%
KD3	Final Revenue Model and the Appraisal Report	5%
	Sub-Total (I)	20%
II	Transaction Advisory	
KD4	Final Revenue Model and the Appraisal Report	10%
KD5	Draft RFP and Draft Concession Agreement	20%
KD6	In principal approval for required VGF support (if applicable)	15%
KD7	Final RFP and Concession Agreement IF KD6 is not applicable, then payment related to KD6 will be given along with KD7	5%
KD8	Approvals & Clearances	10%
KD9	Final Payment on Signing of Concession Agreement (Lumpsum)	20%
	Sub – Total (II)	80%
	TOTAL	100%

5.4 Payment shall be made in respect of each Deliverable upon completion thereof.

6 Meetings

6.1 The Authority may review with the Consultant, any or all of the documents and advice forming part of the Consultancy, in meetings and conferences which will be held at the Authority's office. Further, the Consultant may be required to attend meetings and conferences with pre-qualified bidders or the Selected Bidder.

6.2 The Authority may, in its discretion, require the Consultant to participate in extended meetings and/ or work from the offices of the Authority and the Consultant shall, on a best endeavour basis and without unreasonable delay, provide such services at the offices of the Authority.

7. Consultancy Team

7.1 The Consultant shall form a team (the "**Consultancy Team**") for undertaking this assignment. The Consultancy Team shall consist of experts who have the requisite qualifications and experience. The following Key Personnel whose experience and responsibilities are briefly described herein would be considered for evaluation of the Technical Proposal. Other expertise as required for the services to be rendered by the Consultant shall be included in the Team either through the Key Personnel specified below or through other Professional Personnel, as necessary.

Key Personnel	Educational Qualification	Professional Experience	Experience on Eligible Assignments
Team Leader	MBA/CA/CFA/MCA/BE/ B. Arch or equivalent	12 years	He should have led the team for transaction advisory of at least 5 (five) Eligible Assignments
Finance Expert cum PPP Expert	MBA/CA/CFA or equivalent with MBA/BTech/BE	8 years	He should have worked as a Finance cum PPP expert in at least 3 (three) Eligible Assignments. Experience of financial modelling is must.
Procurement Expert	MBA/Bachelor's Degree in Law	8 years	He should have worked as legal/procurement expert in atleast 3 (three) Eligible Assignments.
Architect	B Arch/ M Arch	5 years	He should have worked in atleast 3 (three) Eligible Assignments.
Sector Expert-Agriculture	Should have B(Sc), in Agriculture with full time Masters in Fishery / Rural Management / Rural Development / Agri Business Management from a recognized institutions	10 years	He should have worked in atleast 3 (three) Eligible Assignments
Sector Expert-Allied Sector	Should have B.V.Sc in Veterinary and Animal Husbandry from a recognized institutions or B(Sc), in Fishery with full time Masters in Fishery / Rural Management / Rural Development / Agri Business Management from a recognized institutions	5 years	He should have worked in atleast 3 (three) Eligible Assignments

- 7.2 The Consultant shall deploy a Project Manager (management graduate) at Bhubaneswar, having atleast 5 years of experience, for day to day coordination with the Authority and assisting and supporting the Key Personnel to deliver their obligation as per the RFP for successful implementation of assignment. It is expected of the Consultant to carry out the

operations from their project office and Key Personnel shall visit the project location as and when required for their inputs in the assignment.

8. Reporting

- 8.1 The Consultant shall electronically and by mail, submit monthly progress reports that includes and describes, *inter alia*, general progress to date; data and reports obtained and reviewed, conclusions to date, if any; concerns about availability of, or access to, data, analyses, reports; questions regarding the TOR or any other matters regarding work scope and related issues; and so on.
- 8.2 The Consultant will work closely with the Authority and its technical and legal consultants. A designated Nodal Officer of the Authority will be responsible for the overall coordination and project development. He will play a coordinating role in dissemination of the Consultant's outputs, facilitating discussions, and ensuring required reactions and responses to the Consultant.
- 8.3 The Consultant may prepare Issue Papers highlighting issues that could become critical for the timely completion of the Project and that require attention from the Authority.
- 8.4 The Deliverables will be submitted as per schedule provided in this RFP.

9. Documents to be made available by the Authority

The Authority, on the request of Consultant shall provide copies of all appropriate reports, and other materials to which the Consultant's personnel may require reasonable access. The Nodal Officer designated by the Authority shall facilitate handing over of such information to the Consultant. However, if any data required by the Consultant is not available with the Authority, the Consultant shall ensure such data is obtained by it through alternate sources or by conducting suitable survey/ study. Lack of data should not be reason for non-delivery of the Service or base for claim by the Consultant.

10. Completion of Services

- 10.1 All the Deliverables shall be compiled, classified and submitted by the Consultant to the Authority in soft form, to the extent possible. The documents comprising the Deliverables shall remain the property of the Authority and shall not be used by the Consultant for any purpose other than that intended under these Terms of Reference without the permission of the Authority. The Consultancy shall stand completed on acceptance by the Authority of all the Deliverables of the Consultant. Unless completed earlier, the Services shall be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Authority and the final Deliverable shall be deemed approved by the Authority as satisfactory upon expiry of 60 (sixty) days after receipt of the final Deliverable unless the Authority, within such 60 (sixty) day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail, the deficiencies in the Services. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections and/or additions, and upon completion of such corrections or additions, the foregoing process shall be repeated. The Consultancy shall in any case be deemed to be completed upon expiry of [1 (one) year] from the Effective Date, unless extended by mutual consent of the Authority and the Consultant.
- 10.2 **20% (twenty per cent)** of the Agreement Value has been earmarked as lump sum payment to be made to the Consultant upon execution of the Concession Agreement (the “**Lump Sum Payment**”). In consideration of the Lump Sum Payment, the Consultant would provide such services as may be required by the Authority for concluding the Bid Process and execution of the Concession Agreement. In the event the Concession Agreement does not get executed within [1 (one) year] of the Effective Date, the Consultancy shall stand completed as specified

in Paragraph 10.1 above, but no Lump Sum Payment shall be due to the Consultant.

SCHEDULE – 2
(See Clause 2.1.3)

ENGAGEMENT OF DEA
EMPANELLED
TRANSACTION ADVISOR

FOR

IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRI-TECH SMART FARM
PROJECTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS OF ODISHA

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AGREEMENT

Provision of Financial and Transaction Services for Project

This AGREEMENT (hereinafter called the “**Agreement**”) is made on the day of the month of ___ 2023/24 , between, on the one hand, the **Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha under the Department of Agriculture & F.E, Government of Odisha** (hereinafter called the “**Authority**” which expression shall include their respective successors and permitted assigns, unless the context otherwise requires) and, on the other hand, [.....](hereinafter called the “**Consultant**” which expression shall include their respective successors and permitted assigns).

WHEREAS

- (A) The Authority vide its Request for Proposal for appointment of DEA Empanelled Transaction Advisor (hereinafter called the “**Consultancy**”) for the Project (hereinafter called the “**Project**”);
- (B) the Consultant submitted its proposals for the aforesaid work, whereby the Consultant represented to the Authority that it had the required professional skills, and in the said proposals the Consultant also agreed to provide the Services to the Authority on the terms and conditions as set forth in the RFP and this Agreement; and
- (C) the Authority, on acceptance of the aforesaid proposals of the Consultant, awarded the Consultancy to the Consultant vide its Letter of Award dated (the “**LOA**”); and
- (D) in pursuance of the LOA, the parties have agreed to enter into this Agreement. NOW,

THEREFORE, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. GENERAL

1.1 Definitions and Interpretation

1.1.1 The words and expressions beginning with capital letters and defined in this Agreement shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:

- (a) “**Additional Costs**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 6.1.2;
- (b) “**Agreement**” means this Agreement, together with all the Annexes;
- (c) “**Agreement Value**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 6.1.2;
- (d) “**Applicable Laws**” means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in India as they may be issued and in force from time to time;
- (e) “**Confidential Information**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 3.3;
- (f) “**Conflict of Interest**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 3.2 read with the provisions of RFP;
- (g) “**Dispute**” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 9.2.1;
- (h) “**Effective Date**” means the date on which this Agreement comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause 2.1;

- (i) “**Expatriate Personnel**” means such persons who at the time of being so hired had their domicile outside India;
- (j) “**Government**” means the Government of India;
- (k) “**INR, ₹**” means Indian Rupee;
- (l) “**Party**” means the Authority or the Consultant, as the case may be, and Parties means both of them;
- (m) “**Personnel**” means persons hired by the Consultant or by any Sub- Consultant as employees or retainers and assigned to the performance of the Services or any part thereof;
- (n) “**Resident Personnel**” means such persons who at the time of being so hired had their domicile inside India;
- (o) “**RFP**” means the Request for Proposal document in response to which the Consultant’s proposal for providing Services was accepted;
- (p) “**Services**” means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement, as described in the Terms of Reference hereto;
- (q) “**Sub-Consultant**” means any entity to which the Consultant sub- contracts any part of the Services in accordance with the provisions of Clause 4.7; and
- (r) “**Third Party**” means any person or entity other than the Government, the Authority, the Consultant or a Sub-Consultant.

All terms and words not defined herein shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning assigned to them in the RFP.

1.1.2 The following documents along with all addenda issued thereto shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as integral part of this Agreement and in case of any contradiction between or among them the priority in which a document would prevail over another would be as laid down below beginning from the highest priority to the lowest priority:

- (a) Agreement;
- (b) Annexes of Agreement;
- (c) RFP; and
- (d) Letter of Award

1.2 Relation between the Parties

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relation of master and servant or of agent and principal as between the Authority and the Consultant. The Consultant shall, subject to this Agreement, have complete charge of Personnel performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.

1.3 Rights and obligations

The mutual rights and obligations of the Authority and the Consultant shall be set forth in the Agreement, in particular:

- (a) the Consultant shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the

Agreement; and

- (b) the Authority shall make payments to the Consultant in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

1.4 Governing law and jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with and governed by the laws of India, and the courts in the State in which the Authority has its headquarters shall have exclusive jurisdiction over matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

1.5 Language

All notices required to be given by one Party to the other Party and all other communications, documentation and proceedings which are in any way relevant to this Agreement shall be in writing and in English language.

1.6 Table of contents and headings

The table of contents, headings or sub-headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be used in, and shall not affect, the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

1.7 Notices

Any notice or other communication to be given by any Party to the other Party under or in connection with the matters contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall:

- (a) in the case of the Consultant, be given by e-mail and by letter delivered by hand to the address given and marked for attention of the Consultant's Representative set out below in Clause 1.10 or to such other person as the Consultant may from time to time designate by notice to the Authority; provided that notices or other communications to be given to an address outside the city specified in Sub-clause (b) below may, if they are subsequently confirmed by sending a copy thereof by registered acknowledgement due, air mail or by courier, be sent by e-mail to the number/address as the Consultant may from time to time specify by notice to the Authority;
- (b) in the case of the Authority, be given by e-mail and by letter delivered by hand and be addressed to the Authority with a copy delivered to the Authority Representative set out below in Clause 1.10 or to such other person as the Authority may from time to time designate by notice to the Consultant; provided that if the Consultant does not have an office in the same city as the Authority's office, it may send such notice by e-mail and by registered acknowledgement due, air mail or by courier; and
- (c) any notice or communication by a Party to the other Party, given in accordance herewith, shall be deemed to have been delivered when in the normal course of post it ought to have been delivered and in all other cases, it shall be deemed to have been delivered on the actual date and time of delivery; provided that in the case of email, it shall be deemed to have been delivered on the working days following the date of its delivery.

1.8 Location

- 1.8.1 The Services shall be performed at the offices of the Authority in accordance with the provisions of RFP and at such locations as are incidental thereto, including the offices of the Consultant.
- 1.8.2 The Authority may require the Key Personal(s) to spend the required man hours at the offices of the Authority and the Consultant agrees and undertakes to provide such services on a best effort basis and without any unreasonable delay.

1.9 Authority of Member-in-charge

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1.10 Authorised Representatives

1.10.1 Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed, under this Agreement by the Authority or the Consultant, as the case may be, may be taken or executed by the officials specified in this Clause 1.10.

1.10.2 The Authority may, from time to time, designate one of its officials as the Authority Representative. Unless otherwise notified, the Authority Representative shall be:

[Position],
[Address].
Phone: [+91 _____]
Email: [_____]

1.10.3 The Consultant may designate one of its employees as Consultant's Representative. Unless otherwise notified, the Consultant's Representative shall be:

.....
.....

Tel:
Mobile:
E-mail:

1.11 Taxes and duties

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, the Consultant shall pay all such taxes, duties, fees and other impositions as may be levied under the Applicable Laws and the Authority shall perform such duties in regard to the deduction of such taxes as may be lawfully imposed on it.

2. COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

2.1 Effectiveness of Agreement

This Agreement shall come into force and effect on the date of this Agreement (the “Effective Date”).

2.2 Commencement of Services

The Consultant shall commence the Services within a period of 7 (seven) days from the Effective Date, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

2.3 Termination of Agreement for failure to commence Services

If the Consultant does not commence the Services within the period specified in Clause 2.2 above, the Authority may, by not less than 1 (one) weeks’ notice to the Consultant, declare this Agreement to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration, this Agreement shall stand terminated and the Consultant shall be deemed to have accepted such termination.

2.4 Expiry of Agreement

Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clauses 2.3 or 2.9 hereof, this Agreement shall, unless extended by the Parties by mutual consent, expire upon the earlier of (i) expiry of a period of 60 (sixty) days after the delivery of the final Deliverable to the Authority; and (ii) the expiry of [1 (one) year] from the Effective Date. Upon Termination, the Authority shall make payments of all amounts due to the Consultant hereunder.

2.5 Entire Agreement

2.5.1 This Agreement and the Annexes together constitute a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement between the Parties on the subject hereof, and no amendment or modification hereto shall be valid and effective unless such modification or amendment is agreed to in writing by the Parties and duly executed by persons especially empowered in this behalf by the respective Parties. All prior written or oral understandings, offers or other communications of every kind pertaining to this Agreement are abrogated and withdrawn; provided, however, that the obligations of the Consultant arising out of the provisions of the RFP shall continue to subsist and shall be deemed to form part of this Agreement.

2.5.2 Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of Clause 2.5.1 above, on matters not covered by this Agreement, the provisions of RFP shall apply.

2.6 Modification of Agreement

Modification of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including any modification of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties. Pursuant to Clauses 6.1.3 hereof, however, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposals for modification made by the other Party.

2.7 Force Majeure

2.7.1 Definition

- (a) For the purposes of this Agreement, “Force Majeure” means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, and which makes a Party’s performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible in the circumstances, and includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, epidemic, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action (except where such strikes, lockouts or other industrial action are within the power of the Party invoking Force Majeure to prevent), confiscation or any other action by government agencies.
- (b) Force Majeure shall not include (i) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party’s Sub-Consultant or agents or employees, nor (ii) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both (A) take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Agreement, and (B) avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder.
- (c) Force Majeure shall not include insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder.

2.7.2 No breach of Agreement

The failure of a Party to fulfil any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Agreement insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

2.7.3 Measures to be taken

- (a) A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall take all reasonable measures to remove such Party’s inability to fulfil its obligations hereunder with a minimum of delay.
- (b) A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any event not later than 14 (fourteen) days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.
- (c) The Parties shall take all reasonable measures to minimise the consequences of any event of Force Majeure.

2.7.4 Extension of time

Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Agreement, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure.

2.7.5 Payments

During the period of its inability to perform the Services as a result of an event of Force Majeure, the Consultant shall be entitled to be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred by it during such period for the purposes of the Services and in reactivating the Services after the end of such period.

2.7.6 Consultation

Not later than 30 (thirty) days after the Consultant has, as the result of an event of Force Majeure, become unable to perform a material portion of the Services, the Parties shall consult with each other with a view to agreeing on appropriate measures to be taken in the circumstances.

2.8 Suspension of Agreement

The Authority may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant shall be in breach of this Agreement or shall fail to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, including the carrying out of the Services; provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify the nature of the breach or failure, and (ii) shall provide an opportunity to the Consultant to remedy such breach or failure within a period not exceeding 15 (fifteen) days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension.

2.9 Termination of Agreement

2.9.1 By the Authority

The Authority may, by not less than 15 (fifteen) days' written notice of termination to the Consultant, such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in this Clause 2.9.1, terminate this Agreement if:

- (a) the Consultant fails to remedy any breach hereof or any failure in the performance of its obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to Clause 2.8 hereinabove, within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of such notice of suspension or within such further period as the Authority may have subsequently granted in writing;
- (b) the Consultant becomes insolvent or bankrupt or enters into any agreement with its creditors for relief of debt or take advantage of any law for the benefit of debtors or goes into liquidation or receivership whether compulsory or voluntary;
- (c) the Consultant fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to Clause 9 hereof;
- (d) the Consultant submits to the Authority a statement which has a material effect on the rights, obligations or interests of the Authority and which the Consultant knows to be false;
- (e) any document, information, data or statement submitted by the Consultant in its Proposals, based on which the Consultant was considered eligible or successful, is found to be false, incorrect or misleading;
- (f) as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than 60 (sixty) days; or
- (g) the Authority, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Agreement.

2.9.2 By the Consultant

The Consultant may, by not less than 30 (thirty) days' written notice to the Authority, such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in this

Clause 2.9.2, terminate this Agreement if:

- (a) the Authority fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clause 9 hereof within 45 (forty five) days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue;
- (b) the Authority is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement and has not remedied the same within 45 (forty-five) days (or such longer period as the Consultant may have subsequently granted in writing) following the receipt by the Authority of the Consultant's noticespecifying such breach;
- (c) as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than 60 (sixty) days; or
- (d) the Authority fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to Clause 9 hereof.

2.9.3 Cessation of rights and obligations

Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to Clauses 2.3 or 2.9 hereof, or upon expiration of this Agreement pursuant to Clause 2.4 hereof, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except (i) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration, or which expressly survives such Termination; (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in Clause 3.3 hereof; (iii) the Consultant's obligation to permit inspection, copying and auditing of such of its accounts and records set forth in Clause 3.5, as relate to the Consultant's Services provided under this Agreement, and (iv) any right or remedy which a Party may have under this Agreement or the Applicable Laws.

2.9.4 Cessation of Services

Upon termination of this Agreement by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to Clauses 2.9.1 or 2.9.2 hereof, the Consultant shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultant and materials furnished by the Authority, the Consultant shall proceed as provided respectively by Clauses 3.8 or 3.9 hereof.

2.9.5 Payment upon Termination

Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to Clauses 2.9.1 or 2.9.2 hereof, the Authority shall make the following payments to the Consultant (after offsetting against these payments any amount that may be due from the Consultant to the Authority):

- (i) fees pursuant to Clause 6 hereof for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the date of termination;

2.9.6 Disputes about Events of Termination

If either Party disputes whether an event specified in Clause 2.9.1 or in Clause 2.9.2 hereof has occurred, such Party may, within 30 (thirty) days after receipt of notice of termination from the other Party, refer the matter to arbitration pursuant to Clause 9 hereof, and this Agreement shall not be terminated on account of such event except in accordance with the terms of any resulting arbitral award.

3. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONSULTANT

3.1 General

3.1.1 Standards of Performance

The Consultant shall perform the Services and carry out its obligations hereunder with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional techniques and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate advanced technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods. The Consultant shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Agreement or to the Services, as a faithful adviser to the Authority, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Authority's legitimate interests in any dealings with Sub-consultants or Third Parties.

3.1.2 Terms of Reference

The scope of Services to be performed by the Consultant is specified in the Terms of Reference (the “**TOR**”) at Annex-1 of this Agreement. The Consultant shall provide the Deliverables specified therein in conformity with the time schedule stated therein.

3.1.3 Applicable Laws

The Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the Applicable Laws and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any Sub-Consultant, as well as the Personnel and agents of the Consultant and any Sub-Consultant, comply with the Applicable Laws.

3.2 Conflict of Interest

3.2.1 The Consultant shall not have a Conflict of Interest and any breach hereof shall constitute a breach of the Agreement.

3.2.2 Consultant and Affiliates not to be otherwise interested in the Project

The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Agreement and after its termination, the Consultant or any Associate thereof, as well as any Sub-Consultant and any entity affiliated with such Sub-Consultant, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works, services, loans or equity for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services and any breach of this obligation shall amount to a Conflict of Interest; provided that the restriction herein shall not apply after a period of three years from the completion of this assignment or to consulting assignments granted by banks/ lenders at any time; provided further that this restriction shall not apply to consultancy/ advisory services provided to the Authority in continuation of this Consultancy or to any subsequent consultancy/ advisory services provided to the Authority in accordance with the rules of the Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, an entity affiliated with the Consultant shall include a partner in the firm of the Consultant or a person who holds more than 5% (five per cent) of the subscribed and paid up share capital of the Consultant, as the case may be, and any Associate thereof.

3.2.3 Prohibition of conflicting activities

Neither the Consultant nor its Sub-consultant nor the Personnel of either of them shall

engage, either directly or indirectly, in any of the following activities:

- (a) during the term of this Agreement, any business or professional activities which would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Agreement;
- (b) after the termination of this Agreement, such other activities as may be specified in the Agreement; or
- (c) at any time, such other activities as have been specified in the RFP as Conflict of Interest.

3.2.4 Consultant not to benefit from commissions, discounts, etc.

The remuneration of the Consultant pursuant to Clause 6 hereof shall constitute the Consultant's sole remuneration in connection with this Agreement or the Services and the Consultant shall not accept for its own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Agreement or to the Services or in the discharge of its obligations hereunder, and the Consultant shall use its best efforts to ensure that any Sub-Consultant, as well as the Personnel and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional remuneration.

3.2.5 The Consultant and its Personnel shall observe the highest standards of ethics and not have engaged in and shall not hereafter engage in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice, restrictive practice or anti-competitive practices (collectively the **"Prohibited Practices"**). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Authority shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement forthwith by a communication in writing to the Consultant, without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Consultant, if it determines that the Consultant has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in any Prohibited Practices in the Selection Process or before or after entering into of this Agreement. In such an event, the Authority shall forfeit and appropriate the Performance Security, if any, as mutually agreed genuine pre-estimated compensation and damages payable to the Authority towards, *inter alia*, time, cost and effort of the Authority, without prejudice to the Authority's any other rights or remedy hereunder or in law.

3.2.6 Without prejudice to the rights of the Authority under Clause 3.2.5 above and the other rights and remedies which the Authority may have under this Agreement, if the Consultant is found by the Authority to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any Prohibited Practices, during the Selection Process or before or after the execution of this Agreement, the Consultant shall not be eligible to participate in any tender or RFP issued during a period of 2 (two) years from the date the Consultant is found by the Authority to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any Prohibited Practices.

3.2.7 For the purposes of Clauses 3.2.5 and 3.2.6, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter respectively assigned to them:

- (a) **"corrupt practice"** means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the actions of any person connected with the Selection Process (for removal of doubt, offering of employment or employing or engaging in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, any official of the Authority who is or has been associated in any manner, directly or indirectly with Selection Process or LOA or dealing with matters concerning the Agreement before or after the execution thereof, at any time prior to the expiry of one year from the date such official resigns or retires from or otherwise ceases to be in the service of the Authority, shall be deemed to constitute influencing the actions of a person connected with the Selection Process); or (ii) engaging in any manner whatsoever, whether during the Selection Process or after the issue of LOA or after the execution of the Agreement, as the case may be, any person in respect of any matter relating to the Project or the LOA or the Agreement, who at any time has been or is a legal, financial or technical adviser

the Authority in relation to any matter concerning the Project;

- (b) **“fraudulent practice”** means a misrepresentation or omission of facts or suppression of facts or disclosure of incomplete facts, in order to influence the Selection Process;
- (c) **“coercive practice”** means impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any person or property to influence any person’s participation or action in the Selection Process or the exercise of its rights or performance of its obligations by the Authority under this Agreement;
- (d) **“undesirable practice”** means (i) establishing contact with any person connected with or employed or engaged by the Authority with the objective of canvassing, lobbying or in any manner influencing or attempting to influence the Selection Process; or (ii) having a Conflict of Interest; and
- (e) **“restrictive practice”** means forming a cartel or arriving at any understanding or arrangement among Applicants with the objective of restricting or manipulating a full and fair competition in the Selection Process.
- (f) **“Anti-competitive practice”** mean any collusion, bid rigging or anti- competitive arrangement, or any other practice coming under the purview of The Competition Act, 2002, between two or more bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Authority, that may impair the transparency, fairness and the progress of the procurement process or to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels.
- (g) **“Obstructive practice”** materially impede the Authority’s investigation into allegations of one or more of the above mentioned prohibited practices either by deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering; or by concealing of evidence material to the investigation; or by making false statements to investigators and/or by threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or by impeding the Authority’s rights of audit or access to information.

3.3 Confidentiality

The Consultant, its Sub-Consultants and the Personnel of either of them shall not, either during the term or within two years after the expiration or termination of this Agreement disclose any proprietary information, including information relating to reports, data, drawings, design software or other material, whether written or oral, in electronic or magnetic format, and the contents thereof; and any reports, digests or summaries created or derived from any of the foregoing that is provided by the Authority to the Consultant, its Sub-Consultants and the Personnel; any information provided by or relating to the Authority, its technology, technical processes, business affairs or finances or any information relating to the Authority’s employees, officers or other professionals or suppliers, customers, or contractors of the Authority; and any other information which the Consultant is under an obligation to keep confidential in relation to the Project, the Services or this Agreement (**“Confidential Information”**), without the prior written consent of the Authority.

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the Consultant, its Sub-Consultants and the Personnel of either of them may disclose Confidential Information to the extent that such Confidential Information:

- (i) was in the public domain prior to its delivery to the Consultant, its Sub-Consultants and the Personnel of either of them or becomes a part of the public knowledge from a source other than the Consultant, its Sub-Consultants and the Personnel of either of them;

- (ii) was obtained from a third party with no known duty to maintain its confidentiality;
- (iii) is required to be disclosed by Applicable Laws or judicial or administrative or arbitral process or by any governmental instrumentalities, provided that for any such disclosure, the Consultant, its Sub-Consultants and the Personnel of either of them shall give the Authority, prompt written notice, and use reasonable efforts to ensure that such disclosure is accorded confidential treatment; and
- (iv) is provided to the professional advisers, agents, auditors or representatives of the Consultant or its Sub-Consultants or Personnel of either of them, as is reasonable under the circumstances; provided, however, that the Consultant or its Sub-Consultants or Personnel of either of them, as the case may be, shall require their professional advisers, agents, auditors or its representatives, to undertake in writing to keep such Confidential Information, confidential and shall use its best efforts to ensure compliance with such undertaking.

3.4 Liability of the Consultant

- 3.4.1 The Consultant's liability under this Agreement shall be determined by the Applicable Laws and the provisions hereof.
- 3.4.2 The Consultant shall, subject to the limitation specified in Clause 3.4.3, be liable to the Authority for any direct loss or damage accrued or likely to accrue due to deficiency in Services rendered by it.
- 3.4.3 The Parties hereto agree that in case of negligence or wilful misconduct on the part of the Consultant or on the part of any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services, the Consultant, with respect to damage caused to the Authority's property, shall not be liable to the Authority:
 - (i) for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and
 - (ii) for any direct loss or damage that exceeds (a) the Agreement Value set forth in Clause 6.1.2 of this Agreement, or (b) the proceeds the Consultant may be entitled to receive from any insurance maintained by the Consultant to cover such a liability, whichever of (a) or (b) is higher.
- 3.4.4 This limitation of liability specified in Clause 3.4.3 shall not affect the Consultant's liability, if any, for damage to Third Parties caused by the Consultant or any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services subject, however, to a limit equal to 3 (three) times the Agreement Value.

3.5 Accounting, inspection and auditing

The Consultant shall:

- (a) keep accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services provided under this Agreement, in accordance with internationally accepted accounting principles and standards such as Indian Accounting Standards, GAAP, etc and in such form and detail as will clearly identify all relevant time charges and cost, and the basis thereof (including the basis of the Consultant's costs and charges); and
- (b) permit the Authority or its designated representative periodically, and up to one year from the expiration or termination of this Agreement, to inspect the same and make copies thereof as well as to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Authority.

3.6 Consultant's actions requiring the Authority's prior approval

The Consultant shall obtain the Authority's prior approval in writing before taking any of the following actions:

- (a) Appointing such members of the professional personnel as are not listed in Annex-2;
- (b) entering into a subcontract for the performance of any part of the Services, it being understood (i) that the selection of the Sub-consultant and the terms and conditions of the subcontract shall have been approved in writing by the Authority prior to the execution of the subcontract, and (ii) that the Consultant shall remain fully liable for the performance of the Services by the Sub-Consultant and its Personnel pursuant to this Agreement; or
- (c) any other action that is specified in this Agreement.

3.7 Reporting obligations

3.7.1 The Consultant shall submit to the Authority the reports and documents specified in the Agreement, in the form, in the numbers and within the time periods set forth therein.

3.7.2 The Consultant shall electronically and by mail, submit monthly progress reports in the form and manner stated in clause 8 of TOR, to the Authority, in the format set out in Annex-6 hereto.

3.8 Documents prepared by the Consultant to be property of the Authority

3.8.1 All reports and other documents (collectively referred to as “**Consultancy Documents**”) prepared by the Consultant (or by the Sub-Consultants or any Third Party) in performing the Services shall become and remain the property of the Authority, and all intellectual property rights in such Consultancy Documents shall vest with the Authority. Any Consultancy Document, of which the ownership or the intellectual property rights do not vest with the Authority under law, shall automatically stand assigned to the Authority as and when such Consultancy Document is created and the Consultant agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other acts as the Authority may deem necessary to secure its rights herein assigned by the Consultant.

3.8.2 The Consultant shall, not later than termination or expiration of this Agreement, deliver all Consultancy Documents to the Authority, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Consultant may retain a copy of such Consultancy Documents. The Consultant, its Sub-Consultants or a Third Party shall not use these Consultancy Documents for purposes unrelated to this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Authority.

3.8.3 The Consultant shall hold the Authority harmless and indemnified for any losses, claims, damages, expenses (including all legal expenses), awards, penalties or injuries (collectively referred to as “**Claims**”) which may arise from or due to any unauthorised use of such Consultancy Documents, or due to any breach or failure on part of the Consultant or its Sub-Consultants or a Third Party to perform any of its duties or obligations in relation to securing the aforementioned rights of the Authority.

3.9 Materials furnished by the Authority

Materials made available to the Consultant by the Authority shall be the property of the Authority and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, the Consultant shall furnish forthwith to the Authority, an inventory of such materials and shall dispose of such materials in accordance with the instructions of the Authority.

3.10 Providing access to Project Office and Personnel

The Consultant shall ensure that the Authority, and officials of the Authority having authorisation from the Authority, are provided unrestricted access to the office of the Consultant and to all Personnel during office hours. The Authority's official, who has been authorised by the Authority in this behalf, shall have the right to inspect the Services in progress, interact with Personnel of the Consultant and verify the records relating to the Services for his satisfaction.

3.11 Accuracy of Documents

The Consultant shall be responsible for accuracy of the documents drafted and/or vetted and data collected by it directly or procured from other agencies/authorities, estimates and all other details prepared by it as part of these services. Subject to the provisions of Clause 3.4, it shall indemnify the Authority against any inaccuracy in its work which might surface during implementation of the Project, if such inaccuracy is the result of any negligence or inadequate due diligence on part of the Consultant or arises out of its failure to conform to good industry practice. The Consultant shall also be responsible for promptly correcting, at its own cost and risk, the documents including any re-survey / investigations.

4 CONSULTANT'S PERSONNEL

4.1 General

The Consultant shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Personnel as may be required to carry out the Services.

4.2 Deployment of Personnel

- 4.2.1 The designations, names and other particulars of each of the Consultant's Key Personnel required in carrying out the Services are described in Annex-2 of this Agreement.

4.3 Approval of Personnel

- 4.3.1 The Key Personnel listed in Annex-2 of the Agreement are hereby approved by the Authority. No other Key Personnel shall be engaged without prior approval of the Authority.
- 4.3.2 If the Consultant hereafter proposes to engage any person as Professional Personnel, it shall submit to the Authority its proposal along with a CV of such person in the form provided at Appendix-I (Form-11) of the RFP. The Authority may approve or reject such proposal within 14 (fourteen) days of receipt thereof. In case the proposal is rejected, the Consultant may propose an alternative person for the Authority's consideration. In the event the Authority does not reject a proposal within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of receipt thereof under this Clause 4.3, it shall be deemed to have been approved by the Authority.

4.4 Substitution of Key Personnel

The Authority expects all the Key Personnel specified in the Proposal to be available during implementation of the Agreement. The Authority will not consider any substitution of Key Personnel except under compelling circumstances beyond the control of the Consultant and the concerned Key Personnel.

4.5 Working hours, overtime, leave, etc.

The Personnel shall not be entitled to be paid for overtime nor to take paid sick leave or vacation leave except as specified in the Agreement, and the Consultant's

remuneration shall be deemed to cover these items.. Any taking of leave by any Personnel for a period exceeding 7 days shall be subject to the prior approval of the Authority, and the Consultant shall ensure that any absence on leave will not delay the progress and quality of the Services.

4.6 Team Leader and Project Manager

The person designated as the Team Leader of the Consultant's Personnel shall be responsible for the performance of the Services and coordinated, timely and efficient functioning of the Personnel In addition, the Consultant shall designate and deploy at project location in accordance with the RFP, a suitable person as Project Manager (the "**Project Manager**") who shall be responsible for day-to-day coordination between Consultant's Personnel and Authority.

5. OBLIGATIONS OF THE AUTHORITY

5.1 Assistance in clearances etc.

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, the Authority shall make best efforts to ensure that the Government shall:

- (a) provide the Consultant, its Sub-Consultants and Personnel with work permits and such other documents as may be necessary to enable the Consultant, its Sub-Consultants or Personnel to perform the Services;
- (b) facilitate prompt clearance through customs of any property required for the Services; and
- (c) issue to officials, agents and representatives of the Government all such instructions as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services.

5.2 Access to land and property

The Authority warrants that the Consultant shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to the site of the project in respect of which access is required for the performance of Services; provided that if such access shall not be made available to the Consultant as and when so required, the Parties shall agree on (i) the time extension, as may be appropriate, for the performance of Services, and (ii) the additional payments, if any, to be made to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to Clause 6.1.3.

5.3 Change in Applicable Law

If, after the date of this Agreement, there is any change in the Applicable Laws with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost or reimbursable expenses incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, by an amount exceeding 2% (two per cent) of the Agreement Value specified in Clause 6.1.2, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Agreement shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties hereto, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the aforesaid Agreement Value.

All taxes (GST) and other taxes other than income tax, as may be applicable from time to time, on the payment of the professional fees to the Consultant, shall be borne

by the Authority.

5.4 Payment

In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Agreement, the Authority shall make to the Consultant such payments and in such manner as is provided in Clause 6 of this Agreement.

6. PAYMENT TO THE CONSULTANT

6.1 Cost estimates and Agreement Value

- 6.1.1 An abstract of the cost of the Services payable to the Consultant is set forth in Annex-3 of the Agreement.
- 6.1.2 Except as may be otherwise agreed under Clause 2.6 and subject to 6.1.3, the payments under this Agreement shall not exceed the agreement value specified herein (the “**Agreement Value**”). The Parties agree that the Agreement Value is ₹..... (Rupees).
- 6.1.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Clause 6.1.2, if pursuant to the provisions of Clause 2.6, the Parties agree that additional payments shall be made to the Consultant in order to cover any additional expenditures not envisaged in the cost estimates referred to in Clause 6.1.2 above, the Agreement Value set forth in Clause 6.1.2 above shall be increased by the amount or amounts, as the case may be, of any such additional payments.

6.2 Currency of payment

All payments shall be made in Indian Rupees. The Consultant shall be free to convert Rupees into any foreign currency as per Applicable Laws.

6.3 Mode of billing and payment

Billing and payments in respect of the Services shall be made as follows:-

- (a) The Consultant shall be paid for its services as per the Payment Schedule at Annex-4 of this Agreement, and Paragraphs 4, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and 10 of the TOR of this Agreement, subject to the Consultant fulfilling the following conditions:
- (i) No payment shall be due for the next stage till the Consultant completes to the satisfaction of the Authority the work pertaining to the preceding stage.; and
 - (ii) The Authority shall pay to the Consultant, only the undisputed amount.
- (b) The Authority shall cause the payment due to the Consultant to be made within 30 (thirty) days after the receipt by the Authority of duly completed bills with necessary particulars (the “**Due Date**”).
- (c) The final payment under this Clause 6.3 shall be made only after the final Deliverable shall have been submitted by the Consultant and approved as satisfactory by the Authority. The Services shall be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Authority and the final Deliverable shall be deemed approved by the Authority as satisfactory upon expiry of 60 (sixty) days after receipt of the final Deliverable unless the Authority, within such 60 (sixty) day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail, the deficiencies in the Services. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections and/or additions, and upon completion of such corrections or additions, the foregoing process shall be repeated. The Authority shall make the final payment upon

acceptance or deemed acceptance of the final Deliverable by the Authority.

- (d) Any amount which the Authority has paid or caused to be paid in excess of the amounts actually payable in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall be reimbursed by the Consultant to the Authority within 30 (thirty) days after receipt by the Consultant of notice thereof. Any such claim by the Authority for reimbursement must be made within 1 (one) year after receipt by the Authority of a final report in accordance with Clause 6.3 (c). Any delay by the Consultant in reimbursement by the due date shall attract simple interest @ 10% (ten per cent) per annum.
- (e) All payments under this Agreement shall be made to the account of the Consultant as may be notified to the Authority by the Consultant.

7. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AND PENALTIES

7.1 Performance Security

- 7.1.1 For the purposes of this Agreement, performance security shall be deemed to be an amount equal to 10% (ten percent) of the Agreement Value (the “**Performance Security**”); provided, however, that the Consultant shall not be required to provide a Performance Security in the form of a bank guarantee or cash deposit.
- 7.1.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Clause 7.1.1, as and when payments become due to the Consultant for its Services, the Authority shall retain by way of Performance Security, 10% (ten percent) of all the amounts due and payable to the Consultant, to be appropriated against breach of this Agreement or for recovery of liquidated damages as specified in Clause 7.2. The balance remaining out of the Performance Security shall be returned to the Consultant at the end of three months after the expiry of this Agreement pursuant to Clause 2.4 hereof. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties hereto expressly agree that in addition to appropriation of the amounts withheld hereunder, in the event of any default requiring the appropriation of further amounts comprising the Performance Security, the Authority may make deductions from any subsequent payments due and payable to the Financial Consultant hereunder, as if it is appropriating the Performance Security in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- 7.1.3 The Consultant may, in lieu of retention of the amounts as referred to in Clause 7.1.2 above, furnish a Bank Guarantee substantially in the form specified at Annex-5 and Annexure 5 (II) of this Agreement.

7.2 Liquidated Damages

7.2.1 Liquidated Damages for error/variation

In case any error or variation is detected in the reports submitted by the Consultant and such error or variation is the result of negligence or lack of due diligence on the part of the Consultant, the consequential damages thereof shall be quantified by the Authority in a reasonable manner and recovered from the Consultant by way of deemed liquidated damages, subject to a maximum of the Agreement Value.

7.2.2 Liquidated Damages for delay

In case of delay in completion of Services, liquidated damages not exceeding an amount equal to 0.2% (zero point two percent) of the Agreement Value per day, subject to a maximum of 10% (ten percent) of the Agreement Value shall be imposed and shall be recovered by appropriation from the Performance Security or otherwise. However, in case of delay due to reasons beyond the control of the Consultant, suitable extension of time shall be granted.

7.2.3 Encashment and appropriation of Performance Security

The Authority shall have the right to invoke and appropriate the proceeds of the Performance Security, in whole or in part, without notice to the Consultant in the event of breach of this Agreement or for recovery of liquidated damages specified in this Clause 7.2.

7.3 Penalty for deficiency in Services

In addition to the liquidated damages not amounting to penalty, as specified in Clause 7.2, warning may be issued to the Consultant for minor deficiencies on its part. In the case of significant deficiencies in Services causing adverse effect on the Project or on the reputation of the Authority, other penal action including debarring for a specified period may also be initiated as per policy of the Authority.

8. FAIRNESS AND GOOD FAITH

8.1 Good Faith

The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Agreement and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realisation of the objectives of this Agreement.

8.2 Operation of the Agreement

The Parties recognise that it is impractical in this Agreement to provide for every contingency which may arise during the life of the Agreement, and the Parties hereby agree that it is their intention that this Agreement shall operate fairly as between them, and without detriment to the interest of either of them, and that, if during the term of this Agreement either Party believes that this Agreement is operating unfairly, the Parties will use their best efforts to agree on such action as may be necessary to remove the cause or causes of such unfairness, but failure to agree on any action pursuant to this Clause 8.2 shall not give rise to a dispute subject to arbitration in accordance with Clause 9 hereof.

9. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

9.1 Amicable settlement

The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or the interpretation thereof.

9.2 Dispute resolution

9.2.1 Any dispute, difference or controversy of whatever nature howsoever arising under or out of or in relation to this Agreement (including its interpretation) between the Parties, and so notified in writing by either Party to the other Party (the "**Dispute**") shall, in the first instance, be attempted to be resolved amicably in accordance with the conciliation procedure set forth in Clause 9.3.

9.2.2 The Parties agree to use their best efforts for resolving all Disputes arising under or in respect of this Agreement promptly, equitably and in good faith, and further agree to provide each other with reasonable access during normal business hours to all non-privileged records, information and data pertaining to any Dispute.

9.3 Conciliation

In the event of any Dispute between the Parties, either Party may call upon [_____ (*designation from the Authority*)] and Partner/ Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Consultant or a substitute thereof for amicable settlement, and upon such reference, the said persons shall meet no later than 10 (ten) days from the date of reference to discuss and attempt to amicably resolve the Dispute. If such meeting does not take place within the 10 (ten) day period or the Dispute is not amicably settled within 15 (fifteen) days of the meeting or the Dispute is not resolved as evidenced by the signing of written terms of settlement within 30 (thirty) days of the notice in writing referred to in Clause 9.2.1 or such longer period as may be mutually agreed by the Parties, either Party may refer the Dispute to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of Clause 9.4.

9.4 Arbitration

- 9.4.1 Any Dispute which is not resolved amicably by conciliation, as provided in Clause 9.3, shall be finally decided by reference to arbitration by an Arbitral Tribunal appointed in accordance with Clause 9.4.2. Such arbitration shall be held in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration of the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, New Delhi (the “**Rules**”), or such other rules as may be mutually agreed by the Parties, and shall be subject to the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The place of such arbitration shall be the capital of the State where the Authority has its headquarters and the language of arbitration proceedings shall be English.
- 9.4.2 There shall be [a sole arbitrator whose appointment] / [an Arbitral Tribunal of three arbitrators, of whom each Party shall select one, and the third arbitrator shall be appointed by the two arbitrators so selected, and in the event of disagreement between the two arbitrators, the appointment] shall be made in accordance with the Rules.
- 9.4.3 The arbitrators shall make a reasoned award (the “**Award**”). Any Award made in any arbitration held pursuant to this Clause 9 shall be final and binding on the Parties as from the date it is made, and the Consultant and the Authority agree and undertake to carry out such Award without delay.
- 9.4.4 The Consultant and the Authority agree that an Award may be enforced against the Consultant and/or the Authority, as the case may be, and their respective assets wherever situated.
- 9.4.5 This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall remain in full force and effect, pending the Award in any arbitration proceedings hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED	SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
For and on behalf of	For and on behalf of
Consultant:	Authority
(Signature)	
(Name)	
(Designation)	
(Address)	

In the presence of:

1.

2.

Annex – 1 : Terms of Reference

(Refer Clause 3.1.2)

(Reproduce Schedule-1 of RFP)

Annex – 2 : Deployment of Key Personnel

(Refer Clause 4.2)

(Reproduce as per Form-6 of Appendix-I)

Annex – 3 : Cost of Services

(Refer Clause 6.1)

(Reproduce as per Form-2 of Appendix-II)

Annex – 4 : Payment Schedule*(Refer Clause 6.3)*

SI No	Deliverables	Payment
I	Feasibility Study	
KD1	Inception Report	5%
KD2	Feasibility Report	10%
KD3	Final Revenue Model and the Appraisal Report	5%
	Sub-Total (I)	20%
II	Transaction Advisory	
KD4	Final Revenue Model and the Appraisal Report	10%
KD5	Draft RFP and Draft Concession Agreement	20%
KD6	In principal approval for required VGF support (if applicable)	15%
KD7	Final RFP and Concession Agreement IF KD6 is not applicable, then payment related to KD6 will be given along with KD7	5%
KD8	Approvals & Clearances	10%
KD9	Final Payment on Signing of Concession Agreement (Lumpsum)	20%
	Sub – Total (II)	80%
	TOTAL	100%

*Excludes the time taken by the Authority in providing comments on the Draft Appraisal Report. The Consultant shall get one week for submission of the Appraisal Report after comments of the Authority are provided.

Notes:

1. *The above payments shall be made to the Consultant provided that the payments to be made at any time shall not exceed the amount certified by the Consultant in its Statement of Expenses.*
2. *All Reports shall first be submitted as draft reports for comments of the Authority. The Authority shall provide its comments no later than three weeks from the date of receiving a draft report and in case no comments are provided within such three weeks, the Consultant shall finalise its report. Provided, however, that the Authority may take up to four weeks in providing its comments on the Draft Appraisal Report.*
3. *Financial Appraisal Report shall be completed in 12 weeks excluding the time taken by the Authority in providing its comments on the Draft Feasibility Report. The Consultant may take one week for submitting its Final Appraisal Report after receipt of comments from the Authority.*
4. *Final payment of 20% (twenty percent) shall be released upon of Services in their entirety including execution of the Concession Agreement.*

Annex - 5 : Bank Guarantee for Performance Security

(Refer Clause 7.1.3)

To
[Authority],
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In consideration of acting on behalf of the President of India..... (hereinafter referred as the “**Authority**”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors, administrators and assigns) awarding to , having its office at (hereinafter referred as the “**Consultant**” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors, administrators, executors and assigns), vide the Authority’s Agreement no.....dated valued at ₹(Rupees.....), (hereinafter referred to as the “**Agreement**”) the assignment for consultancy services in respect of the Project, and the Consultant having agreed to furnish a Bank Guarantee amounting to Rs..... (Rupees) to the Authority for performance of the said Agreement.

1. We, (hereinafter referred to as the “**Bank**”) at the request of the Consultant do hereby undertake to pay to the Authority an amount not exceeding ₹..... (Rupees) against any loss or damage caused to or suffered or would be caused to or suffered by the Authority by reason of any breach by the said Consultant of any of the terms or conditions contained in the said Agreement.

2. We, (indicate the name of the Bank) do hereby undertake to pay the amounts due and payable under this Guarantee without any demur, merely on a demand from the Authority stating that the amount/claimed is due by way of loss or damage caused to or would be caused to or suffered by the Authority by reason of breach by the said Consultant of any of the terms or conditions contained in the said Agreement or by reason of the Consultant’s failure to perform the said Agreement. Any such demand made on the bank shall be conclusive as regards the amount due and payable by the Bank under this Guarantee. However, our liability under this Guarantee shall be restricted to an amount not exceeding ₹(Rupees).

3. We, (indicate the name of Bank) undertake to pay to the Authority any money so demanded notwithstanding any dispute or disputes raised by the Consultant in any suit or proceeding pending before any court or tribunal relating thereto, our liability under this present being absolute and unequivocal. The payment so made by us under this bond shall be a valid discharge of our liability for payment thereunder and the Consultant shall have no claim against us for making such payment.

4. We, (indicate the name of Bank) further agree that the Guarantee herein contained shall remain in full force and effect during the period that would be required for the performance of the said Agreement and that it shall continue to be enforceable till all the dues of the Authority under or by virtue of the said Agreement have been fully paid and its claims satisfied or discharged or till the Authority certifies that the terms and conditions of the said Agreement have been fully and properly carried out by the said Consultant and accordingly discharges this Guarantee. Unless a demand or claim under this Guarantee is made on us in writing on or before a period of one year from the date of this Guarantee, we shall be discharged from all liability under this Guarantee thereafter.

5. We, (indicate the name of Bank) further agree with the Authority that the Authority shall have the fullest liberty without our consent and without affecting in any manner our obligations hereunder to vary any of the terms and conditions of the said Agreement or to extend time of performance by the said Consultant from time to time or to postpone for any time or from time

to time any of the powers exercisable by the Authority against the said Consultant and to forbear or enforce any of the terms and conditions relating to the said Agreement and we shall not be relieved from our liability by reason of any such variation, or extension being granted to the said Consultant or for any forbearance, act or omission on the part of the Authority or any indulgence by the Authority to the said Consultant or any such matter or thing whatsoever which under the law relating to sureties would, but for this provision, have the effect of so relieving us.

6. This Guarantee will not be discharged due to the change in the constitution of the Bank or the Consultant(s).

7. We, (indicate the name of Bank) lastly undertake not to revoke this Guarantee during its currency except with the previous consent of the Authority in writing.

8. For the avoidance of doubt, the Bank's liability under this Guarantee shall be restricted to ₹..... crore (Rupees crore) only. The Bank shall be liable to pay the said amount or any part thereof only if the Authority serves a written claim on the Bank in accordance with paragraph 2 hereof, on or before[..... (indicate the date falling 365 days after the Bid Due Date specified in the RFP)].

Dated, the day of.....2020

For

(Name of Bank)

(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)

Seal of the Bank

- (i) The Bank Guarantee should contain the name, designation and code number of the officer(s) signing the Guarantee
- (ii) The address, telephone no. and other details of the Head Office of the Bank as well as of issuing Branch should be mentioned on the covering letter of issuing Branch

Annex-5 (II) - Bank Guarantee for Bid Security

(Refer Clause 7.1.3)

To
 [Authority],

In consideration of acting on behalf of the President of India..... (hereinafter referred as the “**Authority**”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors, administrators and assigns) awarding to, having its office at (hereinafter referred as the “**Consultant**” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors, administrators, executors and assigns), vide the Authority’s Agreement no.....dated valued at ₹(Rupees.....), (hereinafter referred to as the “**Agreement**”) the assignment for consultancy services in respect of the Project, and the Consultant having agreed to furnish a Bank Guarantee amounting to Rs..... (Rupees) to the Authority for performance of the said Agreement.

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Dated, the day of.....2020

For

(Name of Bank)

(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)

Seal of the Bank

- (i) The Bank Guarantee should contain the name, designation and code number of the officer(s) signing the Guarantee
- (ii) The address, telephone no. and other details of the Head Office of the Bank as well as of issuing Branch should be mentioned on the covering letter of issuing Branch

Annex – 6 : Monthly Progress Report

(See Clause 3.7.2)

Project Name:

Month :

from to..... (insert dates)

Deliverables	Target for current month	Activities Performed	Status	Target for next month

Week Two from to (insert dates covered by Week Two)

Key Personnel	Activities

Date:
of authorised signatory)

(Signature and name

Proposed Concept of Introduction to Agri-Tech Smart Farm Project

An Agri-tech smart farm, often referred to as a smart agriculture or precision agriculture system, is an innovative and technology-driven approach to modern farming. It integrates various advanced technologies and data-driven solutions to enhance the efficiency, productivity, and sustainability of agricultural operations. The key components of an Agri-tech smart farm may include

- IoT (Internet of Things) Sensors: These sensors are deployed throughout the farm to collect real-time data on various environmental parameters such as soil moisture, temperature, humidity, and weather conditions.
- Data Analytics: Advanced analytics and data processing tools are used to analyze the data collected by IoT sensors. This data can provide insights into crop health, pest and disease management, and optimal resource allocation.
- Remote Monitoring: Farmers can remotely monitor their fields and livestock through connected devices, allowing them to make informed decisions and adjustments as needed.
- Automated Machinery: Smart farms often use autonomous or semi-autonomous machinery such as drones and robotic tractors for planting, harvesting, and other tasks. These machines can be guided by GPS and sensors to optimize operations.
- Precision Farming: By utilizing the data and insights generated by the system, farmers can implement precision farming techniques. This involves applying inputs like fertilizers, pesticides, and water with precision, reducing waste and environmental impact.
- Crop Management Software: Farmers can use specialized software to manage their crops more efficiently. This includes crop modeling, growth predictions, and yield optimization.
- Livestock Management: For farms that raise livestock, smart systems can help with monitoring animal health, feeding, and other aspects of livestock management.
- Sustainable Practices: Smart farms often aim to promote sustainability by minimizing resource use, reducing waste, and adopting eco-friendly practices.
- Connectivity: High-speed internet access and network connectivity are essential for collecting, transmitting, and analyzing data in real time.
- Cloud Computing: Data generated by smart farm systems is often stored and processed in the cloud, making it accessible from anywhere and facilitating

11. Area of Operation

The following farms have been selected for the Agri-Tech Smart Farm Project

Basic information on Departmental Farm (Area in Ha.)							
Revenue District	Sl. No.	Name of the farm	Geographical Area	CULTIVABLE AREA			
				High Land	Medium Land	Low Land	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Koraput	1	Similiguda (LF)	352.587	127.590	19.550	16.950	164.090
Jajpur	2	Sukinda (LF)	230.000	73.322	59.960	39.600	172.882
Puri	3	Sakhigopal	29.6	0	2.2	25.9	28.1
Grand Total			582.587	200.912	79.510	56.550	336.972

12.1.1 Activities undertaken under Agri-Tech Smart Farms

A. Demonstrating Effective Integrated Dry Land Horticulture:

The project serves as a live demonstration of the effectiveness of Integrated Dry Land Horticulture through the implementation of the Integrated Farming System (IFS) model. By showcasing successful case studies and on-ground practices, the project aims to inspire farmers and enable them to replicate these strategies on their own farms.

B. Promoting High-Tech Agri-Horticulture Models:

The project focuses on demonstrating and disseminating knowledge of high-tech Agri-Horticulture models that incorporate Global Agricultural Practices (GAP). By adopting cutting-edge techniques and practices, farmers can achieve incremental changes in crop yield, productivity, and quality. These demonstrations showcase the transformative impact of advanced horticultural practices.

C. Demonstrating Advanced Technologies and Digital Agriculture:

To encourage farmers to embrace innovative practices, the project showcases advanced technologies and digital agriculture solutions. From precision farming and sensor-based irrigation systems to drone-assisted monitoring, farmers are introduced to modern tools that optimize resource management, enhance efficiency, and strengthen the agricultural value chain.

D. Technology Transfer to Farmers and Agencies:

The project facilitates the transfer of technology to farmers and relevant agencies. Through comprehensive training programs, workshops, and field visits, farmers gain valuable insights into the latest agricultural innovations, enabling them to implement sustainable practices and improve their farming techniques.

E. Farmland Redevelopment and Fair Trade:

To empower farmers with the latest technologies, the project supports the redevelopment of farmland. This includes adopting advanced practices and technologies, facilitated through collaborations with government agencies and Public/private players. Agreements are established to ensure fair trade and a stable market, providing farmers with opportunities to sell their produce at predetermined rates selected by the Government/Agency.

F. Integrated Approach to Soil and Water Conservation and management along with testing Labs:

The project demonstrates, implementation of proven techniques such as contour farming, terracing, and mulching, enhanced crop yields, improved disease resistance, increased nutritional value, and enhanced overall productivity in agriculture while utilising optimal resources. Recognizing the significance of soil and water conservation and management, the project emphasizes an integrated approach to tackle these challenges.

G. Customization of Cultivation Standards and Post-Harvest Management:

The project emphasizes the customization of cultivation standards for conventional crops based on adopted technology, considering factors such as soil type, crop variety, climate conditions, and post-harvest management. By integrating digital agriculture solutions, farmers can reduce post-harvest losses, improve profitability, and enhance the quality of their produce.

H. Storage and processing and packing unit:

To ensure the efficient management, preservation, and transformation of agricultural products storage, processing, and packing units plays an essential role and so the project emphasises on the same. These contributes to optimizing product quality, minimizing post-harvest losses, enhancing marketability, and meeting consumer demands effectively in the agricultural industry.

I. Providing an Efficient and Effective Training Environment:

The project establishes an efficient and effective training environment to foster knowledge exchange and skill development. Farmers have access to comprehensive training programs covering various aspects of horticulture, including post-harvest technology, value addition, and processing. This initiative enables farmers to adopt advanced techniques, increase productivity, and build confidence. Additionally, skill and capacity development programs generate employment opportunities, contributing to the overall growth of the farming population.

J. Agri-Tourism

Agri-tourism combines agriculture and tourism, offering visitors an opportunity to experience and engage in farm activities. From harvesting crops to petting animals, it provides an educational and

interactive experience. It promotes sustainable farming practices, rural development, and cultural exchange while allowing tourists to reconnect with nature and appreciate the agricultural lifestyle.

Overall, the project seeks to promote sustainable agricultural practices, improve productivity, enhance farmers' income and create a conducive environment for the adoption of advanced technologies and best practices in the field of agriculture and horticulture.

12.1.2 Broad components

Sl	Activities
1	Land development, water shed activities, water storage structures, water-recycling/treatment plant, internal roads, drainage, electricity etc.
2	Civil structures like offices, training hall, laboratories, hostel, staff quarters, landscaping etc.
3	Demonstration of advanced production technologies (open& protected cultivation) fruits, flowers, vegetables, medicinal and aromatic crops etc., with warehouse and service center
4	Nursery (Vegetable seedling & fruit grafts)
5	Protected cultivation
6	Large scale demonstrations (2-3 exportable crops linked with processing units)
7	Dairy, poultry, fishery, and Goat/sheep rearing
8	Bee keeping (along with live border trees)
9	Mushroom production
10	Processing activities and storage facility (integrated pack house, cold storage, 5-10 processing units)
11	Accredited laboratories (Soil/water testing, residue analysis, quarantine, honey testing etc.)
12	Training and capacity building
13	Seed production and processing Units

***The proposed components are indicative and exhaustive.

SCHEDULE-3

*(See Clause 2.3.3)***Guidance Note on Conflict of Interest**

1. This Note further explains and illustrates the provisions of Clause 2.3 of the RFP and shall be read together therewith in dealing with specific cases.
2. Consultants should be deemed to be in a conflict of interest situation if it can be reasonably concluded that their position in a business or their personal interest could improperly influence their judgment in the exercise of their duties. The process for selection of consultants should avoid both actual and perceived conflict of interest.
3. Conflict of interest may arise between the Authority and a consultant or between consultants and present or future concessionaries/ contractors. Some of the situations that would involve conflict of interest are identified below:
 - (a) Authority and consultants:
 - (i) Potential consultant should not be privy to information from the Authority which is not available to others.
 - (ii) Potential consultant should not have defined the project when earlier working for the Authority.
 - (iii) Potential consultant should not have recently worked for the Authority overseeing the project.
 - (b) Consultants and concessionaires/contractors:
 - (i) No consultant should have an ownership interest or a continuing business interest or an on-going relationship with a potential concessionaire/ contractor save and except relationships restricted to project-specific and short-term assignments.
 - (ii) No consultant should be involved in owning or operating entities resulting from the project.
 - (iii) No consultant should bid for works arising from the project.

The participation of companies that may be involved as investors or consumers and officials of the Authority who have current or recent connections to the companies involved, therefore, needs to be avoided.

4. Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing and unless stated otherwise in the data sheet for the RfP document, the consultant shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:
 - a) Conflicting activities:** A firm that has been engaged by the client to provide Goods, Works, or Non-consultancy services for a project, or any of its affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing Consultancy service resulting from or directly related to those Goods, Works, or Non-consultancy services. Conversely, a firm hired to provide consultancy services for the preparation or implementation of a project, or any of its affiliates, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing Goods or Works or Non-consultancy services resulting from or directly related to the consultancy services for such preparation or implementation;
 - b) Conflicting assignments:** Consultants (including its experts and sub-consultants) or any of their affiliates shall not be hired for any assignment that, by its nature, may be in conflict with another assignment of the consultant for the same or for another Authority; and
 - c) Conflicting relationships:** A consultant (including its/his experts and sub-consultants) that has a close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Authority who are directly or indirectly involved in any part of: 1. the preparation of ToR for the assignment; 2. selection process for the contract; or 3. supervision of the contract, may not be awarded a contract, unless the conflict

stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the client throughout the selection process and execution of the contract.

5. The normal way to identify conflicts of interest is through self-declaration by consultants. Where a conflict exists, which has not been declared, competing companies are likely to bring this to the notice of the Authority. All conflicts must be declared as and when the consultants become aware of them.
6. Another approach towards avoiding a conflict of interest is through the use of “Chinese walls” to avoid the flow of commercially sensitive information from one part of the consultant’s company to another. This could help overcome the problem of availability of limited numbers of experts for the project. However, in reality effective operation of “Chinese walls” may be a difficult proposition. As a general rule, larger companies will be more capable of adopting Chinese walls approach than smaller companies. Although, “Chinese walls” have been relatively common for many years, they are an increasingly discredited means of avoiding conflicts of interest and should be considered with caution. As a rule, “Chinese walls” should be considered as unacceptable and may be accepted only in exceptional cases upon full disclosure by a consultant coupled with provision of safeguards to the satisfaction of the Authority.
7. Another way to avoid conflicts of interest is through the appropriate grouping of tasks. For example, conflicts may arise if consultants drawing up the terms of reference or the proposed documentation are also eligible for the consequent assignment or project.
8. Another form of conflict of interest called “scope-creep” arises when consultants advocate either an unnecessary broadening of the terms of reference or make recommendations which are not in the best interests of the Authority but which will generate further work for the consultants. Some forms of contractual arrangements are more likely to lead to scope-creep. For example, lump-sum contracts provide fewer incentives for this, while time and material contracts provide built in incentives for consultants to extend the length of their assignment.
9. Every project contains potential conflicts of interest. Consultants should not only avoid any conflict of interest; they should report any present/ potential conflict of interest to the Authority at the earliest. Officials of the Authority involved in

development of a project shall be responsible for identifying and resolving any conflicts of interest. It should be ensured that safeguards are in place to preserve fair and open competition and measures should be taken to eliminate any conflict of interest arising at any stage in the process.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX-I

(See Clause 2.1.3)

Form-1 : Letter of Proposal

(On Applicant's letter head)

(Date and Reference)

To,

The Director of Agriculture & Food Production,
Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment Government of Odisha,
Krushi Bhawan, Gopabandhu Marg, Bhubaneswar - 751001

Sub: Engagement of DEA Empanelled Transaction Advisor for Implementation of Agri-Tech Smart Farm projects at various locations of Odisha through Public Private Partnership (PPP)

Dear Sir,

With reference to your RFP Document dated, I/We, having examined all relevant documents and understood their contents, hereby submit our Proposal for selection as Consultant for Financial and Transaction Advisory Services (the "**Consultant**") for the for Implementation of Agri-Tech Smart Farm projects at various locations of Odisha.. The proposal is unconditional and unqualified.

1. I/We acknowledge that the Authority will be relying on the information provided in the Proposal and the documents accompanying the Proposal for selection of the Consultant, and we certify that all information provided in the Proposal and in the Appendices is true and correct, nothing has been omitted which renders such information misleading; and all documents accompanying such Proposal are true copies of their respective originals.
2. This statement is made for the express purpose of appointment as the Consultant for the aforesaid Project.
3. I/We shall make available to the Authority any additional information it may deem necessary or require for supplementing or authenticating the Proposal.
4. I/We acknowledge the right of the Authority to reject our application without assigning any reason or otherwise and hereby waive our right to challenge the same on any account whatsoever.
5. I/We certify that in the last three years, we or any of our Associates have neither failed to perform on any contract, as evidenced by imposition of a penalty by an arbitral or judicial authority or a judicial pronouncement or arbitration award against the Applicant, nor been expelled from any project or contract by any public authority nor have had any contract terminated by any public authority for breach on our part.
6. I/We declare that:
 - a. I/We have examined and have no reservations to the RFP Documents, including any Addendum issued by the Authority;
 - b. I/We do not have any conflict of interest in accordance with Clause 2.3 of the RFP Document;

- c. I/We have not directly or indirectly or through an agent engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice, restrictive practice or anti-competitive practices, as defined in Clause 4.3 of the RFP document, in respect of any tender or request for proposal issued by or any agreement entered into with the Authority or any other public sector enterprise or any government, Central or State; and
- d. I/We hereby certify that we have taken steps to ensure that in conformity with the provisions of Section 4 of the RFP, no person acting for us or on our behalf will engage in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice, restrictive practice or anti-competitive practices practice.
7. I/We understand that you may cancel the Selection Process at any time and that you are neither bound to accept any Proposal that you may receive nor to select the Consultant, without incurring any liability to the Applicants in accordance with Clause 2.8 of the RFP document.
8. I/We declare that we are not a member of any other Consortium applying for Selection as a Consultant.
9. I/We certify that in regard to matters other than security and integrity of the country, we or any of our Associates have not been convicted by a Court of Law or indicted or adverse orders passed by a regulatory authority which would cast a doubt on our ability to undertake the Consultancy for the Project or which relates to a grave offence that outrages the moral sense of the community.
10. I/We further certify that in regard to matters relating to security and integrity of the country, we have not been charge-sheeted by any agency of the Government or convicted by a Court of Law for any offence committed by us or by any of our Associates.
11. I/We further certify that no investigation by a regulatory authority is pending either against us or against our Associates or against our CEO or any of our Directors/Managers/employees.⁵
12. I/We hereby irrevocably waive any right or remedy which we may have at any stage at law or howsoever otherwise arising to challenge or question any decision taken by the Authority [and/ or the Government of India] in connection with the selection of Consultant or in connection with the Selection Process itself in respect of the above mentioned Project.
13. I/We agree and understand that the proposal is subject to the provisions of the RFP document. In no case, shall I/we have any claim or right of whatsoever nature if the Consultancy for the Project is not awarded to me/us or our proposal is not opened or rejected.
14. I/We agree to keep this offer valid for 90 (ninety) days from the PDD specified in the RFP.
15. A Power of Attorney in favour of the authorised signatory to sign and submit this Proposal and documents is attached herewith in Form 4.
16. In the event of my/our firm being selected as the Consultant, I/we agree to enter into an Agreement in accordance with the form at Schedule-2 of the RFP. We agree not to seek any changes in the aforesaid form and agree to abide by the same.
17. In the event of my/our firm being selected as the Consultant, I/we agree and undertake to provide the services of the Financial Expert in accordance with the provisions of the RFP and that the Financial Expert shall be responsible for providing the agreed services himself

and not through any other person or Associate.

18. I/We have studied RFP and all other documents carefully. We understand that except to the extent as expressly set forth in the Agreement, we shall have no claim, right or title arising out of any documents or information provided to us by the Authority or in respect of any matter arising out of or concerning or relating to the Selection Process including the award of Consultancy.
19. We confirm/ undertake that we are registered./ Will be registered under Odisha GST Act within 60days of issuance of Letter of Awards from Authority(Strike off which is not applicable).
20. The Financial Proposal is being submitted in a separate] cover. This Technical Proposal read with the Financial Proposal shall constitute the Application which shall be binding on us.
21. I/We agree and undertake to abide by all the terms and conditions of the RFP Document.

In witness thereof, I/we submit this Proposal under and in accordance with the terms of the RFP Document.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)

(Name and seal of the Applicant/ Lead Member)

^s In case the Applicant is unable to provide the certification specified in paragraph 12, it may precede the paragraph by the words viz. "Except as specified in Schedule hereto". The exceptions to the certification or any disclosures relating thereto may be clearly stated in a Schedule to be attached to the Application. The Authority will consider the contents of such Schedule and determine whether or not the exceptions/disclosures are material to the suitability of the Applicant for pre-qualification hereunder.

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Form-2 : Particulars of the Applicant

1.1	Title of Consultancy:
1.2	Title of Project: Project
1.3	<p>State the following:</p> <p>Name of Firm:</p> <p>Legal status (e.g. sole proprietorship or partnership):</p> <p>Country of incorporation:</p> <p>Registered address:</p> <p>Year of Incorporation:</p> <p>Year of commencement of business:</p> <p>Principal place of business:</p> <p>Name, designation, address and phone numbers of authorised signatory of the Applicant:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Designation:</p> <p>Company:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone No.:</p> <p>E-mail address:</p>
1.4	<p>For the Applicant, state the following information:</p> <p>(i) In case of non-Indian Firm, does the Firm have business presence in India? Yes/No</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">If so, provide the office address(es) in India.</p> <p>(ii) Has the Applicant been penalised by any organization for poor quality of work or breach of contract in the last five years? Yes/No</p> <p>(iii) Has the Applicant/ or any of its Associates ever failed to complete any work awarded to it by any public authority/ entity in last five years? Yes/No</p> <p>(iv) Has the Applicant been blacklisted by any Government department/Public Sector Undertaking in the last five years? Yes/No</p> <p>(v) Has the Applicant or any of its Associates, , suffered bankruptcy/insolvency in the last five years? Yes/No</p> <p>Note: If answer to any of the questions at (ii) to (v) is yes, the Applicant is not eligible for this consultancy assignment.</p>

(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)
For and on behalf of

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Form-3: Statement of Legal Capacity
(To be forwarded on the letter head of the Applicant)

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To,

The Director of Agriculture & Food Production,
Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment Government of Odisha,
Krushi Bhawan, Gopabandhu Marg, Bhubaneswar – 751001

Ref.

Date

Dear Sir,

Sub: Engagement of DEA Empanelled Transaction Advisor for Implementation of Agri-Tech Smart Farm projects at various locations of Odisha through Public Private Partnership (PPP)

I/We hereby confirm that we, the Applicant, satisfy the terms and conditions laid down in the RFP document.

I/We have agreed that (insert individual's name) will act as our Authorised Representative/ on our behalf and has been duly authorized to submit our Proposal. Further, the authorised signatory is vested with requisite powers to furnish such proposal and all other documents, information or communication and authenticate the same.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory

For and on behalf of

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Form-4 : Power of Attorney

Know all men by these presents, We, (name of Firm and address of the registered office) do hereby constitute, nominate, appoint and authorise Mr / Ms.....,son/daughter/wife of.....,and presently residing at....., who is presently employed with/ retained by us and holding the position of as our true and lawful attorney (hereinafter referred to as the “Authorised Representative”) to do in our name and on our behalf, all such acts, deeds and things as are necessary or required in connection with or incidental to submission of our Proposal for and , engagement of DEA Empanelled Transaction Advisor for advisory services for development of [Project name] through Public Private Partnership (PPP),proposed to be developed by the [Authority name] (the “Authority”) including but not limited to signing and submission of all applications, proposals and other documents and writings, participating in pre-bid and other conferences and providing information/ responses to the Authority, representing us in all matters before the Authority, signing and execution of all contracts and undertakings consequent to acceptance of our proposal and generally dealing with the Authority in all matters in connection with or relating to or arising out of our Proposal for the said Project and/or upon award thereof to us till the entering into of the Agreement with the Authority.

AND, we do hereby agree to ratify and confirm all acts, deeds and things lawfully done or caused to be done by our said Authorised Representative pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred by this Power of Attorney and that all acts, deeds and things done by our said Authorised Representative in exercise of the powers hereby conferred shall and shall always be deemed to have been done by us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF WE,THE ABOVE NAMED PRINCIPAL HAVE EXECUTED THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY ON THIS DAY OF, 20.....

For

(Signature, name, designation and address)

Witnesses:

- 1.
- 2.

Notarised

.....

Accepted

(Signature, name, designation and address of the Attorney)

Notes:

- *The mode of execution of the Power of Attorney should be in accordance with the procedure, if any, laid down by the applicable law and the charter documents of the executant(s) and when it is so required the same should be under common seal affixed in accordance with the required procedure.*
- *Wherever required, the Applicant should submit for verification the extract of the charter documents and other documents such as a resolution/power of attorney in favour of the person executing this Power of Attorney for the*

delegation of power hereunder on behalf of the Applicant.

- *For a Power of Attorney executed and issued overseas, the document will also have to be legalised by the Indian Embassy and notarised in the jurisdiction where the Power of Attorney is being issued. However, the Power of Attorney provided by Applicants from countries that have signed the Hague Legislation Convention, 1961 are not required to be legalised by the Indian Embassy if it carries a conforming Apostille certificate.*

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Form-5 : Financial Capacity of the Applicant

(Refer Clause 2.2.2 (B))

S. No.	Financial Year	Annual Revenue (₹ in crore) [§]
1.	2019-20	
2.	2020-21	
3.	2021-22	
Certificate from the Statutory Auditor^{§§} This is to certify that..... (name of the Applicant) has received the payments shown above against the respective years on account of professional fees. <p style="text-align: center;">(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)</p> Date: Name and seal of the audit firm:		

[§] In the event that the Applicant does not wish to disclose its Annual Revenue, it may state that it has received more than the amount specified in the aforesaid certificate.

^{§§} In case the Applicant does not have a statutory auditor, it shall provide the certificate from its chartered accountant that ordinarily audits the annual accounts of the Applicant.

Note:

1. Please do not attach any printed Annual Financial Statement.

Form-6 : Particulars of Key Personnel

S. No.	Designation of Key Personnel	Name	Educational Qualification	Length of Professional Experience	Present Employment		No. of Eligible Assignments ^s
					Name of Firm	Employed Since	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	Team Leader						
2.	Finance Expert cum PPP Expert						
3.	Procurement Expert						
4.	Architect						
5.	Sector Expert-Agriculture						
6.	Sector Expert-Allied Sector						

[§]Refer Form 8 of Appendix I Eligible Assignments of Key Personnel.

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Form-7 : Abstract of Eligible Assignments of the Applicant[§]*(Refer Clause 3.1.4)*

S.No	Name of Project	Name of Client	Estimated capital cost of Project (₹ in crore /)	Professional fee ^{§§} received by the Applicant (₹ in crore) [£]
(1) ^{££}	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

[§] The Applicant should provide details of only those assignments that have been undertaken by it under its own name.

^{§§} Exchange rate for conversion of, shall be as per Clause 1.7.1.

[£] In the event that the Applicant does not wish to disclose the actual fee received for any particular assignment, it may state that it has received more than the amount specified for eligibility under this RFP. For example, it may state: “Above ₹5 (five) lakh” in respect of a particular project.

^{££} The names and chronology of Eligible Assignments included here should conform to the project-wise details submitted in Form-9 of Appendix-I.

Certificate from the Statutory Auditor[§]

This is to certify that the information contained in Column 5 above is correct as per the accounts of the Applicant and/ or the clients.

(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)

Date:

Name and seal of the audit firm:

[§] In case the Applicant does not have a statutory auditor, it shall provide the

certificate from its chartered accountant that ordinarily audits the annual accounts of the Applicant.

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Form-7A : Abstract of Specific Assignments of the Applicant[§]*(Refer Clause 3.1.5)*

S.No	Name of Project	Name of Client	Estimated capital cost of Project (₹ in crore /)	Professional fee ^{§§} received by the Applicant (₹ in crore) [£]
(1) ^{££}	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

[§] The Applicant should provide details of only those assignments that have been undertaken by it under its own name.

^{§§} Exchange rate for conversion of shall be as per Clause 1.7.1.

[£] In the event that the Applicant does not wish to disclose the actual fee received for any particular assignment, it may state that it has received more than the amount specified for eligibility under this RFP. For example, it may state: "Above ₹5 (five) lakh" in respect of a particular project.

^{££} The names and chronology of the projects included here should conform to the project-wise details submitted in Form-9A of Appendix-I.

Certificate from the Statutory Auditor[§]

This is to certify that the information contained in Column 5 above is correct as per the accounts of the Applicant and/ or the clients.

(Signature, name and designation of the authorised signatory)

Date:

Name and seal of the audit firm:

[§] In case the Applicant does not have a statutory auditor, it shall provide the certificate from its chartered accountant that ordinarily audits the annual accounts of the Applicant.

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Form-8 : Abstract of Eligible Assignments of Key Personnel*(Refer Clause 3.1.4)*

Name of Key Personnel:

Designation:

S.No	Name of Project [£]	Name of Client	Estimated capital cost of project (₹in crore /)	Name of firm for which the Key Personnel worked	Designation of the Key Personnel on the assignment	Date of completion of the assignment
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

[§] Use separate Form for each Key Personnel.

[£] The names and chronology of projects included here should conform to the project-wise details submitted in Form-10 of Appendix-I.

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Form-8A : Abstract of Specific Assignments of Key Personnel*(Refer Clause 3.1.5)*

Name of Key Personnel:

Designation:

S.No	Name of Project [‡]	Name of Client	Estimated capital cost of project (₹ in crore)	Name of firm for which the Key Personnel worked	Designation of the Key Personnel on the assignment	Date of completion of the assignment
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

[§] Use separate Form for each Key Personnel.

[‡] The names and chronology of assignments included here should conform to the project-wise details submitted in Form 10A of Appendix-I.

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Form-9 : Eligible Assignments of Applicant*(Refer Clause 3.1.4)*

1.	Name of Applicant:	
2.	Name of the Project:	
3.	Type of Project [<i>Eligibility criteria to be stated here</i>]	
4.	Build Up Area Developed in sq. mtrs	
5.	Description of services performed by the Applicant firm:	
6.	Name of client and Address:	
7.	Name, telephone no. of client's representative:	
8.	Estimated capital cost of Project (₹ in crore):	
9.	Payment received by the Applicant as professional fees (₹ in crore) [§] :	
10.	Start date of the services (month/year):	
11.	Finish date of the services (month/year):	
12.	Brief description of the Project:	

Notes:

1. Use separate sheet for each Eligible Assignment.
2. Exchange rate for conversion of shall be as per Clause 1.7.1.

[§] In the event that the Applicant does not wish to disclose the payment received by it as professional fees for any particular assignment, it may state that it has received more than the amount specified in this statement.

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Form-9A**Specific Assignments of Applicant***(Refer Clause 3.1.5)*

1.	Name of Applicant:	
2.	Name of the Project:	
3.	Type of Project	
4.	[Criteria for specific assignment] .	
5.	Description of services performed by the Applicant firm:	
6.	Name of client and Address:	
7.	Name, telephone no. of client's representative:	
8.	Estimated capital cost of Project (₹ in crore or):	
9.	Payment received by the Applicant as professional fees (₹ in crore) [§] :	
10.	Start date of the services (month/year):	
11.	Finish date of the services (month/year):	
12.	Brief description of the Project:	

Notes:

1. Use separate sheet for each assignment.
2. Exchange rate for conversion of shall be as per Clause 1.7.1.

[§] In the event that the Applicant does not wish to disclose the payment received by it as professional fees for any particular assignment, it may state that it has received more than the amount specified in this statement.

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Form-10 : Eligible Assignments of Key Personnel*(Refer Clause 3.1.4)*

1.	Name of Key Personnel:	
2.	Designation of Key Personnel:	
3.	Name of the Project:	
4.	Type of Project (PPP/ Privatisation/ Disinvestment/ Regulatory/ Review/ Other Project)	
5.	Build Up Area developed in sq. mtrs :	
6.	Name of Consulting Firm where employed:	
7.	Description of services performed by the Key Personnel (including designation):	
8.	Name of client and Address:	
9.	Name, telephone no. of client's representative:	
10.	Estimated capital cost of the Project (₹ in crore or):	
11.	Start date of the services (month/ year):	
12.	Finish date of the services (month/ year):	
13.	Brief description of the Project:	

Notes:

1. Use separate sheet for each Eligible Assignment.
2. Exchange rate for conversion of shall be as per Clause 1.7.1.

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Form-10A : Specific assignments of Key Personnel*(Refer Clause 3.1.5)*

1.	Name of Key Personnel:	
2.	Designation of Key Personnel:	
3.	Name of the Project:	
4.	Type of Project	
5.	Build Up Area developed or Total sitting capacity developed of the Sports Stadium/ Sports facilities.	
6.	Name of Consulting Firm where employed:	
7.	Description of services performed by the Key Personnel (including designation):	
8.	Name of client and Address:	
9.	Name, telephone no. of client's representative:	
10.	Estimated capital cost of the Project (₹ in crore or):	
11.	Start date of the services (month/ year):	
12.	Finish date of the services (month/ year):	
13.	Brief description of the Project:	

Notes:

1. Use separate sheet for each assignment.
2. Exchange rate for conversion of shall be as per Clause 1.7.1.

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Form-11 : Curriculum Vitae (CV) of Key Personnel

1. Proposed Position:
2. Name of Personnel:
3. Date of Birth:
4. Nationality:
5. Educational Qualifications:
6. Employment Record:
(Starting with present position, list in reverse order every employment held.)
7. List of projects on which the Personnel has worked

Name of Project	Description of responsibilities
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Certification:

- 1 I am willing to work on the Project and I will be available for entire duration of the Project assignment as required.
- 2 I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes my qualifications, my experience and me.

(Signature and name of the Professional Personnel)

Place.....

(Signature and name of the authorized signatory of the Applicant)

Notes:

1. Use separate form for each Key Personnel and Professional Personnel.
2. The names and chronology of assignments included here should conform to the project-wise details submitted in Form-7 or Form-7A, as the case may be, of Appendix-I.
3. Each page of the CV shall be signed in ink by both the Personnel concerned and by the Authorised Representative of the Applicant firm along with the seal of the firm. Photocopies will not be considered for evaluation.

Form-12 DESCRIPTION OF APPROACH, METHODOLOGY STATEMENT

[Technical approach, methodology and work plan are key components of the Technical Proposal. In this Section, the bidder should explain his understanding of the scope and objectives of the assignment, approach to the services, methodology for carrying out the activities and obtaining the expected output, and the degree of detail of such output. Further, he should highlight the problems being addressed and their importance, and explain the technical approach to be adopted to address them. It is suggested to present the required information divided into following four sections]

A. Understanding of Scope, Objectives and Completeness of response

Please explain your understanding of the scope and objectives of the assignment based on the Terms of Reference (ToR), the technical approach, and the methodology you would adopt for implementing the tasks to deliver the expected output(s), and the degree of detail of such output. ***Please do not repeat/copy the ToR here.***

B. Description of Approach and Methodology:**C. Project Management Plan for the Client:**

Authorised Signatory [In full and initials]:

Name and Designation with Date and Seal:

NB: Bidders are requested to furnish the above information limiting it up to 5-7 pages only with Arial Font Size-11

Form-13

BID SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Sl. No	Description	Format No/ Annexure No	Submitted (Yes/No)	Page No.
TECHNICAL PROPOSAL				
(PART – A) (ORIGINAL)				
1	Covering Letter			
2	Bid Processing Fee of Rs.10,000 /- in form of DD/BC			
3	Bid Security amounting to Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Only) in form of DD/BC			
4	Copy of Certificate of Incorporation / Registration of the Bidder			
5	Copy of PAN			
6	Copy of Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN)			
7	Copies of IT Returns for the last 3 AYs (2019-20 to 2021-22)			
8	General Details of the Bidder			
9	List of completed assignments of similar nature (Past Experience Details along with the copies of work orders/contract paper for the respective assignments			
10	Power of Attorney in favour of the person signing the bid on behalf of the bidder.			
11	Financial details of the bidder along with all the supportive documents such as copies of Income-Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet for the concerned period			
12	Self-Declaration pertaining to an affirmative statement as to the existence of any potential conflict of interest on the part of the bidder due to prior, current, or proposed agreements, engagements, or affiliations with the Client			
13	Undertaking for not have been black-listed by any Central / State Govt. /any Autonomous bodies during its business career			
14	Undertaking regarding non-pending of any judicial proceedings (on agency's letterhead) .			
(PART – B) (ORIGINAL +1 COPY+ SOFT COPY IN PENDRIVE IN WORD FORMAT)				
1	Covering Letter			
2	Bidder Organisation			
3	Bidder Experience			113

4	Comments and Suggestions			
5	Description of Approach, Methodology & Work Plan			
6	Format of curriculum vitae for state-level staff to be engaged in this project proposal			
FINANCIAL PROPOSAL (ORIGINAL + 1 COPY + SOFT COPY IN PDF FORMAT)				
1	Covering Letter			
2	Summary of Financial Proposal			
3.	Breakdown of remuneration of key professionals			
4.	Breakdown of overhead expenses			

Undertaking:

1. *All the information has been submitted as per the prescribed format and procedure.*
2. *Each part has been separately bound with no loose sheets and each page of all the two parts are page numbered, along with Index Page.*
3. *All pages of the proposal have been sealed and signed by the authorized representative of the bidder.*

Authorized Signatory [In full and initials]: _____

Name and Designation with Date and Seal:

Form-14**FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF PRE-BID QUERY**

- The bidders will have to ensure that their queries in soft copy for the pre-bid meeting should reach to Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha Department through email at diragri.or@nic.in & jdafarmseeds.dag@nic.in latest by **20.12.2023 up to 5.30PM** as per the prescribed format only as mentioned below.

Sl. No.	RFP Document [Section & Page Number]	Content of RFP requiring Clarification(s)	Clarification Requested
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

- Any other form of submission will not be entertained.
- The Client shall not be responsible for ensuring that the bidders' queries have been received by them. Any requests for clarifications post the indicated date and time as per the Instruction sheet of the RFP shall not be entertained by the Client.
- The purpose of query clarification is to provide the bidders with information regarding the RFP, project requirements, and opportunity to seek clarification regarding any aspect of the RFP and the project.
- The Client will endeavour to provide a timely response to the queries by uploading on the website. No individual response to be given. However, the client makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness or accuracy of any response made in good faith, nor does it undertake to answer all the queries that have been proposed by the bidders.

Authorised Signatory [In full and initials]: _____

Name and Designation with Date and Seal: _____

UNDERTAKING

[On the Stamp Paper of appropriate value in shape of affidavit from the Notary regarding Ineligibility of the Bidder and non-blacklisting]

I/we, hereby undertake that, our company has not been blacklisted / debarred by any of the Central / State Government Ministry / Department/ Office or by any Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs)/ any Indian or International donor and I/we are not blacklisted by any authority during the recent past.

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [In full and initials]:

Name and Designation of the Signatory:

Name of the Bidder and Address:

Annexure-V

UNDERTAKING

[On the Bidder's Letter Head regarding not have any pending judicial proceedings for any criminal offences]

I, hereby undertake that there is no criminal case pending in any Court of Law against our company or against the Proprietor/Director/Persons to be deployed by our company.

I/we further certify that Proprietor/ Director/ Persons to be deployed by our company of my agency/Organisation have not been convicted of any offence in any Court in India during the recent past. I understand that I am fully responsible for the contents of this undertaking and its truthfulness.

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [In full and initials]

Name and Designation of the Signatory:

Name of the Bidder and Address:

APPENDIX-II

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Form-1 :_Covering Letter

(On Applicant's letter head)

(Date and Reference)

The Director of Agriculture & Food Production,
Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment Government of Odisha,

Sub: Engagement of DEA Empanelled Transaction Advisor for Implementation of Agri-Tech Smart Farm projects at various locations of Odisha through Public Private Partnership (PPP)

Dear Sir,

I, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for [*Insert title of assignment*] in accordance with your Request for Proposal No. _____, Dated: _____.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of [*Insert amount(s) in words and figures**]. This amount is inclusive of the taxes applicable as per GST Act. I do hereby undertake that, in the event of acceptance of our bid, the services shall be provided in respect to the terms and conditions as stipulated in the RFP document.

Our financial proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from contract negotiations followed with modified agreement, up to expiration of the validity period of the proposal of **90 days**. I have carefully read and understood the terms and conditions of the RFP and do hereby undertake to provide the service accordingly.

I understand that you are not bound to accept any proposal you receive I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Authorised Signatory with Date and Seal:

Name and Designation: _____

Address of Bidder: _____

Note: The Financial Proposal is to be submitted strictly as per forms given in the RFP.

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(See Clause 2.1.3)

Form-2

Financial Proposal

S.No	Description	Percentage	Amount in Words (INR)	Amount in Figures (INR)
I	Cost of Consultancy (A)	100%		
1	Feasibility Cost	20%		
2	End to End Transaction Advisory Cost	80%		
II	Goods & Service Tax (B)			
III	TOTAL COST OF CONSULTANCY [(A) + (B)]			
	In Indian Rupees (in figures)			
(in words)			

Note:

1. The financial evaluation shall be based on the Total Cost Of Consultancy (as at Sr. No III of the table above)
2. The payment will be done on milestone basis on completion of Key deliverables.
3. The aforesaid fees, payable to the Consultant in accordance with the Financial Proposal, shall cover survey expense and all out of pocket and miscellaneous expense including but not limited to the costs of local telephone, counsel fee, outstation travel, long distance telephone calls, couriers and postage, collections and deliveries, subscriptions to special services and specifically required stationery and bulk photocopying and costs of support staff. travel, and board and lodging. No additional charges in respect thereof shall be due or payable.
4. The payment of all fees shall be limited to the amounts indicated above and no escalation on any account will be payable on the above amounts.
5. All payments shall be made in Indian Rupees and shall be subject to applicable Indian withholding taxes if any.

Signature, name and designation of the Authorized Signatory Name of Firm:

Address