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Replies to the Clarifications/Suggestions made by the Prospective Bidders in the Pre-Bid meeting held on 26.05.2023 with respect to Tender Notice No. EC/Excise/e-Bid/E-7151624-01 dated 18.05.2023

S.No	Queries Raised	Clarification
1	In Eligibility criteria part 2 i.e. Financial Strength, the turnover of Rs. 25 Crores from operations of the bidder should instead be from the supply of Polyester based Excise Hologram only.	In order to ensure wider participation, the suggestion is not considered.
2	Inclusion of following valid certificates in the Eligibility Criteria: 1. ASPA 2. IHMA 3. HSSMS 4. ISO-9001-2015	Inclusion has been made in the tender document to the extent of ISO certification only.
3	Extending the last date of tender by 15 days due to the customised excise hologram sample submission in the tender document.	Sufficient time has already been made available as tender was published on 18.05.2023, hence not considered.
4	The non-holographic feature i.e. Hidden Text/Images on Colour Change Background being a monopoly security feature, available only with select bidders and hence restrictive. Further, this is an obsolete feature which can be replaced by latest and advanced security features.	Appropriate modification keeping in view the requirements of J&K Excise Department has been made to the relevant clause.
5	Pure mirror effect is an outdated feature therefore be replaced with Mirror Finish Fresnel with 3 channels effect on the mirror using Nano Optics OVD mastering system. Nano Optics OVD mastering system is one of the latest and advanced technologies in the world market, capable of delivering high security features, which are impossible to replicate.	Security features have been incorporated in the tender keeping in view requirements of the Excise Department as well as cost effectiveness. Hence not considered
6	Complete De-Metallization feature instead of partial aluminium de-metallized effect as removing complete aluminium coating in the desired areas of the Hologram will achieve transparency in the de-metallized area and achieving desired text and or image / logo in the metallized area.	
7	a) Change in Eligibility Criteria part 6 (Project Experience) to at least 10 (Ten) years instead of 5 (five) years in the field of manufacturing and supply of Polyester based security Holograms	Bidders should currently be operational in production and supply of Polyester based

	<p>including an experience of operating a master lab for 10 years.</p> <p>b) Eligibility criteria with respect to project experience should not be restricted to any specific period.</p>	security Holograms (EALs). Hence not considered.
8	Eligibility Criteria part 7(d) should be changed to that "The tenderer and / or their associates or any of its Directors, Promoters, Owners, or Key Managerial person (KMP) or Principal Officer and other senior functionaries should not have been apprehended and / or convicted for any criminal activity by any court of law in India in a case of corruption or any other criminal activity at any point of time after tenderer organization's coming into existence."	Clause 7(d) of the eligibility criteria has sufficiently been provisioned in the tender document to safeguard the interest of the department. Hence suggestion is not considered.
9	Clarification with regard to Point No.16 B (iv) i.e., the exact text/code that should/will be chemically etched on the Hologram.	In the sample to be submitted the following text shall be chemically etched: "SAMPLE HOLOGRAM"
10	Clarification regarding Point No. 1 (Legal Entity) as to whether the certificates of incorporation issued by the Registrar of Companies ('RoC') and the Memorandum & Articles of Association is to be certified by Authorized Signatory/Director or Notarized.	Financial Documents to be certified by the CA and others by the Authorised Signatory of the bidder.
11	The documents required in support of financial strength ie. the Audited Annual Account, Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Account of last five years (2018-19 and 22-23) be replaced by (FY 2017-18 to FY 21-22) since the requisite documents for the FY 2022-23 are yet not available.	The suggestion is accepted and appropriate amendment has been made to the relevant clause.
12	A clarification has been sought as to whether the certificates of the return filed for VAT/CST/GST last year (2022-23 upto 31.03.2023) are to be Certified by Authorized Signatory / Director or Notarized.	Financial Documents to be certified by the CA and others by the Authorised Signatory of the bidder.
13	A rectification in the condition in Annexure 1 i.e. Financial Strength has been sought in consonance with Eligibility criteria Part 2.	Appropriate amendment has been made to the Annexure-1.
14	The bid validity period as mentioned in the NIB is 90 days from the date of opening of Technical Bid (i.e. 10th June 2023) whereas Annexure-5 (para-4) states about the validity of the bid after the last date fixed for Bid submission (i.e. 8th June 2023) Opening. A rectification in the same has been sought.	Appropriate amendment has been made to the Annexure-5.
15	The required turnover should be 10 crores per annum instead of 25 crores as the project cost mentioned in the NIB itself is 15 crores only for three years.	Bidders should have sound credentials regardless of the project cost/ estimated supply requirements of J&K Excise Department. Hence not considered.