

CORRIGENDUM NO. BEPC/LB/2024-25/4697 Dated 16.12.2024

Bidders Request for Clarification

RFP Reference No. BEPC/LB/2024-25/4481 Dated 28.11.2024 (e-Tender ID : 80689)

Supply of Library Books for Government Schools of Bihar.

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1	Santhosh M P Asst General Manager Centre for Science and Environment 41 Tughlakabad Institutional Area New Delhi 110062 Tel: 9810799432	This is with regard to the Request for Proposal called by BEPC (No. BEPC/LB/2024-25/4481 dated 28.11.2024 published in BEPC web portal with regard to procurement of Library Books for Government Schools in the State. In this connection kindly confirm the following:	This is with regard to the Request for Proposal called by BEPC (No. BEPC/LB/2024-25/4481 dated 28.11.2024 published in BEPC web portal with regard to procurement of Library Books for Government Schools in the State. In this connection kindly confirm the following:	1. What is the minimum / maximum number of books that can be submitted by the publisher per category, i.e, Primary, Upper Primary, Secondary and Senior Secondary.	At least 10 books/title of books per category may be submmitted.
				2. We have publications for Senior Secondary and Secondary schools, but not for Primary schools. Can we still participate in the tendering process ?	Yes.
				3. We are an GST Exempted organization. Can we participate in the tendering process?	As per RFP.
				Request you to consider extending the last date of Bid submission so that we will get sufficient time to prepare the documents.	As per RFP & Corrigendum.

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				Please consider relaxing the Sl. No. 4 of the Technical Qualification Criteria, i.e, "Publisher must have past experience with similar requirement and supply of at least 20000 books at any State Govt Schools / educational institutions in the last 3 financial years" : Request you to fix the cap below 10000 books, so that more publishers can take part in the Bidding process.	As per RFP.
				Also request you to reduce the EMD to a reasonable level.	As per RFP.

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2	Chetan Jain Eklavya Foundation Jamnalal Bajaj Parisar Jatkhedhi, Hoshangabad Road, Bhopal (M.P.) - 462 026 Tel. 0755-2977770, 71,72,73 Mob. +91 877 952 1146 E-mail chetan.jain@eklavya. in www.eklavya.in www.pitarakart.in		Eklavya has already submitted EOI, do we have to fill this tender again and why? Can we add some books to the old list of books and how? Do we have to make a new submission on the website (all documents have been submitted along with 5000 tender fee and 590 processing)? We have an MSME certificate for exemption from EMD of 10 lakhs, will it be sufficient to get exemption of EMD? Is there any ratio in the number of books in Hindi and English languages? Is there any upper limit on the number of books submitted in each category? Any time limit to complete the RFP/Tender process? Any time limit to start the purchase? Do we have to give discounts as per the rules of Raja Rammohan Library Foundation? While there is no GST on books, why is GST mentioned in the RFP? How many copies of a book will be there in the sample? Can TLM (Science Tool Kit, Poster, Picture Story Card etc.) also be submitted? Can books for teachers of that level (primary, middle, high, higher secondary) also be submitted in each category?		As per RFP.
3	Ankur Verma Director Diamond Magazines Pvt. Ltd. 9810044500	3.1 Submission Procedure Point No. 6	Clearly mentions that prices should not be indicated in the technical proposal/ bid. Meanwhile in Annexure 1- prices, discount are to be mention. –	Kindly explain and provide clarity on the same	As per RFP.

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		3.9 Bid Security	<p>Point no.( a) says EMD of Rs. 10 Lakhs to be submitted in the form of Bank Guarantee – Can we make a DD instead of Bank Guarantee, if no, please provide the format of the Bank Guarantee ( same is missing in the RFP)</p> <p>Point no. (c ) says Micro ,Small MSME registered for doing similar work are exempted for the payment of EMD – Kindly explain what does it mean ‘ Doing similar work ‘ as we also registered in MSME.</p> <p>This means MSME is not required to pay EMD and only the MSME registration certificate issued by the Government is Valid.</p>	Kindly explain what does it mean ‘ Doing similar work ‘ as we also registered in MSME.	As per RFP.
		3.19 Declaration of successful Bidder	What is the criteria for the selection of successful bidders with LCS –kindly explain in detail (Technical and financial selection).		Para 3.19 stands deleted.
		4.1 Technical qualification criteria	Point no .1 – In case of consortiums –what documents need to be submitted ?	kindly provide list of documents. What is the qualification for the consortiums ?	As per RFP.

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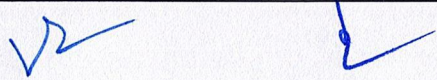
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		4.3 Financial Bid Evaluation	What is the definition of Limited Sellers? Will the order be allotted for single book, single supplier or the total order will be allotted to single Lower bidder? Will the order distributed to multiple suppliers and what will be the selection criteria (will it be L1/Book)		As per RFP.
		5.5 Payment Schedule and Penalty	Please provide clarification on invoicing – will the supplier have to submit single invoice for total allotted quantity or have to submit invoice only for dispatched quantity segment wise . Second point 75% advance payment from your end will be given on total supplied copies or only on dispatched quantity . For example -If we get the order to supply 1000 copies and we have supplied 200 copies –will we get 75% advance payment on 200 copies or on 1000 copies.		As per RFP.





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		Annexure-1 & 4	In Annexure 1 why is printed price and discount being asked? Since you have already mentioned in point no 6 (submission procedure) not to mention the prices or discount anywhere else in the technical bid but only in financial bid.		As per RFP.
		Annexure 4	As per Annexure 4 will the discount mentioned in Annexure 1 & 4 will be the same, if no, please explain why two discounts need to be mentioned .		As per RFP.
		5.2.1 a and b	under the quality of sample book/ content compulsory books, atlas, and dictionaries.	Please clarify why these are needed in submission of book titles.	As per RFP.
4	For Suman Industries Pvt. Ltd. Shahid Reza Sr. Manager - Operations M: 9007023421	Clause no. 4.1 - Sl. No. 4: TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	The publisher must have past experience with similar requirement and supply of at least 20,000 books at any State Government Schools / educational institutions in the last 3 financial years.	Sir, we would like to bring to your kind notice that due to the pandemic the schools were closed and online classes were conducted, therefore there was not much demand for physical supply of library books / comics or other related IEC materials.  We request you to kindly extend the requirement period from the last 3 financial years to the last 10 financial years for the supply of 20000 books.	As per RFP.



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5	Mathew Abraham National Sales Head VIKAS PUBLISHING HOUSE PVT. LTD. Address: E-28, Sector-8, Noida- 201301, Uttar Pradesh Tel: (0120) 4078900 E-mail: m.abraham@vikaspu blishing.com Mobile: 8826193300	Page No.27	Annexure-3 – Format for Financial Proposal  Query is “Financial Quote for supply of library books for Government school is INR (in figures) XXXXXXXX (INR in Rupees). This amount includes all charges and taxes but is exclusive of GST which shall be payable at prevailing rates.	How can we mention the amount without knowing the order quantity. We can mention only printed (MRP) price & discount (offer price) in Annexure-I Please provide the tentative order quantity so that we can provide best offer price. Print run for each subject category as per page nos.17, 18 & 19 of RFP	As per RFP.
		Page No.24 & 25	Annexure-I – Format for list of books submitted along with Bid  Query is % Discount (offer price) over printed price (inclusive all)	Only Discount Percentage to be mentioned or after discount offer price to be mentioned or both (discount & offer price) to be mentioned	As per RFP.
		Page No.20	GSM of Paper	Text Paper GSM Cover Paper GSM Please provide the GSM for text paper & cover paper	As per RFP.

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		Page No.19	Clause No.5.3(vi) Clause No.5.4(ii) Clause No.5.4(vi)	Books to be supplied in 90 days or 75 days	RFP clause 5.3 (vi) read as - The books would have to be supplied at all the destination points within 75 (Seventy Five) days from the issue of the Lol.
		Page No.6	Clause No.2 – Background Information Supply of books at 75286 Government school in Bihar Tentative number of copies along with specifications are given in Annexure-I	Books to be delivered at 75286 Government Schools in Bihar or 38 district headquarter offices in Bihar Tentative number of copies are not given in Annexure-I Please clarity whether delivery to 75286 Government schools or 38 district headquarters.? Please provide the tentative number of copies Print run for each subject category as per page nos.17, 18 & 19 of RFP	As per RFP.



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		Page No.9	Clause No.3.9(a) – Bid Security	EMD amount Rs.10 Lakh to be submitted in the form of bank guarantee. Original bank guarantee to be uploaded on eproc2 website only or to be submitted by hand to BEPC office. Please provide bank guarantee format.	BG Format is attached.
		Page No.9	Clause No.3.9(a) – Bid Security	Micro, small & start up agencies are exempted from EMD Please include all MSME in EMD exemption including medium category.	As per RFP.
6	Rishi Malhotra Associate Director- Higher Education, Academic and Trade Oxford University Press India 12th Floor, World Trade Tower, Sector-16, Noida- 201301 Mobile:- 8010001072	In the RFP document the word bidder and publisher seem to be used interchangeably. Please clarify whether all references to publisher are intended to mean the bidder.			As per RFP
		Please clarify if any conditions set out in the RFP are imposed directly on the publisher from whom the bidder is sourcing the books in addition to any conditions that are imposed on the bidder. In particular, please clarify whether any of the technical qualification criteria apply to the publisher from whom the bidder sources the books.			As per RFP
		In case it is contemplated by BEPC that the publisher (from whom books are sourced by the bidder) should meet any of the technical qualification criteria, please clarify if a foreign company registered under the Companies Act 2013 is eligible or not.			As per RFP
		Cnnrlitinn 6 no the technical specification criteria states that sub-contracting is not allowed under this assignment. Please clarify whether a bidder sourcing books from a publisher would be considered 'sub-contracting'.			As per RFP



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7	विद्या विहार प्रकाशक एवं वितरण, 19 संत विहार, पहली मंजील, गली नं 02 अंसारी रोड नई दिल्ली	पेज नं 19 पर पॉइंट नं 5.3 (ट) में	आपूर्ति के लिए 90 दिन उल्लेख है, जबकि 5.4 (ii) – (vi) में 75 दिन का उल्लेख है।		Addressed as above.
			अन्य पुस्तको के साथ ही एटलस की भी खरीद की जानकी है। कृप्या यह स्पष्ट करें कि एटलस हिन्दी या अंग्रेजी भाषा की देनी है।		As per availability and sample to be provided by the prospective bidder.
8	Anmol Bharti Rajkamal prakashan	Performance Guarantee as mentioned in clause 3.22:	Sir what's the need for reserving the money if we are not supplying any machinery equipment or anything?		As per RFP.
			What is your parameter to measure whether the content of rs 80 is suitable for kids or rs 200 is suitable? Both are providing same content, how will you decide?.		As per RFP.



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9	Sanjay Kumar (Director) Technovate Learning Private Limited Address:Unit no.: 809, Plot No. B-8, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034 Tel: 011-41415338 E Mail: tenders@technovatel earning.com Mobile: +91- 8860073071	4.1, TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION CRITERIA, Page No. 13	The publisher should be an established entity under the Indian Company's Act 1956/2013 or Partnership Act 1932 or Indian Society's Registration Act 1860 or Indian Trust Act 1882 or Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 or Proprietorship or Consortium and must be at least five years old entity	Sir For Wider Participation & Healthy Comptetion in Bid request you to modify the clause as <b>"The Bidder/publisher should be an established entity under the Indian Company's Act 1956/2013 or Partnership Act 1932 or Indian Society's Registration Act 1860 or Indian Trust Act 1882 or Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 or Proprietorship or Consortium and must be at least five years old entity"</b>  This is our suggestion to modify all clause where Publisher is mentioned to "Bidder/ Publisher", this modification allow wider participation in bid and department can get competitive price from multiple bidder.	As per RFP.
		4.1, TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION CRITERIA, Page No. 14	The publisher should be registered with the GST department and carry a valid PAN/TAN Number.	For Wider Participation & Healthy Comptetion in Bid request you to modify the clause as <b>"The Bidder/publisher should be registered with the GST department and carry a valid PAN/TAN Number"</b> .	As per RFP.



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		4.1, TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION CRITERIA, Page No. 14	The publisher in its name/firm name must have average annual turnover of INR 4 (Four) Crores in any three financial years ended on 31/03/2023 during 2018-19 to 2022-23.	For Wider Participation & Healthy Competition in Bid request you to modify the clause as <b>"The Bidder/publisher in its name/firm name must have average annual turnover of INR 4 (Four) Crores in any three financial years ended on 31/03/2023 during 2018-19 to 2022-23"</b> .	As per RFP.
		4.1, TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION CRITERIA, Page No. 14	The publisher must have past experience with similar requirement and supply of at-least 20,000 books at any State Government Schools/ educational institutions in the last 3 financial years.	For Wider Participation & Healthy Competition in Bid request you to modify the clause as <b>"The Bidder/publisher must have past experience with similar requirement and supply of at-least 20,000 books at any State Government Schools/ educational institutions in the last 3 financial years."</b>	As per RFP.

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		4.1, TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION CRITERIA, Page No. 15	Sub-Contracting are not allowed under this assignment.	If Authorized Bidder of Publisher are participating in this bid then " <b>the material sourcing from Publishers will be considered as sub-contracting</b> " Please clarify. Please give more clarity on Sub-Contracting	As per RFP.
10	मिथिलेश ध्यानी नेशनल हेड - सेल्स वाणी प्रकाशन ग्रुप		हम अनुरोध करते हैं कि RFP की सबमिशन तिथि बढ़ाई जाए, ताकि हम इस कार्य को उचित रूप से और सही समय पर पूर्ण कर सकें।	स्कोप ऑफ वर्क 5.2.1(a) में कुछ अनिवार्य किताबों का उल्लेख किया गया है, जिसमें एटलस और डिक्शनरी का जिक्र है। हालांकि, एटलस के बारे में बाकी किताबों की तरह जानकारी नहीं दी गई है। कृपया एटलस से संबंधित जानकारी साझा करें, ताकि हम सही पुस्तक को उपलब्ध करा सकें।	As per RFP & Addressed as above..
11	सुबोध पॉकेट बुक्स 2/4240 ए, अंसारी रोड, दरियागंज, नई दिल्ली		इस विज्ञप्ति में 4 करोड़ टर्न ओवर और 20000 पुस्तकों की किसी भी राज्य द्वारा जारी आदेश की प्रति मांगा गया है जो कि अनुचित है। छड़ीसगढ़ और राजस्थान को छोड़कर देश के किसी भी राज्य से 20000 पुस्तकों की खरीद नहीं होती।	बिन्दु संख्या 5.4 (3) योग्यता के अनुसार प्रकाशक का 3 साल का औसतन सलाना टर्नओवर 4 करोड़ होना चाहिए। पुस्तक खरीद/चयन में सिर्फ वित्तीय टर्नओवर ही गुणवत्ता का मानक नहीं हो सकता, जबकि पिछली विज्ञप्ति 2022-23 में भी आपके द्वारा पुस्तक खरीद के लिए विज्ञप्ति जारी किया गया था जिसमें तीन वर्षों का औसत टर्नओवर 10 लाख मांगा गया था।	As per RFP.



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12	Add New Para	Page 20 5.5 Payment Schedule & Penalty			As this project pertains to FY 2024-25, timeline for the work completion under this project would be up to 25.03.2025. Due to closing the FY 2024-25, delays in delivery, verification or documentation beyond 25.03.2025, the Department reserves the right to release advance payment to the successful bidder against an equivalent amount of Bank Guarantee.

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13	Amendment	5.2 (a & b) Quality of Sample Book Page No.17, 18 & 19	Compulsory books: (1) Atlas- (2) Hindi - English Dictionary. (3) English - Hindi Dictionary. (4) English - English Dictionary. (5) Hindi - Hindi Dictionary.		Please read as- Compulsory Book: (1) Atlas- Hindi & English (2) Hindi - English Dictionary. (3) English - Hindi Dictionary. (4) English - English Dictionary. (5) Hindi - Hindi Dictionary.

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**FORMAT – EMD**

Whereas ..... (Hereinafter called “the Bidder”) has submitted its bid dated ..... for Bihar Education Project Council RFP **Reference No.** ..... **dated** ..... **for** ..... **(Project Name).**

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that WE ..... OF ..... Having our registered office at ..... (Hereinafter called “the Bank”) are bound unto The STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR-BEPC (hereinafter called “the Purchaser”) in the sum of INR ..... /- (..... Only) for which payment will and truly to be made of the said Purchaser, the Bank binds itself, its successors and assigns by these present.

THE CONDITIONS of the obligation are:

1. If the Bidder withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid form or
2. If the Bidder, having been notified of the acceptance of his bid by the Purchaser during the period of bid validity
  - (a) **Fails or refuses to execute the Contract, if required; or**
  - (b) **Fails or refuses to furnish the Performance Security, in accordance with the instructions to Bidders.**

We undertake to pay to the Purchaser up to the above amount upon receipt of its first written demand, without the purchaser having to substantiate its demand, provided that in its demand, the purchaser will note that the amount claimed by it is due to it owing to the occurrence of one or both of the two conditions, specifying the occurred condition or conditions.

This guarantee will remain in force up to ..... and any demand in respect thereof should reach the Bank not later than the specified date/dates.

witness  
Address of witness

Signature of the Bank  
Authority. Name  
Signed in Capacity of Name & Signature of  
Full address of Branch  
Tel No. of Branch  
Fax No. of Branch





Corrigendum No. BEPC/LB/2024-25/.....4698....., dated 16.12.2024

निदेशानुसार बिहार शिक्षा परियोजना परिषद् द्वारा e-proc2 पर प्रकाशित RFP Reference No. BEPC/LB/2024-25/4481, Dated 28.11.2024 (e-Tender Id 80689) के आलोक में निविदा समर्पित करने की अन्तिम तिथि 18.12.2024 को निदेशानुसार विस्तारित करके दिनांक 24.12.2024 किया जाता है। संशोधित Schedule of Bid Process निम्नवत है :-

SL	Information	Details as per RFP	Revised Details
6	Last date of submission of bid	18/12/2024, 4:00 PM	24/12/2024, 4:00 PM
7	Last date of submission of Hard copy of BG and Samples at BEPC	18/12/2024, 4:00 PM	24/12/2024, 4:00 PM
8	Opening of Technical Bids	18/12/2024, 4:30 PM	24/12/2024, 4:30 PM
9	Opening of Financial Bids	To be intimated	To be intimated

उक्त पर सक्षम प्राधिकार अनुमोदन प्राप्त है।

*Janus*  
16/12/24  
(संजय कुमार)

राज्य कार्यक्रम पदाधिकारी

ज्ञापांक : Quality/287/2024-25/

दिनांक : 16.12.2024

प्रतिलिपि: 1. राज्य परियोजना निदेशक के निजी सहायक को सूचनार्थ प्रेषित।

2. सभी संबंधित पदाधिकारी को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यार्थ प्रेषित।

*Janus*  
16/12/24  
राज्य कार्यक्रम पदाधिकारी