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BIDDER QUALIFICATION CRITERIA (TECHNICAL)

FOR

RFP - CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR IFS CLOUD

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NAME OF WORK: **CONSULANT FOR IFS CLOUD**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

IFTAS, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), was formed in 2015 as a Section-8, not-for-profit organization. It was entrusted with the responsibility of pioneering the use of technology in the Indian banking and financial ecosystem, offering them cutting-edge services. Major technology initiatives from IFTAS include the setting up of the Next generation INFINET (INFINET 2.0) network, the management of the nationwide communication backbone for the Central Payment Systems, the management of the SFMS Central System (Structured Financial Messaging System), and a host of Cloud solutions on IBCC (Indian Banking Community Cloud).

2.0 BROAD SCOPE OF WORK

IFTAS is working on establishing a cloud facility for the financial sector in India, under guidance of RBI.
The proposed cloud facility needs to enhance the security, integrity and privacy of financial sector data. It is also expected to facilitate scalability and business continuity. The proposed cloud facility is intended to be rolled out in a calibrated fashion in the medium term, aligning with the evolving needs of the financial sector in India.

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to select a Consulting agency with the necessary capabilities and expertise to offer end-to-end Consultancy services with the aim of enabling IFTAS to become Cloud Service Provider (CSP) for the Indian Financial sector.

The complete scope of work and the specification will be as per the Tender Document/RFP.

S. No	Particulars	Description
1	Issuance of RFP document	27 February 2024
2	Last date for submission of queries / clarifications on the RFP	05 March 2024 by 05.00 pm
3	Pre-Bid Meeting	11 March 2024
4	Response to queries / clarifications	14 March 2024
5	Last date for submission of Technical and Commercial Bid (Softcopy)	26 March 2024 by 05.00 pm
6	Opening of Technical bids	27 March 2024
7	Opening of Commercial bids	To be advised later

8	Name and address for Communication	Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS), 10th Floor, C Wing, 'Times Square', Andheri - Kurla Road, Marol, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400 059.
9	Bid to be mailed to	rfp@iftas.in

3.0 TENTATIVE BIDDER's QUALIFICATION CRITERIA (TECHNICAL)

The broad (non-exhaustive) BOQ is mentioned below:

i) Bidder must be registered under the Companies Act, 1956/2013 or The Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008; registered with the Goods & Services Tax Authorities and must also have completed 3 years of experience/ operations as on the Bid calling date.

ii) The Bidder shall have a minimum annual sales turnover generated from services related to IT Advisory / Consultancy during each of the last three financial years (for e.g., 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23) should be at least Rs. 50 crores.
This turnover should be on account of IT Advisory / Consultancy Services only and should not comprise of sales revenues related to supply of hardware/ IT infrastructure and their associated maintenance services, implementation of packaged software etc. The Bidder shall have positive net worth in each of the last three financial years.

iii) Bidder should have 100 or more resources engaged in IT Consultancy in the area of Cloud Service Provider, program management, IT infrastructure, IT security, financial services (payments) and other related areas.

Bidder should have Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) with relevant Qualification & Experience

iv) Bidder must have successfully completed:
- Cloud consultancy engagement for at least one of the existing MeitY empaneled Cloud Service Provider and
- Ministry / Department of Central / State Government, PSUs, CSPs in India or Globally, in the past 5 years.

v) Self-certified letter by the authorized signatory of the bidder that the bidder is currently not blacklisted by any Government Organizations, Public Sector Undertakings or Public Limited Companies and is not under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt or fraudulent practices as on the date of submission of bids.

4.0 TENTATIVE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED WITH BID

The bidder is required to submit the following documents as evidence of meeting the requirements:

i) Attested copy of the Certificates of Incorporation and Registration of the Bidder with ROC and GST Authorities.

ii) Copies of the Audited Financial Statement including balance sheet and profit & loss account for the last 3 years are required. Chartered Accountant certificate shall be required for certifying the sales turnover for the each of last three financial year for IT Advisory / Consulting Services
iii) Self-Certification by the authorized signatory. Refer section Eligibility Prerequisites and Annexure I
iv) Completion Certificates from the client; OR Work Order + Self Certificate of Completion (Certified by the Statutory Auditor) Refer section Eligibility Prerequisites and Annexure I
v) A self-certified letter

Note:
Above is an indicative list of documents. The Bidder shall ensure that all requisite documents are furnished in the bid to justify the qualification of the bidder with respect to the Bidder's qualification requirements.

PROCESS TO EXECUTE THE NON-DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT (NDA)

- **To obtain the Tender Document/ RFP, interested bidder to download a copy of the NDA from the IFTAS website https://iftas.in/procurement/procurement-open/. Post the signature of the authorized signatory & company seal on each page of the NDA and send it to the email id: rfp@iftas.in.**

- **After receiving the duly signed and stamped copy of the NDA, the Tender Document / RFP will be shared by the IFTAS team on the email id from which the NDA copy was received.**

- **Irrespective of the NDA execution date, the timeline for the submission of the Bid Documents as mentioned in the RFP will remain unchanged.**