

**QUERIES RESPONSE FOR TENDER OF DESIGNING, DEVELOPMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF DATA ANALYTICS PLATFORM (PHASE-I)
Project: Strengthening of Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform in IT**

A pre-bid meeting was held on 20-02-2023 regarding the above cited tender of M/o Planning, Development and Special Initiatives and attended by representatives of the prospective bidders. Following are the clarifications/ response to the queries received from the bidders regarding the RFP:

Specifications of Cloud Hosting Services, Infrastructure & Architecture

- Currently there is no cloud hosting service available with the client.
- The cloud hosting services will be procured separately by the Client and made available to the vendor.
- The specifications of the cloud hosting services will be finalized in light of the recommendations by the vendor during the Business Requirements stage.
- ELT /ETL and Data Warehouse or Data Lake shall be proposed by the Responding Organization (RO)
- Compliance to Federal Government's guidelines/ instructions on cloud hosting services shall be required.

Licensing to be Acquired by Vendor

- Licensing where required for software, data and required services will be the responsibility of the vendor. However, the public sector datasets identified will be made available by the Client to the vendor.
- The licensing and cost of the data from international sources indicated in the TORs has to be acquired by the vendor
- Bidders should provide licensing/ subscription prices on monthly basis (where applicable) in the Bid but the price should be for a total of 12 months (1year) at least.

Data Sources included in Scope of Work

- A list of data sources is already mentioned in the TORs/ Scope of Work at section 3.2(a). However, some additional sources may be identified and included during the Business Requirements stage. The data sources finalized in Business Requirements will remain constant. The vendor must however ensure that updated data from the finalized sources gets included and processed by the application software solution.
- The source datasets are expected to be in the form of Relational Databases, Excel, CSV or accessible through APIs.
- The datasets mentioned in the TORs/ Scope of Work may be used for costing purposes of the bid. However, the datasets will be finalized during Business Requirements stage.

Data related clarifications

- There is no requirement of real-time data at this time. The data update frequencies for the selected datasets will be finalized during the Business Requirements stage.

- The data volumes, types of data, frequency, migration workloads, complexity of reports, type of storage, retention/ archival policy will be determined and finalized during the Business Requirements activity.
- Access to required datasets in the GIS database maintained by the Ministry of Planning and Development will be provided to the vendor for use in the solution.

Training

- The number of end-users to be trained will be around 300. However, this number may change as a result of the Business Requirements. The vendor should provide training plan based on 300 end-users.
- Additionally, system administration / technical training should also be included as part of the scope of work. In this regard, about 10 technical personnel are expected to be trained by the vendor in maintaining the deployed solution.

O&M / Technical Support

- O&M / Technical Support cost for 12-months of post-deployment period must be added to the Bidding Cost for standard maintenance and support services by the bidders.

Project Plan

- The duration of the project is 9 months maximum, followed by 12 months of O&M/ Technical support period.
- The bidders may give milestones for the solution as per their proposed plan.

Note:

All other queries are the part of Business Requirement Document.