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Corrigendum: RFP for Evaluation of Production linked incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries-reg.

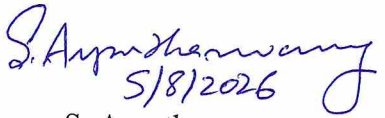
1. This Corrigendum forms an integral part of the above RFP.
2. Pursuant to the release of the RFP for engagement of a Consultancy Firm for the **Evaluation of Production linked incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries** under **Ministry of Food Processing Industries** issued by DMEO, NITI Aayog [I-19014/16/2026-DMEO/ GeM Bid No: GEM/2026/B/7821553] on 22.07.2026, following are the amendments in the RFP:

Particulars	Original	Revised
RFP Clause 4.1.3 The scoring criteria to be used for evaluation S. No. 3 (Pg No: 28)	3. Experience of Proposed Key Personnel of the Applicant – Total 30 marks 1. Team Leader (Maximum Marks: 9) 5 to 6 years: 4 marks 7 to 9 years: 8 marks 10 years and above: 12 marks 2. M&E Expert (Maximum Marks: 6) 3 to 4 years: 2 marks 5 to 7 years: 4 marks 8 years and above: 6 marks 3. Sector Expert (Maximum Marks: 6) 3 to 4 years: 2 marks 5 to 7 years: 4 marks 8 years and above: 6 marks 4. Financial Analysis Specialist (Maximum Marks: 6) 3 to 4 years: 2 marks 5 to 7 years: 4 marks	3. Experience of Proposed Key Personnel of the Applicant – Total 30 marks 1. Team Leader (Maximum Marks: 9) 10 to 11 years: 4 marks 11 to 12 years: 8 marks - Above 12 years: 9 marks 2. M&E Expert (Maximum Marks: 6) 8 to 9 years: 2 marks 9 to 10 years: 4 marks - Above 10 years: 6 marks 3. Sector Expert (Maximum Marks: 6) 8 to 9 years: 2 marks 9 to 10 years: 4 marks - Above 10 years: 6 marks 4. Financial Analysis Specialist (Maximum Marks: 6) 8 to 9 years: 2 marks 9 to 10 years: 4 marks

	• 8 years and above: 6 marks 5. Data Analytics and Statistics Expert (Maximum Marks: 3) • 2 to 4 years: 2 marks • 5 years and above: 3 marks	• Above 10 years: 6 marks 5. Data Analytics and Statistics Expert (Maximum Marks: 3) • 5 to 7 years: 2 marks • Above 7 years: 3 marks
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3. All the other terms and conditions of the RFP shall remain unaffected.

4. The responses to the queries are enclosed.


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Following the publication of the RFP on 22nd July 2026 and the pre-proposal conference on 3rd August 2026, queries received on the RFPs were examined, and responses to such queries are given below in Table 1.

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1.	Page 28	4.2.1 (a) Eligible assignments	Assessment/research/evaluation study in food processing/agri-business/MSME/Industries sector conducted for Union/State Government/ regulatory commission/ tribunal/ bilateral agencies/ multilateral agencies/ statutory authorities/ public sector entities in India	We request to also add sectors such as FPO/fishery/rural development, horticulture etc. as these are also relevant sectors under which beneficiaries may have sought benefit under the proposed scheme.	As per RFP. No change contemplated.
2.	Page 29	4.2.1 (c)	Provided that the Eligible Assignments have been completed in the 8 (eight) financial years preceding the PDD.	We request to consider eligible assignments which have been completed in the last 10 financial years preceding the PDD.	As per Clause 4.2.1(c) of the RFP. No change contemplated.
3.	Page 32	Annexure A	Team leader Minimum Educational Qualification - master's degree in economics, Public Policy, Business Administration or equivalent Minimum length of experience: At least 10 years immediately preceding the date of submission of application in handling evaluation/ assessment/research studies or projects in the social sector.	We request to consider the following so as to enable bidders to bring in team of experts who have relevant experience but allied degree(s) in terms of qualifications and not miss out in spite of having adequate and relevant experience as per the RFP's scope	As per RFP. No change contemplated.

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				Minimum educational qualification – also consider ‘master’s degree in rural development, food technology, agriculture, food processing etc.’ Minimum length of experience: Also consider ‘handling scheme assessment related PMA/PMU assignments’ as there are multiple state/central level schemes for which PMAs are onboarded by reputed ministries/state departments for implementation and evaluation of the same.	
4.	Page 32	Sector Expert- Food Processing and Agri-Business	Minimum education qualification: · MBA in Food Agri-Business Management/ Food Enterprise Management/ Food Processing and Business Management or equivalent · Length of professional experience – 10 years · Length of relevant experience – At least 8 years of experience in food processing, agri-value chains, industrial policy, MSME development, or related sector studies.	We feel that for a food processing sectoral expert, a tenure of 8+ years is sufficient with a senior to mid senior hierarchy expert from a firm fitting this requirement. 10+ years of experience is substantially high in terms of requirement and may lead to good, well qualified and experienced experts, not being able to participate as a team	As per RFP. No change contemplated.

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				members as per the RFPs scope. Hence, we request to consider the following: ·Length of professional experience – 8+ years ·Length of relevant experience – 6+ years	
5.	Page 27	4.1.3 parameter Relevant Experience of the Applicant	Maximum 10 assignments can be submitted by the applicant	Seeking 10 assignments with >1000 respondents to score full marks is a difficult proposition for a reputed consulting firm which primarily focuses on strategy and management consulting. Such a criteria may enable survey agencies and market research firms to score more who may not have the requisite work experience but may have studies with large sample sizes. Hence, it may lead to an unfair advantage to such firms. Hence, it is requested to revise this criteria as follows. Sample size of eligible assignments of the applicant (10 marks). The marks will be	As per RFP. No change contemplated.

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				allocated based on the following: • 100 to 250 respondents: 0.5 mark • >251 to 500 respondents: 0.7 mark • >500 respondents: 1 marks	
6.	Page 11	Clause 2.7 – Proposal due date	PDD - 12th August, 2026 (Wednesday)	Since the prebid clarifications are expected to be published on 5th August 2026, it leaves only 4 working days prior to the proposed RFP submission deadline of 12th August ((8th and 9th August being Saturday-Sunday). Hence, to enable bidders to go through the received clarifications and finalise their responses and submit the proposal in a smooth manner, it is requested to extend the bid submission deadline by atleast 10 working days) i.e. 26th August 2026	As per RFP. The Proposal Due Date shall remain 12th August, 2026, as specified in the Tender Information Summary (TIS) of the RFP.
7.	Page 33	Data Analytics and Statistics Expert	Master's Degree in Statistics/Economics or equivalent	It is requested to clarify what is meant by 'equivalent'. We feel that since a dedicated M&E	The educational qualification requirements for the

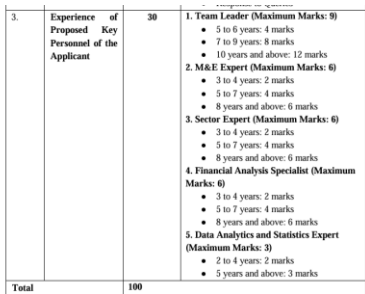
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		(Quantitative and Qualitative research)		resource is being sought with an economics background, a junior resource for this position of data analytics and statistics expert can be considered from domains such as food processing/food technology, agribusiness, engineering etc as well. It is requested to consider these in addition to statistics/economics to allow well qualified and experienced experts to qualify.	Data Analytics and Statistics Expert shall remain as specified in Annexure A of the RFP.
8.	Page 48	Sampling	The assignment requires outreach to beneficiaries as well as harder-to-reach categories such as rejected applicants, non-recipients, and non-applicants.	We request confirmation on whether the client / MoFPI / PMA will provide validated contact details, introduction letters, and facilitation support for connecting with relevant respondent categories and key stakeholders.	The selected Consultant shall be primarily responsible for coordinating with the concerned stakeholders. If required, DMEO, may provide support in facilitating such coordination.
9.	Page 47	Primary Data Collection:	The RFP indicates validation of responses through documentary and/or	We request the client to clarify whether physical	As per RFP.

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		Extent of Physical and Documentary Verification	physical verification, but the extent of mandatory site visits and evidence review is not clearly defined.	verification/site visits are required for all sampled beneficiaries or only for a subset, and to indicate the minimum acceptable verification protocol expected under the assignment.	
10.	Page 47	Geographic Spread of Respondents	The field effort and travel requirements will depend significantly on the state-wise/location-wise spread of beneficiaries and applicants.	We request the client to share the indicative geographic spread/state-wise distribution of the respondent universe to enable realistic planning of field deployment, effort, and cost.	As per RFP. The Applicant is required to submit its proposed methodology, work plan, and field deployment plan as part of the Technical Proposal. The final geographic spread and allocation of respondents will be approved by DMEO prior to commencement of field assessment.
11.	Page 47	Access to Manufacturing Units / Firms	Site visits and physical verification may require prior permission and coordination with firms, especially where commercially sensitive operations are involved.	We request confirmation on whether the client / MoFPI / PMA will facilitate access to sampled beneficiary units and support in scheduling site	The selected Consultant shall be primarily responsible for coordinating with the concerned

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				visits, wherever physical verification is required.	stakeholders to facilitate field visits and site verification. If required, DMEO, may provide support in facilitating such coordination.
12.	Page 49	Secondary Data Analysis: Data Sharing Schedule	Timely completion of the study will depend significantly on early access to the above administrative and scheme-related datasets.	We request clarification on the timeline within which all relevant data/documents will be shared with the selected agency after award of the contract, so that the overall execution schedule can be planned accordingly.	The selected Consultant shall be primarily responsible for coordinating with the concerned stakeholders. If required, DMEO may facilitate in the matter.
13.	Page 44	Objective of the Evaluation Study: Availability of Time-Series / Historical Data	Robust assessment of change in investment, production, exports, and employment requires access to baseline and year-wise historical data.	We request clarification on whether year-wise historical performance data and original committed targets for sampled entities will be made available to the selected agency for target-achievement analysis.	The selected Consultant shall be primarily responsible for coordinating with the concerned stakeholders. If required, DMEO may facilitate in the matter.
14.	Pg.	4.2 Eligible	Provided that the Eligible Assignments	We request to consider	As per RFP. No

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	no: 29	Assignments	have been completed in the 8 (eight) financial years preceding the PDD.	allowing ongoing assignments that commenced during FY 2025–26 or before, provided substantial services have been delivered and the project is currently under execution.	change contemplated.
15.	Pg. no: 29	Annexure A Details of minimum Education qualification C Experience required from the Consultancy Team	1. Team leader: Master's Degree in Economics, Public Policy, Business Administration or equivalent At least 10 years immediately preceding the date of submission of application in handling evaluation/assessment/research studies or projects in the social sector.	We respectfully request the Authority to consider expanding the educational qualification criteria to include Master's Degree in Agriculture, Food Processing, Agri-Business Management, or allied disciplines, in addition to the currently specified qualifications. Further, we request that the experience requirement be revised to include at least 10 years of relevant experience in handling	As per RFP. The minimum experience requirements for the Team Leader shall remain as specified in Annexure A of the RFP.

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				evaluation, assessment, research studies, or projects in the Agriculture, Food Processing, or Social Sector. This would enable participation from qualified professionals possessing relevant sector-specific expertise.																																															
16.	Pg. no: 48	5.1.1 Sampling	<table><tr><th rowspan="2">Category</th><th rowspan="2">Segment</th><th colspan="2">Beneficiaries</th></tr><tr><th>As per RFP</th><th>Actual</th></tr><tr><td>Cat I</td><td>Processed FCV</td><td>11</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>Cat I</td><td>Marine Products</td><td>5</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Cat I</td><td>Mozzarella Cheese</td><td>2</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Cat I</td><td>RTC/RTE Foods</td><td>5</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Cat II</td><td>Organic</td><td>4</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Cat II</td><td>Innovative</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Cat III</td><td>Branding C Marketing</td><td>9</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>Millet</td><td>Large Entities</td><td>4</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Millet</td><td>MSME</td><td>6</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td></td><td>50</td><td>46</td></tr></table>	Category	Segment	Beneficiaries		As per RFP	Actual	Cat I	Processed FCV	11	11	Cat I	Marine Products	5	5	Cat I	Mozzarella Cheese	2	2	Cat I	RTC/RTE Foods	5	5	Cat II	Organic	4	4	Cat II	Innovative	0	0	Cat III	Branding C Marketing	9	9	Millet	Large Entities	4	4	Millet	MSME	6	6	Total		50	46	Based on the category-wise breakup provided in the RFP, the total number of beneficiaries works out to 46, whereas the total beneficiaries indicated is 50. We kindly request the Authority to confirm whether this is a typographical error or clarify under which category/segment the additional 4 beneficiaries should be considered for sample selection and estimation purposes.	The respondent coverage indicated under each segment represents the minimum expected coverage. While the minimum required sample of PLI beneficiary firms shall remain 50, applicants are encouraged to propose a larger sample, as justified by their methodology. The balance beneficiary firms, over and above the minimum segment-
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					wise coverage indicated in the table, may be proposed across any of the segments. The final respondent-wise sampling plan shall be subject to the approval of DMEO prior to commencement of field assessment.
17.	Pg. no: 28	4.1.3 S. No.3	 3. Experience of Proposed Key Personnel of the Applicant 30 1. Team Leader (Maximum Marks: 9) • 5 to 6 years: 4 marks • 7 to 8 years: 8 marks • 10 years and above: 12 marks 2. M&E Expert (Maximum Marks: 6) • 3 to 4 years: 2 marks • 5 to 7 years: 4 marks • 8 years and above: 6 marks 3. Sector Expert (Maximum Marks: 6) • 3 to 4 years: 2 marks • 5 to 7 years: 4 marks • 8 years and above: 6 marks 4. Financial Analyst Specialist (Maximum Marks: 6) • 3 to 4 years: 2 marks • 5 to 7 years: 4 marks • 8 years and above: 6 marks 5. Data Analytics and Statistics Expert (Maximum Marks: 3) • 2 to 4 years: 2 marks • 5 years and above: 3 marks Total 100 4.2 Eligible Assignments 4.2.1 For the purposes of determining Conditions of Eligibility and for evaluating the Proposals under this RFP, advisory/ consultancy assignments, for the following projects shall be deemed as eligible assignments (the "Eligible Assignments"). a. In case the applicant submits more than ten assignments, only first ten assignment will be considered for evaluation b. Assessment/research/evaluation study in food processing/agri- * The presentation shall be made by all the proposed team members (key personnel) only for their respective part of the proposal (in person or virtually). The Team Leader must present the majority of the proposal (approximately 50%) of the proposal. In case of absence of Team Leader and M&E Specialist (Project Manager) during presentation, the Authority may reject the proposal. 28	Query raised during the Presentation regarding Experience of the proposed key personnel of the Applicant (Maximum Marks of the Team Leader having Experience of 10 Years and above)	Team Leader (Maximum Marks: 9) • 10 to 12 years: 8 marks • Above 12 years: 9 marks
18.	Page No. 10	S.no. 2.7	Proposal Due Date (PDD)/Last date for submission of proposals- 12th August, 2026 (Wednesday)	We request the authority to kindly consider an extension in the bid submission deadline and provide at least 14 working days	As per RFP. The Proposal Due Date shall remain 12th August, 2026, as

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				from the date of release of pre-bid responses in line with GFR provisions. This will enable us to understand the amendments in the RPF if any and submit a quality proposal.	specified in the Tender Information Summary (TIS) of the RFP.
19.	Page No. 27	Clause 4.1.3, S.no. 1	Relevant Experience of the Applicant Maximum 10 assignments can be submitted by the applicant: (a) Sample size of eligible assignments of the applicant (10 marks). The marks will be allocated based on the following: Each eligible assignment with survey sample size of: ● 500 to 750 respondents: 0.5 mark ● >750 to 1000 respondents: 0.7 mark ● >1000 respondents: 1 mark	We request the Authority to reconsider the survey sample size criterion for eligible assignments and reduce the minimum respondent threshold. As per the RFP, the total beneficiary universe comprises 316 applications. Further, the evaluation is expected to be based on a sample of beneficiaries (approx. 85 respondents) and is not a large-scale population or enumeration survey. Given the relatively limited beneficiary universe and the organization-based nature of the assessment, the requirement of prior assignments with a	As per RFP. No change contemplated.

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				minimum survey size of 500 respondents may not be commensurate with the scale of the present study. Accordingly, the respondent thresholds may be rationalized to better align with the scope and methodology of the assignment.	
20.	Page No. 27	Clause 4.1.3, S.no. 1	Relevant Experience of the Applicant (b) Average annual total revenue/turnover of the applicant (10 marks) ● Rs.2 crore to Rs.4 crore: 9 marks ● >Rs.4 crores: 10 marks	The assignment involves evaluation of a flagship national scheme requiring multidisciplinary expertise, robust quality assurance, and large-scale stakeholder engagement. A higher turnover threshold would help ensure participation of firms with adequate institutional capacity and proven experience in delivering complex government consulting assignments. We request the authority to revise the minimum turnover required for eligibility to INR 200 Crore.	As per RFP. No change contemplated.
21.	Page No.	Clause 4.2.1	b. Assessment/research/evaluation study in food processing/agri-	We request the Authority to broaden the definition of	As per RFP. No change contemplated.

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	27		business/MSME/Industries sector conducted for Union/State Government/ regulatory commission/ tribunal/ bilateral agencies/ multilateral agencies/ statutory authorities/ public sector entities in India covering a minimum sample size of 500 respondents.	eligible assignments to include feasibility studies, DPRs, transaction advisory, and policy/strategy studies in addition to assessment/research/evaluation studies. Alternatively, the requirement may be revised to require at least one completed evaluation study, while allowing the remaining eligible assignments to include feasibility studies, DPRs, transaction advisory, or other related analytical assignments. The present assignment requires strong analytical capability to assess scheme outcomes, investment performance, production, exports, incentives, and policy impact. While evaluation experience is important, similar analytical capabilities are also demonstrated through feasibility studies, DPRs, transaction	

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				advisory, and policy/strategy assignments. Given that the beneficiary universe is limited and organization-based, the evaluation should not be restricted only to survey-heavy assignments. This modification, if accepted, will enable wider participation in the tender from well qualified and reputable consulting firms.	
22.	Page No. 19	Clause 1.13.2 (h)	(h) The CVs contain an undertaking from the respective Key Personnel about his/her availability for the duration specified in the RFP;	We request the Authority to kindly clarify whether the proposed team members are required to be deployed full-time/on-site at the Client's office for the duration of the assignment, or whether they may operate from the bidder's office in Delhi with visits to the Client's office as and when required.	As per RFP. Refer to Pg no. 56-58 of ToR.
23.		TOR – Scope of Work	The RFP requires primary research across stakeholders but does not specify the sampling framework.	Kindly provide the detailed sampling framework, including the proposed sample size, respondent categories, state-wise and sector-wise	As per RFP. The evaluation framework, including the methodology and approach, is required

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				distribution, and the statistical basis adopted for the evaluation.	to be proposed by the Consultant as part of the Technical Proposal.
24.		TOR – Scope of Work	Sampling requirements are not explicitly identified as mandatory or indicative.	Kindly clarify whether the prescribed sample size and respondent distribution are mandatory or indicative. If indicative, whether the Consultant may propose an optimized sampling framework while ensuring achievement of the study objectives.	The respondent coverage indicated under each segment represents the minimum expected coverage. While the minimum required sample of PLI beneficiary firms shall remain 50, applicants are encouraged to propose a larger sample, as justified by their methodology. The final respondent-wise sampling plan shall be subject to the approval of DMEO prior to commencement of field assessment.
25.		TOR – Scope of Work	Coverage of beneficiary companies is not explicitly defined.	Kindly confirm whether the study is expected to cover all	The respondent coverage indicated

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				approved PLI beneficiary companies or a statistically representative sample.	under each segment represents the minimum expected coverage. While the minimum required sample of PLI beneficiary firms shall remain 50, applicants are encouraged to propose a larger sample, as justified by their methodology. The balance beneficiary firms, over and above the minimum segment-wise coverage indicated in the table, may be proposed across any of the segments. The final respondent-wise sampling plan shall be subject to the approval of DMEO prior to commencement of field assessment.
26.		TOR – Scope of	Stakeholder consultations are envisaged.	Kindly indicate the expected	The evaluation

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		Work		number of Key Informant Interviews (KIIs), stakeholder consultations, Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and case studies envisaged under the assignment.	framework, including the methodology, sampling and approach, is required to be proposed by the Consultant as part of the Technical Proposal. The final respondent-wise sampling plan shall be approved by DMEO prior to commencement of field assessment.
27.		TOR – Scope of Work	Secondary data requirements are mentioned broadly.	Kindly specify the datasets that shall be shared by DMEO/MoFPI, including beneficiary database, investment details, production, exports, employment, incentive disbursement and monitoring reports.	The selected Consultant shall be primarily responsible for coordinating with the concerned stakeholders. If required, DMEO/MoFPI/PMA may facilitate in the matter.
28.		TOR – Scope of Work	Access to respondents is not clearly defined.	Kindly confirm whether DMEO/MoFPI shall provide beneficiary contact details and	The selected Consultant shall be primarily responsible

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				issue introductory letters to facilitate interaction with beneficiary companies, State Governments and other stakeholders.	for coordinating with the concerned stakeholders. If required, DMEO may facilitate in the matter.
29.		Clause 1.2.4 – Engagement of Field Survey Agency	Field survey agencies may be engaged.	Kindly confirm whether the credentials of the proposed field survey agency are required at the bid submission stage or may be furnished during the Inception Phase, as indicated in the RFP.	As per RFP
30.		Project Timeline	Project duration is stipulated as 90 days.	Kindly clarify whether the stipulated project duration includes the Authority's review and approval period for deliverables or only the Consultant's execution period.	As per RFP. Refer to Pg No. 54 of RFP- Timelines
31.		Deliverables / Payment Schedule	Deliverables are specified; review timelines are not.	Kindly specify the expected review and approval timeline for each deliverable, as delays in approvals may impact the overall project completion schedule.	As per RFP. Refer to Pg No. 54 of RFP- Timelines
32.		Clause 4.1.3 –	Technical Evaluation Matrix.	The Technical Evaluation	Team Leader

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		Technical Evaluation		Matrix indicates maximum marks of 9 for the Team Leader, whereas the experience-wise scoring allocates up to 12 marks. Similar inconsistencies appear for certain other key personnel. Kindly clarify the correct evaluation criteria and scoring matrix.	(Maximum Marks: 9) • 10 to 12 years: 8 marks • Above 12 years: 9 marks
33.		Clause 4.2 – Eligible Assignments	Eligibility criteria for past assignments.	Kindly clarify whether programme evaluations and impact assessment studies undertaken in allied sectors such as manufacturing, industrial development, exports, agriculture, food value chains and MSME development for Government organizations shall qualify as Eligible Assignments.	As per RFP.
34.		Clause 1.16.1 – Bid Security & Tender Information Summary / Checklist	Clause 1.16.1 – Bid Security & Tender Information Summary / Checklist	Clause 1.16.1 provides exemption from submission of Bid Security for Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) registered on the Udyam Portal upon submission of a valid Udyam Certificate. However, the Tender Information	As per RFP Clause 1.16.1

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				Summary/checklist refers to submission of Form-11 (Bid Security Declaration) only for Educational Institutions. Kindly confirm that eligible MSEs are exempt from submission of the ₹2 lakh Bid Security and are only required to submit a valid Udyam Certificate, without furnishing Form-11.	
35.		Financial Proposal	Financial Proposal is on a lump-sum basis.	Kindly confirm whether the quoted lump-sum financial proposal should include all travel, boarding & lodging, local transportation, transcription, translation, venue arrangements, respondent facilitation, data processing and other incidental expenses.	As per RFP.
36.	Page 26	Clause 3.6 – Proprietary Data	Ownership of study outputs and data.	While all study outputs and raw data shall remain the property of the Authority, kindly clarify whether the Consultant may retain anonymized datasets solely for statutory audit, quality assurance and record retention purposes.	As per RFP. Refer to RFP Pg No 52 – Section 6.2 The Consultant shall not retain any data without written

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					consent of DMEO.
37.		General	Corrigenda may be issued during the bidding process.	Kindly confirm whether any corrigendum issued after the pre-bid meeting that materially affects the scope of work, methodology, eligibility criteria or commercial requirements shall be accompanied by a suitable extension of the bid submission deadline.	As per RFP.
38.		TOR – Evaluation Framework	Evaluation methodology to be proposed by the Consultant.	Kindly clarify whether DMEO has already developed an Evaluation Framework, Theory of Change, Results Framework or Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for assessing the PLI Scheme, or whether the Consultant is expected to develop the evaluation framework as part of the assignment.	As per RFP. The evaluation framework, including the methodology and approach, is required to be proposed by the Consultant as part of the Technical Proposal.
39.		TOR – Beneficiary Coverage	Beneficiary participation is envisaged.	Kindly clarify whether participation of beneficiary companies in the study will be facilitated by MoFPI/DMEO. In case of refusal or non-response by identified beneficiaries,	The selected Consultant shall be primarily responsible for coordinating with the concerned stakeholders.

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				whether replacement respondents may be considered with prior approval.	If required, DMEO may facilitate in the matter.
40.		TOR – Administrative Data	Administrative data forms an important input for the evaluation.	Kindly confirm whether beneficiary-wise administrative data relating to investments, production, exports, employment generation and incentive disbursements shall be shared in machine-readable formats (Excel/CSV) to facilitate analysis, rather than only in report/PDF format.	The selected Consultant shall be primarily responsible for coordinating with the concerned stakeholders. If required, DMEO may facilitate in the matter.