



**Request for Proposal
For SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR IT RISK ASSESSMENT
AND ISO 27001 CONSULTANCY SERVICES**

**Bank of Baroda,
Baroda Sun Tower,
C-34, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex
Bandra (East),
Mumbai - 400 051.**

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[A] Important Dates:

#	Particulars	Timeline
1	RFP Issuance Date	00:00 hours IST on 10 th Aug 2022
2	RFP Coordinator Name, Contact details (Bank)	<p>1. Mr. Pradeep Seth, AGM & Mr Srinivasan D, CM (Information Security Department)</p> <p>2. Contact No. - 022-67592530 & 67592683 9901899933 / 9845288008</p> <p>3. Email: agm.isd.bcc@bankofbaroda.com isd.bcc@bankofbaroda.com</p> <p>4. Postal Address: The Assistant General Manager, Information Security Department, 5th Floor, Baroda Sun Tower, C-34, G Block BKC, Mumbai – 400051</p>
3	Last Date of Written request for Clarifications Before the Pre-bid Meeting	16:00 hours IST on 20 th Aug 2022
4	Pre-bid Meeting & Venue details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre bid meeting will be held online through Bank's Online Meeting Platform (i.e., Microsoft Teams) on 24th Aug 2022 at 16.00 hours IST ○ Bidder to submit a maximum of -2- participant's names, contact numbers, designations and e-mail IDs on isd.bcc@bankofbaroda.com & agm.isd.bcc@bankofbaroda.com along with pre-bid clarification in Pre-bid query format in <u>Annexure 06</u>. ○ Meeting invite Link will be sent by the Bank to bidder's provided email IDs to join the Online Meeting as per the schedule mentioned above. ○ Bidder representatives will have to click the Bank provided link (provided in the e-mail) to join the On-Line Pre-bid meeting
5	Last Date of Submission of RFP Response (Closing Date)	14:30 hours IST on 09 th Sep 2022 Mode: Online URL : https://www.tenderwizard.com/BOB

6	Eligibility Cum Technical Bid Opening Date	<p>15:00 hours IST on 09th Sep 2022</p> <p>Mode: Online on URL: https://www.tenderwizard.com/BOB</p> <p>1. The meeting will be held online through Bank's Online Meeting Platform (i.e. Microsoft Teams) 2. Bidders are requested to send bid submission confirmation with their email address for attending online bid opening meeting on isd.bcc@bankofbaroda.com & agm.isd.bcc@bankofbaroda.com id after RFP submission time is over</p>
7	Commercial Bid	<p>The commercial bids of only those Bidders who qualify in both eligibility and technical evaluation will be opened. The date for opening of the commercial bid would be communicated separately to the technically eligible Bidders.</p>
8	Application Money	<p>Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)</p> <p>Application money deposit is exempted for MSE entities on submission of MSE certificate.</p>
9	Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit)	<p>Rs. 75,000/- (Rupees Eighty Thousand Only)</p> <p>Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) is exempted for MSE entities on submission of MSE certificate.</p>



[B] Important Clarifications:

Following terms are used in the document interchangeably to mean:

1. Bank, BOB means 'Bank of Baroda'
2. BFSI means Banking, Financial services and Insurance
3. DC Means Data Centre
4. DR Means Data Recovery Centre
5. EMD means Earnest Money Deposit
6. Merged entity means entity after amalgamation of Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank
7. MSP means Managed Service Provider of the Bank.
8. NDA means Non-Disclosure Agreement
9. NPV mean Net Present Value
10. OEM means Original Equipment Manufacturer it also refers to Original Software Developer (OSD)
11. OTC means One Time Cost
12. Proposal, Bid means "Response to the RFP Document"
13. Recipient, Respondent, Bidder, means the respondent to the RFP document
14. RFP means the Request For Proposal document
15. SI Means System Integrator
16. SLA means Service Level Agreement
17. SOP means Standard Operating Procedure
18. SPOC means Single Point of Contact
19. Tender means RFP response documents prepared by the bidder and submitted to Bank of Baroda
20. TCO means Total Cost of Ownership

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1. Introduction

1.1 Introduction

Bank of Baroda, a body corporate constituted under the Banking Companies (Acquisition & Transfer of Undertakings) Act 1970, having its Corporate Office at C-26, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai - 400051 (hereinafter referred to as the “Bank”) which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof shall mean and include its successors and assigns), intends to issue this RFP document, hereinafter called RFP, to eligible Bidders, hereafter called as ‘Bidders’, to participate in the competitive bidding for Selection of Consultant for IT Risk Assessment and ISO 27001 Consultancy Services in the Bank.

It is one of the largest Public Sector Bank (PSU) in India with a branch network of 8520 branches (including 2,853 rural Branches), 94 international branches/offices, distributed in 17 countries.

Bank’s Data Centre-Mumbai & DR Site Hyderabad were certified for ISO27001:2005 in Nov-2012. In the year 2015, Bank has migrated to ISO 27001:2013 and now Mumbai and Hyderabad sites are certified on ISO 27001:2013 which is valid till Nov--2024.

1.2 Project Objective

The Bank including its subsidiaries has implemented its centralized systems at Data Centre and DR site and it intends to perform periodic IT Risk Assessment and maintain ISO 27001 certification for their operations at Data Centre and DR Site. For this the Bank intends to appoint competent and qualified consultant for IT Risk Assessment and ISO27001 Consultancy services.

The selected Bidder has to provide services based on the latest ISO 27001 standard currently being ISO 27001:2013 and RBI Guidelines. In case of any change in the ISO standard, the selected Bidder will be required to migrate the documentation including Policy and procedures and assist the Bank in migrating to the new standard to maintain ISO 27001 certification. Bank will have discretion to decide timeline for such migration activity.

Based on the contents of the RFP, the selected Bidder shall be required to independently arrive at approach and methodology, based on ISO 27001 standards, best practices and RBI guidelines, suitable for the Bank, after taking into consideration the effort estimate for completion of the same and the resource and the equipment requirements. The approach and methodology will be approved by the Bank.

The Bank expressly stipulates that the Consultant’s selection under this RFP is on the understanding that this RFP contains only the principal provisions for the entire assignment and that delivery of the deliverables and the services in connection therewith are only a part of the assignment. The selected Bidder shall be required to undertake to perform all such tasks, render requisite services and make available such



resources as may be required for the successful completion of the entire assignment at no additional cost to the Bank.

The selected Bidder will be responsible for carrying out risk assessment of the identified Business units as per risk assessment framework and templates to the Bank as per the broad objectives as outlined below.

1. Development or modification of risk management framework which would ensure that the IT risks are managed as per international best practices.
2. A comprehensive risk assessment of DC/DR operations on yearly basis.
3. Perform pre certification audit and identify gaps in ISO 27001 certification preparedness of the Bank.
4. To ensure that the Bank maintains ISO 27001 Certification for its DC & DR operations and maintains the same.

The selected Bidder will ensure knowledge transfer to the Bank at every stage of the project to enable the Bank to carry out the work as specified in this RFP in future after completion of this assignment.

Bank may, at its full discretion, choose to avail of the services for all services or part thereof. Such decision may be advised in course of the project.

The selected Bidder's appointment is task specific and would last till the bank achieves the objective such as IT Risk Assessment, ISO 27001 certification maintenance for DC & DR as per the scope of this RFP.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) document has been prepared solely for the purpose of enabling Bank of Baroda ("the Bank") to select a Consultant for IT Risk Assessment and ISO 27001 Consultancy Services for the Bank.

The Bank, for this purpose, invites proposal from Bidders who are interested in participating in this RFP who fulfill the eligibility criteria mentioned under Annexure 02 and are also in a position to comply with the technical requirement as mentioned in 1.3 Project Scope. Apart from the above, the bidder must also agree to all our terms & conditions mentioned under this RFP.

The RFP document is not recommendation, offer or invitation to enter into a contract, agreement or any other arrangement, in respect of the services. The provision of the services is subject to observance of selection process and appropriate documentation being agreed between the Bank and any successful Bidder as identified by the Bank, after completion of the selection process as detailed in this document.

1.3 Project Scope

Bank invites proposal to engage a Consultant for IT Risk Assessment and ISO 27001 Consultancy Services for following function:

The primary focus of the scope is to maintain ISO 27001 certification for Data Centre/Disaster Recovery Centre.



The Bank also reserves its right to change the scope of the RFP to meet the overall objective of effective Risk Assessment, Risk Mitigation and ISO Certification requirements.

The project scope includes maintenance of existing ISO27001 certification for Bank's Data Centre at Mumbai, Disaster Recovery center at Hyderabad including regular Risk Assessment.

Risk Assessment and mitigation plan should be done as per ISO Standards, RBI Guidelines, and industry best practices. The consultant would also develop or modify the risk assessment template with a scoring system which would be used by the Bank to assess risks at the in scope centers and other units of the Bank.

Following is the list of in-scope business units:

Data Centre, Mumbai

DR site, Hyderabad

Certification including Recertification should be as per the latest version of ISO 27001 currently being the version 2013.

Following outlines the scope of work to be carried out by the selected Bidder.

- i. Detailed Scoping of DC and DR operations
- ii. Review the Information Security/Cyber Security Policy, ISMS Framework/Documentation, Risk Assessment Framework against ISO27001 standards, international best practices and RBI Guidelines. Need to make any new documents to comply with aforesaid standard & guidelines.
- iii. Conducting awareness sessions on IT Risk assessment and ISO 27001 standard for DC and DR staff once in a quarter.
- iv. Perform Risk Assessment and submit Risk Mitigation plan of in scope operations of DC and DR as per Risk Assessment framework for Bank's review/approval
- v. Perform pre-surveillance/recertification Internal Audit as per ISO 27001 standard
- vi. Handholding during ISO 27001 surveillance/recertification audits by external consultants
- vii. Supporting the Bank for closure of internal and external audit findings.

Considering the importance of the assignment, any service which forms a part of the Project Scope that is not explicitly mentioned in scope of work as excluded would form part of this RFP, and the Bidder is expected to provide the same at no additional cost to the Bank. The Bidder needs to consider and envisage all services that would be required in the Scope and ensure the same is delivered to the Bank. The Bank will not accept any plea of the Bidder at a later date for omission of services on the pretext that the same was not explicitly mentioned in the RFP.



1.3.1 Policy & Procedures Review

The selected Bidder would make/review the Bank's Security Policies & Procedures, Standards & Guidelines, Risk Management Framework, ISO27001 Mandatory documents, compliance to RBI Guidelines etc. This would include but not limited to the following:

- Make/Review of IT/IS governance and organization.
- Make/Review of Risk Management framework
- Make/Review of IT processes and business processes around IT processes.
- Review of Policies Standards & Guidelines, Procedures and other subordinate documents.
- Review of Change Management Process including security testing of applications/updates/patches before moving to production.
- Review based on bank appointed IS Auditors Comprehensive Audit reports of IT Infrastructure.
- Policies for MDM/Work from Home/BYOD etc.

Selected Bidder would be required to make/review/update the existing policy, procedure, framework documents based on the review of the same and provide for Bank's approval.

1.3.2 Training

Required awareness training which will include classroom training and on the job training would need to be provided by the selected Bidder to Bank's personnel/Bank's onsite vendors on quarterly basis to impart proper understanding of ISO 27001 standard and IT Risk Assessment to enable the Bank personnel/onsite vendors to carry out such assignments independently in future.

1.3.3 Risk Assessment and Risk mitigation

The selected Bidder would be required to interact with the various operational teams of DC and DR and make/perform Risk assessment as per the defined Risk Assessment methodology.

The selected Bidder will also evaluate the third party relationships and perform risk assessment of the same. Frequency of the Risk Assessment would be on yearly basis.

The Selected Bidder will have to hold periodic meetings with the Bank and the frequency would be quarterly and would spell out a detailed remediation plan meant for various levels such as organization, policies and procedures, devices to facilitate implementation. The remediation plan has to be granular and deficiency specific based on risk assessment and generic recommendations should be avoided. Selected Bidder would be required to submit risk mitigation plan to the Bank based on industry best practices and tools and techniques

available in the market. Actual risk mitigation will be out of the scope of the selected Bidder.

The selected Bidder has to coordinate with the Bank's system integrator, monitor the progress in risk remediation and provide handholding support to the Bank till the risk is remediated. The support has to be in the form of emails, telephone, onsite visits, additional technical inputs etc., as may be required by the Bank during the tenure of the contract. In case the solution suggested by the selected Bidder cannot be implemented, in such cases, selected Bidder will suggest the alternative solution to the Bank.

1.3.4 Pre surveillance/recertification Internal Audit

The selected Bidder has to perform the pre surveillance/recertification internal audit to ensure compliance as per ISO27001:2013 standards & timelines. The coverage needs to be comprehensive during this exercise as per the ISO27001 standard requirement.

- Prepare or modify all the documentation required (like SOA) and enable the Bank for ISO 27001 surveillance/recertification audits.
- Assist the Bank in closure of internal audit findings.

1.3.5 Deliverables

1. Submission of High level project plan followed by detailed project plan for each of the major activities such as Risk Assessment, Internal audit and external audit.
2. Submission of approach and methodology adopted
3. Detailed scope for ISO 27001 certification
4. Review & Modify IT/IS Security Policy, ISMS Framework, Risk Assessment Framework for Bank's review/Approval
5. Classroom trainings quarterly once at the Bank's premises on IT Risk Assessment and awareness about latest ISO 27001 standard along with training manuals/presentations/posters.
6. Conduct Risk Assessment for the identified functions & Submit it for review/approval along with Risk Mitigation plan
7. Submit Executive summary and detailed Risk Assessment Reports for Management review and acceptance
8. Submission of Internal Audit plan, Auditing and providing Audit Report
9. All documentation required for ISO 27001 certification process
10. Assistance in closure of audit findings



1.3.6 DETAILS OF INFRASTRUCTURE AT BANK'S DC/DR

Bank's Data Centre

Bank has state of the art Data Centre at Mumbai and Hyderabad. Bank's DC is connected to all the Branches in India, overseas territories, Bank's subsidiaries and business partners like NFS, Visa Card, Master card, SWIFT, NSE, BSE etc. DC Operation is jointly managed by HP/DXC and the Bank's team. Bank has implemented various applications at DC and DR in the centralized environment. Irrespective of the present status of applications, systems, processes, interfaces, hardware, networking equipment's, security devices etc. implemented at DC/DR site, all future changes including new initiatives will be covered as part of the scope of work during the term of the engagement. Bank has also implemented a Near Site in Mumbai.

Network Architecture

Bank has implemented its Data Centers in Mumbai and Hyderabad with Link level and device level redundancies. Bank's DC and DR are connected to various branches through MPLS link, ISDN links. Bank's onsite ATMs are part of the branch network. Offsite ATMs and select remote branches are connected through VSATs. Bank's overseas branches/territories networks are managed by British Telecom and Cables and Wireless.

1.4 Contract period

The selected Bidder under this RFP will be appointed for a period of 3 years. Bank will do a performance review of the selected bidder each year. The contract will be deemed completed only when all the contracted services by the Bank are provided and accepted by the Bank as per the requirements of the contract executed between the Bank and the successful bidder.

1.5 Payment Terms

All payments will be released on completion of the job as per commercial Bid line items. Bank will release the payment within 3 to 4 weeks of receiving the undisputed invoice, after deduction of applicable taxes at source of the agreed price to the selected Bidder. No advance payments will be made.

All payments will be made on successful completion of the job to the satisfaction of the Bank and achievement of the objective as defined in the scope of work. There shall be no escalation in the prices once the prices are fixed and agreed to by the Bank and the bidder.

2. Evaluation process

A two bid system is adopted for selection of the Service Provider:

- ▶ Stage 1 –Eligibility Bid evaluation
- ▶ Stage 2 - Evaluation methodology for eligible bidders



- Technical Bid Evaluation
- Commercial Bid Evaluation
- Weighted evaluation

During evaluation of the Tenders, the Bank, at its discretion, may ask the Bidder for clarification in respect of its tender. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing, and no change in the substance of the tender shall be sought, offered, or permitted. The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any bids in whole or in parts without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of the Bank shall be final and binding on all the bidders to this document and bank will not entertain any correspondence in this regard.

2.1 Eligibility Bid

Eligibility criterion for the Bidder to qualify this stage is clearly mentioned in Annexure 02 – Eligibility Criterion Compliance to this document. The bidder would need to provide supporting documents as part of the eligibility proof.

2.2 Evaluation Methodology for Eligible Bidder

After qualifying the eligibility criteria, the evaluation will be a three stage process. The stages are:

- ▶ Technical Bid Evaluation
- ▶ Commercial Bid Evaluation
- ▶ Weighted evaluation

The technical evaluation and the commercial evaluation shall have the weightage of 70% and 30% respectively and this weightage shall be considered for arriving at the successful bidder. The evaluation methodology vis-à-vis the weight-ages are as under:

○ Technical Bid Evaluation

The bidder needs to achieve a cut – off score of 70% marks in this evaluation stage to be qualified for commercial bid opening. Only those bidders who achieve the specified cut – off scores would be short-listed for Commercial Bid Evaluation.

The evaluation of technical proposals, among other things, will be based on the following:

- Prior experience of the Bidder in undertaking projects of similar nature.
- Professional qualifications and experience of the key staff proposed/ identified for this assignment.
- Methodology/Approach proposed for accomplishing the proposed project, Activities / tasks, project planning, resource planning, effort estimate etc.

The Technical Proposal will be evaluated for technical suitability and the criteria for evaluation of technical bids are as under:

Criteria	Evaluation Parameters	Max Marks	Documents to be submitted
	Maximum marks	40	
Experience of providing ISO 27001 consultancy services to the Banking sector in India leading to successful ISO 27001 certification/recertification in the last 5 years.	For each consultancy assignment	10	Documentary proof of order / contract copy / customer citation.
Sub-total		40	
No of employees with ISO 27001 Lead Auditors and/or ISO 27001 Lead Implementers certification	For 04 to 06 employees	5	
	For more than 06 employees	10	
Sub-total		10	
No of employees with CISA/CISSP/CEH Certified professionals	For 08 to 10 employees	5	
	For more than 10 employees	10	
Sub-total		10	
Methodology & Approach	Demonstration of in-depth understanding of the Bank's project requirements through the technical proposal and presentation, with detailed broken-down activities to be performed, effort estimation, manpower to be deployed. (Maximum duration for presentation - 90 minutes)	40	Subjective evaluation based on technical proposal and presentation
TOTAL MARKS		100	

In case there is only one bidder having technical score of 70% or more, the Bank may, at its sole discretion, also consider the next highest technical score and qualify such bidder. In case, none of the participating bidders qualify on technical criteria and reach or exceed the cut-off score of 70%, then the Bank, at its sole discretion, may qualify two bidders on the basis of the top 2 scores. However, the Bank at its discretion may reject the proposal of the Bidder or will not consider bidder below cutoff marks by relaxing as mentioned above, if in the Bank's opinion the bidder could not present or demonstrate the proposed services/projects as described in the proposal or in case the responses received from the customer contacts are negative or the proposed service/projects does not meet the Bank's requirement

○ **Commercial Bid Evaluation**

The commercial bids of only those vendors who qualify in both eligibility and technical evaluation will be opened. The date for opening of the commercial bid would be communicated separately to the eligible vendors. The commercial bid would be evaluated based on a “Total Cost of Ownership” (‘TCO’) basis.

The decision of the Bank shall be final and binding on all the bidders to this document. The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject an offer without assigning any reason whatsoever. The bidder is expected not to add any conditions / deviations in the commercial bid. Any such conditions / deviations may make the bid liable for disqualification.

○ **Weighted Evaluation:**

On the basis of the combined weighted score for technical and commercial evaluation, the bidders shall be ranked in terms of the total score obtained. The proposal obtaining the highest total combined score in evaluation of quality and cost will be ranked as H-1 followed by the proposals securing lesser marks as H-2, H-3 etc. The proposal securing the highest combined marks and ranked H-1 shall be recommended for award of contract.

As an example, the following procedure can be followed:

A score (S) will be calculated for all qualified bidders using the following formula:

$$\frac{C_{low}}{C} \times 100 + T(1 - X)$$

C stands for cost arrived basis of commercial evaluation;

C_{low} stands for the lowest cost arrived basis of commercial evaluation.

T stands for technical evaluation score and

X is equal to 0.30.

#	Bidder	Technical Evaluation Marks (T)	Bidders Cost (C)	T * 0.70 (A)	[(C _{low} / C) x 100] x 0.30 (B)	Score (S = A +B)
1	AAA	75	120	52.5	25	77.5
2	BBB	80	100	56	30	86
3	CCC	90	110	63	27.3	90.3

In the above example, **C_{low}** is 100.

In the above example, CCC, with the highest score becomes the successful bidder.

In case of more than one bidder with equal highest score (S) up to three decimal, then number of decimal will be increased. The decision of the Bank shall be final and binding on all the bidders to this document. The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject an offer without assigning any reason whatsoever

3. Terms and conditions

3.1 General Terms

- 3.1.1 Information Provided: The RFP document contains statements derived from information that is believed to be true and reliable at the date obtained but does not purport to provide all of the information that may be necessary or desirable to enable an intending contracting party to determine whether or not to enter into a contract or arrangement with the Bank in relation to the provision of services. Neither the Bank nor any of its directors, officers, employees, agents, representative, contractors, or advisers gives any representation or warranty (whether oral or written), express or implied as to the accuracy, updating or completeness of any writings, information or statement given or made in this RFP document. Neither the Bank nor any of its directors, officers, employees, agents, representative, contractors, or advisers has carried out or will carry out an independent audit or verification or investigation or due diligence exercise in relation to the contents of any part of the RFP document.
- 3.1.2 For Respondent Only: The RFP document is intended solely for the information of the party to whom it is issued (“the Recipient” or “the Respondent”) and no other person or organization.
- 3.1.3 Costs Borne by Respondents: All costs and expenses (whether in terms of time or money) incurred by the Recipient / Respondent in any way associated with the development, preparation and submission of responses, including but not limited to attendance at meetings, discussions, demonstrations, etc. and providing any additional information required by the Bank, will be borne entirely and exclusively by the Recipient / Respondent.
- 3.1.4 No Legal Relationship: No binding legal relationship will exist between any of the Recipients / Respondents and the Bank until execution of a contractual agreement to the full satisfaction of the Bank.
- 3.1.5 Recipient Obligation to Inform Itself: The Recipient must apply its own care and conduct its own investigation and analysis regarding any information contained in the RFP document and the meaning and impact of that information.
- 3.1.6 Evaluation of Offers: Each Recipient acknowledges and accepts that the Bank may, in its sole and absolute discretion, apply whatever criteria it deems appropriate in the selection of bidder, not limited to those selection criteria set out in this RFP document.
- 3.1.7 The issuance of RFP document is merely an invitation to offer and must not be construed as any agreement or contract or arrangement nor would it be construed as any investigation or review carried out by a Recipient. The Recipient unconditionally acknowledges by submitting its response to this RFP document that it has not relied on any idea, information, statement, representation, or warranty given in this RFP document.



- 3.1.8 Standards: All standards to be followed will adhere to Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specifications or other acceptable standards.
- 3.1.9 Acceptance of Terms: A Recipient will, by responding to the Bank's RFP document, be deemed to have accepted the terms as stated in this RFP document.
- 3.1.10 Only one submission of response to RFP by each Respondent will be permitted.
- 3.1.11 The Bank expects the bidder to adhere to the terms of this tender document and would not accept any deviations to the same.
- 3.1.12 The Bank expects that the bidder appointed under the tender document shall have the single point responsibility for fulfilling all obligations and providing all deliverables and services required by Bank.
- 3.1.13 Unless agreed to specifically by the Bank in writing for any changes to the issued tender document, the bidder responses would not be incorporated automatically in the tender document.
- 3.1.14 Unless expressly overridden by the specific agreement to be entered into between the Bank and the bidder, the tender document shall be the governing document for arrangement between the Bank and the bidder.
- 3.1.15 The Bank will notify the Respondents in writing as soon as practicable after the RFP Evaluation Complete date, about the outcome of the RFP evaluation process, including whether the Respondent's RFP response has been accepted or rejected. The Bank is not obliged to provide any reasons for any such acceptance or rejection.

3.2 Rules for Responding to this RFP

- 3.2.1. The timeframe provided in point "[A] Important Dates" above is for the overall selection process. The Bank reserves the right to vary this timeframe at its absolute and sole discretion and without providing any notice/intimation or reasons thereof. Changes to the timeframe will be relayed to the affected Respondents during the process. The time schedule will be strictly followed. Interested parties are expected to adhere to these timelines. However, the Bank reserves the right to change the aforementioned timelines.
- 3.2.2. All responses received after the due date/time as mentioned in "[A] Important Dates – 5. Last Date of Submission of RFP Response (Closing Date)" would be considered late and would be liable to be rejected. It should be clearly noted that the Bank has no obligation to accept or act on any reason for a late submitted response to RFP. The Bank has no liability to any Respondent who lodges a late RFP response for any reason whatsoever, including RFP responses taken to be late only because of another condition of responding.
- 3.2.3. The Bank has established RFP coordinators to provide a venue for managing bidder relationship and other requirements through the Bank's decision making body for contract clarification. All the queries and communication must

be addressed to the RFP coordinators / contact persons from the Bank mentioned in “[A] Important Dates - RFP Coordinator”

- 3.2.4. Recipients are required to direct all communications for any clarification related to this RFP to RFP Coordinator’s.
- 3.2.5. All questions relating to the RFP, technical or otherwise, must be in writing and addressed to the addresses given in point “[A] Important Dates” above. Interpersonal communications will not be entered into and a Respondent will be disqualified if attempting to enter into such communications. The Bank will try to reply, without any obligation in respect thereof, every reasonable question raised by the Respondents in the manner specified.
- 3.2.6. However, the Bank may in its absolute discretion seek, but under no obligation to seek, additional information or material from any Respondents after the RFP closes and all such information and material provided must be taken to form part of that Respondent’s response.
- 3.2.7. Respondents should invariably provide details of their email address(es) as responses to queries will only be provided to the Respondent via email. If Bank in its sole and absolute discretion deems that the originator of the query will gain an advantage by a response to a question, then Bank reserves the right to communicate such response to all Respondents.
- 3.2.8. The Bank may in its absolute discretion engage in discussion or negotiation with any Respondent (or simultaneously with more than one Respondent) after the RFP closes to improve or clarify any response.
- 3.2.9. Application Money and Earnest Money Deposit as mentioned in “[A] Important Dates – Application Money” and Earnest Money Deposit must be deposited through RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement) / NEFT. The details of the transaction viz. scanned copy of the receipt of making transaction is required to be uploaded on e-procurement website at the time of “final online bid submission. If the bidder has not furnished the transaction details of Application Money / Bid Security are liable to be rejected.
- 3.2.10. Commercial Bid – (As per details given in Annexure).
- 3.2.11. If the submission to this RFP does not include all the documents and information required or is incomplete or submission is through Fax mode, email mode the RFP is liable to be summarily rejected.
- 3.2.12. All submissions, including any accompanying documents, will become the property of the Bank. The Recipient shall be deemed to have licensed, and granted all rights to, the Bank to reproduce the whole or any portion of their submission for the purpose of evaluation, to disclose the contents of the submission to other Recipients who have registered a submission and to disclose and/or use the contents of the submission as the basis for any resulting RFP process, notwithstanding any copyright or other intellectual property right of the Recipient that may subsist in the submission or

accompanying documents

- 3.2.13. All responses should be in English language. All responses by the bidder to this tender document shall be binding on such bidder for a period of 180 days after opening of the bids. The Bank shall have the right at its sole and absolute discretion to continue the assignment/contract on the selected bidder for future requirement for various items/activities as described in the RFP after expiry of current assignment period.
- 3.2.14. The bids once submitted cannot be withdrawn / modified after the last date for submission of the bids unless specifically permitted by the Bank. In case, due to unavoidable circumstances, the Bank does not award the contract within six months from the last date of the submission of the bids, and there is a possibility to award the same within a short duration, the bidder would have the choice to maintain the EMD or bank guarantee in lieu of EMD with the Bank or to withdraw the bid and obtain the security provided.
- 3.2.15. The bidder may modify or withdraw its offer after submission but prior to the closing date and time as prescribed by Bank. No offer can be modified or withdrawn by the bidder subsequent to the closing date and time for submission of the offers.
- 3.2.16. The bidders required to quote for all the components/services mentioned in the "Scope of Work" and all other requirements of this RFP. In case the bidder does not quote for any of the components/services, the response would be deemed to include the quote for such unquoted components/service. It is mandatory to submit the details in the formats provided along with this document duly filled in, along with the offer. The Bank reserves the right not to allow / permit changes in the technical specifications and not to evaluate the offer in case of non-submission of the technical details in the required format or partial submission of technical details.
- 3.2.17. Based on the Bank's requirements as listed in this document, the bidder should identify the best-suited services that would meet the Bank's requirements and quote for the same. In case the bidder quotes more than one option and they have not specified which particular option quoted by them needs to be considered, then the response would be considered as improper and the whole tender submitted by the bidder is liable to be rejected. The bidder is expected to provide the best option and quote for the same.
- 3.2.18. Bidder must furnish requirements as per the formats provided in the RFP document.
- 3.2.19. In the event the bidder has not quoted for any mandatory items as required by the Bank and forming a part of the tender document circulated to the Bidder's and responded to by the bidder, the same will be deemed to be provided by the bidder at no extra cost to the Bank.
- 3.2.20. In the event the Bank has not asked for any quotes for alternative prices, and the bidder furnishes the alternative price in the bidder's financial bid, the higher

of the prices will be taken for calculating and arriving at the Total Cost of Ownership. However, payment by the Bank will be made at the lower price. The Bank in this case may also reject the offer outright.

- 3.2.21. In the event optional prices are not quoted by the bidder, for items where such prices are a must and required to be quoted for, the highest price quoted by any of the participating bidder will be taken as the costs, for such alternatives and also for arriving at the Total Cost of Ownership for the purpose of evaluation of the Bidder. The same item has to be supplied by the Bidder free of cost
- 3.2.22. The Bank is not responsible for any assumptions or judgments made by the bidder for proposing and implementing the solution. The Bank's interpretation will be final.
- 3.2.23. The Bank ascertains and concludes that everything as mentioned in the tender documents circulated to the Bidder and responded by the bidders have been quoted for by the bidder, and there will be no extra cost associated with the same in case the bidder has not quoted for the same.
- 3.2.24. All out of pocket expenses, traveling, boarding and lodging expenses for the entire life of the contract should be a part of the financial bid submitted by the bidder to the Bank. No extra costs on account of any items or services or by way of any out of pocket expenses, including travel, boarding and lodging etc. will be payable by the Bank. The bidder cannot take the plea of omitting any charges or costs and later lodge a claim on the Bank for the same.
- 3.2.25. The bidder at no point in time can excuse themselves from any claims by the Bank whatsoever for their deviations in confirming to the terms and conditions, payments schedules, time frame for solution etc.as mentioned in the tender document circulated by the Bank. Bidder shall be fully responsible for deviations to the terms & conditioned as proposed in the tender document.
- 3.2.26. Grievance Redressal: Any bidder who claims to have a grievance against a decision or action with regards to the provisions of this RFP may file a request to the Chief Information Security Officer at ciso@bankofbaroda.com. It may please be noted that the grievance can be filed by only that bidder who has participated in Procurement proceedings in accordance with the provisions of this RFP. All letters must be addressed to the following:

Chief Information Security Officer
Bank of Baroda, Baroda Sun Towers
C-34, G-Block, BKC, Mumbai-51

3.3 Price Bids

- 3.3.1 The bidder is requested to quote in Indian Rupee (INR). Bids in currencies other than INR would not be considered. The date for opening of price bids would be communicated separately to the successful bidders post the completion of the technical evaluation

- 3.3.2 The prices and other terms offered by bidders must be firm for an acceptance period of 180 days from the opening of the commercial bid.
- 3.3.3 In case of any variation (upward or down ward) in Government levies / taxes / cess / duties etc. which has been included as part of the price will be borne by the bidder. Variation would also include the introduction of any new tax / cess/ duty, etc. provided that the benefit or burden of other taxes quoted separately as part of the commercial bid like GST and any taxes introduced instead of GST and levies associated to GST or any new taxes introduced after the submission of bidder's proposal shall be passed on or adjusted to the Bank. If the Bidder makes any conditional or vague offers, without conforming to these guidelines, Bank will treat the prices quoted as in conformity with these guidelines and proceed accordingly. Necessary documentary evidence should be produced for having paid any tax/cess/duty, if applicable, and or other applicable levies.
- 3.3.4 If any Tax authorities of any state, including, Local authorities like Corporation, Municipality etc. or any Government authority or Statutory or autonomous or such other authority imposes any tax, charge or levy or any cess / charge other than GST and if the Bank has to pay the same for any of the items or supplies made here under by the bidder, for any reason including the delay or failure or inability of the bidder to make payment for the same, the Bank has to be reimbursed such amounts paid, on being intimated to the Bidder along with the documentary evidence. If the Bidder does not reimburse the amount within a fortnight, the Bank shall adjust the amount out of the payments due to the Bidder from the Bank along with the interest calculated at commercial rate.
- 3.3.5 Terms of payment as indicated in the Purchase Contract that will be issued by the Bank on the selected Bidder will be final and binding on the bidder and no interest will be payable by the Bank on outstanding amounts under any circumstances. If there are any clauses in the Invoice contrary to the terms of the Purchase Contract, the bidder should give a declaration on the face of the Invoice or by a separate letter explicitly stating as follows "Clauses, if any contained in the Invoice which are contrary to the terms contained in the Purchase Contract will not hold good against the Bank and that the Invoice would be governed by the terms contained in the Contract concluded between the Bank and the bidder".
- 3.3.6 The Bank is not responsible for any assumptions or judgments made by the bidder for arriving at any type of costing. The Bank at all times will benchmark the performance of the bidder to the RFP and other documents circulated to the bidder and the expected service levels as mentioned in these documents. In the event of any deviations from the requirements of these documents, the bidder must make good the same at no extra costs to the Bank, in order to achieve the desired service levels as well as meeting the requirements of these documents. The Bank shall not be responsible for any assumptions made by the bidder and the Bank's interpretation will be final.
- 3.3.7 The Commercial Offer should give all relevant price information and should not

contradict the Technical Offer in any manner. There should be no hidden costs for items quoted.

- 3.3.8 The Bank is not responsible for the arithmetical accuracy of the bid. The bidders will have to ensure all calculations are accurate. The Bank at any point in time for reasons whatsoever is not responsible for any assumptions made by the Bidder. The Bank at a later date will not accept any plea of the bidder or changes in the commercial offer for any such assumptions.
- 3.3.9 Considering the enormity of the assignment, any service which forms a part of the Project Scope that is not explicitly mentioned in scope of work as excluded would form part of this RFP, and the Bidder is expected to provide the same at no additional cost to the Bank. The Bidder needs to consider and envisage all services that would be required in the Scope and ensure the same is delivered to the Bank. The Bank will not accept any plea of the Bidder at a later date for omission of services on the pretext that the same was not explicitly mentioned in the RFP

3.4 Price Comparisons

- 3.4.1. The successful bidder will be determined on the basis evaluation mentioned in Evaluation Criteria in this RFP document.
- 3.4.2. Normalization of bids: The Bank will go through a process of evaluation and normalization of the bids to the extent possible and feasible to ensure that bidders are more or less on the same ground of evaluation. After the normalization process, if the Bank feels that any of the bids needs to be normalized and that such normalization has a bearing on the price bids; the Bank may at its discretion ask all the shortlisted bidders to resubmit the commercial bids once again for scrutiny. The Bank can repeat this normalization process at every stage of bid submission or till the Bank is satisfied. The bidders agree that they have no reservation or objection to the normalization process and all the bidders will, by responding to this RFP, agree to participate in the normalization process and extend their co-operation to the Bank during this process. The bidders, by submitting the response to this RFP, agree to the process and conditions of the normalization process.
- 3.4.3. The Price offer shall be on a fixed price basis. Bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation will be treated as non-responsive and will be liable to be rejected. The rate quoted by the bidder should necessarily include the following:
- Prices quoted by the Bidder should be inclusive of all taxes, duties, levies etc. except GST. GST will be paid at actuals. The Bidder is expected to provide the GST percentage in both the commercial and masked bids (without amounts being submitted in the technical response). There will be no price escalation for during the contract period and any extension thereof.



- b. The Bidders expected to provide details of services which are required to be extended by the Bidder in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.
- c. The Bidder must provide and quote for the required product and services as desired by the Bank as mentioned in this RFP. Any product or services not proposed to be provided by the Bidder will result in the proposal being incomplete, which may lead to disqualification of the Bidder.

3.5 Application Money, Bid Security and Performance Guarantee

3.5.1 Application Money

A non-refundable Application Money of as mentioned in “[A] Important Dates – Application Money” must be deposited through RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement) / NEFT. The details of the transaction viz. scanned copy of the receipt of making transaction is required to be uploaded on e-procurement website at the time of “final online bid submission. The Bank may, at its discretion, reject any Bidder where application money has not been furnished with RFP response.

This non-refundable fee is to be submitted through the electronic mode to the below mention account.

- ✓ **Account Number-29040400000417**
- ✓ **Account Name – Bank of Baroda**
- ✓ **Branch- BKC, Mumbai**
- ✓ **IFSC- BARB0BANEAS (fifth digit zero)**

3.5.2 Bid Security / Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)

Bidders are required to give an earnest money deposit of an amount as mentioned in “[A] Important Dates – 9. at the time of submission of the technical bid. The proof of same is to be submitted while opening of eligibility cum technical bid, failing of which the bid of the concerned bidder may be rejected. Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit)” shall be paid through electronic mode or a Bank Guarantee of an equal amount issued by a Commercial Bank (other than Bank of Baroda) located in India, valid for 8 months in the form provided in the RFP (Annexure 04 – Bid Security Form).The details of account for electronic payment mode:

- ✓ **Account Number-29040400000417**
- ✓ **Account Name – Bank of Baroda**
- ✓ **Branch- BKC, Mumbai**
- ✓ **IFSC- BARB0BANEAS.**

The amount of Earnest money deposit would be forfeited in the following scenarios:

- In case the bidder withdraws the bid prior to validity period of the bid for any reason whatsoever;
- In case of the successful bidder, if the bidder fails or refuses to accept and sign the contract as specified in this document within 1 month of issue of contract order/letter of intent for any reason whatsoever; or
 - Fail To provide the performance guarantee within 30 days from the purchase order date, for any reason whatsoever.
 - To comply with any other condition precedent to signing the contract specified in the RFP documents.
- **Unsuccessful Bidder's** - Bid security money deposit or bank guarantee will be returned by the Bank within two weeks from closure of the RFP. No interest shall be paid on Bid security money deposit to unsuccessful Bidders.
- **Successful Bidder** – Bid security money deposit or bank guarantee will be discharged upon the bidder furnishing the performance guarantee. The Bid security Money of the successful bidder may be forfeited or the bank guarantee in lieu of Bid security money may be invoked by the Bank if the bidder fails to furnish performance guarantee within 30 days from the date of Bank placing the order for any reason whatsoever and / or the bidder refuses to accept and sign the contract within 1 month of issue of contract order / letter of intent for any reason whatsoever.
- MSEs (Micro and Small Enterprise (MSE) are exempted from paying the application money and Bid security amount for which the concerned enterprise needs to provide necessary documentary evidence. For MSEs Government of India provisions shall be considered while evaluating the tender.

3.5.3 Performance Guarantee

The successful bidder shall provide a Performance Guarantee within 30 days from the date of receipt of the order or signing of the contract whichever is earlier in the format as provided in Annexure 10 to the extent of 10% of the total contract value for the entire period of the contract plus 3 months and such other extended period as the Bank may decide for due performance of the project obligations. The guarantee should be of that of a nationalized Bank only, other than Bank of Baroda.

In the event of non-performance of obligation or failure to meet terms of this Tender the Bank shall be entitled to invoke the performance guarantee without notice or right of demur to the successful bidder. Any amount pending for payment due to non-achieving of milestone/s set under the agreement or any other reason solely attributable to the service provider should be included in the remaining amount of the contract value.



The Bank reserves the right to recover any dues payable by the selected bidder from any amount outstanding to the credit of the selected bidder, including the pending bills and/or invoking Performance Guarantee, if any, under this contract.

If the Performance guarantee is not submitted within the stipulated time, the Bank reserves the right to cancel the order / contract and the earnest money deposit taken from the successful bidder, will be forfeited

3.6 Others

- 3.6.1 The services / deliverables will be deemed accepted only after successful sign off from Bank's identified Project Manager.
- 3.6.2 Responses to this RFP should not be construed as an obligation on the part of the Bank to award a purchase contract for any services or combination of services. Failure of the Bank to select a bidder shall not result in any claim whatsoever against the Bank. The Bank reserves the right to reject any or all bids in part or in full, without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- 3.6.3 By submitting a proposal, the bidder agrees to promptly contract with the Bank for any work awarded to the bidder. Failure on the part of the awarded bidder to execute a valid contract with the Bank will relieve the Bank of any obligation to the bidder, and a different bidder may be selected based on the selection process.
- 3.6.4 The terms and conditions as specified in the RFP and addendums (if any) thereafter are final and binding on the bidders. In the event the bidders not willing to accept the terms and conditions of the Bank, the bidder may be disqualified. Any additional or different terms and conditions proposed by the bidder would be rejected unless expressly assented to in writing by the Bank and accepted by the Bank in writing
- 3.6.5 The bidder must strictly adhere to the delivery dates or lead times identified in their proposal and as agreed by the Bank. Failure to meet these delivery dates, unless it is due to reasons entirely attributable to the Bank, may constitute a material breach of the Bidder's performance. In the event that the Bank is forced to cancel an awarded contract (relative to this tender document) due to the Bidder's inability to meet the established delivery dates or any other reasons attributing to the bidder then that bidder will be responsible for any re-procurement costs suffered by the Bank. The liability in such an event could be limited to the differential excess amount spent by the Bank for procuring similar deliverables and services.
- 3.6.6 The bidder shall represent and acknowledge to the Bank that it possesses necessary experience, expertise and ability to undertake and fulfill its obligations, involved in the performance of the provisions of this RFP. The bidder represents that the proposal to be submitted in response to this RFP shall meet the proposed RFP requirement. If any services, functions or responsibilities not specifically described in this RFP are an inherent, necessary or customary part of the deliverables or services and are required for proper

performance or provision of the deliverables or services in accordance with this RFP, they shall be deemed to be included within the scope of the deliverables or services, as if such services, functions or responsibilities were specifically required and described in this RFP and shall be provided by the bidder at no additional cost to the Bank. The bidder also acknowledges that the Bank relies on this statement of fact, therefore neither accepting responsibility for, nor relieving the bidder of responsibility for the performance of all provisions and terms and conditions of this RFP, the Bank expects the bidder to fulfill all the terms and conditions of this RFP. The modifications, which are accepted by the Bank, shall form a part of the final contract.

- 3.6.7 The Bidder shall represent that the services provided and/or use of the same by the Bank shall not violate or infringe the rights of any third party or the laws or regulations under any governmental or judicial authority. The Bidder further represents that the documentation to be provided to the Bank shall contain a complete and accurate description of the deliverables and services (as applicable), and shall be prepared and maintained in accordance with the highest industry standards. The Bidder represents and agrees to obtain and maintain validity throughout the specified term, of all appropriate registrations, permissions and approvals, which are statutorily required to be obtained by the bidder for performance of the obligations of the bidder. The bidder further agrees to inform and assist the Bank for procuring any registrations, permissions or approvals, which may at any time during the Contract Period be statutorily required to be obtained by the Bank for availing services from the bidder.
- 3.6.8 All terms and conditions, payments schedules, time frame for expected service levels as per this tender will remain unchanged unless explicitly communicated by the Bank in writing to the bidder. The Bank shall not be responsible for any judgments made by the bidder with respect to any aspect of the Service. The bidder shall at no point be entitled to excuse themselves from any claims by the Bank whatsoever for their deviations in confirming to the terms and conditions, payments schedules, expected service levels etc. as mentioned in this tender document.
- 3.6.9 The Bank and the bidder covenants and represents to the other Party the following:
- It is duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under as per the laws of the state in which such Party is incorporated.
 - It has the corporate power and authority to enter into Agreements and perform its obligations there under. The execution, delivery and performance of terms and conditions under Agreements by such Party and the performance of its obligations there under are duly authorized and approved by all necessary action and no other action on the part of such Party is necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance under an Agreement.
- 3.6.10 The execution, delivery and performance under an Agreement by such Party:

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- Will not violate or contravene any provision of its documents of incorporation;
- Will not violate or contravene any law, statute, rule, regulation, licensing requirement, order, writ, injunction or decree of any court, governmental instrumentality or other regulatory, governmental or public body, agency or authority by which it is bound or by which any of its properties or assets are bound;
- Except to the extent that the same have been duly and properly completed or obtained, will not require any filing with, or permit, consent or approval of or license from, or the giving of any notice to, any court, governmental instrumentality or other regulatory, governmental or public body, agency or authority, joint venture party, or any other entity or person whatsoever;
- To the best of its knowledge, after reasonable investigation, no representation or warranty by such Party in this Agreement, and no document furnished or to be furnished to the other Party to this Agreement, or in connection herewith or with the transactions contemplated hereby, contains or will contain any untrue or misleading statement or omits or will omit any fact necessary to make the statements contained herein or therein, in light of the circumstances under which made, not misleading. There have been no events or transactions, or facts or information which has come to, or upon reasonable diligence, should have come to the attention of such Party and which have not been disclosed herein or in a schedule hereto, having a direct impact on the transactions contemplated hereunder.
- The bidder shall undertake to provide appropriate human as well as other resources required, to execute the various tasks assigned as part of the project, from time to time.
- The Bank would not assume any expenses incurred by the bidder in preparation of the response to this RFP and also would not return the bid documents to the Bidders
- The Bank will not bear any costs incurred by the bidder for any discussion, presentation, demonstrations etc. on proposals or proposed contract or for any work performed in connection therewith.

3.7 Other RFP Requirements

- 3.7.1 This tender document may undergo change by either additions or deletions or modifications before the actual award of the contract by the Bank. The Bank also reserves the right to change any terms and conditions of the tender document and its subsequent addendums as it deems necessary at its sole discretion. The Bank will inform all bidders about changes, if any.
- 3.7.2 The Bank may revise any part of the tender document, by providing a written addendum at stage till the award of the contract. The Bank reserves the right to issue revisions to this tender document at any time before the award date. The addendums, if any, shall be published on Bank's website only.

- 3.7.3 The Bank reserves the right to extend the dates for submission of responses to this document.
- 3.7.4 Preliminary Scrutiny – The Bank will scrutinize the offers to determine whether they are complete, whether any errors have been made in the offer, whether required documentation has been furnished, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether items are quoted as per the schedule. The Bank may, at its discretion, waive any minor non-conformity or any minor deficiency in an offer. This shall be binding on all bidders and the Bank reserves the right for such waivers and the Bank’s decision in the matter will be final.
- 3.7.5 Clarification of Offers – To assist in the scrutiny, evaluation and comparison of offers, the Bank may, at its discretion, ask some or all bidders for clarification of their offer. The Bank has the right to disqualify the bidder whose clarification is found not suitable to the proposed project.
- 3.7.6 No Commitment to Accept Lowest bid or Any Tender – The Bank shall be under no obligation to accept the lowest price bid or any other offer received in response to this Tender notice and shall be entitled to reject any or all offers including those received late or incomplete offers without assigning any reason whatsoever. The Bank reserves the right to make any changes in the terms and conditions of purchase. The Bank will not be obliged to meet and have discussions with any Bidder, and / or to listen to any representations unless there is change in the terms and conditions of purchase
- 3.7.7 Erasures or Alterations – The offers containing erasures or alterations will not be considered. There should be no hand-written material, corrections or alterations in the offer. Technical details must be completely filled up. Correct information of the services being offered must be filled in. Filling up of the information using terms such as “OK”, “accepted”, “noted”, “as given in brochure / manual” is not acceptable. The Bank may treat the offers not adhering to these guidelines as unacceptable.
- 3.7.8 Price Discussion – It is absolutely essential for the Bidders to quote the lowest price at the time of making the offer in their own interest. The Bank reserves the right to do price discovery and engage the successful bidder in discussions on the prices quoted.
- 3.7.9 Right to Alter Scope – The Bank reserves the right to alter the requirements specified in the Tender. The Bank also reserves the right to delete one or more items from the list of items specified in the Tender. The Bank will inform all Bidders about changes, if any. The Bidder agrees that the Bank has no limit on the additions or deletions on the items for the period of the contract. Further the Bidder agrees that the prices quoted by the Bidder would be proportionately adjusted with such additions or deletions scope.
- 3.7.10 Incidental Services - The Bidder shall provide all the services as specified in the tender document, particularly the Project Objective and Technical



Summary. The price for performing the required incidental services shall be deemed to be included in the Contract Price.

- 3.7.11 If the Bank is not satisfied with the specifications as specified in the tender document and observes major deviations, the bids of such bidders will not be short-listed for further evaluation. No further discussions shall be entertained with such bidders in respect of the subject bid.
- 3.7.12 The Bidder shall perform its obligations under this Tender as an independent contractor, and may engage subcontractors to perform any of the Deliverables or Services with prior permission from Bank. Neither this Tender nor the Bidder's performance of obligations under this Tender shall create an association, partnership, joint venture, or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee, between the Bank and the Bidder or its employees, subcontractor; and neither Party shall have the right, power or authority (whether expressed or implied) to enter into or assume any duty or obligation on behalf of the other Party.
- 3.7.13 The Bidder shall solely be responsible for all payments (including any statutory payments) to its employees and / or sub-contractors and shall ensure that at no time shall its employees, personnel or agents hold themselves out as employees or agents of the Bank, nor seek to be treated as employees of the Bank for any purpose, including claims of entitlement to fringe benefits provided by the Bank, or for any kind of income or benefits. The Bidder alone shall file all applicable tax returns for all of its personnel assigned hereunder in a manner consistent with its status as an independent contractor of services; and the Bidder will make all required payments and deposits of taxes in a timely manner.

3.8 Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices

As per Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) directives, it is required that Bidders / Suppliers / Contractors observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts in pursuance of this policy:

- "Corrupt Practice" means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of values to influence the action of an official in the procurement process or in contract execution AND
- "Fraudulent Practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of contract to the detriment of the Bank and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the Bank of the benefits of free and open competition.

The Bank reserves the right to reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question.



The Bank reserves the right to declare a firm ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

Bidders responding to this RFP need to sign the Integrity Pact (IP) which will be also signed by Bank's representative.

3.9 Authorized Signatory

The selected bidder shall indicate the authorized signatories who can discuss and correspond with the Bank, with regard to the obligations under the contract. The selected bidder shall submit at the time of signing the contract, a certified copy of the resolution of their Board, authenticated by Company Secretary/Director, authorizing an official or officials of the company or a Power of Attorney copy to discuss, sign agreements/contracts with the Bank. The bidder shall furnish proof of signature identification for above purposes as required by the Bank.

3.10 Service Level Agreement and Non-Disclosure Agreement

The successful bidder shall execute a) Service Level Agreement (SLA), which must include all the services and terms and conditions of the services to be extended as detailed herein, and as may be prescribed or recommended by the Bank and b) Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA). The successful bidder shall execute the SLA and NDA within one week from the date of acceptance of Purchase Order

All the expenses related to execution of the document such as the applicable stamp duty and registration charges if any shall be borne by the vendor.

3.11 Right to Reject Bids

Bank reserves the absolute and unconditional right to reject the response to this RFP if it is not in accordance with its requirements and no correspondence will be entertained by the Bank in the matter. The bid is liable to be rejected if:

- ▶ It is not in conformity with the instructions mentioned in the RFP document.
- ▶ It is not accompanied by the requisite Application Money and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).
- ▶ It is not properly or duly signed.
- ▶ It is received through email.
- ▶ It is received after expiry of the due date and time.
- ▶ It is incomplete including non-furnishing the required documents.
- ▶ It is evasive or contains incorrect information.
- ▶ There is canvassing of any kind.
- ▶ It is submitted anywhere other than the place mentioned in the RFP
- ▶ Any form of canvassing/lobbying/influence/query regarding short listing, status etc will be a disqualification.



4. General Terms and Conditions

4.1 Dispute Resolution

The Bank and the Bidder shall make every effort to resolve amicably, by direct informal negotiation between the respective project managers/ directors of the Bank and the Bidder, any disagreement or dispute arising between them under or in connection with the contract.

If the Bank project manager/director and Bidder project manager/ director are unable to resolve the dispute after thirty days from the commencement of such informal negotiations, they shall immediately escalate the dispute to the senior authorized personnel designated by the Bidder and Bank respectively.

If after thirty days from the commencement of such negotiations between the senior authorized personnel designated by the Bidder and Bank, the Bank and the Bidder have been unable to resolve contractual dispute amicably, either party may require that the dispute be referred for resolution through formal arbitration.

All questions, disputes or differences arising under and out of, or in connection with the contract or carrying out of the work whether during the progress of the work or after the completion and whether before or after the determination, abandonment or breach of the contract shall be referred to arbitration by a sole Arbitrator acceptable to both parties OR the number of arbitrators shall be three, with each side to the dispute being entitled to appoint one arbitrator. The two arbitrators appointed by the parties shall appoint a third arbitrator shall act as the chairman of the proceedings. Arbitration will be carried out at Bank's office that placed the order. The Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 or any statutory modification thereof shall apply to the arbitration proceedings

The arbitral award shall be in writing, state the reasons for the award, and be final and binding on the parties. The award may include an award of costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements. Judgment upon the award may be entered by any court having jurisdiction thereof or having jurisdiction over the relevant Party or its assets.

4.2 Governing Laws

This RFP and the subsequent contract shall be governed and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of India both Parties shall agree that in respect of any dispute arising upon, over or in respect of any of the terms of this Agreement, only the courts in Mumbai shall have exclusive jurisdiction to try and adjudicate such disputes to the exclusion of all other courts.

4.3 Notices and other Communication

If a notice has to be sent to either of the parties following the signing of the contract, it has to be in writing and shall be sent personally or by certified or registered post with acknowledgement due or overnight courier or email duly transmitted, facsimile/fax transmission (with hard copy to follow for email/fax), addressed to the other party at



the addresses, email and fax number given in the contract.

Notices shall be deemed given upon receipt, except that notices sent by registered post in a correctly addressed envelope shall be deemed to be delivered within 5 working days (excluding Sundays and public holidays) after the date of mailing dispatch and in case the communication is made by facsimile transmission or email, on business date immediately after the date of successful facsimile/email transmission (that is, the sender has a hard copy of a confirmation page evidencing that the facsimile was completed in full to the correct fax number or email sent to correct email address).

Any Party may change the address, email address and fax number to which notices are to be sent to it, by providing written notice to the other Party in one of the manners provided in this section.

4.4 Force Majeure

The Bidder shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, liquidated damages, penalties or termination for default, if any to the extent that its delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the contract is the result of an event of Force Majeure.

For purposes of this Clause, "Force Majeure" means an event explicitly beyond the reasonable control of the Bidder and not involving the Bidder's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events are Acts of God or of public enemy, acts of Government of India in their sovereign capacity, strikes, political disruptions, bandhs, riots, civil commotions and acts of war.

If a Force Majeure situation arises, the Bidder shall promptly notify the Bank in writing of such conditions and the cause thereof within fifteen calendar days. Unless otherwise directed by the Bank in writing, the Bidder shall continue to perform Bidder's obligations under this Agreement as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.

In such a case the time for performance shall be extended by a period(s) not less than duration of such delay. If the duration of delay continues beyond a period of three months, the Bank and Bidder shall hold consultations in an endeavor to find a solution to the problem.

4.5 Assignment

The Bidder agrees that the Bidder shall not be entitled to assign any or all of its rights and or obligations under this Tender and subsequent Agreement to any entity including Bidder's affiliate without the prior written consent of the Bank.

If the Bank undergoes a merger, amalgamation, takeover, consolidation, reconstruction, change of ownership, etc., this RFP along with the subsequent Addendums published shall be considered to be assigned to the new entity and such an act shall not affect the rights of the Bidder under this RFP.



4.6 Sub-Contracting

Any type of formation of consortium, sub-contracting and joint assignments will not be allowed/ considered. Such proposals will be disqualified

4.7 Waiver

No failure or delay on the part of either party relating to the exercise of any right power privilege or remedy provided under this tender document or subsequent agreement with the other party shall operate as a waiver of such right power privilege or remedy or as a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach by the other party nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right power privilege or remedy preclude any other or further exercise of such or any other right power privilege or remedy provided in this tender document all of which are several and cumulative and are not exclusive of each other or of any other rights or remedies otherwise available to either party at law or in equity.

4.8 Confidentiality

The bidder acknowledges that in the course of performing the obligations under this Tender and subsequent Agreement, it shall be exposed to or acquire information of the bank, which the bidder shall treat as confidential.

- a. All BOB's product and process details, documents, data, applications, software, systems, papers, statements and business / customer information which may be communicated to or come to the knowledge of Bidder or bidder's employees during the course of discharging their obligations shall be treated as absolutely confidential and Bidder irrevocably agrees and undertakes and ensures that bidder and its employees shall keep the same secret and confidential and not disclose the same, in whole or in part to any third party without prior written permission of BOB. The bidder shall not use or allow to be used any information other than as may be necessary for the due performance by Bidder of its obligations hereunder.
- b. Bidder shall not make or retain any copies or record of any Confidential Information submitted by BOB other than as may be required for the performance of Bidder
- c. Bidder shall notify BOB promptly of any unauthorized or improper use or disclosure of the Confidential Information.
- d. Bidder shall return all the Confidential Information that is in its custody, upon termination / expiry of this Agreement. Also so far as it is practicable Bidder shall immediately expunge any Confidential Information relating to the projects from any computer, word processor or other device in possession or in the custody and control by Bidder or its affiliates.
- e. Bidder shall extent practicable, immediately furnish a certificate signed by its director or other responsible representative confirming that to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief, having made all proper enquiries the requirements of this paragraph have been fully complied with.
- f. Bidder hereby unconditionally agrees and undertakes that it and its employees shall



not disclose the terms and conditions of the Empanelment Agreement/ Work Order or any other oral or written information which may contain, hold or bear confidential information or disclose the information submitted by BOB under any other Agreement to any third party unless such disclosure is mandatorily required by law or if it is required necessarily to be disclosed to any other agency/subcontractor or the like for the purpose of performing any of its obligations under the contract.

However the Confidential Information will not be limited to the information mentioned above but not include the following as Confidential Information:

- i. Without breach of these presents, has already become or becomes and/or hereinafter will become part of the public domain;
 - ii. Prior to the disclosure by BOB was known to or in the possession of the Bidder at the time of disclosure ;
 - iii. Was disclosed or parted with the prior consent of BOB;
 - iv. Was acquired by Bidder from any third party under the conditions such that it does not know or have reason to know that such third party acquired directly or indirectly from BOB.
- The Bidder agrees to take all necessary action to protect the Confidential Information against misuse, loss, destruction, deletion and/or alteration. It shall neither misuse or permit misuse directly or indirectly, nor commercially exploit the Confidential Information for economic or other benefit.
- In any dispute over whether information or matter is Proprietary Information or not mentioned herein, it shall be the burden of Bidder to show that such contested information or matter is not Proprietary Information within the meaning of this Agreement, and that it does not constitute violation under any laws for the time being enforced in India.

The confidentiality obligations shall survive the expiry or termination of the RFP / agreement between the bidder and the Bank.

4.9 Termination

Bank shall have option to terminate / cancel this RFP at any stage without any prior notice. In following events Bank shall terminate this assignment or cancel any particular order if service provider:

breaches any of its obligations set forth in this assignment or any subsequent agreement and Such breach is not cured within thirty (30) Working Days after Bank

gives written notice; or

- ▶ failure by Service Provider to provide Bank, within thirty (30) Working Days, with a reasonable plan to cure such breach, which is acceptable to the Bank. Or
- ▶ The progress regarding execution of the contract/ services rendered by the Service Provider is not as per the prescribed time line, and found to be unsatisfactory.
- ▶ Supply of substandard materials/ services ;
- ▶ Delay in delivery / installation / commissioning of services.

Bank may terminate this RFP or subsequent agreement on happening of following events:

- ▶ The vender unable to pay its debt as they fall due or otherwise enters into any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of its creditors or any class thereof;
- ▶ A liquidator or a receiver is appointed over all or a substantial part of the undertaking, assets or revenues of the vender and such appointment continues for a period of twenty one (21) days;
- ▶ The vender is subject of an effective resolution for its winding up other than a voluntary winding up for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation.
- ▶ Failure of the Bidder make good the situation within the remedy period
- ▶ The selected Bidder commits a breach of any of the terms and conditions of the RFP / contract.
- ▶ The selected Bidder becomes insolvent or goes into liquidation voluntarily or otherwise
- ▶ An attachment is levied or continues to be levied for a period of 7 days upon effects of the tender.
- ▶ Discrepancy in the quality of service / security expected during the implementation, rollout and subsequent maintenance process.

The vender becomes the subject of a court order for its winding up.

Notwithstanding above, in case of change of policy or any unavoidable circumstances Bank reserve the right to terminate this assignment or any subsequent agreement and / or any particular order, in whole or in part by giving Service Provider at least 90 days prior notice in writing.

4.10 Effect of termination

If bank terminate or cancel the assignment on the default mentioned in the termination clause, in such case bob reserves the right to get the balance contract executed by another party of its choice. In this event, the Service Provider shall be bound to make good the additional expenditure, which the Bank may have to incur to carry out bidding



process for the selection of a new service provider and for execution of the balance of the contract.

Immediately upon the date of expiration or termination of the Tender and subsequent Agreement, Bank shall have no further obligation to pay any fees for any periods commencing on or after such date.

Without prejudice to the rights of the Parties, upon termination or expiry of this Tender and subsequent Agreement, Bank shall pay to Bidder, within thirty (30) days of such termination or expiry, of the following:

- ▶ All the undisputed fees outstanding till the date of termination;

Upon the termination or expiry of this Tender and subsequent Agreement:

- ▶ The rights granted to Bidder shall immediately terminate.
- ▶ Upon Bank's request, with respect to (i) any agreements for maintenance, disaster recovery services or other third-party services, and any Deliverables not owned by the Bidder, being used by Bidder to provide the Services and (ii) the assignable agreements, Bidder shall, use its reasonable commercial endeavors to transfer or assign such agreements and Bidder Equipment to Bank and its designee(s) on commercially reasonable terms mutually acceptable to both Parties.
- ▶ Upon Bank's request in writing, Bidder shall be under an obligation to transfer to Bank or its designee(s) the Deliverables being used by Bidder to perform the Services free and clear of all liens, security interests, or other encumbrances at a value calculated as stated.

4.11 Publicity

Any publicity by the Bidder in which the name of the Bank is to be used should be done only with the explicit written permission of the Bank.

4.12 Solicitation of Employees

The selected Bidder, during the term of the contract shall not without the express written consent of the Bank, directly or indirectly: a) recruit, hire, appoint or engage or attempt to recruit, hire, appoint or engage or discuss employment with or otherwise utilize the services of any person who has been an employee or associate or engaged in any capacity, by the Bank in rendering services in relation to the contract; or b) induce any person who shall have been an employee or associate of the Bank at any time to terminate his/ her relationship with the Bank.

4.13 Inspection of Records

All bidder records with respect to any matters covered by this RFP shall be made available to auditors and or inspecting officials of the Bank and/or Reserve Bank of India and/or any regulatory authority, at any time during normal business hours, as often as the Bank deems necessary, to audit, examine, and make excerpts or transcripts of all relevant data. Said records are subject to examination. Bank's auditors would execute confidentiality agreement with the bidder provided that the auditors would be permitted to submit their findings to the Bank, which would be used

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by the Bank. The cost of the audit will be borne by the Bank. The scope of such audit would be limited to Service Levels being covered under the contract, and financial information would be excluded from such inspection, which will be subject to the requirements of statutory and regulatory authorities.

4.14 Visitorial Rights

The Bank and its authorized representatives, including Reserve Bank of India (RBI) or any other regulator shall have the right to visit any of the Bidder's premises without prior notice to ensure that data provided by the Bank is not misused. The Bidder shall cooperate with the authorized representative/s of the Bank and shall provide all information/ documents required by the Bank.

4.15 Compliance with Laws

Compliance in obtaining approvals/permissions/licenses: The Bidder shall promptly and timely obtain all such consents, permissions, approvals, licenses, etc., as may be necessary or required for any of the purposes of this project or for the conduct of their own business under any applicable Law, Government Regulation/Guidelines and shall keep the same valid and in force during the term of the project, and in the event of any failure or omission to do so, shall indemnify, keep indemnified, hold harmless, defend, protect and fully compensate the Bank and its employees/ officers/ staff/ personnel/ representatives/agents from and against all claims or demands of liability and all consequences that may occur or arise for any default or failure on its part to conform or comply with the above and all other statutory obligations arising there from and the Bank will give notice of any such claim or demand of liability within reasonable time to the Bidder.

The Bidder is not absolved from its responsibility of complying with the statutory obligations as specified above. Indemnity shall exclude indirect, consequential and incidental damages.

4.16 Indemnity

The Bidder shall indemnify the Bank, and shall always keep indemnified and hold the Bank, its employees, personnel, officers, directors, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Personnel") harmless from and against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, actions, costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) relating to, resulting directly or indirectly from or in any way arising out of any claim, suit or proceeding brought against the Bank as a result of:

- ▶ Bank's authorized / bona fide use of the Deliverables and /or the Services provided by Bidder under this RFP; and/or
- ▶ an act or omission of the Bidder and/or its employees, agents, sub-contractors in performance of the obligations under this RFP; and/or
- ▶ claims made by employees or subcontractors or subcontractors' employees, who are deployed by the Bidder, against the Bank; and/or
- ▶ claims arising out of employment, non-payment of remuneration and non-provision



of statutory benefits by the Bidder to its employees, its agents, contractors and sub-contractors

- ▶ breach of any of the term of this RFP or breach of any representation or false representation or inaccurate statement or assurance or covenant or warranty of the Bidder under this RFP; and/or
- ▶ any or all Deliverables or Services infringing any patent, trademarks, copyrights or such other Intellectual Property Rights; and/or
- ▶ breach of confidentiality obligations of the Bidder contained in this RFP; and/or
- ▶ Negligence or gross misconduct attributable to the Bidder or its employees or sub-contractors.

The Bidder shall at its own cost and expenses defend or settle at all point of time any claim against the Bank that the Deliverables and Services delivered or provided under this RFP infringe a patent, utility model, industrial design, copyright, trade secret, mask work or trade mark in the country where the Deliverables and Services are used, sold or received, provided the Bank:

- ▶ notifies the Bidder in writing as soon as practicable when the Bank becomes aware of the claim; and
- ▶ co-operates with the Bidder in the defense and settlement of the claims.

However, (i) the Bidder has sole control of the defense and all related settlement negotiations (ii) the Bank provides the Bidder with the assistance, information and authority reasonably necessary to perform the above and (iii) the Bank does not make any statements or comments or representations about the claim without the prior written consent of the Bidder, except where the Bank is required by any authority/regulator to make a comment/statement/representation.

If use of deliverables is prevented by injunction or court order because of any such claim or deliverables is likely to become subject of any such claim then the Bidder, after due inspection and testing and at no additional cost to the Bank, shall forthwith either 1) replace or modify the software / equipment with software / equipment which is functionally equivalent and without affecting the functionality in any manner so as to avoid the infringement; or 2) obtain a license for the Bank to continue the use of the software / equipment, as required by the Bank as per the terms and conditions of this Tender and subsequent Agreement and to meet the service levels; or 3) refund to the Bank the amount paid for the infringing software / equipment and bear the incremental costs of procuring a functionally equivalent software / equipment from a third party, provided the option under the sub clause (3) shall be exercised by the Bank in the event of the failure of the Bidder to provide effective remedy under options (1) to (2) within a reasonable period which would not affect the normal functioning of the Bank.

The Bidder shall not be liable for defects or non-conformance resulting from:

- ▶ Software, hardware, interfacing, or supplies for the solution not approved by Bidder; or



- ▶ any change, not made by or on behalf of the Bidder, to some or all of the deliverables supplied by the Bidder or modification thereof, provided the infringement is solely on account of that change ;

Indemnity shall exclude indirect, consequential and incidental damages. However indemnity would cover damages, loss or liabilities suffered by the Bank arising out of claims made by customer and / or regulatory authorities for reasons attributable to breach of obligations under this RFP and subsequent agreement by the Bidder.

In the event of successful bidder not fulfilling its obligations under this clause within the period specified in the notice issued by the Bank, the Bank has the right to recover the amounts due to it under this provision from any amount payable to the bidder under this project.

The indemnities under this clause are in addition to and without prejudice to the indemnities given elsewhere in this RFP.

4.17 Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices

As per Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) directives, it is required that Bidders / Suppliers / Contractors observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts in pursuance of this policy:

- ▶ “Corrupt Practice” means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of values to influence the action of an official in the procurement process or in contract execution AND
- ▶ “Fraudulent Practice” means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of contract to the detriment of the Bank and includes collusive practice among Bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the Bank of the benefits of free and open competition.

The Bank reserves the right to reject a proposal for award if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question.

The Bank reserves the right to declare a firm ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

4.18 Violation of Terms

The Bank clarifies that the Bank shall be entitled to an injunction, restraining order, right for recovery, suit for specific performance or such other equitable relief as a court of competent jurisdiction may deem necessary or appropriate to restrain the Bidder from committing any violation or enforce the performance of the covenants, obligations and representations contained in this tender document. These injunctive remedies are cumulative and are in addition to any other rights and remedies the Bank may have at law or in equity, including without limitation a right for recovery of any amounts and related costs and a right for damages.



4.19 Authorized Signatory

The selected Bidder shall indicate the authorized signatories who can discuss and correspond with the Bank, with regard to the obligations under the contract. The selected Bidder shall submit at the time of signing the contract, a certified copy of the resolution of their Board, authenticated by Company Secretary/Director, authorizing an official or officials of the company or a Power of Attorney copy to discuss, sign agreements/contracts with the Bank. The Bidder shall furnish proof of signature identification for above purposes as required by the Bank.

4.20 Right to Reject Bids

Bank reserves the absolute and unconditional right to reject the response to this RFP if it is not in accordance with its requirements and no correspondence will be entertained by the Bank in the matter. The bid is liable to be rejected if:

- ▶ It is not in conformity with the instructions mentioned in the RFP document.
- ▶ It is not accompanied by the requisite Application Money and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).
- ▶ It is not properly or duly signed.
- ▶ It is received through Telex / telegram / fax
- ▶ It is received after expiry of the due date and time.
- ▶ It is incomplete including non- furnishing the required documents.
- ▶ It is evasive or contains incorrect information.
- ▶ There is canvassing of any kind.
- ▶ It is submitted anywhere other than the place mentioned in the RFP.

4.21 Limitation of Liability

Bidder's aggregate liability in connection with obligations undertaken as a part of the RFP regardless of the form or nature of the action giving rise to such liability (whether in contract, tort or otherwise), shall be at actual and limited to the Total Contract Value.

Bidder's liability in case of claims against the Bank resulting from Willful Misconduct or Gross Negligence of Bidder, its employees and Subcontractors or from infringement of patents, trademarks, copyrights or such other Intellectual Property Rights or breach of confidentiality obligations shall be unlimited.

Bank shall not be held liable for and is absolved of any responsibility or claim / litigation arising out of the use of any third party software or modules supplied by Bidder as part of procurement under the RFP.

Under no circumstances BOB shall be liable to the selected Bidder for direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, special or exemplary damages arising from termination of this Agreement, even if BOB has been advised of the possibility of such damages, such as, but not limited to, loss of revenue or anticipated profits or lost business.



Subject to any law to the contrary, and to the maximum extent permitted by law neither parties shall be liable to other for any consequential/ incidental, or indirect damages arising out of this agreement.

All employees engaged by the party shall be in sole employment of the party and both the parties shall be solely responsible for their salaries, wages, statutory payments etc. That under no circumstances shall other party be liable for any payment or claim or compensation (including but not limited to compensation on account of injury/death/termination) of any nature to the employees and personnel of the other party.

4.22 Grievance Redressal

Any Bidder who claims to have a grievance against a decision or action with regards to the provisions of this RFP may file a request to Chief Information Security Officer at ciso@bankofbaroda.com It may please be noted that the grievance can be filed by only that Bidder who has participated in Procurement proceedings in accordance with the provisions of this RFP.

4.23 Provident Fund

Bidder need to ensure that their all employees are covered under PF. Bidder need to submit PF coverage letter for their employees issued by the Employees Provident Fund Organization as part of their bid response.

4.24 Property Rights

- Each Party owns and retains all rights, title and interests in and to its respective Pre-Existing Intellectual Property and Independent Intellectual Property. Independent Intellectual Property means any Intellectual Property developed by a Party independently of the applicable statement of work. "Pre-Existing Intellectual Property" means any Intellectual Property owned by a Party, or licensed to such Party (other. than by the other Party), as at the commencement date of the applicable statement of work.
- Whereas title to all inventions and discoveries made jointly by the parties resulting from the Work performed as per this agreement shall reside jointly between the parties. Both the parties shall mutually decide the future course of action to protect/ commercial use of such joint IPR. The Intellectual Property Rights shall be determined in accordance with Indian Laws.
- Without prejudice to above paras all the interim/ final deliverables shall be property of bank. Subject to requisite payments the service provider deemed to grand exclusive, perpetual rights to use of the deliverables in favor of bank.

4.25 Information Confidentiality

This document is meant for the specific use by the Company / person/s interested to participate in the current tendering process. This document in its entirety is subject to copyright laws. Bank of Baroda expects the bidders or any person acting on behalf of the bidders to strictly adhere to the instructions given in the document and maintain

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confidentiality of information. The Bidders will be held responsible for any misuse of the information contained in the document and liable to be prosecuted by the Bank, in the event of such circumstances being brought to the notice of the Bank. By downloading the document, the interested party is subject to confidentiality clauses.



5. Disclaimer

Subject to any law to the contrary, and to the maximum extent permitted by law, the Bank and its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, agents, and advisers disclaim all liability from any loss, claim, expense (including, without limitation, any legal fees, costs, charges, demands, actions, liabilities, expenses or disbursements incurred therein or incidental thereto) or damage, (whether foreseeable or not) (“Losses”) suffered by any person acting on or refraining from acting because of any presumptions or information (whether oral or written and whether express or implied), including forecasts, statements, estimates, or projections contained in this RFP document or conduct ancillary to it whether or not the Losses arises in connection with any ignorance, negligence, inattention, casualness, disregard, omission, default, lack of care, immature information, falsification or misrepresentation on the part of the Bank or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, agents, or advisers.

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Technical Bid envelope to contain the following

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9	Executive Technical Summary	Bidder to provide
10	Technical Proposal: The technical proposal response based on proposed strategy / methodology / approach/ plan along with resource planning and other should be submitted with pages properly numbered, each page signed and stamped.	Bidder to provide
10	Copy of the tender document along with annexures and addendum duly sealed and signed on all the pages of the document / digitally signed tender document.	Bidder to provide
11	Masked price bid (Please note that the masked price bid should be exact reflection of the commercial bid	Annexure 08

	except that the masked price bid <u>should not contain any financial information</u>	
12	Commercial Bid	Annexure 09
13	Integrity Pact (Dully Signed and Stamped by Authorized Signatory on proper stamp paper)	Annexure 11
14	Letter of authorization from the company authorizing the person to sign the tender response and related documents.	Bidder to provide
15	A certified copy of the resolution of Board, authenticated by Company Secretary/Director, authorizing an official/s of the company or a Power of Attorney copy to discuss, sign agreements/contracts with the Bank.	Bidder to provide
16	List of Certified Employees	Annexure 12

Commercial Bid (Annexure 09) must be sealed and signed by authorized signatory.

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Bidder's Corporate Name

Address

Email and Phone #

Date:

Annexure 02 - Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility Criteria Compliance to be directly met by the Bidder

S. No	Eligibility Criteria	Complied (Yes/No)	Supporting Required
A	General		
1	Bidder must be a Government Organization / PSU / PSE / partnership firm / LLP or private / public limited company in India at least for the last 5 years.		Documentary Proof to be attached (Certificate of Incorporation)
2	Bidder must not be blacklisted / debarred by any Statutory, Regulatory or Government Authorities or Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs / PSBs).		Letter of confirmation from Bidder.
3	The Bidder to provide information that any of its subsidiary or associate or holding company or companies having common director/s or companies in the same group of promoters/management or partnership firms/LLPs having common partners has not participated in the bid process.		Letter of confirmation from Bidder.
4	The Bidder to provide an undertaking on his letter head that all the deliverables highlighted as part of the Scope are covered in totality in the proposal submitted by the bidder		Letter of confirmation from Bidder.
B	Financial		
1	The Bidder must have registered a turnover of Rs.10 Crores or above (from Indian Operations only) in each year during the last three completed financial years–2019-20, 2020-21& 2021-22 (Not inclusive of the turnover of associate companies)		Audited Financial statements for the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21& 2021-22. Certified letter from the Chartered Accountant. The CA certificate in this regard should be without any riders or qualification.

S. No	Eligibility Criteria	Complied (Yes/No)	Supporting Required
2	The Bidder must be Net profit making entity (from Indian operations only) continuously for the last three years that is financial years –2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22.		Audited Financial statements for the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22. Certified letter from the Chartered Accountant. The CA certificate in this regard should be without any riders or qualification.
C	Experience & Support Infrastructure		
1	Bidder must have experience of providing ISO 27001 consultancy services to the Banking sector in India leading to successful ISO 27001 certification/recertification in the last 5 years.		Documentary Proof of order / contract copy / customer citation.
2	The Bidder must have at least 4 (four) consultants with qualifications such as ISO 27001 Lead Auditors and/or ISO 27001 Lead Implementers as employees as on date of this RFP		As per Annexure 12
3	The Bidder must have at least 8 number of CISA/CISSP/CEH Certified professionals as employees as on date of this RFP		

All dates if not specified to be applicable from the date of the RFP.

Authorized Signatory
Name:
Designation:
Vendor's Corporate Name
Address
Email and Phone #



Annexure 03 - Bid Security Letter

To

The Chief Information Security Officer
Bank of Baroda, Baroda Sun Tower
Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E),
Mumbai 400 051

Sir,

Sub: RFP for Selection of Consultant for IT Risk Assessment and ISO 27001 Consultancy Services

We having our registered office at (herein after called the 'BIDDER') are offering Earnest Money Deposit as per details below for consideration of the bid of the above mentioned Bidder.

Amount: Rs. _____ /- (Rupees _____ Only)

Mode: Online Transfer/Bank Guarantee

Payment Type: RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement) / NEFT (National Electronics Fund Transfer)/ /Bank Guarantee

UTR / Txn ref. No. _____

Txn Date: _____

Remitting Bank: _____

Remitting Bank IFSC Code: _____

Beneficiary Account: Bank of Baroda, Bank Account No. 29040400000417

Beneficiary Bank IFSC Code: BARB0BANEAS

The details of the transaction viz. scanned copy of the receipt of making transaction or Bank Guarantee or Micro and Small Enterprises (MSE) / Startups Certificate (if EMD not applicable) to be enclosed.

The Bank at its discretion, may reject the bid if the EMD money doesn't reflect in beneficiary account or BG not received as per details furnished above.

Account Details for refund of Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) as per terms & conditions mentioned in the Tender document

We having our registered office at (herein after called the 'BIDDER') are providing our bank account details as per below to be considered as our account for refund of Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit), wherever applicable as per terms & conditions mentioned in the Tender document.



A/C Name:

A/C No.(Company account details):

IFSC Code:

Bank Name:

Bank Address:

The details mentioned above is treated as final & bank shall not be held responsible for any wrong/failed transaction due to any discrepancy in above details.

Dated this.....by20

Yours faithfully,

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Bidder's Corporate Name

Address

Email and Phone #



Annexure 03A - Bid Security Declaration

(This letter should be on the letterhead of bidder duly signed by an authorized signatory)

To
The Chief Information Security Officer
Bank of Baroda, Baroda Sun Tower
Bandra Kurla Complex
Bandra (E),
Mumbai-400051

Sir,

Sub: RFP for Selection of Consultant for IT Risk Assessment and ISO 27001 Consultancy Services

We _____ (name of the company) hereby confirm that our companies/firms is/are exempted from submission of Bid Security as per extant procurement guidelines / rules issued by the Government of India.

We hereby accept that if we withdraw or modify the bids during the bid validity period then we will be suspended for the time period equal to Bid validity period mentioned in the tender to participate in any Bid Process by Bank of Baroda.

(Seal and Signature)

Authorized Signatory Name:
Designation:
Bidder's Corporate Name:
Place:



Annexure 04 - Bid Security Form

(FORMAT OF BANK GUARANTEE (BG) IN LIEU OF EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT)

Date DD-MM-YYYY

To

The Chief Information Security Officer
Bank of Baroda, Baroda Sun Tower
Bandra Kurla Complex Bandra (E),
Mumbai 400 051

Dear Sir,

Sub: RFP for Selection of Consultant for IT Risk Assessment and ISO 27001 Consultancy Services

WHEREAS.....(Company Name) registered under the Indian Companies Act 1956 and having its Registered Office at India (hereinafter referred to as "the VENDOR") proposes to offer its response to RFP No.. #: (RFP details) (hereinafter called the "RFP")

AND WHEREAS, in terms of the conditions as stipulated in the RFP, the VENDOR is required to furnish a Bank Guarantee in lieu of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank in India in your favour to secure the order of the RFP in accordance with the RFP Document (which guarantee is hereinafter called as "BANK GUARANTEE")

AND WHEREAS the VENDOR has approached us, for providing the BANK GUARANTEE.

AND WHEREAS at the request of the VENDOR and in consideration of the proposed RFP response to you, WE,.....having.....
... Office at....., India has agreed to issue the BANK GUARANTEE.

THEREFORE, WE, through our local office at India furnish you the Bank GUARANTEE in manner hereinafter contained and agree with you as follows:

1. We....., undertake to pay the amounts due and payable under this Guarantee without any demur, merely on demand from you and undertake to indemnify you and keep you indemnified from time to time to the extent of Rs.....(Rupeesonly) an amount equivalent to the EMD against any loss or damage caused to or suffered by or that may be caused to or suffered by you on account of any breach or breaches on the part of the vender . any of the terms and conditions contained in the RFP and in the event of the VENDOR commits default or defaults in carrying out any of the work or discharging any obligation in relation thereto under the RFP or otherwise in the observance and performance of any of the terms and conditions relating thereto in accordance with the true intent and meaning thereof, we shall forthwith on demand pay to you such sum or sums not exceeding the sum of Rs.....(Rupees..... only) as may be claimed by you on account of breach on the part of the VENDOR of their obligations in terms of the RFP.
2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or elsewhere, we agree that your decision as to whether the VENDOR has committed any such default or defaults and the amount or amounts to which you are entitled by reasons thereof will be binding on us and we shall not be entitled to ask you to establish your claim or claims under Bank Guarantee but will pay the same forthwith on your demand without any protest or demur.
3. This Bank Guarantee shall continue and hold good until it is released by you on the application by the VENDOR after expiry of the relative guarantee period of the RFP and after the VENDOR had discharged all his obligations under the RFP and produced a certificate of due completion of work under the said RFP and submitted a “No Demand Certificate “provided always that the guarantee shall in no event remain in force after the day of without prejudice to your claim or claims arisen and demanded from or otherwise notified to us in writing before the expiry of the said date which will be enforceable against us notwithstanding that the same is or are enforced after the said date.
4. Should it be necessary to extend Bank Guarantee on account of any reason whatsoever, we undertake to extend the period of Bank Guarantee on your request under intimation to the VENDOR till such time as may be required by you. Your decision in this respect shall be final and binding on us.
5. You will have the fullest liberty without affecting Bank Guarantee from time to time to vary any of the terms and conditions of the RFP or extend the time of performance of the RFP or to postpone any time or from time to time any of your rights or powers against the VENDOR and either to enforce or forbear to enforce any of the terms and conditions of the said RFP and we shall not be

released from our liability under Bank Guarantee by exercise of your liberty with reference to matters aforesaid or by reason of any time being given to the VENDOR or any other forbearance, act or omission on your part of or any indulgence by you to the VENDOR or by any variation or modification of the RFP or any other act, matter or things whatsoever which under law relating to sureties, would but for the provisions hereof have the effect of so releasing us from our liability hereunder provided always that nothing herein contained will enlarge our liability hereunder beyond the limit of Rs.....(Rupees.....only) as aforesaid or extend the period of the guarantee beyond the said day of unless expressly agreed to by us in writing.

6. The Bank Guarantee shall not in any way be affected by your taking or giving up any securities from the VENDOR or any other person, firm or company on its behalf or by the winding up, dissolution, insolvency or death as the case may be of the VENDOR.
7. In order to give full effect to the guarantee herein contained, you shall be entitled to act as if we were your principal debtors in respect of all your claims against the VENDOR hereby guaranteed by us as aforesaid and we hereby expressly waive all our rights of surety ship and other rights, if any, which are in any way inconsistent with any of the provisions of Bank Guarantee.
8. Subject to the maximum limit of our liability as aforesaid, Bank Guarantee will cover all your claim or claims against the VENDOR from time to time arising out of or in relation to the said RFP and in respect of which your claim in writing is lodged on us before expiry of Bank Guarantee.
9. Any notice by way of demand or otherwise hereunder may be sent by courier, telex, fax, e-mail or registered post to our local address as aforesaid and if sent accordingly it shall be deemed to have been given when the same has been posted.
10. The Bank Guarantee and the powers and provisions herein contained are in addition to and not by way of limitation of or substitution for any other guarantee or guarantees here before given to you by us (whether jointly with others or alone) and now existing un-cancelled and that Bank Guarantee is not intended to and shall not revoke or limit such guarantee or guarantees.
11. The Bank Guarantee shall not be affected by any change in the constitution of the VENDOR or us nor shall it be affected by any change in your constitution or by any amalgamation or absorption thereof or therewith but will ensure to the benefit of and be available to and be enforceable by the absorbing or amalgamated company or concern.



12. The Bank Guarantee shall come into force from the date of its execution and shall not be revoked by us any time during its currency without your previous consent in writing.
13. We further agree and undertake to pay you the amount demanded by you in writing irrespective of any dispute or controversy between you and the VENDOR.
14. Notwithstanding anything contained herein above;
 - i) our liability under this Guarantee shall not exceed Rs.....(Rupees.....only) ;
 - ii) this Bank Guarantee shall be valid up to and including the date and
 - iii) we are liable to pay the guaranteed amount or any part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only and only if you serve upon us a written claim or demand on or before the expiry of this guarantee.
15. We have the power to issue this Bank Guarantee in your favour under the Memorandum and Articles of Association of our Bank and the undersigned has full power to execute this Bank Guarantee under the Power of Attorney issued by the Bank.

For and on behalf of

Branch Manager

Seal & Address



Annexure 05 – Undertaking from the Bidder

To

The Chief Information Security Officer
Bank of Baroda
Baroda Sun Tower
Bandra Kurla Complex
Bandra (E), Mumbai 400 051

Sir,

Sub: RFP for Selection of Consultant for IT Risk Assessment and ISO 27001 Consultancy Services

Having examined the Tender Documents including all Annexures and Appendices, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned offer to deliver all the deliverables mentioned in the 'Request for Proposal' and the other schedules of requirements and services for your bank in conformity with the said Tender Documents in accordance with the schedule of Prices indicated in the Price Bid and made part of this Tender.

1. If our Bid is accepted, we undertake to comply with the delivery schedule as mentioned in the Tender Document.
2. We agree to abide by this Tender Offer for 180 days from date of bid opening and our Offer shall remain binding on us and may be accepted by the Bank any time before expiry of the offer.
3. This Bid, together with your written acceptance thereof and your notification of award, shall constitute a binding Contract between us.
4. a) We undertake that in competing for and if the award is made to us, in executing the subject Contract, we will strictly observe the laws against fraud and corruption in force in India namely "Prevention of Corruption Act 1988".
a) Commission or gratuities, if any paid or to be paid by us to agents relating to this Bid and to Contract execution, if we are awarded the Contract are listed below.
 - i. Name and Address of the Agent -
 - ii. Amount and Currency in which Commission paid / payable -
 - iii. Purpose of payment of Commission (If commission is not paid / not payable indicate the same here) -
5. We agree that the Bank is not bound to accept the lowest or any Bid the Bank may receive.
6. We certify that we have provided all the information requested by the bank in the format requested for. We also understand that the bank has the exclusive right to



reject this offer in case the bank is of the opinion that the required information is not provided or is provided in a different format.

Dated this.....by20

Yours faithfully,

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Bidder's Corporate Name

Address

Email and Phone #



Annexure 06–Pre-Bid Queries Form

(Please note that all pre-bid queried need to be send by email in excel format only)

[Please provide your comments on the Terms & conditions in this section. You are requested to categorize your comments under appropriate headings such as those pertaining to the Scope of work, Approach, Work plan, Personnel schedule, Curriculum Vitae, Experience in related projects etc. You are also requested to provide a reference of the page number, state the clarification point and the comment/ suggestion/ deviation that you propose as shown below.]

Name of the Respondent:

Contact Person from Respondent in case of need.

Name :

Tel No:

e-Mail ID:

Sr. No.	Page #	Point / Section #	Category (Scope/Commercial/Legal/ General)	Clarification point as stated in the tender document	Comment/ Suggestion/ Deviation
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Vendor's Corporate Name

Address

Email and Phone #

Date:



Annexure 07–Conformity Letter

(This letter should be on the letterhead of the bidder duly signed by an authorized signatory)

To

The Chief Information Security Officer
Bank of Baroda
Baroda Sun Tower
Bandra Kurla Complex
Bandra (E), Mumbai 400 051

Sir,

Sub: RFP for Selection of Consultant for IT Risk Assessment and ISO 27001 Consultancy Services

Further to our proposal dated, in response to the Request for Proposal.....(Bank's tender No. hereinafter referred to as "RFP") issued by Bank of Baroda ("Bank") we hereby covenant, warrant and confirm as follows:

We hereby agree to comply with all the terms and conditions / stipulations as contained in the RFP and the related addendums and other documents including the changes made to the original tender documents issued by the Bank shall form a valid and binding part of the aforesaid RFP document. The Bank is not bound by any other extraneous matters or deviations, even if mentioned by us elsewhere either in our proposal or any subsequent deviations sought by us, whether orally or in writing, and the Bank's decision not to accept any such extraneous conditions and deviations will be final and binding on us.

Yours faithfully,

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Bidder's Corporate Name

Address

Email and Phone #

Annexure 08–Masked Commercial Bid

(in INR) excluding GST

Sr. No.	Major activities	Surveillance (Year 1)	Surveillance (Year 2)	Recertification (Year 3)	Total Cost of assignment
1	Risk Assessment of DC and DR Operations				
2	Pre surveillance /recertification internal audit as per ISO 27001 standard of DC and DR				
Total Cost					

Note:

- For each of the above items provided the bidder is required to provide the cost for every line item where the bidder has considered the cost in BOM.
- The bidder needs to clearly indicate if there are any recurring costs included in the above bid and quantify the same. In the absence of this, the bidder would need to provide the same without any charge. Bidder should make no changes to the quantity.
- If the cost for any line item is indicated as zero then it will be assumed by the Bank that the said item is provided to the Bank without any cost.
- All Deliverables to be supplied as per RFP requirements provided in the tender
- The Service Charges need to include all services and other requirement as mentioned in the RFP
- The bidder has to make sure all the arithmetical calculations are accurate. Bank will not be held responsible for any incorrect calculations however for the purpose of calculation Bank will take the corrected figures / cost.
- All prices to be in Indian Rupee (INR) only.
- Prices quoted by the Bidder should be inclusive of all taxes, duties, levies etc. except GST which will be paid extra at actuals. The Bidder is expected to provide the GST amount and GST percentage in both the commercial and masked bids (without amounts being submitted in the technical response).
- There will be no price escalation for during the contract period and any extension thereof. Bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation will be treated as non-responsive and will be rejected.
- Bank have discretion to mark these line items as optional if Bank feels these items are not mandatory for the project. Cost of any other charges will be consider for TCO calculation purpose however Bank will place order for these items at Bank's discretion as per requirement.



- k. All Quoted Commercial Values should comprise of values only up to 2 decimal places. Bank for evaluation purpose will consider values only up to 2 decimal places for all calculations & ignore all figures beyond 2 decimal places.

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Vendor's Corporate Name

Annexure 09–Commercial Bid

(in INR) excluding GST

Sr. No.	Major activities	Surveillance (Year 1)	Surveillance (Year 2)	Recertification (Year 3)	Total Cost of assignment
1	Risk Assessment of DC and DR Operations				
2	Pre surveillance /recertification internal audit as per ISO 27001 standard of DC and DR				
Total Cost					

Note:

- For each of the above items provided the bidder is required to provide the cost for every line item where the bidder has considered the cost in BOM.
- The bidder needs to clearly indicate if there are any recurring costs included in the above bid and quantify the same. In the absence of this, the bidder would need to provide the same without any charge. Bidder should make no changes to the quantity.
- If the cost for any line item is indicated as zero then it will be assumed by the Bank that the said item is provided to the Bank without any cost.
- All Deliverables to be supplied as per RFP requirements provided in the tender
- The Service Charges need to include all services and other requirement as mentioned in the RFP
- The bidder has to make sure all the arithmetical calculations are accurate. Bank will not be held responsible for any incorrect calculations however for the purpose of calculation Bank will take the corrected figures / cost.
- All prices to be in Indian Rupee (INR) only.
- Prices quoted by the Bidder should be inclusive of all taxes, duties, levies etc. except GST which will be paid extra at actuals. The Bidder is expected to provide the GST amount and GST percentage in both the commercial and masked bids (without amounts being submitted in the technical response).
- There will be no price escalation for during the contract period and any extension thereof. Bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation will be treated as non-responsive and will be rejected.
- Bank have discretion to mark these line items as optional if Bank feels these items are not mandatory for the project. Cost of any other charges will be consider for TCO calculation purpose however Bank will place order for these items at Bank's discretion as per requirement.



- k. All Quoted Commercial Values should comprise of values only up to 2 decimal places. Bank for evaluation purpose will consider values only up to 2 decimal places for all calculations & ignore all figures beyond 2 decimal places.

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Vendor's Corporate Name



Annexure 10-Performance Guarantee

BANK GUARANTEE

(FORMAT OF PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE)

To

The Chief Information Security Officer
Bank of Baroda
Baroda Sun Tower
Bandra Kurla Complex
Bandra (E), Mumbai 400 051

WHEREAS M/S (Name of Bidder) a Company registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and having its Registered Office at , (Please provide complete address) (hereinafter referred to as "Bidder") was awarded a contract by Bank of Baroda (the Bank) vide their Purchase Order no. dated (hereinafter referred to as "PO") for

AND WHEREAS, in terms of the conditions as stipulated in the PO and the Request for Proposal document No. Dated for (hereinafter referred to as "RFP"), the bidder is required to furnish a Performance Bank Guarantee issued by a Public Sector Bank in India in your favour for Rs...../- towards due performance of the contract in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the purchase order and RFP document (which guarantee is hereinafter called as "BANK GUARANTEE").

AND WHEREAS the Bidder has approached us for providing the BANK GUARANTEE.

AND WHEREAS at the request of the Bidder, WE,, a body corporate in terms of the Banking Companies Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings Act, 1970/1980 having its Office at and a branch inter alia at India have agreed to issue the BANK GUARANTEE.

THEREFORE, WE, (name of Bank and its address) through our local office at India furnish you the BANK GUARANTEE in manner hereinafter contained and agree with

you as follows:

1. We do hereby expressly, irrevocably and unconditionally undertake to pay the amounts due and payable under this Guarantee without any demur, merely on demand from you and undertake to indemnify you and keep you indemnified from time to time and at all times to the extent of Rs.-/-(Rupees only) against any loss or damage caused to or suffered by or that may be caused to or suffered by you on account of any breach or breaches on the part of the Bidder of any of the terms and conditions contained in the PO and RFP and in the event of the Bidder committing default or defaults in carrying out any of the work or discharging any obligation under the PO or RFP document or otherwise in the observance and performance of any of the terms and conditions relating thereto in accordance with the true intent and meaning thereof, we shall forthwith on demand pay to you such sum or sums not exceeding the sum of Rs.....-/-(Rupees only) as may be claimed by you on account of breach on the part of the Bidder of their obligations or default in terms of the PO and RFP.
2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or elsewhere, we agree that your decision as to whether the bidder has committed any such breach/ default or defaults and the amount or amounts to which you are entitled by reasons thereof will be binding on us and we shall not be entitled to ask you to establish your claim or claims under Bank Guarantee, but will pay the same forthwith on your demand without any protest or demur. Any such demand made by Bank of Baroda shall be conclusive as regards the amount due and payable by us to you.
3. This Bank Guarantee shall continue and hold good until it is released by you on the application by the Bidder after expiry of the relative guarantee period provided always that the guarantee shall in no event remain in force after (date) without prejudice to your claim or claims arisen and demanded from or otherwise notified to us in writing before the expiry of the said date which will be enforceable against us notwithstanding that the same is or are enforced after the said date.
4. You will have the fullest liberty without our consent and without affecting our liabilities under this Bank Guarantee from time to time to vary any of the terms and conditions of the PO and RFP or extend the time of performance of the contract or to postpone for any time or from time to time any of your rights or powers against the bidder and either to enforce or forbear to enforce any of the terms and conditions of the said PO and RFP and we shall not be released from our liability under Bank Guarantee by exercise of your liberty with reference to matters aforesaid or by reason of any time being given to the bidder or any other forbearance, act or omission on your part or any indulgence by you to the bidder or any other act, matter or things whatsoever which under law relating to sureties, would but for the provisions hereof have the effect of so releasing us from our liability hereunder provided always that nothing herein contained will enlarge our liability hereunder beyond the limit of Rs.

...../- (Rupees.....
only) as aforesaid or extend the period of the guarantee beyond the said
..... (date) unless expressly agreed to by us in writing.

5. The Bank Guarantee shall not in any way be affected by your taking or giving up any securities from the bidder or any other person, firm or company on its behalf or by the winding up, dissolution, insolvency or death as the case may be of the bidder.
6. In order to give full effect to the guarantee herein contained, you shall be entitled to act as if we were your principal debtors in respect of all your claims against the bidder hereby guaranteed by us as aforesaid and we hereby expressly waive all our rights of surety ship and other rights, if any, which are in any way inconsistent with any of the provisions of Bank Guarantee.
7. Subject to the maximum limit of our liability as aforesaid, Bank Guarantee will cover all your claim or claims against the bidder from time to time arising out of or in relation to the PO and RFP and in respect of which your claim in writing is lodged on us before expiry of Bank Guarantee.
8. Any notice by way of demand or otherwise hereunder may be sent by special courier, telex, fax or registered post to our local address as aforesaid and if sent accordingly it shall be deemed to have been given when the same has been posted.
9. The Bank Guarantee and the powers and provisions herein contained are in addition to and not by way of limitation of or substitution for any other guarantee or guarantees hereto before given to you by us (whether jointly with others or alone) and now existing uncanceled and this Bank Guarantee is not intended to and shall not revoke or limit such guarantee or guarantees.
10. The Bank Guarantee shall not be affected by any change in the constitution of the bidder or us nor shall it be affected by any change in your constitution or by any amalgamation or absorption thereof or therewith but will ensure to the benefit of and be available to and be enforceable by the absorbing or amalgamated company or concern.
11. The Bank Guarantee shall come into force from the date of its execution and shall not be revoked by us any time during its currency without your previous consent in writing.
12. We further agree and undertake to pay you the amount demanded by you in writing irrespective of any dispute or controversy between you and the bidder in any suit or proceeding pending before any court or Tribunal relating thereto, our liability under this present being absolute and unequivocal. The payments so made by us shall be a valid discharge of our liability for payment here under and the bidder shall have no claim against us for making such payment.
13. Notwithstanding anything contained herein above;
 - a. our liability under this Guarantee shall not exceed Rs./-
(Rupeesonly)
 - b. this Bank Guarantee shall be valid and remain in force upto and including the



date and

- c. we are liable to pay the guaranteed amount or any part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only and only if you serve upon us a written claim or demand on or before the expiry of this guarantee.

14. We have the power to issue this Bank Guarantee in your favour under the Memorandum and Articles of Association of our Bank and the undersigned has full power to execute this Bank Guarantee under the Power of Attorney issued by the Bank.

Dated this the day of, 20.....

For and on behalf of

Branch Manager

Seal and Address



Annexure 11 – Integrity Pact

PRE CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT (TO BE STAMPED AS AN AGREEMENT)

General

This pre-bid pre-contract Agreement (hereinafter called the Integrity Pact) is made on _____ day of _____ month, 20____, between, on one hand,

BANK OF BARODA, a body corporate constituted under the provisions of Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 and having its Corporate Office at Baroda Corporate Centre, C-26, G-Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai 400051 (hereinafter referred to as "**BOB**"; which expression shall, unless it be repugnant to the meaning or context thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and assigns); and.....hereinafter referred to as "The Bidder /Bidder"

Preamble

BOB is a one of the nationalized PSU Banks having its presence through its _____ number of branches and _____ administrative offices throughout India and _____ overseas territories. BOB is committed to fair and transparent procedure in appointing of its outsource service providers.

The BOB intends to appoint/ select, under laid down organizational procedures, contract/ s for..... The BOB values full compliance with all relevant laws of the land, rules, regulations, economic use of resources and of fairness / transparency in its relations with its Bidder(s) and / or Bidder(s).

In order to achieve these goals, the BOB will appoint Independent External Monitors (IEM) who will monitor the tender process and the execution of the contract for compliance with the principles mentioned above.

Section 1 - Commitments of BOB

1. The BOB commits it self to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption and to observe the following principles: -
 - a. No employee of the BOB, personally or through family members, will in connection with the tender for, or the execution of a contract, demand; take a promise for or accept, for self or third person, any monetary or non-monetary benefit which the person is not legally entitled to.
 - b. The BOB will, during the tender process treat all Bidder(s) with equity and reason. The BOB will in particular, before and during the tender process, provide to all Bidder(s) the same information and will not provide to any Bidder(s) confidential /additional information through which the Bidder(s) could obtain an advantage in relation to the tender process or the contract execution.
 - c. The BOB will make endeavor to exclude from the selection process all known prejudiced persons.

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2. If the BOB obtains information on the conduct of any of its employees which is a criminal offence under the IPC/PC Act, or if the rebeassubs tantive suspicion in this regard, the BOB will inform the Chief Vigilance Officer and in addition can initiated is disciplinary actions.

Section 2 - Commitments of the Bidder(s)/ Bidder(s)

- a. The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) commit themselves to take all measures necessary to prevent corruption. The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) commit themselves to observe the following principles during participation in the tender process and during the contract execution.
- b. The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) will not, directly or through any other person or firm, offer, promise or give to any of the BOB's employees involved in the tender process or the execution of the contract or to any third person any material or other benefit which he/ she is not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange any advantage of any kind whatsoever during the tender process or during the execution of the contract.
- c. The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) will not enter with other Bidders into any undisclosed agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal. This applies in particular to prices, specifications, certifications, subsidiary contracts, submission or non-submission of bids or any other actions to restrict competitiveness or to introduce cartelization in the bidding process.
- d. The Bidder(s)/ Bidder(s) will not commit any offence under the relevant IPC/ PC Act; further the Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) will not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass on to others, any information or document provided by the BOB as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained or transmitted electronically.
- e. The Bidder(s) / Bidders(s) of foreign origin shall disclose the name and address of the Agents/ representatives in India, if any, similarly the Bidder(s) /Bidders(s) of Indian Nationality shall furnish the name and address of the foreign principals, if any. Further details as mentioned in the "Guidelines on Indian Agents of Foreign Suppliers" shall be disclosed by the Bidder(s) / Bidder(s). 6-7}
- f. The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) will, when presenting their bid, disclose any and all payments made, is committed to or intends to make to agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the award of the contract.
- g. Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) who have signed the Integrity Pact shall not approach the Courts while representing the matter to IEMs and shall wait for their decision in the matter.

3. The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) will not instigate third persons to commit offences outlined above or be an accessory to such offences.

Section 3 - Disqualification from tender process and exclusion from future contracts

If the Bidder, before contract award has committed a transgression through a violation of Section 2 or in any other form such as to put his reliability or credibility as Bidder into question, the Principal is entitled to disqualify the Bidder from the tender process or to terminate the contract, if already signed, for such reason (pages.8-17).

Section 4 - Compensation for Damages

- (1) If the BOB has disqualified the Bidder(s) from the tender process prior to the award according to Section 3, the BOB is entitled to demand and recover the damages equivalent to Earnest Money Deposit/ Bid Security.
- (2) If the BOB has terminated the contract according to Section 3, or if the BOB is entitled to terminate the contract according to Section the BOB shall be entitled to demand and recover from the Bidder liquidated damages of the Contract value or the amount equivalent to Performance Bank Guarantee.

Section 5 - Previous transgression

- (1) The Bidder declares that no previous transgressions occurred in the last three years with any other Company in any country conforming to the anti-corruption approach or with any Public Sector Enterprise in India that could justify his exclusion from the tender process.
- (2) If the Bidder makes incorrect statement on this subject, he can be disqualified from the tender process or action can be taken as per the procedure mentioned in "Guidelines on Banning of business dealings".

Section 6 - Equal treatment of all Bidders I Bidders I SubBidders

- (1) In case of Sub-contracting, the Principal Bidder shall take the responsibility of the adoption of Integrity Pact by the Sub-Bidder.
- (2) The BOB will enter into agreements with identical conditions as this one with all Bidders and Bidders.
- (3) The BOB will disqualify from the tender process all bidders who do not sign this Pact or violate its provisions.

Section 7 - Criminal charges against violating Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) /SubBidder(s)

If the BOB obtains knowledge of conduct of a Bidder, Bidder or SubBidder, or of an employee or a representative or an associate of a Bidder, Bidder or SubBidder which constitutes corruption, or if the BOB has substantive suspicion in this regard, the BOB will inform the same to the Chief Vigilance Officer.

Section 8 - Independent External Monitor

- (1) The BOB has appointed Independent External Monitors (hereinafter referred to as Monitors) for this Pact in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission. Name: Shri Harishwar Dayal dayalagra@gmail.com appointed competent and credible Independent External Monitor for this Pact after approval by Central

Vigilance Commission. The task of the Monitor is to review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this agreement.

- (2) The Monitor is not subject to instructions by the representatives of the parties and performs his/ her functions neutrally and independently. The Monitor would have access to all Contract documents, whenever required. It will be obligatory for him / her to treat the information and documents of the Bidders/Bidders as confidential.
- (3) The Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) accepts that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction to all Project documentation of the BOB including that provided by the Bidder. The Bidder will also grant the Monitor, upon his/ her request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to their project documentation. The same is applicable to Sub-Bidders.
- (4) The Monitor is under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the Bidder(s) / Bidder(s) / Sub-Bidder(s) with confidentiality. The Monitor has also signed 'Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information'. In case of any conflict of interest arising during the selection period or at a later date, the IEM shall inform BOB and recuse himself / herself from that case.
- (5) The BOB will provide to the Monitor sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the Project provided such meetings could have an impact on the contractual relations between the BOB and the Bidder. The parties offer to the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings.
- (6) As soon as the Monitor notices, or believes to notice, a violation of this agreement, he/ she will so inform the Management of the BOB and request the Management to discontinue or take corrective action, or to take other relevant action. The monitor can in this regard submit non-binding recommendations. Beyond this, the Monitor has no right to demand from the parties that they act in a specific manner, refrain from action or tolerate action.
- (7) The Monitor will submit a written report to the BOB officials within 15 days from the date of reference or intimation to him by the BOB and, should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.
- (8) If the Monitor has reported to the BOB, a substantiated suspicion of an offence under relevant IPC/ PC Act, and the BOB has not, within the reasonable time taken visible action to proceed against such offence or reported it to the Chief Vigilance Officer, the Monitor may also transmit this information directly to the Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- (9) The word 'Monitor' would include both singular and plural.

Section 9 Facilitation of Investigation

In case of any allegation of violation of any provisions of this Pact or payment of commission, the BUYER or its agencies shall be entitled to examine all the documents including the Books of Accounts of the BIDDER and the BIDDER shall provide necessary information and documents in English and shall extend all possible help for the purpose of such examination



Section 10 - contract has been awarded. Any violation of the same would entail disqualification of the Bidder

This Contract begins when both parties have legally signed it. It expires for the selected Bidder till the contract period, and for all other Bidders 6 months after the bid and exclusion from future business dealings.

If any claims made/lodged during this time, the same shall be binding and continue to be valid despite the lapse of this contract as specified above, unless it is discharged / determined by BOB.

Section 11 - Other provisions

- (1) This agreement is subject to Indian Law. Place of performance and jurisdiction is the Corporate Office of the BOB, i.e. Mumbai.
- (2) Changes and supplements as well as termination notices need to be made in writing.
- (3) If the Bidder is a partnership or a consortium, this agreement must be signed by all partners or consortium members.
- (4) Should one or several provisions of this agreement turn out to be invalid, the remainder of this agreement remains valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to the original intentions.
- (5) Issues like scope of work, Warranty/ Guarantee etc. shall be outside the purview of IEMs.
- (6) In the event of any contradiction between the Integrity Pact and RFP/ RFQ/ tender documents and its Annexure, the Clause in the Integrity Pact will prevail.

(For & On behalf of the BOB) (For & On behalf of Bidder/ Bidder)

(Office Seal)

(Office Seal)

Place-----

Date-----

Witness 1:

(Name & Address) _____

Witness 2:

(Name & Address) _____

Annexure 12 – List Of Certified Employees

Sl. No.	Name of Employee	Date of Joining	Certifications / Accreditations
			(i) ISO 27001 Lead Auditors and/or Lead Implementers
			(ii) CISA/CISSP/CEH



Annexure 13 – Bid Fees (Application Money) Letter

To

The Chief Information Security Officer
Bank of Baroda, Baroda Sun Tower
Bandra Kurla Complex Bandra (E),
Mumbai 400 051
Sir,

Sub: RFP for Selection of Consultant for IT Risk Assessment and ISO 27001 Consultancy Services

We having our registered office at (herein after called the 'BIDDER') are offering Application Money Deposit as per details below for consideration of the bid of the above mentioned Bidder.

Amount: Rs. _____ /- (Rupees _____ Only)

Mode: Online Transfer

Payment Type: RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement) / NEFT (National Electronics Fund Transfer)

UTR / Txn ref. No. _____

Txn Date: _____

Remitting Bank: _____

Remitting Bank IFSC Code: _____

Beneficiary Account: Bank of Baroda, Bank Account No. 29040400000417

Beneficiary Bank IFSC Code: BARB0BANEAS

The details of the transaction viz. scanned copy of the receipt of making transaction or Micro and Small Enterprises (MSE) / Startups Certificate (if EMD not applicable) to be enclosed.

The Bank at its discretion, may reject the bid if the application money doesn't reflect in beneficiary account as per details furnished above.

Dated this.....by20

Yours faithfully,

Authorized Signatory

Name:

Designation:

Bidder's Corporate Name

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Address
Email and Phone #



Annexure 14 – Instruction to Bidders – E Tendering

General Instructions

To view the Tender Document along with this Notice and its supporting documents, kindly visit following e-Tendering website of Bank of Baroda:

www.tenderwizard.com/BOB

The bidders participating first time for e-tendering on Bank of Baroda e-tendering portal will have to complete the Online Registration Process on the e-tendering portal. A link for enrolment of new bidders has been provided on the above link. All bidders interested in participating in the online e-tendering process are required to procure Class III Digital Signatures e-Token having -02- certificates inside it, one for Signing/Verification purpose and another for Encryption/Decryption purpose. The bid should be prepared & submitted online using the bidder's authorized Class III Digital Signature (Individual certificate is allowed for proprietorship firms) Digital e- Token.

If any assistance is required regarding e-tendering (registration / upload / download / Bid Preparation / Bid Submission) please contact Tender wizard Help Desk as per following:

Helpdesk Contact No.: +91-11-49424365

email: eprocarebob@etenderwizard.com

Primary Contact Number

- Mr. Krunal Mahajan : +91-8800907637

Alternate Contact Numbers

- Mr. Sandeep Gautam : +91-8800496478
- Mr. Kamal Mishra : +91-8800115821

Contact No. for other activities

- Registration Help Desk : +91-11-49424365

(Kindly put "REGISTRATION/PROFILE UPDATE" in the subject line of the email to eprocarebob@etenderwizard.com)

- e-procurement queries : +91-11-49424365

(Kindly put "E-PROCUREMENT QUERIES" in the subject line of the email to eprocarebob@etenderwizard.com)

Note: please note support team will be contacting through email and whenever required through phone call as well. Depending on nature of assistance support team will contact on the priority basis. It will be very convenient for bidder to schedule their online demo in advance with support team to avoid last minute rush.

Downloading of Tender Document

The tender document is uploaded / released on Bank of Baroda e-tendering portal link as mentioned above. Tender document and supporting documents may be downloaded from same link. Subsequently, bid has to be prepared and submitted **ONLINE ONLY** as per the schedule given in Notice Details. The Tender document will be available online only. Tender document will not be sold / issued manually.



Only those tender offers shall be accepted for evaluation for which non-refundable Application Money and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is deposited as per the terms mentioned in this RFP.

Preparation & Submission of Bids

The bids (Pre-Qualification, Eligibility, Technical as well as Commercial) shall have to be prepared and subsequently submitted online only. Bids not submitted "ONLINE" or by any other mean shall be summarily rejected. No other form of submission shall be permitted.

Do's and Don'ts for Bidder

- ▶ Registration process for new Bidders should be completed within first week of release of tender.
- ▶ The e-procurement portal is open for upload of documents from the start of the bid submission date. Hence bidders are advised to start the process of upload of bid documents well in advance.
- ▶ Bidders have to prepare for submission of their bid documents online well in advance as
 - The encrypt/upload process of soft copy of the bid documents large in number to e-procurement portal may take longer time depending upon bidder's infrastructure and connectivity.
 - To avoid last minute rush & technical difficulties faced by bidders in uploading/submission of bids, bidders are required to start the uploading of all the documents required -01- week in advance for timely online submission of bid.
- ▶ Bidders to initiate uploading of few primary documents during the start of the tender submission and any request for help/support required for uploading the documents / understanding the system should be taken up with e-procurement service provider well in advance.
- ▶ Bidders should not raise request for extension of time on the last day of submission due to non-submission of their bids on time as Bank will not be in a position to provide any support at the last minute as the portal is managed by e-procurement service provider.
- ▶ Bidder should not raise request for offline submission or late submission since ONLINE submission is accepted only.
- ▶ Partly or incomplete submission of bids by the bidders will not be processed and will be summarily rejected.

Guidelines to Bidders for Electronic Tendering System

Pre-requisites to participate in the Tenders

Registration of bidders on e-procurement portal of Bank of Baroda:

The bidders unregistered on e-procurement portal of Bank of Baroda and interested



in participating in the e-tendering process shall be required to enroll/register on the e-procurement portal. To enroll, bidders have to generate User ID and password on www.tenderwizard.com/BOB. The bidders may obtain the necessary information on the process of registration/enrollment either from Helpdesk Support Team: +91-11-49424365 or may download Bidder Help Manuals available under “Help Manuals/ Latest Circulars/ Formats” on home page of e-procurement portal i.e. www.tenderwizard.com/BOB.

Preparation of Bid & Guidelines for Digital Certificate

The Bid Data that is prepared online is required to be signed & encrypted and the hash value of the Bid Data is required to be signed electronically using a Class III Digital Certificate. This is required to maintain the security of the Bid Data and also to establish the identity of the Bidder transacting on the System. This Digital Certificate should be having Two Pair (1. Sign Verification 2. Encryption/ Decryption). Encryption Certificate is used to encrypt the data / information and Signing Certificate to sign the hash value during the Online Submission of Tender stage.

The Digital Certificates are issued by an approved Certifying Authority authorized by the Controller of Certifying Authorities of Government of India through their Authorized Representatives upon receipt of documents required to obtain a Digital Certificate.

Bid data / information for a particular Tender must be submitted only using the Digital Certificate. In case, during the process of preparing and submitting a bid for a particular tender, the bidder loses his / her Digital Signature Certificate (i.e. due to virus attack, hardware problem, operating system problem), he / she may not be able to submit the Bid online. Hence, the bidders are advised to store his / her Digital Certificate securely and if possible, keep a backup at safe place under adequate security to be used in case of need.

In case of online tendering, if the Digital Certificate issued to an authorized user of a partnership firm is used for signing and submitting a bid, it will be considered equivalent to a no objection certificate / power of attorney to that user to submit the bid on behalf of the Partnership Firm. The Partnership Firm has to authorize a specific individual via an authorization certificate signed by a partner of the firm (and in case the applicant is a partner, another partner in the same form is required to authorize) to use the digital certificate as per *Indian Information Technology Act, 2000*.

Unless the Digital Certificate is revoked, it will be assumed to represent adequate authority of the Authority User to bid on behalf of the Firm for the Tenders processed on the Electronic Tender Management System of Bank of Baroda as per *Indian Information Technology Act, 2000*. The Digital Signature of this Authorized User will be binding on the Firm. It shall be the responsibility of Partners of the Firm to inform the Certifying Authority or Sub Certifying Authority, if the Authorized User changes, and apply for a fresh Digital Signature Certificate. The procedure for application of a Digital Signature Certificate will remain the same for the new Authorized User.

The same procedure holds true for the Authorized Users in a Private / Public Limited Company.

The bidder should Ensure while procuring new digital certificate that they procure a pair of certificates (two certificates) one for the purpose of Digital Signature, Non-Repudiation and another for Key Encipherment.

Recommended Hardware and Internet Connectivity

To operate on the Electronic Tendering System, the bidders are recommended to use Computer System with at least 2 GB of RAM and broadband connectivity with minimum 1 Mbps bandwidth. However, Computer Systems with latest i3 / i5 Intel Processors and Broadband/4G connection is recommended for better performance.

- Operating System Requirement : Windows 7 & above
- Browser Requirement (anyone from following)
 - Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) version 11 and above
 - Mozilla Firefox - Latest version
 - Google Chrome - Latest version
- Browser settings
 1. Disable the 'Popup Blocker' in the browser under Tools. Make sure this is in 'Turn Off' mode.
 2. Add the e-procurement domain name in the 'Compatibility View' list of your browser Turn off the 'Smart Screen Filter' in the browser.
- Supported File Types
 1. General Documents such as DOC, XLS, JPG, BMP, GIF, PNG, PDF, ZIP formats are allowed
 2. Files with .EXE, .PSD extensions are not allowed
 3. File size not to exceed 5 MB per attachment
 4. All uploaded files should be virus free and error free
- Minimum System Configuration
 1. CPU speed of 2.0 GHz
 2. USB Ports
 3. 2 GB of System Memory (RAM)
 4. Anti-virus software should be enabled and updated regularly
- Requirement of utility software
 1. Java Run Time Engine (JRE – 1.8.0) or higher.
 2. Microsoft Office 2003 with MS Word and MS Excel
 3. Adobe Acrobat Reader, PKI Installation Driver for Digital Signature

Steps to participate in the e-Tenders

Online viewing of Detailed Notice Inviting Tenders

The bidders can view the Detailed Tender Notice along with the Time Schedule



(Key Dates) for all the Live Tenders released by Bank of Baroda on the home page of bank's e-Tendering Portal on www.tenderwizard.com/BOB.

Download of Tender Documents

The Pre-qualification / Main Bidding Documents are available for free downloading. However, to participate in the online tender, the bidder must pay application money via /NEFT/RTGS mode & submit the details in the e-procurement portal.

Online Submission of Tender

Submission of bids will be preceded by Online Submission of Tender with digitally signed Bid Hashes (Seals) within the Tender Time Schedule (Key dates) published in the Detailed Notice Inviting Tender. The Bid Data is to be prepared in the templates provided by the Tendering Authority of BOB. The templates may be either form based, extensible tables and / or upload-able documents. In the form-based type of templates and extensible table type of templates, the bidders are required to enter the data and encrypt the data/documents using the Digital Certificate / Encryption Tool wherever applicable.

- Close for Bidding: After the expiry of the cut-off time of Online Submission of Tender stage to be completed by the Bidders has lapsed, the Tender will be closed by the Tender Authority.
- Online Final Confirmation: After submitting all the documents bidders need to click on "Final Submission" tab. System will give pop up "You have successfully completed your submission" that assures submission completion.
- Short listing of Bidders for Commercial Bidding Process: The Tendering Authority will first open the Technical Bid documents of all Bidders and after scrutinizing these documents will shortlist the Bidders who are eligible for Commercial Bidding Process. The short-listed Bidders will be intimated by email.
- Opening of the Commercial Bids: The Bidders may remain present in the office of the Tender Opening Authority at the time of opening of Commercial Bids. However, the results of the Commercial Bids i.e. TCO of all bidders shall be made available on the bank's e-procurement portal after the completion of opening process.
- Tender Schedule (Key Dates): The bidders are strictly advised to follow the Dates and Times as indicated in the Time Schedule in the detailed tender Notice for the Tender. All the online activities are time tracked and the electronic Tendering System enforces time-locks that ensure that no activity or transaction can take place outside the Start and End Dates and time of the stage as defined in the Tender Schedule.

At the sole discretion of the tender Authority, the time schedule of the Tender stages may be extended.



Important Points: The Bid hash values are digitally signed using valid Class – III Digital Certificate issued by any Certifying Authority. The bidders are required to obtain Digital Certificate well in advance.

- a) The bidder may modify bids before the deadline for Online Submission of Tender as per Time Schedule mentioned in the Tender documents.
- b) This stage will be applicable during both Pre-bid / Pre-qualification and Financial Bidding Processes.

Steps by step detailed Bidder Manual are available on homepage under Support section related to activities like Java Settings, Registration, Login Process, Tender Participation, Bid Download, upload & Submission, Corrigendum/Addendum, Clarifications, Re-submissions etc. on e-procurement portal i.e. www.tenderwizard.com/BOB

Note: Bank and ITI Limited shall not be liable & responsible in any manner whatsoever for any failure to access & bid on the e-tender platform due to loss of internet connectivity, electricity failure, virus attack, problems with the PC, any other unforeseen circumstances etc. before or during the event. Bidders are advised to ensure system availability and prepare their bid well before time to avoid last minute rush. Bidders can fix a call with support team members in case guidance is required by calling on helpdesk number.