S. No.	Name of Agency	Query	Proposed reply
1	National Accreditation Board for Education and Training, New Delhi Emaiil- nikhil.nabet@qcin.org	To share the detailed tender for the project.	The RFP is already uploaded on CCRT website i.e. www.ccrtindia.gov.in under "RFP-Effectiveness Study" (New).
	Email-info@gmmr.in	1. We are registered MSME as such request to grant exemption from EMD and turn over criteria to apply for the project.	The exemptions provided in GFR 2017 for registered MSME firms will be applicable in this project.
		2. We are a registered MSME and request you to grant us exemption from this	Registered MSME firms are not exempted for turnover clause.
		3. We suggest you may also consider a separate quota for physically disabled, blinds and senior citizens.	CCRT has already clarified sampling profile in our RFP document.
2		4. You may also consider CATI (Computer Assisted Telephonic Interview) Method on stratified random sampling basis. Each call will be audio recorded. Interviews will be done in the local languages of respective States.	The scope of work mentioned in RFP has already covered the required information.
		5. We do not have HQ in New Delhi. Our HQ in Pune but we have a local field office in New Delhi NCR. This condition may be modified suitably making us eligible.	Agency having HQ outside Delhi can also paricipate in the bid.
		6. This clause is not relevant for pre-qualification technical evaluation. This may be removed. This is a part of Research Methodology and will be included by us suitably	The clause is a part of RFP and therefore it can not be removed.
		7. Please let us know if the fees are to be quoted per quarter inclusive of or for all 4 quarters together. Please also let us know if the 18% GST has is to be included in the Financial Bid or shown separately.	Please see the Annex III of RFP.
3	Dr. Sudhir Chandra Sur Institute of Technology and Sports Complex, Kolkata Email- shefalika.ghoshamaddar @dsec.ac.in	We couldn't find the information for the proposal on the website. Kindly send the link from where information can be gathered.	The RFP is already uploaded on CCRT website i.e. www.ccrtindia.gov.in under "RFP-Effectiveness Study" (New).
	All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG) Email delhi@aiilsg.org bdheaddelhi@aiilsg.org	1. In pursuance of GoI Order vide S.O. 581(E); dated 23rd March 2012 issued by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, the MSME firms are exempted from submitting the Bid Document Cost and EMD fees, on producing required MSME registration certificate. In line with the above, kindly grant an exemption/relax the criteria for payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for all those bidders who are registered under the MSME Act and have valid MSME Registration Certificate. Or Please consider a Bid Security Declaration from the MSME Registered Bidders/Agencies.	The exemptions provided in GFR 2017 for registered MSME firms will be applicable in this project.
4		2.Considering the scope of work we request you to kindly consider experience of conducting large scale Surveys using only electronic means for collection, consolidation, verification and analysis etc. and provide detailed marking distribution as proposed: at least 02 studies/projects- 10 Marks 05 marks for each additional study/project, subjected to maximum 30 marks.	It is already approved by the Competent Authority, therefore no change may be possible.
		3.We understand that compulsion of having centres in each state and Union Territories is rigid, we request you to kindly consider presence across states and union territories in the form of ongoing projects. And please provide the detailed marking distribution as proposed below-: Headquarter in NCR and have centres covering all the 15 States and Union Territories- 05 Marks O1 Marks for having presence in each additional state/UT. It will allow the more bidders to participate in this process and will make it more competitive.	It is already approved by the Competent Authority, therefore no change may be possible.
		4. We understand that this is very manpower intensive project, and thus we request you to kindly consider an advance payment of 10-15% to the consultant at the starting of the project.	It is already approved by the Competent Authority, therefore no change may be possible.
	Nangia Andersen LLP.	1. We understand that the term 'Effectiveness study' in the broader sense includes assignments undertaken that includes Impact Assessment, Community development, working with community, surveys undertaken that help Government and people, evidence based public policy and effective infrastructure through people's inputs and realization of the same. Please suggest if our understanding is correct and assignments submitted will be evaluated through context.	Your understanding is not correct as per uloaded RFP.

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5		2. We understand that for such an assignment spanning all India having different languages, cultures, sensitivities, and geographical contours. The study needs to be conducted in local/regional language with adequate understanding of diversity and then be translated to Hindi and/or English. Hence, it is understood that the bidder can form adequate JV/Consortium/Sub-contract for the showcasing of combined strengths and effective delivery of the assignment. Please suggest if our understanding is correct.	Please refer to the scope of work of RFP.
		3.It is understood that for conducting study in every district, the support from District authorities and adequate marketing & communication among people would be required to participate in the study. For this purpose, we request to understand that whether the above mobilization and marketing efforts/expenditures be the responsibility of the bidder or the Institute (Client). If it is the responsibility of the bidder, then whether bidder would need to showcase their plan towards executing this and adequate marks shall be given to the bidder whose plan is the best, as per the assignment.	All the responsibilities rest with the bidder.
		4. The deliverables mentioned in the table on this clause states that 30% payment shall be given in advance. 20% on submission of interim submission report. As we understand from clause 9 that submission of interim study report is to be done on quarterly basis. Combining these 2 clauses i.e., 8 & 9, we understand that there will be 4 submissions of Interim Reports in 12 months and then a final report post that. We also understand that the project duration is of 12 months within which final report is also to be submitted within a year (on 28 December 2023). We seek clarification that will there be 3 interim report submissions or 4 submissions and then a final report.	30% advance payment will be given after getting award as per specified in RFP and 20% of contract value will be issued on submission of second quarter interim report.
		5. It is also understood that the meaning of 20% payment on interim report submission means every quarter 5% (if 4 submissions of interim reports or every quarter 6.67%, if 3 submissions of interim reports are to be done) to a maximum of 20% amount of final agreed contract value including GST will be paid to the consultant every quarter. Please clarify if our understanding is correct	30% advance payment will be given after getting award as per specified in RFP and 20% of contract value will be issued on submission of second quarter interim report.
		6.We understand that the amount will be released in installments towards maintaining efficiency of the project but the overall cost of research, deputation of resources, travelling, other logistics support and contingencies are expected to be higher. This necessitates that the realization of working capital may be enhanced during the execution of projects. In order to have smoother operation of the project, it is requested that the realization of agreed contract value may kindly be enhanced to 10% per quarter i.e., 30% payment as advance against the bank guarantee, 40% payment on submissions of interim reports in equated installments every quarter and final 30% on submission of final study report.	30% advance payment will be given after getting award as per specified in RFP and 20% of contract value will be issued on submission of second quarter interim report.
		7. The last date of submission of RFP proposal is 21 December 2022. Given that the query response by CCRT would be released on 18 December 2022, few working days will be required to amend the proposal as per the response of the queries. Hence, it is requested that at least 10 working days may kindly be given after the release of the responses of queries by the Institute i.e., the submission date may be made 2 January 2023.	As on date there is no change in submission of bid. However you are adviced to check our website regularly for any update.
6		How many programs are conducted under the AKAM initiative? Please provide list of programs and coverage under each program. It will help in designing appropriate methodology.	The website of Ministry of Culture for Activities of AKAM i.e. www.amritmahotsav.nic.in may be reffered.
		2.AFC India is a deemed government organisation promoted by NABARD and EXIM Bank. Additionally, we would like to bring to your kind notice that as per the Public Procurement Policy for MSEs Order, 2012 notified under section 11 of MSMED Act, 2006 (https://msme.gov.in/public-procurement-policy-micro-and-small-enterprises-mses-order-2012), registered MSEs are exempted from submitting the Tender Cost and EMD (refer Exemption of MSMEs to submit Bidder Fee and EMD at (https://msme.gov.in/sites/default/files/Sch-vol1-151214.pdf-sri.pdf). In view of the above, we understand that we can submit the duly filled Annexure II-Bid Security Declaration along with the proposal. We request you to kindly confirm if our understanding is correct.	The exemptions provided in GFR 2017 for registered MSME firms will be applicable in this project.
		3As a standard practice, 12-15 days are given after pre-bid clarification. We request you to kindly extend the submission date by 15 days from the date of pre bid clarification date.	As on date there is no change in submission of bid. However you are adviced to check our website regularly for any update.
		4.Please clarify, on completion of which quarter, payment of 20% towards interim report will be considered. It is proposed to consider this amount on completion of 2nd quarter interim report.	30% advance payment will be given after getting award as per specified in RFP and 20% of contract value will be issued on submission of second quarter interim report.