GRIDCO/RENA/2026/68/1860 **Date 17.11.2026**

Corrigendum-1

The following modifications/additions are hereby proposed to **E-Tender Notice No. GRIDCO/RE NODAL AGENCY/E-TENDER/04/2026-27 dated 16.10.2026.**

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<tr><td>22.</td><td>Termination</td><td>22.1</td><td><u>Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective:</u>
If this Contract has not become effective within seven (7) days of the date hereof, either Party may, by not less than two weeks (2) weeks' written notice to the other Party, declare this Contract to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration by either Party, neither Party shall have any claim against</td></tr>
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						the other Party with respect hereto.
					22.2	**Termination for Default:** i. GRIDCO may, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of Contract, by Notice of default sent to the Consultant terminate the Contract in whole or in part: ii. if the Consultant fails to provide acceptable quality of Services as per Scope of Services (Clause 10) iii. if the Consultant commits any breach of the Contract and fails to remedy or rectify the same within the period of two weeks (or such longer period as GRIDCO in its absolute discretion decide) provided in a notice in this behalf from GRIDCO. iv. If the Consultant fail to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration

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						proceedings pursuant to Clause-13 of GCC. v. If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days. (a) In the event GRIDCO terminates the Contract in whole or in part, pursuant to GCC Clause-22, GRIDCO may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Deliverables or Services similar to those undelivered or not performed, and the Consultant shall be liable to GRIDCO for any additional costs for such similar Services. However, the Consultant shall continue performance of the Contract to the extent not terminated.
					22.3	**Termination for Insolvency:** GRIDCO may at any time terminate the Contract by

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						giving Notice to the Consultant if the Consultant becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In such event, termination will be without compensation to the Consultant, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy that has accrued or will accrue thereafter to GRIDCO.
					22.4	**Termination for Convenience:** GRIDCO, by Notice sent to the Consultant, may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The Notice of termination shall specify that termination is for GRIDCO's convenience, the extent to which performance of the Consultant under the Contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.

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					22.5	**Consequences of Termination:** Upon Termination of the Contract, the Consultant shall: (a) Prepare and present a detailed exit plan within five calendar days of termination notice receipt to the competent authority of GRIDCO ("Exit Plan") (b) GRIDCO will review the Exit plan. If approved, Supplier shall start working on the same immediately. If the plan is rejected, Consultant shall prepare alternate plan within two calendar days. If the Second plan is also rejected, or equivalent authority will provide a plan for Consultant and it should be adhered by in totality.
					22.6	The Consultant and GRIDCO will sign a completion certificate at the end of successful completion (all points tracked to closure) of the Exit Plan.

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Note: For further details, bidders are requested to refer to the pre-bid responses uploaded on the portal

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Chief Project Manager

RENA, GRIDCO

Response to Pre-bid queries

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1	E-Tender Notice / Cover Page / Contract Agreement	The RFP cover refers to GRIDCO/RENA/E-Tender/04/2026-27, whereas the E-Tender Notice refers to GRIDCO/RE NODAL AGENCY/E-TENDER/04/2026-27. The draft Contract Agreement contains an unfilled tender reference “xx/xxxx” and date placeholder.	Kindly confirm the definitive tender/RFP number and issue a corrected, consistent reference for use in the bid, correspondence, Bid Security instruments and Contract Agreement. Please also confirm the controlling document in case of any discrepancy.	No amendment required, as this is only a sample document; all particulars will be filled in when the contract agreement is executed.
2	Clauses 1.2, 3.6, 3.12 and 10.3; Annexure 1	The RFP states that the BESS footprint, project boundary, transmission line, access roads and launching facilities are still being finalised. The tentative transmission line details are expressly stated to be subject to change. The definition of the ESIA of the Solar Park and Transmission Lines refers to the solar park and evacuation infrastructure up to the 33/220 kV PSS and the 220 kV line from the PSS to Mukhiguda Grid Substation.	Please provide the latest available project layout, reservoir FSPV boundary, BESS land parcel and design inputs, access/approach road alignment, 33 kV collection/evacuation details, PSS location and transmission line route/length/tower locations. Kindly confirm the precise physical and associated-facility boundary to be assessed and the process for managing subsequent design/alignment changes.	The latest available project information and indicative details of the reservoir FSPV boundary, 33 kV collection system, Padepadar Substation, access and approach roads, launching facilities, and the tentative angle points and route of the 220 kV transmission line to Mukhiguda Grid Substation will be provided to the selected Consultant. The BESS is proposed within the land identified for the Padepadar 33/220 kV Substation. Its final technology, configuration, footprint, layout and operating parameters are under development. The ESIA shall cover the FSPV arrays and reservoir interface; mooring and anchoring areas; internal 33 kV collection system; inverter barges; launching and laydown areas; access and approach roads; labour camps and temporary facilities; the BESS and related safety and auxiliary infrastructure at the Padepadar Substation; pooling and evacuation infrastructure; the 220 kV transmission line up to Mukhiguda Grid Substation; and any associated facilities identified in accordance with IFC Performance Standard 1. Where specific design details have not been finalized, the Consultant shall assess reasonable alternatives or an appropriate design envelope, as relevant to the component under assessment, using clearly stated assumptions, and shall provide corresponding mitigation measures and design recommendations. The ESIA findings, mitigation measures and recommendations shall inform finalization of the project layout, locations and alignments through the DPR and detailed engineering.
3	Clauses 1.2, 3.3–3.4 and 10.3; BESS scope	The RFP identifies the BESS as a core project component but states that its capacity, configuration, chemistry, technology provider, operating profile, augmentation strategy and detailed layout are yet to be finalised. The scope nevertheless requires detailed BESS risk, fire, electrical, process-safety and consequence assessments.	Kindly provide the BESS design envelope (minimum/maximum capacity, duration, power rating, operating modes, candidate chemistries and credible hazard scenarios) and available technical studies. Please confirm the assumptions to be adopted where design information remains unavailable, the extent of specialist modelling expected, and whether reassessment arising from later technology/design selection will be treated as a variation with additional time and fee.	The available BESS-related technical documents, including the updated 33 kV Single Line Diagram, Padepadar Pooling Substation layout, and BESS configuration and sizing assessment, will be provided to the selected ESIA Consultant. The current technical assessment considers a total storage requirement of 450 MWh for the 225 MW FSPV project. The preferred configuration for further assessment is 112.5 MW/450 MWh with four-hour storage, corresponding to approximately 37.5 MW/150 MWh for each 75 MW developer unit, with an indicative land requirement of approximately 2.25 acres per developer within the land identified for the Padepadar Substation. The equivalent 225 MW/450 MWh two-hour configuration shall be considered as a reasonable alternative. The preferred configuration remains subject to applicable scheme requirements, system studies, operational requirements, load-flow assessment and subsequent project optimization. The final battery chemistry, supplier, container or rack configuration, operating profile, augmentation strategy, detailed layout and fire-protection design have not yet been selected. The Solar Power Developer will retain flexibility to select the final technology and configuration in accordance with the applicable technical, safety, environmental and scheme requirements. For the ESIA, the Consultant shall use the available technical documents and the 112.5 MW/450 MWh four-hour configuration as the base case, while developing a reasonably conservative design envelope that also considers credible alternative configurations, candidate battery chemistries, operating conditions and hazard scenarios. All assumptions shall be clearly stated. The assessment shall cover thermal runaway and propagation; fire and smoke; toxic or flammable gas release; deflagration or explosion; electrical faults; electrolyte leakage; damaged or defective batteries; contaminated firefighting water; and potential escalation to adjacent BESS units or substation equipment. The Consultant shall undertake a preliminary hazard analysis and proportionate fire, electrical and process-safety assessment. Specialist consequence assessment or modelling shall be undertaken where required and where sufficient inputs are available to establish separation distances, safety setbacks, emergency access, fire and gas detection, ventilation, emergency isolation, firefighting arrangements, drainage and contaminated-water containment, and any off-site emergency-planning requirements. Outstanding design information shall be recorded in the BESS E&S Design Criteria and Information-Gap Register. The ESIA shall provide mitigation measures, performance requirements and design recommendations applicable to the assessed envelope. These shall inform the DPR and detailed engineering without prescribing a particular battery supplier or technology. Following selection of the final BESS technology, supplier, layout and fire-protection design, the design shall be checked against the assessed envelope and the BESS hazard and consequence assessment, ESMP and Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan shall be updated by
4	Clauses 3.6, 10.3 and 10.5; Annexure 1	The RFP refers to a 33/220 kV pooling substation, a 220 kV line to Mukhiguda Grid Substation and associated 33 kV infrastructure, while the detailed transmission line alignment is tentative and dependent on OPTCL confirmation.	Please clarify the scope split between the internal 33 kV collection system, evacuation infrastructure up to the 33/220 kV PSS and the external 220 kV transmission line. Kindly confirm whether all associated substations, bay extensions, tower locations, RoW, access tracks and construction/laydown areas are included in this consultancy.	The consultancy covers the E&S assessment of the full power collection and evacuation system. This includes: (i) the internal 33 kV collection system connecting the three FSPV units to the Padepadar 33/220 kV Pooling Substation; (ii) the Padepadar Pooling Substation and associated evacuation infrastructure; and (iii) the 220 kV transmission line from the Padepadar Pooling Substation to Mukhiguda Grid Substation. The scope includes the relevant substation facilities and bay extensions; transmission towers and foundations; right-of-way; temporary and permanent access tracks; stringing areas; construction and laydown areas; and other ancillary or temporary facilities required for construction and operation. At Mukhiguda Grid Substation, the assessment shall cover the proposed interconnection works and bay extension, as applicable to the Project. Indicative transmission-line information, including tentative angle points and route details, will be provided to the selected consultant. The ESIA shall assess the indicative alignment and reasonable alternatives, identify E&S constraints, and recommend avoidance and mitigation measures. The ESIA findings and recommendations shall inform finalization of the transmission-line alignment, tower locations, right-of-way, access arrangements

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5	Clauses 10.3, 10.8 and Annexure 3 (IPDP)	The RFP states that a separate FPIC Facilitation Organization (FFO) will lead FPIC consultations and negotiations, while the ESIA Consultant is required to coordinate with the FFO, prepare the IPP/IPDP and provide draft/final FPIC documentation as listed in the deliverable schedule.	Kindly define the respective responsibilities of GRIDCO, the ESIA Consultant and the FFO, including responsibility for community mobilisation, translation, disclosure, consent documentation, meeting logistics, records and final FPIC evidence. Please confirm whether the Consultant is responsible only for technical inputs and coordination, and identify the FFO-appointed deliverables and interfaces to be provided to the Consultant.	The E&S Scoping Report, Livelihood Restoration Framework and FPIC Framework and Decision-Making Process Note will be provided to the selected ESIA Consultant. Based on the E&S Scoping Study and currently available project information, FPIC is indicatively triggered for the 220 kV transmission-line component. The ESIA Consultant shall validate the applicability and geographical coverage of the FPIC requirement through the Indigenous Peoples assessment, considering the final alignment, affected communities and the nature of impacts identified. The selected ESIA Consultant shall include the cost of the FPIC Facilitation Organization and all FPIC-related activities and deliverables in its financial proposall. The FFO shall be engaged as a separately constituted and functionally independent workstream and shall not form part of the team responsible for undertaking the ESIA or preparing the Indigenous Peoples assessment. Appropriate organizational, staffing and reporting arrangements shall be established to preserve the FFO's independence. The FFO shall independently lead and facilitate the FPIC process, including stakeholder and community mobilisation; support for the community-led identification of legitimate representatives; preparation and translation of culturally appropriate disclosure materials; facilitation of disclosure, community deliberations and good-faith negotiations; meeting arrangements; maintenance of records and supporting evidence; documentation of community decisions, consent conditions and agreed commitments; and preparation of the required FPIC agreements and final FPIC documentation. The ESIA team shall undertake the Indigenous Peoples assessment and prepare the draft IPP/IPDP, including the applicable baseline, assessed impacts, mitigation measures and proposed benefit-sharing measures. The ESIA team shall provide the technical information required for the FPIC process and coordinate with the FFO to ensure consistency of factual project information and disclosures. The IPP/IPDP shall subsequently incorporate the outcomes, conditions and commitments agreed through the independently facilitated FPIC process. GRIDCO will provide available project information and facilitate the necessary coordination with OPTCL, including the participation of appropriately authorized representatives in the FPIC process and negotiations, as required. All FPIC-related specialist inputs, logistics, documentation and deliverables specified in the RFP shall be included in the Consultant's scope and financial proposal.
6	Clause 10.7 and Annexure 2 / Annex 04	The RFP requires extensive primary baseline monitoring and surveys. The Table of Contents identifies "Annexure 2: Baseline Data Monitoring", whereas the later body also includes "ANNEX 04: BASELINE DATA MONITORING".	Please confirm which baseline monitoring annexure is authoritative and provide the complete approved monitoring matrix, including parameters, number and locations of stations, sampling frequency, duration, season(s), analytical methods, laboratory accreditation requirements and QA/QC protocols. Kindly confirm whether repeat/seasonal campaigns beyond the stated matrix are included in the lump-sum fee.	The baseline monitoring and survey requirements specified in the RFP, including the matrix provided in Annexure 2: Baseline Data Monitoring, shall apply. The parameters, indicative number and locations of monitoring and survey stations, sampling frequencies, durations and survey coverage specified therein shall be followed by the selected Consultant. The precise monitoring and survey locations shall be confirmed in the Inception Report, considering sensitive receptors, representative terrestrial and aquatic habitats, reservoir conditions, the transmission-line corridor, site accessibility and field conditions, without reducing the requirements specified in the RFP. All primary environmental monitoring shall be undertaken through laboratories accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories for the relevant parameters, using applicable BIS, CPCB, MoEFCC or other recognized methods. The Consultant shall establish appropriate procedures for equipment calibration, sampling, sample preservation and transportation, chain of custody, analytical detection limits, data validation and QA/QC. Laboratory accreditation certificates, analytical methods and monitoring results shall be included in the baseline documentation. The Consultant shall complete the baseline monitoring and surveys prescribed in the RFP within the ESIA assignment period, covering one representative season. The prescribed monitoring parameters, indicative locations, minimum number of stations, frequencies, durations and survey coverage shall be included in the lump-sum fee. For the general socioeconomic baseline, the household sampling requirements specified in the RFP shall apply. In addition as idnicated , the Consultant shall undertake a 100% census and detailed asset and livelihood inventory of all Project Affected Persons subject to physical or economic displacement, including persons affected by restrictions on access to fishing areas, agricultural land, grazing areas, forest resources, common-property resources or other livelihood sources. The census shall provide the basis for determining eligibility, entitlements and livelihood-restoration measures. Where longer-term or repeat monitoring is required to complete seasonal coverage, including fisheries baseline monitoring extending beyond the ESIA assignment period, the ESIA shall define the locations, parameters, frequency, responsibilities and continuation arrangements through the ESMP, Biodiversity Management Plan and any other plan , as applicable
7	Clause 10.7; water and sediment baseline / modelling	The scope requires water and sediment quality baseline, aquatic impact assessment and sediment dispersion modelling "as appropriate" to anchoring, mooring and installation activities. The deliverable schedule separately requires a Water Modelling Report.	Please clarify the required model(s), model domain, scenarios, calibration/validation data, software expectations, reservoir operating data and level of detail. Kindly confirm whether sediment dispersion modelling is included in the Water Modelling Report or is a separate deliverable, and identify the available bathymetric, hydrological, water-quality and reservoir-operation datasets to be supplied by GRIDCO/its agencies.	The water and sediment baseline assessment, aquatic impact assessment, hydrodynamic and water-quality modelling, and sediment-dispersion modelling, as applicable, shall be undertaken as part of the ESIA. The Consultant shall determine and justify a fit-for-purpose modelling approach based on the proposed FSPV footprint and layout, reservoir characteristics, identified sensitive receptors, available data and anticipated impacts. No specific modelling software is prescribed. The assessment shall consider, as relevant, representative reservoir levels and operating conditions, seasonal hydrological and meteorological conditions, and potential effects of the FSPV development on reservoir circulation, water temperature, thermal stratification, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, nutrients and aquatic ecology. The model domain, scenarios and level of detail shall be sufficient to assess potential impacts within and beyond the proposed FSPV footprint and to inform appropriate design, mitigation and monitoring recommendations. Sediment-dispersion modelling shall be undertaken, as appropriate, considering the proposed anchoring, mooring and installation methods and the potential for sediment disturbance. The assessment shall consider relevant sediment-release scenarios and potential effects on water quality, benthic habitats, aquatic ecology and other sensitive reservoir uses. A bathymetric survey has been undertaken. The available bathymetric survey outputs and preliminary technical studies undertaken to inform the proposed project location and layout will be provided to the selected Consultant. The Consultant shall set out in the Inception Report the proposed modelling approach, model domain, scenarios, available input data, assumptions, calibration and validation approach, identified data gaps and any additional information required to complete the assessment. Calibration and validation shall be undertaken to the extent supported by the available data, with any limitations and uncertainties clearly documented. The modelling and assessment results shall be integrated into the ESIA impact assessment and presented through the applicable deliverables specified in the RFP. All required modelling and associated specialist inputs shall be included within the overall ESIA scope and the Consultant's financial proposall.

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8	Clause 10.4 and Clause 10.3; Oil Spill Modelling	The RFP includes an Oil Spill Modelling Specialist and requires a Draft and Final Oil Spill Modelling Report, although the project description does not clearly identify the oil inventory, spill sources or specific oil-handling facilities to be assessed.	Kindly identify the project components and credible spill sources for which oil spill modelling is required, including the substances, inventory, storage/handling locations, release scenarios and receptor locations. Please confirm whether the requirement is intended to cover transformer oil and construction/maintenance fuel spills, and provide the design/inventory data and modelling acceptance criteria.	The oil-spill assessment and modelling shall cover credible Project-related spill scenarios associated with oil-containing electrical equipment, including transformers, and fuels, oils and lubricants used during construction, operation and maintenance, as applicable. The assessment shall consider the relevant substances, indicative inventories, storage or handling locations, release scenarios, potential pathways and sensitive receptors, including the reservoir and associated aquatic habitats. Where final equipment details and inventories are unavailable, the Consultant shall use clearly stated, reasonable assumptions appropriate to the proposed Project components.The Consultant shall set out in the Inception Report the spill sources and scenarios to be assessed, available data, assumptions, receptor locations, modelling methodology and evaluation criteria. The modelling shall be undertaken at a level sufficient to identify potential spill behaviour and consequences and to inform appropriate prevention, containment and emergency-response measures. Available preliminary technical studies and project-layout information will be provided to the selected Consultant. The assessment findings shall inform recommendations for equipment siting, secondary containment, drainage control, spill-response arrangements and monitoring.The oil-spill assessment, modelling and associated specialist inputs required under the RFP shall form part of the overall ESIA scope and shall be included in the Consultant's financial proposall.
9	Clause 11 / Table 4; Clause 12	The deliverable schedule places most final reports at T0+15 to T0+16 weeks, while Clause 12 states an initial Work Order duration of six months and permits GRIDCO to extend it up to selection of the Floating Solar project developers.	Kindly confirm the binding completion period and whether the 16-week dates are target dates or firm contractual milestones within the six-month Work Order. Please provide a consolidated, logically sequenced schedule showing review periods, client/OPTCL/FFO dependencies, draft review cycles, final approval and the extended period, if any.	The timelines specified in Clause 11/Table 4 are the contractual milestones for submission of the respective deliverables and shall be read within the initial six-month Work Order period specified in Clause 12. Accordingly, the deliverables identified for submission by T0+16 weeks shall be submitted within the stated timelines. The remaining period within the initial six-month Work Order shall accommodate review and comment resolution, presentations, coordination, clarifications and completion of related obligations under the RFP. Any extension of the Work Order shall be at GRIDCO's discretion and shall not automatically revise the deliverable milestones specified in Table 4. The selected Consultant shall submit a detailed and logically sequenced work programme as part of the Inception Report. The programme shall cover baseline surveys; parallel assessment of the FSPV and transmission-line components; modelling and specialist studies; preparation and review of draft deliverables; coordination with GRIDCO and relevant interfaces; incorporation of comments; and submission of final deliverables. The programme shall be structured to meet the milestones specified in Table 4. Where a material dependency outside the Consultant's control is expected to affect a stipulated milestone, the Consultant shall notify GRIDCO, provide the reasons and supporting justification, and request an extension in accordance with Clause 12. Any extension shall be subject to GRIDCO's review and approval and shall not be assumed in the Consultant's proposall.
10	Clause 11 / Table 4; payment columns	The milestone table appears internally inconsistent: the listed payment percentages under Component A do not reconcile with the stated "Total (A) 60%"; Component B milestone percentages do not reconcile with "Total (B) 20%"; and the three final-document entries each show 20% while "Total (C)" is stated as 20%.	Kindly issue a corrected deliverable/payment milestone table with the percentage against every deliverable and subtotals for Components A, B and C adding to 100%. Please also confirm whether the stated percentages are cumulative or milestone-wise and clarify the treatment of overlapping or combined submissions.	The payment allocation specified in Table 4 is correct. The percentages are milestone-wise and not cumulative. Where multiple deliverables are grouped against a single payment percentage, the stated percentage applies collectively to the grouped submission and not separately to each deliverable. The overall payment allocation is: Component A: 60% Component B: 20% Component C: 20% Total: 100%
11	Clause 12; Clause 20; Clause 21	The Work Order may be extended up to selection of the Floating Solar project developers, but the RFP does not specify a maximum extension period or the fee treatment for prolonged engagement, additional survey campaigns or changes in project design/alignment.	Kindly confirm the maximum period of extension, the basis for extension of the consultancy fee and personnel inputs, and the mechanism for payment of additional costs where the extension or rework is caused by delayed inputs, revised project design, OPTCL alignment changes, additional regulatory requirements or repeat/seasonal surveys beyond the stated scope.	An E&S Scoping Study has already been completed, based on which the scope, studies, surveys and deliverables under the RFP have been developed. The available project information and preliminary technical studies will be provided to the selected Consultant. The Consultant shall complete the assignment within the scope and timelines specified in the RFP. Any extension of the Work Order shall be considered by GRIDCO based on project requirements, satisfactory performance of the Consultant's obligations and timely submission of deliverables. Such extension shall not constitute an automatic entitlement to additional fees, personnel inputs or reimbursement of costs. Where delays affecting a milestone are not attributable to the Consultant, the affected timeline may be extended without levy of penalty in accordance with Clause 23. Any additional services outside the specified scope shall require GRIDCO's prior approval and shall be addressed in accordance with the applicable contractual provisions.
12	Clauses 8.2 and 13; evaluation table	Clause 8.2 sets minimum technical experience and team requirements, while the evaluation table refers to "Section 7.1.8" for team composition. No corresponding Section 7.1.8 is apparent in the RFP structure. The eligibility and scoring criteria also use different experience formulations and caps.	Kindly correct the cross-reference and provide a consolidated matrix distinguishing pass/fail eligibility requirements from scored technical criteria. Please confirm whether the same assignment may be counted for minimum eligibility and technical scoring, and clarify the evidence required for each criterion.	The reference to "Section 7.1.8" under the Strength and Qualification of the Proposed Team shall be read as a reference to the team composition and qualification requirements specified in Clause 8.2. The eligibility requirements under Clause 8 shall be assessed on a pass/fail basis. Technical proposalls of eligible bidders shall thereafter be evaluated and scored in accordance with Clause 13. No separate consolidated matrix is required. An assignment used to demonstrate minimum eligibility may also be considered for technical scoring, provided it satisfies the applicable scoring criterion. For technical scoring, the same assignment shall not be counted under multiple criteria unless its distinct scope relevant to each criterion is clearly demonstrated. Only completed assignments shall be considered. Each claimed assignment shall be supported by the documentary evidence specified in the RFP, including completion certificates, client references or relevant contract extracts. Team qualifications and experience shall be supported through CVs, certifications and project references. GRIDCO may seek additional supporting documents to verify the claimed experience and the role of the proposed experts.

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13	Clause 8.2; Consortium provisions	The RFP permits a consortium of up to two members but states that the technical experience criterion is to be met by the Lead Consultant. It is not clear how the experience, financial turnover, staff and specialist expertise of the consortium member may be aggregated.	Kindly confirm the criteria that must be met solely by the Lead Consultant and those that may be met collectively by consortium members. Please clarify whether the consortium member's project references, turnover and full-time employees may be relied upon, and provide the prescribed consortium agreement/lead-member responsibility requirements.	The consortium requirements are already specified in the RFP. In accordance with Clauses 8.1 and 8.2, a consortium may comprise a maximum of two members, excluding an individually hired technical consultant. The minimum technical experience and turnover requirements specified in Clause 8.2 shall be met by the Lead Consultant. The proposed team may include suitably qualified personnel from either consortium member, subject to meeting the qualification and experience requirements specified in the RFP. The proposall shall identify the Lead Member, clearly specify the roles and responsibilities of each consortium member, and include the authorizations and supporting documents prescribed in the RFP. Evaluation of the consortium and the proposed team shall be undertaken in accordance with Clauses 8.2 and 13.
14	Clause 23; Penalty on Delay	Clause 23 provides a penalty of 1% of Fee per week for delay attributable to the Consultant, with cumulative extension of milestones up to a maximum of 10 weeks. It does not expressly state an overall maximum penalty cap or clarify the calculation base where only one deliverable is delayed.	Kindly confirm the maximum aggregate liquidated damages/penalty cap, whether the 1% is calculated on the total Fee or the value of the delayed milestone, and whether the penalty is the sole remedy for delay. Please also confirm that no penalty will apply to delays caused by GRIDCO, OPTCL, FFO, authorities, community access constraints, force majeure or delayed provision of data/approvals.	the 1% is calculated on value of the delayed milestone.
15	Clauses 16 and 24; Termination / General Conditions	The termination provision permits termination for inability to address work, dissatisfaction with quality, failure to meet timelines or material/persistent breach, but does not clearly provide a notice-to-cure period, payment for accepted work or reimbursement of committed demobilisation costs. The General Conditions contain project/supplier/owner language and references to construction and project cancellation.	Kindly provide a consultancy-specific termination clause with notice and reasonable cure period, payment for services satisfactorily performed up to termination, reimbursement of approved non-cancellable commitments and orderly handover provisions. Please confirm which General Conditions are applicable to the ESIA Consultant and remove or clarify provisions intended for the Solar Project Developer/EPC contractor.	Published in Corrigendum
16	Clause 9 and E-Tender Notice	The E-Tender Notice specifies a pre-bid meeting on 30/10/2026 and bid submission on 17/11/2026 at 15:00, while the schedule describes dates as tentative and provides for query responses/corrigendum on 03/11/2026.	Kindly confirm the binding dates and times for the pre-bid meeting, submission of queries, publication of responses/corrigendum and online bid submission. We are unable to find the tender on any procurement portal, kindly mention the procurement portal as well.	Published in Corrigendum
17	Technical eligibility: IPP/IPDP experience	Prior experience preparing at least one IPP/IPDP in India.	We request relaxation of the requirement for prior experience in preparing at least one IPP/IPDP in India, as many projects are developed in areas where Indigenous communities are not present.	The request for relaxation is not accepted. Considering the project context and the requirements of the assignment, the prior-experience requirements specified in the RFP shall remain mandatory. Bidders shall comply with the eligibility requirements specified in Clause 8.2 of the RFP.
18	Technical eligibility: FPIC experience	Prior experience conducting FPIC in India.	We understand that land acquisition for the proposed project may be limited to facilities such as substations and pulling stations and may not involve land owned by Indigenous communities. Accordingly, we request relaxation of the requirement for prior experience in conducting FPIC processes in India. During the execution of a similar ESIA assignment for the 600 MW Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project, the FPIC requirement was not triggered, as the project was planned in the backwaters of the Narmada River.	The request for relaxation is not accepted. Please refer to IFC Performance Standard 7 for the circumstances requiring FPIC. Based on the E&S Scoping Study and currently available project information, FPIC is indicatively triggered for sections of the 220 kV transmission-line corridor that may affect Scheduled Tribe communities' customary land and natural-resource use. The applicability and geographical coverage of FPIC shall be validated through the ESIA and Indigenous Peoples assessment in accordance with the FPIC Framework. The E&S Scoping Report, FPIC Framework, and other relevant studies and information available at the time of appointment will be provided to the selected Consultant. Accordingly, the prior-experience requirement specified in Clause 8.2 of the RFP shall remain mandatory.
19	Reservoir, fisheries and aquatic ESIA experience	Specific reservoir/fisheries/aquatic experience is required.	We request that the specific experience requirement be broadened to include experience in river valley and dam projects involving fisheries or aquatic environmental and social impact assessments. Alternatively, equivalent experience in environmental assessments of water-based infrastructure projects may kindly be considered.	Relevant experience in reservoir, river-valley or dam projects involving substantive assessment of aquatic ecology, fisheries and associated livelihood impacts shall be considered as meeting this experience requirement
20	Scope of Assessment	Associated infrastructure scope requires confirmation.	Kindly confirm whether the assessment covers all associated infrastructure, including transmission lines, substations, BESS facilities, and access roads.	The ESIA shall cover the complete Project Area of Influence, including the FSPV facilities; internal 33 kV collection system; Padepadar 33/220 kV Pooling Substation; BESS and related infrastructure; access and approach roads; launching, laydown and temporary construction facilities; and the 220 kV transmission line up to Mukhiguda Grid Substation, including associated substations, bay-extension works and ancillary infrastructure, as applicable. The assessment shall also cover associated facilities identified in accordance with IFC Performance Standard 1.
21	Availability of Project Information	Availability of inputs is unclear.	Kindly clarify whether the existing project documents, including preliminary layouts, the Preliminary Feasibility Report, and the Detailed Project Report (DPR), will be provided by GRIDCO Limited.	The available project documents, including preliminary layouts, the Preliminary Feasibility Report, E&S Scoping Report, Livelihood Restoration Framework, Stakeholder Engagement Framework, FPIC Framework, and other available preliminary technical studies undertaken to inform the project location and layout, will be provided to the selected Consultant. The DPR and ESIA will be developed in a coordinated manner. The ESIA Consultant shall provide the necessary E&S inputs, including findings, mitigation measures and design recommendations, to inform finalization of the DPR and subsequent detailed engineering.
22	Project Timeline & Seasonal Surveys	RFP requires one-year seasonal surveys within a 16-week contract.	The RFP requires seasonal surveys over a one-year period, whereas the CHA completion is estimated at weeks. Please clarify how the seasonal survey requirements shall be accommodated within the 16-week contract duration.	The ESIA baseline surveys and Critical Habitat Assessment shall be completed within the assignment timeline based on one representative season and the survey requirements specified in the RFP. The Consultant shall use the primary survey findings together with available secondary information and clearly identify any data limitations. Where monitoring over additional seasons is required, the Consultant shall define the locations, parameters, frequency, responsibilities and continuation arrangements through the ESMP .Biodiversity Management Plan or any other management plan , as applicable.

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23	Power of Attorney	Power of Attorney was submitted for previous tender GRIDCO/RE NODAL AGENCY/E-TENDER/02/2026-27.	Please confirm if the Power of Attorney submitted for the previous tender (Ref No: GRIDCO/RE NODA AGENCY/ E-TENDER/02/2026-27) is acceptable for this tender, or if a new document is mandatory.	As it's a new RfP, a new POA is required with Board resolution
24	Clause 8.2 - Technical eligibility	The Consultant in last 5 years (theLead Consultant, in case of a Consortium) must have undertaken and completed: At least 3 (three) Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), OR 3 (three) Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and 3 (three) Social Impact Assessment (SIA) studies in the Renewable Energy sector including Transmission line (Separate projects would also be considered) in India.	In this regard, we respectfully request the Employer to consider the combined relevant experience of the consortium (both the Lead Firm and the Partner Firm), or the experience of either the Lead Firm or the JV Partner Firm, while evaluating the technical proposall against the specified evaluation criteria. The Partner Firm brings complementary experience, technical expertise, and relevant project credentials that, when considered alongside those of the Lead Firm, would provide a more comprehensive representation of the consortium's overall capabilities and capacity to successfully deliver the proposed scope of work. In this regard, we kindly seek your consideration and approval to assess the combined experience of the Lead Firm and the Partner Firm, wherever permissible under the applicable RFP provisions, for the purpose of technical evaluation. We believe that such an approach would appropriately recognize the collective strengths, complementary competencies, and combined project experience of the consortium.	In the case of a consortium, the Lead Consultant shall independently meet the minimum technical eligibility requirements specified in Clause 8.2 of the RFP.
25	Clause 8.2 - Team composition	The ESIA Team Leader / ProjectManager, Environmental Specialist, Social Specialist, OHS Specialist, and Biodiversity Specialist shall be full-time employees of the bidding firmand/or consortium member(s).	We respectfully request your kind consideration and approval to engage an empanelled expert for the OHS Specialist role in place of inhouse expert to fulfil the specified requirements.	The request is accepted for the OHS Specialist position. The OHS Specialist may be an empanelled expert of the bidding firm or consortium member, provided the expert meets the qualification, experience and competency requirements specified in Clause 8.2. The proposed expert shall be formally committed to the assignment and available for all required inputs, site visits, technical reviews, discussions, meetings, presentations, and project progress or update calls, including whenever requested by GRIDCO in relation to the OHS scope. The bidder shall submit the expert's CV and a signed commitment confirming such availability. Any replacement of the proposed expert shall require prior approval from GRIDCO and shall be with an expert having equivalent or higher qualifications and experience. Failure to ensure the approved expert's availability, inputs and participation in accordance with the accepted proposall and contractual requirements shall constitute non-compliance with the Consultant's obligations.
26	Clause 13 - Criterion 3: PS7, FPIC and IPP/IPDP	Count of assignments (maximum five) involving facilitation of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) processes and preparation of Indigenous Peoples Plans (IPP/IPDP)in India: 4 marks per assignment where the consultant has demonstrated both facilitation of FPIC processes and preparation of IPP/IPDP 2 marks per assignment where the consultant has demonstrated either FPIC facilitation or IPP preparation (but not both) Evidence shall include documentation demonstrating the consultant's role in supporting culturally appropriate engagement, consultation processes, and preparation of IPP deliverables.	In view of the substantial relevant experience and demonstrated competencies of our proposed experts, we kindly request your consideration of their individual professional experience as an equivalent basis for assessing our organization's capability to undertake the required IPDP- and FPIC-related scope of work. We would appreciate your consideration of this request and the flexibility to recognize the expertise of the proposed team while evaluating our technical proposall. While our organization has not independently undertaken projects specifically involving the preparation of Indigenous Peoples Development Plans (IPDPs) or the implementation of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) processes, our proposed expert brings more than 30 years of relevant professional experience in these areas. Their experience encompasses a broad range of assignments, supported by demonstrated technical expertise and practical understanding of the applicable frameworks, stakeholder engagement processes, and project-specific requirements. In view of the proposed expert's relevant professional experience and technical capabilities, we kindly request the consideration of equivalent experience as the experience of the firm, including the allocation of marks under this criterion.	The technical proposall shall be evaluated in accordance with Clause 13 of the RFP. Marks under Criterion 3 shall be awarded for qualifying assignments undertaken by the bidder or, in the case of a consortium, its members, subject to submission of the documentary evidence specified in the RFP. The professional experience of proposed experts shall be evaluated separately under the applicable team-composition criteria.

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27	Clause 13 - Criterion 4: Reservoir/Fisheries /Aquatic ESIA	2 marks per assignment involving reservoir/river systems with fisheries or aquatic ecology assessment (maximum 10 marks). Additional 1 mark per assignment where fishery-based livelihood assessment is included (within the same cap of 15 marks).	While our organization may not have independently undertaken assignments specifically involving reservoir or river-based ESIA studies incorporating fisheries or aquatic ecology assessments, or fishery-based livelihood assessments, our proposed expert brings relevant professional experience in environmental and social assessments, stakeholder consultations, socio-economic surveys, and livelihood assessments. The expert's technical knowledge and practical understanding of aquatic resource-dependent communities, livelihood impacts, socio-economic assessment methodologies, and applicable environmental and social safeguard frameworks provide a strong foundation for undertaking such assignments. In view of the proposed expert's relevant professional experience and technical capabilities, we kindly request the consideration of equivalent experience as the experience of the firm, including the allocation of marks under this criterion.	The technical proposall shall be evaluated in accordance with the criteria specified in Clause 13 of the RFP. Marks under Criterion 4 shall be awarded for qualifying assignments undertaken by the bidder or, in the case of a consortium, its members, and supported by the documentary evidence specified in the RFP. The professional experience of proposed experts shall be evaluated separately under the applicable team-composition criteria and shall not be considered as the bidder's experience for allocation of marks under Criterion 4
28	Clause 8.3 - Financial eligibility	Average turnover from Consultancy Services of not less than Rs. 5 Crore in three preceding financial years.The documentary evidence in theform of certificate from the Statutory Auditor/CA of the Consultant (Lead Consultant, in case of a Consortium), certifying the revenues from the consultancy services during each of the last three (3) financial years shall need to be provided. Additionally, annual audited accounts for the last three financial years shall be submitted.	We propose that either of the consortium partners may be considered as the Lead Consultant, provided that the designated Lead Consultant meets either of the following criteria: Has a minimum average annual turnover of ₹5 crore during the three preceding financial years; OR Has successfully completed more than three Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) projects. We respectfully request that this flexibility be considered to enable the consortium to designate its Lead Consultant based on either the specified financial criterion or relevant technical experience in ESIA assignments, while leveraging the complementary strengths and expertise of both consortium partners to successfully deliver the proposed scope of work. Note that technical expertise is more relevant for such kind of assignment rather than financial barrier.	The financial eligibility requirement specified in Clause 8.3 shall remain unchanged. In the case of a consortium, the Lead Consultant shall have an average annual turnover from consultancy services of not less than INR 5 crore during the three preceding financial years and shall submit the documentary evidence prescribed in the RFP. Technical experience shall not be considered as a substitute for the minimum turnover requirement.
29	Clause 8.2 - Sector experience	The bidder should have successfully undertaken at least 3 (three) Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) studies OR 3 (three) Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies AND 3 (three) Social Impact Assessment (SIA) studies in the Renewable Energy sector including Transmission line (Separate projects would also be considered) in India. Current criterion requires specified ESIA or EIA/SIA studies in renewable energy including transmission lines in India.	The bidder should have successfully undertaken at least 3 (three) Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) studies OR 3 (three) Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies AND 3 (three) Social Impact Assessment (SIA) studies in the infrastructure sector in India.	For the purpose of Clause 8.2, relevant ESIA or EIA/SIA experience in renewable-energy, hydropower, transmission and reservoir-based infrastructure projects shall be considered. Experience in other infrastructure sectors unrelated to the proposed assignment shall not be considered.
30	Clause 8.2 - EIA and SIA project treatment	The bidder should have successfully undertaken at least 3 (three) Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) studies OR 3 (three) Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies AND 3 (three) Social Impact Assessment (SIA) studies in the Renewable Energy sector including Transmission line (Separate projects would also be considered) in India. Current wording may create ambiguity about whether EIA and SIA must relate to the same assignment.	Further, EIA and SIA studies may pertain to separate projects, and it should not be mandatory for both studies to have been undertaken for the same project.	For the purpose of Clause 8.2, the bidder shall demonstrate either: at least three qualifying ESIA assignments; or at least three qualifying EIA assignments and at least three qualifying SIA assignments. Under the second option, the EIA and SIA assignments may relate to separate projects and are not required to have been undertaken for the same project. A minimum of three qualifying assignments in each category shall be demonstrated. Technical evaluation and scoring shall be undertaken in accordance with Clause 13 of the RFP.
31	Clause 8.2 - EIA experience	The bidder should have successfully undertaken at least 3 (three) Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) studies OR 3 (three) Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies AND 3 (three) Social Impact Assessment (SIA) studies in the Renewable Energy sector including Transmission line (Separate projects would also be considered) in India. EIA experience is included in technical eligibility.	Experience in Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) is preferable but should not be mandatory	The eligibility options specified in Clause 8.2 shall remain unchanged. A bidder may demonstrate either at least three qualifying ESIA assignments, or at least three qualifying EIA assignments together with at least three qualifying SIA assignments
32	Clause 8.2 - Sector experience	The bidder should have successfully undertaken at least 3 (three) Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) studies OR 3 (three) Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies AND 3 (three) Social Impact Assessment (SIA) studies in the Renewable Energy sector including Transmission line (Separate projects would also be considered) in India. Current criterion requires specified ESIA or EIA/SIA studies in renewable energy including transmission lines in India.	The bidder should have successfully undertaken at least 3 (three) Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) studies OR 3 (three) Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies AND 3 (three) Social Impact Assessment (SIA) studies in the infrastructure sector in India.	For the purpose of Clause 8.2, relevant ESIA or EIA/SIA experience in renewable-energy, hydropower, transmission and reservoir-based infrastructure projects shall be considered. Experience in other infrastructure sectors not relevant to the proposed assignment shall not be considered

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34	Clause 8.2 - EIA experience	The bidder should have successfully undertaken at least 3 (three) Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) studies OR 3 (three) Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies AND 3 (three) Social Impact Assessment (SIA) studies in the Renewable Energy sector including Transmission line (Separate projects would also be considered) in India. EIA experience is included in technical eligibility.	Experience in Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) is preferable but should not be mandatory	See response to S.No 31
35	Clause 8.2 - EIA experience	Extend bid submission deadline by 10 working days to **2nd December 2026**	Diwali festival period and time needed for a compliant proposall. Awaiting addendum/corrigendum after pre-bid meeting held 30-Oct-2026	Published in Corrigendum