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1	RFP	3: Eligibility Criteria	<p>NABET Accreditation & Sector Alignment: The eligibility criteria require that key ESIA experts hold valid NABET accreditation (EIA Coordinator/FAE, Category A).</p>	<p>However, the current project pertains to floating solar, which typically does not require statutory EIA clearance. In this context, we request clarification on: >Whether the EIA Coordinator's NABET accreditation must be aligned to a specific sector, and if so, which sector is applicable for floating solar projects. >Whether the Environmental Specialist must hold NABET accreditation in a specific Functional Area, or if any FAE accreditation (Category A) is acceptable irrespective of sector.</p>	<p>The NABET accreditation requirements were included in the RFP as objective eligibility criteria intended to ensure deployment of technically qualified and experienced ESIA professionals for the assignment.</p> <p>However, based on bidder requests and considering that the present assignment relates to environmental and social assessment studies aligned with IFC Performance Standards, FPIC processes, and Indigenous Peoples planning, and does not involve statutory environmental clearance under the EIA Notification, relevant experience in such international-standard ESIA assignments shall also be considered while evaluating the suitability and relevance of the proposed experts and assignment experience.</p> <p>Accordingly, the relevant provisions under Sections 7.2 and 12 of the RFP relating to NABET accreditation and evaluation requirements revised appropriately, and the updated provisions issued through corrigendum/addendum.</p>
2	RFP	3: Eligibility Criteria	<p>ESIA vs EIA Requirements: The tender requires: > Experience in EIA studies (NABET-based), and >Experience in ESIA studies aligned with international standards (World Bank ESS, IFC Performance Standards), including FPIC and IPDP.</p>	<p>Given that: >The project does not trigger statutory EIA clearance, and >The ESIA will be conducted as per international frameworks (World Bank ESS / IFC PS), We seek clarification on: >Whether EIA (NABET) experience and ESIA (international standards) experience can be considered as independent qualifications, rather than both being mandatory >Whether ESIA experience (including FPIC & IPDP) can be considered sufficient for demonstrating relevant expertise.</p>	<p>See response to Point no1</p>
3	RFP	3: Eligibility Criteria	<p>Eligibility of Consortium: 2 members allowed</p>	<p>Kindly clarify: >Whether a consultant/consortium with valid NABET accreditation (in any sector) along with demonstrated ESIA experience (as per international standards) is eligible to submit the bid.</p>	<p>See response to Point no1</p>

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4	RFP	3: Eligibility Criteria	Technical Criteria: The ESIA Team shall include at least three (3) key experts holding valid NABET accreditation, comprising: •ESIA Team Leader / Project Manager (EIA Coordinator or FAE)	We request clarification on: >Whether a Team Leader with extensive experience in renewable energy/infrastructure ESIA projects, but without valid NABET accreditation, would be considered eligible.	See response to Point no1
5	RFP	3: Eligibility Criteria	Separation of EIA and ESIA Scope	Given the distinction between: >Regulatory EIA requirements (NABET-based), and >Lender-driven ESIA requirements (World Bank ESS / IFC PS, including FPIC & IPDP), We seek confirmation on: >Whether these two requirements can be treated independently, allowing flexibility in team composition and qualification compliance.	See response to Point no 1
6	RFP	3.2 Technical Criteria	least three (3) key experts holding valid NABET accreditation, comprising: • ESIA Team Leader / Project Manager (EIA Coordinator or FAE) • Environmental Specialist who is a NABET-approved Functional Area Expert (FAE), Category A • Social Specialist / Resettlement and Livelihood Restoration Specialist who is a NABET-approved Functional Area Expert (FAE) in Socio-Economics (SE), Category A • Ecologist (Terrestrial and/or Freshwater) who is a NABET-approved Functional Area Expert (FAE) in Ecology & Biodiversity (EB), Category A All the above experts shall have demonstrated experience in projects involving river valley /	The RFP mandates engagement of a Category A NABET-accredited consultant. However, ECOGENESIS requests consideration under this requirement, as we hold Category B NABET accreditation and have successfully completed more than 200 renewable projects across diverse sectors in India & Bangladesh. We have extensive experience working with leading financial institutions and organizations, including the International Finance Corporation (IFC) (World Bank Group), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), US International Development Finance Corporation, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), Standard Chartered, YES BANK, SBICAP Ventures, New Development Bank (NDB), Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP), National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), Macquarie Group, Brookfield Corporation, Eversource Capital, and LIC Housing Finance.	See response to Point no1

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7	RFP	3.2 Financial Criteria	Average turnover from Consultancy Services of not less than Rs. 10 Crore in three preceding financial years. The documentary evidence in the form 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 have around 5 years of experience and have successfully completed more than 200 projects across renewable energy and infrastructure sectors, including pumped storage, solar, wind, hybrid, Waste to Energy, thermal power, textile, steel, and building & construction projects. We have also carried out studies such as CCRA, CHA, BBA, BBM, LIA, LRP, IPDP, and FPIC in both India and Bangladesh with timely and quality delivery. Enclosed please find our capability for considering participation in the bid. Our Team Lead, Dr Bipal Jana (with 32 yrs of experience) had associated with more than 600 projects funded by more than 25 International Financial Institutes & Investors throughout his career. Considering our relevant experience and project portfolio, we kindly request you to consider reducing the average annual turnover requirement to around INR 50 lakhs instead of INR 10 crores	No change to be remained as original
8	RFP		New	Please clarify whether forest clearance will be within the scope of this assignment.	No, Forest Clearance will not be part of this assignment
9	RFP		New	Please clarify whether Regulatory clearance will be within the scope of this assignment.	No, Regulatory Clearance will not be part of this assignment
10	RFP	3: Eligibility Criteria		Kindly clarify why NABET accreditation is required when regulatory clearance is not being sought	Please refer responses to Point Nos. 1
11	RFP	5: Scope of Services	Air Dispersion Modelling	Kindly clarify the rationale for requiring air dispersion modelling for this project.	As specified in the ToR, air dispersion modelling shall be undertaken where considered relevant based on the project configuration, identified emission sources, baseline environmental conditions, proximity of sensitive receptors. Emissions during the construction and operational phases are presently expected to be limited primarily to point sources associated with construction activities, operation of DG sets.
12	RFP	3.2 Technical Criteria	CV	Can the same CV be used if an expert possesses expertise in two or more relevant areas?	No. Separate experts/CVs shall be proposed for separate expertise areas and evaluation criteria specified under the RFP. This requirement has been included considering the distinct scope, role-specific competencies, and evaluation parameters applicable to the proposed team composition under Section 12 of the RFP
13	RFP	5: Scope of Services	Oil Spill Modelling	Please suggest what is the requirement of Oil spill modelling and how many floating transformers are considered for the project.	As per the DPR, the project proposes installation of approximately 27 inverter-duty transformers (8.8 MVA each) with ONAN/ONAF cooling arrangement and biodegradable insulating oil. Each transformer is expected to contain approximately 5 KL of oil. Accordingly, the requirement relating to oil spill modelling has been included to support assessment of potential spill scenarios, associated environmental risks, and emergency response considerations during operation and maintenance activities, where relevant
14	RFP	5: Scope of Services		Kindly suggest why is AAQ (4 locations for 4 weeks), GW quality monitoring and soil monitoring at 6 locations is required as the project has very limited or no emission to air or discharge on land or water.	To ensure the baseline environmental data are representative, and considering potential air quality impacts during construction and operations, the AAQ sampling plan should cover receptors in both upwind and downwind directions, including locations near the pollutant sources. Accordingly, a total of four AAQ stations has been proposed; however, the monitoring duration may be reduced to two weeks.

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15	RFP	5: Scope of Services		Please share population of 15 villages (8 Project villages and 7 Aol villages) to be considered for socio economic survey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •FSPV Area: Fishermen: approx.. 100 and Cultivators: approx. 30 •TL Corridor: Cultivators- 150 <p>The proposed 13km transmission line and its RoW would cover a total area of 41.60 hectares (~102.8 acres) that would include approximately 150 land parcels in the villages of Padepadar, Uparchobari, Podapadar, Tikilipadar, Mahulpatna and Kamaridhiti and ultimately connecting to the existing Mukhiguda GSS. Using high resolution Google satellite imagery, the number of distinct agricultural plots was estimated based on visible field boundaries and hedgerows that demarcate individual land parcels. Each clearly separated plot was considered as being held by a single household for the purpose of preliminary estimation. Based on this approach, approximately 150 landowners are anticipated.</p>
16	RFP	3.2 Technical Criteria	Transmission Expert	Transmission experts are typically not required for an ESIA study, as the relevant information is generally provided directly by the client. Kindly remove this requirement.	Transmission Expert has been removed and deviation criteria has been revised
17	RFP			Will bid security be accepted online through NEFT? If yes, please provide the account details to process the same.	Yes.
18	RFP	19: GCC		General Conditions of Contract (page no. 52)- Are the terms and conditions open for negotiations as we may have some deviations	No Deviation
19	RFP	19: GCC		Confidential Information (General Conditions of Contract – point no. 17) - survival of confidentiality obligations must be for a definite period. This clause is open-ended. Please suggest	The Period is up to completion and acceptance by GRIDCO management of the assignment.