

Response to Pre-Bid Queries for the EOI for Empanelment of Support Provider and Facilitating Agencies

1. Query regarding Exemption from EMD in EOI for Skill Training programme.

Answer: - Any organization registered under Udyam as MSME for Skill Development Training / Training, and Startups recognised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), are exempt from payment of EMD, in terms of the General Financial Rules and prevailing Public Procurement Policy, subject to submission of a valid, current Udyam/DPIIT registration certificate covering the relevant scope of work

2. Kindly confirm whether an applicant can apply under Categories I, II, III, and IV simultaneously.

Answer: - Yes

3. If applying under multiple categories, is one EMD of ₹1,00,000 sufficient, or is separate EMD required for each category?

Answer: - Yes. One EMD is sufficient for one agency (whether applying under one category or multiple categories).

4. For Category IV, kindly confirm whether the required 500 placements must be from Government sponsored Skill Training Programmes only.

Answer: - Yes. Application under the category IV shall have successfully provided placement services for at least 500 Candidate in the past three (3) financial years under Gov.-Sponsored Skill Training Programmes only.

5. Kindly clarify the acceptable documents as proof of placement, such as appointment letters, joining reports, employer certificates, or placement certificates

Answer: - Completion Certificate from the Govt. Organization confirming completion of a project involving placement of candidates (proof for number of candidates placed as part of the project also required to be enclosed)

OR

Any communication from the employer confirming that it has placed so many candidates referred by you (with names or no. of candidates) e.g. Appointment letters or Certificates from Employer

6. Will placement experience under Government funded/CSR-supported skill development projects be considered for Category IV?

Answer: - Only Govt. funded skill development projects will be considered.

7. If the same candidates were mobilized, trained, and placed under a government sponsored project, can the same candidate numbers be considered for the respective categories, subject to supporting documents?

Answer: - Yes

8. For specific projects, will financial bids be invited only from empanelled agencies under the relevant category, or can agencies from multiple categories be invited based on project requirements?

Answer: - Financial bids shall be invited separately from empanelled agencies of the relevant category, on a project/assignment-specific basis, as per project requirement.

9. Request for Relaxation/Amendment of Eligibility Criterion regarding Mandatory Physical Office in North Eastern Region

Answer: - No relaxation

10. Request for Clarification on Additional Priority Sectors/Job Roles

Answer: - No additional priority sector identified as of now. However, all other sectors can be covered in Any other sector category

11. If the Balance Sheet and financial statements for FY 2025–26 are not yet duly signed/finalised, can the financial statements for FY 2022–23, FY 2023–24 and FY 2024–25 be considered for evaluation?

Answer: - Yes

12. Can a single company apply under all four categories specified in the EOI? If permitted, is a separate application required for each category, or can all four categories be covered under one application with the relevant supporting documents?

Answer: - Yes, a single company apply under all four categories specified in the EOI. Yes, all four categories be covered under one application with the relevant supporting documents

13. Request for Revision of Certified Trainers Evaluation Criteria as per Section H, Sl. No. 6 of the EOI

Answer: - No revision

In addition, there may be some more requests seeking a few relaxations in the EoI. However, no further relaxation (except what is included above) has been granted.