



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANT

FOR

BANK'S CARBON NEUTRALITY PROGRAM

and

PREPARATION OF BANK'S SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

RFP No.: SBI/SUST/2021-22/01 dated 17.02.2022

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PART-I

1. INVITATION TO BID:

- i. **State Bank of India** (hereinafter referred to as '**SBI**' and/or **Bank**'), is having its Corporate Centre at State Bank Bhavan, Madame Cama Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai and various other offices (LHOs/ Head Offices /Zonal Offices/Global Link Services, Global IT Centre, etc.) of State Bank of India, branches/other offices, located at various locations in India and abroad. This Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued by the Bank **for:**
 - (I) Taking ahead Bank's Carbon Neutrality program with an intention to **achieve the status of Carbon Neutrality by, 2030 in a phased manner.**
 - (II) Preparation of Bank's Annual Sustainability Report for the **F.Y 2022-23 and F.Y 2023-24** in accordance with the latest SEBI guidelines on Business Responsibility-Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) and other accepted global benchmarks viz. Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) framework, UNGC principles etc.
- ii. In order to meet the Service requirements, the Bank proposes to invite bids from eligible bidders to undertake and provide services as mentioned in **Annexure-E** which deals with the scope of work of this RFP document.
- iii. Bidder shall mean any entity (i.e., juristic person) who meets the **eligibility criteria given in Annexure-B** of this RFP and is willing to provide the Services as required in this RFP. The interested Bidders who agree to all the terms and conditions contained in this RFP may submit their Bids with the necessary information as desired in this bidding document (Request for Proposal). Please note that the Consortium bidding is not permitted under this RFP.
- iv. Address for submission of Bids, contact details including an email address for sending communications are given in Schedule of Events in Part II of this RFP.

- v. The purpose of this RFP is to seek a detailed technical proposal and commercial bid for engagement of a consultant for providing the services as desired in this RFP.
- vi. This RFP document shall not be transferred, reproduced, or otherwise used for purposes other than for which it is specifically issued.
- vii. Interested Bidders are advised to go through the entire RFP including its annexures/appendixes before submission of Bids to avoid any chance of elimination. The eligible Bidders desirous of providing Services to SBI are invited to submit their technical and commercial bid in response to this RFP. The criteria and the actual process of evaluation of the responses to this RFP and subsequent selection of the successful Bidder will be entirely at Bank's discretion. This RFP seeks proposal from Bidders who have the necessary experience, capability & expertise to provide to SBI, the proposed Services, adhering to Bank's requirements, outlined in this RFP.

2. Disclaimer:

- i. The information contained in this RFP document or information provided subsequently to Bidder(s) whether verbally or in documentary form/email by or on behalf of State Bank of India (Bank), is subject to the terms and conditions set out in this RFP.
- ii. This RFP is not an offer by State Bank of India, but an invitation to receive responses from the eligible Bidders. No contractual obligation whatsoever shall arise from the RFP process on part of the Bank unless and until a formal contract is signed and executed by duly authorized official(s) of State Bank of India with the selected Bidder.
- iii. The purpose of this RFP is to provide the Bidder(s) with information to assist in the preparation of their Bid proposals. This RFP does not claim to contain all the information, each Bidder may require. Each Bidder should conduct its own investigations and analysis and should check the accuracy, reliability and completeness of the information contained in this RFP and where necessary obtain independent advice /clarifications. Bank may in its absolute discretion, but without being under any obligation to do so, update, amend or supplement the information contained in this RFP.
- iv. The Bank, its employees and advisors make no representation or warranty and shall have no liability to any person, including any Applicant or Bidder

under any law, statute, rules or regulations or tort, principles of restitution or unjust enrichment or otherwise for any loss, damages, cost or expense which may arise from or be incurred or suffered on account of anything contained in this RFP or otherwise, including the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, completeness or reliability of the RFP and any assessment, assumption, statement or information contained therein or deemed to form or arising in any way for participation in this bidding process.

- v. The Bank also accepts no liability of any nature whether resulting from negligence or otherwise, howsoever caused arising from reliance of any Bidder upon the statements contained in this RFP.
- vi. The issue of this RFP does not imply that the Bank is bound to select a Bidder or engage a consultant for the proposed services and the Bank reserves the right to reject all or any of the Bidders or Bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- vii. The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms and specifications in the RFP. Failure to furnish all information required by the RFP or to submit a Bid not substantially responsive to the RFP in all respects will be at the Bidder's risk and may result in rejection of the Bid.
- viii. The successful bidder shall be required to enter into/execute a Bank's Standard contract/ SLA - Service Level Agreement as provided in **Annexure-K** with the Bank, within 30 days from the date of issuance of the offer letter or within such extended period as may be decided by the Bank along with the letter of acceptance, Non-Disclosure Agreement, Performance Bank Guarantee for the amount and validity as mentioned in Part II of this RFP and strictly on the lines of the format is given at **Annexure-H** and other terms and conditions as may be determined by the Bank to be necessary for the due performance of the work in accordance with the Bid and acceptance thereof. The Successful bidder shall not be entitled to seek any modifications or amendments to any of the terms and conditions of the contract/SLA or other documents/standard formats annexed to this RFP.

3. Definitions:

In this connection, the following terms shall be interpreted as indicated below:

- i. "**Bank**" 'and/or "**SBI**" means the State Bank of India constituted as per the State Bank of India Act, 1955 having its Corporate Centre at State Bank Bhavan, Madam Cama Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai and various

other offices (LHOs/Head Offices/Administrative Offices/Regional Business Offices/Global Link Services, Global IT Centre etc.) of State Bank of India, domestic and foreign branches/other offices, at various locations and managed by the Bank, acting through its CSR & Sustainability Department at Corporate Centre, Mumbai.

- ii. **“Consultant/Agencies”, “Firm”, “Company”, “Applicant”, “Bidder”** means an eligible entity/firm submitting their bid/proposal for providing services to SBI in accordance with this RFP and in response to this RFP.
- iii. **“Proposal” or “Bid”** means the written reply or submission of the response to this RFP.
- iv. **“Contract/Agreement”** means the Agreement/Service Level Agreement (SLA) entered into strictly in the format provided in **Annexure-K** and as approved by SBI (including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein) to be executed between the Bank and the selected/successful bidder as per this RFP, for providing the services as per the terms and conditions of this RFP and as approved by the SBI.
- v. **“The Contract Price/Project Cost”** means the total price payable to the Consultant over the entire period of Contract for the full and proper performance of its contractual obligations.
- vi. **“Services/Assignment/job”** means all services, scope of work and deliverables to be provided by a Bidder as described in the RFP and include the provision of technical assistance, training, certifications, auditing and any other obligation of the Consultant covered under this RFP.
- vii. **“Day”** means English calendar day.
- viii. **“RFP”** means this Request for Proposal issued by SBI for the engagement of a consultant for taking ahead Bank's carbon neutrality Project and preparation of Bank's Sustainability Report (this document) in its entirety, inclusive of any addendum/amendments that may be issued by the Bank.
- ix. **“Selected Bidder/ Consultant/ Supplier/ Vendor/ Contractor/ Service Provider/ Selected Consultant”** is the successful Bidder found eligible as per eligibility criteria set out in this RFP, whose technical Bid and commercial bid has been accepted and who has been declared as the Successful Bidder as per the selection criteria set out in the RFP and to whom notification of award has been given by Bank.

4. Overview:

State Bank of India is India's largest bank having its branches spread across India. The Bank also has a presence across the globe. The Bank offers wide range of products and services to both Corporate and Retail Customers. The Bank also has one of the largest networks of ATMs spread across all geographical locations. The Bank also provides services to its customers through alternate channels such as Internet Banking, Debit Cards, Mobile Banking, etc.

To expand its reach further, the Bank is also forging ahead with cutting edge technologies and innovative new banking models.

5. Purpose of Engagement:

SBI is looking forward to engaging a consultant for:

- (i) **Taking ahead Bank's Carbon Neutrality program with an intention to achieve the status of Carbon Neutrality by 2030 in a phased manner.**
- (ii) **Preparation of Bank's Annual Sustainability Report for the F.Y 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 respectively in accordance with the latest SEBI guidelines on Business Responsibility-Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) and other accepted benchmarks viz. Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) framework, UNGC principles etc.**

6. Scope of Work:

As given in **Annexure-E** of this RFP.

7. Eligibility and Technical Criteria:

- i. Bid is open to all Bidders who meet the eligibility and technical criteria as given in **Annexure-B & Annexure-C** of this RFP. The Bidders must submit the documents substantiating eligibility criteria as mentioned in this RFP document.
- ii. No bidder or its Associate shall submit more than one Bid for the RFP. A Bidder applying individually or as an Associate shall not be entitled to submit another Bid either individually or through Associates, as the case may be.
- iii. Companies/Firm registered in India only be permitted under this RFP to participate in the bidding process.

8. Cost of Bid document:

The participating Bidders shall bear all the costs associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of their Bids including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses associated with any demonstration or presentations which may be required by the Bank, or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to their Bid. The Bank shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for the same or for any other costs or other expenses incurred by a Bidder regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

9. Clarification and amendments on RFP:

- i. Bidder requiring any clarification of the bidding Document may notify the Bank in writing at the address/by e-mail given in part II of this document within the date/time mentioned in the schedule of events.
- ii. Bidders may request clarifications on any clause of the RFP before the closing date of submission of the RFP. Any such request for clarification must be sent via email to dgm.csr@sbi.co.in , before the stipulated date. All such queries by e-mail should be received on or before the time stipulated for the said purpose in the Time Schedule for RFP process. SBI shall clarify all such queries by e-mail to individual queries or may publish the same on its website. However, it may be noted that non-receipt of reply to the queries raised by an interested entity shall not be accepted as a valid reason for non-submission of an offer or delayed submission. Similarly, non-reply to any query may not be deemed as an acceptance of the issue by the Bank. Should SBI deem it necessary to amend the RFP as a result of a clarification or otherwise, it shall do so following the procedure under para iv below.
- iii. The queries received (without identifying source of query) and response of the Bank thereof will be posted on the Bank's website or conveyed to the Bidders as per the sole discretion of the Bank.
- iv. SBI reserves the right to amend, rescind or reissue the RFP, at any time prior to the deadline for submission of Bids. The Bank, for any reason, whether, on its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective Bidder, may modify the bidding Document, by an amendment which will be made available to the Bidders by way of corrigendum/addendum. The interested parties/Bidders are advised to check the Bank's website regularly till the date of submission of Bid document specified in the schedule of events/email and ensure that clarifications / amendments issued by the Bank, if any, have been taken

into consideration before submitting the Bid. Such amendments/clarifications, if any, issued by the Bank will be binding on the participating Bidders. Bank will not take any responsibility for any such omissions by the Bidder. SBI, at its own discretion, may extend the deadline for submission of Bids to provide prospective Bidders a reasonable time to prepare the Bid, for taking the amendment into account/ the deadline may also be extended owing to the contingencies at the sole discretion of the Bank SBI also reserves the right to rescind or reissue the RFP.

- v. No request for change in commercial/legal terms and conditions, other than what has been mentioned in the RFP or any addenda/corrigenda or clarifications issued in connection thereto only will be entertained and other queries in this regard, will not be entertained.
- vi. Queries received after the scheduled date and time will not be responded to/acted upon.

10. Contents of Bid documents:

- i. The Bidder must thoroughly study/analyze and properly understand the contents of this RFP document, its meaning and impact of the information contained therein.
- ii. Failure to furnish all information required in the bidding document or submission of Bid not responsive to the bidding documents in any respect will be at the Bidder's risk and responsibility and the same may finally result in rejection of its Bid. SBI has made considerable effort to ensure that accurate information is contained in this RFP and is supplied solely as guidelines for Bidders.
- iii. The Bid prepared by the Bidder, as well as all correspondences and documents relating to the Bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Bank and supporting documents and printed literature shall be submitted in English.
- iv. The information and all the documents provided/submitted by the Bidders in response to this RFP will become the property of SBI and will not be returned to the bidders. Incomplete information in Bid document may lead to non-consideration/rejection of the proposal.
- v. **Nothing in this RFP or any addenda/corrigenda or clarifications issued in connection thereto, is intended to relieve Bidders from forming their own opinions and conclusions in respect of the matters contained in RFP and/or any addenda/corrigenda or clarifications issued in connection thereto.**

11. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):

- i. The Bidder shall submit an **EMD of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)** for the validity period mentioned in Part II of this document.
- ii. EMD is required to protect the Bank against the risk of Bidder's conduct.
- iii. The EMD may be in the form of a Demand Draft or Pay Order or Bank Guarantee, issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank in India, other than State Bank of India, drawn in favour of "State Bank of India" payable at Mumbai. In case, SBI is the sole Banker for the Bidder, a Letter of Comfort from SBI would be acceptable.
- iv. Any Bid not accompanied by EMD for the specified amount as mentioned elsewhere in the RFP will be rejected as non-responsive.
- v. The EMD of the unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned within 4 weeks from the date of Bid finalisation.
- vi. The EMD of successful Bidder will be discharged upon the Bidder signing the Contract and furnishing the Performance Bank Guarantee for the amount and validity as mentioned in Part II of this RFP which should be strictly on the lines of format placed at **Annexure-H**.
- vii. No interest is payable on EMD.
- viii. The EMD may be forfeited: -
 - a) if a Bidder withdraws its Bid during the period of Bid validity specified in this RFP; or
 - b) if a Bidder makes any statement or encloses any form which turns out to be false / incorrect at any time prior to the signing of Contract; or
 - c) if the successful Bidder fails to sign the contract or furnish Performance Bank Guarantee, within the specified time period in the RFP/Work Order/Offer letter.
- ix. If EMD is forfeited for any reasons mentioned above, the concerned Bidder may be debarred from participating in the RFPs floated by the Bank/this department, in future, as per sole discretion of the Bank and other appropriate action may be initiated as per the terms of this RFP.
- x. **Concession as per MSMED Act will be extended to eligible MSE Consultants.**

12. Bid Preparation and submission:

- i. The Bid is to be submitted in two separate envelopes. One of the envelope is to be prominently marked as '**Technical Proposal for Engagement of Consultant for- Carbon Neutrality Program and Preparation of Sustainability Report: RFP Reference No. SBI/SUST/2021-22/01 dated: 17.02.2022**' This envelope should contain the following documents and should be **properly sealed**:
 - (a) Bid covering letter/Bid form on the lines of **Annexure-A** on Bidder's letter head.
 - (b) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) as specified in this RFP.
 - (c) All other annexures as attached in RFP.(i.e **Annexures-B, C, C-1, D**)
 - (d) A letter on Bidder's letter head: -
 - (i) Mentioning details of EMD submitted, technical competence and experience of the Bidder,
 - (ii) Certifying that the period of the validity of the Bid is as per terms of this RFP,
 - (iii) Confirming that the Bidder has quoted for all the items/Services mentioned in this RFP in their commercial Bid,
 - (iv) Confirming that they agree with all the terms and conditions mentioned in the RFP, and
 - (v) Specific response with supporting documents in respect of Eligibility Criteria as mentioned in **Annexure-B**, technical eligibility criteria on the lines of **Annexure-C** and details of key personnel on the lines of **Annexure-C-1**.
 - (e) Bidder's details as per Annexure-D on Bidder's letter head.
 - (f) Audited balance sheets and profit and loss account statements for last Three financial years.
 - (g) A copy of board resolution or power of attorney showing that the signatory has been duly authorized to sign the Bid document.
 - (h) Presentation in the form of PPT in a pen drive as well as hardcopy (print) detailing on Applicants understanding of the scope of Work, approach, methodology and work plan for the assignment with proposed timelines. Any voluminous information if to be provided should be submitted on a pen drive.

- ii. A second sealed envelope prominently marked as "**Commercial Proposal for Engagement of Consultant for –Carbon Neutrality Program and Preparation of Sustainability Report: RFP Reference No. SBI/SUST/2021-22/01 dated 17.02.2022**" This envelope should contain only the **Commercial Bid** strictly on the lines of Annexure-F. Prices are to be quoted in Indian Rupees only.
- iii. Bidders may please note that:
 - (a) The Bidder should quote for the entire package on a single responsibility basis for Services it proposes to provide.
 - (b) While submitting the Technical Bid, literature on the Services should be segregated and kept together in one section / lot in a separate envelope.
 - (c) Care should be taken that the Technical Bid shall not contain any price information. Such proposal, if received, will be rejected.
 - (d) The Bid document shall be complete and in accordance with various clauses of the RFP or any addenda/ corrigenda or clarifications issued in connection thereto, duly signed by the authorized representative of the Bidder and stamped with the official stamp/seal of the Bidder. Board resolution authorizing representative to Bid and make commitments on behalf of the Bidder is to be attached.
 - (e) Bids are liable to be rejected if only one (i.e., Technical Bid or Price Bid) is received.
 - (f) Prices quoted by the Bidder shall remain fixed for the period specified in part II of this document and shall not be subjected to variation on any account, including exchange rate fluctuations. **A Bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation will be treated as non-responsive and will be rejected.**
 - (g) If deemed necessary, the Bank may seek clarifications on any aspect from the Bidder. However, that would not entitle the Bidder to change or cause any change in the substances of the Bid already submitted or the price quoted.
 - (h) The Bidder may also be asked to give presentation for the purpose of clarification of the Bid.
 - (i) The Bidder must provide specific and factual replies to the points raised in the RFP.
 - (j) The Bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the Bidder or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the Bidder to the Contract.

- (k) All the enclosures (Bid submission) shall be serially numbered with rubber stamp of the participating Bidder. The person or persons signing the Bids shall initial all pages of the Bids, except for un-amended printed literature.
- (l) Any inter-lineation, erasures or overwriting shall be valid **only** if these are initialed by the person signing the Bids.
- (m) **The Bid document shall be spirally bound.**
- (n) The Bank reserves the right to reject Bids not conforming to the above.
- (o) The two NON-WINDOW envelopes shall be put together and sealed in an outer master NON-WINDOW envelope.
- (p) All the envelopes shall be addressed to the Bank and delivered at the address given in Part-II of this RFP **and should have name and address of the Bidder on the cover.** The outer master envelope should be duly superscribed **“Proposal for Engagement of Consultant for –Carbon Neutrality Program and Preparation of Sustainability Report: RFP Reference No. SBI/SUST/2021-22/01 dated 17.02.2022”**
- (q) If the envelope is not sealed and marked, the Bank will assume no responsibility for the Bid's misplacement or its premature opening.
- (r) Bank's decision on opening and further processing of bids irrespective of the minimum number of bids received, will be final and binding on all the bidders.

13. Deadline for Submission of Bids:

- a. Bids must be received by the Bank at the address specified and by the date and time mentioned in the “Schedule of Events”.
- b. In the event of the specified date for submission of Bids being declared a holiday for the Bank, the Bids will be received upto the appointed time on the next working day.
- c. In case the Bank extends the scheduled date of submission of the Bid document, the Bids shall be submitted by the time and date rescheduled. All rights and obligations of the Bank and Bidders will remain the same.
- d. Any Bid received after the deadline for submission of Bids prescribed, will be rejected and returned unopened to the Bidder.

14. Modification and Withdrawal of Bids:

- a. The Bidder may modify or withdraw its Bid after the Bid submission, provided that written notice of the modification, including substitution or

withdrawal of the Bids, is received by the Bank, prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of Bids.

- b. A withdrawal notice may also be sent by e-mail, but followed by a signed confirmation copy, not later than the deadline for submission of Bids.
- c. No modification in the Bid shall be allowed, after the deadline for submission of Bids.
- d. No Bid shall be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of Bid and the expiration of the period of Bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Form. Withdrawal of a Bid during this interval may result in the forfeiture of EMD submitted by the Bidder.
- e. Withdrawn Bids, if any, will be returned unopened to the Bidders.

15. Period of Validity of Bids:

- a. Bids shall remain valid for 180 days from the date of last date of bid submission. A Bid valid for a shorter period is liable to be rejected by the Bank as non-responsive.
- b. In exceptional circumstances, the Bank may solicit the Bidders' consent to an extension of the period of validity. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing. A Bidder is free to refuse the request. However, in such a case, the Bank will not forfeit its EMD. However, any extension of validity of Bids will not entitle the Bidder to revise/modify the Bid document.
- c. The Bank reserves the right to call for fresh quotes at any time during the Bid validity period with or without modification in the terms and conditions, if considered, necessary.
- d. Once a Purchase Order or Letter of Intent is issued by the Bank, the said price will remain fixed for the entire Contract period and shall not be subjected to variation on any account, including exchange rate fluctuations, if applicable.

16. Bid Integrity:

Willful misrepresentation of any fact within the Bid will lead to the cancellation of the contract without prejudice to other actions that the Bank may take. All the submissions, including any accompanying documents, will

become the property of SBI. The Bidders shall be deemed to license and grant all rights to SBI, to reproduce the whole or any portion of their Bid document for the purpose of evaluation, to disclose the contents of submission for regulatory and legal requirements and to disclose and/ or use the contents of submission as the basis for RFP process.

17. Bidding process/Opening of Technical Bids:

- i. All the technical Bids received up to the specified time and date will be opened for initial evaluation on the time and date mentioned in the schedule of events available in part II of this document. The technical Bids will be opened in the presence of representatives of the Bidders who choose to attend the same. However, Bids may be opened even in the absence of representatives of one or more of the Bidders. The Bank may, at its sole discretion decide to open the bid in the virtual presence of the representative of the bidders. The link for the same shall be provided to the bidders through email or updated on the Bank's corporate website (www.bank.sbi) under SBI in the News → Procurement News (<https://bank.sbi/web/sbi-in-the-news/procurement-news>)
- ii. In the first stage, only technical Bid will be opened and evaluated. Proposals of such Bidders satisfying eligibility criteria and agree to comply with all the terms and conditions specified in the RFP will be evaluated for technical criteria/specifications/eligibility. Only those Bids complying with technical criteria shall become eligible for commercial Bid opening and further RFP evaluation process.
- iii. The Bank will examine the Bids to determine whether they are complete, required formats have been furnished, the documents have been properly signed, EMD for the desired amount and validity period is available and the Bids are generally in order. The Bank may, at its discretion waive any minor non-conformity or irregularity in a Bid which does not constitute a material deviation.
- iv. Prior to the detailed evaluation, the Bank will determine the responsiveness of each Bid to the bidding Document. For purposes of these Clauses, a responsive Bid is one, which conforms to all the terms and conditions of the RFP in toto, without any deviation.
- v. The Bank's determination of a Bid's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the Bid itself, without recourse to extrinsic evidence.

- vi. After the opening of the technical Bids and preliminary evaluation, the eligible bidders for technical evaluation will be asked to make presentations on the services proposed to be offered by them.
- vii. If a Bid is not responsive, it will be rejected by the Bank and will not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the non-conformity.

18. Technical Evaluation:

Technical evaluation of only those bids will be carried out which are prima facie found to be responsive and where all the required papers and EMD, Affidavits etc. have been furnished. Before technical evaluation, the Bank will examine the bids to determine whether they are complete, whether any computational errors have been made, whether required information have been provided as underlined in the bid document, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether bids are generally in order. The Bank will reject the bid determined as not substantially responsive.

- i. Technical evaluation will include technical information submitted as per technical Bid format, demonstration of proposed Services, reference calls and site visits, wherever required. The Bidder may highlight the noteworthy/superior features of their Services. The Bidder will demonstrate/substantiate all claims made in the technical Bid to the satisfaction of the Bank, the capability of the Services to support all the required functionalities at their cost.
- ii. During evaluation and comparison of Bids, the Bank may, at its discretion ask the Bidders for clarification on the Bids received. The request for clarification shall be in writing/email and no change in prices or substance of the Bid shall be sought, offered or permitted. No clarification at the initiative of the Bidder shall be entertained after the bid submission date.
- iii. The shortlisted applicants, who would qualify as per the eligibility criteria in **Annexure B** would be informed by the Bank through e-mail. Subsequently, these shortlisted applicants would be invited for presentation to the appointed internal committee.
- iv. The technical proposal including presentation shall be evaluated based on parameters given in **Annexure C** and the applicant securing **minimum 50% (25 marks out of 50)** as per the scoring mechanism given in **Annexure-C** shall qualify for further evaluation.

19. Evaluation of Price Bids and Finalization:

- i. The envelope containing the Commercial Bids of only those Bidders, who are short-listed after technical evaluation, would be opened.
- ii. The commercial bid of only the bidders, who score a minimum of 25 marks out of 50 in the Technical evaluation will be opened.
- iii. The bidders will be selected on the basis of the technical evaluation and commercial bid.
- iv. The final score of the bidders will be awarded based on the Techno Commercial Evaluation as per **Annexure-G**.
- v. The Consultant with the highest Score as per **Annexure-G** will be selected.
- vi. Where two or more bidders score the same marks, the bidders having longer length of experience among them will be treated as successful bidder.

20. Contacting the Bank:

- i. No Bidder shall contact the Bank in any manner on any matter relating to its Bid, from the time of opening of Bid to the time, the Contract is awarded.
- ii. Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Bank in its decisions on Bid evaluation, Bid comparison or contract award may result in the rejection of the Bidder's Bid.

21. Award Criteria:

- i. Bank will notify successful Bidder in writing by letter or fax/email that its Bid has been accepted. The Selected Bidder has to return the duplicate copy of the same to the Bank within **7 working days**, duly Accepted, Stamped and Signed by Authorized Signatory in token of acceptance.
- ii. The successful Bidder will have to submit a Non-disclosure Agreement as per **Annexure-J**, Performance Bank Guarantee for the amount and validity as desired in part II and strictly on the lines of format given at **Annexure-H** of this document together with acceptance of all terms and conditions of RFP.
- iii. Copy of board resolution or power of attorney showing that the signatory has been duly authorized to sign the acceptance letter, contract and NDA should be submitted.

- iv. The successful Bidder shall be required to enter into a contract/ SLA with the Bank, within 30 days of award of the tender or within such extended period as may be decided by the Bank.
- v. Until the execution of a formal contract/ SLA as per **Annexure-K**, the Bid document, together with the Bank's notification of award and the Selected Consultant's acceptance thereof, would constitute a binding contract between the Bank and the successful Bidder.
- vi. The Bank reserves the right to amend the terms and conditions of the Contract as well as stipulate, at the time of finalization of the contract, any other document(s) to be enclosed as a part of the final contract.
- vii. Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the requirements/terms and conditions of this RFP shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the EMD and/or BG as well as blacklisting/debarment of the bidder from any of the Bank's future RFP/Tenders.
- viii. **Upon notification of award to the successful Bidder, the Bank will promptly notify the award of contract to the successful Bidder on the Bank's website. The EMD of each unsuccessful Bidder will be discharged and returned.**

22. Power to Vary or Omit Work:

- i. No alterations, amendments, omissions, additions, suspensions or variations of the work (hereinafter referred to as variation) under the contract shall be made by the successful Bidder except as directed in writing by Bank. The Bank shall have full powers, subject to the provision herein after contained, from time to time during the execution of the contract, by notice in writing to instruct the successful Bidder to make any variation without prejudice to the contract. The finally selected Bidder shall carry out such variation and be bound by the same conditions as far as applicable as though the said variations occurred in the contract documents. If any, suggested variations would, in the opinion of the finally selected Bidder, if carried out, prevent him from fulfilling any of his obligations under the contract, he shall notify Bank thereof in writing with reasons for holding such opinion and Bank shall instruct the successful Bidder to make such other modified variation without prejudice to the contract. The finally selected Bidder shall carry out such variation and be bound by the same conditions as far as applicable as though the said variations occurred in the contract documents. If the Bank confirms its instructions, the successful Bidder's

obligations shall be modified to such an extent as may be mutually agreed, if such variation is substantial and involves considerable extra cost. Any agreed difference in cost occasioned by such variation shall be added to or deducted from the contract price as the case may be.

- ii. In any case in which the successful Bidder has received instructions from the Bank as to the requirements for carrying out the altered or additional substituted work which either then or later on, will in the opinion of the finally selected Bidders, involve a claim for additional payments, such additional payments shall be mutually agreed in line with the terms and conditions of the order.
- iii. If any change in the work is likely to result in a reduction in cost, the parties shall agree in writing so as to the extent of change in contract price, before the finally selected Bidder(s) proceeds with the change. In all the above cases, in the event of a disagreement as to the reasonableness of the said sum, the decision of the Bank shall prevail.

23. No Waiver of Bank Rights or Successful Bidder's Liability:

Neither any sign-off, nor any payment by the Bank for acceptance of the whole or any part of the work, nor any extension of time, nor any possession taken by the Bank shall affect or prejudice the rights of the Bank against the finally selected Bidder(s), or relieve the finally selected Bidder(s) of his obligations for the due performance of the contract, or be interpreted as approval of the work done, or create liability in the Bank to pay for alterations/ amendments/ variations, or discharge the liability of the successful Bidder(s) for the payment of damages whether due, ascertained, or certified or not or any sum against the payment of which he is bound to indemnify the Bank nor shall any such certificate nor the acceptance by him of any such amount paid on account or otherwise affect or prejudice the rights of the Bank against the successful bidder.

24. Contract Amendments:

No variation in or modification of the terms of the Contract post execution shall be made, except by written amendment(s), agreed upon and signed by the parties.

25. Bank's Right to Accept Any Bid and to Reject Any or All Bids:

The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid in part or in full or to cancel the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the grounds for the Bank's action.

26. Performance Bank Guarantee:

- i. Performance Bank Guarantee [PBG] of the amount with validity period as specified in Part II of this RFP strictly on the format at **Annexure-H** is to be submitted by the finally selected Bidder. The PBG has to be issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank other than SBI and needs to be submitted within the specified time of receipt of formal communication from the Bank about their Bid being finally selected. Work order/Purchase order will be released only after receipt of the Performance Bank Guarantee. In case, SBI is the sole Banker for the Bidder, a Letter of Comfort from SBI may be accepted.
- ii. The PBG is required to protect the interests of the Bank against the risk of non-performance of Service Provider/successful bidder in respect of successful implementation of the project and/or failing to perform / fulfil its commitments / obligations in respect of providing Services as detailed in this RFP; or breach of any Terms and Conditions of the RFP, which may warrant the invoking of the Performance Bank Guarantee

27. Penalties:

As mentioned in **Annexure-I** of this RFP.

28. Right to Verification:

The Bank reserves the right to verify any or all of the statements made by the Bidder in the bid/tender document and to inspect the Bidder's establishment, if necessary, to establish to its satisfaction about the Bidder's capacity/capabilities to perform the job. Bank may also seek additional documents in support of the statements made by the bidder in the RFP/ other documents.

29. Purchase Price:

- i. Total consolidated fees for all services to be provided by the bidder in terms of the RFP is to be quoted by the bidders in the commercial Bid.
- ii. The applicable TDS or any such statutory dues as applicable will be deducted at the time of payment of invoices.
- iii. Terms of payment are given in Part-II of this RFP document.
- iv. Prices payable to the Consultant as stated in the Contract shall be firm and not subject to adjustment during the performance of the Contract, irrespective of reasons whatsoever, including exchange rate fluctuations, any upward revision in duties, charges, etc.
- v. The Bidder will pass on to the Bank, all fiscal benefits arising out of reductions, if any, in Government levies viz. custom duty, etc. or the benefit of discounts if any announced in respect of the cost of the items for which orders have been placed during that period.

30. Right to Audit

Service Provider agrees that whenever required by the Bank, it will allow to inspect its records and furnish all relevant information, records/data to the Bank/ SEBI/ Reserve Bank of India and/or any regulatory authority (ies). The Bank reserves the right to call for and/or retain any relevant information / audit reports on financial and security reviews with their findings undertaken by Service Provider. However, Service Provider shall not be obligated to provide records/ data not related to Services under the Agreement (e.g. internal cost breakup etc.).

31. Subcontracting:

As per scope of the RFP, subcontracting is not permitted.

32. Validity of Agreement:

The Agreement/ SLA will be valid for the period of 2.5 years (Thirty months). The Bank reserves the right to terminate the Agreement anytime as per the terms of RFP/Agreement.

33. Limitation of liability:

- i. For breach of any obligation mentioned in this RFP, subject to obligations mentioned in this clause, in no event bidder shall be liable for damages to the Bank arising under or in connection with this RFP/Contract for an amount exceeding the total Cost of the Project. The Service Provider will ensure Bank's data confidentiality and shall be responsible for liability arising in case of breach of any kind of security and/or leakage of confidential customer/Bank's related information to the extent of loss so caused.
- ii. Under no circumstances shall either Party be liable for any indirect, consequential or incidental losses, damages or claims including loss of profit, loss of business or revenue.
- iii. The limitations set forth herein shall not apply with respect to:
 - a) claims that are the subject of indemnification pursuant to IPR infringement/ third party IPR infringement,
 - b) damage(s) occasioned by the gross negligence, fraud or willful misconduct of Service Provider,
 - c) damage(s) occasioned by Service Provider for breach of Confidentiality Obligations,
 - d) When a dispute is settled by the Court of Law in India.
 - e) Regulatory or statutory fines imposed by a government or Regulatory Consultant for non-compliance of statutory or regulatory guidelines applicable to the Bank, provided such guidelines were brought to the notice of Service Provider.

For the purpose of sub-clause (iii) (b) herein above **“Gross Negligence” means** any act or failure to act by a party which was in reckless disregard of or gross indifference to the obligation of the party under this RFP/Contract and which causes injury, damage to life, personal safety, real property, harmful consequences to the other party, which such party knew, or would have known if it was acting as a reasonable person, would result from such act or failure to act for which such Party is legally liable. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Gross Negligence shall not include any action taken in good faith.

“Willful Misconduct” means any act or failure to act with an intentional disregard of any provision of this RFP/Contract, which a party knew or should have known if it was acting as a reasonable person, which would

result in injury, damage to life, personal safety, real property, harmful consequences to the other party, but shall not include any error of judgment or mistake made in good faith.

34. Confidentiality:

- i. Bidder acknowledges and agrees that all tangible and intangible information obtained, developed or disclosed including all documents, contract, purchase order to be issued, data papers and statements and trade secret of the Bank relating to its business practices and its competitive position in the market place provided to the selected Bidder by the Bank in connection with the performance of obligations of Bidder under the work order/purchase order to be issued, in part or complete shall be considered to be confidential and proprietary information ("Confidential Information") and shall not be disclosed to any third party/published without the written approval of the Bank.
- ii. The Confidential Information will be safeguarded, and Bidder will take all the necessary action to protect it against misuse, loss, destruction, alterations or deletions thereof. In the event of a breach or threatened breach by Bidder of this section, monetary damages may not be an adequate remedy; therefore, Bank shall be entitled to injunctive relief to restrain Bidder from any such breach, threatened or actual.
- iii. Any document, other than the Contract itself, shall remain the property of the Bank and shall be returned (in all copies) to the Bank on completion of the Service provider's performance under the Contract, if so, required by the Bank.

35. Delay in Consultant/Service provider Performance:

- i. Services shall be made available by the service provider within the timelines prescribed in part II of this document.
- ii. If at any time during performance of the Contract, the service provider should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery and performance of Services, the service provider shall promptly notify the Bank in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the service provider's notice, the Bank shall evaluate the situation and may, at its discretion, extend the service providers' time for performance, in which case, the extension shall be ratified by the parties.

- iii. Any delay in performing the obligation/ defect in performance by the service provider may result in imposition of the penalty, liquidated damages, invocation of Performance Bank Guarantee and/or termination of the contract (as laid down elsewhere in this RFP document).

36. Obligations of the selected Consultant (Successful Bidder):

- i. The service provider is responsible for and obliged to conduct all contracted activities in accordance with the contract using state-of-the-art methods and exercising all means available to achieve the performance specified in the Contract.
- ii. The service provider is obliged to work closely with the Bank's staff, act within its own authority and abide by directives issued by the Bank from time to time and complete implementation activities.
- iii. The service provider will abide by the job safety measures prevalent in India and will free the Bank from all demands or responsibilities arising from accidents or loss of life, the cause of which is the Consultant's negligence. The Consultant will pay all indemnities arising from such incidents and will not hold the Bank responsible or obligated.
- iv. The service provider is responsible for managing the activities of its personnel and will hold itself responsible for any misdemeanors.
- v. The service provider shall treat as confidential all data and information about SBI, obtained in the process of executing its responsibilities, in strict confidence and will not reveal such information to any other party without prior written approval of the Bank as explained under 'Non-Disclosure Agreement' in **Annexure-J** of this document.

37. Patent Rights/Intellectual Property Rights(IPR):

- i. Service Provider agrees that all data or information supplied by the Bank to Service Provider and/or the consultancy team in connection with the provision of Services by it shall remain the property of the Bank or its licensors.
- ii. Any licensed material used by Service Provider for performing Services or

developing Work Product for the Bank, Service Provider should have right to use as well as right to license for the outsourced services. The Bank shall not be liable for any license or IPR violation on the part of Service Provider.

- iii. Subject to other terms and conditions of this RFP, Service Provider shall, at its own expenses without any limitation, indemnify and keep fully and effectively indemnified the Bank against all costs, claims, damages, demands, expenses and liabilities of whatsoever nature arising out of or in connection with all claims of infringement of Intellectual Property Rights, including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or industrial design rights of any third party arising from the Services or use of Work Product or any part thereof in India or abroad under this RFP.
- iv. The Bank will give (a) notice to Service Provider of any such claim without delay/provide reasonable assistance to Service Provider in disposing of the claim; (b) sole authority to defend and settle such claim and; (c) will at no time admit to any liability for or express any intent to settle the claim provided that (i) Service Provider shall not partially settle any such claim without the written consent of the Bank, unless such settlement releases the Bank fully from such claim, (ii) Service Provider shall promptly provide the Bank with copies of all pleadings or similar documents relating to any such claim, (iii) Service Provider shall consult with the Bank with respect to the defence and settlement of any such claim, and (iv) in any litigation to which the Bank is also a party, the Bank shall be entitled to be separately represented at its own expenses by counsel of its own selection.
- v. Service Provider shall have no obligations with respect to any infringement claims to the extent that the infringement claim arises or results from: (i) Service Provider's compliance with the Bank's specific technical designs or instructions (except where Service Provider knew or should have known that such compliance was likely to result in an infringement claim and Service Provider did not inform the Bank of the same); or (ii) any unauthorized modification or alteration of the Work Product by the Bank.
- vi. All Work Product prepared by the Service Provider in performing the Services shall become and remain the sole and exclusive property of the Bank and all Intellectual Property Rights in such Work Product shall vest with the Bank. Any Work Product, of which the ownership or the Intellectual Property Rights do not vest with the Bank under law, shall automatically stand assigned to the Bank as and when such Work Product is created, and

Service Provider agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other acts as the Bank may deem necessary to secure its rights herein assigned by Service Provider. The Work Product shall not be used for any purpose other than intended under the scope of work, without prior written consent of the Bank.

- vii. In the event that Service Provider integrates any work that was previously created by Service Provider into any Work Product, Service Provider shall grant to, and the Bank is hereby granted, a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable license to utilize the incorporated items, including, but not limited to, any and all copyrights, patents, designs, trade secrets, trademarks or other Intellectual Property Rights, in connection with the Work Product.

38. Liquidated Damages:

If the Consultant fails to deliver and perform any or all the services within the stipulated time schedule as specified in this RFP/ Contract, the Bank may, without prejudice to its other remedies under the Contract, and unless otherwise extension of time is agreed upon without the application of Liquidated Damages, deduct from the Contract Price, as liquidated damages **mentioned in part II (Schedule of Events, Sl. No. 12)**. Once the maximum deduction is reached, the Bank may consider termination of the Contract.

39. Conflict of Interest:

- i. Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest (the "Conflict of Interest") that affects the bidding Process. Any Bidder found to have a Conflict of Interest shall be disqualified. In the event of disqualification, the Bank shall be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the Bid Security and/or Performance Security (Bank Guarantee), as the case may be, as mutually agreed upon genuine estimated loss and damage likely to be suffered and incurred by the Bank and not by way of penalty for, inter alia, the time, cost and effort of the Bank, including consideration of such Bidder's proposal (the "Damages"), without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to the Bank under the bidding Documents and/ or the Agreement or otherwise. It is further clarified that:
 - (a) Bidder shall not receive any remuneration in connection with the assignment except as provided in the Contract.

- (b) Bidder shall provide professional, objective and impartial advice and at all times hold the Bank's interests paramount, strictly avoiding conflicts with other assignment(s)/job(s) or their own corporate interests, and act without any expectation/ consideration for award of any future assignment(s) from the Bank. Bidder shall avoid any conflict of interest while discharging contractual obligations and bring, before-hand, any possible instance of conflict of interest to the knowledge of the Bank, while rendering Services under the Agreement.
- ii. Without limiting the generality of the above, a Bidder shall be deemed to have a Conflict of Interest affecting the bidding Process, if:
- (a) the Bidder, its Member or Associate (or any constituent thereof) and any other Bidder, its Member or any Associate thereof (or any constituent thereof) have common controlling shareholders or other ownership interest; provided that this disqualification shall not apply in cases where the direct or indirect shareholding of a Bidder, its Member or an Associate thereof (or any shareholder thereof having a shareholding of more than 5% (five per cent) of the paid up and subscribed share capital of such Bidder, Member or Associate, as the case may be) in the other Bidder, its Member or Associate, has less than 5% (five per cent) of the subscribed and paid up equity share capital thereof; provided further that this disqualification shall not apply to any ownership by a Bank, insurance company, pension fund or a public financial institution referred to in 2(72) of the Companies Act, 2013. For the purposes of this Clause, indirect shareholding held through one or more intermediate persons shall be computed as follows:
- (i) where any intermediary is controlled by a person through management control or otherwise, the entire shareholding held by such controlled intermediary in any other person (the "Subject Person") shall be taken into account for computing the shareholding of such controlling person in the Subject Person; and
- (ii) subject always to sub-clause (i) above, where a person does not exercise control over an intermediary, which has a shareholding in the Subject Person, the computation of indirect shareholding of such person in the Subject Person shall be undertaken on a proportionate basis; provided, however, that no such shareholding shall be reckoned under this sub-clause if the shareholding of such

person in the intermediary is less than 26% of the subscribed and paid up equity shareholding of such intermediary; or

- (b) a constituent of such Bidder is also a constituent of another Bidder; or
- (c) such Bidder, its Member or any Associate thereof receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy, grant, concessional loan or subordinated debt from any other Bidder, its Member or Associate, or has provided any such subsidy, grant, concessional loan or subordinated debt to any other Bidder, its Member or any Associate thereof; or
- (d) such Bidder has the same legal representative for purposes of this Bid as any other Bidder; or
- (e) such Bidder, or any Associate thereof, has a relationship with another Bidder, or any Associate thereof, directly or through common third party/ parties, that puts either or both of them in a position to have access to each other's information about, or to influence the Bid of either or each other; or
- (f) such Bidder or any of its affiliates thereof has participated as a consultant to the Bank in the preparation of any documents, design, or technical specifications of the Project.

For the purposes of this RFP, Associate means, in relation to the Bidder, a person who controls, is controlled by, or is under the common control with such Bidder (the "Associate"). As used in this definition, the expression "control" means, with respect to a person which is a company or corporation, the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty per cent) of the voting shares of such person, and with respect to a person which is not a company or corporation, the power to direct the management and policies of such person by operation of law or by contract.

40. Fraud & Corrupt Practices:

- i. The Bidder and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the bidding Process. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Bank shall reject an Application without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Bidder if it determines that the Bidder has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt/fraudulent/coercive/undesirable or restrictive practices in the bidding Process.

- ii. Bidders are obliged to Suo-moto proactively declare any conflicts of interest (pre-existing or as and as soon as these arise at any stage) in the RFP
- iii. Failure to process or execute the contract would amount to violation.
- iv. Without prejudice to the rights of the Bank under Clause 21.1 hereinabove, if a Bidder is found by the Bank to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt/fraudulent/coercive/undesirable or restrictive practices during the bidding Process, such Bidder shall not be eligible to participate in any EO/RFP issued by the Bank during a period of 2 (two) years from the date if such Bidder is found by the Bank to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt/ fraudulent/ coercive/ undesirable or restrictive practices, as the case may be.
- v. For the purposes of this Clause, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter, respectively assigned to them:
 - (a) **“corrupt practice”** means (i) the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the actions of any person connected with the bidding Process (for the avoidance of doubt, offering of employment to or employing or engaging in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, any official of the Bank who is or has been associated in any manner, directly or indirectly with the bidding Process or the Letter of Authority or has dealt with matters concerning the Concession Agreement or arising there from, before or after the execution thereof, at any time prior to the expiry of one year from the date such official resigns or retires from or otherwise ceases to be in the service of the Bank, shall be deemed to constitute influencing the actions of a person connected with the bidding Process); or (ii) engaging in any manner whatsoever, whether during the bidding Process or after the issue of the Letter of Authority or after the execution of the Agreement, as the case may be, any person in respect of any matter relating to the Project or the Letter of Authority or the Agreement, who at any time has been or is a legal, financial or technical adviser of the Bank in relation to any matter concerning the Project;
 - (b) **“Fraudulent practice”** means any omission or misrepresentation that may mislead or attempt to mislead so that financial or other benefits may be obtained, or an obligation avoided. This includes making false

declarations or providing false information for participation in an RFP process or to secure a contract or in execution of the contract.

- (c) **“Coercive practice”** means impairing or harming or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any person or property to influence any person's participation or action in the bidding Process.
- (d) **“Undesirable practice”** means (i) establishing contact with any person connected with or employed or engaged by the Bank with the objective of canvassing, lobbying or in any manner influencing or attempting to influence the bidding Process; or (ii) having a Conflict of Interest; and
- (e) **“Restrictive practice”/ “Anti-competitive practice”** means any collusion, bid rigging or anti-competitive arrangement, or any other practice coming under the purview of the Competition Act, 2002, between two or more bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Bank, that may impair the transparency, fairness and the progress of the procurement process or to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels.
- (f) **“Obstructive practice”** means materially impede the Bank's or Government agencies investigation into allegations of one or more of the above mentioned prohibited practices either by deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering; or by concealing of evidence material to the investigation; or by making false statements to investigators and/or by threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or by impeding the Bank's rights of audit or access to information;
- (g) **Debarment/Banning**
Empanelment/participation of Bidders and their eligibility to participate in the Bank's procurements is subject to compliance with code of integrity and performance in contracts as per terms and conditions of contracts. Following grades of debarment from empanelment/participation in the Bank's procurement process shall be considered against delinquent Vendors/Bidders:
 - (a) **Holiday Listing (Temporary Debarment - suspension):**

Whenever a Vendor is found lacking in performance, in case of less frequent and less serious misdemeanors, the vendors may be put on a holiday listing (temporary debarment) for a period up to 12 (twelve) months. When a Vendor is on the holiday listing, he is neither invited to bid nor are his bids considered for evaluation during the period of the holiday. The Vendor is, however, not removed from the list of empaneled vendors, if any. Performance issues which may justify holiday listing of the Vendor are:

- Vendors who have not responded to requests for quotation/tenders consecutively three times without furnishing valid reasons, if mandated in the empanelment contract (if applicable);
- Repeated non-performance or performance below specified standards (including after sales services and maintenance services etc.).
- Vendors undergoing process for removal from empanelment/participation in the procurement process or banning/debarment may also be put on a holiday listing during such proceedings.

(b) Debarment from participation including removal from empanelled list

Debarment of a delinquent Vendor (including their related entities) for a period (one to two years) from the Bank's procurements including removal from empanelment, wherever such Vendor is empaneled, due to severe deficiencies in performance or other serious transgressions. Reasons which may justify debarment and/or removal of the Vendor from the list of empaneled vendors are:

- Without prejudice to the rights of the Bank under Clause 40(i) hereinabove, if a Bidder is found by the Bank to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt/fraudulent/coercive/undesirable or restrictive practices during the bidding Process, such Bidder shall not be eligible to participate in any EOI/RFP issued by the Bank during a period of 2 (two) years from the date of debarment.
- Vendor fails to abide by the terms and conditions or to maintain the required technical/operational staff/equipment or there is change in its production/service line affecting its

performance adversely or fails to cooperate or qualify in the review for empanelment.

- If Vendor ceases to exist or ceases to operate in the category of requirements for which it is empaneled.
 - Bankruptcy or insolvency on the part of the vendor as declared by a court of law; or
 - Banning by Ministry/Department or any other Government agency;
 - Other than in situations of force majeure, technically qualified Bidder withdraws from the procurement process or after being declared as successful bidder: (i) withdraws from the process; (ii) fails to enter into a Contract; or (iii) fails to provide performance guarantee or any other document or security required in terms of the RFP documents;
 - If the Central Bureau of Investigation/CVC/C&AG or Vigilance Department of the Bank or any other investigating agency recommends such a course in respect of a case under investigation;
 - Employs a Government servant or the Bank's Officer within two years of his retirement, who has had business dealings with him in an official capacity before retirement; or
 - Any other ground, based on which the Bank considers, that continuation of Contract is not in the public interest.
 - If there is strong justification for believing that the partners/directors/proprietor/agents of the firm/company have been guilty of violation of the code of integrity or Integrity Pact (wherever applicable), evasion or habitual default in payment of any tax levied by law; etc.
- (c) **Banning from Ministry/Country-wide procurements**
For serious transgression of code of integrity, a delinquent Vendor (including their related entities) may be banned/debarred from participation in a procurement process of the Bank including procurement process of any procuring entity of Government of India for a period not exceeding three years commencing from the date of debarment.

41. Termination for Default:

- i. The Bank, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of Contract/RFP, by a written notice of not less than 30 (thirty) days sent to the service provider, may terminate the Contract in whole or in part for any of the following reasons:
 - a. If the service provider fails to deliver and perform any or all the Services within the period(s) specified in the RFP/ Contract/ SLA, or within any extension thereof granted by the Bank pursuant to conditions of contract or
 - b. If the service provider fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the RFP/contract; or
 - c. Laxity in adherence to standards laid down by the Bank; or
 - d. Material discrepancies/deviations in the agreed processes and/or Services.; or
 - e. The service provider should ensure that their senior representatives in the Project team get actively involved in the assignment. Bank's expectations in this regard must be adhered to. Any deficiency observed on account of non-involvement or active participation from the senior members in the project team of the service provider will be viewed seriously and may become an underlying reason for termination of contract; or
 - f. Violations of terms and conditions stipulated in this RFP.
 - g. On the happening of any termination event mentioned in the RFP/Contract.
- ii. In the event the Bank terminates the Contract in whole or in part for the breaches attributable to the service provider, the Bank may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Services similar to those undelivered, and the service provider shall be liable to the Bank for any increase in cost for such similar Services. However, the service provider shall continue performance of the Contract to the extent not terminated.

- iii. If the contract is terminated under any termination clause, the service provider shall handover all documents/ executable/ Bank's data or any other relevant information to the Bank in a timely manner and in proper format as per the scope of this RFP and shall also support the orderly transition to another Consultant or to the Bank.
- iv. During the transition, the service provider shall also support the Bank on technical queries/support on process implementation or in case of software provision for future upgrades.
- v. The Bank's right to terminate the Contract will be in addition to the penalties / liquidated damages and other actions as specified in this RFP/Contract.
- vi. In the event of failure of the Service Provider to render the Services or in the event of termination of contract or expiry of the term or otherwise, without prejudice to any other right, the Bank at its sole discretion may make alternate arrangements for getting the Services contracted with another Consultant. In such a case, the Bank shall give prior notice to the existing Service Provider. The existing Service Provider shall continue to provide services as per the terms of the contract until a 'New Service Provider' completely takes over the work. During the transition phase, the existing Service Provider shall render all reasonable assistance to the new Service Provider within such period prescribed by the Bank, at no extra cost to the Bank, for ensuring smooth switch over and continuity of services. If existing Consultant is in breach of this obligation, they shall be liable for paying a penalty of **as provided in Part-II, (Schedule of Events, Sl. No. 13)** on demand to the Bank, which may be settled from the payment of invoices or Performance Bank Guarantee for the contracted period or by invocation of Performance Bank Guarantee.

42. Force Majeure:

- i. Notwithstanding the provisions of terms and conditions contained in this RFP, the Consultant shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, liquidated damages, or termination for default, if any, and to the extent that the delay in the performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the Contract is the result of an event of Force Majeure.
- ii. For the purposes of this clause, 'Force Majeure' means and includes wars, insurrections, revolution, civil disturbance, riots, terrorist acts, public strikes,

hartal, bundh, fires, floods, epidemic, pandemic, lockdown, quarantine restrictions, freight embargoes, declared general strikes in relevant industries, Vis Major Act of Government, impeding reasonable performance of the Consultant and / or Sub-Contractor but does not include any foreseeable events, commercial considerations or those involving fault or negligence on the part of the party claiming Force Majeure.

- iii. If a Force Majeure situation arises, the Consultant shall promptly notify the Bank in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Bank in writing, the Consultant shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.
- iv. If the Force Majeure situation continues beyond 30 (thirty) days, either party shall have the right to terminate the Contract by giving a notice to the other party. Neither party shall have any penal liability to the other in respect of the termination of the Agreement as a result of an event of Force Majeure. However, Service Provider shall be entitled to receive payments for all services actually rendered up to the date of the termination of the Contract.

43. Termination for Insolvency:

The Bank may, at any time, terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the service provider, if the service provider becomes Bankrupt or insolvent or any application for Bankruptcy, insolvency or winding up has been filed against it by any person. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the service provider, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy, which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the Bank.

44. Termination for Convenience:

- i. The Bank, by a written notice of not less than 90 (ninety) days sent to the service provider, may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience without assigning any reasons. The notice of termination shall specify that termination is for the Bank's convenience, the extent to which performance of the service provider under the Contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.

- ii. In the event of termination of the Agreement for the Bank's convenience, Service Provider shall be entitled to receive pro rata payment for the Services rendered (delivered) up to the effective date of termination.

45. Dispute Resolution (applicable in case of successful Bidder only):

All disputes or differences whatsoever arising between the parties out of or in connection with this contract or in discharge of any obligation arising out of the Contract (whether during the progress of work or after completion of such work and whether before or after the termination of this contract, abandonment, or breach of this contract), shall be settled amicably within 30 days. If however, the parties are not able to solve them amicably, either party (SBI or Consultant), may seek appropriate civil remedy with the competent civil courts located at Mumbai, India. The Civil Courts at Mumbai in Maharashtra state of India shall have exclusive jurisdiction in this regard. The Consultant shall continue the work under the Contract during the pendency of the civil proceedings unless otherwise directed by the Bank or unless the matter is such that the work cannot possibly be continued until the decision of the civil court is obtained.

46. Governing Language:

The governing language shall be English.

47. Applicable Law & Jurisdiction:

The Contract/RFP shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Union of India and shall be subjected to the exclusive jurisdiction of the competent civil courts at Mumbai.

48. Taxes and Duties.

- a. The selected consultant shall be liable to pay all corporate taxes and income tax that shall be levied according to the laws and regulations applicable from time to time in India and the price Bid by the service provider shall include all such taxes in the quoted price.
- b. Prices quoted should be exclusive of all Central / State Government taxes/duties and levies but inclusive of Custom duty as also cost of

incidental services such as transportation, road permits, insurance etc. The quoted prices should be specified in the separate sheet **(Annexure-F)**.

- c. Income / Corporate Taxes in India: The Bidder shall be liable to pay all corporate taxes and income tax that shall be levied according to the laws and regulations applicable from time to time in India and the price Bid by the Bidder shall include all such taxes in the contract price.
- d. All expenses, stamp duty and other charges/ expenses in connection with the execution of the Agreement as a result of this RFP process shall be borne by the Selected Consultant/successful bidder alone. The Agreement/ Contract would be stamped as per Maharashtra Stamp Act, 1958 and any amendment thereto.

49. Tax deduction at Source:

- i. Wherever the laws and regulations require deduction of such taxes at the source of payment, the Bank shall affect such deductions from the payment due to the Selected Consultant. The remittance of amounts so deducted and issuance of certificate for such deductions shall be made by the Bank as per the laws and regulations for the time being in force. Nothing in the Contract shall relieve the Selected Consultant from his responsibility to pay any tax that may be levied in India on income and profits made by the Selected Consultant in respect of this contract.
- ii. The Selected Consultant's staff, personnel and labour will be liable to pay personal income taxes in India in respect of such of their salaries and wages as are chargeable under the laws and regulations for the time being in force, and the Selected Consultant shall perform such duties in regard to such deductions thereof as may be imposed on him by such laws and regulations.

50. Exemption of EMD:

Micro & Small Enterprises (MSE) units are exempted from payment of EMD.

Bidder should submit supporting documents issued by competent Govt. bodies to become eligible for the above exemption.

Bidders may please note:

- i. NSIC certificate/ Udyog Aadhar Memorandum/Udyam Registration

Certificate should cover the items tendered to get EMD exemptions. Certificate/ Memorandum should be valid as on due date / extended due date for Bid submission.

- ii. Bidder who solely on its own, fulfils each eligibility criteria condition as per the RFP terms and conditions and those are having MSE status, can claim exemption for EMD/ tender fee.
- iii. If all these conditions are not fulfilled or supporting documents are not submitted with the technical Bid, then all those Bids without EMD will be summarily rejected and no queries will be entertained.

51. Notices:

Any notice given by one party to the other pursuant to this RFP/contract shall be sent to other party in writing or by Fax /e-mail and confirmed in writing to other Party's address. The notice shall be effective when delivered or on the notice's effective date whichever is later.

52. Terms of Payment:

- i. The Consultant will submit invoices on the completion of the activity for necessary settlement. The invoices should be submitted along with a list of work initiated /completed, along-with all supporting documents and bills as well as copies of the supplier bills where relevant.
- ii. SBI will pay to the Consultant only and not to the any other sub-contractor/third party directly whose services would be utilized to implement any of SBI's related work.
- iii. The Tax and GST/VAT component shall be payable as applicable.
- iv. The Bank will make the payment within the period of 60 days after receiving the bill from the Consultant drawn as per terms of contract and completed in all respect.

53. MEETINGS & REPORTING

i) Meetings

The Bank may review with the Consultant, any or all of the documents and advice forming part of the Consultancy, in meetings and conferences which will be held at the Bank's office. The expenses towards attending such

meetings during the period of Consultancy, including travel costs and other related expenses shall be borne by the Bidder.

ii) **REPORTING**

(a) The Consultant will work closely with the Bank. The Bank has constituted a committee to appoint a consultant. A designated official of the Bank will be responsible for the overall coordination and project development. The designated official will play a coordinating role in dissemination of the Consultant's outputs, facilitating discussions, and ensuring required reactions and responses to the Consultant.

(b) The Consultant will make a presentation on the inception report for both the activities viz. Sustainability report preparation and the carbon Neutrality program for discussion with the committee/designated official at a meeting. This will be a working document. The Consultant is required to prepare and submit a monthly report that includes and describes, *inter alia*, general progress to date; data and reports obtained and reviewed, conclusions to date, if any; concerns about availability of, or access to, data, analyses, reports; questions regarding the SOW or any other matters regarding work scope and related issues; and so on.

(c) Presentation to Top management of Bank/ Bank's Board/ Bank's identified Committee/ Designated official may be required to be done for the Carbon Neutrality program as well as the Sustainability Reporting assignment during the period of engagement.

iii) **INFORMATION TO BE SHARED WITH CONSULTANT BY THE BANK:**

The Bank shall provide to the Consultant the necessary information available with the Bank that is required on a need-to-know basis.

iv) **COMPLETION OF SERVICES**

a. All the study outputs shall be compiled and submitted by the Consultant to the Bank in hard copy and/or soft form apart from the reports indicated in the Deliverables for both the activities. The study outputs shall remain the property of the Bank and shall not be used for any purpose other than that intended under the Scope of Work without the permission of the Bank. **The Consultancy shall stand completed on**

acceptance by the Bank of all the deliverables of the Consultant and execution of the project or 2.5 years from the Effective Date, whichever is later. The Bank shall issue a certificate to that effect. However, the consultant shall ensure completion of services within the set timelines for successful completion of the activities envisaged.

b. The Bank may additionally contemplate further hiring the services of the selected consultant for any of the abatement or offset strategies under the Carbon Neutrality Program, identified for taking ahead. However, regarding this it will be the sole discretion of the Bank and will trigger for implementation only after the approval of the Bank.

54. Other Information:

- i. Photographs/ creative will be the property of Bank and the same are required to be handed over to the Bank.
- ii. The Consultant will be responsible for copy right issues concerning usage of images, footage, text material, etc. obtained through various sources. SBI will not be a party to any disputes arising out of copyright violation by the Consultant.
- iii. The Consultant will be responsible for obtaining any permission that may be required for undertaking work as detailed in this RFP document. SBI may assist the Consultant in this regard, wherever possible.
- iv. The Consultant will at no time resort to plagiarism. 'SBI' will not be a party to any dispute arising on account of plagiarism resorted to by the Consultant. The Consultant will indemnify SBI against any claim, laws, damages, etc. arising out of the Consultant having resorted to plagiarism or violation & IPR of any third party.

PART-II

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sl No	Particulars	Remarks
1	Contact details of issuing department (Designation, Tel. No., Email id and address for sending any kind of correspondence regarding this RFP)	Asstt. General Manager State Bank of India, CSR & Sustainability Department, Corporate Centre, 9 th Floor, State Bank Bhavan, Madame Cama Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai -400021 Email: dgm.csr@sbi.co.in@sbi.co.in Tel. No. 022-22742904 (10.30AM to 5:30PM)
2	Bid Document Availability including changes/ amendments, if any to be issued	RFP may be downloaded from Bank's website https://www.sbi.co.in or www.bank.sbi from procurement news under the link procurement & others from 17.02.2022 to 21.03.2022 (date)
3	Last date for requesting clarification	Up to 5:30 PM on 24.02.2022 All communications regarding points / queries requiring clarifications shall be given by e-mail.
4	Clarifications to queries raised, if any	By 05.03.2022
5	Last date and time for Bid submission	21.03.2022 Upto 5:30 PM
6	Address for submission of Bids	The Asstt. General Manager State Bank of India, CSR & Sustainability Department, Corporate Centre, 9 th Floor, State Bank Bhavan, Madame Cama Road, Mumbai -400021
7	Date and Time of opening of Technical Bids	04:00 PM on 25.03.2022 (Tentative) Authorized representatives of consultants may be present during opening of the bids. The Bank may at its sole discretion decide to open the bids through Virtual Meeting over Microsoft Teams/ through Virtual

		Conference. However, Bids would be opened even in the absence of any or all of the Consultant's representatives.
8	Date of Presentation	The bidders shall be advised separately through email for making their presentations on a subsequent date.
9	Opening of Commercial Bids	On a subsequent date which will be communicated to such Bidders who qualify in the Technical Bid evaluation.
10	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 1.00 Lakh(Rupees One Lakh only) Concession as per MSMED Act will be extended to eligible MSE Consultants in terms of the RFP
11	Performance Bank Guarantee	3% of the value of the contract Performance Security in form of BG should be valid for three year(s) and three months from the effective date of the Contract.
12	Liquidated damages	If Service Provider fails to perform any or all the Services within the stipulated time, schedule as specified in the RFP/Agreement, the Bank may, without prejudice to its other remedies under the RFP/Agreement, and unless otherwise extension of time is agreed upon without the application of liquidated damages, deduct from the Project Cost, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to 0.5% of the total Project Cost for delay of each week or part thereof maximum up to 10% of total Project Cost. Once the maximum is reached, the Bank may consider termination of Agreement.
13	Transition Penalty (Refer Part-1, point No 41 sub point no (vi).	If existing vendor is found to be in breach of this obligation, they shall be liable for paying a penalty at the rate of the 10% of contract value on demand to the Bank, which may be settled from the payment of invoices or bank guarantee for the contracted period.

ANNEXURE-A

BID FORM (TECHNICAL BID)

[On Company's letter head]

(to be included in Technical Bid Envelope)

Date: XX.XX.XXXX

To:
The Asstt. General Manager
State Bank of India
CSR & Sustainability Department,
Corporate Centre,
9th Floor, State Bank Bhavan,
Madam Cama Road,
Mumbai -400021

Madam/Dear Sir,

Ref: RFP No.

We have examined the above RFP, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged and subsequent pre-Bid clarifications/ modifications / revisions, if any, furnished by the Bank and we offer to provide Services detailed in this RFP. We shall abide by the terms and conditions spelt out in the RFP.

2. While submitting this Bid, we certify that:

- The undersigned is authorized to sign on behalf of the Consultant and the necessary support document delegating this authority is enclosed to this letter.
- We declare that we are not in contravention of conflict-of-interest obligation mentioned in this RFP.
- The prices submitted by us have been arrived at without agreement with any other Bidder of this RFP for the purpose of restricting competition.
- The prices submitted by us have not been disclosed and will not be disclosed to any other Bidder responding to this RFP.
- We have not induced or attempted to induce any other Bidder to submit or not to submit a Bid for restricting competition.
- We have quoted for all the services/items mentioned in this RFP in our price Bid.
- The rate quoted in the *Price Bids are as per the RFP* and subsequent pre-Bid clarifications/ modifications/ revisions furnished by the Bank, without any exception.

3. If our offer is accepted, we undertake to complete the formalities for providing Services within the period specified in the RFP/Contract.
4. We agree to abide by all the Bid terms and conditions, contents of Service Level Agreement as available at **Annexure-K** of this document and the rates quoted therein for the orders awarded by the Bank up to the period prescribed in the Bid, which shall remain binding upon us.
5. Until a formal contract is executed as per **Annexure-K**, this Bid, together with your written acceptance thereof and your notification of award, shall constitute a binding Contract between us.
6. We undertake that, in competing for (and, if the award is made to us, in executing) the above contract, we will strictly observe the laws against fraud and corruption in force in India namely "Prevention of Corruption Act 1988, as amended".
7. We undertake that we will not offer, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the Bank, connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process, or to any person, organisation or third party related to the contract in exchange for any advantage in the bidding, evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.
8. We undertake that we will not resort to canvassing with any official of the Bank, connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process to derive any undue advantage. We also understand that any violation in this regard, will result in disqualification of bidder from the further bidding process.
9. We certify that we have not made any changes in the contents of the RFP document read with its amendments/clarifications provided by the Bank submitted by us in our Bid document.
10. It is further certified that the contents of our Bid are factually correct. We also accept that in the event of any information / data / particulars proving to be incorrect, the Bank will have the right to disqualify us from the Bid. We shall make available to the Bank any additional information it may find necessary or require to supplement or authenticate the Qualification statement. We also acknowledge the right of the Bank to reject our Bid/Application without assigning any reason or otherwise and hereby waive our right to challenge the same on any account whatsoever
11. We understand that you may cancel the bidding process at any time and that you are neither bound to accept any Application that you may receive nor to invite that Applicants without incurring any liability to the Applicants. We further understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any Bid you may receive, and you may reject all or any Bid without assigning any reason or giving any explanation whatsoever.

12. We hereby undertake that our name does not appear in any "Caution" list of RBI / IBA/ SEBI or any other regulatory body for outsourcing activity.

13. If our Bid is accepted, we undertake to enter into and execute at our cost, when called upon by the Bank to do so, a contract in the prescribed form (**Annexure-K**) and we shall be jointly and severally responsible for the due performance of the contract.

14. The name(s) of successful Bidder to whom the contract is finally awarded after the completion of the bidding process shall be displayed on the website of the Bank and/or communicated to the successful Bidder(s).

15. We certify that in regard to matters other than security and integrity of the country, we have not been convicted by a Court of Law or indicted or adverse orders passed by a regulatory authority which could cast a doubt on our ability to undertake the Project or which relates to a grave offence that outrages the moral sense of the community.

16. We further certify that in regard to matters relating to security and integrity of the country, we have not been charge-sheeted by any Consultant of the Government or convicted by a Court of Law for any offence committed by us or by any of our Associates.

17. We further certify that no investigation by a regulatory authority is pending either against us or against our Associates or against our CEO or any of our Directors/ Managers/ employees.

18. We hereby certify that on the date of submission of Bid for this RFP, we do not have any past/ present litigation which adversely affects our participation in this RFP or we are not under any debarment/blacklist period for breach of contract/fraud/corrupt practices by any Scheduled Commercial Bank/ Public Sector Undertaking/ State or Central Government or their agencies/departments.

19. We hereby certify that on the date of submission of Bid, we do not have any Service Level Agreement pending to be signed with the Bank for more than 6 months from the date of issue of work order.

20. We hereby certify that we have read the clauses contained in O.M. No. 6/18/2019-PPD, dated 23.07.2020 order (Public Procurement No. 1), order (Public Procurement No. 2) dated 23.07.2020 and order (Public Procurement No. 3) dated 24.07.2020 regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India. We further certify that we and our OEM are not from such a country or if from a country, has been registered with competent authority. We certify that we and our OEM fulfil all the requirements in this regard and are eligible to participate in this RFP.



21. If our Bid is accepted, we undertake to enter into and execute at our cost, when called upon by the Bank to do so, a contract in the prescribed form and we shall be solely responsible for the due performance of the contract.

22. We hereby certify that none of ours and/or our partner's /Directors are convicted of any criminal offence related to their professional conduct or making false statements or misrepresentations as to their qualifications to enter into a Procurement Contract within a period of two years preceding the date of the RFP. If a bidder chooses not to disclose any such issue, and the same comes to Bank's notice at a later date, the Bank will be free to revoke any contract entered with the Consultant/service provider and invoke Bank Guarantee at its discretion.

23. We hereby understand that any of the mentioned services can be withdrawn by the Bank by giving a notice of 15 days, any time during the contract period and no commercials for the service as per price discovery, will be paid by the Bank, subsequent to withdrawal of service.

We hereby undertake and agree to abide by all the terms and conditions stipulated by the Bank in the RFP document.

Dated this day of 2021

(Signature) (Name)
(In the capacity of)

Duly authorised to sign Bid for and on behalf of

Seal of the company/ Firm.

Note: Company to provide copy of the board resolution authorizing the signatory to sign the bid documents.

Annexure-B

Bidder's Eligibility Criteria

Bidders meeting the following criteria are eligible to submit their Bids along with supporting documents. If the Bid is not accompanied by all the required documents supporting eligibility criteria, the same would be rejected.

S. No.	Eligibility	Supportive documents required
1	The Bidder Should be a Company / firm of international repute / standing and having a full-fledged office at Mumbai (India).	A write up about the company / firm, its standing and past work done (not exceeding 2 pages). Copy of the Certificate of Incorporation issued by Registrar of Companies / firms and full address of the Registered office.
2	The bidder should be in existence for a minimum period of 7 years in India.	Certificate of Business Commencement or any other certification related to the establishment of the business.
3	The bidder should have relevant experience of providing consulting assignments related to greenhouse gas reduction strategy/plan for Govt. organization(s)/Public Sector Units (PSUs) Or Any reputed organization with turnover of INR 1000 crore or more during the previous Three (3) years.	Letters from clients/Copy of engagement letters/ contracts.
4	The bidder should have been consulted in procurement of at least 50 MW for renewable power. Projects should have been successfully awarded.	Letters from clients/Copy of engagement letters/ contracts.

5	<p>The bidder should have relevant experience of providing consulting assignments related to the preparation of Sustainability Report of at least Two (2) listed corporates which are part of the "NIFTY 100" of the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. Preference will be given for experience in preparation of Sustainability Reports of Banking companies. The engagement should have been undertaken during the previous Three years.</p>	<p>Letters from clients/Copy of engagement letters/ contracts.</p>
6	<p>Bidder to have at least 6 (Six) nos. of qualified manpower for the assignment, each with a minimum of 5 (Five) years of experience as under:</p> <p>i) At least Three (3) personnel having experience in GHG inventorization, developing carbon emission reduction strategies for organizations.</p> <p>ii) At least Three (3) personnel having experience in preparing /drafting the Sustainability Reports for organizations.</p> <p>The manpower team should be proficient in English language. The bidder shall provide along with the technical bid, CVs of Team leader and other Team members/experts to be deployed for the assigned job.</p>	<p>Supporting document</p>
7	<p>All bidders are required to submit an earnest bid money amount of Indian Rupees 1.00 Lakh only with their response to RFP.</p>	<p>Pay Order / Demand Draft, issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank in India, drawn in favour of State Bank of India payable at Mumbai.</p>
8	<p>Bidders should not be under debarment/blacklist period for breach of contract/fraud/corrupt practices by any Scheduled Commercial Bank/ Public Sector Undertaking / any regulatory body etc., IBA, RBI,</p>	<p>Bidder should specifically confirm on their letter head in this regard.</p>

	<p>SEBI, TRAI, DOT, or regulator of any other country/ State or Central Government or their agencies/ departments on the date of submission of bid for this RFP.</p> <p>In case of merger /acquisition / purchase / takeover, this clause would apply to both the organisations. i.e., in case any one of the organisations is blacklisted, then the same would be applicable to both organisations.</p> <p>Any instance of non-completion of the project or termination of SLA by any entity due to non-performance of the Consultant for the reasons attributable to the Consultant/bidder or their respective partner, during last 3 years prior to the date of RFP, shall be treated as non-performance on the part of the bidder and its partner and such bidders shall not be considered eligible for implementation of the project.</p>	
9	<p>Past/present litigations, disputes, if any (Adverse litigations could result in disqualification, at the sole discretion of the Bank)</p>	<p>Brief details of litigations, disputes, if any are to be given on Company's/firm's letter head.</p>

Documentary evidence must be furnished against each of the above criteria along with an index. All documents must be signed by the authorized signatory of the Bidder. Relevant portions, in the documents submitted in pursuance of eligibility criteria, should be highlighted. False compliances with respect to any of the minimum Eligibility/Technical criteria would disqualify the bidder from the RFP process. If a bidder is finally selected and at any stage during the term of the contract, if Bank finds the false certification for meeting the minimum eligibility/technical criteria, or the bidder is not eligible as per the minimum eligibility and technical evaluation criteria, Bank may debar/expel and blacklist the bidder and reassign the orders to other Consultants and Bank has right to invoke our Performance Bank Guarantee.

Name & Signature of authorised signatory

Seal of Company/Firm

Annexure-C

Technical Evaluation Criteria

The parameters for technical evaluation:

Sl. No	Parameter for evaluation	Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks for Award
1	Experience in consulting assignments related to greenhouse gas reduction strategy/plan for Govt. organization/PSUs in India. Or Reputed organization(s) with turnover of INR 1000 crore or more.	2.5 Marks for each such company	10
2	Consultancy services for Procurement of Renewable Power Procurement. The bidder should have been consulted in procurement of at least 50 MW for renewable power. Projects should have been successfully awarded.	Upto 50 Mw- 2.5 Marks , for every additional 10 MW- 2.0 Marks	10
3	Experience in designing, drafting, preparing of Sustainability Reports of one or more NIFTY 100 Companies (excluding Public Sector Banks/ Private Sector Banks)	2.5 Marks for each such company	10
4	Experience in designing, drafting, preparing of Sustainability Reports, for Public Sector Banks/ Private Sector Banks having equity listing in India.	2.5 Marks for each such Bank under NIFTY 100	10
		1.0 Mark for each such Bank not included in NIFTY 100	
5	Approach, Methodology and Work Plan demonstrated in response to Scope of Work in Technical proposal and the Presentation.		10
	Total		50

Proof of engagement during the past three financial years should be submitted. The 3-year period will be reckoned from the original Bid closing date.



Annexure-C-1

DETAILS OF KEY PERSONNEL

The team of professionals shall be comprised of experts and specialists (the “**Professional Personnel**”) in their respective areas of expertise and managerial/support staff (the “**Support Personnel**”) such that the Consultant should be able to complete the services within the specified time schedule. The Key Personnel shall be included in the proposed team of Professional Personnel. Other competent and experienced Professional Personnel in the relevant areas of expertise must be added as required for successful completion of the services subject to the approval of the Bank. The CV of each such Professionals, if any, should also be submitted.

The Consultancy Team shall consist of the following key personnel (the “**Key Personnel**”) who will discharge their respective responsibilities as specified below:

Key Personal	Responsibilities

The above-mentioned Key Personnel possesses following qualifications and experiences:

Key Personnel	Educational Qualification	Length of Professional experience	Experience on eligible assignments

The Bank shall examine the CVs of all Professional Personnel and those not found suitable shall be replaced by the Applicant to the satisfaction of the Bank.

(Signature of Authorised Signatory)

Name of the Authorised Signatory:

Company/ Firm Name:

Annexure-D

Bidder Details

Details of the Bidder

S. No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Name and address of the bidder	
	Name, Mobile number and email of the bidder Consultant's contact official	
2.	Address of Head office of the Consultant	
3.	Date of Incorporation and / or commencement of business	
4.	Certificate of incorporation (Yes/No)	
5.	Brief description of the Bidder including details of its main line of business	
6.	Company website URL	
7.	Particulars of the Authorized Signatory of the Bidder a. Name b. Designation c. Address d. Phone Number (Landline) e. Mobile Number f. Fax Number g. Email Address	
8.	Details of Statutory registrations of the Consultant	

Signature and Seal of Company/ Firm

Scope of Work

(I) For the Bank's Carbon Neutrality program

1. GENERAL

The Bank seeks the services to provide a structured framework and time bound action plan in implementing the Carbon Neutrality project. The Consultant will be responsible for Comprehensive GHG Inventorization, Data Management, Verification & Reporting of GHG inventory, GHG reduction and offset strategy including guidance for installation of captive renewable power projects, and Certification & Assurance of the Bank's Carbon Neutrality initiatives. The Scope of Work for this assignment are specified below.

2. SCOPE OF WORK (Carbon Neutrality Program Related)

2.1 Scope of Work:

Bank's endeavor to become carbon neutral over a period of time, broadly keeping in view the following:

- I. RE Power usage for the Bank considering both on-site as well as off-site renewable sources. The analysis to include inter alia tentative costing, carbon footprint reduction potential, geography suitability, policy support from respective state govts.
- II. Requirement for purchase of carbon offsets and detailed mechanism and sources with cost aspect involved.
- III. Overview of Bank's energy consumption in its operations with possible interventions and cost benefit analysis.
- IV. Presentation to the senior management at periodic intervals, Certification & Independent Assessment of SBI Carbon Reduction. The service provider is to assist SBI in independent assessment of its carbon neutrality measures and acquire subsequent certification(s) validating its carbon neutral status through

accredited agencies. The service provider is expected to:

- (i) Assist SBI in preparing declaration of commitment to carbon neutrality for public disclosure including:
 - Current carbon footprint
 - Carbon Footprint Management Plan for neutrality
- (ii) Assist SBI in preparing declaration of achievement of carbon reduction for public disclosure including:
 - Reduction in footprint achieved
 - Offsetting of remaining emissions
- (iii) Assist SBI in preparing for validation of achievement of carbon reduction through:
 - Self-validation or
 - Third party independent assessment acquiring carbon neutrality certifications, generating and meeting reporting requirements as per the Business Responsibility-Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) reporting guidelines issued by Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI), other reporting guidelines of GRI, TCFD (Task force on Climate related Financial disclosure) etc., Assurance statement for CDP disclosure, DJSI assessment pertaining to emissions etc.

Phase 1: GHG Inventorization of SBI's Operations

Further, develop the Bank's existing framework for GHG inventorization. A complete and comprehensive GHG inventory of SBI's operations across all domestic locations including setting up a data management system that will be used for current and future inventorization activities. This phase will include:

- (i) Strengthening of SBI's present GHG inventorization Data Management System
 - ✓ Development/Refinement of data collection formats and protocols
 - ✓ Development of GHG estimation tool and analysis of collected data.
 - ✓ Suggesting Incorporation of key GHG monitoring parameters for building up suitable MIS.
- (ii) Establish, verify and report GHG inventory

- ✓ Estimation of sector/source wise greenhouse gas emissions as per the widely accepted GHG inventorization protocol with break up under different Scopes of emission viz. SCOPE-I, SCOPE-II, SCOPE-III etc.
- ✓ Estimation of the level of uncertainty
- ✓ Internal verification of data

(iii) Help the Bank in getting prepared for certification of GHG Inventory if required.

A final report containing SBI's complete GHG inventory and offsets along with details on boundary/source selection and collection methodologies has to be provided by the Consultant.

Phase 2: Develop GHG Abatement and Offset Strategy

Propose a detailed, exhaustive GHG abatement and offset strategy based on the GHG inventorization exercise carried out in phase 1, which will enable SBI achieve carbon neutrality by the target year of 2030. This phase will include:

- ✓ Identification of future growth/expansion pathways/strategies of the Bank
- ✓ Development of anticipated growth scenarios for the target year
Identification of appropriate and most relevant/accurate forecasting models/techniques
- ✓ Collate results of the models to forecast GHG emission scenarios (including business-as-usual scenario)
- ✓ Develop GHG abatement strategy with a focus on renewable energy and energy efficiency Under this step, the Consultant is expected to assist SBI in developing a comprehensive phase wise strategy for renewable energy procurement including a plan for reduction of power purchase costs entailing the following:
 - ✓ Develop a GHG emission abatement/reduction roadmap with feasible year on year GHG reduction targets and viable business cases for each of the identified options. This should also look at the economic viability of the technology options.
 - ✓ Develop and estimate GHG offset strategy considering potential of all proposed mitigation opportunities and anticipated shortfall in achieving carbon neutrality.

- Assess scale of offsetting requirements
- Develop GHG offset selection criteria
- Develop a GHG offset purchase strategy estimating total cost, purchase start timings, advance offset bookings with offset sellers etc and implementation barriers for proposed offsetting techniques and propose low-cost approach

The service provider is expected to provide a detailed roadmap with an exhaustive list of GHG abatement and offset measures along with cost requirements for individual measures and plausible timelines within which SBI can implement these measures.

The Consultant shall, upon award of the Consultancy, submit its proposal covering each of the above scope of work along with an index plan giving the rationale of its proposal. This proposal shall form part of the Inception Report.

2.2 Preliminary designs

The Consultant shall arrive at the preliminary designs of various components of the scope of services described above. It shall be responsible for the accuracy of the details, designs, components, etc. The layout and preliminary designs shall be supplemented with explanatory drawings, statements, charts, notes as necessary.

2.3 Project cost

The Consultant shall work out indicative/estimated cost of project for the Bank's Carbon Neutrality program with a breakup of cost for each of the 2 phases.

3. DELIVERABLES

The Consultant shall deliver the following deliverables (the “**Deliverables**”) during the course of this Consultancy.

- Inception report detailing methodology and work plan within 1 month of date of agreement
- Quarterly progress report/ presentation within 15 days of end of each quarter to be made to the committee/ board /concerned department.
- Final GHG inventory of SBI for the FY ending 2023 and 2024 or as required by the Bank for any intervening point of time during the period of engagement. The GHG inventory as on 31st March for these years will also be reported in Bank's Sustainability/Business Responsibility Report(s) for the corresponding years. Interim GHG inventorization may also be required to be prepared on the inventorization model suggested by the consultant.
- Final GHG Abatement Strategy document
- Half-yearly progress report from the date of engagement. Preparation of a Dashboard showing quarterly progress of GHG emission and reduction thereof.
- If any identified abatement/offset strategy is approved by the Bank for implementation, the Consultant will extend its cooperation in ensuring implementation of the same to achieve the resultant GHG reduction.
- Provide full assistance in securing an assurance statement for Bank's GHG inventorization for the purpose of disclosure at various ESG platforms viz. CDP reporting, DJSI listing assessment, third party assurance etc.

4. TERMS OF PAYMENT

4.1 The terms of payment will be linked to the specified Deliverables as given below:

Phases	Description of Deliverables	Payment %
Phase 1		
Inception report for the GHG Inventory	Submission of Inception report	30%
Complete Inventorization	Formulation of a GHG inventorization model and Completion of GHG Inventorization of SBI's Operations along with setting up scope and boundary.	70% (40% after Year 1 and 30% after year 2 Inventorization Reporting)
Phase 2		
Inception Report of the GHG Strategy		30%
Final GHG Abatement and Offset Strategy.		70% (Submission of Interim Report: 40%) (After submission of Final Report: 30%)

(II) For preparation of Sustainability Report Related

1. The Consultant shall:

Prepare the proposed Sustainability Report(s) of the Bank in line with Business Responsibility-Sustainability -Reporting (BR-SR) guidelines issued by Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) benchmarks, United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and other globally acclaimed reporting benchmarks.

- a) The Sustainability report shall be prepared for the **financial year 2022-23 and 2023-24**
- b) The Consultant shall carry out the exercise jointly with the management of SBI.
- c) The report shall also include certification / review / comments etc., as required under latest applicable GRI guidelines/standards/applications. **However, the consultant to have fair knowledge of Integrated Reporting (<IR> framework considering that Bank may contemplate including IR elements in the Report.**

2. Working Team

- a) For effective execution of the exercise, a Core Team comprising members from SBI will be formed to coordinate with the Consultant. The consultant shall nominate a Team leader for the duration of the entire exercise with whom all communications during the normal course of assignment regarding Sustainability Reporting matters will be done. Consultant team shall regularly interact with SBI team and be available to SBI team for regular communication & technical assistance. In addition, Consultant shall have to come to SBI's Mumbai Headquarter Office as and when necessary for report related work.
- b) Consultant will be required to **make quarterly presentations before Bank's apex committee on progress on Sustainability related agenda relating to Reporting, other key issues on ESG disclosure front.**

3. Deliverables:

The brief summary of activities to be performed by consultant shall be as stated below:

3.1 Submission of work plan

The Consultant shall give a detailed presentation to SBI team on work plan and modalities for preparation of sustainability report with timelines before the commencement of work.

3.2 Stakeholder Engagement & Materiality Determination:

The Consultant shall identify key stakeholder groups, prioritize identified stakeholder groups, develop appropriate process/model for stakeholder engagement by reviewing the existing processes and facilitate robust framework for enhancing the same to SBI. For effective materiality determination, the consultant shall assist in developing a stakeholder engagement response/feedback mechanism/questionnaire format. The consultant shall conduct requisite stakeholder engagement workshops in co- ordination with SBI team. Consultant shall prepare a record note after every stakeholder engagement workshop and submit the same to SBI. A presentation on stakeholder engagement and materiality determination may be required to be given to SBI Management and/or the apex level Sustainability related Bank's internal committee (Corporate Centre Sustainability Committee)

3.3 Data/Information collection and analysis:

The Consultant would be required to:

- Develop relevant data templates for all indicators to be reported as per the need of latest BRSR guidelines/ GRI guidelines from various Departments.
- The Consultant may be required to have meetings with the various Departments for better understanding on data/information requirements. SBI will provide the data collected from different departments. For key reporting issues, consultant may also be required to have meetings with respective Departments at Bank's Corporate Office, Bank's Global IT Centre at Navi Mumbai, Local head

Offices at Mumbai etc. The consultant will also compile, collate, review and analyze the data along with comparison and ways and means to fill the gaps.

- Consultant will help choose a suitable contemporary Theme for the Report, make available Cover page designs options in sync with theme, draft leadership statements (from Chairman, MDs, Chief Sustainability officer) for inclusion in Report.

3.4 Draft Sustainability Report.

The Consultant shall develop the draft Sustainability Report including statements, text, etc., in English, review and finalize the same with SBI.

Report shall also be in compliance with and National Voluntary Guidelines on Social, Environmental and Economic responsibilities of Business/ The National guidelines on responsible Business Conduct or any subsequent notifications in this regard as released by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India or any other regulatory entity. The draft Sustainability report to be prepared by 30th April of the concluded Reporting period. The Consultant shall give presentation to SBI Management on the draft Sustainability Report prior to finalizing the same.

3.5 External Independent Assurance of the Sustainability Report

The reports may be audited for Independent Assurance by an Auditing consultant selected in due course. The Consultant shall co-ordinate with the selected audit consultant for completion of the Assurance procedures.

The Consultant shall assist the selected Independent Assurance Provider (SBI shall appoint through separately), for validating the data / reports/evidence collected for the preparation of SR as per the established practices/GRI guidelines. The Consultant shall coordinate with / provide inputs to the selected Independent Assurance provider for the completion of the independent Assurance / Review report and incorporate the suggestion / changes in the final Sustainability report for the reporting period.

The consultant would be required to attend meetings with the Assurance provider and SBI during the Assurance and data validation process.

Final Sustainability Report shall include all certifications / reviews / BR-SR requirements/ comments as required under GRI established practices from independent external assurance provider.

3.6 Submission of Final Sustainability Report

The Consultant will arrange for designing and printing of 400 Hard copies of Sustainability Report in English and 100 copies in Hindi respectively. 200 E-copies (in a suitably designed pen drive) in English will also be arranged by the consultant. The cost towards the hard copies and pen drives will be borne by the consultant. The Hard copies will be required to be printed on good quality recycled /environment friendly paper. The translation of the Report from English to Hindi language will also be undertaken by the consultant at their cost. The translation of the Report text from English to Hindi may be required to be vetted by the Bank before treating it as final.

For all purposes, the consultant should extend their assistance till the Sustainability Report is finalized and is uploaded on Bank's website or filed with the regulatory bodies for each of the respective reporting period.

3.7 Assisting in Response preparation for –

3.7.1 Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) Listing's Assessment process and CDP (erstwhile Carbon Disclosure Project) response: The selected consultant will be required to prepare the response for DJSI listing assessment process and CDP. Broadly the scope of work for these would include:

- In-depth gap analysis against requirements based on publicly available information for SBI and peer comparison to establish benchmarks.
- Detailed interaction with the internal department heads and data owners to gather relevant data for questionnaire, review of input received and discussion on closure of gaps.

- Final Questionnaire to be populated by the consultant and submitted to assessing entity along with the supporting documents received.
- Quantitative and qualitative analysis of the results and identification of residual gaps and improvement areas.

The selected consultant will be required to prepare response for assessment pertaining to Three Years i.e 2022(based on reporting period FY 2021-22), 2023(based on Reporting period 2022-23) and 2024(based on reporting period 2023-24) and provide full assistance till uploading of the response.

3.8 Other Scope:

3.8.1 Consultant shall prepare and submit at least Four Newsletters (for each reporting period) of around 6-8 Pages each for employee awareness on Sustainability communicating various initiatives of SBI. The same shall be made in accordance with directions from SBI Team.

3.8.2 The consultant will assist SBI in applying for Awards (maximum 2 Nos.) on Sustainability/Environment throughout the engagement period. The consultant shall also provide assistance through write ups and presentation for participation in conferences and seminars. The consultant at times may be required to assist Bank while interacting with Investors/Analysts/Rating agencies to put forth Bank's case.

3.8.3 The consultant shall assist in formulating "Thought leadership articles" (maximum 2 nos.), in-house tutorials on Sustainability/ESG matters for employees.

Payment Terms: (Applicable for each of the two years of the Report preparation)

Milestones:

- i) Submission of duly approved organization chart, activity charts, time schedule, action plan and methodology to be adopted for the exercise, presentation to the SBI management on the above – **10% of the yearly contract value quoted in financial proposal for the Sustainability Report preparation.**
- ii) Completion of stakeholder engagement, submission of materiality assessment reports and presentation to SBI – **20%**

of the yearly contract value quoted in financial proposal for the Sustainability Report preparation

iii). Completion of data collection as specified, review and analysis of data, – **20% of the yearly contract value quoted in financial proposal for the Sustainability Report preparation.**

iv) Submission of the draft report and presentation to SBI – **20% the yearly contract value quoted in financial proposal for the Sustainability Report preparation**

v) Submission of final sustainability report in “Ready to Design” format - **10% the yearly contract value quoted in financial proposal for the Sustainability Report preparation**

vi) Submission of at least two newsletters and assistance in applying for awards – **10% of the yearly contract value quoted in financial proposal for the Sustainability Report preparation**

vii) Successful submission of DJSI/ CDP response- **10% of the yearly contract value quoted in financial proposal for the Sustainability Report preparation**

Note:

(1) Submission of DJSI/CDP response for 2022 shall not be guided by vii above and will form part of the overall project.

(2) The Yearly Contract value for Sustainability Report preparation will be half (50%) of the Consolidated Fee for the Sustainability Report preparation for both the years i.e FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 (As mentioned by the Bidder in Item No. A of the Commercial Bid (Annexure F)

Payment shall be made within 30 days from the date of receipt of the certified invoice by SBI.

Annexure-F

Commercial/ Price Bid

The Commercial Bid needs to contain the information listed hereunder in a sealed envelope bearing the identification – “**Commercial Bid for Bank's Carbon neutrality Program and Preparation of Bank's Sustainability Report**”.

Name of the Bidder:

Item No.	Financial Bid (in INR)	
A	<u>Consolidated Fee for the Sustainability Report preparation for both the years i.e FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24</u>	
	(In Figures and Word exclusive of Applicable Taxes)	
B	Fee for the Carbon Neutrality Program Phase Wise	
	B1. Phase 1: (Exclusive of Applicable Taxes)	
	B2. Phase 2: (Exclusive of Applicable Taxes)	
C	Total Fee for the Consultancy excluding Applicable Taxes <u>(A +B)</u>	
	(In Figures and Word)	

Commercial bids will be evaluated on the basis of consolidated amount quoted above and applicable taxes will be paid on actual basis.

Name & Signature of authorized signatory

Seal of Company

Annexure-G

TECHNO-COMMERCIAL EVALUATION

Commercial/ Price bid of the bidder who qualifies the criteria of Technical Evaluation will only be opened and evaluated as under:

Parameters	Weightage for Computation of Final Score
Technical Proposal	70%
Commercial/ Price Proposal	30%
Total	100%

For example:

Three Applicants namely A, B and C participated in the selection process and their technical scores (out of 50) are as under:

A=40/50, B=35/50, C=30/50

After converting them into percentile, we get

$$A = (40/50) * 100 = 80$$

$$B = (35/50) * 100 = 70$$

$$C = (30/50) * 100 = 60$$

The quoted prices by Applicants are as under:

A= Rs 10000, B=Rs 9000, C=Rs8000

Where more than one bid is received, the final cost (lower cost quoted in price bid, in this case it Rs 8000) quoted by the applicants converted into a percentile score shall be as under:

$$A = (8000/10000) * 100 = 80.00$$

$$B = (8000/9000) * 100 = 88.88$$

$$C = (8000/8000) * 100 = 100$$

As the weightage for technical parameter and cost are **70 and 30 respectively**, the final scores (out of 100) shall be calculated as under:

$$A = (80 * 0.7) + (100 * 0.3) = 94.00$$

$$B = (70 * 0.7) + (88.88 * 0.3) = 77.91$$

$$C = (60 * 0.7) + (100 * 0.3) = 72.00$$

Hence, the offer of 'A' (being the highest score) would be considered as a Selected offer/selected bidder.

Annexure-H

PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE FORMAT
(TO BE STAMPED AS AN AGREEMENT)

1. THIS BANK GUARANTEE AGREEMENT executed at _____ this _____ day of _____ 202_ by _____ (Name of the Bank) _____ having its Registered Office at _____ and its Branch at _____ (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor", which expression shall, unless it be repugnant to the subject, meaning or context thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and permitted assigns) IN FAVOUR OF State Bank of India, a Statutory Corporation constituted under the State Bank of India Act, 1955 having its Corporate Centre at State Bank Bhavan, Nariman Point, Mumbai and one of its offices at _____ (procuring office address), hereinafter referred to as "SBI" which expression shall, unless repugnant to the subject, context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and assigns).
2. WHEREAS M/s _____, incorporated under _____ Act having its registered office at _____ and principal place of business at _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Service Provider/ Vendor" which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof shall include its successor, executor & assigns) has agreed to _____ (name of Service) (hereinafter referred to as "Services") to SBI in accordance with the Request for Proposal (RFP) No. _____ dated _____.
3. WHEREAS, SBI has agreed to avail the Services from Service Provider for a period of _____ year(s) subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the RFP.
4. WHEREAS, in accordance with terms and conditions of the RFP/Purchase order/Agreement dated _____, Service Provider is required to furnish a Bank Guarantee for a sum of Rs. _____/- (Rupees _____ only) for due performance of the obligations of Service Provider in providing the Services, in accordance with the RFP/Purchase order/Agreement

guaranteeing payment of the said amount of Rs. _____/- (Rupees _____ only) to SBI, if Service Provider fails to fulfill its obligations as agreed in RFP/Agreement.

5. WHEREAS, the Bank Guarantee is required to be valid for a total period of _____ months and in the event of failure, on the part of Service Provider, to fulfill any of its commitments / obligations under the RFP/Agreement, SBI shall be entitled to invoke the Guarantee.

AND WHEREAS, the Guarantor, at the request of Service Provider, agreed to issue, on behalf of Service Provider, Guarantee as above, for an amount of Rs. _____/- (Rupees _____ only).

NOW THIS GUARANTEE WITNESSETH THAT

1. In consideration of SBI having agreed to entrust Service Provider for rendering Services as mentioned in the RFP, we, the Guarantors, hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee that Service Provider shall fulfill its commitments and obligations in respect of providing the Services as mentioned in the RFP/Agreement and in the event of Service Provider failing to perform / fulfill its commitments / obligations in respect of providing Services as mentioned in the RFP/Agreement, we (the Guarantor) shall on demand(s), from time to time from SBI, without protest or demur or without reference to Service Provider and notwithstanding any contestation or existence of any dispute whatsoever between Service Provider and SBI, pay SBI forthwith the sums so demanded by SBI not exceeding Rs. _____/- (Rupees _____ only).
2. Any notice / communication / demand from SBI to the effect that Service Provider has failed to fulfill its commitments / obligations in respect of rendering the Services as mentioned in the Agreement, shall be conclusive, final & binding on the Guarantor and shall not be questioned by the Guarantor in or outside the court, tribunal, authority or arbitration as the case may be and all such demands shall be honoured by the Guarantor without any delay.
3. We (the Guarantor) confirm that our obligation to the SBI, under this Guarantee shall be independent of the agreement or other understandings, whatsoever, between the SBI and Service Provider.

4. This Guarantee shall not be revoked by us (the Guarantor) without prior consent in writing of the SBI.

WE (THE GUARANTOR) HEREBY FURTHER AGREE & DECLARE THAT-

- (i) Any neglect or forbearance on the part of SBI to Service Provider or any indulgence of any kind shown by SBI to Service Provider or any change in the terms and conditions of the Agreement or the Services shall not, in any way, release or discharge the Bank from its liabilities under this Guarantee.
- (ii) This Guarantee herein contained shall be distinct and independent and shall be enforceable against the Guarantor, notwithstanding any Guarantee or Security now or hereinafter held by SBI at its discretion.
- (iii) This Guarantee shall not be affected by any infirmity or absence or irregularity in the execution of this Guarantee by and / or on behalf of the Guarantor or by merger or amalgamation or any change in the Constitution or name of the Guarantor.
- (iv) The Guarantee shall not be affected by any change in the constitution of SBI or Service Provider or winding up / liquidation of Service Provider, whether voluntary or otherwise
- (v) This Guarantee shall be a continuing guarantee during its validity period.
- (vi) This Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect for a period of __ year(s) _____ month(s) from the date of the issuance i.e. up to _____. Unless a claim under this Guarantee is made against us on or before _____, all your rights under this Guarantee shall be forfeited and we shall be relieved and discharged from all liabilities there under.
- (vii) This Guarantee shall be governed by Indian Laws and the Civil Courts in Mumbai, India alone shall have the Exclusive jurisdiction to try & entertain any dispute arising out of this Guarantee.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein above:

- i. Our liability under this Bank Guarantee shall not exceed Rs _____/- (Rs. _____ only)
- ii. This Bank Guarantee shall be valid upto _____
- iii. We are liable to pay the guaranteed amount or any part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only and only if SBI serve upon us a written claim or demand on or before _____

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of bank.

Authorised official

ANNEXURE-I

PENALTIES

If the selected bidder fails to perform services within the stipulated time schedule as advised by the Bank from time to time, Bank shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as penalties, a sum equivalent to 2% of the total work order cost for delay of each week or part thereof of maximum upto 10% of the total work order price. Once the maximum is reached, SBI may consider termination of the contract pursuant to the conditions of contract/RFP.

ANNEXURE-J

NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

THIS RECIPROCAL NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made at Mumbai between:

State Bank of India, a Statutory Corporation constituted under the State Bank of India Act, 1955 having its Corporate Centre at State Bank Bhavan, Nariman Point, Mumbai (hereinafter referred to as "Bank" which expression includes its successors and assigns) of the ONE PART;

And

_____ (hereinafter referred to as "_____") which expression shall unless repugnant to the subject or context thereof, shall mean and include its successors and permitted assigns) of the OTHER PART;

And Whereas

1. _____ is carrying on business of providing _____, has agreed to _____ for the Bank and other related tasks.
2. For purposes of advancing their business relationship, the parties would need to disclose certain valuable confidential information to each other. Therefore, in consideration of covenants and agreements contained herein for the mutual disclosure of confidential information to each other, and intending to be legally bound, the parties agree to terms and conditions as set out hereunder.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS UNDER

1. **Confidential Information and Confidential Materials:**

- (a) "Confidential Information" means non-public information that Disclosing Party designates as being confidential or which, under the circumstances surrounding disclosure ought to be treated as confidential. "Confidential Information" includes, without limitation, information relating to installed or purchased Disclosing Party software or hardware products, the information relating to general architecture of Disclosing Party's network, information relating to nature and the content of data stored within the network or in any other storage media, Disclosing Party's business policies, practices, methodology, policy design delivery, and information received from others that Disclosing Party is obligated to treat as confidential. Confidential Information disclosed to Receiving Party by any Disclosing Party Subsidiary and/ or agents is covered by this agreement

- (b) Confidential Information shall not include any information that: (i) is or subsequently becomes publicly available without Receiving Party's breach of any obligation owed to Disclosing party; (ii) becomes known to Receiving Party prior to Disclosing Party's disclosure of such information to Receiving Party; (iii) became known to Receiving Party from a source other than Disclosing Party other than by the breach of an obligation of confidentiality owed to Disclosing Party; or (iv) is independently developed by Receiving Party.
- (c) "Confidential Materials" shall mean all tangible materials containing Confidential Information, including without limitation written or printed documents and computer disks or tapes, whether machine or user readable.

2. Restrictions

- (a) Each party shall treat as confidential the Contract and any and all information ("confidential information") obtained from the other pursuant to the Contract and shall not divulge such information to any person (except to such party's own employees and other persons and then only to those employees and persons who need to know the same) without the other party's written consent provided that this clause shall not extend to information which was rightfully in the possession of such party prior to the commencement of the negotiations leading to the Contract, which is already public knowledge or becomes so at a future date (otherwise than as a result of a breach of this clause). Receiving Party will have executed or shall execute appropriate written agreements with its employees and consultants specifically assigned and/or otherwise, sufficient to enable it to comply with all the provisions of this Agreement. If the Service Provider shall appoint any Sub-Contractor then the Service Provider may disclose confidential information to such Sub-Contractor subject to such Sub Contractor giving the Bank an undertaking in similar terms to the provisions of this clause.
- (b) Receiving Party may disclose Confidential Information in accordance with judicial or other governmental order to the intended recipients (as detailed in this clause), The intended recipients for this purpose are:
 - (1) the statutory auditors of the Bank and
 - (2) regulatory authorities regulating the affairs of the Bank and inspectors and supervisory bodies thereof
- (c) The foregoing obligations as to confidentiality shall survive any termination of this Agreement
- (d) Confidential Information and Confidential Material may be disclosed, reproduced, summarized or distributed only in pursuance of Receiving Party's

business relationship with Disclosing Party, and only as otherwise provided hereunder. Receiving Party agrees to segregate all such Confidential Material from the confidential material of others in order to prevent mixing.

- (e) Receiving Party may not reverse engineer, decompile or disassemble any software disclosed to Receiving Party.

3. **Rights and Remedies**

- (a) Receiving Party shall notify Disclosing Party immediately upon discovery of any unauthorized use or disclosure of Confidential Information and/ or Confidential Materials, or any other breach of this Agreement by Receiving Party, and will cooperate with Disclosing Party in every reasonable way to help Disclosing Party regain possession of the Confidential Information and/ or Confidential Materials and prevent its further unauthorized use.
- (b) Receiving Party shall return all originals, copies, reproductions and summaries of Confidential Information or Confidential Materials at Disclosing Party's request, or at Disclosing Party's option, certify destruction of the same.
- (c) Receiving Party acknowledges that monetary damages may not be the only and / or a sufficient remedy for unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information and that disclosing party shall be entitled, without waiving any other rights or remedies (as listed below), to injunctive or equitable relief as may be deemed proper by a Court of competent jurisdiction.
 - a. Suspension of access privileges
 - b. Change of personnel assigned to the job
 - c. Financial liability for actual, consequential or incidental damages
 - d. Termination of contract
- (d) Disclosing Party may visit Receiving Party's premises, with reasonable prior notice and during normal business hours, to review Receiving Party's compliance with the term of this Agreement.

4. **Miscellaneous**

- (a) All Confidential Information and Confidential Materials are and shall remain the property of Disclosing Party. By disclosing information to Receiving Party, Disclosing Party does not grant any expressed or implied right to Receiving Party to disclose information under the Disclosing Party patents, copyrights, trademarks, or trade secret information.
- (b) Any document provided under this Agreement is provided with RESTRICTED RIGHTS.

- (c) Neither party grants to the other party any license, by implication or otherwise, to use the Confidential Information, other than for the limited purpose of evaluating or advancing a business relationship between the parties, or any license rights whatsoever in any patent, copyright or other intellectual property rights pertaining to the Confidential Information.
- (d) The terms of Confidentiality under this Agreement shall not be construed to limit either party's right to independently develop or acquire product without use of the other party's Confidential Information. Further, either party shall be free to use for any purpose the residuals resulting from access to or work with such Confidential Information, provided that such party shall maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information as provided herein. The term "residuals" means information in non-tangible form, which may be retained by person who has had access to the Confidential Information, including ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques contained therein. Neither party shall have any obligation to limit or restrict the assignment of such persons or to pay royalties for any work resulting from the use of residuals. However, the foregoing shall not be deemed to grant to either party a license under the other party's copyrights or patents.
- (e) This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. It shall not be modified except by a written agreement dated subsequently to the date of this Agreement and signed by both parties. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived by any act or acquiescence on the part of Disclosing Party, its agents, or employees, except by an instrument in writing signed by an authorized officer of Disclosing Party. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other provision(s) or of the same provision on another occasion.
- (f) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Republic of India. Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any related agreement or other document or the validity, interpretation, breach or termination thereof ("Dispute"), including claims seeking redress or asserting rights under applicable law, shall, be resolved and finally settled before the Civil Courts of Mumbai and in case of all questions concerning the construction, validity and interpretation of this Agreement will be governed by the laws of India, and the courts at Mumbai, India shall have exclusive jurisdiction.
- (g) Subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties, their successors and assigns.



- (h) If any provision of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- (i) All obligations created by this Agreement shall survive change or termination of the parties' business relationship.

5. Suggestions and Feedback

- (a) Either party from time to time may provide suggestions, comments or other feedback to the other party with respect to Confidential Information provided originally by the other party (hereinafter "feedback"). Both parties agree that all Feedback is and shall be entirely voluntary and shall not in absence of separate agreement, create any confidentiality obligation for the receiving party. However, the Receiving Party shall not disclose the source of any feedback without the providing party's consent. Feedback shall be clearly designated as such and, except as otherwise provided herein, each party shall be free to disclose and use such Feedback as it sees fit, entirely without obligation of any kind to other party. The foregoing shall not, however, affect either party's obligations hereunder with respect to Confidential Information of other party.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2021 at _____
(month) (place)

For and on behalf of _____

Name		
Designation		
Place		
Signature		

For and on behalf of _____

Name		
Designation		
Place		
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ANNEXURE-K

SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)

**AGREEMENT FOR BANK'S CARBON NEUTRALITY PROGRAM
AND PREPARATION OF BANK'S SUSTAINABILITY REPORT**

BETWEEN

STATE BANK OF INDIA

AND

Date of Commencement: XX.XX.XXXX

Date of Expiry: XX.XX.XXXX

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This Agreement ("Agreement") is made at _____ (Place) on this _____ day of _____ 20__.

BETWEEN

State Bank of India, constituted under the State Bank of India Act, 1955 having its Corporate Centre and Central Office at State Bank Bhavan, Madame Cama Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai-21 represented through its Shares & Bond

Department hereinafter referred to as “**the Bank/ SBI**” which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof shall include its successors & assigns of the First Part;

AND

_____ a company/LLP/Firm/ entity, having its registered office at _____ hereinafter referred to as “**Service Provider/ Consultant**” which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof shall include its successor, executor & permitted assigns of the Second Part.

The Bank and Service Provider are sometimes individually referred to as a “Party” and collectively as “Parties” throughout this Agreement, and the words Party and Parties shall be construed accordingly.

WHEREAS,

- (i) The Bank is carrying on business in banking in India and overseas and desirous to avail services for taking ahead Bank's carbon Neutrality program and preparation of Bank's Sustainability report and to carry out works incidental to and associated with it; and
- (ii) Service Provider is in the business of providing consultancy services for Bank's carbon Neutrality program and preparation of Bank's Sustainability report and agreed to provide the services as may be required by the Bank mentioned in the Request for Proposal (RFP) No _____ dated _____ issued by the Bank along with its clarifications/ corrigenda, referred hereinafter as a “RFP” and same shall be part of this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, terms and conditions and understandings set forth in this Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties, with the intent to be legally bound, hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise defined or provided for herein, words and expressions shall have the same meaning as attributed to them in this Agreement.

- i. **“The Bank”** and/or **“SBI”** means the **State Bank of India** constituted under State Bank of India Act, 1955 having its Corporate Centre at State Bank Bhawan, Madam Cama Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai and various other offices (including domestic branches and foreign offices), Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures, where the Bank has ownership of more than 50% of voting securities or the power to direct the management and policies of such Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures
- ii. **“Bidder”** means an eligible entity/firm submitting the Bid in accordance with this RFP and in response to this RFP.
- iii. **“Bid”** means the written reply or submission of response to this RFP.
- iv. **“The Contract/Agreement/SLA”** means the agreement entered into between the Bank and Service Provider, as recorded in the Contract Form as per **Annexure-K** signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
- v. **“Consultant/ Service Provider”** is the successful Bidder found eligible as per eligibility criteria set out in this RFP, whose technical Bid has been accepted and who has emerged as L1 Bidder as per the selection criteria set out in the RFP and to whom notification of award has been given by the Bank.
- vi. **“Deliverables/ Work Product”** shall mean all work product generated by Consultant solely or jointly with others in the performance of the Services, including, but not limited to, any and all information, notes, reports, material, drawings, records, diagrams, formulae, processes, technology, firmware, software, know-how, designs, ideas, discoveries, inventions, improvements, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets.
- vii. **“Intellectual Property Rights”** shall mean and include (a) copyrights and all renewals thereof; (b) trademarks, trade names, service marks,

service names, logos and corporate names, both primary and secondary, together with all goodwill associated therewith and including, without limitation, all translations, adaptations, combinations and derivations of each of the foregoing, (c) trade secrets and other confidential information (including proposals, financial and accounting data, business and marketing plans, customer and supplier lists and related information); (d) all other intellectual property, including but not limited to design rights, trade names, information technology, domain names; and (e) all registrations and applications for registration, extension or renewal filed anywhere in the world for each of the foregoing.

- viii. **“Total Contract Price/Project Cost/TCO”** means the price payable to Service Provider over the entire period of Contract for the full and proper performance of its contractual obligations.
- ix. **“Services”** means all services, scope of work and deliverables to be provided by a Bidder as described in the RFP and include the provision of technical assistance, training, certifications, auditing and other obligation of Service Provider covered under this RFP.

1.2 INTERPRETATION

In construing the Agreement:

- 1.1.1 Reference to a person includes any individual, firm, body corporate, association (whether incorporated or not) and authority or agency (whether government, semi government or local).
- 1.1.2 The singular includes the plural and vice versa.
- 1.1.3 Reference to any gender includes each other gender.
- 1.1.4 The provisions of the contents table, headings, clause numbers, italics, bold print and underlining is for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.
- 1.1.5 The Schedules, Annexures and Appendices to this Agreement shall form part of this Agreement.
- 1.1.6 A reference to any documents or agreements (and, where applicable, any of their respective provisions) means those documents or

agreements as amended, supplemented, or replaced from time to time provided they are amended, supplemented or replaced in the manner envisaged in the relevant documents, or agreements.

- 1.1.7 A reference to any statute, regulation, rule or other legislative provision includes any amendment to the statutory modification or re-enactment or, legislative provisions substituted for, and any statutory instrument issued under that statute, regulation, rule or other legislative provision.
- 1.1.8 Any agreement, notice, consent, approval, disclosure or communication under or pursuant to this Agreement is to be in writing.
- 1.1.9 The terms not defined in this agreement shall be given the same meaning as given to them in the RFP. If no such meaning is given technical words shall be understood in a technical sense in accordance with the industrial practices.

2 COMMENCEMENT & TERM

- 2.1 This Agreement shall commence from its date of execution mentioned above/ be deemed to have commenced from XX.XX.XXXX (**Effective Date**).
- 2.2 This Agreement shall be in force for a period of three (03) year(s) from Effective Date, unless terminated by the Bank by notice in writing in accordance with the termination clauses of this Agreement.
- 2.3 The Bank shall have the right at its discretion to renew this Agreement in writing, for a further term of 01 (one) year on same/ existing terms and conditions.
- 2.4 Unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Agreement, the Agreement shall come to an end on completion of the term specified in the Agreement or on expiration of the renewed term.

3 SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope and nature of the Services which the Service Provider has to provide to the Bank is specified in **Appendix- A** of this Agreement.

4 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

4.1 Each of the Parties represents and warrants in relation to itself to the other that:

4.1.1 It has all requisite corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and has been fully authorized through an applicable corporate process to do so.

4.1.2 The person(s) signing this agreement on behalf of the Parties have the necessary authority and approval for execution of this document and to bind his/their respective organization for due performance as set out in this Agreement. It has all necessary statutory and regulatory permissions, approvals, and permits for the running and operation of its business.

4.1.3 It has full right, title and interest in and to all software, copyrights, trade names, trademarks, service marks, logos symbols and other proprietary marks (collectively 'IPR') (including appropriate limited right of use of those owned by any of its vendors, affiliates or subcontractors) which it provides to the other Party, for use related to the services to be provided under this Agreement.

4.1.4 It will provide such cooperation as the other Party reasonably requests in order to give full effect to the provisions of this Agreement.

4.1.5 The execution and performance of this Agreement by either of the Parties does not and shall not violate any provision of any of the existing Agreement with any of the party and any other third party.

4.2 Additional Representation and Warranties by Service Provider

- 4.2.1 Service Provider shall perform the Services and carry out its obligations under the Agreement with due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted techniques and practices used in the industry and with professional standards recognized by international professional bodies and shall observe sound management practices. It shall employ appropriate advanced technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, material and methods.
- 4.2.2 Service Provider has the requisite technical and other competence, sufficient, suitable, qualified and experienced manpower/personnel and expertise in providing the Services to the Bank.
- 4.2.3 Service Provider has valid and subsisting rights to all data, modules, components, designs, utilities, subsets, objects, programme listings, tools, models, methodologies, programmes, systems analysis frameworks, leading practices, and specifications sought to be used by it in relation to the provision of the Services.
- 4.2.4 Service Provider warrants that to the best of its knowledge, Services and Deliverables provided by Service Provider to the Bank do not violate or infringe any patent, copyright, trademarks, trade secrets or other Intellectual Property Rights of any third party.
- 4.2.5 Service Provider shall duly intimate to the Bank immediately, the changes, if any in the constitution of Service Provider.
- 4.2.6 The team composition submitted in response to the RFP shall remain the same and shall not be altered later on in any manner. The Bank will not consider substitution of professional staff during the Agreement period unless both Parties to the Agreement agree that undue delay makes such substitution unavoidable or for reasons such as death or medical incapacity or if the professional staff has left the organization. Any proposed substitute shall have equivalent or better qualifications and experience than the original candidate and be submitted by the

Consultant within the period of time specified by the Bank. Such substitution shall only be effected with prior written approval of the Bank.

4.2.7 Service Provider shall make all reasonable endeavours to provide the Services promptly and diligently, as provided under the terms of this Agreement. Service Provider also undertakes to make best efforts that no delays or disruption is caused in the execution or completion of the Services and that no additional costs are incurred by the Bank in relation to the Services. Service Provider agrees that it shall cause its Consultancy Team, including the Key Personnel, Professional personnel and support personnel to strictly adhere to the project plans/ scope of work and the standards.

4.2.8 Service Provider shall ensure that all persons, employees, workers and other individuals engaged by Service Provider or sub-contracted (if allowed) by Service Provider in rendering the services for this Agreement have undergone proper background check, police verification and other necessary due diligence checks to examine their antecedence and ensure their suitability for such engagement. No person shall be engaged by Service Provider unless such person is found to be suitable in such verification and Service Provider shall retain the records of such verification and shall produce the same to the Bank as when requested.

5 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BANK

5.1 The Bank shall designate a competent employee or employees, preferably within senior management, to be responsible for the completion of the Services contemplated under this Agreement and the supervision of the implementation of the Project Plan ("Nodal Officer").

5.2 The Nodal Officer shall assist Service Provider in coordinating meetings/workshops with the relevant Heads of Departments and escalate issues/delays to the appropriate senior management and such

Project Representative shall be Service Provider's primary point of contact for the purposes of this Agreement. All communications to Service Provider shall be made solely by the Nodal Officer, on behalf of the Bank.

- 5.3 The Bank shall provide Service Provider and the Consultancy Team access to relevant documents/manuals/records as may be reasonably requested and required by the Consultancy Team in relation to the provision of the Services contemplated in terms of this Agreement.

6 RESPONSIBILITIES OF SERVICE PROVIDER

- 6.1 Consultancy Team - For the purposes of the Services contemplated in terms of this Agreement and for the effective implementation of the project plan, Service Provider agrees and undertakes to nominate the following:
- 6.1.1 The "Project Team", which will have an overall in-charge of the project, shall discharge their respective responsibilities. The Project team should be working on the project in active consultation of the SBI designated team/ nodal officer till completion of assigned work; and
- 6.1.2 The consultancy team shall comprise of experts and specialists in their respective areas of expertise and managerial/support staff such that the Consultant should be able to complete the Consultancy within the specified schedule.
- 6.2 A detailed list of all the members of the team, including the Key Personnel, Professional Personnel and Support Personnel ("**Consultancy Team**") is set out in **Appendix-C** hereto.
- 6.3 Service Provider agrees and undertakes that all the Key Personnel will be available for the required duration of the project. Save and except as provided in clause 4.2.6, the Bank will not consider any request for substitution of any member of the Consultancy Team.

6.4 Service Provider for itself and on behalf of members of the Consultancy Team hereby agrees to abide by the confidentiality obligations as set forth in this Agreement.

7 FEES, TAXES, DUTIES AND PAYMENTS

7.1 Service Provider shall be paid fees and charges in the manner detailed in hereunder, the same shall be subject to deduction of income tax thereon wherever required under the provisions of the Income Tax Act by the Bank. The remittance of amounts so deducted and issuance of certificate for such deductions shall be made by the Bank as per the laws and regulations for the time being in force. Nothing in the Agreement shall relieve Service Provider from his responsibility to pay any tax that may be levied in India on income and profits made by Service Provider in respect of this Agreement.

7.1.1 The Bank agrees to pay the fees as set out in **Appendix-B** ("FEES") to Service Provider for the Services being rendered by it, in the manner set out in this Agreement.

7.1.2 The Parties agree that the Fees payable in respect of a stage shall be paid as per the detailed billing schedule set out in **Appendix-B**.

7.1.3 The Parties agree that all Fees will be billed by and payable in Indian rupees at Mumbai. The Bank will pay properly submitted valid invoices within a reasonable period but not exceeding 60 (sixty) days after its receipt thereof.

7.1.4 The Bank may withhold payment of any Services that it disputes in good faith, and may set-off penalty amount or any other amount which Service Provider owes to the Bank against the amount payable to Service Provider under this Agreement. However, before levying penalty or recovery of any damages, the Bank shall provide a written notice to Service Provider indicating the reasons for such penalty or recovery of damages. Service Provider shall have the liberty to present its case in writing together with documentary evidences, if any, within 21 (twenty one) days. Penalty or damages, if any, recoverable from Service Provider shall be recovered by the Bank through a credit note or revised invoices. In case the Service

Provider fails to issue a credit note/ revised invoice, the Bank shall have the right to withhold the payment or set-off penal amount.

7.2 All duties and taxes (excluding GST or any other tax imposed by the Government in lieu of same), if any, which may be levied, shall be borne by Service Provider and Bank shall not be liable for the same. GST or any other tax imposed by the Government in lieu of same shall be borne by the Bank on actual upon production of the original receipt wherever required.

7.3 All expenses, stamp duty and other charges/ expenses in connection with execution of this Agreement shall be borne by Service Provider.

8 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

8.1 The Parties agree that all data or information supplied by the Bank to Service Provider and/or the Consultancy Team in connection with the provision of Services by it shall remain the property of the Bank or its licensors.

8.2 Any licensed material used by Service Provider for performing Services or developing Work Product for the Bank, Service Provider should have right to use as well as the right to license for the outsourced services. The Bank shall not be liable for any license or IPR violation on the part of Service Provider.

8.3 Subject to clause 8.4 and 8.5 of this Agreement, Service Provider shall, at its own expenses without any limitation, indemnify and keep fully and effectively indemnified the Bank against all costs, claims, damages, demands, expenses and liabilities of whatsoever nature arising out of or in connection with all claims of infringement of Intellectual Property Rights, including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or industrial design rights of any third party arising from the Services or use of Work Product or any part thereof in India or abroad under this Agreement.

8.4 The Bank will give (a) notice to Service Provider of any such claim without delay/provide reasonable assistance to Service Provider in disposing of the claim; (b) sole authority to defend and settle such claim and; (c) will at no time admit to any liability for or express any intent to settle the claim provided

that (i) Service Provider shall not partially settle any such claim without the written consent of the Bank, unless such settlement releases the Bank fully from such claim, (ii) Service Provider shall promptly provide the Bank with copies of all pleadings or similar documents relating to any such claim, (iii) Service Provider shall consult with the Bank with respect to the defense and settlement of any such claim, and (iv) in any litigation to which the Bank is also a party, the Bank shall be entitled to be separately represented at its own expenses by counsel of its own selection.

- 8.5 Service Provider shall have no obligations with respect to any infringement claims to the extent that the infringement claim arises or results from: (i) Service Provider's compliance with the Bank's specific technical designs or instructions (except where Service Provider knew or should have known that such compliance was likely to result in an infringement claim and Service Provider did not inform the Bank of the same); or (ii) any unauthorized modification or alteration of the Deliverable by the Bank.
- 8.6 All Work Product prepared by the Consultant in performing the Services shall become and remain the sole and exclusive property of the Bank and all Intellectual Property Rights in such Work Product shall vest with the Bank. Any Work Product, of which the ownership or the Intellectual Property Rights do not vest with the Bank under law, shall automatically stand assigned to the Bank as and when such Work Product is created and the Consultant agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other acts as the Bank may deem necessary to secure its rights herein assigned by the Consultant. The Work Product shall not be used for any purpose other than intended under the scope of work, without prior written consent of the Bank.
- 8.7 In the event that Consultant integrates any work that was previously created by the Consultant into any Work Product, the Consultant shall grant to, and the Bank is hereby granted, a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable license to utilize the incorporated items, including, but not limited to, any and all copyrights, patents, designs, trade secrets, trademarks or other Intellectual Property Rights, in connection with the Work Product.

9 CONFIDENTIALITY

9.1 For the purpose of this Agreement, Confidential Information shall mean (i) information of all kinds, whether oral, written or otherwise recorded or in electronic form including, without limitation, any analyses, compilations, forecasts, data, studies or other documents, regarding the past, current or future affairs, business, plans or operations of a Party to which the other Party will have access, (ii) the existence of the contemplated terms and the fact that discussions or negotiations are taking place or have taken place between the Parties concerning the contemplated terms, (iii) any and all information regarding the contemplated terms and any agreements that may be entered into in relation thereto and (iv) any customer details or other data received by a Party from the other Party or its customer(s) or otherwise shared between the Parties in connection with the Service.

9.2 In consideration of each Party providing the other Party or its' representatives with the Confidential Information, the Parties agree as follows:

9.2.1. Each Party shall keep confidential and shall not, directly or indirectly, disclose, except as provided in sub-clauses below, in any manner whatsoever, in whole or in part, the Confidential Information without the other Party's prior written consent.

9.2.2. Each Party shall hold the Confidential Information in confidence and shall exercise all reasonable diligence in ensuring that the Confidential Information is not disclosed to third parties and will refrain from using the Confidential Information for any purpose whatsoever other than for the purposes of this Agreement or for the purpose for which such information is supplied.

9.2.3. Notwithstanding the above, each Party may reveal the Confidential Information to those of its representatives, those of its' holding company and those of its subsidiaries who are involved in the negotiation or evaluation of the project, and shall procure and ensure that each of them complies with the

obligation to keep the Confidential Information secret, private and confidential and strictly observes the terms of this Agreement.

9.2.4. The confidentiality obligation shall not apply to such portions of the Confidential Information which one of the Parties can demonstrate (i) are or become generally available to the public other than as a result of any breach of this Agreement, (ii) were in its possession on a non-confidential basis prior to the date hereof, (iii) have been rightfully received from a third party after the date hereof without restriction on disclosure and without breach of this Agreement, said third party is under no obligation of confidentiality to the other Party with respect to such Confidential Information, or is developed by the receiving party independently without any reference or use of disclosing party's Confidential Information.

9.2.5. In the event that a Party becomes legally compelled pursuant to any statutory or regulatory provision, court or arbitral decision, governmental order, or stock exchange requirements to disclose any of the Confidential Information, the compelled Party, In any case, the compelled Party will furnish only that portion of the Confidential Information which is legally required and will exercise all reasonable efforts to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded to the Confidential Information.

9.2.6. In the event of termination or expiry of this Agreement, each Party shall either (i) promptly destroy all copies of the written (including information in electronic form) Confidential Information in its possession or that of its representatives; or (ii) promptly deliver to the other Party at its own expense all copies of the written Confidential Information in its possession or that of its representatives, provided, however, each Party shall be permitted to retain one copy of the Confidential Information for the purposes of dispute resolution, compliance with regulatory agency or authority and internal compliance procedures, provided such copies being held and kept confidential.

9.2.7. By furnishing the Confidential Information, no Party makes an express or implied representation or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of the

Confidential Information that it has disclosed and each Party expressly disclaims any liability that may be based on the Confidential Information, errors therein or omissions there from, save in the case of fraud or willful default.

- 9.3. Receiving party undertakes to promptly notify disclosing party in writing any breach of obligation of the Agreement by its employees or representatives including confidentiality obligation. Receiving party acknowledges that monetary damages may not be the only and / or a sufficient remedy for unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information and that disclosing party shall be entitled, without waiving any other rights or remedies, to injunctive or equitable relief as may be deemed proper by a Court of competent jurisdiction.
- 9.4. Service Provider shall not, without the Bank's prior written consent, disclose the Agreement, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample or information furnished by or on behalf of the Bank in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by Service Provider in the Performance of the Contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far, as may be necessary to purposes of such performance.
- 9.5. Service Provider shall not, without the Bank's prior written consent, make use of any document or information received from the Bank except for purposes of performing the services and obligations under this Agreement.
- 9.6. Any document received from the Bank shall remain the property of the Bank and subject to clause 9.2.6 shall be returned (in all copies) to the Bank on completion of Service Provider's performance under the Agreement.
- 9.7. The foregoing obligations (collectively referred to as "Confidentiality Obligations") set out in this Agreement shall survive the term of this Agreement and for a period of (five) years thereafter provided Confidentiality Obligations with respect to individually identifiable information, customer's data of Parties or software in human-readable form (e.g., source code) shall survive in perpetuity.

10 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES

- 10.1 It is specifically agreed that Service Provider shall act as an independent service provider and shall not be deemed to be the Agent of the Bank except in respect of the transactions/services which give rise to Principal - Agent relationship by express agreement between the Parties.
- 10.2 Neither Service Provider nor its employees, agents, representatives, Sub-Contractors shall hold out or represent as agents of the Bank.
- 10.3 None of the employees, representatives or agents of Service Provider shall be entitled to claim permanent absorption or any other claim or benefit against the Bank.
- 10.4 This Agreement shall not be construed as a joint venture. Each Party shall be responsible for all its obligations towards its respective employees. No employee of any of the two Parties shall claim to be an employee of other Party.
- 10.5 All the obligations towards the employee(s) of a Party on account of personal accidents while working in the premises of the other Party shall remain with the respective employer and not on the Party in whose premises the accident occurred unless such accidents occurred due to gross negligent act of the Party in whose premises the accident occurred.
- 10.6 For redressal of complaints of sexual harassment at the workplace, Parties agree to comply with the policy framed by the Bank (including any amendment thereto) in pursuant to the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 including any amendment thereto.

11 SUB-CONTRACTING

As per the scope of this Agreement sub-contracting is not permitted.

12 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

If Service Provider fails to perform any or all the Services within the stipulated time, schedule as specified in this Agreement, the Bank may, without prejudice to its other remedies under the Agreement, and unless otherwise extension of time is agreed upon without the application of liquidated damages, deduct from the Project Cost, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to 0.5% of the total Project Cost for delay of each week or part thereof maximum up to 10% of total Project Cost. Once the maximum is reached, the Bank may consider termination of Agreement.

13 BANK GUARANTEE & PENALTY

13.1 Service Provider shall furnish performance security in the form of Bank Guarantee for an amount of 3% of the contract value valid for a period of 3 year(s) 3 month(s) from a Scheduled Commercial Bank other than State Bank of India in a format provided/ approved by the Bank. The Bank Guarantee is required to protect the interest of the Bank against the risk of non-performance of Service Provider in respect of the successful implementation of the project and/or failing to perform / fulfil its commitments / obligations in respect of providing Services as mentioned in this Agreement; or breach of any terms and conditions of the Agreement, which may warrant the invoking of Bank Guarantee.

13.2 Performance of the obligations under the Agreement shall be made by Service Provider in accordance with the time schedule specified in this Agreement.

13.3 Subject to clause 21 of this Agreement, any unexcused delay by Service Provider in the performance of its Contract obligations shall render this Agreement to be terminated.

13.4 If at any time during performance of the Contract, Service Provider should encounter unexpected conditions impeding timely completion of the

Services under the Agreement and performance of the services, Service Provider shall promptly notify the Bank in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable, after receipt of Service Provider's notice, the Bank shall evaluate the situation and may at its discretion extend Service Provider's time for performance, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the Parties by amendment of the Agreement.

13.5 Service Provider shall be liable to pay penalty at the rate mentioned in **Appendix-D** in respect of any delay beyond the permitted period in providing the Services.

13.6 No penalty shall be levied in case of delay(s) in deliverables or performance of the contract for the reasons solely and directly attributable to the Bank. On reaching the maximum of penalties specified, the Bank reserves the right to terminate the contract.

14 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.

14.1 Service Provider agrees and declares that it shall be the sole responsibility of Service Provider to comply with the provisions of all the applicable laws, concerning or in relation to the rendering of Services by Service Provider as envisaged under this agreement.

14.2 Service Provider shall procure and maintain all necessary licenses, permissions, approvals from the relevant authorities under the applicable laws throughout the currency of this Agreement, require for performing the Services under this Agreement.

14.3 Service Provider shall be solely liable & responsible for compliance of applicable Labour Laws in respect of its executives, employee, agents, workers and representatives and in particular laws relating to terminal benefits such as Pension, Gratuity, Provident Fund, Bonus or other benefits to which they may be entitled and the laws relating to Contract Labour, Minimum Wages, etc., and the Bank shall have no liability in these regards.

14.4 Service Provider shall cooperate fully with the Bank into processing and execution of this Agreement/ any other matter related to a discharge of contractual obligations by Service Provider.

14.5 Service Provider confirms that it has full authority to enter into this Agreement and render the Services as envisaged under this Agreement and all Corporate or other necessary approvals have been obtained for entering into this Agreement with the Bank. Further, the persons executing this Agreement on behalf of Service Provider have full authority and power to execute this Agreement and bind Service Provider.

15 GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

15.1 Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be governed by and be construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of India. The parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the civil courts in **Mumbai** in connection with any dispute between the parties under the Agreement.

15.2 Dispute Resolution

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any related agreement or other document or the validity, interpretation, breach or termination thereof ("Dispute"), including claims seeking redress or asserting rights under applicable law, shall, be resolved and finally settled before the Civil Courts of Mumbai and in case of all questions concerning the construction, validity and interpretation of this Agreement will be governed by the laws of India, and the courts at Mumbai, India shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

16 GENERAL INDEMNITY

16.1 Service Provider agrees and hereby keeps the Bank indemnified against all claims, actions, loss, damages, costs, expenses, charges, including legal expenses (Attorney, Advocates fees included) which the Bank may suffer or

incur on account of (i) Services Provider's breach of its warranties, covenants, responsibilities or obligations; or (ii) breach of confidentiality obligations mentioned in this Agreement; or (iii) any willful misconduct and gross negligent acts on the part of employees, agents, representatives or sub-contractors (if allowed) of Service Provider. Service Provider agrees to make good the loss suffered by the Bank.

Service Provider shall be responsible for the accuracy of the documents drafted and/ or vetted and data collected by it directly or procured from other agencies/authorities, estimates and all other details prepared by it as part of its Services. Subject to the provisions of Clause 18, it shall indemnify the Bank against any inaccuracy in its work which might surface during the implementation of the project, if such inaccuracy is the result of any negligence or inadequate due diligence on part of Service Provider or arises out of its failure to conform to good industry practice. Service Provider shall also be responsible for promptly correcting, at its own cost and risk, the documents including such inaccuracy.

17 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 17.1 Service Provider shall not receive any remuneration in connection with the assignment except as provided in the Contract.
- 17.2 Service Provider shall provide professional, objective and impartial advice and at all times hold the Bank's interests paramount, strictly avoiding conflicts with other assignment(s)/job(s) or their own corporate interests, and act without any expectation/ consideration for award of any future assignment(s) from the Bank. Service Provider shall avoid any conflict of interest while discharging contractual obligations and bring, before-hand, any possible instance of conflict of interest to the knowledge of the Bank, while rendering Services under the Agreement.

18 LIMITATION ON LIABILITY

- 18.1 The maximum aggregate liability of Service Provider, subject to clause 18.3, in respect of any claims, losses, costs or damages arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall not exceed the total Project Cost.
- 18.2 Under no circumstances shall either Party be liable for any indirect, consequential or incidental losses, damages or claims including loss of profit, loss of business or revenue.
- 18.3 The limitations set forth in Clause 18.1 shall not apply with respect to:
- (i) claims that are the subject of indemnification pursuant to Clause 8 i.e. infringement of third party Intellectual Property Rights;
 - (ii) damage(s) occasioned by the Gross Negligence or Willful Misconduct of Service Provider;
 - (iii) damage(s) occasioned by Service Provider for breach of Confidentiality Obligations mentioned under this Agreement;
 - (iv) Regulatory or statutory fines imposed by a Government or Regulatory agency for non-compliance of statutory or regulatory guidelines applicable to the Bank, provided such guidelines were brought to the notice of the Service Provider.

For the purpose of clause 18.3 (ii) "Gross Negligence" means any act or failure to act by a party which was in reckless disregard of or gross indifference to the obligation of the party under this Agreement and which causes injury, damage to life, personal safety, real property, harmful consequences to the other party, which such party knew, or would have known if it was acting as a reasonable person, would result from such act or failure to act for which such Party is legally liable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Gross Negligence shall not include any action taken in good faith.

"Willful Misconduct" means any act or failure to act with an intentional disregard of any provision of this Agreement, which a party knew or should

have known if it was acting as a reasonable person, which would result in injury, damage to life, personal safety, real property, harmful consequences to the other party, but shall not include any error of judgment or mistake made in good faith.

19 POWER TO VARY OR OMIT WORK

19.1 No alterations, amendments, omissions, additions, suspensions or variations of the work (hereinafter referred to as variation) under the Agreement shall be made by Service Provider except as directed in writing by Bank. The Bank shall have full powers, subject to the provision herein after contained, from time to time during the execution of the Agreement, by notice in writing to instruct Service Provider to make any variation without prejudice to the Agreement. Service Provider shall carry out such variations and be bound by the same conditions, though the said variations occurred in the Agreement documents. If any suggested variations would, in the opinion of Service Provider, if carried out, prevent them from fulfilling any of their obligations under the Agreement, they shall notify the Bank, thereof, in writing with reasons for holding such opinion and Bank shall instruct Service Provider to make such other modified variation without prejudice to the Agreement. Service Provider shall carry out such variations and be bound by the same conditions, though the said variations occurred in the Agreement documents. If Bank confirms their instructions Service Provider's obligations will be modified to such an extent as upon may be mutually agreed. If such variation involves extra cost, any agreed difference in cost occasioned by such variation shall be mutually agreed between the parties. In any case in which Service Provider has received instructions from the Bank as to the requirement of carrying out the altered or additional substituted work, which either then or later on, will in the opinion of Service Provider, involve a claim for additional payments, such additional payments shall be mutually agreed in line with the terms and conditions of the order.

19.2 If any change in the work is likely to result in a reduction in cost, the parties shall agree in writing so as to the extent of reduction in payment to be made to Service Provider, before Service Provider proceeding with the change.

20 RIGHT TO INSPECTION

Service Provider agrees that whenever required by the Bank, it will allow to inspect its records and furnish all relevant information, records/data to the Bank/ SEBI/ Reserve Bank of India and/or any regulatory authority (ies). The Bank reserves the right to call for and/or retain any relevant information / audit reports on financial and security reviews with their findings undertaken by Service Provider. However, Service Provider shall not be obligated to provide records/ data not related to Services under the Agreement (e.g. internal cost breakup etc.).

21 TERMINATION

21.1 The Bank may, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of Agreement, by written notice of not less than 30 (thirty) days, terminate the Agreement in whole or in part:

- (i) If Service Provider fails to deliver any or all the obligations within the time period specified in the Agreement, or any extension thereof granted by the Bank;
- (ii) If Service Provider fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the Agreement;
- (iii) Violations of any terms and conditions stipulated in the RFP;
- (iv) On happening of any termination event mentioned herein above in this Agreement.

Prior to providing a written notice of termination to Service Provider under clause 21.1 (i) to 21.1 (iii), the Bank shall provide Service Provider with a written notice of 30 (thirty) days to cure such breach of the Agreement. If the

breach continues or remains unrectified after the expiry of the cure period, the Bank shall have the right to initiate action in accordance with the above clause.

- 21.2 The Bank, by written notice of not less than 90 (ninety) days, may terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, for its convenience. In the event of termination of the Agreement for the Bank's convenience, Service Provider shall be entitled to receive payment for the Services rendered (delivered) up to the effective date of termination on a pro-rata basis.
- 21.3 In the event the Bank terminates the Agreement in whole or in part for the breaches attributable to Service Provider, it may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Services similar to those undelivered, and subject to clause 18 Service Provider shall be liable to the Bank for any increase in cost for such similar Services. However, Service Provider shall continue the performance of the Agreement to the extent not terminated.
- 21.4 The Bank shall have a right to terminate the Agreement immediately by giving a notice in writing to Service Provider in the following eventualities:
- 21.4.1 If any Receiver/Liquidator is appointed in connection with the business of Service Provider or Service Provider transfers substantial assets in favour of its creditors or any orders / directions are issued by any Authority / Regulator which has the effect of suspension of the business of Service Provider.
- 21.4.2 If Service Provider applies to the Court or passes a resolution for voluntary winding up or any other creditor / person files a petition for winding up or dissolution of Service Provider.
- 21.4.3 If any acts of commission or omission on the part of Service Provider or its agents, employees, sub-contractors or representatives, in the reasonable opinion of the Bank tantamount to fraud or prejudicial to the interest of the Bank or its employee(s).
- 21.4.4 Any document, information, data or statement submitted by Service Provider in response to RFP, based on which Service Provider was considered eligible or successful, is found to be false, incorrect or misleading.

21.5 In the event of termination of the Agreement for material breach, the Bank shall have the right to report such incident in accordance with the mandatory reporting obligations under the applicable law or regulations.

21.6 Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration; the obligation of confidentiality and indemnity; obligation of payment; Governing Law clause; Dispute resolution clause; and any right which a Party may have under the applicable law.

22 CONTINGENCY PLANS & CONTINUITY ARRANGEMENTS

22.1 Service Provider shall arrange and ensure proper contingency plans to meet any unexpected obstruction to Service Provider or any employees of Service Provider in rendering the Services or any part of the same under this Agreement to the Bank.

22.2 Service Provider agrees to the following continuity arrangements to ensure the business continuity of the Bank.

22.2.1 In the event of failure of Service Provider to render the Services or in the event of termination of Agreement or expiry of the term or otherwise, without prejudice to any other right, the Bank at its sole discretion may make alternate arrangements for getting the Services contracted with another vendor. In such a case, the Bank shall give prior notice to the existing Service Provider. The existing Service Provider shall continue to provide services as per the terms of the Agreement until a 'New Service Provider' completely takes over the work.

22.2.2 During the transition phase, the existing Service Provider shall render all reasonable assistances to the new Service Provider within such period prescribed by the Bank, at no extra cost to the Bank, for ensuring smooth switch over and continuity of Services, provided where transition services are

required by the Bank or New Service Provider beyond the term of this Agreement, reasons for which are not attributable to Service Provider, payment shall be made to Service Provider for such additional period on the same rates and payment terms as specified in this Agreement. If the existing vendor is found to be in breach of this obligation, they shall be liable for paying a penalty at the rate of 10% of contract value on demand to the Bank, which may be settled from the payment of invoices or bank guarantee for the contracted period.

23 FORCE MAJEURE

- 23.1 Notwithstanding anything else contained in the Agreement, neither Party shall be liable for any delay in performing its obligations herein if and to the extent that such delay is the result of an event of Force Majeure.
- 23.2 For the purposes of this clause, 'Force Majeure' means and includes wars, insurrections, revolution, civil disturbance, riots, terrorist acts, public strikes, hartal, bundh, fires, floods, epidemic, quarantine restrictions, freight embargoes, declared general strikes in relevant industries, Vis Major, acts of Government in their sovereign capacity, impeding reasonable performance of the Contractor but does not include any foreseeable events, commercial considerations or those involving fault or negligence on the part of the party claiming Force Majeure.
- 23.3 If a Force Majeure situation arises, Service Provider shall promptly notify the Bank in writing of such conditions, the cause thereof and the likely duration of the delay. Unless otherwise directed by the Bank in writing, Service Provider shall continue to perform its obligations under the Agreement as far as reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.
- 23.4 If the event of Force Majeure continues for a period of more than 30 (thirty) days, either Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving a

notice to other Party. Neither Party shall have any penal liability to the other in respect of the termination of this Agreement as a result of an event of Force Majeure. However, Service Provider shall be entitled to receive payments for all services actually rendered up to the date of the termination of this Agreement.

24 SEVERABILITY

If any part or any provision of this Agreement is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable, that part or provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability only, without in any way affecting the validity or enforceability of the remaining parts of said provision or the remaining provisions of this Agreement. The Parties hereby agree to attempt to substitute any invalid or unenforceable provision with a valid or enforceable provision, which achieves to the greatest extent possible the economic, legal and commercial objectives of the invalid or unenforceable provision.

25 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

25.1 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior written agreements, undertakings, understandings and negotiations, both written and oral, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of the Agreement, except which are expressly annexed or attached to this Agreement and saved by this Agreement. No representation, inducement, promise, understanding, condition or warranty not set forth herein has been made or relied upon by any Party hereto.

25.2 The following documents along with all addenda issued thereto shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as an integral part of this Agreement and in case of any contradiction between or among them the priority in which a document would prevail over another would be as laid down below beginning from the highest priority to the lowest priority:

- a) This Agreement;
- b) Annexure of Agreement;
- c) Purchase Order No. _____ dated _____; and
- d) RFP

26 NOTICE

26.1 Any notice or any other communication required to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and may be given by delivering the same by hand or sending the same by prepaid registered mail, postage prepaid, telegram or facsimile to the relevant address set forth below or such other address as each Party may notify in writing to the other Party from time to time. Any such notice given as aforesaid shall be deemed to be served or received at the time upon delivery (if delivered by hand) or upon actual receipt (if given by postage prepaid, telegram or facsimile).

26.2 A notice shall be effective when it is delivered or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.

26.3 Address for communication to the Parties are as under:

26.3.1 Communications to the Bank:

Dy./ Asstt. General Manager
State Bank of India
CSR & Sustainability Department
9th Floor, State Bank Bhawan
Madam Cama Road
Mumbai – 400021

26.3.2 Communications to Service Provider:

26.4 In case there is any change in the address of one party, it shall be promptly communicated in writing to the other party.

27 MISCELLANEOUS

27.1 Any provision of this Agreement may be amended or waived, if, and only if such amendment or waiver is in writing and signed, in the case of an amendment by each party, or in this case of a waiver, by the Party against whom the waiver is to be effective.

27.2 No failure or delay by any Party in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise of any other right, power or privilege. The rights and remedies herein provided shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law.

27.3 Neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof is intended to confer upon any person/s other than the Parties to this Agreement any rights or remedies hereunder.

27.4 If this Agreement is signed in counterparts, each counterpart shall be deemed to be an original.

27.5 Service Provider shall not assign or transfer all or any of its rights, benefits or obligations under this Agreement without the approval of the Bank. The Bank may, at any time, assign or transfer all or any of its rights, benefits and obligations under this Agreement.

27.6 Service Provider agrees that it shall not use the logo, trademark, copy rights or other proprietary rights of the Bank in any advertisement or publicity materials or any other written communication with any other party, without the prior written consent of the Bank.

27.7 During the term of this Agreement and for a one year thereafter, neither party shall (either directly or indirectly through a third party) employ, solicit to employ, cause to be solicited for the purpose of employment or offer employment to any employee/s or sub-contractor/s of the other party, or aid

any third person to do so. However, nothing in this clause shall affect the Bank's regular recruitments as per its recruitment policy and not targeted to the employees of the Service Provider.

27.8 Service Provider agrees that the Bank shall have the right to disclose the details of this Agreement and the details of Services covered herein to the Reserve Bank of India and Indian Banks Association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the date and day first mentioned above.

State Bank of India

Service Provider

By:

By:

Name:

Name:

Designation:

Designation:

Date:

Date:

WITNESS:

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APPENDIX-A

Service Provider's Scope of Work, Deliverables and Timelines

1. The assignments will be completed in compliance with regulatory prescription and the SBI Act.

APPENDIX-B

FEES

As full consideration to Service Provider for the performance of the Services under the Agreement, the Bank shall pay the sum of Rs. _____ plus applicable taxes as mentioned in the Agreement.

The schedule for Payment of the Services shall be as below:

Description of Deliverables	Payment %



APPENDIX-C

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE CORE CONSULTANCY TEAM

Sr. no	Name	Designation	Role
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APPENDIX-D

PENALTIES

If the selected bidder fails to perform services within the stipulated time schedule as advised by the Bank from time to time, Bank shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as penalties, a sum equivalent to 2% of the total work order cost for delay of each week or part there of maximum upto 10% of the total work order price. Once the maximum is reached, SBI may consider termination of the contract pursuant to the conditions of contract/RFP.

APPENDIX-E

Certificate for Tenders for Works under Rule 144 (xi) in the General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017

To:

Date:

Dear Sir,

Ref: RFP No. _____ dated _____
Bidder Name:

We, _____ are a private/public limited company/LLP/Firm <strike off whichever is not applicable> incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956/ Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008/ Indian Partnership Act 1932 <strike off whichever is not applicable>, having its registered office at hereinafter referred to as "Bidder/Seller" which expression shall mean and include, unless the context otherwise requires, its / his successors and permitted assigns.

This is to certify that we have read the clauses stated in the Office Memorandum issued by the Ministry of Finance on the Insertion of Rule 144 (xi) in the General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017 dated 23 July 2020 and amendments & clarifications hereto regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India and on sub-contracting to contractors from such countries. We certify that the Bidder is not from such a country or, if from such a country, has been registered with the Competent Authority and will not sub-contract any work to a contractor from such countries unless such contractor is registered with the Competent Authority. We hereby certify that we fulfill all requirements in this regard and are eligible to be considered.

We also accept that if such certificate is given by the Bidder if our bid is accepted and is found to be false, this would be a ground for immediate termination and further legal action in accordance with the law.

Signature and Seal of the Bidder

Note: Where applicable, evidence of valid registration by the Competent Authority shall be attached.