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1. Introduction

The Fisheries Department of Maharashtra plays a pivotal role in the management and development of the state's aquatic resources. With its primary objective to sustainably harness the potential of marine and inland fisheries, the department implements various policies and initiatives. Through the establishment of fishery extension services, it aims to educate and empower fishermen regarding modern techniques and practices. Additionally, the department actively engages in aquaculture promotion, encouraging fish farming to augment production and meet growing consumer demands. Moreover, it emphasizes conservation efforts to preserve biodiversity and ensure the long-term viability of fish stocks, thereby contributing significantly to the socio-economic growth of Maharashtra's coastal and inland communities.

In this background, Fisheries Department, GoM intends to on-board an agency to assist and support the State Government in Setting up and Commissioning a Helpdesk capable of offering swift and immediate solutions to Fish Farmers. To leverage the potential of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the fisheries domain, the Department of Fisheries is initiating the "Fisheries Helpdesk" scheme. The primary objective of this project is to address fish farmers' inquiries over telephone calls in the local language (Marathi or Hindi, if required in English). This Helpdesk is essential for providing crucial support, information, and assistance to diverse stakeholders involved in fisheries.

The engagement shall be for the period of eight (8 years) year and may be extended based on mutually agreed terms.

2. Important Dates

Interested agencies can make a note of the important dates and time.

Table 1 Important Dates and Information

Issuing Authority	Department of Fisheries,	
	Government of	
	Maharashtra	
Date of issue	01 / 03 / 2024	
Last date and time of receiving queries.	03 / 03 / 2024 up to 2:00 PM	
Pre-bid meeting	04 / 03 / 2024 at 3:00 PM	
Last date and time for submission of bids	07 / 03 / 2024 at 5:00 PM	
Date and time for technical bid opening	08/03/2024 at 11:00 AM	
Mail id on which application to be sent	pmmsymaharashtra@gmail.com	

3. Duration

The duration of the contract shall be for a period of 8 years and mutually extendable based on the performance of the Bidder.

4. Scope of Work & Deliverables

The Scope of Work will include:

- 1. Setting up, commissioning and managing a responsive helpdesk to address the queries of the Fisherman in the state of Maharashtra. A call centre will be established with eligible professionals and their strength shall be increased according to the response received. The recruited resources should hold degrees in Fisheries, BFFC, MFFC, or equivalent, and must be proficient in Marathi, Hindi, and English, if required.
- 2. Developing a platform including Website, chatbot, Integrated apps, WhatsApp groups/e-mail groups, etc. The agency is required to establish a database for the government to disseminate information about government schemes, advisories, etc., through SMS, emails, etc.
- 3. Developing new apps and integrating existing apps already developed by ICAR Institute, Government of India.
- 4. The model will incorporate the provision of expertise through personal counseling and visiting consultations on a fee basis. The revenue to be shared with the State Government will be sourced from personal counseling fees, visiting counseling fees, advertisements/publicity on the website and apps, and registration fees.
- The platform should facilitate e-commerce related to fishermen and address their business requirements. To ensure project viability, revenue will not be shared, as the call centre will address queries free of charge. Therefore, no revenue will be collected on goods sold.

5. Eligibility:

To be eligible for pre-qualification and short-listing for evaluation of Technical and Financial Bid, the agency shall fulfil the following criteria.

There will be a 50-50% weightage to Technical and Financial Criteria evaluation.

5.1. Pre-Qualification Criteria

The bidder shall fulfil all the following eligibility criteria independently, as on date of submission of bid.

Sl. No.	Criteria	Supporting document
1	The bidder should be a company registered under	Copy of the certificate of
	the Companies Act 1956 or 2013 or a Limited	incorporation
	Liability Partnership (LLP) firm registered under	
	the LLP Act 2008 and should be in existence for a	
	minimum period of 5 years as on date of	
	submission of the bid	
2	The Bidder should have a valid PAN and GSTIN	Copies of GST and PAN to
	Number. In the case of a consortium, the lead	be attached
	bidder and consortium partner (both) should	
	have valid Pan and GSTIN Numbers.	
3	The bidder should have minimum average annual	Copy of audited P&L
	turnover of more than INR 5 Cr. for the last 3	Statement Along with CA
	financial years (FY 20-21, FY 21-22, FY 22-23)	certificate
4.	The bidder should not be blacklisted / debarred	Self-declaration on company
	by any State / Central Government ministry /	letterhead by the authorised
	department / entity as on date of submission of	signatory
	the bid	

5.2. Technical Evaluation Criteria

Only Bidders who meet the Pre-qualification criteria specified in the clause above shall qualify for Technical Evaluation.

Table 3. Technical evaluation criteria

SI. No.	Criteria	Marks	Supporting document
1	The Average Annual Turnover of		Audited Annual
	the Bidder in the past three (3)	>= INR 5 Crores: 1 Marks.	report along with

SI.	Criteria Marks	Marks	Supporting
No.		IVIAI KS	document
	financial years (FY 20-21, FY 21-22, FY 22-23)	 For each 1 Crore up and above 5 crores 1 marks each. Maximum marks: 15 	CA certificate shall be submitted.
2	The Bidder should have experience in successfully implementing similar works (providing Helpdesk/Call Centre services) with a minimum 25 helpdesk professionals in a single project during the last 5 years ending the last day of the month previous to the one in which applications are invited for any Central Government or State Government Organization/Board/PSU/Private in India	 One Project with 25 FTEs: 0 marks. Two Projects with 25 FTEs each: 5 marks. OR One project with 50 FTE: 5 marks Three projects with 25 FTE each: 10 marks. Four projects with 25 FTE each: 15 marks OR one project with 100 FTE: 15 marks Maximum marks: 15 	Copy of the Letter of Intent / Work Order / Agreement / Letter from client.
3	Level of call centre and Human resources expertise. Level would mean if call centre were operational at State/ National / International level)	On the basis of level of call center: • State level call centre: 5 marks. • National level call centre: 10 marks	Relevant document

SI. No.	Criteria	Marks	Supporting document
		International level call: 15 marks	
		Maximum marks: 15	
		marks	
	Awards/ recognition	Awards and	
	accomplished	achievements:	
		• State level award: 5	
		marks.	
		 National level 	
		award: 10 marks	
		 International level 	
		award: 15 marks.	
		Maximum marks: 15	
4	Number of Beneficiaries in a year	No. of beneficiaries	Relevant
	through call centre, apps and	in a year below	document
	other service provided	10,000: 0 marks	
		• Per 5000: 1 mark	
		Maximum marks: 10	
5	Presentation of Project concept	30 marks	A detailed
	which will include:		Presentation with
	Services provided and		any supporting
	convergence with other social		documents if
	sector schemes like Banking,		required.
	Insurance, e-Commerce.		
	Modules which will be		
	provided.		

SI. No.	Criteria	Marks	Supporting document
	The onsite visitation plan for		
	personal counselling and		
	visiting consultation.		
	IT capabilities: This will include:		
	1. The IT platforms like website,		
	apps and suggestion of other		
	new IT applications.		
	2. Plan on operationalisation of		
	the Call centre.		
	3. Hiring plan of right resources		
	with required qualification		
	and trained to use the IT		
	system		

5.3. Financial Evaluation Criteria

The revenue generated by the helpdesk will be categorized into two types:

- A. Revenue generated from services provided, including personal counseling, visiting consultations by advisors/experts/consultants, advertisement/publicity on the website and apps, and registration fees.
- B. Revenue from the e-commerce platform, including goods sold through consultants, advisors, or the website.

For the financial evaluation, bidders must specify a percentage of revenue sharing with the State from **category A**. The financial evaluation criteria will be based on the quoted percentage of revenue to be shared with the State government, carrying a **weightage of 50%**.

6. Other points

- Upon the successful execution of the project, expansion to other states will be permitted, maintaining the revenue-sharing model.
- Services like Banking loan, Health Insurance etc can be converged.

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• The agency will be responsible for popularising the concept by making appropriate publicity in

7. Earnest Money Deposit

- The Earnest Money deposit should be a refundable INR 25000/.
- Proposals without the EMD shall be treated as non-responsive and shall be summarily rejected.
- The EMD shall be denominated in Indian Rupees only. No interest will be payable to the bidder on the amount of the EMD.

8. Security Deposit

A Security depo	sit of INR 5 lakhs	will need to	be deposited.
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