

Pre-bid Clarifications for Tender for High Performance Computing Nodes on the Cloud

Tender Ref: ICTS/TIFR/2023-24/IT-01

Online Pre-bid meeting held on 26.02.2024

SI No.	Queries	Clarification
1	Is the mentioned cost of Tender for 3 years	Yes. The estimated cost is for 3 years.
2	Purchase orders in support of Eligibility criteria - servicing atleast 3 HPC customers	Refer Corrigendum
3	The cloud provider should have experience in India of executing at least two government projects with central government organisations or public sector units in the last three years. Can this be relaxed.	This condition remains as stated in the RFP.
4	Scalability test	The test details are given in the RFP. The bidders should perform the scaling test on the specific machines they are quoting.
5	Pre-paid model, clarification	ICTS will make advance payment, monthly billing should be made.
6	The cloud provider should be listed in one of the four Gartner Magic Quadrants for IaaS for 2023. Is this mandatory?	Yes
7	Is it mandatory for the bidder to have atleast 3 orders of 40% value, 2 orders of 60% value or 1 order of 80% value and atleast one government order	Yes, bidder should provide proof of orders for the said values.
8	Any better processor is acceptable?	Better meeting all the specifications mentioned in the RFP will be considered.
9	What will be the impact of Code of conduct which will kick in due to General Elections 2024 ?	We propose to place the order in March, 2024, hence expect this not to affect the tender.
10	Can we submit Bid security declaration in lieu of EMD	EMD has to be submitted. Bid Security declaration will not be accepted.
11	Exemption for EMD to MSME	MSME certified agencies will be eligible for EMD exemption.

The pre-bid clarifications and Corrigendum 1 should be duly signed and enclosed in the technical bid.