RFP No.: ISM-19/1/2022-ISM-DIC

Subject: Engagement of Project Management Consultancy for implementation of Projects under the Semicon India Programme dated June 09, 2023

Issuing Agency: India Semiconductor Mission **Pre-Bid Meeting**: June 30, 2023

Responses to the Pre-bid Queries

S. No.			Queries Received	Response
	RFP	RFP	Clarification Sought/ Requests/ Suggestions	
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1.	6	Eligibility Criteria	Minimum annual revenue INR 500 Crore (US\$62M) has been asked. In the event, if Consortium is participating, the combined turnover be considered The annual turnover be reduced to INR 100 Crore (US\$12M).	The combined turnover of all the members of the Consortium shall be considered provided the equity stake of each member is at least 26% in consortium. Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023, S. No.6 includes the same. No change required in the annual turnover.
2.	9	Evaluation Criteria	 Among 3 schemes introduced under Modified Semicon India Program viz: Scheme for setting up Semiconductor Fabs, Scheme for setting up Display Fabs, Scheme for setting up Compound Semiconductors/Silicon Photonics/ Sensors Fab/and Semiconductor ATMP/OSAT facilities in India, Base infrastructure requirements like Power/Water/Waste Water and Cleanroom facilities are similar except CR classification. Can a common SME be nominated towards vetting construction cost of semiconductor facilities for above 3 schemes, or a separate SME be named for each scheme? 	One expert in vetting construction cost of semiconductor facilities for all 3 Schemes under Semicon India Programme can suffice provided the SME has relevant experience for facilities covered under all 3 Schemes.
3.	7	Schedule of Events	Last date and time for bid submission is given as T+31(10 Jul 2023) which may be extended by 21 days so as Consortium arrangements can be made with other specialist players.	The bid submission date has been extended as T+45 i.e. July 24 2023. For reference, may please see Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023 S. No.8.
4.	NA	NA	Do you see any advantage if I (XXX) choose to apply to this RFP due to credibility and certification (PMP)?	Query unclear

5.			Is there any funding limitation/cap for this RFP? (This will be helpful to determine key activities and plan the resources)	There is no specific monetary capping with respect to the fees of PMC. However, competitive reasonable costing would be considered for this purpose.
6.			Can I include project team and key resources from abroad or should they all be Indians?	Resources/ Consultants from abroad/ India can be engaged. However, dedicated person(s) for each/group of projects should be deployed who will coordinate for the Project with ISM or its agency for fulfilling obligation as per scope of the work and to verify reasonableness of bills on daily basis (large projects) or weekly basis (small projects) to avoid delay in recommending payment claims submitted w.r.t. the Project. Dedicated resource(s) should take approval of SMEs/Experts concurrently to avoid accumulation of backlog. Dedicated Resource(s) deployment may be linked with the progress of the Project.
7.			Are you also open to consider consultancies with HQ abroad?	Organization should have an Indian office even if HQ is abroad.
8.			Are you open to consider independent consultants?	Only those meeting the eligibility requirements stated in RFP are eligible.
9.			Will I be expected to stay in India in the case I win this RFP?	Basis the requirement, resources/ consultants would be required for the Project sites. Other resources/ consultants may stay overseas but should be available for discussion in case they are needed. However, verified documents/certificates needs to be submitted under signature of SMEs and Overall in-charge (Program Manager).
10.	5	Scope of work II. Technological assessment & monitoring a) Technology partnership	Technology agreements and Joint ventures being entered by the ISM applicants may or may not be governed by Indian laws. However, to qualify for a subsidy from ISM, we assume that ISM applicants will need to enter into agreements which will be governed by Indian laws. Hence, for the purpose of this engagement, we assume that our scope of work will be limited to the vetting of contracts covered only under Indian law. Kindly Confirm.	It includes all technology Agreements to be entered into for the Project.
11.	4	Notice Inviting Bids (ii)	Kindly modify the clause as: Interested Bidders who meet the eligibility criteria may furnish their Bids separately with all the necessary documents (as mentioned in this RFP) in a	Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023, S. No.1 includes the same.

			sealed cover within 31 days from the date of publication by 16:00 Hrs. The "Technical" and "Financial" proposals must be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes (with respective markings in bold letters). The first envelope should not contain any cost information whatsoever. The sealed envelopes Cover 1 and Cover 2 should again be placed in a separate sealed cover, which shall be clearly marked with the name of the assignment		
12.	4	Scope of work I. Finalization of the terms of Fiscal Support Agreement (FSA)	As per the Notification issued for the Modified Scheme for setting up of Semiconductor Fabs in India and the Modified Scheme for setting up of Display Fabs in India, both issued on October 4th, 2022, Support under the scheme shall be provided for a period of six years. The tenure of the actual fiscal support outflow may be extended based on the approval of the MeitY. Given that these projects could be built over a long period, we as a bidder need to understand how long this engagement will be for. Hence, kindly provide the maximum duration for a project that could be approved by ISM and will become part of FSA and define the tenure of the incentive disbursement process and monitoring of production.	r Fabs in India and the Modified Scheme for setting up of Display both issued on October 4th, 2022, Support under the scheme shall or a period of six years. The tenure of the actual fiscal support be extended based on the approval of the MeitY. se projects could be built over a long period, we as a bidder need how long this engagement will be for. Hence, kindly provide the ation for a project that could be approved by ISM and will become ind define the tenure of the incentive disbursement process and production.	
13.			ISM shall facilitate receipt of all documentation, including market analysis and references cited in DPR and revenue forecast and justification for assumptions in the financial model, that is required for complete and detailed evaluation against the milestone. Kindly confirm	ISM shall facilitate only the documents provided for the Project by the Applicant. Obtaining the necessary research articles, market analysis and other knowledge resource for the purpose of implementation, monitoring and benchmarking is the sole responsibility of the PMC.	
14.	5	Scope of work III. Financial assessments & monitoring b) Expenditure Vetting	Typically for large capital projects undertaken within India, the project monitoring scope is provided in detail listing out the frequency of receipt of incentive applications, the nature of documentation, the deployment of personnel at the site etc. Such detail will allow the bidder to estimate the volume of work and the number of resources required for the same. Lack of clarity on the above may lead to every bidder assuming different scope which may also result in incorrect estimation by the bidders and difference of opinion during project execution. Hence, it is requested that the scope may be explained in detail including the number of incentive requests to be received per quarter, the expected turnaround time, requirements for site inspections, requirements for analysis of the depth of construction costs, type of documentation being sought from the ISM applicant and whether the same shall be certified by a competent authority such as chartered accountants, chartered engineers and countersigned by an authorized signatory of the ISM applicant	Guidelines for the respective schemes under the Semicon India Programme as well as the RFP issued may be referred for this purpose. Incentive request w.r.t. the Project will depend on the requirement and progress of the Project. It is expected that 4-6 claims will be submitted in a year. Since many invoices will be generated on daily basis, dedicated resource(s) to handle Project(s) needs to be provided at Project site depending upon the progress of work. The person(s) deployed should obtain verification certificates from respective SMEs/Experts and take approval of Program Manager in order to keep documents ready. Depending upon the need, documents/certificates of management/chartered engineer/chartered accountant	

				countersigned by an authorized signatory of Project may be asked as agreed in FSA. Purpose of this arrangement is to process claim for the Project without any delay whenever it is submitted. Further, it may be noted that the Project specific requirements may vary and need different arrangements. For 3 schemes, it is expected that two or three Fab/Display fabs and four or five OSATs, Compound semiconductor/others proposals may be approved within the outlay sanctioned under Semicon India Programme. In case, outlay is increased, more proposals may be approved. It is estimated that approval process may be concluded in 4-8 quarters. Estimated number of Projects/claims in a year/approval timeline etc. may help in understanding scope of the work.
15.	5	Scope of work IV. Process monitoring a) Implementation Strategy ii. Construction:	Typically for large capital projects undertaken within India, the project monitoring scope is provided in detail listing out the frequency of receipt of incentive applications, the nature of documentation, the deployment of personnel at the site etc. Such detail will allow the bidder to estimate the volume of work and the number of resources required for the same. Lack of clarity on the above may lead to every bidder assuming different scope which may also result in incorrect estimation by the bidders and difference of opinion during project execution. Hence, it is requested that the scope may be explained in detail including the number of incentive requests to be received per quarter, the expected turnaround time, requirements for site inspections, requirements for analysis of depth of construction costs, type of documentation being sought from the ISM applicant and whether the same shall be certified by competent authority such as chartered accountants, chartered engineers and countersigned by an authorized signatory of the ISM applicant	Same as covered in item 14 above.
16.	6	Eligibility Criteria Other conditions	Please consider limiting the requirements of conflict of interest to be curtailed to the Engagement team along with the SMEs selected for offering services for this PMC that has signed the NDA with ISM	No change required considering the critical nature of the projects and the quantum of monetary risk involved)
17.	6	Eligibility Criteria 2. Annual Revenue	After considering and evaluating the Scope of Work and the quantum of service to be provided, we understand that the selected bidder will be evaluating ISM	No change required.

			applications with investments as high as USD 5 Bn and more. This will ensure that large firms with a good understanding of project development and consulting work in India and capable of evaluating high-value projects in an Indian context shall participate in the bidding for the given RFP. Hence, to ensure high-quality work for this program of national significance, it is suggested to modify the clause for eligible bidders to have a turnover of at least INR 1,000 from the Indian Market. Request you to kindly modify the clause as: "Minimum INR 1,000 Cr from the Indian Market"	
18.	6	Eligibility Criteria	Kindly confirm that in case of the bidder being a consortium, the eligibility of one of the consortium members will be sufficient for meeting the eligibility criteria.	The combined eligibility and evaluation of all the members of the Consortia shall be considered, provided the equity stake of each member is at least 26% in consortium. Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023, S. No.6 includes the same.
19.	6	Eligibility Criteria 4. Work Experience	 Since the bidder will be awarded individual projects at a time, it is requested to kindly consider that the completed work could be 40% of the bidder's quote for project/capex cost greater than USD 5 Bn. Request you to kindly modify the clause as: Three similar completed works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of the estimated financial quote amount being proposed for the category of project with capex of more than USD 5 Bn. OR Two similar completed works each costing not less than the amount equal to 50% of the estimated financial quote being proposed for the category of project with capex of more than USD 5 Bn OR One similar completed work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of the estimated financial quote being proposed for the category of project with capex of more than USD 5 Bn OR 	 Work Experience Criteria has been modified as: Estimated incentive disbursement under Semicon India Programme is INR 32,500 Crore (A), financial quote, in %age, (B). Bid amount (C) = A x B Three similar completed works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% C OR Two similar completed works each costing not less than the amount equal to 50% C OR One similar completed work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of C. Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023 includes the same (S. No.7).
20.	6	Scope of Work IV. Process monitoring a) Implementation Strategy iv. Monitoring	All activities of project development will be dependent on the timely and accurate efforts of the ISM applicant, which are beyond the control of PMC. Request you to kindly modify the clause as follows: "Assist in monitoring the milestones as per agreed timelines, expected cost and time overrun and suggest a plan to handle ongoing compliances"	Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023 includes the same (S. No.3).
21.	6	Scope of Work	All activities of project development including applying for the relevant licenses/registrations/permits/clearances and adherence to the compliance	Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023 includes the same (S. No.4).

		IV. Process monitoring b) Approvals	requirements as per approved SOPs, applicable laws/rules/guidelines will be dependent on the timely and accurate efforts of the ISM applicant and are beyond the control of PMC. Request you to kindly modify the clause as follows: "Monitoring procurement of necessary licenses/ registrations/ permits/ clearances and adherence to the compliance requirements as per approved SOPs, applicable laws/ rules/ guidelines"	
22.	7	Eligibility Criteria Team Description Program Manager (1 no)	 It is understood that the PMC will assess technical, financial, procurement, construction and product performance, and advise on regulatory environment (approvals) for the project. We assume that the program manager will not only have to coordinate with SMEs for their technical expertise but should also be able to analyze and suggest a realistic project schedule understand procurement and construction, project finance and expenditure control and analyze ground-level reports across the life cycle of the project. Hence, the Program Manager should possess relevant experience in working/managing/consulting in the Semiconductor manufacturing industry along with a good understanding of regulatory approvals, construction, and grounding projects within India. Hence, it is requested to modify the eligibility sub-clause for the program manager as: Program manager: Should have postgraduate professional qualification in Engineering/ Business administration/ relevant fields. Must have at least 15 years' experience of working/ managing/consulting in the Semiconductor manufacturing industry. Must have at least 3 years' experience in grounding projects in India Should have monitored procurement and construction activities Should possess working knowledge of project finance 	While the requirements stated in the RFP are mandatory, the QCBS evaluation would award higher marks to more qualified and experienced professionals/team.
23.	7	Eligibility Criteria 5. Other Conditions	The RFP sets forth the condition that the successful bidder would have to sign an agreement (or contract), barring which the bidder would be penalized. Hence, it is important for the bidder to understand the contents of such an agreement, various clauses in it and terms and conditions, including those related to consortium. Hence, it is requested to kindly provide the draft contract document which is standard practice for the procurement of all such services.	The terms of the agreement shall be shared, discussed and negotiated with the PMC immediately after the Offer Letter is given.

24.	9	Evaluation Criteria A. Technical Evaluation 4. Manpower Support Program Manager	It is understood that the PMC will assess technical, financial, procurement, construction and product performance, and advise on regulatory environment (approvals) for the project. We assume that the program manager will not only have to coordinate with SMEs for their technical expertise but should also be able to analyze and suggest a realistic project schedule understand procurement and construction, project finance and expenditure control and analyze ground-level reports across the life cycle of the project. Hence, the Program Manager should possess relevant experience in working/managing/consulting in the Semiconductor manufacturing industry along with a good understanding of regulatory approvals, construction, and grounding projects within India. Hence it is requested to modify the clause as below: Expert in overall implementation plan vetting and management in relevant domains. (10*1=10) Scoring criteria as under:			Same as covered in item 22	
			Semiconductor experience 12 years 11 years	Project grounding experience 5 years 4 years	Marks 100% 70%		
			10 years Project grounding e semiconductor expe	3 years xperience should be i prience	40% in addition to		
25.	9	Evaluation Criteria A. Technical Evaluation 4. Manpower Support SMEs	We do not provide any legal services since we are not permitted to provide the same. Our scope is limited to technical/commercial aspects and our services will not include the provision of any legal services or legal advice. No work			Opinion of legal consultant is required under this RFP. Accordingly, resources/ consultants may be engaged. Subcontracting is permissible and can be used for engaging 3 rd party agency for legal advice. However, the PMC shall be responsible for all the work undertaken by them as mentioned in the RFP (Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023 S. No.16 may be referred)	
26.	9	Evaluation Criteria A. Technical Evaluation 4. Manpower Support	Some of the senior SMEs, with significant experience in setting up fabs, possess experience in more than one technology. Hence, it is requested to allow one profile to be proposed for more than one technology, provided the SME has more than 20+ years of experience.			Basis the nature of technologies and expertise required, individual experts having suitable experience in more than one technology may be considered.	
27.	10	Evaluation criteria B. Financial Evaluation	The RFP clause does the financial quote se	n't discuss applicable ection.	taxes and duties as period	er Indian laws in	The present RFP invites financial quotes for professional fee excluding any applicable taxes.

28.	10	Bid-evaluation	We request you to kindly clarify how the value of (F) will be determined.	 Financial Evaluation criteria (modified) is given below: Bidders will give financial quote as a percentage of approved incentive for each Project of any size, as per table given below (Refer item 19 above for more clarity): Percentage (%) of approved incentive to the Project (In numerals) Percentage (%) of approved incentive to the Project (In words) - - Illustrative example: For example, Bidder may give financial quote of 0.01% (or any percentage) of approved incentive to the Project. In table given above, they should write 0.01 (in numerals in the left column) and 'zero point zero one' (in words in the right column). During financial evaluation, lowest percentage of financial quotes given by an eligible technically qualified Bidder will get 100 marks and scores of all other Bidders will be normalized. If ISM has given approval to a Project for an eligible project cost or capex (as applicable) of Rs 20,000 crore, for which Project will get incentive of Rs. 10,000 crores, then 0.01% financial quote given by Bidder would result in a total fee of Rs 1 crore (=10,000*0.01/100) for this Project. Payment will thereafter be released as per the milestones mentioned in RFP. (Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023 S. No.11 may be referred)
29.	12	Duration	As per the Notification issued for Modified Scheme for setting up of Semiconductor Fabs in India and Modified Scheme for setting up of Display Fabs in India, both issued on October 4th, 2022, Support under the scheme shall be provided for a period of six years. The tenure of the actual fiscal support outflow may be extended based on the approval of the MeitY. Semiconductor and Display fabs are usually built over a period of 4-5 years in multiple phases.	The initial tenure will be 6 years from the date of approval as covered in item 12. Taking above into account, the Bidders should plan and offer quotes. Payments are all milestones linked and relevant resources will be required as per scope of the work.

			 Hence, it is possible that the bidder may have to evaluate the applications for a period of over 10 years assuming projects that may be approved in year 6 of the scheme. It is submitted that due to various external factors not in our control, such as duration of incentive disbursement in FSA, price inflation, INR-USD exchange rate fluctuations etc., it is not possible to give a competitive financial quote today that will be valid for a period of 10 years or more in the future Hence, it is requested to limit our contract term for a period of 3 years from the signing of the first agreement. The contract could be extended upon mutual agreement on financial quote after completion of 3rd year of the contract. Kindly Confirm 	
30.	13	Payment terms Project Implementation v)	Typically for large capital projects undertaken within India, the project monitoring scope is provided in detail listing out the frequency of receipt of incentive applications, the nature of documentation, the deployment of personnel at the site etc. Such detail will allow the bidder to estimate the volume of work and the number of resources required for the same. Lack of clarity on the above may lead to every bidder assuming different scope which may also result in incorrect estimation by the bidders and difference of opinion during project execution. Hence, it is requested that the scope may be explained in detail including the number of incentive requests to be received per quarter, the expected turnaround time, requirements for site inspections, requirements for analysis of the depth of construction costs, type of documentation being sought from the ISM applicant and whether the same shall be certified by a competent authority such as chartered accountants, chartered engineers and countersigned by the authorized signatory of the ISM applicant	Same as covered in item 14 above.
31.	13	Payment terms Project Implementation vii)	Resource suitability will depend on various factors including availability, training plan etc. as decided by the experts within the ISM applicant's firm. It is requested that the evaluation of the human resources by PMC will only be limited to the high-skill /semi-skilled workforce and will be limited to the evaluation of their CVs as submitted by the approved ISM applicant in a format provided by PMC. PMC will not conduct any physical or virtual interviews or background checks of their education, compensation, certificates etc. nor verify their continuous deployment plan post the initial deployment. Please confirm	The PMC shall be required to determine the requirements (qualification and experience) of the workforce as well as analysis of the manpower being onboarded in terms of evaluation of CV. Conduct of interviews, onboarding formalities shall not be the responsibility of the PMC.

32.	13	Payment terms	PMC will evaluate all the agreements and project progress as per the scope of work in the RFP. However, large capital projects are often delayed due to reasons beyond the control of the PMC. Hence, it would be unfair to tie payment to PMC solely to the disbursement of incentives in blocks of 10%, 15% and 25%. This would lead to significant amounts of PMC payments stuck for longer periods of time, effecting our working capital and thereby our ability to deliver work in a timely manner. Therefore, it is kindly requested to consider a payment model that compensates bidders in a manner which is fair to both ISM and the PMC. Hence, request you to kindly modify the clause as mentioned in Annexure I.	Flexibility has been provided in deploying resources/ consultants as per the need and progress of the Project. In view of this, the original terms and conditions will be retained.	
33.	13	Payment terms Production i)	It is our observations that the price of the products being manufactured is determined by the complexity of custom-made chips, latest technologies and processes and time quoted for delivery. Hence, market rates cannot be accurately determined for these high technology products. It is requested to kindly delete this clause as mentioned in Annexure I	PMC's role is to provide this. In this regard, market survey, reports and various web sites are available. Thus, original clause will be retained.	
34.	13	Payment terms Production	Typically such large projects may or may not achieve 100% production given various economic and market factors. Hence, it is requested to modify this clause as "Post production of 70% of the approved installed capacity"	No change is required.	
35.	13	Payment terms Preparedness of Implementation i) & ii)	Based on the suggestions from the PMC on the preliminary technology arrangements, ISM might reject a proposal or request the applicant to re-apply. Hence, it is requested that the PMC be paid the fees of % of total agreed fees the application approval is delayed beyond 60 days of PMC submitting its report. Also, it is further requested that if the applicant re-applies after significant period, the PMC be allowed to treat the same as a new evaluation. Hence, request you to kindly modify the clause as mentioned in Annexure I.	It is hereby clarified that the scope of work for the PMC is restricted to assisting in the implementation of the approved Projects for which payment to PMC linked with milestones have been fixed.	
36.	13	Payment terms Project Implementation v)	Typically for large capital projects undertaken within India, the project monitoring scope is provided in detail listing out the frequency of receipt of incentive applications, the nature of documentation, the deployment of personnel at the site etc. Such detail will allow the bidder to estimate the volume of work and the number of resources required for the same. Lack of clarity on the above may lead to every bidder assuming different scopes which may also result in incorrect estimation by the bidders and differences of opinion during project execution.	Same as covered in item 14 above.	

			Hence, it is requested that the scope may be explained in detail including the number of incentive requests to be received per quarter, the expected turnaround time, requirements for site inspections, requirements for analysis of the depth of construction costs, type of documentation being sought from the ISM applicant and whether the same shall be certified by a competent authority such as chartered accountants, chartered engineers and countersigned by the authorized signatory of the ISM applicant		
37.	14	Payment terms	To evaluate the FSA, process, equipment costs, constructions, project finance, legal etc. we will be bringing together a team of Subject matter experts located in various parts of India and across the world including Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia etc. The SMEs are experts in their subject but may or may not be able to comment on the report, plan of action and advisory recommended by other SMEs. Thus, all SMEs will not be competent to sign on all reports or a combined report. Hence, it is requested to modify the clause as below: It may be noted that all reports, advisories, plan of action, etc. submitted by the PMC as a part of the deliverables shall be verified, signed, and stamped by the Authorized signatory of the PMC along with the program manager of the PMC thus ensuring quality and reliability.	experts located apore, Taiwan, ble to comment er SMEs. Thus, ned report. bbmitted by the stamped by the	
38.	15	General terms and conditions ix.	We request you to add the following liability cap: "In accordance with standard industry practice, our aggregate liability under this RFP and in connection with the services shall be for direct damages only and shall, in all circumstances and events, be limited to one time the fees paid to us under the engagement. We shall not be liable for any indirect or consequential losses." Kindly confirm.	No change required.	
39.	16 -22	Annexures	In case the bidder is a consortium, these documents can be signed by the lead member of the consortium on behalf of the consortium. Kindly confirm	This understanding is correct. Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023, S. No.6 includes the same.	
40.	17	Annexure – II: Bid Securing Declaration	The RFP sets forth the condition that the successful bidder would have to submit a performance security, barring which the bidder would be penalized. Hence, it is important for the bidder to understand the contents of such performance security, various clauses in it and terms and conditions, including those related to consortium. Hence, it is requested to kindly provide the draft performance security document which is standard practice for the procurement of all such services.	For the purpose of this RFP performance security is same as performance bank guarantee and the draft for the same has been placed in the Annexures as Proforma for Bank Guarantee. Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023, S. No.17 includes the same.	

41.	18	Non-Disclosure agreement 6. Return of Confidential Information	We wish to clarify that "Notwithstanding anything to allowed to retain sufficient documentation as part o support and evidence the work performed by PM subject to obligations of confidentiality mentioned h Please confirm.	Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023, S. No.18 includes the same.		
42.	12	Payment terms	Scope of Work	Payment (% age of agreed fee)	Milestone	No change required.
			Preparedness for implement	ntation		
			 i) Submission of FSA Draft ii) Vetting of proposed technology arrangements iii) Vetting of financials for implementation of Project(s) including equipment and other cost iv) Vetting of implementation roadmap v) Submission of Risk Assessment Report 	5%	Submission of first draft of report with comments of all aspects under "Preparedn ess for implementa	
			Project Implementatio	5%	tion" Finalization of all documents/ strategies for commence ment of Project by ISM	
					For overv	
			i) Verification of Incentive claim submitted by	In	For every	

the Applicant as per implementation plan,	installments	installment
certification of reasonableness of rates,	of 2.5% of	of
recommendation for releasing incentive	total agreed fee	disburseme
ii) Analyzing Quality Control measures intended	(Not	nt of
to adopted	exceeding a	incentive to
iii) Evaluation of requisite approvals/	total of 50%	applicant
registrations/ licenses/ permits.	of total	
iv) Evaluating customer acquisition strategy/	agreed fee)	
plan		
v) Assessing Project progress with key		
milestones as per implementation plan for the		
Project, estimated commissioning date of the		
full Project		
vi) Status of procurement and installation of		
equipment		
vii) Skilling workforce plan, the profile of		
manpower trained and deployed		
Technology Transfer		~
i) Vetting of completion of Technology Transfer	5%	Submission
ii) Observations in this regard		of first draft
		for review
		under
		"Technolog
		y Transfer"
	5%	Post
		successful
		technology
		transfer
Production		
Commencement:	10%	Post
i) Analyzing the quality of the products	10%	production

			manufactured		of 50% of	
					the approved	
			/		installed	
			iii) Off-take agreements secured and customer			
			acquisition strategy		capacity	
			iv) Overall monitoring and progress		Post	
			v) Financial analysis vs DPR projections		production	
			vi) Operation and maintenance		of 70% of	
			vii) Profile of manpower in place, their ability to		the approved	
			manage Project after completion of Project	10%	installed	
					capacity	
			Project Completion			
			i) Submissions with specific comments on	10%	Submission	
			installed capacity, date of commissioning of		of final	
			full Project, ramp up and yield improvement		Project	
			analysis, learnings.		completion	
					report	
			Note 1) In case of any delays, not attributable to			
			project implementation phase will be made no later	than 60 days	of submission	
			of deliverables by PMC		1	
			Note 2) Post submission of PMC report on ap	• •	A	
			implementation, in case ISM rejects the application		* *	
			re-apply, PMC shall be paid 10% of total agreed fees		* *	
			applies after significant period, the PMC will be all new evaluation.	owed to treat	the same as a	
43.	7	Schedule of Events				All relevant documents including CV of the proposed
15.	,	Senedule of Events				team members giving details of their qualification
			• How do we fill in the Technical bid as far the expe			experience may be submitted along with information
			• Do we share just the Expert names or full CV/Cas	•		sought in Annexure-V as included in Corrigendum-2
			• What should be the form of submitting the bid do		be submitted,	dated July 3, 2023 S. No.20. (Pg. 4, Notice inviting Bids
			would a hard copy be need or a PPT would work?			(ii) may be looked regarding the form) However, PMC
						should submit details as per the requirement under

				Technical Evaluation section and also assign marks (self- assessment) for each Parameter including Manpower Support [Program Manager (1) and 8 SMEs] against full marks duly mentioning experience of resources/ consultants considered at the time of self-assessment referring paragraph & page of CV attached. Tender Evaluation Committee reserves the right to assign marks as per their own assessment. Marks should be given for the experience in relevant field and not overall industry experience.
44	. 8	Evaluation Criteria A. Technical Evaluation	 1. Experience in semiconductor/ display manufacturing/project Management-We assume sharing our expertise from Bain Global team would work (we do this as a standard practice for all our client cases) 2. Experience in monitoring managing high value assignments >\$3B - Would this be restricted to Capex related projects or any project where the potential size of the business being impacted is \$3B would work as well? 4. Manpower support Project Manager years of experience We assume that the years of experience are total years of professional experience and not related to semiconductors alone We assume that during the long duration of the project it would be possible to change the Project manager if there are client conflicts Subject Matter experts We assume that the experts can be from our Bain Global system and need not be from India alone (we do this as a standard practice for all cases) We also have some external advisors who are not Bain employees but support us on cases- Can we use them as SME's here? We assume that the years of experience of SME's is their total experience and not within that specific domain like CMOS/Display manufacturing etc. 	attend key meetings in India accordingly.It should be CAPEX related experience.

				 experience in the relevant domains. Subcontracting is permissible as covered in item 25 above
45.	12	Payment terms	Is the payment disbursement to the consulting partner in sync with the payment	It is to be noted that Semicon India Programme is not a PLI but a CAPEX/Project cost linked Programme.
			disbursal of the PLI benefit from the govt to the private players?	Payment terms are subject to different milestones as mentioned in RFP including disbursal of incentives for the Project
46.	7	Schedule of Events	Please provide at least 15 days from the date of release of response to queries/ corrigendum for proposal submission. This shall be in accordance with consultancy procurement guidelines of the Government of India.	Same as covered in item 3 above.
47.	7	Eligibility Criteria Team description	It may be noted that the team intended to be engaged for the Project by the Bidder may be on need basis. Can this team of 9 be stationed out of NCR? In that case, can all the meetings happen over audio or video-conference calls? Kindly allow for the team members to be stationed out of NCR but with the provision to join meetings over audio or video conferencing with 48 hours' notice. Select members of the team (Program Manager and 1 SME for vetting the semiconductor equipment cost) may be available to join in person with 72 hours' notice.	Same as covered in item 6 and item 9 above.
48.			Also, the Bidder shall be required to share the details of the persons being associated for any Project at the time of submission of Bids. Can you please elaborate on what exactly is required and in what format? Who are persons referred to here? Which Project? Which Bids?	Persons here refers the proposed team members. Definition of Project and Bids for this RFP may be considered from the terms of reference section. The format for submission is same as covered in item 43 above.
49.	8	Evaluation Criteria A. Technical Evaluation	Please confirm that 'monitoring/ managing high value' includes market entry strategy, feasibility or detailed project report for a proposed project; and diligence, transformation, reengineering or restructuring for an existing project.	'monitoring/ managing high value' includes laying the roadmap, strategizing plan of action, establishing milestones, undertaking due diligence, rendering necessary advice for the continuity of the assignment, recommending risk mitigation, suggesting improvements on various technological and financial aspects.

50.			Please reduce the threshold of USD 3bn to USD 1bn.	No change is required.
51.	10	Evaluation Criteria B. Financial Evaluation	Calculation of Financial Score: The financial score of each bidder will be calculated through a normalization process where the lowest Bid will be scored as 100. Could you please define the mechanism for determining lowest bid since there may be different figures quoted by various Bidders under each Project/ Capex Cost category? Will H1 bidder be determined for each Application received by ISM?	Same as covered in item 28 above.
52.	11	Bid-evaluation viii.	Can you please elaborate on clause viii? We assume that this clause will be applied for each application under the Schemes. As soon as an application is received, it will be checked with the originally selected/ H1 Bidder if there is a conflict. If there is a conflict, the H2 Bidder will be approached and so on. You must be aware that such practice is adopted in similar consultancy projects for other schemes of Govt of India.	All existing and potential conflict of interests shall be shared by the PMC after the execution of Agreement between ISM and PMC. The continuity of the scope of work shall be pursuant to the nature of conflict. Conflict of interest shall be tested for each Application. PMC (H- 1) should disclose its association (direct or indirect) immediately after an Applicant is selected by ISM. Decision of ISM in case of real conflict of interest will be considered final. In case the successful PMC (H-1) has prior association with Applicant/ related entities, the work order for the particular Project will be offered to the successful PMC (H-2) and so on.
53.	12	Payment terms	 The payment milestones are not commensurate with the effort the Consultant would put. 25%, instead of 10%, should be paid on Preparedness for implementation 25% should be paid on in-principle approval of the Application 25% should be paid on Project Implementation milestones 10% on Technology Transfer 10% on Production milestones 5% on Project Completion 	No change required.
54.	10	Formats	Please provide the format for submitting firm credentials and team resumes.	Same as covered in item 43 above.
55.	11	Earnest Money	We understand that bidder needs to submit EMD worth INR 1 Lakhs with a validity of 3 months. However, the type of EMD to be submitted to India Semiconductor Mission is not mentioned in the RFP.	EMD in the form of Bank Guarantee/ Demand Draft shall be acceptable. Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023 includes the same (S. No.12).

			It is therefore requested to clarify whether India Semiconductor Mission would accept EMD in the form of Demand Draft or Bank Guarantee or both.	
56.	7	Schedule of Events	We understand that T is the date of publication i.e., 9 th June 2023 and as per RFP "T+20" would be the pre-bid meeting i.e. 29 th June 2023. It is requested to confirm Date, Venue and Time for the pre-bid meeting.	As mentioned in the corrigendum dated 23.09.2023 the Pre-Bid meeting was scheduled for 30.06.2023 11:30 AM onwards via VC. The VC link was been shared over email as well.
57.	6	Eligibility Criteria Annual Revenue	Minimum INR 500 Cr The Authority is requested to relax this provision to Rs. 100 crores as this will enable strong competition in the bid given the turnover of management consulting firms from consulting / professional work. Authority is requested to modify the provision as the following: Average Annual Turnover from Consulting services over the last 3 (three) years i.e., FY22, FY21, FY20 – Should be a minimum INR 100 Cr (Turnover from tax/audit / financial services/construction / non-consulting services not eligible) Reference: page 24; minimum eligibility requirements in the RFP for "General Management Consultancy for NHAI"	No change required.
58.		Eligibility Criteria Work experience	 Three similar completed works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of the estimated Bid amount being proposed OR Two similar completed works each costing not less than the amount equal to 50% of the estimated Bid amount being proposed OR One similar completed work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of the estimated Bid amount being proposed The Authority is requested to add another provision of "Five similar completed works each costing not less than the amount equal to 25% of the estimated Bid amount being proposed" 	Same as covered in item 19 above
59.	7	Team description	Authority is requested to suggest minimum time commitment expected out of each of the experts (including team lead). This is standard practice for GoI RFPs. Reference: page 62 (Input staff months out of a total of 24 months for key staff) in the RFP for Consultancy Services for formulation of development plan for National Highways /Expressways network for Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase – II	Same as covered in item 6 and item 9 above.
60.			There is no provision of full time project associates Authority is requested to define "Project team" who will be required to be full time on the program. These need not be graded in the scoring Reference: page 10 (Sub-key personnel) in the RFP for Consultancy Services for formulation of	

			development plan for National Highways /Expressways network for Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase – II. Full time requirement is as evident on page 62 of the same RFP. Criteria of these project associates as defined in page 73-76 of the same RFP	
61.	7	Last date & Time for bid submission	Authority is requested to provide 3 weeks from release of pre-bid queries as the due date of the submission	Same as covered in item 3 above.
62.	9	Evaluation Criteria A. Technical Evaluation	#2 – experience in monitoring high value assignments (USD 3Bn) Authority is requested to clarify that both public (eg – in roads, railways, power sectors etc) and private capex are covered under the description	Both public and private sector assignments are covered.
63.			Presentation on approach, methodology and team expertise. May we request that 5 marks be additionally allotted to a case study demonstrating work done relevant to the current scope Reference: page 19 (technical evaluation criteria) of RFP for "selection of consultant for providing strategic advisory services" for GeM	Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023, S. No.9 includes the same.
64.	10		Manpower Support. May we request that 10 marks out of 60 be kept for interaction with relevant experts as part of the presentation Reference: page 38 of RFP for appointment of consultant for strategic advisory services for transformation initiatives of Indian Railways	No change required.
65.	11	Evaluation Criteria B. Financial Evaluation	Table on Fee proposed for the Services We believe that the effort needed to deliver the scope of work doesn't differ significantly across different scale of projects to be evaluated. We would request this table to be deleted, and a single financial quote be sought from the bidding firms Kindly also specify if the quote should include GST or exclude GST.	
66.	12	Bid evaluation	 Technical score weightage of 75% and financial score weightage of 25% Most strategic consulting assignments in GoI setting have 80:20 QCBS, i.e. 80% weightage to technical score and 20% weightage to financial score. Reference examples: 1. Page 27 of RFP for Consultancy Services for formulation of development plan for National Highways /Expressways network for Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase – II for NHAI 2. Page 24 of RFP for selection of consultant for providing strategic advisory services" for GeM 	No change required.

			 Page 42 of RFP for appointment of consultant for strategic advisory services for transformation initiatives of Indian Railways Page 27 of RFP for Consultancy Services for Project Management for Parvatmala Pariyojana for National Highways Logistics Management Limited 	
67.	13	Duration	Authority is requested to specify the duration of the program Reference: 1. Page 39 of RFP for Consultancy Services for formulation of development plan for National Highways /Expressways network for Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase – II for NHAI 2. In case the authority chooses to retain option of extending the program after a defined duration, it may also defining duration of the initial program and subsequent extensions, for eg page 22 of RFP for Consultancy Services for Project Management for Parvatmala Pariyojana for National Highways Logistics Management Limited	Same as covered in item 12 above.
68.	13	Payment terms	Authority is requested to specify the timeline of the deliverables covering the specified duration of the program. Reference: page 39 of RFP for Consultancy Services for formulation of development plan for National Highways /Expressways network for Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase – II for NHAI	Incentive claim for the Project should be forwarded to ISM or its agency within 3 working days of its receipt. Other deliverables shall be submitted within 15 working days or mutually agreed timeframe.
69.			Since this is likely to be a multiyear engagement, may we suggest that 5% escalation be provided year on year. Reference: page 40, clause 7 and Page 100, clause (g) of RFP for Consultancy Services for formulation of development plan for National Highways /Expressways network for Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase – II for NHAI	No change required. Payments are linked to milestones.
70.	12	Earnest Money	Bidders shall submit, along with their Bids, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) - an unconditional Bank Guarantee equivalent to INR 1,00,000/- (One Lakh Only). May we request that demand draft also be allowed as an option for submitting EMD	Same as covered in item 55 above.
71.	10	Evaluation Criteria A. Technical Evaluation	Team leader (tenure for maximum marks) May we request that maximum marks be awarded at a minimum tenure of 20 years for the team leader (as against 25 years currently)	No change required.
72.		4. Manpower Support	Experts (tenure for maximum marks) May we request that maximum marks be awarded at a minimum tenure of 15 years for the team leader (as against 20 years currently)	No change required.

73.	4	Scope of Work I: Finalization of FSA Agreement	Apart from key project governance indicators, technological and financial arrangements, and, incentives schedule - can FSA also include guardrails for decoupling the India semiconductor manufacturing / test capacity from China (value chain) and avoid China being direct/indirect beneficiary of Indian capacity. Can FSA terms also include guardrails for de-risking the India semiconductor	FSA should ensure proper utilization of the incentives disbursed while ascertaining compliance to the provisions of applicable laws.
/ 1.			manufacturing / test capacity from China (supply chains) and avoid China being in direct/indirect control of Indian capacity operations.	Sume us covered in term 75 doove.
75.	5	Scope of Work II: Technological Assessment and Monitoring	Apart from included deliverables, Will Technological assessment also include both "Upstream and Downstream Transferred Technology Integration feasibility" of the Technology deemed to be transferred to ensure that the applicant can deliver "Product level technology success". Thus deriving clear view of what product and end markets could be served with the Technology deemed to be transferred and how the applicants facility could impact <u>import substitution in India</u> .	PMC would be required to advise the best suited strategies to ensure successful implementation of the Projects
76.			In interest of success and reliable Technology Transfer on schedule for approved applicants, Can XXX be permitted to commercially serve only ISM approved applicants (applicants for which FSA is approved to avoid any conflict of interest) as "Technology Transfer Partner" to advise on strategy, planning, capability building and execution of Technology Transfer (TT) at the site level. Experience of XXX team in site level manufacturing TT is unparalleled and Indian players (if they need) can leverage the same to both accelerate and guarantee stable and capable TT. None of the new entrant or their JV partners have Fab Technology Transfer Capability across People, Process and Systems required. Please let us know if this nonconflict-clause can be approved in interest of successful implementation of ISM lead projects for approved applicants.	No. Please refer item 52 above.
77.	5	Scope of Work III: Financial Assessment and Monitoring	Apart from included deliverables, Will Financial assessment and monitoring also include scrutiny to shield from China based funds. Thus to avoid future controls of operations and business decisions of India site. Is there a "ISM Committee for Foreign Investment in India" like US counterpart - if not we can help supplement.	Same as covered in item 73 above.

78.	5	Scope of Work IV: Process Monitoring	In interest of successful Fab Construction on schedule for approved applicants, Can XXX be permitted to commercially serve only ISM approved applicants (applicants for which FSA is approved to avoid any conflict of interest) as part of their "Fab Construction Accelerator" that delivers e-to-e Fab Construction-Equipping-Qualification excellence at the site level. Experience of XXX team in site level bring up is unparalleled and Indian players (if they need) can leverage the same. Please let us know if this non-conflict clause can be approved in interest of	No. Please refer item 52 above.
	<i>c</i>		successful implementation of ISM lead projects for approved applicants.	
79.	6	Scope of Work V: Production Monitoring	What is the average time duration (across Display Fab, Silicon Fab, OSAT) for which "Production Monitoring" period is scoped in the current RFP?	Same as covered in item 12 above.
80.	11	Evaluation Criteria B. Financial Evaluation	What is the expected number of proposals in the range \$3 billion and above? What is the expected number of proposals in the range \$3 billion and below?	Same as covered in item 14 above.
81.	7	Schedule of Events	What is the tentative Issuance of Work Order or Kick-off date? - so we position in advance for mobilizing the required talent in India.	Considering the process of bid evaluation and selection, onboarding PMC may be completed within two months and accordingly work order may be issued in three months as mentioned in RFP.
82.	6	Eligibility Criteria 1. Organization	Joint Venture or Consortium of firms are not explicitly mentioned in the RFP. We request that JV or Consortium of firms to be made eligible for this RFP	Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023, S. No.6 includes the same.
83.	6	Eligibility Criteria 4. Work Experience	 We request that the work experience requirements be updated as illustrated below a) Three similar completed works each costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of the estimated Bid amount being proposed OR b) Two similar completed works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of the estimated Bid amount being proposed OR c) One similar completed work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of the estimated Bid amount being proposed. 	Same as covered in item 19 above.
84.	7	Eligibility Criteria Team Description (SMEs)	We request the work experience to be relaxed from 10 years to minimum of 8 years	No change required
85.	8	Evaluation Criteria	We request that the evaluation criteria be updated as illustrated below -	No change required

		A.1.	- > 10 years - 10 Marks	
			- 8 - 10 years - 8 Marks	
			- 5 - 8 years - 6 Marks	
			- < 5 years - 4 Marks	
86.	8	Evaluation Criteria	We request that the evaluation criteria be updated as illustrated below -	No change required
		A.2.	>4 – 100% marks	
			3 - 4 - 80% marks	
			1 - 2 - 60% marks	
			<2 – 40% marks	
87.	9	Scope of work	Given the background that semiconductor industry in India is in a nascent stage,	No change required
		II & III	a single firm will not have availability of all experts needed to undertake	
			technological and financial assessment. This would require careful assembly of	
			professional experts from varied background and skill sets.	
			Hence for right submission – we request the RFP to be split into 2 parts and bring	
		~ ~	the RFP for technological assessment separately	
89.		Confidentiality	Client is requested to allow standard exceptions to confidential information,	Confidential Information has been clearly identified in
			which is industry standard and reasonable. Not all information can be regarded	Annexure-III (Non-Disclosure Agreement) which does
			as confidential. For eg., if the information is in public domain, we cannot be	not include the nature of information as referred here. In
			expected to keep it confidential at our end. Similarly, if any information is liable	case of any confusion, PMC can refer matters to ISM.
			to be disclosed under the RTI, giving it a confidential status and obliging us to keep such information confidential is not correct. We request inclusion of	
			following clause:	
			Confidential information does not include any information which (i) is rightfully	
			known to the recipient prior to its disclosure; (ii) is independently developed by	
			the recipient without use of or reliance on confidential information; or (iii) is or	
			later becomes publicly available without violation of this agreement or may be	
			lawfully obtained from a third party; or (iv) which would be required to be	
			disclosed under the (Indian) Right to Information Act.	
90.		Intellectual Property	We request client to include the following exceptions and procedure as these are	The provision for indemnity is covered under the RFP
		Rights	industry standards and reasonable. They are also mentioned in the MeitY	(General terms and conditions ix). However, specific
			guidelines.	clauses regarding the same shall be included in the
			1. Notwithstanding anything contained in this agreement, if the Indemnified	Agreement entered into by ISM and PMC post award of
			Party promptly notifies Indemnifying Party in writing of a third party claim	work.
			against Indemnified Party that any Service provided by the Indemnifying Party	
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infringes a copyright, trade secret or patents incorporated in India of any third party, Indemnifying Party will defend such claim at its expense and will pay any	
party, Indemnifying Party will defend such claim at its expense and will pay any	
costs or damages, that may be finally awarded against Indemnified Party.	
2. Indemnifying Party will not indemnify the Indemnified Party, however, if the	
claim of infringement is caused by: a) Indemnified Party's misuse or	
modification of the Service; b) Indemnified Party's failure to use corrections or	
enhancements made available by the Indemnifying Party; c) Indemnified	
Party's use of the Service in combination with any product or information not	
owned or developed by Indemnifying Party; However, if any service,	
information, direction, specification or materials provided by Indemnified Party	
or any third party contracted to it, is or likely to be held to be infringing,	
Indemnifying Party shall at its expense and option either: i. Procure the right for	
Indemnified Party to continue using it; ii. Replace it with a noninfringing	
equivalent; iii. Modify it to make it noninfringing.	
3. The foregoing remedies constitute Indemnified Party's sole and exclusive	
remedies and Indemnifying Party's entire liability with respect to infringement.	
91. We agree to indemnify to the extent the damages/losses are finally determined Any dispute	es to the RFP shall be delt by Courts of Delhi
by a competent court or arbitration. Please make indemnities subject to final (General ter	rms and conditions xvi). However, specific
	arding the same shall be included in the
	entered into by ISM and PMC post award of
work.	
	on for indemnity is covered under the RFP
	rms and conditions ix). However, specific
	arding the same shall be included in the
Televant evidence, documentary of other wise, (if) the indemnified rarty shan,	entered into by ISM and PMC post award of
at the cost of the indemnifying Party, give the indemnifying Party an reasonable	
assistance in the Defense of such claim including reasonable access to all	
relevant information, documentation and personnel provided that the	
Indemnified Party may, at its sole cost and expense, reasonably participate,	
through its attorneys or otherwise, in such Defense; (iii) if the Indemnifying	
Party does not assume full control over the Defense of a claim as provided in	
this clause, the Indemnified Party may participate in such defense at its sole cost	

	and expense, and the Indemnified Party will have the right to defend the claim	
	in such manner as it may deem appropriate, and the cost and expense of the	
	Indemnified Party will be included in losses;	
	(iv) the Indemnified Party shall not prejudice, pay or accept any proceedings or	
	claim, or compromise any proceedings or claim, without the written consent of	
	the Indemnifying Party; (v) all settlements of claims subject to indemnification	
	under this Clause will: a) be entered into only with the consent of the	
	Indemnified Party, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld and include	
	an unconditional release to the Indemnified Party from the claimant or plaintiff	
	for all liability in respect of such claim; and b) include any appropriate	
	confidentiality agreement prohibiting disclosure of the terms of such settlement;	
	(vi) the Indemnified Party shall account to the Indemnifying Party for all awards,	
	settlements, damages and costs (if any) finally awarded in favour of the	
	Indemnified Party which are to be paid to it in connection with any such claim	
	or proceedings; (vii) the Indemnified Party shall take steps that the Indemnifying	
	Party may reasonably require to mitigate or reduce its loss as a result of such a	
	claim or proceedings; (viii) in the event that the Indemnifying Party is obligated	
	to indemnify an Indemnified Party pursuant to this clause, the Indemnifying	
	Party will, upon payment of such indemnity in full, be subrogated to all rights	
	and defenses of the Indemnified Party with respect to the claims to which such	
	indemnification relates; and (ix) if a Party makes a claim under the indemnity	
	set out under Clause above in respect of any particular loss or losses, then that	
	Party shall not be entitled to make any further claim in respect of that loss or losses (including any claim for damages).	
93.	If the project is to be completed on time, it would require binding both parties	The timelines as well as mode for deliverables shall be
95.	with timelines to fulfill their respective part of obligations. We request you that	covered under the terms of Agreement entered into by
		ISM and PMC post award of work.
	you incorporate a deliverable acceptance procedure, perhaps the one provided	ion and i wie post award of work.
	by Meity in their guidelines, or the one suggested below, to ensure that	
	acceptance of deliverables is not denied or delayed and comments, if any, are	
	received by us well in time. You may consider including the below simple	
	clause:	
	Within 10 days (or any other agreed period) from Client's receipt of a draft	
	deliverable, Client will notify Consultant if it is accepted. If it is not accepted,	
	Client will let Consultant know the reasonable grounds for such non acceptance,	

94.		and Consultant will take reasonable remedial measures so that the draft deliverable materially meets the agreed specifications. If Client does not notify Consultant within the agreed time period or if Client uses the draft deliverable, it will be deemed to be accepted. We will be providing services and deliverables to you under the contract. We accept no liability to anyone, other than you, in connection with our services, unless otherwise agreed by us in writing. You agree to reimburse us for any liability (including legal costs) that we incur in connection with any claim by	Services and deliverables as indicated under this RFP and subsequently Agreement between by ISM and PMC post award of work, shall be restricted for ISM. The accountability, reimbursement and other terms shall be
		anyone else in relation to the services. Please confirm our understanding is correct.	covered under the said Agreement.
95.		There are innumerable IPRs that exist with us which we would like to use to your benefit while delivering our services to you. These are our pre-existing IPRs and we use it for all clients. We will not be able to give ownership in such IPRs to you just because we are using them for providing services to you, like we use these for other clients. We request that we are allowed to retain ownership of our pre-existing IPRs, else we might be not be able to use these in providing services to you in order to protect our ownership in them. We request you to kindly include the below clause. This is also the standard mentioned by Meity in its guidelines. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this agreement, Consultant will retain the ownership of its pre-existing intellectual property rights (including any enhancement or modification thereto) even if such IPRs are used for creating deliverables, are incorporated in the deliverables, etc. To the extent such pre- existing IPRs are included/incorporated in the deliverables, upon receipt of all due and payable payment in full, the Consultant shall grant a non-exclusive, perpetual and fully paid up license to the Purchaser/Client to use such pre- existing IPRs for use of deliverables for the purpose for which such deliverables	Agreed. However, the terms of use of IPRs shall be included in the Agreement entered into by ISM and PMC post award of work.
96.	Termination of	are meant for client's internal business operations. To uphold the principles of natural justice, we request client to notify us and give	Provisions for termination of association shall be
	Contract	us a rectification period of at least 30 days, prior to invoking this clause.	included in the Agreement entered into by ISM and PMC post award of work.
97.	Conflict of Interest, disclosure of Interests and Links	We wish to highlight that we are a large organization providing various services to various state and central government departments, PSUs, international organizations and private clients. We wish you to note that while we have a	Same as covered in item 52 above.

			mechanism in place to identify patent and direct conflict of interests, it may not always be possible to identify any or all indirect or remote conflict of interests. Kindly appreciate that our no conflict confirmations will be subject to the foregoing.	
98.		N/A	There may be circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Consultant, where a replacement of personnel may be necessary, such as illness, death, resignation or disciplinary action against the concerned personnel, etc. In such cases, Client is requested to allow exceptions to this clause and make penalties inapplicable. The Consultant shall exercise reasonable efforts to provide a suitable replacement to the Client.	This is covered under Team Description: In case any member of the team proposed in the Bid ceases to continue association with the PMC or is directed by ISM to discontinue engagement for Scope of Work, the PMC shall replace such member by another person having similar/ better qualification and experience, post approval by ISM.
99.	6	Eligibility Criteria 2. Annual revenue	a. If the Turnover criterion can be relaxed instead of Rs 500Crores.b. If a Consortium partner (domestic or overseas) is allowed? Can they be the lead bidder with local Indian Co. partnering them?	 a. No change required b. Consortium can include foreign entity; however, the Lead Member shall be established as per laws of India. Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023, S. No.6 includes the same.
100.	6	Eligibility Criteria 4. Work Experience	If consortium partner allowed with 1 project experience? (We suggest a max of 50% of the bid amount in lieu of 80%)	Same as covered in item 18.
101.	15	General T& C xiii	Subcontracting permitted - Is this exclusive of Consortium Partner (as sought above) if allowed? Can there may be more than 1 subcontractor ?	Subcontracting is permissible apart from Consortium.
102.	6	Eligibility Criteria: 4.Work experience	Definition of "similar completed works" is currently unclear in the RFP. It is kindly suggested that all large-scale and capital-intensive program management projects, either in India or globally, be allowed as work experience in this category.	"Similar completed works" refers to semiconductor/ display manufacturing consulting/ project management as stated in RFP. Experience of projects based out of India/ globally shall be considered.
103.	7	Eligibility Criteria: Team description - Program Manager	Given semiconductor industry and specific topic-related expertise will be primarily brought in by respective SMEs, the role of a Program Manager will be to primarily ensure seamless project coordination and successful delivery in a large-scale program context. Hence, it is requested that the work experience for Program Manager shall be expanded to all large-scale and capital-intensive program management projects, either in India or globally.	No change required
104.	7	Schedule of Events: 5.Bid submission	This project would need multi-disciplinary experience and domain expertise, hence it is requested to extend the submission timeline by a minimum of 2-3 weeks so that necessary arrangements can be made accordingly.	Same as covered in item 3 above.

105.	8	Evaluation Criteria:	As organization level experience is supposed to be highlighted in this criteria, it	Overall consulting / project management work experience
	-	A.1.Technical	is requested that overall consulting / project management work experience in	in semiconductor industry, either in India or globally,
		Evaluation	semiconductor industry, either in India or globally, be considered for the	shall be considered for the evaluation.
			evaluation.	
106.	9	Evaluation Criteria:	Majority of the consulting / project management professionals with more than	No change required.
		A.4 Manpower	20 years of experience are quite senior in nature and do not work in project	
		support	coordination roles directly. Hence, it is requested that the overall work	
			experience required for 100% marks allocation in case of the Program Manager	
			be revised as 15 years.	
107.		Evaluation Criteria:	It is suggested to include an additional team of 2 (two) generalist consultants /	No change required.
		A. 4.Manpower	analysts for management of day-to-day project(s) management and other	
		support	ongoing application(s) related tasks. This team will help build knowledge	PMC applicant may provide generalist consultants from
			continuity as well as ensure standardization of best-practices across project-to-	their side, if needed.
			project expert teams.	
			This team shall be provisioned independent of the project(s) allocation and	
			accordinly a monthly retainer fees be paid for the same.	
108.	10	Evaluation Criteria:	This RFP states for a fixed fee per project (basis the capex range) and projects	No change required
		B. Financial	are expected to spread over long time periods. In addition, the capital investment	
		evaluation	scheme is also open for applications for a long duration. Hence, an annual	
			increase in the quoted fixed fee shall be allowed at a suitable rate accounting for inflation.	
109.		Bid evaluation	Given this RFP and associated nature of work is highly technical and specialized	No change required
109.		V.	expertise nature, it is requested to keep the evaluation framework as 80:20	No change required
		v.	wherein	
			technical evaluation is given 80% weightage of the total score and financial	
			evaluation as 20% weightage of the total score	
110.	12		Basis the current payment terms, only 10% of the total project fee is eligible	No change required
		Payment terms	for release basis documentation and implementation preparedness verification.	
			Remaining 90% of the total project fee is either linked with actual project	
			implementation status, including 30% of the total project fee being eligible for	
			release post-production start of the semiconductor unit at hand. Semiconductor	
			manufacturing projects of such nature are typically spread over a 2-4 year	
			construction phase and takes about 1-3 years in operations stabilization post-	
			production start. Hence, current payment terms aren't representative of the	
			overall effort to be put in by the PMC agency vs the amount eligible for release	
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			 in different time periods. In addition, PMC agency will have minimal influence or role to play in post-production activities such as yield maximization, utilization acceleration, product quality enhancement, etc. PMC will be focused on primarily status / milestones monitoring for such activities. Hence, below modifications to the payment terms is suggested for consideration - 1. Preparedness for implementation - 10% of the project fee 2. Project implementation - 12% of the project fee per milestone as defined currently in RFP (total 60% of the project fee) 3. Technology transfer - 10% of the project fee Production and project completion - 10% of the project fee 	
111.	4	Scope of Work	 Kindly share the following details: a) number of eligible applicants under the Semicon India Program b) total financial outlay for this program set by ISM c) number of entities to be provided with financial support from ISM d) number of applicants to be reviewed by the PMC in terms of finalization of the terms of Fiscal Support Agreement (FSA), technological assessment & monitoring, financial assessments & monitoring, process and product monitoring estimated project / capex cost, etc. by the entities Rationale: We request ISM to kindly clarify above aspects in the scope so that the effort estimate and financial quote can be accordingly submitted 	Same as covered in item 14 above.
112.	5	Scope of Work II. Technological assessment & monitoring d) Quality Control	Request ISM to kindly modify this clause as under: "Quality Control: Reviewing adequacy of quality management framework/ quality control protocols proposed by the Applicants and suggestions in this regard." (Rest of the point around field/ laboratory test reports has been removed) Rationale: PMC can only support in reviewing the quality management framework proposed by the Applicants and provide suggestions to make it robust. Thus, we request ISM to modify the clause to allow the bidder to review and suggest on the Applicant's quality control measures	Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023, S. No.2 includes the same.
113.		Scope of Work IV. Process monitoring a) Implementation strategy Point no. ii. Construction	Request ISM to kindly modify the existing clause as under: "Construction: Monitoring and reporting the establishment of fabrication facilities including but not limited to plant layout, facility design, onboarding of vendors for construction, completion of buildings, cleanroom readiness, equipment procurement and installation, reasonableness of the expenses being incurred, etc." Rationale: PMCs can undertake only the monitoring and reporting for various aspects of establishment of facilities rather than analyzing the plant layout,	No change required. It is essential that PMC analyses/ evaluates the establishment to facilitate the successful setting up manufacturing facilities/ implementation of the Projects.

			facility design, onboarding of vendors for construction, completion of buildings, cleanroom readiness, equipment procurement and installation, reasonableness of the expenses being incurred.	
114.	6	Scope of Work IV. Process monitoring b) Approvals	Request ISM to kindly modify the existing clause as under: "b) Approvals: Reviewing (if obtained) and suggesting necessary licenses/ registrations/ permits/ clearances and adherence to the compliance requirements as per approved SOPs, applicable laws/ rules/ guidelines" Rationale: PMCs can review the licenses/ registrations/ permits/ clearances available with the entities and may suggest other requirements as per applicable laws/ rules/ guidelines. Thus, we request ISM to modify the clause to allow the bidder to review and suggest the necessary approvals required rather than ensuring procurement.	Same as covered in item 21 above.
115.		Scope of Work V. Production monitoring b) Quality	Request ISM to kindly modify the existing clause as under: "Reviewing and providing suggestions to the quality control protocols adopted by the applicant with respect to product qualification, reliability of chips, testing and quality of chips, yield benchmark and production target achievement, etc." Rationale: PMC can only review and suggest on the adequacy of quality control protocols adopted by the Applicants and suggest in this regard.	Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023, S. No.5 includes the same.
116.		Eligibility Criteria 1. Organization	Kindly confirm our understanding that bid from the consortium are allowed. Also please clarify allowed number of participants in a consortium.	Consortium is permissible. Up to 3 number of participants. Amendment to RFP via Corrigendum-2 dated July 3, 2023, S. No.6 includes the same.
117.		Eligibility Criteria 4. Work Experience	Kindly share details on "similar completed works" and "estimated Bid amount". Also, please provide estimated bid amount in terms of absolute number which is similar for all bidders so that eligibility criteria are same for all the bidders.	As covered in item 19 and item 28 in this regard.
118.		Eligibility Criteria 5. Other Conditions	Kindly confirm if bidder's declaration on letter head from authorized signatory shall suffice the requirement	Declaration under the signature of the authorized signatory is permissible
119.	7	Eligibility Criteria: Team description	Request ISM to kindly modify the existing clause as under: "All Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) proposed by the Bidder should have an undergraduate degree and a minimum work experience of 8 years in their relevant fields." Rationale: As, semiconductor industry is relevantly new and upcoming in India, we request ISM to kindly consider allowing minimum work experience in relevant fields for last 8 years	Resources/ Consultants from overseas can also be engaged. Eligibility criteria has been determined considering the scope of work and requirements
120.	8	Evaluation Criteria A. Technical Evaluation	Request ISM to kindly modify the parameter and criteria for score clause as under: "Experience in consulting/ project management in semiconductor/ display manufacturing/ renewable sector"	No change required.

		1.	Experience duration	Marks		Eligibility criteria has been determined considering the
			>or = 10 years	100%		scope of work and requirements. Further, consortia/ sub- contracting/ engagement with resources/ consultants
			8-10 years	80%		globally may be considered
			5-8 years	60%		
			<5 years	40%		
			Additionally, kindly confirm the confirm if global experience can be from Authorized Signatory on requirement against this parame relevantly new and upcoming in sector, we request ISM to kindle sector as well for a period of last	be used. Please c Company's ter. Rationale: India and cons y consider allo	confirm if a bidder's declaration letter head shall suffice the As, semiconductor industry is idering its usage in Renewable	
121.		Evaluation Criteria A. Technical Evaluation 2.	Request ISM to kindly modify i under: "Experience in monito assignments (USD 0.5Bn)" Additionally, kindly confirm th confirm if global experience can Please confirm our understanding which consulting assignment w declaration from Authorized Sig the requirement against this paran Rationale: Considering typical p ISM to kindly reduce the criteria	ring/ managing at this paramet be used. g, USD 0.5 Bn i as undertaken. natory on Com- neter. roject size is <u< td=""><td>g/ consulting of high value er is for a firm. Also, please s the size of client's project for Please confirm if a bidder's pany's letter head shall suffice USD 0.5 Bn in India, we request</td><td>No change required</td></u<>	g/ consulting of high value er is for a firm. Also, please s the size of client's project for Please confirm if a bidder's pany's letter head shall suffice USD 0.5 Bn in India, we request	No change required
123.		Evaluation Criteria A. Technical Evaluation 3.	Request ISM to kindly allow the p expertise on a later date post bid Rationale: In assignments of suc team expertise is evaluated b submission.	presentation on a submission for harden	approach, methodology & team evaluation. ally approach, methodology &	Overview of the scope of work & plan of action would be required along with the relevant documentation to support the credibility of the team members proposed to be on- boarded.
124.	9	Evaluation Criteria A. Technical Evaluation 4.	Kindly elaborate on "managemer	nt in relevant do	mains."	Relevant domains are same as mentioned in – "Team description (Minimum requirements):"
125.		Evaluation Criteria	Kindly confirm if we can avail ser matters including IP transfer and			As covered in item 25 above.

		A. Technical Evaluation		
126.		Evaluation Evaluation Criteria A. Technical Evaluation 4. Manpower Support	We propose to match the minimum experience requirement in this clause with clause proposed (s.no.10) in eligibility criteria [Team description (Minimum requirements) – Page no.8 of 23] and modify as under: Experience duration Marks >15 years 100% 10-15 years 70% 8-10 years 40%	No change required. Eligibility criteria has been determined considering the scope of work and requirements. Further, consortia/ sub- contracting/ engagement with resources/ consultants globally may be considered
127.	10	Evaluation Criteria B. Financial Evaluation	Request ISM to kindly consider the template for financial quote as under: India Semiconductor Mission Engagement of Project Management Consultancy for implementation of Projects under the Semicon India Programme (RFP No. ISM-19/1/2022-ISM-DIC) S.No. Description of item Quantity Unit Rate (in figures excluding GST) (GST (18%) Amount 19/1/2022-ISM-DIC) S.No. Description of item Quantity Unit Rate (in figures excluding GST) (GST (18%) Amount 19/1/2022-ISM-DIC) S.No. Description of item Quantity Unit Rate (in figures excluding GST) (GST (18%) Amount 19/1/2022-ISM-DIC) Sime of item Quantity Oper month per person GST (18%) Amount To be provided by ISM To be provided by ISM To be provided by Bidder Generally, bidders provide manpower-based rates for such tenders so that the for the financial quote. Addi	Same as covered in item 28 above.
128.	12	Duration & Payment Terms	 Kindly share flowing details: a) overall duration of the project b) estimated schedule for activities mentioned in scope of work and payment milestones 	a) Same as covered in item 12 aboveb) Same as covered in item 14 above.
129.		Payment Terms	Request ISM to kindly modify the existing clauses related to payment terms in line with suggested financial quote in s.no.17 as under: Payment shall be released on actual deployment of consultant team on man- month rate basis subject to completion of all agreed deliverables.	No change required

130.	13	Payment Terms	Request ISM to kindly modify the clause as under:	No change required.
		111.	"Invoices shall be raised by the PMC every month with respect to the actual	
			deployment of Consultant team by PMC to ISM in furtherance to the work order	
			issued (stated above). Payment shall be made within 30 days of raising the said	
			invoices provided the Services rendered are to the satisfaction of ISM for each	
			term."	
			Rationale: Request ISM to kindly allow PMC to raise invoices monthly instead	
			of raising every quarter.	
131.	7	Schedule of Events	Considering the various elements of proposal submission (including securing	
			global credentials, identification of competent resources) as well as taking into	
			account our internal timelines for various approvals, we request ISM to kindly	
			extend bid submission timeline by at least three weeks, i.e. till 31-Jul-2023	
132.		Annexures	Kindly confirm that there are only 4 Annexure formats (Bid covering letter, Bid	1 2
			securing declaration, NDA Agreement and Bank guarantee Format) provided in	Annexure- V as mentioned in Corrigendum-2 dated July
			the RFP by ISM and no other formats are available for this bid submission	3, 2023 S. No.20.