

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION OF CO-LOCATED / READILY AVAILABLE / BUILT TO SUIT TIER IV / RATED 4 CERTIFIED DATA CENTRE

Ref: SBI/GITC/Data Centres & Cloud/2023/2024/47 dated: 11/09/2023

Data Centres and Cloud Department
State Bank Global IT Centre,
2nd Floor, "C" Wing,
Sector 11, CBD Belapur
Navi Mumbai – 400 614



Schedule of Events

Sl	Particulars	Remarks
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1	Contact details of issuing department (Name, Designation, Mobile No., Email and office address for sending any kind of correspondence regarding this EOI)	Name: Shri P S Rao Designation: DGM(DC&C) Email ID: dgmit.cdc@sbi.co.in; cc: devesh.gupta@sbi.co.in; narender.goshika@sbi.co.in Contact Address: State Bank of India, Data Centres and Cloud Dept., SBGITC, 2nd Floor, "C" Wing, Sector 11, CBD Belapur- 400614, Navi Mumbai Contact Number: 022-27527738
2	Bid Document Availability including changes/amendments, if any to be issued	EOI may be downloaded from Bank's website https://www.sbi.co.in procurement news from 11-09-2023 to 03-10-2023
3	Last date for requesting clarification	Upto 16-09-2023 on 17:00 hrs. All communications regarding points / queries requiring clarifications shall be given in writing or by e-mail.
4	Pre - bid Meeting at (venue)	From 15:00 hrs. to 17:00 hrs. on 20-09-2023 through virtual meeting
5	Clarifications to queries raised at pre- bid meeting will be provided by the Bank.	On 26-09-2023
6	Last date and time for Bid submission	Upto 16:00 hrs. on 03-10-2023
7	Address for submission of Bids	https://etender.sbi/SBI/
8	Date and Time of opening of Technical Bids	17:00 hrs. on 04-10-2023. Authorized representatives of Bidders may be present online during opening of the Technical Bids. However, Technical Bids would be opened even in the absence of any or all of Bidders representatives.
9	Tender Fee	Rs.10000.00 (Rs. Ten Thousand Only)



		should be deposited in following			
		accounts with the given modes of			
		transfer.			
		For NEFT or RTGS			
		A/c No: 4897932113433 (NEFT &			
		RTGS)			
		IFSC: SBIN0011343			
		Account Name: Subsidy Inward			
		Remittance			
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		SBI to SBI Transfer			
		A/c No: 37608352111 IFSC:			
		SBIN0011343			
		Account Name: System Suspense			
		Branch Parking A/C			
		Tender fee will be non-refundable.			
10	Contact details of e-Procurement	e-Procurement Technologies Limited			
	agency appointed for e-procurement	S			
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1. INVITATION TO BID:

i. State Bank of India (herein after referred to as 'SBI/the Bank'), having its Corporate Centre at Mumbai, various other offices (LHOs/ Head Offices /Zonal Offices/Global Link Services, Global IT Centre, foreign offices etc.) of State Bank of India, branches/other offices, Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures available at various locations and managed by the Bank (collectively referred to as State Bank Group or 'SBG' hereinafter).

Bank of behalf of SBG desires to follow the below steps:

- Publish Expression of Interest (EOI) for Engagement of Consultant for Identification and Selection of Co-Located / Readily Available/ Built to Suit Tier IV / Rated 4 Certified Data Centre to obtain the desired details for step 2.
- 2. Publish Closed/Non-Committal Request for Proposal (RFP) for Identification and Selection of Co-Located / Readily Available/ Built to Suit Tier IV / Rated 4 Certified Data Centre.
- ii. In order to meet the IT requirements, the Bank proposes to invite online EOI from eligible Bidders wishing to be considered for short listing for participating in bidding process of the proposed procurement.
- iii. Bidder shall mean any entity (i.e. juristic person) who meets the eligibility criteria given in **Appendix-B** of this EOI and willing to provide the product and services required by the Bank through RFP process in pursuant to this EOI. The interested Bidders who agree to all the terms and conditions contained in this EOI may submit their Bids with the information desired in this EOI. Consortium bidding is not permitted under this EOI.
- iv. Address for submission of online Bids, contact details including email address for sending communications are given in Schedule of Events of this EOI.
- v. The objective of this EOI is to identify eligible Bidders who are interested in providing the required product and services and have suitable capacity, capability and experience.
- vii. This EOI document shall not be transferred, reproduced or otherwise used for purpose other than for which it is specifically issued.
- viii. Interested Bidders are advised to go through the entire EOI before submission of online Bids to avoid any chance of elimination. The criteria and the actual process



of evaluation of the responses to this EOI and subsequent selection of the successful Bidder will be entirely at Bank's discretion.

2. BACKGROUND:

State Bank of India (SBI) is the largest Bank in India with a network of around 25000 branches spread across India. The Bank also has presence in 35 countries across the globe. The Bank offers wide products and services to both Corporate and Retail Customers through alternate channels such as Internet Banking, YONO, Payment Gateways and Mobile Banking etc. The Bank also has one of the largest ATM networks of more than 60000 ATMs spread across the geographical locations.

This EOI is issued to eligible bidders from the qualified, vendor-neutral IT Consultancy firms having in-depth expertise in Identification and Selection of Co-Located / Readily Available/ Built To Suit Tier IV / Rated 4 Certified Data Centre. Also have experience in Requirements Gathering, Location Analysis, Facility Assessment, Connectivity and Network Analysis, Security and Compliance, Service Level Agreements, Cost Analysis, DR and DC, Power and Cooling Capacity, Migration Planning, Environmental Sustainability, Legal and Contractual Review, Design and Tier standards.

Bank currently hosts its IT Infrastructure in Own DCs, Colo DCs and also have presence in Public Cloud. The intent is to select eligible Data Centre Consultant who have relevant skills, expertise and can bring in a strong pool of resources with real-world class experience to understand current requirement as well as future demand to maintain balance between 'right now' and 'near future'.

Please note that the scope may vary depending on organization's unique requirements and the complexity of the project. It is crucial to engage with experienced professionals and consultants to assist. Details of qualification parameters like experience and certifications required to perform the scope of work are specified in Appendix-C.

The EoI will be followed by a separate Closed / Non-Committal RFP

3. **DISCLAIMER:**

- i. The information contained in this EOI or information provided subsequently to Bidder(s) whether verbally or in documentary form/email by or on behalf of SBI, is subject to the terms and conditions set out in this EOI.
- ii. This EOI is not an offer by SBI, but an invitation to receive responses from the eligible Bidders.
- iii. The purpose of this EOI is to provide the Bidder(s) with information to assist preparation of their Bid proposals. This EOI does not claim to contain all the



information each Bidder may require. Each Bidder should conduct its own investigations and analysis and should check the accuracy, reliability and completeness of the information contained in this EOI and where necessary obtain independent advices/clarifications. Bank may in its absolute discretion, but without being under any obligation to do so, update, amend or supplement the information in this EOI.

- iv. The Bank, its employees and advisors make no representation or warranty and shall have no liability to any person, including any Bidder under any law, statute, rules or regulations or tort, principles of restitution or unjust enrichment or otherwise for any loss, damages, cost or expense which may arise from or be incurred or suffered on account of anything contained in this EOI or otherwise, including the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, completeness or reliability of the EOI and any assessment, assumption, statement or information contained therein or deemed to form or arising in any way for participation in this EOI.
- v. The Bank also accepts no liability of any nature whether resulting from negligence or otherwise, howsoever caused arising from reliance of any Bidder upon the statements contained in this EOI.
- vi. The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms and specifications in this EOI. Failure to furnish all information required under this EOI or to submit a Bid not substantially responsive to this EOI in all respect will be at the Bidder's risk and may result in rejection of the Bid.
- vii. The issue of this EOI does not imply that the Bank is bound to select a Bidder or subsequently to award the contract to the shortlisted Bidder, as the case may be, for the project and the Bank reserves the right to reject all or any of the Bids or Bidders without assigning any reason.

4. **DEFINITIONS:**

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

- i. "The Bank" 'means the State Bank of India (including domestic branches and foreign offices), Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures, where the Bank has ownership of more than 50% of voting securities or the power to direct the management and policies of such Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures.
- ii. "Bidder/Channel Partner" means an eligible entity/firm submitting the Bid in response to this EOI.
- iii. "Bid" means the written reply or submission of response to this EOI.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND TECHNICAL CRITERIA/SCOPE OF WORK:



- i. Bid is open to all Bidders who meet the eligibility and technical criteria/scope of work as given in **Appendix-B & Appendix-C** of this EOI. The Bidder has to submit the documents substantiating eligibility criteria as mentioned in this EOI document.
 - (a) If any Bidder submits Bid on behalf of Principal/OEM, the same Bidder shall not submit a Bid on behalf of another Principal/OEM under the EOI. Bid submitted with options of multiple OEMs shall also be considered Bid submitted on behalf of multiple OEMs.
 - (b) Either the Bidder on behalf of Principal/OEM or Principal/OEM itself is allowed to Bid, however both cannot Bid simultaneously.

6. COST OF BID DOCUMENT:

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

7. CLARIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS ON EOI/PRE-BID MEETING:

- i. Bidder requiring any clarification on EOI may notify the Bank in writing strictly as per the format given in **Appendix-E** at the address/by e-mail within the date/time mentioned in the Schedule of Events.
- ii. All queries to be raised in the pre-bid meeting will relate to the EOI alone and no queries related to detailed analysis of scope of work, payment terms and mode of selection will be entertained. These issues will be amply clarified at the RFP stage.
- iii. A pre-Bid meeting will be held in person or online on the date and time specified in the Schedule of Events which may be attended by the authorized representatives of the Bidders interested to respond to this EOI.
- iv. The queries received (without identifying source of query) and response of the Bank thereof will be posted on the Bank's website or conveyed to the Bidders.
- v. The Bank reserves the right to amend, rescind or reissue the EOI, at any time prior to the deadline for submission of Bids. The Bank, for any reason, whether, on its



own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective Bidder, may modify the EOI, by amendment which will be made available to the Bidders by way of corrigendum/addendum. The interested parties/Bidders are advised to check the Bank's website regularly till the date of submission of Bid document specified in the Schedule of Events/email and ensure that clarifications/amendments issued by the Bank, if any, have been taken into consideration before submitting the Bid. Such amendments/clarifications, if any, issued by the Bank will be binding on the participating Bidders. Bank will not take any responsibility for any such omissions by the Bidder. The Bank, at its own discretion, may extend the deadline for submission of Bids in order to allow prospective Bidders a reasonable time to prepare the Bid, for taking the amendment into account. Nothing in this EOI or any addenda/corrigenda or clarifications issued in connection thereto is intended to relieve Bidders from forming their own opinions and conclusions in respect of the matters addresses in this EOI or any addenda/corrigenda or clarifications issued in connection thereto.

vi. Queries received after the scheduled date and time will not be responded/acted upon.

8. CONTENTS OF EOI DOCUMENT:

- i. The Bidder must thoroughly study/analyse and properly understand the contents of this EOI, its meaning and impact of the information contained therein.
- ii. Failure to furnish all information required in this EOI or submission of Bid not responsive to this EOI in any respect will be at the Bidder's risk and responsibility and the same may finally result in rejection of its Bid. The Bank has made considerable effort to ensure that accurate information is contained in this EOI and is supplied solely as guidelines for Bidders.
- iii. The Bid prepared by the Bidder, as well as all correspondences and documents relating to the Bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Bank and supporting documents and printed literature shall be submitted in English.
- iv. The information provided by the Bidders in response to this EOI will become the property of the Bank and will not be returned. Incomplete information in Bid document may lead to non-consideration of the proposal.

9. BID PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION:

i. The Bid is to be submitted on portal of e-Procurement agency for EOI for Co-



Located / Readily Available/ Built to Suit Tier IV / Rated 4 Certified Data Centre in response to the EOI No. SBI/GITC/Data Centres & Cloud/2023/2024/47 dated: 11/09/2023. Documents mentioned below are to be uploaded on portal of e-Procurement agency with digital signature of authorised signatory:

- (a) Index of all the documents, letters, bid forms etc. submitted in response to EOI along with page numbers.
- (b) Bid covering letter/Bid form on the lines of **Appendix-A** on Bidder's letter head.
- (c) Proof of remittance of Tender Fee as specified in this document.
- (d) Specific response with supporting documents in respect of Eligibility Criteria as mentioned in **Appendix-B** and technical criteria/scope of work on the lines of **Appendix-C**.
- (e) Bidder's details as per **Appendix-D** on Bidder's letter head.
- (f) Audited financial statement and profit and loss account statement as mentioned in Part-II.
- (g) A copy of board resolution along with copy of power of attorney (POA wherever applicable) showing that the signatory has been duly authorized to sign the Bid document.
- (h) If applicable, copy of registration certificate issued by competent authority as mentioned in Sl No 2 of Eligibility Criteria under Appendix-B.

ii. Bidders may please note:

- (a) While submitting the Technical Bid, literature on the proposed solution/services should be segregated and kept together in one section.
- (b) The Bid document shall be complete in accordance with various clauses of the EOI document or any addenda/corrigenda or clarifications issued in connection thereto, duly signed by the authorized representative of the Bidder. Board resolution authorizing representative to Bid and make commitments on behalf of the Bidder is to be attached.
- (c) It is mandatory for all the Bidders to have class-III Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) (in the name of person who will sign the Bid) from any of the licensed certifying agency to participate in this EOI. DSC should be in the name of the authorized signatory. It should be in corporate capacity (that is in Bidder capacity).
- (d) If deemed necessary, the Bank may seek clarifications on any aspect from the Bidder. However, that would not entitle the Bidder to change or cause any change in the substances of the Bid already submitted.
- (e) The Bidder may also be asked to give presentation for the purpose of clarification of the Bid.
- (f) The Bidder must provide specific and factual replies to the points raised in the EOI.



- (g) The Bid shall be typed or written and shall be digitally signed by the Bidder or a person or persons duly authorized.
- (h) All the enclosures (Bid submission) shall be serially numbered.
- (i) The Bank reserves the right to reject Bids not conforming to above.

10. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS:

- i. Bids must be submitted online on portal of e-Procurement agency by the date and time mentioned in the "Schedule of Events".
- ii. In the event of the specified date for submission of Bids being declared a holiday for the Bank, the Bids will be received upto the appointed time on the next working day.
- iii. In case the Bank extends the scheduled date of submission of Bid document, the Bids shall be submitted by the time and date rescheduled. All rights and obligations of the Bank and Bidders will remain the same.

11. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:

- i. The Bidder may modify or withdraw its Bid after the Bid's submission, provided that modification, including substitution or withdrawal of the Bids, is received on e-procurement portal, prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of Bids.
- ii. No modification in the Bid shall be allowed, after the deadline for submission of Bids.

12. BIDDING PROCESS/OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS:

- i. All Bids received up to the specified time and date will be opened for initial evaluation on the time and date mentioned in the schedule of events. The Bids will be opened in the presence of representatives of the Bidders who choose to attend the same on portal of e-Procurement agency. However, Bids may be opened even in the absence of representatives of one or more of the Bidders.
- ii. Prior to the detailed evaluation, the Bank will determine the responsiveness of each Bid to the EOI. For purposes of these Clauses, a responsive Bid is one, which conforms to all the terms and conditions of the EOI in toto, without any deviation.
- iii. If a Bid is not responsive, it will be rejected by the Bank and will not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the non-conformity.



- iv. After examining the EOI, some or all of the Bidders may be asked to make presentation of the approach. The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with submission of EOI, presentation desired by the Bank. The Bank shall not be responsible or liable for any cost thereof, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the process.
- v. SBI may shortlist the Bidders who fulfill the eligibility and technical criteria specified in this EOI, have solution/services as per the requirement of the Bank and are agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions of the Bank. Bank's judgment in this regard will be final.
- vi. Bank may issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to shortlisted Bidder for next process of procurement. However, please note that short listing of Bidders should not be treated as a contract for the proposed work.
- vii. Nothing contained in this EOI shall impair the Bank's Right to issue 'Open RFP' on the proposed solution/services.
- viii. Bidders will be advised about shortlisting of their EOIs or otherwise. However, Bidders will not be provided with information about comparative position of their EOIs with that of others.

13. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- i. Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest (the "Conflict of Interest") that affects the bidding Process. Any Bidder found to have a Conflict of Interest shall be disqualified without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to the Bank under the EOI and/ or the subsequent RFP or otherwise.
- ii. Without limiting the generality of the above, a Bidder shall be deemed to have a Conflict of Interest affecting the bidding Process, if:
 - (a) the Bidder, its Member or Associate (or any constituent thereof) and any other Bidder, its Member or any Associate thereof (or any constituent thereof) have common controlling shareholders or other ownership interest; provided that this disqualification shall not apply in cases where the direct or indirect shareholding of a Bidder, its Member or an Associate thereof (or any shareholder thereof having a shareholding of more than 5% (five per cent) of the paid up and subscribed share capital of such Bidder, Member or Associate, as the case may be) in the other Bidder, its Member or Associate, has less than 5% (five per cent) of the subscribed and paid up equity share capital thereof; provided further that this disqualification shall not apply to any ownership by a bank, insurance



company, pension fund or a public financial institution referred to in section 2(72) of the Companies Act, 2013. For the purposes of this Clause, indirect shareholding held through one or more intermediate persons shall be computed as follows: (aa) where any intermediary is controlled by a person through management control or otherwise, the entire shareholding held by such controlled intermediary in any other person (the "Subject Person") shall be taken into account for computing the shareholding of such controlling person in the Subject Person; and (bb) subject always to sub-clause (aa) above, where a person does not exercise control over an intermediary, which has shareholding in the Subject Person, the computation of indirect shareholding of such person in the Subject Person shall be undertaken on a proportionate basis; provided, however, that no such shareholding shall be reckoned under this sub-clause (bb) if the shareholding of such person in the intermediary is less than 26% of the subscribed and paid up equity shareholding of such intermediary; or

- (b) a constituent of such Bidder is also a constituent of another Bidder; or
- (c) such Bidder, its Member or any Associate thereof receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy, grant, concessional loan or subordinated debt from any other Bidder, its Member or Associate, or has provided any such subsidy, grant, concessional loan or subordinated debt to any other Bidder, its Member or any Associate thereof; or
- (d) such Bidder has the same legal representative for purposes of this Bid as any other Bidder; or
- (e) such Bidder, or any Associate thereof, has a relationship with another Bidder, or any Associate thereof, directly or through common third party/ parties, that puts either or both of them in a position to have access to each other's information about, or to influence the Bid of either or each other; or
- iii. For the purposes of this EOI, Associate means, in relation to the Bidder, a person who controls, is controlled by, or is under the common control with such Bidder (the "Associate"). As used in this definition, the expression "control" means, with respect to a person which is a company or corporation, the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty per cent) of the voting shares of such person, and with respect to a person which is not a company or corporation, the power to direct the management and policies of such person by operation of law or by contract.

14. CODE OF INTEGRITY AND DEBARMENT/BANNING:

i. The Bidder and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the bidding Process. Notwithstanding



anything to the contrary contained herein, the Bank shall reject Bid without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Bidder if it determines that the Bidder has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt/fraudulent/coercive/undesirable or restrictive practices in the bidding Process

- ii. Bidders are obliged under code of integrity to Suo-moto proactively declare any conflicts of interest (pre-existing or as and as soon as these arise at any stage) in EOI process or execution of contract. Failure to do so would amount to violation of this code of integrity.
- iii. Any Bidder needs to declare any previous transgressions of such a code of integrity with any entity in any country during the last three years or of being debarred by any other procuring entity. Failure to do so would amount to violation of this code of integrity.
- iv. For the purposes of this clause, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter, respectively assigned to them:
 - (a) "**corrupt practice**" means making offers, solicitation or acceptance of bribe, rewards or gifts or any material benefit, in exchange for an unfair advantage in the procurement process or to otherwise influence the procurement process or contract execution;
 - (b) "Fraudulent practice" means any omission or misrepresentation that may mislead or attempt to mislead so that financial or other benefits may be obtained or an obligation avoided. This includes making false declaration or providing false information for participation in a EOI process or to secure a contract or in execution of the contract;
 - (c) "Coercive practice" means harming or threatening to harm, persons or their property to influence their participation in the procurement process or affect the execution of a contract;
 - (d) "Anti-competitive practice" means any collusion, bid rigging or anticompetitive arrangement, or any other practice coming under the purview of the Competition Act, 2002, between two or more bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Bank, that may impair the transparency, fairness and the progress of the procurement process or to establish bid prices at artificial, noncompetitive levels;



(e) "Obstructive practice" means materially impede the Bank's or Government agencies investigation into allegations of one or more of the above mentioned prohibited practices either by deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering; or by concealing of evidence material to the investigation; or by making false statements to investigators and/or by threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or by impeding the Bank's rights of audit or access to information;

v. Debarment/Banning

Empanelment/participation of Bidders and their eligibility to participate in the Bank's procurements is subject to compliance with code of integrity and performance in contracts as per terms and conditions of contracts. Following grades of debarment from empanelment/participation in the Bank's procurement process shall be considered against delinquent Vendors/Bidders:

(a) Holiday Listing (Temporary Debarment - suspension):

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

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

(b) Debarment from participation including removal from empaneled list

Debarment of a delinquent Bidder (including their related entities) for a period (one to two years) from the Bank's procurements including removal from empanelment, wherever such Bidder is empaneled, due to severe deficiencies in performance or



other serious transgressions. Reasons which may justify debarment and/or removal of the Bidder from the list of empaneled vendors are:

- Without prejudice to the rights of the Bank under Clause 14(i) hereinabove, if a Bidder is found by the Bank to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt/fraudulent/coercive/undesirable or restrictive practices during the bidding Process, such Bidder shall not be eligible to participate in any EOI/RFP issued by the Bank during a period of 2 (two) years from the date of debarment.
- The Bidder fails to abide by the terms and conditions or to maintain the required technical/operational staff/equipment or there is change in its production/service line affecting its performance adversely, or fails to cooperate or qualify in the review for empanelment;
- If Bidder ceases to exist or ceases to operate in the category of requirements for which it is empaneled;
- Bankruptcy or insolvency on the part of the Bidder as declared by a court of law; or
- Banning by Ministry/Department or any other Government agency;
- Other than in situations of force majeure, technically qualified Bidder withdraws from the procurement process or after being declared as successful bidder: (i) withdraws from the process; (ii) fails to enter into a Contract; or (iii) fails to provide performance guarantee or any other document or security required in terms of the RFP documents;
- If the Central Bureau of Investigation/CVC/C&AG or Vigilance Department of the Bank or any other investigating agency recommends such a course in respect of a case under investigation;
- Employs a Government servant or the Bank's Officer within two years of his retirement, who has had business dealings with him in an official capacity before retirement; or
- Any other ground, based on which the Bank considers, that continuation of Contract is not in public interest.
- If there is strong justification for believing that the partners/directors/proprietor/agents of the firm/company has been guilty of violation of the code of integrity or Integrity Pact (wherever applicable), evasion or habitual default in payment of any tax levied by law; etc.
- (c) Banning from Ministry/Country-wide procurements



For serious transgression of code of integrity, a delinquent Bidder (including their related entities) may be banned/debarred from participation in a procurement process of the Bank including procurement process of any procuring entity of Government of India for a period not exceeding three years commencing from the date of debarment.

15. GOVERNING LANGUAGE:

The governing language shall be English.

16. APPLICABLE LAW:

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

17. TENDER FEE:

Non-refundable Tender Fee should be directly credited to the designated account as mentioned in Schedule of Events. Proof of remittance of Tender Fee in the designated account should be enclosed with the technical bid. The Bids without tender fee will not be considered valid.

18. NOTICES:

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

19. OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS

- i. Lodgement of an EOI is evidence of a Bidder's consent to comply with the terms and condition of Request for EOI process and subsequent bidding process. If a Bidder fails to comply with any of the terms, its EOI may be summarily rejected.
- ii. Willful misrepresentation of any fact within the Bid will lead to the disqualification of the Bidder without prejudice to other actions that the Bank may take. All the submissions, including any accompanying documents, will become property of the Bank. The Bidders shall be deemed to license, and grant all rights to the Bank, to reproduce the whole or any portion of their Bid document for the purpose of evaluation and to disclose the contents of submission for regulatory and legal requirements.
- iii. Bidders must advise the Bank immediately in writing of any material change to the information contained in the EOI application, including any substantial change in



their ownership or their financial or technical capacity. Copies of relevant documents must be submitted with their advices. For shortlisted Bidders, this requirement applies until a contract is awarded as a result of subsequent bidding process.

- iv. Shortlisted Bidders must not advertise or publish the same in any form without the prior written consent of SBI.
- v. Brief overview of the proposed procurement/scope of work given in this document may be further elaborated, viz., more details may be included in the Request for Proposal (RFP) document to be issued as a result of evaluation process of EOIs.
- vi. The Bank reserves the right to formulate any terms & conditions while framing the RFP, even if these are in variance with the terms provided in this EOI. Further, the Bidders shall have no claim in this regard.
- vii. The Bank shall have the right to cancel the EOI process itself at any time, without thereby incurring any liabilities to the affected Bidders. Reasons for cancellation, as determined by the Bank in its sole discretion include but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Services contemplated are no longer required.
 - b. Scope of work not adequately or clearly defined due to unforeseen circumstance and/or factors and/or new developments.
 - c. The project is not in the best interest of the Bank.
 - d. Any other reason.



PART-II

Appendix -A

BID FORM (TECHNICAL BID)

[On Bidder's letter head]

Date:						

To:

DGM (DC & C)
Data Centres and Cloud Department,
State Bank Global IT Centre
Sector 11, CBD Belapur,
Navi Mumbai 400614

Dear Sir,

Ref: SBI/GITC/Data Centres & Cloud/2023/2024/47 dated: 11/09/2023

We have examined the above EOI, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged and subsequent pre-bid clarifications/ modifications / revisions, if any, furnished by the Bank. We submit our bid and shall abide by the terms and conditions spelt out in the EOI.

i. While submitting this Bid, we certify that:

- The undersigned is authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder and the necessary support document delegating this authority is enclosed to this letter.
- We declare that we are not in contravention of conflict of interest obligation mentioned in this EOI.
- We have not induced or attempted to induce any other Bidder to submit or not to submit a Bid for restricting competition.
- ii. We undertake that, in competing for the above EOI, we will strictly observe the laws against fraud and corruption in force in India namely "Prevention of Corruption Act 1988".
- iii. We undertake that we will not offer, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the Bank, connected directly or indirectly with this EOI process, or to any person, organisation or third party related to this EOI in exchange for any advantage in the EOI, evaluation and shortlisting.
- iv. We undertake that we will not resort to canvassing with any official of the Bank, connected directly or indirectly with the EOI process to derive any undue advantage. We also



understand that any violation in this regard, will result in disqualification of bidder from further bidding process.

- v. It is further certified that the contents of our Bid are factually correct. We have not sought any deviation to the terms and conditions of this EOI. We also accept that in the event of any information / data / particulars proving to be incorrect, the Bank will have right to disqualify us from the EOI or any subsequent bidding process without prejudice to any other rights available to the Bank.
- vi. We certify that while submitting our Bid document, we have not made any changes in the contents of the EOI, read with its amendments/clarifications provided by the Bank.
- vii. We understand that you are not bound to accept any Bid you may receive and you may reject all or any Bid without assigning any reason or giving any explanation whatsoever.
- viii. We hereby certify that our name does not appear in any "Caution" list of RBI / IBA or any other regulatory body for outsourcing activity.
 - ix. We hereby certify that on the date of submission of Bid for this EOI, we are not under any debarment/blacklist period for breach of contract/fraud/corrupt practices by any Scheduled Commercial Bank/ Public Sector Undertaking/ State or Central Government or their agencies/departments.
 - x. We hereby certify that on the date of submission of Bid, we do not have any Service Level Agreement pending to be signed with the Bank for more than 6 months from the date of issue of purchase order.
 - xi. We hereby certify that we have read the clauses contained in O.M. No. 6/18/2019-PPD, dated 23.07.2020 order (Public Procurement No. 1), order (Public Procurement No. 2) dated 23.07.2020 and order (Public Procurement No. 3) dated 24.07.2020 regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India. We further certify that we are not from such a country or if from a country, has been registered with competent authority. We certify that we fulfil all the requirements in this regard and eligible to participate in this EOI.
- xii. We, further, hereby undertake and agree to abide by all the terms and conditions stipulated by the Bank in the EOI document.

Dated this day of	202	
(Signature)	(Name)	
(In the capa	ecity of)	
Duly authorised to sign	Bid for and on behalf of	
Soal of the company		



Appendix-B

Bidder's Eligibility Criteria

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

S.	Eligibility Criteria	Compliance	Documents to be submitted
No.		(Yes/No)	
1.	The Bidder must be an Indian		Certificate of Incorporation
	Company/ LLP /Partnership firm		issued by Registrar of Companies
	registered under applicable Act in		and full address of the registered
	India.		office along with Memorandum
			& Articles of Association/
			Partnership Deed.
2.	The Bidder must comply with the		Bidder should specifically certify
	requirements contained in O.M. No.		in Appendix A in this regard and
	6/18/2019-PPD, dated 23.07.2020		provide copy of registration
	order (Public Procurement No. 1), order		certificate issued by competent
	(Public Procurement No. 2) dated		authority wherever applicable.
	23.07.2020 and order (Public		
2 -	Procurement No. 3) dated 24.07.2020 The bidder must be in Core Business of		Delegant continue in manifest
3a			Relevant certificate is required (
	providing Consultancy for Data Centre related activities for minimum 5 years		issued by statuary auditor / company secretary of the
	in India.		company secretary of the bidder's organization)
3b	The Bidder should have experience in		Relevant certificates required
30	DC Design, DC setup, Project		from clients
	execution, DC Audit/Certification,		from enems
	Assisting in Acquisition/Hiring DC		
	(full / Partial) for Clients etc. for		
	minimum 3 years.		
3c	The Bidder must have provided Data		Relevant certificates to be
	Centre Consultancy services to		submitted (issued by relevant
	minimum 3 Organizations out of which		organization)
	one organization must be BFSI/PSUs/		
	Government Organization.		
4.	The Bidder must have an average		Copy of the audited financial
	turnover of minimum Rs.30 crore		statement for required financial
	during last 03 (three) financial year(s)		years. (Certificate from



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	i.e. FY2020-21, FY2021-22 and	statutory auditor for current
	FY2022-23.	2022-23 year may be submitted.)
5.	The Bidder should be profitable	Copy of the audited financial
	organization based on profit before tax	statement along with profit and
	(PBT) for at least 02 (two) out of last 03	loss statement for corresponding
	(three) financial years mentioned in	years and / or Certificate of the
	para 3 above.	statutory auditor.
6.	Bidder should have experience of	Copy of the order and / or
	minimum 3(Three) years in providing	Certificate of completion of the
	the required products/services/solution.	work. The Bidder should also
		furnish user acceptance report.
7.	Client references and contact details	Bidder should specifically
	(email/ landline/ mobile) of customers	confirm on their letter head in this
	for whom the Bidder has executed	regard as per Appendix-F
	similar projects in India.	
	(Start and End Date of the Project to be	
	mentioned) in the past (At least 3 client	
	references are required)	
8.	Past/present litigations, disputes, if any	Brief details of litigations,
	(Adverse litigations could result in	disputes, if any are to be given on
	disqualification, at the sole discretion of	Company's letter head.
	the Bank)	
9.	Bidders should not be under	Bidder should specifically certify
	debarment/blacklist period for breach	in Appendix A in this regard.
	of contract/fraud/corrupt practices by	
	any Scheduled Commercial Bank/	
	Public Sector Undertaking / State or	
	Central Government or their agencies/	
	departments on the date of submission	
	of bid for this EOI.	
10.	The Bidder should not have any Service	Bidder should specifically certify
	Level Agreement pending to be signed	in Appendix A in this regard.
	with the Bank for more than 6 months	
	from the date of issue of purchase order.	

Documentary evidence must be furnished against each of the above criteria along with an index. All documents must be signed by the authorized signatory of the Bidder. Relevant portions, in the documents submitted in pursuance of eligibility criteria, should be highlighted.

Name & Signature of authorised signatory

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Appendix-C

Technical Criteria/Scope of Work

The Bidder should describe how their solution will meet the required parameters and provide details thereof in their EOI proposal on the following lines:

SI. No.		Scope of Work	Bidder's Compliance [Yes/No]
	feature conside	the most competitive Tier 4/Rated 4 Data Centre with the e and benefits to keep business running consistently and securely, ering price, scalability, uptime, reliability, location and other but not limited to:	
	1.1 Dat		
	1.2 Sec	cure Location & review of market and locations to understand tability for Data Centre operations.	
	1.3 Ge	ographic Stability	
	1.4 Nat	tural Disasters & Man-Made Issues	
	1.5 Up	time	
	1.6 Em	ployee prospects	
	1.7 Cos	st of power & availability of alternate source	
		ta Center Design & Physical Infrastructure flexibility	
	1.9 Col		
1.		Workforce mobility	
	1.11	Ease of access to Public Cloud	
	1.12	Monitoring Systems	
	1.13	Layered Data Center Security	
	1.14	Physical Barriers	
	1.15	Surveillance	
	1.16	Secure Network Connection	
	1.17	Redundancy of IT & Non-IT Infrastructure	
	1.18	Resiliency	
	1.19	Compliance	
	1.20	Building Amenities	
	1.21	Technical expertise, Certified & Skilled Resources	
	1.22	Data Center Accessibility & Access to utilities	
	1.23	Existing Customer Base (For reference purpose)	
	1.24	ISP - Major Bandwidth provider for Reliable Bandwidth	



Should provide best practices, guidelines, specification requirement, design, drawing, layouts for the following key areas but not limited to:	
2.1 Architectural/Structural	
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Density requirements i.e. Infrastructure Discovery & planning to be done.	
Review specific Data Center power, cooling and special security requirements such as PCI DSS, ISO 27001, SOC, IS 1893:1984 Seismic, LEED, ISO 9000-V R6.2/R5.7(QMS Certificate), ISO 22301 etc.	
Evaluate the cost of electrical power at our current Data Centre/Disaster Recovery Center and compare it to other states and various colocation service providers. Also evaluate the availability of Green Power.	
Evaluate Business Continuity plan and systems & infrastructure optimization	
Assist the Bank to get Financial Tax benefits	
Evaluate the impact of potential natural disasters, terrorist threats and power grids.	
Define systems design, specification requirements and solicit Data Centre pricing proposals.	
Assist the Bank in analyzing the financial stability and the viability of the rates quoted by the vendors.	
Assist the Bank to evaluate TCO (Total Cost of Occupancy) calculations.	
Prepare a score card to gather DC related information, useful to compare Data centres. Arrange the schedule tours of the preferred sites with a site visit check list.	
	design, drawing, layouts for the following key areas but not limited to: 2.1 Architectural/Structural 2.2 Electrical including provision of backup source 2.3 Data Center logical & Physical Security 2.4 Telecommunications 2.5 Building infrastructure 2.6 Data Center Infrastructure 2.7 Data Centre Tier standard (Tier III / IV or Rated 3 / 4) Identification of Data Center with Moderate to High Power and High-Density requirements i.e. Infrastructure Discovery & planning to be done. Review specific Data Center power, cooling and special security requirements such as PCI DSS, ISO 27001, SOC, IS 1893:1984 Seismic, LEED, ISO 9000-V R6.2/R5.7(QMS Certificate) , ISO 22301 etc. Evaluate the cost of electrical power at our current Data Centre/Disaster Recovery Center and compare it to other states and various colocation service providers. Also evaluate the availability of Green Power. Evaluate Business Continuity plan and systems & infrastructure optimization Assist the Bank to get Financial Tax benefits Evaluate the impact of potential natural disasters, terrorist threats and power grids. Define systems design, specification requirements and solicit Data Centre pricing proposals. Assist the Bank in analyzing the financial stability and the viability of the rates quoted by the vendors. Assist the Bank to evaluate TCO (Total Cost of Occupancy) calculations. Prepare a score card to gather DC related information, useful to compare Data centres. Arrange the schedule tours of the preferred



13.	Assist the Bank in evaluation of Data Centre Managed Services for Colocation space.	
14.	Assist the Bank to negotiate favorable contract terms, benchmark Service Level Agreement (SLA) and Key Performance Indicators.	
15.	To assist the Bank in finalizing the strategy for selection of Data Centre Service Provider at Navi Mumbai.	
16.	Technical expertise in conducting meetings and arranging presentation from Service providers.	
17.	Define/prepare and ensure all required compliance & Security certifications for Data Centre are as per industry best practices	
18.	Study the current Data Centre Service Provider and Current state of DC infrastructure and Services and its capacity and advice the Bank on selection of Data Centre Service Provider.	
19.	Assist the Bank (Networking Department) in setting up of Network at the new Data Centre and help in preparation of a Road Map.	
20.	Prepare RFP & its scope, service level agreement, payment terms, evaluation methodology and assist Bank in completing end-to-end selection process of Data Centre.	
21.	Entire process to be done in line with CVC and regulatory guidelines and also meet latest industry standards.	
22.	Gather necessary documents, Build & develop a delivery plan / timeline for all work streams towards finalizing Data enter Service Provider.	
23.	Assist the bank in assessing business volumes and advice Bank on requirement of Space/Power required for the proposed DC Site taking into consideration the future growth of Bank.	
24.	Assist the Bank in preparing the rationale to gain the necessary approvals for such decisions including presentations to relevant committees, participate in key meetings and submission of necessary documents explaining the rationale for such decisions, as applicable.	
25.	Assist in Evaluating the Scope of work for floating RFP & in Preparation of RFP.	



26.	Assist the Bank in drafting the pre-bid technical and functional responses for the queries raised by the bidders.	
27.	Assist the Bank in Technical and Commercial evaluation of bids and assist in Contract finalization.	
28.	Assist the bank for DC acquiring services negotiation.	
29.	Assist in Preparing & issuing purchase order.	
30.	Assist in Agreement execution, Signing Integrity pack, BG/ PBG Submission by vendor.	
31.	Assist the Bank for any other legal formalities.	
32.	Assist the Bank to visit the referenced clients for getting feedback	



Annexure-3 Technical Evaluation Criteria

SUB: EoI for Selection of Consultant for Identification and Selection of Co-Located / Readily Available/ Built to Suit Tier IV / Rated 4 Certified Data Centre

Ref: SBI/GITC/Data Centres & Cloud/2023/2024/47 dated: 11/09/2023

Consolidated Score for Relative Technical Evaluation (RTE)

SI. No.	Particulars	Maximum Marks	Bidder's reply with supporting documents
1	Bidder's Capabilities, Past Experiences, Technical & Delivery Excellence (Parameters defined to evaluate Functional, Technical and Delivery Aspects) & Team Profile as per Annexure-3(A)	100	
	Total Marks	100	

Maximum Technical score is 100 (Annexure -3(A)). Minimum marks to be obtained by the bidder for qualification is 70. Only qualified bidders will be called for presentation.

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Annexure 3(A) Bidder's Capabilities, Past Experiences & Team Profile

Criteria	Sub Criteria	Evaluation Parameters	Max	Bidder's
	Industry Experience: 1. Should have prior experience in performing IT consultancy services in any of the three consultancy areas(including item ii given below) in last 5 years: i) IT strategy formulation, ii) IT infrastructure, Data Centre and finalization*. iii) BCP Planning. iv) Project management, planning and implementation Note: Documentary/Certification	20 Marks - for more than 3 IT Consultancy areas 15 Marks - 3 IT consultancy areas 10 Marks -Less than 3 and more than 1 IT consultancy areas *In all the above cases experience in item (ii) is	20	Response
	proofs from clients are to be enclosed to substantiate the claims made	mandatory otherwise score will be zero.		
Past	Should have prior experience in consultancy & management of projects comprising of following functionality/services in each project in last 5 years - i) Selection of Colo DC/ Building of Data Centre or shifting of Data Centre ii) Disaster Recovery or evaluating Collocated DC facilities based on the customers requirement. iii) Business Continuity Plan. iv) IT infrastructure, Data Center services and collocation finalization. v) RFP preparation, vendor evaluation, contract signing, project implementation, project governance etc. Note: Documentary/Certification proofs from clients are to be enclosed to substantiate the claims made	India 15 marks - if the criteria are met for 2 Banks / Govt. Financial Institutions in India 10 marks - if the criteria are met for 1 Banks / Govt. Financial Institutions	20	



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Consultancy provided for the procurement of Rack-space in one single project (nos) in the last 3 years Note: Document/Certificate proofs are to be enclosed to substantiate the claims made.	15 Marks – more than 500+ Rackspace 10 Marks – for 300 to 500 Rackspace 5 Marks – for 100 - 299 Rackspace 2 Marks - less than 100 Rackspace and more than 50	15	
No. of manpower involved in Data Center consultancy project on Senior Resource scale having more than 5 years' experience individually in consultancy services. Note: Documentary/Certification proofs are to be enclosed to substantiate the claims made	10 Marks – more than 10 members 7 Marks – from 7- 10 members 5 Marks - from 4-6 members 2 Marks - less than 4 members and more than two members	10	
Professionals in company should have minimum two of the following certifications: ITSM / PMP or equivalent BCP related certifications. ATS/ADS from uptime Institute or CDCP . Note: Documentary/Certification proofs are to be enclosed to substantiate the claims made	10 Marks - if more than 8 personnel meet the criteria 7 Marks - if more than 5 personnel meet the criteria 5 Marks - if more than 3 personnel meet the criteria 1 Marks - if less than 3 personnel and more than one personnel meet the criteria	10	



Number of successfully completed IT consultancy projects related to Data Centres in last 5 years. Note: Documentary/Certification proofs from clients are to be enclosed to substantiate the claims made	10 Marks - 3 projects and above have successfully completed. 5 Marks - 2 projects have successfully completed. 2 Marks - One project has successfully completed.	10	
Consultancy provided for the selection / setup / Project Management Consultancy of Tier IV / Rated 4 Data Centre in the last 3 years Note: Document/Certificate proofs are to be enclosed to substantiate the claims made.	15 Marks – more than one Tier IV Data Centre 10 Marks – only 1 Tier IV Data Centre	15	

Max – Relative Technical Evaluation Marks (zero marks if any minimum evaluation parameter is not met)



Annexure 3(B)

Presentation

	Presentation	Marks
1	Presentation of the bidder on approach and interaction	10
2	work plan and methodology covering complete scope of work	10
3	Project Management including onboarding of vendor for Co-Located / Readily Available/ Built to Suit Tier IV / Rated 4 Certified Data Centre	10
	Max Evaluation Marks	30

Note: Documentary/Certification proofs are to be enclosed to substantiate the claims made.



Appendix-D

Bidder Details

Details of the Bidder

S. No.	Particulars	Details		
1.	Name			
2.	Date of Incorporation and / or commencement			
	of business			
3.	Certificate of incorporation			
4.	Brief description of the Bidder including			
	details of its main line of business			
5.	Company website URL			
6.	Company Pan Number			
7.	Company GSTIN Number			
8.	Particulars of the Authorized Signatory of the			
	Bidder			
	a) Name			
	b) Designation			
	c) Address			
	d) Phone Number (Landline)			
	e) Mobile Number			
	f) Fax Number			
	g) Email Address			

Name & Signature of authorised signatory

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Appendix-E

<u>Pre-Bid Query Format</u> (To be provide strictly in Excel format)

Vendor Name	SI. No	EOI Page No	EOI Clause No.	Existing Clause	Query/Suggestions



Appendix-F

Format for Submission of Client References

To whosoever it may concern

Particulars	Details
Client Information	
Client Name	
Client address	
Name of the contact person and designation	
Phone number of the contact person	
E-mail address of the contact person	
Project Details	
Name of the Project	
Start Date	
End Date	
Current Status (In Progress / Completed)	
Size of Project	
Value of Work Order (In Lakh) (only single work	
order)	