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Response of NPPA on Clarifications sought by bidders on RFP for conducting study dated 13-04-2022

(Tender ID 2022_NPPA_683818_1)

Sl.	Querist and date of query	Query	Reply by NPPA
1	IQVIA Consulting April 20, 2022	Reference 4.3 (b): Interviews/ focus group discussions (FGDs) with foreign missions, relevant trade and industry associations, drug exporters, foreign manufacturers to elicit their feedback/ views. It is requested to offer more insights in the minimum number of interviews/FGDs to be conducted with key stakeholders in each of the identified 10 countries	The number of interviews/FGDs should be sufficient to capture the general assertions of the stakeholders on the regulatory landscape.
2	IQVIA Consulting April 20, 2022	Reference 8.1.3 (SI-3): Presentation on methodology of the study and other aspects It is requested to clarify the format of the proposed concept and plan for conducting the study (power point presentation or report).	A power point presentation would be the preferred mode of presentation.
3	IQVIA Consulting April 20, 2022	Reference 13.1.1 (SI-1): On finalization of methodology & detailed scope and submission of two reports It is requested to kindly provide more clarity on the work description. • Within 30 days of project inception, is the agency expected to submit inception report (including information on methodology, scope of work, timelines etc) and progress report? • Please clarify if the agency is expected to submit progress report every month of the study duration.	The agency needs to submit a report to claim completion of work milestones as mentioned in Para 13. However, the agency is required to work in close coordination with NPPA and NPPA may review the progress periodically i.e. weekly, fortnightly, monthly etc.
4	Global Data April 21, 2022	We again would like to confirm how strict is the requirement of having a Local office in Delhi/NCR as we do not have one.	This is one of the mandatory eligibility conditions as per Para 6 of the RFP document.
5	Global Data April 21, 2022	If we can work with one of our Partner/ Agency who will be the billing entity but the service & the credentials used would be of Global Data's analyst. Is that permissible as per the terms of the RFP? No specific mention has been made to the same.	As per Para 6.3 of the RFP document, <i>"The bidders can bid in a consortium. In such case, the members of the Consortium shall undertake that they shall be jointly and severally</i>

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			<i>responsible and liable for meeting all of the Consultant obligations and one of the consortium members shall be a lead member."</i>
6	Nangia Andersen LLP April 22, 2022	Scope of Work point (d) states "The minimum ten countries/region that should be covered are Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, China, EU, UK, Australia, USA, Brazil, South Africa, and Thailand". Please clarify how does study on increased number of countries further impacts the cost and what would be the evaluation criteria for the bidder is more than 10 countries are explored for the study.	The Financial bid shall be inclusive of all costs and the evaluation process is clearly specified at Para 8 of the RFP document.
7	Nangia Andersen LLP April 22, 2022	Eligibility criteria point 6.2 states that "To demonstrate eligibility as well as other aspects to be scored against in the Technical Criteria related to experience, the bidder needs to submit copy of Contract /Work Orders along with completion certificate indicating the details of previous assignment completed, value of assignment / assignment in process date and year of award. Self-certified documents may be considered at the sole discretion of the Committee". - We request you to please consider ongoing projects for the same.	As per the RFP document, only completed projects can be considered.
8	Bridge Policy Think Tank April 22, 2022	As per the tender details provided in NPPA website, certain conditions in terms of number of years of establishment and studies have been specified. However, the same has not been included in the Tender documents under Clause 6 (Eligibility Clause) of the Request for Proposal (RFP). We would highly appreciate it if you could clarify the years of establishment and no. of studies provided in the notice is mandatory?	The years of establishment and no. of studies provided is not an eligibility condition as per Para 6 of the RFP hence, is not a mandatory condition. However, these will be used for the purpose of technical marks as per Para 8 of the RFP document.
9	Bridge Policy Think Tank	Secondly, is there a limit as to how many entities can be part of the consortium specified in Clause 6.3 of	There is no such limit as per the RFP document.

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	April 22, 2022	the RFP?	
10	New AgeTechSci Research April 22, 2022	To understand the drug pricing methodology adopted in the international market: List of major drugs for the study will be provided by NPPA?	The bidder needs to cover the general drug pricing policies which would cover all the therapeutic categories.
11	New AgeTechSci Research April 22, 2022	To understand the drug pricing methodology adopted in the international market Pricing Analysis of drugs also, covered under scope of work? Also, price comparison of a certain pharmaceutical product or its constituents required?	The bidder needs to cover the general drug pricing policies which would cover all the therapeutic categories.
12	New AgeTechSci Research April 22, 2022	To understand the lessons learnt/ best practices from various countries/region in terms of availability and affordability of medicine. Only government policies be examined, or any key private sector programmes also be taken into consideration?	The key private sector programmes which have a bearing on broad regulatory policy/ framework also needs to be considered.
13	New AgeTechSci Research April 22, 2022	To study the operational implementation of the drug pricing policies in different countries and to identify best practices/ lessons learnt. Kindly elaborate this point in the tender	Besides, the regulatory policy/ framework, the bidder also needs to study how these policies and other legal frameworks are actually implemented operationally and what are best practices/ lessons learnt.
14	New AgeTechSci Research April 22, 2022	Interviews/ focus group discussions (FGDs) with foreign missions, relevant trade and industry associations, drug exporters, foreign manufacturers to elicit their feedback/ views. Any minimum quantity Exporters, manufacturers should be taken into consideration while interviewing?	The number of interviews/FGDs should be sufficient to capture the general assertions of the stakeholders on the regulatory landscape.
15	New AgeTechSci Research April 22,	Demand Draft of EMD of Rs. 50,000/- EMD relaxation for MSME?	There is no exemption for MSMEs as per the RFP document.

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