

**Replies to Queries on RFP (Appointment of Consultant for conducting a benchmarking study of Steel Sector with reference to select Steel Sector CPSEs) raised during the Pre Bid Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2014 and received through E-mail**

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1.	Whether the earnest money deposit is compulsory for academic institutions also?	The earnest money deposit has to be deposited by every bidder along with the RFP response. Bids received without or with inadequate EMD shall be liable to get rejected.
2.	Whether the consultant has to necessarily submit completion certificate?	The consultant will have to submit documentary evidence for completion of the assignment.
3.	Whether there is any upper limit on Penalty in case of delay in submission of reports?	As per Para 4.3 of Section 2 – Part I of RFP, a penalty of @ 0.5% of total value of work awarded is levied for every week of delay in case of non-achievement of milestones of work order, unless such delay is duly approved by DPE.  There is no upper limit on Penalty amount and the reports are required to be submitted strictly as per the timelines mentioned in Para 4 of Section 2 – Part I.
4.	Whether the consultant is required to have experience in steel sector as the same is not mentioned in the eligibility criteria?	As per Para 10 of Section 2 - Part II of RFP, marks have been appropriately allocated for past relevant experience in Steel Sector in the Technical Evaluation of Proposal.
5.	Will KIOCL, Hindustan Steel Works etc. also need to be benchmarked in the project?	As per Para 1 of Section 1 - Part II of RFP, the benchmarking has to be done for SAIL & RINL.
6.	Can work plan be tweaked from the schedule prescribed from the one mentioned in the TOR?	The timelines for deliverables mentioned in Para 4 of Section 2 – Part I of RFP, have to be strictly adhered to.
7.	Are there any minimum number of private or public sector/ national or international companies to be benchmarked against?	No such minimum number can be specified by DPE.
8.	If there should be a minimum of three team members (apart from team leader), please confirm that the total marks for all of them shall be 20 marks only.	As per Para 10 of Section 2 - Part II of RFP, maximum 20 marks are allocated for all team members' qualification and experience on combined basis.
9.	Kindly clarify if the full range of benchmarks – as given in previous years MoUs of CPSEs – will be used?	The benchmarks referred in Para 3 of Section 2 - Part I of RFP, are illustrative only. However, the consultant will have to do benchmarking on a wide range of parameters applicable to the select steel sector CPSEs



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		<p>referred in RFP, including parameters which are considered relevant for any integrated steel plant including mining operations if any.</p> <p>The benchmarks/ techno-economic parameters of Ministry of steel/ Autonomous bodies/ World Steel Association and others may also be used for reference.</p>

