

**Clarifications to Queries**  
**with respect to**  
**Tender Document**  
**for**  
**Appointment of Consultant**  
**for**  
**Assisting PFCCL in Conducting**  
**Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Studies**  
**For**  
**Projects of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (WBSEDCL)**  
**under**  
**KfW Discom Investment Facility**

S. No.	Clause No. as per Tender Document	Existing provision as per Tender Document	Bidders' Queries	PFCCL's Response
1	Section 1 (Bid Invitation Letter)	General	Please confirm whether the entity of KfW is KfW Development Bank	The understanding of the Bidder is correct.
2			Please clarify whether consultant would report to PFCCL or both PFCCL & WBSEDCL and how KfW will be involved with respect to this assignment.	The Consultant would report to PFCCL. Further, the works carried out by the Consultant would be monitored/ reviewed by PFCCL as well as PFC and KfW.
3	Section 1 Clause 1.0 (Scope of Work)	The Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) shall be carried out in line with the IFC Performance standards on Environmental and Social Sustainability and would be focused on the most relevant aspects.....	<p>We understand that only ESIA report is intended under the given scope. No specific studies as mentioned below (but not limited to) in consideration of IFC PSs are intended under the given scope.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Development Plan</li> <li>• Resettlement Action Plan, when applicable</li> <li>• Livelihood Restoration Framework/Plan, when applicable</li> <li>• Gender Action Plan, when applicable</li> <li>• Indigenous People Action Plan, when applicable</li> <li>• Biodiversity Action Plan</li> <li>• Ecological Management Plan</li> <li>• Human Rights Impact Assessment (in accordance with the UNGPs)</li> <li>• Cultural Heritage Assessment</li> <li>• Critical Habitat Assessment</li> </ul>	The ESIA studies would be carried out in line with the Scope of Work mentioned in the tender document and provisions of the tender shall prevail in this regard.
4		General	Considering huge number of sub-project components to be covered under all the three projects within the given timeframe of 90 days, please confirm whether sample-based study approach be taken up and what would be the acceptable sample size in that case.	
5			We understand that .kmz file and coordinates for distribution line routes, substations, transformer locations etc. will be provided by the client. Please confirm the same.	
6	Section 1 Clause 1.2 (a) (Baseline Data Collection)	Environmental & Ecology parameters: The primary and secondary baseline data collection will be within the purview of the project area of influence of the Discom Project....	We understand that primary baseline data such as water, soil, traffic, land use mapping and biodiversity/ ecology will be collected from secondary sources/government authorities etc. as available in public domain as well as in consultation with relevant stakeholders. Kindly confirm the same.	The ESIA studies would be carried out in line with the Scope of Work mentioned in the tender document and provisions of the tender shall prevail in this regard.

7	Section 1 Clause 1.2 (b) (Baseline Data Collection)	Socio-economic: The land acquisition/ purchase process lead by the Company will be reviewed with the collection of primary and secondary baseline socio-economic information (for the complete project footprint area)...	We understand that primary & secondary baseline socio-economic information will be collected through secondary information/sources as well as in consultation with stakeholders such as Govt. entities and FGDs with the communities (farmers, local communities) in vicinity of the project sites. Kindly confirm.	The ESIA studies would be carried out in line with the Scope of Work mentioned in the tender document and provisions of the tender shall prevail in this regard.
8			It is intended that ' <i>the land acquisition/ purchase process lead by the Company will be reviewed with the collection of primary and secondary baseline socio-economic information for the complete project footprint area</i> '. We understand that the land acquisition/ purchase documents will be provided by client for analyzing the same. Please clarify the same.	
9			Please clarify the definition of 'complete project footprint area' and confirm whether it will include distribution lines, transformers etc. also or it will only be restricted to substations only.	
10	Section 1 Clause 2.0 (Deliverables)	General	Kindly confirm whether separate ESIA report is to be prepared for each sub-project/project or one ESIA report to be prepared comprising all the three projects.	The same would be as per the requirements of PFCCL which would be intimated to the Successful Bidder.
11	Section 1 Clause 8.1.1 (B) (Technical Proposal)  Section 8.2.1 (d) (Financial Proposal)	The Bidder obtaining 70% marks or more would be regarded as technically qualified Bidder and considered for opening of "Financial Proposal".  The assignment will be awarded to the technically qualified bidder who has quoted lowest lump sum price, in Indian Rupees, without condition(s) or alternate price bid. Conditional Financial Proposals will be rejected out rightly.	It is understood that Technically Qualified bidder quoting the lowest lumpsum price will be awarded this contract. It is requested to take into consideration price and technical capability (20:80 respectively) both as a selection criterion for the technically qualified bidders. This will also encourage reputed and technically strong bidders to participate.	The provisions of the tender document shall prevail.
12	General	General	Please extend the bid submission deadline by 2 weeks considering the details required in bid and for our internal compliances, post issue of pre-bid queries by the PFCCL.	The provisions of the tender document shall prevail.

**Note:** No further queries related to the tender shall be entertained/ considered