

**NITI AAYOG**

**ADDENDUM TO THE**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

**FOR**

**DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF**

**NATIONAL DATA AND ANALYTICS PLATFORM (NDAP)**

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2	1.8	<p>Pre-Proposal visit to the Site and inspection of data</p> <p>Prospective Applicants may visit the office of the Nodal Officer and review the available data at any time prior to PDD. For this purpose, they will provide at least two days' notice to the nodal officer specified below:  Ms. Swapnalee Bhattacharya, DDG, NITI Aayog  Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001  Phone: 011-23096592  Email: swapnalee.b@nic.in</p> <p><u>In addition, a virtual walkthrough of NDAP Portal shall be taken by OTSi (Object Technology Solutions India Pvt. Ltd) on March 23, 2026 at 11:00 AM.</u></p>																																							
3	1.10.3	All communications, <del>including the envelopes</del> , should contain the following information, to be marked at the top in bold letters:																																							
4	2.1.4	<p>Key Personnel</p> <p>In addition to the <del>5 (five)</del> <u>9 (Nine)</u> Key Personnel who would be evaluated, the 'Professional Personnel' of the team should also comprise of at least 1 (one) Economist and 1 (one) Statistician who have experience with government datasets (such as reports included in Indicative list at Attachment-I). However, these personnel would not be evaluated.</p>																																							

5	2.2.2	(A) Technical Capacity The Applicant shall have, over the past 5 (five) years preceding the PDD, undertaken a minimum of 3 (three) Eligible Assignments as specified in Clause 3.1.6. <u>This condition is exempted for the Applicants which are recognised as Startups by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).</u>
6	2.10.1	Applicants requiring any clarification on the RFP may send their queries to the Authority <u>on GEM portal or</u> in writing by speed post/ courier/ special messenger or by e-mail so as to reach before the date mentioned in the Schedule of Selection Process at Clause 1.7. The envelopes shall clearly bear the following identification: "Queries concerning RFP for Consultant for NDAP" The Authority shall endeavour to respond to the queries within the period specified therein but not later than 7 (seven) days prior to the Proposal Due Date. <del>The responses will be sent by e-mail.</del> The Authority will post the reply to all such queries on the Official Website/ <u>GEM portal</u> <del>and copies thereof will also be circulated to all Applicants who have purchased the RFP document</del> without identifying the source of queries.
7	2.11.1	At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Proposal, the Authority may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to clarifications requested by an Applicant, modify the RFP document by the issuance of Addendum/ Amendment and posting it on CPPP Portal and the official website of NITI Aayog <del>and by conveying the same to the prospective Applicants (who have purchased the RFP document) by e-mail.</del>
8	2.11.2	<del>All such amendments will be notified through e-mail to all Applicants who have purchased the RFP document. The amendments will also be posted on the Official Website along with the revised RFP containing the amendments and will be binding on all Applicants.</del>
9	2.13.1	The Applicant shall provide all the information sought under this RFP. <del>The Authority would evaluate only those Proposals that are received in the specified forms and complete in all respects.</del>
10	2.13.2	<del>The Applicant shall prepare one original set of the Proposal (together with originals/ copies of Documents required to be submitted along therewith pursuant to this RFP) and clearly marked "ORIGINAL". In addition, the Applicant shall submit 2 (two) copies of the Proposal, along with Documents, marked "COPY". Also, the Applicant shall also provide 2 (two) soft copies of the Technical Proposal on pen drive. In the event of any discrepancy between the original and its copies, the original shall prevail.</del> <u>The Authority would evaluate only those Proposals that are received in the specified forms and complete in all respects.</u>
11	2.13.3	<u>Bids along with all the scanned copies of the document should be submitted in the electronic form only through the GeM e-tendering system before the PDD. Before the bid documents are uploaded, all attached documents should be signed using digital signatures of any of the following:</u> <del>The Proposal, and its copy, shall be typed or written in indelible ink and signed by the authorised signatory of the Applicant who shall initial each page, in blue ink. In case of printed and published Documents, only the cover shall be initialed. All the alterations, omissions, additions, or any other amendments made to the Proposal shall be initialed by the person(s) signing the Proposal. The Proposals must be properly signed by the authorised representative (the "Authorised Representative") as detailed below:</del>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) by the proprietor, in case of a proprietary firm; or</li> <li>(b) by a partner, in case of a partnership firm and/or a limited liability partnership; or</li> </ul>

		(c) by a duly Authorised person holding the Power of Attorney, in case of a Limited Company or a corporation; or  by the Authorised Representative of the Lead Member, in case of consortium.
12	2.13.5	<u>The documents mentioned below shall be sent separately to the Authority in original through Speed Post/Registered Post or delivered by hand to the person specified in Tender Information Summary.</u> (a) <u>Notarized Power of Attorney prior to the award of contract and,</u> (b) <u>Demand Draft/ Bank Guarantee (including e-Bank Guarantee) towards Bid Security. Scanned copy of the same shall be uploaded on the GeM portal. Hard copy of the same will have to be submitted directly to the Authority not later than 5 (five) working days after the bid opening (Opening of Technical Proposal date &amp; time).</u>  <u>Kindly note that, the proposal shall be rejected if a hard copy of the Bid security is not submitted within 5 (five) working days after the bid opening. However, the hard copy of Power of Attorney shall be submitted prior to the award of contract.</u>  <u>Startups as recognized by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) are exempted from Bid Security under point (b).</u>
13	2.14.1	Applicants shall submit the technical proposal <u>online on GeM Portal</u> in the formats at Appendix-I (the “Technical Proposal”).
14	2.14.2	While submitting the Technical Proposal, the Applicant shall, in particular, ensure that: (a) The Bid Security is provided; (b) all forms are submitted in the prescribed formats and signed by the prescribed signatories; I Power of Attorney, if applicable, is executed as per Applicable Laws; (d) CVs of all Professional Personnel have been included; <del>I — 2 (two) soft copies of the Technical Proposal on pen drives;</del> (+)I Key Personnel have been proposed only if they meet the Conditions of Eligibility laid down at Clause 2.2.2 (D) of the RFP; (+)f no alternative proposal for any Key Personnel is being made and only one CV for each position has been furnished; (+)g the CVs have been recently signed and dated in blue ink by the respective Personnel and countersigned by the Applicant. Photocopy or unsigned / countersigned CVs shall be rejected; (+)h the CVs shall contain an undertaking from the respective Key Personnel about his/her availability for the duration specified in the RFP; (+)i Professional Personnel proposed have good working knowledge of English language; (+)j Key Personnel would be available for the period indicated in the TOR; (+)k no Key Personnel should have attained the age of 75 (seventy five) years at the time of submitting the proposal; and (+)l the proposal is responsive in terms of Clause 2.22.3.
15	2.15.1	Applicants shall submit the financial proposal <u>online</u> in the formats at Appendix-II (the “ <b>Financial Proposal</b> ”) clearly indicating the total cost of the Consultancy (Item G of Form-2 of Appendix-II) in both figures and words, in Indian Rupees, and signed by the Applicant’s Authorised Representative.
16	2.16	Submission of Proposal / <u>e-bid</u>
17	2.16.1	The Applicants shall submit the Proposal <del>in hard bound form</del> <u>on GEM portal</u> with all pages numbered serially and by giving an index of submissions.
18	2.16.2	<u>The proposal should be submitted online on the GeM Portal only; manual/offline bids shall not be accepted under any circumstances. Also, the applicant will have to</u>

		<p><u>send the original hard copy of Bid Security or Bid Security Declaration and Notarized Power of Attorney separately as specified in clause 2.13.5</u></p> <p><del>The Proposal will be sealed in an outer envelope which will bear the address of the Authority, RFP Notice number, Consultancy name as indicated at Clauses 1.10.1 and the name and address of the Applicant. It shall bear on top, the following:</del></p> <p><b><del>“Do not open, except in presence of the Authorised Person of the Authority”</del></b>  <del>If the envelope is not sealed and marked as instructed above, the Authority assumes no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the contents of the Proposal submitted and consequent losses, if any, suffered by the Applicant.</del></p>
19	2.16.3	<p><del>The aforesaid outer envelope will contain two separate sealed envelopes, one clearly marked ‘Technical Proposal’ and the other clearly marked ‘Financial Proposal’. The envelope marked “Technical Proposal” shall contain:</del></p> <p><del>(a) Application in the prescribed format (Form 1 of Appendix I) along with Forms 2 to 14 of Appendix I and supporting documents; and</del>  <del>(b) Bid security as specified in Clause 2.20.1</del></p> <p><del>The envelope marked “Financial Proposal” shall contain the Financial Proposal in the prescribed format (Forms 1, 2 &amp; 3 of Appendix II).</del></p> <p><u>The Technical and Financial bids must be submitted separately on GeM Portal in their respective folders/options, one clearly marked “Technical Proposal” and the other clearly marked “Financial Proposal”. If financial proposal is included in the folder/option of technical proposal, the bid will be summarily rejected. The folder marked — Technical Proposal shall contain:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <u>Application in the prescribed format (Form-1 of Appendix-I) along with Forms 2 to 14 of Appendix-I and supporting documents; and</u></li> <li>ii. <u>Scanned copy of Bid Security as specified in Clause 2.20.1</u></li> </ol> <p><u>For the Applicants which are recognised as Startups by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the condition (ii) stated above is relaxed.</u></p> <p><u>The folder marked —Financial Proposal shall contain the Financial Proposal in the prescribed format (Forms 1, 2 &amp; 3 of Appendix-II).</u></p>
20	2.16.5	<p>The completed Proposal must be <u>submitted online</u> <del>delivered</del> on or before the specified time on Proposal Due Date <del>at address specified in Clause 1.10.1</del>. Proposals submitted by <u>post</u>, fax, telex, telegram or e-mail shall not be entertained.</p>
21	2.16.6	<p>The Proposal shall be made in the Forms specified in this RFP. Any attachment to such Forms must be provided on separate <del>sheets of paper</del> and only information that is directly relevant should be provided. <del>This may include photocopies of the relevant pages of printed documents.</del> No separate documents like <del>printed</del> annual statements, company brochures, copy of contracts etc. will be entertained.</p>
22	2.17.1	<p>Proposal should be submitted at or before 1130 hrs on the Proposal Due Date specified in Clause 1.7 <del>at the address provided in Clause 1.10.1</del> in the manner and form as detailed in this RFP. A receipt thereof should be obtained from the person specified therein.</p>
23	2.19	<p>Modification/ substitution/ withdrawal of Proposals</p> <p>2.19.1 <del>The Applicant may modify, substitute, or withdraw its Proposal after submission, provided that written notice of the modification, substitution, or withdrawal is received by the Authority prior to Proposal Due Date.</del> No</p>

		<p>Proposal shall be modified, substituted, or withdrawn by the Applicant on or after the Proposal Due Date.</p> <p><del>2.19.2 The modification, substitution, or withdrawal notice shall be prepared, sealed, marked, and delivered in accordance with Clause 2.16, with the envelopes being additionally marked “MODIFICATION”, “SUBSTITUTION” or “WITHDRAWAL”, as appropriate.</del></p> <p>2.19.32 Any alteration / modification in the Proposal or additional information or material supplied subsequent to the Proposal Due Date, unless the same has been expressly sought for by the Authority, shall be disregarded.</p>
24	2.20.1	<p>The Applicant shall furnish as part of its Proposal, a bid security of Rs. 1,40,00,000 (Rupees One Crore and Forty Lakh only) in the form of a Demand Draft/ <u>Bank Guarantee (including e-Bank Guarantee)</u> issued by one of the Nationalised/ Scheduled Banks in India in favour of the Pay and Account officer, NITI Aayog payable at New Delhi (the “<b>Bid Security</b>”), returnable not later than 30 (thirty) days from PDD except in case of the two highest ranked Applicants as required in Clause 2.25.1. <u>The Applicants which are recognised as Startups by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), are exempted from furnishing the bid security.</u> In the event that the first ranked Applicant commences the assignment as required in Clause 2.30, the second ranked Applicant, who has been kept in reserve, shall be returned its Bid Security forthwith, but in no case later than 120 (one hundred and twenty) days from PDD. The Selected Applicant’s Bid Security shall be returned, upon the Applicant signing the Agreement and completing the Deliverables assigned to it for the first 2 (two) months of the Consultancy in accordance with the provisions thereof.</p>
25	2.22.1	<p>The Authority shall open the Proposals at 1230 hours on April <del>06</del> 13, 2026, <del>at the place specified in Clause 1.10.1 and in the presence of the Applicants who choose to attend. The envelopes marked “Technical Proposal” shall be opened first. The envelopes marked “Financial Proposal” shall be kept sealed for opening at a later date.</del> <u>via online bid opening. The folder of Technical Proposal shall be opened first. The folder of Financial Proposal shall be kept locked for opening at a later date.</u></p>
26	2.22.2	<p>Proposals <del>for which a notice of withdrawal before PDD has been submitted in accordance with Clause 2.19</del> shall not be opened.</p>
27	2.22.3	<p>(d) it is <u>digitally</u> signed, numbered and submitted <del>sealed, bound together in hard cover and marked</del> as stipulated in Clauses 2.13 <del>and 2.16</del>;</p>
28	3.1.3	<p><b>Criteria (Item Code 1)</b>  <b>Parameter (Relevant Experience of the Applicant)</b>  30% of the maximum marks shall be awarded for the number of Eligible Assignments undertaken by the Applicant firm.  <u>For the Applicants which are recognised as Startups by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), this condition is relaxed and reads as follows: 30% of the maximum marks shall be awarded for 3 or more number of Eligible Assignments undertaken by the Applicant firm; and the Applicants with fewer than three Eligible Assignments receive proportionate marks.</u></p> <p>The remaining 70% shall be awarded for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the comparative size, quality and complexity of Eligible Assignments;</li> <li>(ii) other relevant assignments or similar work; and</li> <li>(iii) overall turnover, <del>experience</del> and capacity of the firm.</li> </ul> <p><b>Criteria (Item Code 3)</b>  <b>Parameter (Relevant Experience of the Key Personnel)</b>  30% of the maximum marks for each Key Personnel shall be awarded for the number of Eligible Assignments the respective Key Personnel has worked on.</p>

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29	3.1.4	<p>While awarding marks for the number of Eligible Projects, the Applicant or Key Personnel, as the case may be, that has undertaken the highest number of Eligible Assignments shall be entitled to the maximum score for the respective category and all other competing Applicants or respective Key Personnel, as the case may be, shall be entitled to a proportionate score. <del>No score will be awarded to an Applicant/ Key Personnel for fulfilling the eligibility criteria of a minimum number of Eligible Assignments and only projects exceeding the eligibility criteria shall qualify for scoring. For the avoidance of doubt and by way of illustration, if the minimum number of Eligible Projects for meeting the eligibility criteria is say, 3 (three), then an equivalent number will be ignored for each Applicant/Key Personnel and only the balance remaining will be considered for awarding scores relating to the number of Eligible Assignments on a proportionate basis. However, for assigning scores in respect of the size and quality of Eligible Assignments, all Eligible Assignments of the Applicant/Key Personnel shall be considered.</del></p>
30	3.1.6	<p>For the purposes of determining <del>Conditions</del><u>conditions</u> of Eligibility and for evaluating the Proposals under this RFP, advisory/ consultancy/service assignments in respect of the following projects shall be deemed as eligible assignments (the “<b>Eligible Assignments</b>”):</p>
31	4.1 of Schedule-I: Terms of Reference	<p><b>Data Requirements</b> (3) Data Aggregation (i)Seamlessly integrate an initial data capacity of <u>approx</u> 1 TB, which should be scalable up to 10 TB upon payment of recurring costs by the Authority for provision and use of data capacity in excess of <del>±</del> <u>3</u> TB.</p>
32	4.1 of Schedule-I: Terms of Reference	<p><b>Core Agentic AI Features</b> d. Predictive &amp; Scenario Simulation Agent a. Uses historical NDAP data for: <del>Trend forecasting</del> What-if policy scenario simulations b. Allows users to define parameters (e.g., budget increase, coverage expansion) c. <u>The analysis shall be displayed along with a subjective Disclaimer.</u></p>
33	4.1 of Schedule-I: Terms of Reference	<p><b>Non-Functional Requirements Features</b> (a) Reliable 24/7 hosting with automated website backup. (b) Cross-browser compatibility. (c) Responsive web design across web interfaces, mobiles, and tablets (e.g. disabled images, various resolutions/font sizes). (d) Fast-loading pages (page load time involving less than 10 indicators should be less than 3 seconds for bandwidth of 512 kbps). (e) Should be compliant with the Guidelines for Indian Government Websites (GIGW) and (f) Interoperability Framework for E-Governance in India issued by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). The governance framework in</p>

		<p>this regard including <u>metadata standards to be finalised during Development Phase and updated on a half-yearly basis thereafter in consultation with the Authority.</u></p>
	4.1 of Schedule-I: Terms of Reference	<p><b>Integration Readiness Requirements with Other Microsites</b></p> <p>f. Authentication, Access Control and Partner Onboarding</p> <p><u>iv. Implement a Partner Integration Governance Framework which would define categories of partner systems (ministries, states, research institutions, city platforms), standard integration onboarding process, data sharing agreements and responsibilities, monitoring of partner integrations and usage.</u></p> <p><u>The proposed measurable documentation includes partner integration framework document, standard onboarding templates and integration governance workflows.</u></p> <p>g. Shared Data Governance Framework</p> <p><u>iv. Establishment of a governance structure responsible for overseeing interoperability between NDAP and external platforms, ensuring alignment with defined technical standards and integration protocols.</u></p> <p><u>v. Definition of policies and procedures for managing updates to schemas, taxonomies, and metadata standards to maintain consistency across datasets and _____ integrated _____ systems.</u></p> <p><u>vi. Periodic integration audits to review compliance with interoperability guidelines, assess performance of integrations, and ensure continued adherence to NDAP standards.</u></p> <p><u>The proposed measurable documentation includes NDAP interoperability governance charter, schema change management policy and Integration monitoring reports.</u></p> <p><u>k. NDAP Interoperability Architecture Framework: The framework may include</u></p> <p><u>i. Architecture for integration with sectoral, state, and city data platforms</u></p> <p><u>ii. Metadata and schema standards aligned to national identifiers</u></p> <p><u>iii. Compliance and certification process for integrating external platforms, if any</u></p> <p><u>The proposed measurable documentation includes interoperability architecture document, partner integration playbook and governance guidelines, metadata standard specification and integration compliance checklist.</u></p>
34	5.1	<p>Pre-Proposal Conference of the Applicants shall be convened at the designated date, time and place. Only those Applicants, who have <del>purchased the RFP document or</del> downloaded the <u>RFP same</u> from the Official Website of the Authority, shall be allowed to participate in the Pre-Proposal Conference. A maximum of two representatives of each Applicant shall be allowed to participate on production of an authority letter from the Applicant.</p>