

Pre-bid Clarifications No. 1 Dated 07.02.2025 to Pre-bid queries on stipulations of Bid Document against NIB No. 472 Dated 16-01-2025 for “Empanelment of the Firms of Chartered Accountants/ Cost Accountants for conducting Internal Audit in NEEPCO for the Financial Year 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28”

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1	Section-III Cl. 3.1 and 3.2	MSME/Startup Relaxations on Experience	MSME/Startup Relaxations on Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Clause 3.1 and 3.2 provide relaxation for prior experience for MSMEs and Startups. Does this relaxation extend to all components of experience criteria, which constitute approximately 46% of the total marks? ➤ Specifically, will firms submitting an MSME certificate automatically receive the minimum qualifying marks for experience, even if they have no prior experience? Or will internal audit under exceptional categories, as mentioned in Clause 3.2, still be evaluated for such cases? 	<p>Relaxation for prior experience for MSMEs and Startups extend to all components of experience criteria.</p> <p>On submitting the MSME certificate, a bidder shall automatically receive the minimum qualifying marks for experience, even if they have no prior experience</p>
2	Section-III Cl. 3.1 and 3.2	MSME/Startup Relaxations on Turnover	Relaxation of Turnover Criteria <p>While there is no marking criterion related to turnover in the evaluation process, both Clauses 3.1 and 3.2 mention the relaxation of prior turnover criteria for MSMEs and Startups. Could you clarify the significance of this relaxation in the context of this tender, given that turnover does not appear to influence the scoring matrix?</p>	<p>The Cl. 3.1 and 3.2 are modified.</p> <p>Please refer Corrigendum No. 1 Dtd. 07-02-2025.</p>
3			Consideration of Subsidiary Company Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We have experience conducting statutory audits of a subsidiary company of a PSU which owns power station under construction with a 	<p>If the turnover of the company is less than INR 500 Crore, the experience shall not be considered for eligibility criteria.</p>

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			<p>capacity of 500 MW. While the turnover of the subsidiary company is not 500 crore, the turnover of the holding PSU exceeds 500 crore. Will this experience be considered valid under the eligibility criteria?</p> <p>➤ This is especially important as Clause 2.0 of the tender document references projects under construction. We would like clarification on how such cases will be treated during evaluation.</p>	
4	Section-VI Tender Forms	Form No. 5: POWER OF ATTORNEY	Do we need to file Power of Attorney if the bid is filled & signed by one of the Partners	Yes
5	Section-VI Tender Forms	Form No. 10: NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT	Do we need to file form 10 also	Yes
6	Section-VI Tender Forms	Form No. 1: FORMAT FOR APPLICATION	Do we need to file Company Profile separately from the details as provided in Form 1	The bidder has to submit the supporting documents against the information provided in Form No. 1.
7	Section-III: Instruction to Bidders Para 18	Selection Criteria (Allocation of Points) for Empanelment of Audit Firms	Whether the Statutory Cost Audit by the Cost Accountant would be considered as 'Statutory Audit' under the SELECTION CRITERIA (Point no. 6 & 9), as mentioned under para 18.	Yes, provided it is done as per statute.

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