

MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Tender Notice No. 07/2022

Replies to queries raised by bidder in connection with the Tender for Providing Security Ancillary Services during Examinations

Date: 28th September, 2022

Sr. No.	Document Clause No.	Clause Title	Query	Justification by Bidder	Decision
1	1.13(5)	The bidder must have an average annual turnover of minimum INR 20 Crores during last 3 financial years ending on 31st March 2021 and the Bidder should have positive net worth for the preceding 5 years excluding covid-19 pandemic year 2020-2021.	We Hereby request to Department to change annual turnover from 20 Crore to 15 Cr during last 3 financial years ending on 31st March 2021.	Turnover criteria required in the tender is quite high as compared to the value of work. Therefore, we request you to kindly relax the turnover criteria to INR 15 crores to ensure competitive and fair bidding.	As per eligibility criteria. No change.
2	1.13(7)	The Bidder should have Experience for working with Public Service Commission or any Examination conducting bodies for any services.	(1) We Request you to kindly ask for Only Work Order to show case the experience of bidder.	The prevailing confidentiality clauses, whether implicit or explicit, make many government entities to not issue completion certificate. Hence, such documents cannot always be furnished upon request.	As per eligibility criteria. No change.
		Document Proof:- (1) Work order/ Contract Copy (2) Completion Certificate issued and signed by the competent authority	(2) We urge your kind self to amend the document so that it reads as follows: "The Bidder should mandatorily have prior experience of working with any Public Service Commission in India." or something to this effect	The scale and vitality of PSC exams stands many miles apart from other recruitment examinations. No other examination of similar nature comes to mind. The prospects of the selection of Group A and Group B cadre attracts candidates from across the country to take the PSC examinations, the scale of which remains unmatched by other recruitment examinations. In similar vein, PSCs are differentiated from other entities in that PSCs style of working and functioning is different. Due to this, only those companies having prior experience of working with PSCs should be made eligible for this bid. PSCs, such as Jharkhand PSC among others, have set such a precedent in which only those bidders with previous experience working with the PSCs are invited to bid. For your reference, we have attached a tender of such a nature with this letter.	The para 1.13(7) of the tender document should be read as "The Bidder should have Experience for working with Public Service Commission in India or any Examination conducting Authority for any services in Maharashtra".

3			<p>(3) We request you to please change this clause as per below: "The Bidder should have experience in working with any Public Service Commission in India during the last 5 years."</p>	<p>The nature and importance of the examinations conducted by PSCs is contradistinguished from examination conducted by other recruitment bodies. For one, the stakes involved in PSC examinations are extremely high since they are being conducted for recruitment of mostly Group A and B officers at the state level. In addition, less experienced firms cannot immediately grasp the working culture of the PSCs. Hence, we strongly suggest that only those companies with considerable years of experience working with the PSCs with a good track record be considered for this role. Some PSCs, such as Jharkhand Public Service Commission, have adopted the principle of choosing the firms having experience of working with the PSCs.</p>
			<p>(4) We request you to kindly amend this Clause as below: "The Bidder should have experience of working with Public Service Commission(s) in India"</p>	<p>The nature and criticality of examinations conducted by PSC is not similar to that of other examination conducting bodies and the stakes are very high as the recruitment is primarily for Group A & Group B Officers at State Levels. Also the working pattern of PSC's is very different from that of other examination/ recruitment bodies. Therefore we request you to kindly consider only those agencies who have experience of working with any Public Service Commission in India. Similar practice has been adopted by other PSC such as Jharkhand Public Service Commission and others. Please find attached the JPSC tender for your reference. 1. Jharkhand Public Service Commission Tender No: 166/JPSC/01/2021-22 (Tender Reference Attached) 2. Uttrakhand Public Service Commission Tender no: 36/Etender/comp/ITcell/2020-21 dated 22.07.2021 (Tender Reference Attached) 3. Maharashtra Public Service Commission Tender No: MIS-0120/CR-27/2021/23 dated 09.09.2021 (Tender Reference Attached)</p>

4	1.15.6	Exemption from paying Earnest Money Deposit	Our firm is registered Udhyam certificate in (Renting and leasing of other machinery, equipment and tangible goods) Can We take EMD exemption with this category?	Our firm is registered Udhyam certificate in (Renting and leasing of other machinery, equipment and tangible goods) Can We take EMD exemption with this category?	As per Para 1.15.6 of the tender document.
5	1.13.1(4)	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	In the eligibility criteria, financial years mentioned are 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. However, in annexure 7, it is 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20. Kindly clarify which financial year will be considered.	Kindly clarify.	As per Eligibility Criteria.
6	5.1.2.4	SCOPE AND DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS OF THE REQUIREMENTS	We request you to kindly provide correct number of applications received in 2020 and 2021	Kindly provide the number of applications received in 2020 and 2021 .	No Change.