

**Pre-bid responses-cum-Corrigendum No. 2 dated 13.8.2026 to RFP No. NESL/LEGAL/01/RFP-RETAINER/2026-27/260701 dated 23rd July-2026 for
“Procurement of Legal Services”**

S.No.	Query by perspective Bidders	Response of NeSL
	Kindly confirm whether our understanding of the below is correct:	
1	For the purpose of demonstrating "office presence", any document evidencing the presence and existence of the firm and its office locations in New Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru would be acceptable.	For the purpose of establishing office presence, the bidder shall submit the relevant registration documents of the entity showing its registered office and place(s) of business in New Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru, as applicable.
2	The requirement of an "undertaking on the letterhead of the entity" refers to an undertaking issued by the Firm on its own letterhead and does not require any confirmation or acknowledgement from the firm's clients on their respective letterheads.	The undertaking and the details of such assignments are to be submitted on the bidder's own letterhead only. The term "entity" in this context refers to the Bidder entity.
3	Where client confirmations cannot be obtained due to confidentiality obligations or internal policies, an undertaking on the Firms's letterhead setting out the nature of the relevant assignments and work undertaken would be sufficient for the purposes of the RFP.	The undertaking and the details of such assignments are to be submitted on the bidder's own letterhead only. The term "entity" in this context refers to the Bidder entity.
4	The "Registration Certificate from Bar Council" referred to under the "Firm Profile and Institutional Capability criteria" relates to the Bar Council registration/enrolment certificates of the partners whose experience and credentials are being relied upon for the bid.	The bidder shall submit documents evidencing the existence/registration of the entity and the experience of the partners/personnel relied upon for meeting the eligibility criteria under the RFP Document. The relevant registration certificate supporting Entity's existence and Partners' Bar Council Registration in number of years to be submitted.
5	For the purpose of demonstrating experience under "Data Protection & Tech Regulations", experience relating to IT laws, privacy, cybersecurity, and technology regulatory matters may also be considered, and the relevant details may be provided through an undertaking on the firm's letterhead.	The requirement is not limited to experience specifically under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 ("DPDP Act"). Experience in handling data protection, data privacy, data confidentiality and related regulatory matters under the applicable erstwhile laws and regulations, such as the Information Technology Act, 2000 and the rules made thereunder, GDPR, SDPI Rules etc. will also be considered by the TEC. The Bidder entity should demonstrate experience in providing legal consultancy/advisory services in relation to data protection, data privacy, data confidentiality and related regulatory compliance. Exposure to implementation and compliance requirements arising under the DPDP Act and the rules thereunder may also be considered.

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6	Additionally, we would appreciate clarification on the following:	
	Since the financial bid is required to be inclusive of travelling, boarding, lodging, and other out of pocket expenses, could you kindly provide any indicative expectations regarding the travel requirements likely to arise during the engagement, as the same would help us in preparing and evaluating the financial bid.	Financial bid format modified and foot note given for travel expenses.
7	There are different entities run by same promoters and collectively they fulfil the eligibility criteria for participation, whether they are eligible to apply as a Group'	The bidding entity is required to independently satisfy the eligibility criteria.
CORRIGENDUM TO RFP DOCUMENT:		
	Para No. /Annexure No.	May be read as
1	Para 10 (page-6)- Financial Evaluation	The bids of the bidders qualifying in stage 1 and stage 2 only will be allowed to participate in the stage 3, financial bid opening and evaluation process. The financial bid shall mandatorily be as per the template provided in Annexure-2 and the fee offered would be worked out based on fixed annual fee plus fee calculated for estimated extra hours for the contract period. During the evaluation, the completeness of the bid document with respect to the template, acceptance of RFP conditions etc shall be verified. The commercial score shall be as per formula given below.
2	Para 14(b)- (page-7-8)- Performance Security	<u>Performance Security:</u> Performance Security Bond is required to be submitted by the successful bidder for 10% of the contract value plus GST thereon. The contract value will be worked out based on fixed annual fee plus fee calculated for estimated extra hours for the contract period, accepted for the successful bidder. The performance Security Bond will be accepted in the form of A/C payee demand draft / fixed deposit receipt or bank guarantee (e-BG using the NeSL platform) from a scheduled commercial bank for payment at their branch in Bangalore. Performance Security should be in favour of National E-Governance Services Limited and should be payable at Bengaluru only. However, eBG (Using NeSL platform only), should be as per the format attached as Annexure D. The bank and other details are given in the format. The eBG should have a claim period of one year beyond the validity of the BG. The performance guarantee should remain valid for a period of 180 days beyond the completion of contractual obligations of the vendor. In case of extension of currency of contract, the performance guarantee would also be extended accordingly.

3	Annexure-2 (page-13)- Financial Bid Format	Annexure-2-Financial bid Format:			
		S.No.	Particulars	Rate (excluding GST)	Amount (excluding GST)
		1	Fixed Monthly Retainership fee upto 35 hours for all type of assignments.		
		2	Hourly Charges for estimated 20 (twenty) monthly hours beyond 35 hours in a month for all type of assignments		
			Total annual cost viz. retainership fee plus charges for extra estimated annual hours for the year (Excl. GST).		
(*) Normally travel requirement is not there. However, in rare cases if required, economy class air fare for maximum of 2 persons and boarding & lodging charges as per actual (Capped to 5000/- per day per person) shall be reimbursed at actuals. (**) un-utilized fixed hours in a month shall be carried forward and accumulated for subsequent period during the contract period and also in the extended contract period. (***) Hourly charges beyond 35 hours in a month will be payable as actually utilized and it has no relevance with estimated hours.					
4	Document required against criteria no. 1 of Part-B of Annexure-I	Documents evidencing the existence of the Entity in number of years.			
5		Wherever the word 'Commercial offer/bid' is used in RFP document, it may be read as 'Financial offer/bid'.			