

## **Pre- Bid Meeting Question Answer Session**

### **Request for Proposal, Ref: UNDP-RFP-2020-038**

**Subject:** Employment of 1,000 Blue-Collar Youth via Online Platform

**Date of meeting:** 05<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

**Venue:** UNDP Country Office Islamabad

The Pre-bid Meeting was organized by UNDP for the RFP# **UNDP-RFP-2020-038** for the project of "Employment of 1,000 Blue-Collar Youth via an Online Employment Portal"

#### **Discussions:**

- Procurement unit initiated the meeting and introduced all the participants from UNDP and a brief introduction of all the bidders was requested.
- Purpose of the meeting was explained to all the participants.
- Requesting unit explained the TORs in detail and the expectations of the project.

Questions asked by the bidders along with the responses by UNDP are mentioned below.

#### **Q Can bidders use social media to mobilize the employers?**

A. Yes, employers could be mobilized through social media for which line items are provided in the RFP budget template, including YouTube and Facebook. However, the blue-collar workers would most likely require on-ground activity and mobilization, which could include radio airtime or on-ground presence such as the Registration Assistants which are also included in the RFP budget template.

#### **Q. Do bidders have to provide the same number of CVs as detailed in your RFP budget template?**

A. No, it may be more or less, provided the bidder can justify meeting the required deliverable with less personnel.

#### **Q. How much time do bidders have for Rapid Market Assessment? What is the survey size for identifying the beneficiaries?**

A. Time is constrained as we are on tight deadlines and the project must conclude by June 2020. This is why it is a 'Rapid' market assessment. Survey size is up to bidders as long as it is adequate and approved by the project.

**Q. Is the deadline likely to be extended?**

A. No

**Q. Can bidders use the blue-collar workers that are already enrolled on their existing platform?**

A. No, the project requires fresh enrolments and placements. Existing workers may not be used.

**Q. Are there any specific districts in KP and Sindh that bidders are required to enroll the employers / employees from? Do they have to be rural areas or distributed in any way?**

A. No, there is no restriction on the city / district as long as it is in KP and Sindh. Moreover, the restriction is on demographic which has to be blue-collar workers.

**Q. Is there flexibility on the target of 25% women employees?**

A. No, the target of 25% placements is essential to the project.

**Q. Regarding the security and due diligence measures, what does UNDP require specifically i.e. Police Clearance Certificate, Driver's license, etc.?**

A. There are no specific requirements from UNDP. These are Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that the vendor would be developing and proposing to UNDP.

**Q. Can the bidders continue working in this area after the expiration of funds from UNDP?**

A. Yes. Bidders are not developing any new software / intellectual property for UNDP so they may continue working after contract expiry. However, UNDP would have access to the database of all those employee / employer registrations that are made under the funding duration for the project.



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