

Pre-Bid Clarification

Meeting Date: 01 June 2026

Onsite Operation, Comprehensive Maintenance and Repairs Contract (OMRC) for
Bharati – Indian Research Station at Larsemann Hills, Antarctica

Tender No. AL-11019/1/2025

S. No.	Query	Clarification
1.	For Manpower Deployment pricing, the tender asks to quote a lump-sum price for 4 to 6 engineers. This means the bidder decides the number of engineers to include in the quoted lumpsum price. In the bid evaluation, will the number of engineers send, matter?	Reference is made to Clause 5.10 and Annexure VIII (Item No. 2) of the tender document. The contractor shall deploy a minimum of four (04) engineers and up to a maximum six (06) engineers per season. The exact number, however, to be decided by the Contractor based on operational requirements. The Cost of Manpower Component for all purposes shall remain fixed, irrespective of deploying 04, 05, or 06 engineers.
2.	If the manpower count drops below 4 for some reason, how will the prorated payment reduction be calculated? This is because the quoted price is a lump sum for 4 to 6 engineers.	As per Clause 5.2.18 of the tender document, in case of unforeseen evacuation on medical or any other ground if the number of Contractor’s crew is reduced to less than four, an amount on pro-rata man-day basis for the manpower component shall be deducted for the shortfall. For any shortfall in the deployment of engineers below the stipulated requirement of four, a deduction equivalent to one-fourth (1/4) of the total lump-sum manpower cost shall be levied for each engineer short and for each day of such shortfall.

3.	Whether a company registered as MSME will receive an exemption for submitting the Bid Bond/EMD?	An MSME registered company under relevant category is exempted from submitting EMD (GFR-170). The bidder shall either possess valid registration under the relevant MSME category, as specified in the tender criteria, and submit documentary evidence thereof along with the bid document, or furnish the prescribed EMD in accordance with the tender conditions.
4.	In the Price Bid format - Line B1, "Critical redundancy spares for an additional 12 months" are the same spares listed in Annexure XII(A) and XII(B) that the contractor must hand over to NCPOR.	Reference is made to Clause 4.2.18 and Annexures VIII and XIII. Yes. Over and above the estimate of the Contractor for spares and consumables required for running and breakdown maintenance and repair of the station, the critical spares as per Annexure XII(A) and XII(B) are to be maintained by the Contractor at all times and handed over to NCPOR at the completion/termination of the Contract.
5.	Since the grey water system is not functioning as mentioned in the tender document (page 44, point 1.2), why should it attract a 5% penalty?	As detailed in Annexure VI(A) (at S. No. 2), Grey water pump and circulation system, except for the aerator and membrane, are functional. The penalty shall be applicable only to the functional components of the grey water system at the time of handing over.