

**RESPONSE TO PRE-BID QUERIES FOR RFP for Hiring of Agency towards engagement of Microbiologist and Microbiological Assistant for 25 Nos. of NABL Accredited District and Sub-Divisional Laboratories under Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS), Odisha (BID. No. EIC/RWS&S/ 03 /2025-26)”**

SI No.	Clause as per RFP document	Clarification/ Modification requested.	Clarification/ Modification/ Addendum issued
1	Clause 6(Note) of “Instruction to Bidder” stipulates that, The local MSEs/Start-Ups(as defined in Odisha MSME Development Policy,2016 & as defined under para-7(vi) of Odisha Start-up Policy-2016) are exempted from payment of EMD and on conclusion of the bidding process, if selected shall pay 25% of the value of performance security as per FDOM No.27928/F dated 16.10.2020. No relaxation on Cost of Bid Document.		Subject to O.M. No. 4281/W dated 05.03.2025 of Works Department, Clause 6(Note) of “Instruction to Bidder” stands deleted. As such there will be no such relaxation.
2	Bid Security (EMD): Rs.13,00,000/-	Kindly Clarify the amount of EMD as the amount of EMD seems to be on very higher side i.e. around 10% of the contract value.	The amount of Bid Security (EMD) is hereby amended to Rs.1,30,000/-(Rupees one lakh thirty thousand) only.

**All other terms and conditions of RFP remains unchanged.**

  
Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S

Memo No. 6717 dated 21-05-2025

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Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S