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CORRIGENDUM-1

No. AIIMS/BTI/Engg. & Estate/25-26/4595

Dated: 25 June 2025

- 1. Refer to GeM Bid No. GEM/2025/B/6216879.
- 2. The following corrigendum is hereby issued: -
 - (a) The last date for receipt of bids is hereby extended till 11 July 2025 (Friday), 17:00 hrs.
 - (b) The reply to Pre-bid queries is enclosed with this corrigendum.
- 3. Rest of the terms in the tender document shall remain intact.
- 4. This is being issued with the approval of the Executive Director, AIIMS Bathinda.

इंजीनियरिंग शाखा / Department of Engineering एम्स बठिंडा /AIIMS Bathinda

Enginee'r (Civil), AIIMS Bathinda

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1. For uploading on GeM portal.

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		bidder	
1	On tender document page No. 7, You	Kindly confirm that "EMD	Exemption in EMD will be given as per GeM
	have mentioned that EMD	exemption is allowed or not for	terms and conditions.
	EXEMPTION- "Exemption in the EMD	registered bidders with MSME or	
	is not allowed but on the GEM portal	NSIC	
	Bid Documents page No. 4 under Buyer		
	added bid specific terms and		
	conditions, point no. 2 you have stated		
	that "If the agency is registered under		
	MSME or NSIC, then EMD exemption		
	certificate need to be enclosed"		
2	On tender document page no. 11 point	Since these type of works needs	Criteria of Eligibility is now amended as below:-
	no. 2 under evaluation criteria of	huge investments and completion	
	technical bid you have mentioned that "	period of contract is 5 to 10 years,	Criteria of Eligibility: The contractor who
	Experience in the completion of similar	So please add completed/ongoing	fulfills the following requirements shall be
	number of works as comply with the	work (instead of completed work)-	eligible to apply; Joint ventures are not
	clause 11.		accepted:
	A. Bidder Successfully completed one		Bidders shall have following minimum
	project falling under any one of the		experience criteria.
	categories (A, B, C) as mentioned at		
	Clause 11		A. Three similar works successfully
			completed or substantially progressed
	B. Bidder Successfully completed two		(≥70%) (in Government/Private Hospital)
	or more than two up to Five project		having the bedding capacity of in the
	falling under any one of the categories		range of 250-500
	(A, B, C) as mentioned at Clause 11		OR

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		bidder				
	C. Bidder Successfully completed more than five project falling under any one of the categories (A, B, C) as mentioned at Clause 11 (Note: - PIs note that if the bidder has completed 3 similar works in 40% of 750 bedded hospital, then it will be considered as One Project)					 B. Two similar works (in Government/Private Hospital) successfully completed or substantially progressed (≥70%) having the bedding capacity of in the range 501-750 OR C. One similar works (in Government/Private Hospital) successfully completed or substantially progressed (≥70%) having the bedding capacity more than 750 Subsequently Sr. no. 2 of Criteria of evaluation shall be read as: - Experience in the completion or substantial progress (i.e., 70% or more physical and financial completion) of similar number of works as comply with Clause 11." A. Bidder has successfully completed or substantially progressed (≥70%) one project falling under any one of the categories (A, B, C) mentioned at Clause 11 B. Bidder has successfully completed or

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						projects under any one of the categories (A, B, C) mentioned at Clause 11 C. Bidder has successfully completed or substantially progressed (≥70%) more than five projects under any one of the categories (A, B, C) mentioned at Clause 11 <i>Note: For ongoing works, relevant Satisfactory</i> <i>certificates from the client (Head of the institution</i> <i>or its representative) clearly indicating the</i> <i>physical and financial progress (≥70%) must be</i> <i>submitted.</i> <i>The marking scheme remains the same</i> (≥70% for each individual project)
3	On tender document page no. 11 point no. 2 under evaluation criteria of technical bid you have mentioned that " Experience in the completion of similar number of works as comply with the clause 11. A. Bidder Successfully completed one project falling under any one of the categories (A, B, C) as mentioned at Clause 11	Notes- If the b 3 similar wo	bidder has co orks in 40% pital, then i	of 7 t will	750	Same as replied at Sr. No. 2. 40% criteria as defined in the note section of point no.2 of evaluation criteria on page 11, stands cancelled and is revised as replied at Sr no. 2 (above)

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	 B. Bidder Successfully completed two or more than two up to Five project falling under any one of the categories (A, B, C) as mentioned at Clause 11 C. Bidder Successfully completed more than five project falling under any one of the categories (A, B, C) as mentioned at Clause 11 					
	(Note: - PIs note that if the bidder has completed 3 similar works in 40% of 750 bedded hospital, then it will be considered as One Project)					
4	As demanded on tender document page no. 70 & 72 under Annexure-XII & Annexure-XIV" Must add in eligibility criteria clause 11	add Simila Supply, commissic Equipmen and distrib	t, Preparation oution of Diets/l on daily basis	s mea Kitcl Cook	ans & hen king bed	Definition of Similar has been amended as:- Similar work includes the Supply, Installation, Testing, and Commissioning (SITC) of kitchen equipment, along with end-to-end management of kitchen services in a hospital setting for IPD patients and/or private wards (Turnkey). This encompasses the procurement, storage, and quality control of raw materials; food preparation and processing; packing and distribution of meals; waste management; and all necessary documentation and compliance activities. The scope further includes adherence

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		bidder	to food safety and quality standards, conducting regular audits and reporting, and implementing effective measures to prevent food adulteration. The overall objective is to ensure the delivery of safe, nutritious, and high-quality meals to patients while maintaining efficient, hygienic, and sustainable kitchen operations with timely service delivery.
5	On tender document page no. 39, you have required extra item rate	Kindly clear that extra item rate will be uploaded in the technical bid or financial breakup folder	The bidder needs to submit with the financial breakup. These extra items will not be included in the financial evaluation, as is already defined in the bid document. The purpose of the rates of extra items is for clarity at the time of billing, in case the patient demands extra items. The price shall not be higher than the MRP.
6	On the GEM Portal you have given only 3 folders for uploading the documents - 1 for Experience with 10 MB and not more than 100 pages 2 for turnover with 10 MB and not more than 100 pages	Kindly add another ATC folder documents on GEM for upload the file of technical bid, As there is lot of pages for upload	Bidders are advised to upload only relevant documents, as it is not possible to modify the bid at this stage.

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	3 for ATC Documents with 10 MB and		
	not more than 100 pages		
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7	On the tender document page no.67	. ,	1. Financial excel sheet has already been
	under Annexure X for calculation of	1,7	uploaded in the GeM bid, Please quote the
	rate per patient per day and you have		rates as per Financial Quotation
	mentioned that "Average diet cost per		Guidelines uploaded in the GeM bid.
	patient per day (D) to be quoted in the		Display Formula for financial as per GeM
	financial Bid."	2. Kindly clear that you have	(Cost of Diet/ Feed (per Diet/ Feed) per
		also required on gem portal	day inclusive of GST*Estimated
		for per patient per day rate	number of patients per day*Contract
		inclusive of taxes as	Period)
		applicable.	2. Quotes will be inclusive of all taxes.
			3. The bidder needs to average out for the
		3. As per our opinion please	entire period of contract. Opinion
		called rates year wise like –	rejected
			Note: In case of any extra ordinary
		1 st Year rate for per patient	situation like pandemic, War, natural
		per day	calamities (force majeure) the price
		2 nd Year rate for per patient	may be increased or decreased based
		per day	on the Whole sale Price index.

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		3 rd Year rate for per patient per day 4 th Year rate for per patient per day 5 th Year rate for per patient	The final decision with remain with Director AIIMS Bathinda
8	Pg. 09 Point-30: The contractor will use only the commercial cylinder and ISI marked gas stove for the purpose of cooking. He shall maintain suitable fire-safety equipment at the kitchen site and obtain necessary Fire License required for the operation of LPG ovens at his kitchen- site.	per day Question: It is necessary to confirm the location for the installation of the Gas Stoves for the purpose of cooking and we have to inspect the fire-safety equipment which are said to be maintain by the contractor at the particular area. It is to be noted that Fire Department doesn't issue any separate Fire License to operate of Gas Stoves / LPG Ovens within the premises.	 Fire License for operating gas stoves or LPG ovens may not be mandated, vendor shall be responsible for adhering to fire safety regulations and standards. Clause no. 30 Page 09 to be read as :- Vendor must adhere to general fire safety norms. For instance, the National Fire Code of India outlines guidelines for the safe storage and handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG). In case of fire breakout or any accident due to fire, the loss of property or life will be responsibility of the vendor only and AIIMS Bathinda will not indemnify. For any property loss of the hospital, It will also be the responsibility of the vendor to rectify the

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						same as per satisfaction of the Competent Authority.
						For the equipment itself, domestic gas stoves intended for use with LPG must comply with Indian Standard norms.
9	In the tender document page no.6 point no. 11 under Criteria of Eligibility and Definition of Similar Work must be added Experience in presently and operating kitchen equipment in minimum 750 bedded Hospitals for dietary services for indoor patients-					Criteria of Eligibility is now amended as below:- <u>Criteria of Eligibility:</u> The contractor who fulfills the following requirements shall be eligible to apply; Joint ventures are not accepted: Bidders shall have following minimum experience criteria. D. Three similar works successfully completed or substantially progressed (≥70%) (in Government/Private Hospital) having the bedding capacity of in the range of 250-500
						OR E. Two similar works (in Government/Private Hospital)

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			successfully completed or substantially progressed (≥70%) having the bedding capacity of in the range 501- 750 OR F. One similar works (in Government/Private Hospital) successfully completed or substantially progressed (≥70%) having the bedding capacity more than 750
10	Pg. 10 Point-40: The proposed kitchen plan and equipment layout are for reference only and can be modified with hospital administration approval. Any additional equipment and installation costs will be borne by the vendor. Upon contract completion, the equipment will become AIIMS Bathinda's property, and the vendor must hand it over in working condition or replace it as directed by the	Question: There is no Kitchen plan or equipment layout attached with the tender, so it is required to place the bid. It is mentioned in the tender that the equipment will be handed over to AIIMS Bhatinda in working condition after the completion of work. If such is the case than how will the department will compensate the amount of equipment purchased by the	 (≥70% for each individual project) The proposed kitchen plan and equipment layout for reference has been attached. All kitchen-related equipment deployed by the bidder shall remain their property and may be removed from the premises upon the expiry or termination of the agreement, subject to clearance from the competent authority. Accordingly, clause no.40 amended as: - The proposed kitchen plan and equipment
	condition or replace it as directed by the authority.	contractor?	layout are for reference only and can be modified with hospital administration

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			approval. Any additional equipment and installation costs will be borne by the vendor. Upon contract completion, all kitchen-related equipment deployed by the bidder shall remain their property and may be removed from the premises upon the expiry or termination of the agreement, subject to clearance from the competent authority.
11	Pg. 14 Scope of Work: The kitchen area in the hospital is around 4200 sq. ft., comprising of receiving area Raw material (dry) store room Garbage handling area Cooking area Grinding and peeling area Pot pan wash area Dish wash area Vegetable pre-preparation area Therapeutic feed preparation area Space for dietician and Manager	Question: It is briefed in the tender that the above mentioned areas are already erected at the site, we need the layout of the Kitchen floor because as per the FSSAI guidelines Pg. No. 15 Para 1.2 Sub Para 1.2.1 Serial No. F states that "ensure food flow in one direction (as far as possible) that is from the receiving, to storage, to pre-preparation, to cooking, to packing / service dispatch and adequate space should be provided for food pre-preparation, cooking food storage, storage of utensils. So it is necessary to	

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		inspect the drawings before bidding.	
12	Water and Sewerage charges shall also be applicable and shall be adjusted in the monthly bills or may issue separately as decided by the authority.	Question: The criteria on which the monthly bill will be based is not mentioned in the tender.	Water Charges = Rs 1500.00 Per month Sewerage Charges = Nil However, in case if there is any blockade in the sewerage due to discharge of kitchen related waste by the vendor, It will be the responsibility of the vendor to get the blockade cleared at his own cost.
13	Pg. 15 Scope of Work: It is also to be noted that any kind of NOC required from any department (FSSAI, MC, Fire, Pollution board etc.) to run the kitchen shall be obtained by the vendor at its own level well before commencing the operations.	Question: Will institute provide the required documentation for obtaining the NOC / License from any of the Govt. organization?	Bidders to note that a copy of the requisite document shall be provided only if specifically required by the concerned Government department through their policy, demand letter, or a formal written request.
14	Pg. 16 Para -2: 1.Installation of equipment's, utensils, furniture and fixtures: - The service provider should procure and install automated/electric operated	Question: We need proper BOQ with specification and makes, if possible, to ensure the transparency in the bidding process.	Bidders are to note that the tentative requirements for equipment necessary for the operation of the kitchen have already been specified in Annexure-IX of the bid document. In addition, a layout plan of the kitchen , indicating the proposed

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	equipment's /Machines of different capacities/types, including cooking utensils, crockery, cutlery, food trolleys and serving dishes as detailed in the document at Annexure-IX. All operational and maintenance aspect of the equipment will be the responsibility of the service provider. The important instructions are detailed in the above- mentioned annexure. AlIMS will charge monthly electricity fees based on the units consumed. For this purpose, the vendor shall have to install a separate sub-meter.		placement of equipment, has now been uploaded for your reference. As clearly stated under Clause No. 40 of the bid document, <i>"The proposed kitchen plan and equipment layout are for reference only and can be modified with the hospital administration's approval. Any additional equipment and installation costs will be borne by the vendor."</i> Accordingly, while the layout and equipment list serve as a guiding framework, bidders are expected to appropriate specifications and makes of equipment in line with operational requirements and as per the norms, subject to final approval by the hospital administration.
15	 Pg. 22 Scope of Work: 7. Transportation, Packing and distribution of meals: Service provider have to provide the transportation facility for food from central mess (Bulk cooking area) to basement kitchen. Trolley loading food packaging and distribution of food will be done at basement kitchen in covered and spill-proof vessels, using 		It is to be noted that, the area available in the basement of the IPD building can be used for the reheating of the food using Electrical inductions only. The electrical installations shall be in the scope of the vendor. AIIMS Bathinda will provide Sub meter to monitor the electrical usage that will be paid by the vendor to AIIMS Bathinda as per PSPCL norms.

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approval of dietician, packing of food will be started. The dietician will alert for the packing. Detailed instructions for food packing and distribution are					
	thermo transport food trolleys with digital displays only. Every meal will be checked and only after the receipt of approval of dietician, packing of food will be started. The dietician will alert for the packing. Detailed instructions for	bidder thermo transport food trolleys with digital displays only. Every meal will be checked and only after the receipt of approval of dietician, packing of food will be started. The dietician will alert for the packing. Detailed instructions for food packing and distribution are	bidder thermo transport food trolleys with digital displays only. Every meal will be checked and only after the receipt of approval of dietician, packing of food will be started. The dietician will alert for the packing. Detailed instructions for food packing and distribution are	bidder thermo transport food trolleys with digital displays only. Every meal will be checked and only after the receipt of approval of dietician, packing of food will be started. The dietician will alert for the packing. Detailed instructions for food packing and distribution are	bidder thermo transport food trolleys with digital displays only. Every meal will be checked and only after the receipt of approval of dietician, packing of food will be started. The dietician will alert for the packing. Detailed instructions for food packing and distribution are

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16	As per tender document page no. 70 &	Kindly change it "Equipment cost	Necessary amendments have been made in the
	72 you have asked that- "Cost incurred	certificate is issued by the	annexure as attached.
	in setting up the kitchen (Equipment	Chartered Accountant with UDIN	
	Cost Only) & Annual value executed	Number as some hospitals not	
	(The Annual Cost borne by the hospital	paid equipment cost separately to	
	excluding equipment costs should be	the vendor as same in this tender	
	mentioned)"		
17	On page no. 6 point no. 11 "Definition	On page no. 6 point no. 11	Definition of Similar has been amended as:-
	of Similar Work "Kindly Add "Similar	"Definition of Similar Work "Kindly	Similar work includes the Supply, Installation,
	Project/Works means Supply,	Add "Similar Project/Works means	Testing, and Commissioning (SITC) of kitchen
	Installation & commissioning of Kitchen	Supply, Installation &	equipment, along with end-to-end
	Equipment, Preparation Cooking and	commissioning of Kitchen	management of kitchen services in a hospital
		Equipment, Preparation Cooking	setting for IPD patients and/or private wards.
		and distribution of Diets/Food bed	This encompasses the procurement, storage,

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	distribution of Diets/Food bed to bed on	to bed on daily basis in 750	and quality control of raw materials; food
	daily basis in 750 bedded hospital	bedded hospitals	preparation and processing; packing and distribution of meals; waste management; and all necessary documentation and compliance activities. The scope further includes adherence to food safety and quality standards, conducting regular audits and reporting, and implementing effective measures to prevent food adulteration. The overall objective is to ensure the delivery of safe, nutritious, and high-quality meals to patients, while maintaining efficient, hygienic, and sustainable kitchen operations with timely service delivery.
18	On page no. 11 point no. 2 Completion/ completed work required "Kindly change it completed/ongoing work as these contracts called for 8 to 10 years-	On page no. 11 point no. 2 Completion/ completed work required "Kindly change it completed/ongoing work as these contracts called for 8 to 10 years-	For wider participation criteria of Eligibility is now amended as below: - <u>Criteria of Eligibility:</u> The contractor who fulfills the following requirements shall be eligible to apply; Joint ventures are not accepted: Bidders shall have following minimum experience criteria.

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		C. One similar works (in Government/Private Hospital) successfully completed or substantially progressed (≥70%) having the bedding capacity more than 750 Subsequently Sr. no. 2 of Criteria of evaluation shall be read as:-
		Experience in the completion or substantial progress (i.e., 70% or more physical and

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			substantially progressed (≥70%) two to five
			projects under categories (A, B, C) mentioned at
			Clause 11
			C. Bidder has successfully completed or
			substantially progressed (≥70%) more than five
			projects under categories (A, B, C) mentioned at
			Clause 11
			(Note: - Pls note that if the bidder successfully
			completed or substantially progressed
			(≥70%) (in Government/Private Hospital) having
			the bedding capacity of in the range of 250-500
			, then it will be considered as One Project and shall be
			considered accordingly for others)
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1			certificates from the client clearly indicating the
ł			physical and financial progress (≥70%) must be
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ł			Marking scheme remains the same

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19	On tender document page no. 67 under Annexure—X, Kindly call Year wise (per patients per day) rates in the tender like 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th year and for the extended period 6 th , 7 th , 8 th	under Annexure—X, Kindly call Year wise (per patients per day)	Financial model can't be changed at the moment. The bidder needs to average out for the entire period of contract. Opinion rejected Note: In case of any extra ordinary situation like pandemic, War, natural calamities (force majeure) the price may be increased or decreased based on the Whole sale Price index. The final decision with remain with Director AIIMS Bathinda

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20	Page No. 8 Note No.17	shall pay the agreed amount on production of monthly bill (in	We would like to point out that the tender document does not specify the number of days within which payment will be released after submission of the monthly bill. For better clarity and planning, we kindly request you to define the payment timeline—such as within 15 or 21 days—from the date of	 per standard procedure in Government institutions, payments are processed While we understand the importance of having a defined payment timeline for financial planning, the time taken for

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	Page No.	Bathinda along with documents verifying payment by the agency to its employees in the previous month. No other charges of any kind shall be payable. No advance payment shall be made to the Agency. The Income-tax as applicable shall be deducted from the bill unless exempted by the Income-tax Department. The payment will be made based on the number of Diets supplied and there will no minimum assured diet payment for a given period of time. Also Payment will be made based on the unit cost quoted, and actual diets served and verified by the user department.	submission of the bill, duly verified by the concerned authority. Clear mention of this timeline will help ensure smooth financial management and timely service delivery.	completeness of documentation and internal approval workflow. However, we would like to assure you that every effort will be made to process payments promptly upon due verification and approval.
21	Page. 8 Point No. 18	The successful Tenderer will have to deposit the Bank Guarantee and commence the work within 30 days of acceptance of tender otherwise the contract may be cancelled and EMD will be forfeited.	With reference to the stipulated timeline for commencement of work within 30 days, we would like to submit that this may not be practically feasible. Procuring and installing all the required equipment within this time frame involves coordination with	•

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S.No.	Tender Page No. Pg-66 Point No. 2	Tender Content The time limit for this work will be 2(Two) months from the date of work order	Queries/ suggestion of the bidder multiple vendors and logistics, which typically requires a minimum of 60 days . Moreover, we would like to highlight that Page No. 66, Point No. 2 of the Notes already mentions a timeline of 2 months , which supports this requirement. In view of the above, we kindly request you to consider allowing a period of 60 days (2 months) from the date of issuance of the Work Order or Layout Approval, whichever is later, for commencement of work.	It is also mentioned here that the value of PBG shall be the 5% of the bid value/Tendered amount.
				shall be returned to the contractor, without any interest.

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				For the mobilisation of resources, manpower etc, Time limit of two months will be given from the date of issue of LOI.
22	Page No. 9 Point No. 29 Page No. 10 Point No. 41	Quality of food/ services provided will be inspected/ checked periodically from time to time by duly appointed committee and if found unsatisfactory the contract may be cancelled at any time by the Institute with/ without furnishing any notice. The Institute reserves the right to impose a fine, as per penalty clauses if deemed necessary. notice AIIMS, Bathinda would have the right to terminate the contract without notice before the expiry of the term, in case the work performance is not up to the standard, or in case there is any violation of AIIMS, Bathinda rules & regulations, or if there is any lapse in compliance of any labour legislation, or if there is any incident of indiscipline on the part of the Tenderer or his staff.	we would like to submit that in a long- term contract , especially one involving a service-based industry such as catering, it is practically not feasible to ensure 100% error-free performance at all times, despite best efforts and professional standards. In this context, we respectfully request that the termination clause be revised to include the provision for a mandatory show cause notice before any termination action is initiated. Before any termination for any reason—whether operational lapses, quality issues, or non-compliance—it is only fair and just that the vendor is given an opportunity to explain or rectify the issue . This will foster	With respect to Page No. 9, Point No. 29 and Page no.10 Point no. 41 has been amended as:- while AIIMS Bathinda reserves the right to inspect the quality of food and services periodically and take necessary action in case of deficiencies, it is clarified that in the event of unsatisfactory performance, the contractor will be issued a written Show Cause Notice, outlining the specific deficiencies observed. The Institute reserves the right to impose a fine, as per penalty clauses if deemed necessary. However, in case the vendor fails to rectify the complaints in the stipulated time that affects the overall functionality of the

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			transparency, mutual accountability, and a more balanced working relationship between both parties. We hope you will consider incorporating this safeguard in the agreement to ensure that service providers are treated equitably, especially when substantial investment are involved over an extended period.	kitchen services and in cases involving serious health hazards, gross negligence, or deliberate misconduct, the Institute may proceed with termination without prior notice, as originally stated.
23	Page No. 9 Point No. 30	The contractor will use only the commercial cylinder and ISI marked gas stove for the purpose of cooking. He shall maintain suitable fire-safety equipment at the kitchen site and obtain necessary Fire License required for the operation of LPG ovens at his kitchen-site.	We would like to bring to your kind attention that the Fire Safety License is generally issued for the entire building and not separately for individual sections such as the kitchen. In this regard, we request you to kindly share a copy of the Fire License that has been obtained for the building, as this will fulfil the compliance requirement from our end.	Copy of Fire License/ NOC will be provided as and when requested.

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24	Page No. 10 Point No. 40	The proposed kitchen plan and equipment layout are for reference only and can be modified with hospital administration approval. Any additional equipment and installation costs will be borne by the vendor. Upon contract completion, the equipment will become AIIMS Bathinda's property, and the vendor must hand it over in working condition or replace it as directed by the authority.	 We kindly request you to share the kitchen plan and equipment layout, as this is essential for understanding the available infrastructure and planning operational requirements accordingly. Additionally, we seek clarification on the following point regarding equipment deployment: In the event of mid-term removal or completion of the 5-year contract period only, will the vendor be required to take back the equipment, or will the institute retain the equipment and compensate the vendor accordingly? Clarity on this matter is important for us to evaluate investment planning, depreciation, and asset recovery for the proposed project. 	The proposed kitchen plan and equipment layout for reference has been attached. All kitchen-related equipment deployed by the bidder shall remain their property and may be removed from the premises upon the expiry or termination of the agreement, subject to clearance from the competent authority. Accordingly, clause no.40 amended as: - The proposed kitchen plan and equipment layout are for reference only and can be modified with hospital administration approval. Any additional equipment and installation costs will be borne by the vendor. Upon contract completion, all kitchen-related equipment deployed by the

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				bidder shall remain their property and may be removed from the premises upon the expiry or termination of the agreement, subject to clearance from the competent authority.
25	Page No. 11 Point No. 2	Experience in the completion of similar number of works as comply with the clause 11. A. Bidder Successfully completed one project falling under any one of the categories (A, B, C) as mentioned at Clause 11 B. Bidder Successfully completed two or more than two up to Five project falling under any one of the categories (A, B, C) as mentioned at Clause 11 C. Bidder Successfully completed more than five project falling under any one of the categories (A, B, C) as mentioned at Clause 11 (Note: - PIs note that if the bidder has completed 3 similar works in	 We submit that the current structure is not aligned with the practical market scenario, due to the following reasons: 1. Completion of Five Projects > 750 Beds: Very few contractors have had the opportunity to serve five hospitals with >750 beds, making this condition unrealistic. 2. Turnover Benchmarks vs. Experience: Under Point No. 3, the highest score can be achieved with a turnover of ₹4 crore, which is possible even with a single hospital >750 beds. 	Criteria of Eligibility is now amended as below:- <u>Criteria of Eligibility:</u> The contractor who fulfills the following requirements shall be eligible to apply; Joint ventures are not accepted: Bidders shall have following minimum experience criteria. G. Three similar works successfully completed or substantially

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		40% of 750 bedded hospitals, then it will be considered as One Project)	 Under Point No. 4, turnover >₹10 crore is achievable with only 2 hospitals of >750 beds. Under Point No. 1, 10 years of experience is required only for 250-bedded hospitals, indicating that hospital size has not been previously tied to duration of experience. Considering these contradictions, we request the following revisions in Point No. 2 – Experience in Completion of Similar Projects: No. of Contracts (Completed for Hospitals >750 Beds) A – 1 Project 10 B – 2 Projects 20 C – 3 or more Projects 30 This would ensure parity with the other QCBS criteria and enable fair participation from competent bidders 	progressed (≥70%) (in Government/Private Hospital) having the bedding capacity of in the range of 250-500 ORH. Two similar works (in Government/Private Hospital) successfully completed or substantially progressed (≥70%) having the bedding capacity of in the range 501-750 ORI. One similar works (in Government/Private Hospital) successfully completed or substantially progressed (≥70%) having the bedding capacity of in the range 501-750 ORI. One similar works (in Government/Private Hospital) successfully completed or substantially progressed (≥70%) having the bedding capacity more than 750

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				the categories (A, B, C) mentioned at Clause 11 Note: For ongoing works, relevant Satisfactory certificates from the client (Head of the institution or its representative) clearly indicating the physical and financial progress (≥70%) must be submitted. The marking scheme remains the same (≥70% for each individual project) Rest of evaluation criteria will remains same.
26	Page No. 22 Point No. 7	Transportation, Packing and distribution of meals: Service provides have to provide the transportation facility for food from central mess (Bulk cooking area) to basement kitchen. Trolley loading food packaging and distribution of food will be done at basement kitchen in covered and	Yellow bags are not required in kitchen as it is used only for infectious clinical waste. Gloves and masks which are used in food handling is not infectious.	Since the waste generated in the kitchen services is non infectious as per the Bio medical waste management guidelines and will be disposed as per the Municipal Corporation guidelines only.

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		spill-proof vessels, using thermos transport food trolleys with digital displays only. Every meal will be checked and only after the receipt of approval of dietician, packing of food will be started. The dietician will alert for the packing. Detailed instructions for food packing and distribution are detailed in Annexure-V		Colour coding of the bins shall be as per the Municipality guidelines.
27	Page No. 15 Point No.	Annexure II - Details of Patients Diet, RT feeds and cyclic menu.	 It is mentioned that Mid-Morning and Bedtime Milk services are applicable for the <i>Private Ward</i>. However, the sample menus for <i>General Wards</i> also include a Mid- Morning service. As per standard industry practice, general wards are typically provided with 5 meals per day, while 7 services are standard for private wards, as correctly indicated on Page 15 of the document. We kindly request you to remove the Mid-Morning service from the General Diet Menu to align with industry norms and the stated standards on Page 15. 	 Meals for General and Private ward has been attached at Annexure XIX. All the other que Query rejected.

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			 2. Milk Packaging – Tetra Pack: It is specified that 250ml milk (packed) is to be provided, and on Page 47, it is mentioned that milk should be in tetra pack form. In our experience, tetra pack milk is not commonly consumed by patients in hospital settings, particularly due to taste preferences and acceptability among patients. We request you to kindly consider allowing fresh boiled milk (served hot), which is more practical and widely accepted in patient care environments. 	
28	Page No. 60	The aforementioned work and food- related penalties, staff etiquette issues, delays, etc. are not considered granted as a first warning or a final warning, and the authority reserves the right to: - Forfeit the Bank Guarantee (BG) and security deposit for any work - Terminate the contract even upon the occurrence of the first incident	As per the current clause, the institute reserves the right to terminate the contract even on the first instance of a lapse, without any prior warning or opportunity for corrective action. We submit that this provision appears to be extremely stringent and does not take into consideration the significant	The aforementioned work and food-related penalties, staff etiquette issues, delays, etc. are not considered granted as a first warning or a final warning, and the authority reserves the right to: - Forfeit the Bank Guarantee (BG) and security deposit for any work

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		- Debar the contractor from participating in any future contracts at AIIMS Bathinda for a period determined by the competent authority.	financial and operational investment made by the contractor to commence and maintain services as per the terms of the contract. In the interest of fairness and to maintain a long-term, cooperative engagement, we suggest that a structured year-wise penalty clause be introduced. Termination should only be considered in cases where the contractor repeatedly fails to rectify lapses or refuses to comply with directives issued by the institute, even after being given adequate notice and opportunity to improve. This would ensure a balanced approach that protects the interests of both the institute and the service provider, encouraging accountability without creating undue risk of arbitrary termination.	 Terminate the contract even upon the occurrence of the first incident Debar the contractor from participating in any future contracts at AIIMS Bathinda for a period determined by the competent authority. Above condition has been amended as below:- It is clarified that in the event of unsatisfactory performance, the contractor will be issued a written Show Cause Notice, outlining the specific deficiencies observed. The Institute reserves the right to impose a fine, as per penalty clauses if deemed necessary. However, in case the vendor fails to rectify the complaints in the stipulated time that affects the overall functionality of the kitchen services and in cases involving serious health hazards, gross

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			We hope you will consider this suggestion positively and revise the clause accordingly.	negligence, or deliberate misconduct, the Institute may proceed with termination without prior notice, as originally stated.
29	Page No. 61- 64	Annexure-IX	Annexure-IX currently specifies the make/model of only a single company. This practice may unintentionally limit fair competition during procurement. In the interest of promoting a fair and competitive bidding environment, we request that the specifications in Annexure-IX be revised to include at least two or more equivalent makes/models/brands.	The proposed kitchen plan and equipment layout for reference has been attached. All kitchen-related equipment deployed by the bidder shall remain their property and may be removed from the premises upon the expiry or termination of the agreement, subject to clearance from the competent authority. Accordingly, clause no.40 amended as: - The proposed kitchen plan and equipment layout are for

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				reference only and can be modified with hospital administration approval. Any additional equipment and installation costs will be borne by the vendor. Upon contract completion, all kitchen-related equipment deployed by the bidder shall remain their property and may be removed from the premises upon the expiry or termination of the agreement, subject to clearance from the competent authority. Accordingly, while the layout and equipment list serve as a guiding framework, bidders are expected to appropriate specifications and makes of equipment in line with operational requirements and as per the norms, subject to final approval by the hospital
				administration.

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30	Pg-6 Point No. 11	Eligibility Criteria	We would like to propose an important addition to the eligibility criteria to ensure that only technically competent and appropriately experienced bidders participate in this tender process.We suggest the following clause be added under the eligibility conditions:"The bidder should have experience in similar nature of work, which includes experience in procuring kitchen equipment and 	Definition of Similar has been amended as: - Similar work includes the Supply, Installation, Testing, and Commissioning (SITC) of kitchen equipment, along with end-to-end management of kitchen services in a hospital setting for IPD patients and/or private wards. This encompasses the procurement, storage, and quality control of raw materials; food preparation and processing; packing and distribution of meals; waste management; and all necessary documentation and compliance activities. The scope further includes adherence to food safety and quality standards, conducting regular audits and reporting, and implementing

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			regulated environments like central government hospitals. We believe this will contribute to the successful implementation and sustainability of services under the contract.	effective measures to prevent food adulteration. The overall objective is to ensure the delivery of safe, nutritious, and high-quality meals to patients, while maintaining efficient, hygienic, and sustainable kitchen operations with timely service delivery. Completion certificates to be submitted by the bidders for all the completed projects as per required annexure. For Ongoing projects Satisfactory work performance certificate to be submitted by the bidder in required annexure.
31			Reference to the Reverse Auction (RA) enabled for this tender, we would like to raise a critical concern	Query Rejected.

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			regarding the quality and sustainability of services, particularly in the context of food services where quality is paramount—especially in healthcare or institutional settings.	
			To prevent unhealthy price undercutting which may compromise on food quality and hygiene standards, it is essential that a minimum base price be set for the RA process. This ensures that bids remain financially viable while maintaining the required service standards.	
			We, therefore, request you to kindly consider setting a non-negotiable base price below which no bidder should be allowed to quote during RA. This step will promote fair competition without compromising on quality and compliance.	

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S. No.	Page No.					
32	Page	As per tender document page no.	Kindly change it and demand from	Relevant Annexures has		
	No. 70	70 & 72 you have asked that- "Cost	bidders "The bidder should have work	amended and attached.		
	& 72	incurred in setting up the kitchen	experience of preparation of diet for			
		(Equipment Cost Only) & Annual	Indoor patients with owned Kitchen			
		value executed (The Annual Cost	equipment works for setting up kitchen in			
		borne by the hospital excluding	any of the Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous			
		equipment costs should be	Hospitals with at least 750 bedded during			
		mentioned)"	the last 7 years (The certificate is to be			
			issued by the Chartered Accountant with			
			UDIN Number) instead of Hospital, if			
			hospital not paid for equipment.			
33		As per tender document site visit is	Kindly ADD "The tenderer must	Please read Clause no.6 of		
		not mandatory	mandatorily visit the site before quoting	page no. 5 of the bid		
			the rates, they must contact office of	document		
			medical superintendent AIIMS Bhatinda			
			for clarifications if any and receive a site			
			visit certificate from the department as			
			other hospitals required & demanded in			
			their bid (copy enclosed) to understand			
			proper for working and required			
			equipment.			

Apart from it is also to be mentioned that for resolution of disputes following is proposed: -

Disputes & Arbitration: -

The AIIMS and the Contractor shall make every effort to resolve amicably by direct informal negotiation, any disagreement or dispute arising between them under or in connection with the Contract. If a dispute of any kind whatsoever that cannot be resolves the same shall be referred to the sole arbitration of the Executive Director, AIIMS, it is also a term of this Contract that no person other than a person appointed by the Executive Director, AIIMS as foresaid should act as an Arbitrator. As aforesaid the provisions of the Arbitration and conciliation Act

1996 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and the rules made there under and for the time being in force shall apply to the arbitration proceedings under this clause.

Legal Jurisdiction:

No Legal suit or other proceedings relating to performance or breach of Contract shall be filed or taken by the Contractor in any Court of Law except principal court of Ordinary Civil Jurisdiction at Bathinda which shall have exclusive jurisdiction to the exclusion of any outside court.

Apart from it is also inform to all the interested bidders that Subletting shall not be allowed, Institute will right way cancel the contract in the event of subletting of the contract.

ANNEXURE XII

Description of experience (similar work for Completed as well as ongoing works) in field of Patient Diet Kitchen Services for hospital with bed capacity.

(Please furnish copies of completion/Partly completion certificate from the Government Department / Organization/PSU).

		Actual value of work		Work Period		
S.No.	Description of work	or work order executed (The annual cost borne by the hospital, excluding equipment costs, should be mentioned.)	Cost incurred in setting up the Kitchen (Equipment cost only)	Start Date	Finish Date	Name of Organization

Note-

1. In case cost of the equipment is not reimbursed or didn't ask by the client and bidder were asked than in such case vendor has to provide the detail of equipment supplied to the vendor along with its costing which is to be verified by the CA. In case the cost of equipment reimbursed by the client the same shall be entered in above column.

2. If the per annum value of work order is not same then year wise data shall be provided by amending the document as above.

Format for Completion Certificate

1.	Name of Institution where services of	done :				
2.	Address of the Institute with Pin Coc	le :				
3.	Contact Details (Cell No. & Email ID)	:				
4.	Contract Agreement No. & Date					
5.	Annual cost borne by the hospital in					
	dietary services :					
6.	Cost incurred in setting up the Kitch	en				
	Equipment cost only	:				
7.	Total Cost incurred till the completic	on				
	of the project	:				
8.	Date of commencement of services	:				
9.	Date of completion of services	:				
10.	10. Average cost of diet per patient per day for general ward:					
11.	11. Average cost of diet per patient per day for Private ward:					

12. Performance Report/Certificate

- a. Quality of work (.....)
- b. Financial soundness (.....)
- c. Technical Proficiency (.....)
- d. Resourcefulness (.....)

e. General Behavior (.....)

Any additional information the bidder wishes to provide may be included by appropriately amending this format; however, the same must be signed by a Competent Authority from a Government or Private Institution.

Signature of the Performance Certificate issuing Authority (Head/Director/MS/Manager with Stamp)

Place:	
Dated :	

Note-

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CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF TECHNICAL BID

In the first stage, the Technical Proposal will be evaluated on the basis of Applicant's experience, and turn over. Only those Applicants whose Technical Proposals get a score of at least 50 marks or more out of 100 shall qualify for further consideration, and shall be ranked from highest to the lowest on the basis of their technical score (ST).

C No		Marks	Point	Point	Remark
S. No.	EVALUATION CRITERIA	Breakup	Claimed	obtained	
1.	Total years of experience of continuous				Shall be reviewed
	work (as on the date of publish of				from Experience
	tender) in the field of Patient Diet				Certificate to be Attached at
	Kitchen services in AIIMS/INI/Other				(Annexure - XII)
	Hospitals with minimum 250 bedding	10	-		(,
	capacity	10			
	a. 1–5 years	20	-		
	b. 6–10 years	30			
	c. More than 10 years				
	years must be <i>continuous with no break</i>				
	or <i>cumulative</i> . Maximum Marks	30			
2		30			Shall be reviewed
	Experience in the completion or				from Experience
	substantial progress (i.e., 70% or more				Certificate to be
	physical and financial completion) of				Attached at
	similar number of works as comply with				(Annexure - XII)
	Clause 11."	10			
	A. Bidder has successfully completed or				
	substantially progressed (≥70%) one				
	project falling under categories (A, B, C)				
	mentioned at Clause 11				
	B. Bidder has successfully completed or				
	substantially progressed (≥70%) two to	20			
	five projects under categories (A, B, C)	20			
	mentioned at Clause 11				
	C. Bidder has successfully completed or				
	substantially progressed (≥70%) more	20			
	than five projects under categories (A, B,	30			
	C) mentioned at Clause 11				
	(Note: - Pls note that if the bidder				
	successfully completed or				

	TOTAL MARKS	100		
	Maximum Marks	20		
			1	(Annexure - XI)
	c. More than Rs. 10.00 Crore	20	1	CA
	a. Rs 4.00 Crore – Rs. 8.00 Crore b. Rs. 8.00 Crore - Rs. 10.00 Crore	15	-	Certified by the
	2023-24, 2024-25	10	-	(Turnover)
	financial years between 2022-23 to			concerned year
4.	Average annual turnover for last three			Financial statement of
4	Maximum Marks	20		Financial
	Passing Pasula	20		
	Crores	20		
	3. Greater than or equal to Rs 4.00	20		
	2. Greater than or equal to Rs 3.00 Crores up to Rs 4.00 Crores	15		
	1.Greater than or equal to Rs 2.00 Crores up to Rs 3.00 Crores	10		
	last three financial years.			Attached at (Annexure - XIV)
	Government/NABH Accredited) during			Certificate to be
5.	Dietary Services in Hospitals			from Experience
3.	Maximum Marks Th Average annual billing in providing	30		Shall be reviewed
		20		
	for evaluation marks.			
	be combined to meet the project count			
	across different categories (A, B, C) will			
	defined under Categories. Projects			
	least the minimum bed capacity as			
	works, where each project meets at			
	Also, Bidder must have completed or substantially progressed (≥70%) similar			
	be considered accordingly for others)			
	be considered as One Project and shall			
	of in the range of 250-500, then it will			
	Hospital) having the bedding capacity			
	works (in Government/Private			
	substantially progressed (≥70%) 3			

