



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
FOR SELECTION OF CONSULTANT
TO REVIEW THE METHODOLOGY ADOPTED AND LOGIC BUILT IN
THE MAHAK MODEL FOR ARRIVING AT THE AUDIT HEALTH OF THE BANK.

Ref: SBI:2025-26/MAHAK/1 dated: 13/11/2025

**Audit Process & Systems Wing,
State Bank of India,
Internal Audit Department,
(ISO 9001:2015 Certified)
Corporate Centre,
State Bank Nireekshan Bhavan,
Opp. Hyderabad Central University,
Lingampally Post,
Hyderabad 500 019 (Telangana)**

Schedule of Events

Sl No	Particulars	Remarks
1	Contact details of issuing department (Name, Designation, Mobile No., Email and office address for sending any kind of correspondence regarding this RFP)	Name: Ravi Kiran Kamarsu Designation: Dy. General Manager Email ID: dgmaps.iahyd@sbi.co.in Contact Address: Dy. General Manager Audit Process and Systems Wing. State Bank of India Internal Audit Department (ISO 9001:2015 Certified) Corporate Centre State Bank Nireekshan Bhavan Opp Hyderabad Central University Lingampally Post Hyderabad 500 019 (Telangana)
2	Nature of Work	Validation of Model for Audit Health Assessment and Knowledge (Mahak) of the Bank
3	Bidder's Requirement	Agency should have a minimum 2 years of experience in providing the required products services/ solution in connection with Internal Audit of any Bank. Requirement of Certificates: Certificate of Registration in India Membership Certificate of IIA (Institute of Internal Auditors)
4	Estimated cost of work:	--
5	Time of completion	30.11.2025
6	Last date for requesting clarification	Upto 5.00 pm on 15.11.2025 All communications regarding points / queries requiring clarifications shall be given in writing or by e-mail.
7	Pre - bid clarifications	To be submitted as per the format (Annexure-J)-PART-II
8	Clarifications to queries raised at pre-bid meeting will be provided by the Bank.	Date: 17.11.2025
9	Last date and time for submission of online e-tender	Date 24.11.2025 by 3.00 pm at https://etender.sbi

10	Date and time of opening of e-Tenders (Technical Bid and Price Bid)	Date 24.11.2025 at 3.10 pm at the above office address. Technical Bid of those firms/ agencies who do not submit EMD shall be rejected,	
11	Address for submission of Bids (Please incorporate details of e-Procurement Agency portal wherein online bid has to be submitted)	Ms. E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. Website: https://etender.sbi/SBI	
12	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs._25000/- Bidder should deposit EMD in the form of Demand Draft/ Banker's cheque. Copy to be uploaded at the time of submission of bid. Original EMD should be submitted (before due date and time) physically at: Office of the AGM(Admin), Internal Audit Department. Technical Bid of those firms/ agencies who do not submit EMD shall be rejected.	
13	Bank Guarantee	Rs.	NA
14	Validity of the tender	90 days	
15	Contact details of e-Procurement agency appointed for e-procurement	Ms. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd. Website : https://etender.sbi/SBI Contact Number : 9510812971, 9081000427, 9904406300, 9374519729 Email id : etender.support@sbi.co.in	
16	Terms of payment:	20% on execution of SLA. 80% on completion of the work.	
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1. INVITATION TO BID:

- i. **State Bank of India** (herein after referred to as ‘**SBI/the Bank**’), having its Corporate Centre at Mumbai, various other offices (LHOs/ Head Offices /Zonal Offices/Global Link Services, Global IT Centre, foreign offices etc.) of State Bank of India, branches/other offices, Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures available at various locations and managed by the Bank (collectively referred to as **State Bank Group or ‘SBG’** hereinafter). This Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued by **the Bank** on behalf of **SBI, Internal Audit Department** (herein after referred to as “**IAD**”) for hiring of consultant to validate the MAHAK Model.
- ii. In order to meet the consultancy requirements, the Bank proposes to invite online Bids from eligible Bidders as per details/scope of work mentioned in **Appendix-E** of this RFP.
- iii. Bidder shall mean any entity (i.e. juristic person) who meets the eligibility criteria given in **Appendix-B** of this RFP and willing to provide the Services as required in this RFP. The interested Bidders who agree to all the terms and conditions contained in this RFP may submit their Bids with the information desired in this RFP. Consortium bidding is not permitted under this RFP.
- iv. Address for submission of online Bids, contact details including email address for sending communications are given in Schedule of Events of this RFP.
- v. The purpose of SBI behind this RFP is to seek a detailed technical and commercial proposal for hiring of consultant as desired in this RFP.
- vi. This RFP document shall not be transferred, reproduced or otherwise used for purpose other than for which it is specifically issued.
- vii. Interested Bidders are advised to go through the entire RFP before submission of online Bids to avoid any chance of elimination. The eligible Bidders desirous of providing Services to SBI are invited to submit their technical and commercial proposal in response to this RFP. The criteria and the actual process of evaluation of the responses to this RFP and subsequent selection of the successful Bidder will be entirely at Bank’s discretion. This RFP seeks proposal from Bidders who have the necessary experience, capability & expertise to provide SBI the proposed Services adhering to Bank’s requirements outlined in this RFP.

2. DISCLAIMER:

- i. The information contained in this RFP or information provided subsequently to Bidder(s) whether verbally or in documentary form/email by or on behalf of SBI, is subject to the terms and conditions set out in this RFP.
- ii. This RFP is not an offer by State Bank of India, but an invitation to receive responses from the eligible Bidders.
- iii. The purpose of this RFP is to provide the Bidder(s) with information to assist preparation of their Bid proposals. This RFP does not claim to contain all the information each Bidder may require. Each Bidder should conduct its own investigations and analysis and should check the accuracy, reliability and completeness of the information contained in this RFP and where necessary obtain independent advices/clarifications. Bank may in its absolute discretion, but without being under any obligation to do so, update, amend or supplement the information in this RFP.
- iv. The Bank, its employees and advisors make no representation or warranty and shall have no liability to any person, including any Bidder under any law, statute, rules or regulations or tort, principles of restitution or unjust enrichment or otherwise for any loss, damages, cost or expense which may arise from or be incurred or suffered on account of anything contained in this RFP or otherwise, including the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, completeness or reliability of the RFP and any assessment, assumption, statement or information contained therein or deemed to form or arising in any way for participation in this bidding process.
- v. The Bank also accepts no liability of any nature whether resulting from negligence or otherwise, howsoever caused arising from reliance of any Bidder upon the statements contained in this RFP.
- vi. The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms and specifications in this RFP. Failure to furnish all information required under this RFP or to submit a Bid not substantially responsive to this RFP in all respect will be at the Bidder's risk and may result in rejection of the Bid.
- vii. The issue of this RFP does not imply that the Bank is bound to select a Bidder or to award the contract to the Selected Bidder, as the case may be, for the Project and the Bank reserves the right to reject all or any of the Bids or Bidders without assigning any reason whatsoever before issuance of purchase order and/or its acceptance thereof by the successful Bidder as defined in Award Criteria and Award of Contract in this RFP.

3. DEFINITIONS:

In this connection, the following terms shall be interpreted as indicated below:

- i. **“The Bank”** ‘means the State Bank of India (including domestic branches and foreign offices), Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures, where the Bank has ownership of more than 50% of voting securities or the power to direct the management and policies of such Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures.
- ii. **“Bidder”** means an eligible entity/firm submitting the Bid in response to this RFP.
- iii. **“Bid”** means the written reply or submission of response to this RFP.
- iv. **“The Contract”** means the agreement entered into between the Bank and Service Provider, as recorded in the Contract Form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
- v. **“Consultant/ Service Provider”** is the successful Bidder found eligible as per eligibility criteria set out in this RFP, whose technical Bid has been accepted and who has emerged as L1 (lowest in reverse auction) Bidder as per the selection criteria set out in the RFP and to whom notification of award has been given by the Bank.
- vi. **“Deliverables/ Work Product”** shall mean all work product generated by consultant solely or jointly with others in the performance of the Services, including, but not limited to, any and all information, notes, reports, material, drawings, records, diagrams, formulae, processes, technology, firmware, software, know-how, designs, ideas, discoveries, inventions, improvements, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets.
- vii. **“Intellectual Property Rights”** shall mean and include (a) copyrights and all renewals thereof; (b) trademarks, trade names, service marks, service names, logos and corporate names, both primary and secondary, together with all goodwill associated therewith and including, without limitation, all translations, adaptations, combinations and derivations of each of the foregoing, (c) trade secrets and other confidential information (including proposals, financial and accounting data, business and marketing plans, customer and supplier lists and related information); (d) all other intellectual property, including but not limited to design rights, trade names, information technology, domain names; and (e) all registrations and applications for registration, extension or renewal filed anywhere in the world for each of the foregoing.

viii. **“Total Contract Price/Project Cost/TCO”** means the price payable to Service Provider over the entire period of Contract for the full and proper performance of its contractual obligations.

ix. **“Services”** means all services, scope of work and deliverables to be provided by a Bidder as described in the RFP and include provision of technical assistance, training, certifications, auditing and other obligation of Service Provider covered under this RFP.

4. SCOPE OF WORK:

As given in **Appendix-E** of this document.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND TECHNICAL CRITERIA:

i. Bid is open to all Bidders who meet the eligibility and technical criteria as given in **Appendix-B & Appendix-C** of this document. The Bidder has to submit the documents substantiating eligibility criteria as mentioned in this RFP document.

ii. No Bidder or its associate shall submit more than one Bid for the Services desired under this RFP. A Bidder applying individually or as an associate shall not be entitled to submit another Bid either individually or through associates, as the case may be.

6. COST OF BID DOCUMENT:

The participating Bidders shall bear all the costs associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of their Bids including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses associated with any demonstration or presentations which may be required by the Bank or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to their Bid. The Bank shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for the same or for any other costs or other expenses incurred by a Bidder regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

7. CLARIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS ON RFP/PRE-BID MEETING:

i. Bidder requiring any clarification on RFP may notify the Bank in writing strictly as per the format given in **Appendix-K** at the address/by e-mail within the date/time mentioned in the Schedule of Events.

ii. A pre-Bid meeting will be held in person or online on the date and time specified in the Schedule of Events which may be attended by the authorized representatives of the Bidders interested to respond to this RFP.

iii. The queries received (without identifying source of query) and response of the Bank thereof will be posted on the Bank’s website or conveyed to the Bidders.

- iv. The Bank reserves the right to amend, rescind or reissue the RFP, at any time prior to the deadline for submission of Bids. The Bank, for any reason, whether, on its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective Bidder, may modify the RFP, by amendment which will be made available to the Bidders by way of corrigendum/addendum. The interested parties/Bidders are advised to check the Bank's website regularly till the date of submission of Bid document specified in the Schedule of Events/email and ensure that clarifications / amendments issued by the Bank, if any, have been taken into consideration before submitting the Bid. Such amendments/clarifications, if any, issued by the Bank will be binding on the participating Bidders. Bank will not take any responsibility for any such omissions by the Bidder. The Bank, at its own discretion, may extend the deadline for submission of Bids in order to allow prospective Bidders a reasonable time to prepare the Bid, for taking the amendment into account. Nothing in this RFP or any addenda/corrigenda or clarifications issued in connection thereto is intended to relieve Bidders from forming their own opinions and conclusions in respect of the matters addresses in this RFP or any addenda/corrigenda or clarifications issued in connection thereto.
- v. No request for change in commercial/legal terms and conditions, other than what has been mentioned in this RFP or any addenda/corrigenda or clarifications issued in connection thereto, will be entertained and queries in this regard, therefore will not be entertained.
- vi. Queries received after the scheduled date and time will not be responded/acted upon.

8. CONTENTS OF BID DOCUMENT:

- i. The Bidder must thoroughly study/analyse and properly understand the contents of this RFP, its meaning and impact of the information contained therein.
- ii. Failure to furnish all information required in this RFP or submission of Bid not responsive to this RFP in any respect will be at the Bidder's risk and responsibility and the same may finally result in rejection of its Bid. The Bank has made considerable effort to ensure that accurate information is contained in this RFP and is supplied solely as guidelines for Bidders.
- iii. The Bid prepared by the Bidder, as well as all correspondences and documents relating to the Bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Bank and supporting documents and printed literature shall be submitted in English.
- iv. The information provided by the Bidders in response to this RFP will become the property of the Bank and will not be returned. Incomplete information in Bid document may lead to non-consideration of the proposal.

9. EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD):

- i. The Bidder shall furnish EMD for the amount and validity period mentioned in Schedule of Events of this RFP.
- ii. EMD is required to protect the Bank against the risk of Bidder's conduct.
- iii. Proof of remittance of EMD should be enclosed with the technical bid.
In case, SBI is the sole banker of the Bidder, a Letter of Comfort from SBI would be acceptable.

Proof of EMD should be enclosed with the technical bid and should be uploaded on portal of e-Procurement agency along with technical bid. Original EMD should be [delivered through registered post/courier](#) or given in person to the Bank at the address specified in Schedule of Event Sl. No. 1, within the bid submission date and time for the RFP.

- iv. Any Bid not accompanied by EMD for the specified amount and not submitted to the Bank as mentioned in this RFP will be rejected as non-responsive.
- v. The EMD of the unsuccessful Bidder(s) would be refunded/returned by the Bank within 2 weeks of the Bidder being notified as being unsuccessful.
- vi. The EMD of successful Bidder will be discharged upon the Bidder signing the Contract as mentioned in this RFP, which should be strictly on the lines of format placed at **Appendix-H**.
- vii. No interest is payable on EMD.

viii. The EMD may be forfeited:-

- (a) if a Bidder withdraws his Bid during the period of Bid validity specified in this RFP;
or
 - (b) if a technically qualified Bidder do not participate in the auction by not logging in, in the reverse auction tool; or
 - (c) if a Bidder makes any statement or encloses any form which turns out to be false / incorrect at any time prior to signing of Contract; or
 - (d) if the successful Bidder fails to accept Purchase Order and/or sign the Contract with the Bank within the specified time period in the RFP.
- ix. If EMD is forfeited for any reasons mentioned above, the concerned Bidder may be

debarred from participating in the RFPs floated by the Bank/this department, in future, as per sole discretion of the Bank.

10. BID PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION:

i. The Bid is to be submitted separately for technical and Price on portal of e-Procurement agency for providing of consultancy for validation of Model for Audit Health of the Bank, IAD in response to the RFP No SBI:2025/26/MAHAK/1 dated 13.11.2025 Documents mentioned below are to be uploaded on portal of e-Procurement agency with digital signature of authorised signatory:

- (a) Index of all the documents, letters, bid forms etc. submitted in response to RFP along with page numbers.
- (b) Bid covering letter/Bid form on the lines of **Appendix-A** on Bidder's letter head.
- (c) Proof of remittance of EMD and Tender Fee as specified in this document.
Proof of remittance of EMD (if directly credited in designated account) and Tender Fee as specified in this document. In case, EMD is submitted in form of Banker's cheque/ draft scanned copy of original Banker's cheque should be uploaded subject to compliance of requirement mentioned in clause no 11(ii).
- (d) Specific response with supporting documents in respect of Eligibility Criteria as mentioned in **Appendix-B** and technical eligibility criteria on the lines of **Appendix-C**.
- (e) Bidder's details as per **Appendix-D** on Bidder's letter head.
- (f) Audited financial statement and profit and loss account statement as mentioned in Part-II.
- (g) A copy of board resolution along with copy of power of attorney (POA wherever applicable) showing that the signatory has been duly authorized to sign the Bid document.
- (h) If applicable, scanned copy of duly stamped and signed Pre-Contract Integrity Pact subject to compliance of requirement mentioned in clause no 11(ii).
- (i) If applicable, copy of registration certificate issued by competent authority as mentioned in Sl No 2 of Eligibility Criteria under Appendix-B.

ii. **Indicative Price Bid** for providing of consultancy for validation of MAHAK Model in response to the RFP No SBI:2025/26/MAHAK/1 dated 13.11.2025 should contain only indicative Price Bid strictly on the lines of **Appendix-F**. The Indicative Price must include all the price components mentioned. Prices are to be quoted in Indian Rupees only.

iii. Bidders may please note:

- (a) The Bidder should quote for the entire package on a single responsibility basis for Services it proposes to provide.

- (b) While submitting the Technical Bid, literature on the Services should be segregated and kept together in one section.
- (c) Care should be taken that the Technical Bid shall not contain any price information. Such proposal, if received, will be rejected.
- (d) The Bid document shall be complete in accordance with various clauses of the RFP document, or any addenda/corrigenda or clarifications issued in connection thereto, duly signed by the authorized representative of the Bidder. Board resolution authorizing representative to Bid and make commitments on behalf of the Bidder is to be attached.
- (e) It is mandatory for all the Bidders to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) (in the name of person who will sign the Bid) from any of the licensed certifying agency to participate in this RFP. DSC should be in the name of the authorized signatory. It should be in corporate capacity (that is in Bidder capacity).
- (f) Bids are liable to be rejected if only one Bid (i.e. Technical Bid or Indicative Price Bid) is received.
- (g) If deemed necessary, the Bank may seek clarifications on any aspect from the Bidder. However, that would not entitle the Bidder to change or cause any change in the substances of the Bid already submitted or the price quoted.
- (h) The Bidder may also be asked to give presentation for the purpose of clarification of the Bid.
- (i) The Bidder must provide specific and factual replies to the points raised in the RFP.
- (j) The Bid shall be typed or written and shall be digitally signed by the Bidder or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the Bidder to the Contract.
- (k) All the enclosures (Bid submission) shall be serially numbered.
- (l) Bidder(s) should prepare and submit their online Bids well in advance before the prescribed date and time to avoid any delay or problem during the bid submission process. The Bank shall not be held responsible for any sort of delay or the difficulties faced by the Bidder(s) during the submission of online Bids.
- (m) Bidder(s) should ensure that the Bid documents submitted should be free from virus and if the documents could not be opened, due to virus or otherwise, during Bid opening, the Bid is liable to be rejected.
- (n) The Bank reserves the right to reject Bids not conforming to above.

11. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS:

- i. Bids must be submitted online on portal of e-Procurement agency by the date and time mentioned in the “Schedule of Events”.
- ii. Wherever applicable, the Bidder shall submit the original EMD and Pre-Contract Integrity Pact together with their respective enclosures and seal it in an envelope and mark the envelope as “Technical Bid”. The said envelope shall clearly bear the name of the project and name and address of the Bidder. In addition, the last date for bid submission should be indicated on the right and corner of the envelope. The original documents should be submitted within the bid submission date and time for the RFP at

the address mentioned in Sl No 1 of Schedule of Events, failing which Bid will be treated as non-responsive.

- iii. In the event of the specified date for submission of Bids being declared a holiday for the Bank, the Bids will be received up to the appointed time on the next working day.
- iv. In case the Bank extends the scheduled date of submission of Bid document, the Bids shall be submitted by the time and date rescheduled. All rights and obligations of the Bank and Bidders will remain the same.

12. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:

- i. The Bidder may modify or withdraw its Bid after the Bid's submission, provided modification, including substitution or withdrawal of the Bids, is received on e-procurement portal, prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of Bids.
- ii. No modification in the Bid shall be allowed, after the deadline for submission of Bids.
- iii. No Bid shall be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of Bids and the expiration of the period of Bid validity specified in this RFP. Withdrawal of a Bid during this interval may result in the forfeiture of EMD submitted by the Bidder.

13. PERIOD OF BID VALIDITY AND VALIDITY OF PRICE QUOTED IN REVERSE AUCTION (RA):

- i. Bid shall remain valid for duration of 6 calendar months from Bid submission date.
- ii. Price quoted by the Bidder in Reverse auction shall remain valid for duration of 6 calendar months from the date of conclusion of RA.
- iii. In exceptional circumstances, the Bank may solicit the Bidders' consent to an extension of the period of validity. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing. A Bidder is free to refuse the request. However, in such case, the Bank will not forfeit its EMD. However, any extension of validity of Bids or price will not entitle the Bidder to revise/modify the Bid document.
- iv. Once Purchase Order or Letter of Intent is issued by the Bank, the said price will remain fixed for the entire Contract period and shall not be subjected to variation on any account, including exchange rate fluctuations, if applicable. A Bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation will be treated as non-responsive and will be rejected.

14. BID INTEGRITY:

Willful misrepresentation of any fact within the Bid will lead to the cancellation of the contract without prejudice to other actions that the Bank may take. All the submissions, including any accompanying documents, will become property of the Bank. The Bidders shall be deemed to license, and grant all rights to the Bank, to reproduce the whole or any portion of their Bid document for the purpose of evaluation and to disclose the contents of submission for regulatory and legal requirements.

15. BIDDING PROCESS/OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS:

- i. All the technical Bids received up to the specified time and date will be opened for initial evaluation on the time and date mentioned in the schedule of events. The technical Bids will be opened in the presence of representatives of the Bidders who choose to attend the same on portal of e-Procurement agency. However, Bids may be opened even in the absence of representatives of one or more of the Bidders.
- ii. In the first stage, only technical Bid will be opened and evaluated. Bids of such Bidders satisfying eligibility criteria and agree to comply with all the terms and conditions specified in the RFP will be evaluated for technical criteria/specifications/eligibility. Only those Bids complied with technical criteria shall become eligible for indicative price Bid opening and further RFP evaluation process.
- iii. The Bank will examine the Bids to determine whether they are complete, required formats have been furnished, the documents have been properly signed, and validity period is available and the Bids are generally in order. The Bank may, at its discretion waive any minor non-conformity or irregularity in a Bid which does not constitute a material deviation.
- iv. Prior to the detailed evaluation, the Bank will determine the responsiveness of each Bid to the RFP. For purposes of these Clauses, a responsive Bid is one, which conforms to all the terms and conditions of the RFP in toto, without any deviation.
- v. The Bank's determination of a Bid's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the Bid itself, without recourse to extrinsic evidence.
- vi. After opening of the technical Bids and preliminary evaluation, some or all the Bidders may be asked to make presentations on the Service proposed to be offered by them.
- vii. If a Bid is not responsive, it will be rejected by the Bank and will not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the non-conformity.

16. TECHNICAL EVALUATION:

- i. Technical evaluation will include technical information submitted as per technical Bid format, demonstration of proposed Services, reference calls and site visits, wherever required. The Bidder may highlight the noteworthy/superior features of their Services. The Bidder will demonstrate/substantiate all claims made in the technical Bid along with supporting documents to the Bank.
- ii. During evaluation and comparison of Bids, the Bank may, at its discretion ask the Bidders for clarification on the Bids received. The request for clarification shall be in writing and no change in prices or substance of the Bid shall be sought, offered or permitted. No clarification at the initiative of the Bidder shall be entertained after bid submission date.

17. EVALUATION OF INDICATIVE PRICE BIDS AND FINALIZATION:

- i. The indicative price Bid(s) of only those Bidders, who are short-listed after technical evaluation, would be opened.
- ii. All the Bidders who qualify in the evaluation process shall have to participate in the online reverse auction to be conducted by Bank.
- iii. Shortlisted Bidders shall be willing to participate in the reverse auction process and must have a valid digital signature certificate. Such Bidders will be trained by Bank's authorized e-Procurement agency for this purpose. Bidders shall also be willing to abide by the e-business rules for reverse auction framed by the Bank / Authorised e-Procurement agency. The details of e-business rules, processes and procedures will be provided to the short-listed Bidders.
- iv. The Bidder will be selected as L1 on the basis of net total of the price evaluation as quoted in the Reverse Auction.
- v. The successful Bidder is required to provide price confirmation and price breakup strictly on the lines of **Appendix-F** within 48 hours of conclusion of the Reverse Auction, failing which Bank may take appropriate action.
- vi. Errors, if any, in the price breakup format will be rectified as under:
 - (a) If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and total price which is obtained by multiplying the unit price with quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected unless it is a lower figure. If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors, the Bid will be rejected.

- (b) If there is a discrepancy in the unit price quoted in figures and words, the unit price in figures or in words, as the case may be, which corresponds to the total Bid price for the Bid shall be taken as correct.
- (c) If the Bidder has not worked out the total Bid price or the total Bid price does not correspond to the unit price quoted either in words or figures, the unit price quoted in words shall be taken as correct.
- (d) The Bidder should quote for all the items/services desired in this RFP. In case, prices are not quoted by any Bidder for any specific product and / or service, for the purpose of evaluation, the highest of the prices quoted by other Bidders participating in the bidding process will be reckoned as the notional price for that service, for that Bidder. However, if selected, at the time of award of Contract, the lowest of the price(s) quoted by other Bidders (whose Price Bids are also opened) for that service will be reckoned. This shall be binding on all the Bidders. However, the Bank reserves the right to reject all such incomplete Bids.

18. CONTACTING THE BANK:

- i. No Bidder shall contact the Bank on any matter relating to its Bid, from the time of opening of indicative price Bid to the time, the Contract is awarded.
- ii. Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Bank in its decisions on Bid evaluation, Bid comparison or contract award may result in the rejection of the Bid.

19. AWARD CRITERIA AND AWARD OF CONTRACT:

- i. Total cost of Services along with cost of all items specified in **Appendix-F** would be the Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)/Total Project Cost and should be quoted by the Bidder(s) in indicative price bid and reverse auction.
- ii. Bank will notify successful Bidder in writing by way of issuance of purchase order through letter or email that its Bid has been accepted. The selected Bidder has to return the duplicate copy of the same to the Bank within **7 working days**, duly Accepted, Stamped and Signed by Authorized Signatory in token of acceptance.
- iii. The successful Bidder will have to submit Non-disclosure Agreement, as desired in this RFP and strictly on the lines of format given in appendix of this RFP together with acceptance of all terms and conditions of RFP.
- iv. Copy of board resolution and power of attorney (POA wherever applicable) showing that the signatory has been duly authorized to sign the acceptance letter, contract and NDA should be submitted.
- v. The successful Bidder shall be required to enter into a Contract with the Bank immediately from issuance of Purchase Order or within such extended period as may

be decided by the Bank.

- vi. Till execution of a formal contract, the RFP, along with the Bank's notification of award by way of issuance of purchase order and Service Provider's acceptance thereof, would be binding contractual obligation between the Bank and the successful Bidder.
- vii. The Bank reserves the right to stipulate, at the time of finalization of the Contract, any other document(s) to be enclosed as a part of the final Contract.
- viii. Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the requirements/terms and conditions of this RFP shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the EMD and/or BG.
- ix. Upon notification of award to the successful Bidder, the Bank will promptly notify the award of contract to the successful Bidder on the Bank's website. The EMD of each unsuccessful Bidder will be discharged and returned.

20. POWERS TO VARY OR OMIT WORK:

- i. No alterations, amendments, omissions, additions, suspensions or variations of the work (hereinafter referred to as variation) under the contract shall be made by the successful Bidder except as directed in writing by Bank. The Bank shall have full powers, subject to the provision herein after contained, from time to time during the execution of the contract, by notice in writing to instruct the successful Bidder to make any variation without prejudice to the contract. The finally selected Bidder shall carry out such variation and be bound by the same conditions as far as applicable as though the said variations occurred in the contract documents. If any, suggested variations would, in the opinion of the finally selected Bidder, if carried out, prevent him from fulfilling any of his obligations under the contract, he shall notify Bank thereof in writing with reasons for holding such opinion and Bank shall instruct the successful Bidder to make such other modified variation without prejudice to the contract. The finally selected Bidder shall carry out such variation and be bound by the same conditions as far as applicable as though the said variations occurred in the contract documents. If the Bank confirms its instructions, the successful Bidder's obligations shall be modified to such an extent as may be mutually agreed, if such variation involves extra cost. Any agreed difference in cost occasioned by such variation shall be added to or deducted from the contract price as the case may be.
- ii. In any case in which the successful Bidder has received instructions from the Bank as to the requirements for carrying out the altered or additional substituted work which either then or later on, will in the opinion of the finally selected Bidders, involve a claim for additional payments, such additional payments shall be mutually agreed in line with the terms and conditions of the order.
- iii. If any change in the work is likely to result in reduction in cost, the parties shall agree

in writing so as to the extent of change in contract price, before the finally selected Bidder(s) proceeds with the change.

21. WAIVER OF RIGHTS:

Each Party agrees that any delay or omission on the part of the other Party to exercise any right, power or remedy under this RFP will not automatically operate as a waiver of such right, power or remedy or any other right, power or remedy and no waiver will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the waiving Party. Further the waiver or the single or partial exercise of any right, power or remedy by either Party hereunder on one occasion will not be construed as a bar to a waiver of any successive or other right, power or remedy on any other occasion.

22. CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

No variation in or modification of the terms of the Contract shall be made, except by written amendment, signed by the parties.

23. BANK'S RIGHT TO ACCEPT ANY BID AND TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS:

The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid in part or in full or to cancel the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award as specified in Award Criteria and Award of Contract, without incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the grounds for the Bank's action.

24. PENALTIES:

As mentioned in **Appendix-G** of this RFP.

25. RIGHT TO VERIFICATION:

The Bank reserves the right to verify any or all of the statements made by the Bidder in the Bid document and to inspect the Bidder's facility, if necessary, to establish to its satisfaction about the Bidder's capacity/capabilities to perform the job.

26. RIGHT TO AUDIT:

- i. The Selected Bidder (Service Provider) shall be subject to annual audit by internal/ external Auditors appointed by the Bank/ inspecting official from the Reserve Bank of India or any regulatory authority, covering the risk parameters finalized by the Bank/ such auditors in the areas of Services provided to the Bank and Service Provider is required to submit such certification by such Auditors to the Bank. Service Provider

and or his / their outsourced agents / sub – contractors (if allowed by the Bank) shall facilitate the same. The Bank can make its expert assessment on the efficiency and effectiveness of the security, control, risk management, governance system and process created by Service Provider. Service Provider shall, whenever required by the Auditors, furnish all relevant information, records/data to them. All costs for such audit shall be borne by the Bank. Except for the audit done by Reserve Bank of India or any statutory/regulatory authority, the Bank shall provide reasonable notice not less than 7 (seven) days to Service Provider before such audit and same shall be conducted during normal business hours.

- ii. Where any deficiency has been observed during audit of Service Provider on the risk parameters finalized by the Bank or in the certification submitted by the Auditors, Service Provider shall correct/resolve the same at the earliest and shall provide all necessary documents related to resolution thereof and the auditor shall further certify in respect of resolution of the deficiencies. The resolution provided by Service Provider shall require to be certified by the Auditors covering the respective risk parameters against which such deficiencies have been observed.
- iii. Service Provider further agrees that whenever required by the Bank, it will furnish all relevant information, records/data to such auditors and/or inspecting officials of the Bank/Reserve Bank of India and/or any regulatory authority(ies). The Bank reserves the right to call for and/or retain any relevant information /audit reports on financial and security review with their findings undertaken by Service Provider. However, Service Provider shall not be obligated to provide records/data not related to Services under the Agreement (e.g. internal cost breakup etc.).

27. SUBCONTRACTING:

As per scope of this RFP, sub-contracting is not permitted.

28. VALIDITY OF AGREEMENT:

The Agreement/ SLA will be valid for the period of 2 years. The Bank reserves the right to terminate the Agreement as per the terms of RFP/ Agreement.

29. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

- i. The maximum aggregate liability of Service Provider, subject to clause 30 (iii), in respect of any claims, losses, costs or damages arising out of or in connection with this RFP/Agreement shall not exceed the total Project Cost.
- ii. Under no circumstances shall either Party be liable for any indirect, consequential or incidental losses, damages or claims including loss of profit, loss of business or revenue.

iii. The limitations set forth herein shall not apply with respect to:

- (a) claims that are the subject of indemnification pursuant to infringement of third party Intellectual Property Right;
- (b) damage(s) occasioned by the Gross Negligence or Willful Misconduct of Service Provider,
- (c) damage(s) occasioned by Service Provider for breach of Confidentiality Obligations,
- (d) Regulatory or statutory fines imposed by a Government or Regulatory agency for non-compliance of statutory or regulatory guidelines applicable to the Bank, provided such guidelines were brought to the notice of Service Provider.

For the purpose of clause 30(iii)(b) **“Gross Negligence”** means any act or failure to act by a party which was in reckless disregard of or gross indifference to the obligation of the party under this Agreement and which causes injury, damage to life, personal safety, real property, harmful consequences to the other party, which such party knew, or would have known if it was acting as a reasonable person, would result from such act or failure to act for which such Party is legally liable. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Gross Negligence shall not include any action taken in good faith.

“Willful Misconduct” means any act or failure to act with an intentional disregard of any provision of this Agreement, which a party knew or should have known if it was acting as a reasonable person, which would result in injury, damage to life, personal safety, real property, harmful consequences to the other party, but shall not include any error of judgment or mistake made in good faith.

30. CONFIDENTIALITY:

Confidentiality obligation shall be as per Non-disclosure agreement and clause 14 of Service Level Agreement placed as Appendix to this RFP.

31. DELAY IN SERVICE PROVIDER’S PERFORMANCE:

- i. Services shall be made by Service Provider within the timelines prescribed in part II of this document.
- ii. If at any time during performance of the Contract, Service Provider should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery and performance of Services, Service Provider shall promptly notify the Bank in writing of the fact of the delay, it’s likely duration and cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of Service Provider’s notice, the Bank shall evaluate the situation and may, at its discretion, extend Service Providers’ time for performance, in which case, the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of the Contract.

- iii. Any delay in performing the obligation/ defect in performance by Service Provider may result in imposition of penalty, liquidated damages and/or termination of Contract (as laid down elsewhere in this RFP document).

32. SERVICE PROVIDER'S OBLIGATIONS:

- i. Service Provider is responsible for and obliged to conduct all contracted activities in accordance with the Contract using state-of-the-art methods and economic principles and exercising all means available to achieve the performance specified in the Contract.
- ii. Service Provider is obliged to work closely with the Bank's staff, act within its own authority and abide by directives issued by the Bank from time to time and complete implementation activities.
- iii. Service Provider will abide by the job safety measures prevalent in India and will free the Bank from all demands or responsibilities arising from accidents or loss of life, the cause of which is Service Provider's negligence. Service Provider will pay all indemnities arising from such incidents and will not hold the Bank responsible or obligated.
- iv. Service Provider is responsible for activities of its personnel or sub-contracted personnel (where permitted) and will hold itself responsible for any misdemeanours.
- v. Service Provider shall treat as confidential all data and information about the Bank, obtained in the process of executing its responsibilities, in strict confidence and will not reveal such information to any other party without prior written approval of the Bank as explained under 'Non-Disclosure Agreement' in **Appendix-J** of this RFP.

33. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND OWNERSHIP:

- i. Service Provider agrees that all data or information supplied by the Bank to Service Provider and/or the consultancy team in connection with the provision of Services by it shall remain the property of the Bank or its licensors.
- ii. Any licensed material used by Service Provider for performing Services or developing Work Product for the Bank, Service Provider should have right to use as well as right to license for the outsourced services. The Bank shall not be liable for any license or IPR violation on the part of Service Provider.
- iii. Subject to clause 34 (iv) and 34 (v) of this RFP, Service Provider shall, at its own expenses without any limitation, indemnify and keep fully and effectively indemnified the Bank against all costs, claims, damages, demands, expenses and liabilities of whatsoever nature arising out of or in connection with all claims of infringement of Intellectual Property Rights, including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or

industrial design rights of any third party arising from the Services or use of Work Product or any part thereof in India or abroad under this RFP.

- iv. The Bank will give (a) notice to Service Provider of any such claim without delay/provide reasonable assistance to Service Provider in disposing of the claim; (b) sole authority to defend and settle such claim and; (c) will at no time admit to any liability for or express any intent to settle the claim provided that (i) Service Provider shall not partially settle any such claim without the written consent of the Bank, unless such settlement releases the Bank fully from such claim, (ii) Service Provider shall promptly provide the Bank with copies of all pleadings or similar documents relating to any such claim, (iii) Service Provider shall consult with the Bank with respect to the defense and settlement of any such claim, and (iv) in any litigation to which the Bank is also a party, the Bank shall be entitled to be separately represented at its own expenses by counsel of its own selection.
- v. Service Provider shall have no obligations with respect to any infringement claims to the extent that the infringement claim arises or results from: (i) Service Provider's compliance with the Bank's specific technical designs or instructions (except where Service Provider knew or should have known that such compliance was likely to result in an infringement claim and Service Provider did not inform the Bank of the same); or (ii) any unauthorized modification or alteration of the Work Product by the Bank.
- vi. All Work Product prepared by the Service Provider in performing the Services shall become and remain the sole and exclusive property of the Bank and all Intellectual Property Rights in such Work Product shall vest with the Bank. Any Work Product, of which the ownership or the Intellectual Property Rights do not vest with the Bank under law, shall automatically stand assigned to the Bank as and when such Work Product is created and Service Provider agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other acts as the Bank may deem necessary to secure its rights herein assigned by Service Provider. The Work Product shall not be used for any purpose other than intended under the scope of work, without prior written consent of the Bank.
- vii. In the event that Service Provider integrates any work that was previously created by Service Provider into any Work Product, Service Provider shall grant to, and the Bank is hereby granted, a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable license to utilize the incorporated items, including, but not limited to, any and all copyrights, patents, designs, trade secrets, trademarks or other Intellectual Property Rights, in connection with the Work Product.

34. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

If Service Provider fails to deliver and perform any or all the Services within the stipulated time, schedule as specified in this RFP/Agreement, the Bank may, without prejudice to its other remedies under the RFP/Agreement, and unless otherwise

extension of time is agreed upon without the application of liquidated damages, deduct from the Project Cost, as liquidated damages a sum equivalent to 0.5% of total Project Cost for delay of each week or part thereof maximum up to 5% of total Project Cost. Once the maximum deduction is reached, the Bank may consider termination of the Agreement.

35. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- i. Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest (the “Conflict of Interest”) that affects the bidding Process. Any Bidder found to have a Conflict of Interest shall be disqualified. In the event of disqualification, as mutually agreed upon genuine estimated loss and damage likely to be suffered and incurred by the Bank and not by way of penalty for, inter alia, the time, cost and effort of the Bank, including consideration of such Bidder’s proposal (the “Damages”), without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to the Bank under the bidding Documents and/ or the Agreement or otherwise. It is further clarified that:
 - (a) Bidder shall not receive any remuneration in connection with the assignment except as provided in the Contract.
 - (b) Bidder shall provide professional, objective and impartial advice and at all times hold the Bank’s interests paramount, strictly avoiding conflicts with other assignment(s)/job(s) or their own corporate interests, and act without any expectation/ consideration for award of any future assignment(s) from the Bank. Bidder shall avoid any conflict of interest while discharging contractual obligations and bring, beforehand, any possible instance of conflict of interest to the knowledge of the Bank, while rendering Services under the Agreement.
- ii. Without limiting the generality of the above, a Bidder shall be deemed to have a Conflict of Interest affecting the bidding Process, if:
 - (a) the Bidder, its Member or Associate (or any constituent thereof) and any other Bidder, its Member or any Associate thereof (or any constituent thereof) have common controlling shareholders or other ownership interest; provided that this disqualification shall not apply in cases where the direct or indirect shareholding of a Bidder, its Member or an Associate thereof (or any shareholder thereof having a shareholding of more than 5% (five per cent) of the paid up and subscribed share capital of such Bidder, Member or Associate, as the case may be) in the other Bidder, its Member or Associate, has less than 5% (five per cent) of the subscribed and paid up equity share capital thereof; provided further that this disqualification shall not apply to any ownership by a bank, insurance company, pension fund or a public financial institution referred to in section 2(72) of the Companies Act, 2013. For the purposes of this Clause, indirect shareholding held through one or more intermediate persons shall be computed as follows: (aa) where any intermediary is controlled by a

person through management control or otherwise, the entire shareholding held by such controlled intermediary in any other person (the “Subject Person”) shall be taken into account for computing the shareholding of such controlling person in the Subject Person; and (bb) subject always to sub-clause (aa) above, where a person does not exercise control over an intermediary, which has shareholding in the Subject Person, the computation of indirect shareholding of such person in the Subject Person shall be undertaken on a proportionate basis; provided, however, that no such shareholding shall be reckoned under this sub-clause (bb) if the shareholding of such person in the intermediary is less than 26% of the subscribed and paid up equity shareholding of such intermediary; or

- (b) a constituent of such Bidder is also a constituent of another Bidder; or
 - (c) such Bidder, its Member or any Associate thereof receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy, grant, concessional loan or subordinated debt from any other Bidder, its Member or Associate, or has provided any such subsidy, grant, concessional loan or subordinated debt to any other Bidder, its Member or any Associate thereof; or
 - (d) such Bidder has the same legal representative for purposes of this Bid as any other Bidder; or
 - (e) such Bidder, or any Associate thereof, has a relationship with another Bidder, or any Associate thereof, directly or through common third party/ parties, that puts either or both of them in a position to have access to each other’s information about, or to influence the Bid of either or each other; or
 - (f) there is a conflict among the proposed project and other consulting assignments of the Bidder (including its personnel and Sub-consultant) and any subsidiaries or entities controlled by such Bidder or having common controlling shareholders. The duties of the Bidder will depend on the circumstances of each case. While providing consultancy services to the Bank for this particular assignment, Bidder shall not take up any assignment that by its nature will result in conflict with the present assignment; or
 - (g) a Bidder who has been engaged by the Bank to provide goods or works or services for a project, and its Members or Associates, will be disqualified from providing consulting services for the same project save and except as provided herein; conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project, and its Members or Associates, will be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or services related to the same project.
- iii. For the purposes of this RFP, Associate means, in relation to the Bidder, a person who controls, is controlled by, or is under the common control with such Bidder (the “Associate”). As used in this definition, the expression “control” means, with respect to a person which is a company or corporation, the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty per cent) of the voting shares of such person, and with respect to a person which is not a company or corporation, the power to direct the management

and policies of such person by operation of law or by contract.

- iv. A Bidder eventually appointed to provide consultancy services for this Project, and its Associates, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or services related to the Project and any breach of this obligation shall be construed as Conflict of Interest; provided that the restriction herein shall not apply after a period of 5 (five) years from the completion of this assignment or to consulting assignments granted by the Bank at any time; provided further that this restriction shall not apply to consultancy/ advisory services performed for the Bank in continuation of this Consultancy or to any subsequent consultancy/ advisory services performed for the Bank in accordance with the respective RFP or proposals.

36. CODE OF INTEGRITY AND DEBARMENT/BANNING:

- i. The Bidder and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the bidding Process. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Bank shall reject Bid without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Bidder if it determines that the Bidder has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt /fraudulent /coercive /undesirable or restrictive practices in the bidding Process.
- ii. Bidders are obliged under code of integrity to Suo-moto proactively declare any conflicts of interest (pre-existing or as and as soon as these arise at any stage) in RFP process or execution of contract. Failure to do so would amount to violation of this code of integrity.
- iii. Any Bidder needs to declare any previous transgressions of such a code of integrity with any entity in any country during the last three years or of being debarred by any other procuring entity. Failure to do so would amount to violation of this code of integrity.
- iv. For the purposes of this clause, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter, respectively assigned to them:
 - (a) **“corrupt practice”** means making offers, solicitation or acceptance of bribe, rewards or gifts or any material benefit, in exchange for an unfair advantage in the procurement process or to otherwise influence the procurement process or contract execution;
 - (b) **“Fraudulent practice”** means any omission or misrepresentation that may mislead or attempt to mislead so that financial or other benefits may be obtained or an obligation avoided. This includes making false declaration or providing false

information for participation in a RFP process or to secure a contract or in execution of the contract;

- (c) **“Coercive practice”** means harming or threatening to harm, persons or their property to influence their participation in the procurement process or affect the execution of a contract;
- (d) **“Anti-competitive practice”** means any collusion, bid rigging or anti-competitive arrangement, or any other practice coming under the purview of the Competition Act, 2002, between two or more bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Bank, that may impair the transparency, fairness and the progress of the procurement process or to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels;
- (e) **“Obstructive practice”** means materially impede the Bank’s or Government agencies investigation into allegations of one or more of the above mentioned prohibited practices either by deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering; or by concealing of evidence material to the investigation; or by making false statements to investigators and/or by threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or by impeding the Bank’s rights of audit or access to information;

v. Debarment/Banning

Empanelment/participation of Bidders and their eligibility to participate in the Bank’s procurements is subject to compliance with code of integrity and performance in contracts as per terms and conditions of contracts. Following grades of debarment from empanelment/participation in the Bank’s procurement process shall be considered against delinquent Vendors/Bidders:

(a) Holiday Listing (Temporary Debarment - suspension):

Whenever a Vendor is found lacking in performance, in case of less frequent and less serious misdemeanors, the vendors may be put on a holiday listing (temporary debarment) for a period upto 12 (twelve) months. When a Vendor is on the holiday listing, he is neither invited to bid nor are his bids considered for evaluation during the period of the holiday. The Vendor is, however, not removed from the list of empaneled vendors, if any. Performance issues which may justify holiday listing of the Vendor are:

- Vendors who have not responded to requests for quotation/tenders consecutively three times without furnishing valid reasons, if mandated in the empanelment contract (if applicable);

- Repeated non-performance or performance below specified standards (including after sales services and maintenance services etc.);
- Vendors undergoing process for removal from empanelment/participation in procurement process or banning/debarment may also be put on a holiday listing during such proceedings.

(b) Debarment from participation including removal from empanelled list

Debarment of a delinquent Vendor (including their related entities) for a period (one to two years) from the Bank's procurements including removal from empanelment, wherever such Vendor is empaneled, due to severe deficiencies in performance or other serious transgressions. Reasons which may justify debarment and/or removal of the Vendor from the list of empaneled vendors are:

- Without prejudice to the rights of the Bank under Clause 37(i) hereinabove, if a Bidder is found by the Bank to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt/fraudulent/coercive/undesirable or restrictive practices during the bidding Process, such Bidder shall not be eligible to participate in any EOIRFP issued by the Bank during a period of 2 (two) years from the date of debarment.
- Vendor fails to abide by the terms and conditions or to maintain the required technical/operational staff/equipment or there is change in its production/service line affecting its performance adversely, or fails to cooperate or qualify in the review for empanelment;
- If Vendor ceases to exist or ceases to operate in the category of requirements for which it is empaneled;
- Bankruptcy or insolvency on the part of the vendor as declared by a court of law; or
- Banning by Ministry/Department or any other Government agency;
- Other than in situations of force majeure, technically qualified Bidder withdraws from the procurement process or after being declared as successful bidder: (i) withdraws from the process; (ii) fails to enter into a Contract; or (iii) fails to provide any other document or security required in terms of the RFP documents;
- If the Central Bureau of Investigation/CVC/C&AG or Vigilance Department of the Bank or any other investigating agency recommends such a course in respect of a case under investigation;
- Employs a Government servant or the Bank's Officer within two years of his retirement, who has had business dealings with him in an official capacity before retirement; or

- Any other ground, based on which the Bank considers, that continuation of Contract is not in public interest.
- If there is strong justification for believing that the partners/ directors/ proprietor/ agents of the firm/company has been guilty of violation of the code of integrity or Integrity Pact (wherever applicable), evasion or habitual default in payment of any tax levied by law; etc.

(c) Banning from Ministry/Country-wide procurements

For serious transgression of code of integrity, a delinquent Vendor (including their related entities) may be banned/debarred from participation in a procurement process of the Bank including procurement process of any procuring entity of Government of India for a period not exceeding three years commencing from the date of debarment.

37. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:

- i. The Bank may, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of Agreement, written notice of not less than 30 (thirty) days, terminate the Agreement in whole or in part:
 - (a) If Service Provider fails to deliver any or all the obligations within the time period specified in the RFP/Agreement, or any extension thereof granted by the Bank;
 - (b) If Service Provider fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the RFP/Agreement;
 - (c) Violations of any terms and conditions stipulated in the RFP;
 - (d) On happening of any termination event mentioned in the RFP/Agreement.

Prior to providing a written notice of termination to Service Provider under clause 38 (i) (a) to 38 (i) (c), the Bank shall provide Service Provider with a written notice of 30 (thirty) days to cure such breach of the Agreement. If the breach continues or remains unrectified after expiry of cure period, the Bank shall have right to initiate action in accordance with above clause.

- ii. In the event the Bank terminates the Contract in whole or in part for the breaches attributable to Service Provider, the Bank may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Services similar to those undelivered, and subject to limitation of liability clause of this RFP Service Provider shall be liable to the Bank for any increase in cost for such similar Services. However, Service Provider shall continue performance of the Contract to the extent not terminated.
- iii. If the Contract is terminated under any termination clause, Service Provider shall handover all documents/ executable/ Bank's data or any other relevant information to the Bank in timely manner and in proper format as per scope of this RFP and shall also support the orderly transition to another vendor or to the Bank.
- iv. During the transition, Service Provider shall also support the Bank on technical queries/

support on process implementation.

- v. The Bank's right to terminate the Contract will be in addition to the penalties / liquidated damages and other actions as specified in this RFP.
- vi. In the event of failure of Service Provider to render the Services or in the event of termination of Agreement or expiry of term or otherwise, without prejudice to any other right, the Bank at its sole discretion may make alternate arrangement for getting the Services contracted with another vendor. In such case, the Bank shall give prior notice to the existing Service Provider. The existing Service Provider shall continue to provide services as per the terms of the Agreement until a 'New Service Provider' completely takes over the work. During the transition phase, the existing Service Provider shall render all reasonable assistance to the new Service Provider within such period prescribed by the Bank, at no extra cost to the Bank, for ensuring smooth switch over and continuity of services, provided where transition services are required by the Bank or New Service Provider beyond the term of this Agreement, reasons for which are not attributable to Service Provider, payment shall be made to Service Provider for such additional period on the same rates and payment terms as specified in this Agreement. If existing Service Provider is breach of this obligation, they shall be liable for paying a penalty of 2% of the total Project Cost on demand to the Bank, which may be settled from the payment of invoices for the contracted period.

38. FORCE MAJEURE:

- i. Notwithstanding the provisions of terms and conditions contained in this RFP, neither party shall be liable for any delay in in performing its obligations herein if and to the extent that such delay is the result of an event of Force Majeure.
- ii. For the purposes of this clause, 'Force Majeure' means and includes wars, insurrections, revolution, civil disturbance, riots, terrorist acts, public strikes, hartal, bundh, fires, floods, epidemic, quarantine restrictions, freight embargoes, declared general strikes in relevant industries, Vis Major, acts of Government in their sovereign capacity, impeding reasonable performance of Service Provider and / or Sub-Contractor but does not include any foreseeable events, commercial considerations or those involving fault or negligence on the part of the party claiming Force Majeure.
- iii. If a Force Majeure situation arises, Service Provider shall promptly notify the Bank in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Bank in writing, Service Provider shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.
- iv. If the Force Majeure situation continues beyond 30 (thirty) days, either party shall have the right to terminate the Agreement by giving a notice to the other party. Neither party shall have any penal liability to the other in respect of the termination of the Agreement

as a result of an event of Force Majeure. However, Service Provider shall be entitled to receive payments for all services actually rendered up to the date of the termination of the Agreement.

39. TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY:

The Bank may, at any time, terminate the Contract by giving written notice to Service Provider, if Service Provider becomes Bankrupt or insolvent or any application for bankruptcy, insolvency or winding up has been filed against it by any person. In this event, termination will be without compensation to Service Provider, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy, which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the Bank.

40. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:

- i. The Bank, by written notice of not less than 90 (ninety) days, may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, for its convenience.
- ii. In the event of termination of the Agreement for the Bank's convenience, Service Provider shall be entitled to receive payment for the Services rendered (delivered) up to the effective date of termination.

41. DISPUTES / ARBITRATION (APPLICABLE IN CASE OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDER ONLY):

- i. All disputes or differences whatsoever arising between the parties out of or in connection with the Contract (including dispute concerning interpretation) or in discharge of any obligation arising out of the Contract (whether during the progress of work or after completion of such work and whether before or after the termination of the Contract, abandonment or breach of the Contract), shall be settled amicably. If however, the parties are not able to solve them amicably within 30 (thirty) days after dispute occurs as evidenced through the first written communication from any Party notifying the other regarding the disputes, either party (SBI or Service Provider), give written notice to other party clearly setting out there in specific dispute(s) and/or difference(s) and shall be referred to a sole arbitrator mutually agreed upon, and the award made in pursuance thereof shall be binding on the parties. In the absence of consensus about the single arbitrator, the dispute may be referred to an arbitration panel; one to be nominated by each party and the said arbitrators shall nominate a presiding arbitrator, before commencing the arbitration proceedings. The arbitration shall be settled in accordance with the applicable Indian Laws and arbitration proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 and any amendment thereto.
- ii. Service Provider shall continue work under the Contract during the arbitration

proceedings unless otherwise directed by the Bank or unless the matter is such that the work cannot possibly be continued until the decision of the arbitrator is obtained.

- iii. Arbitration proceeding shall be held at Hyderabad, India, and the language of the arbitration proceedings and that of all documents and communications between the parties shall be in English.

42. GOVERNING LANGUAGE:

The governing language shall be English.

43. APPLICABLE LAW:

The Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Union of India and shall be subjected to the exclusive jurisdiction of courts at Hyderabad.

44. TAXES AND DUTIES:

- i. Service Provider shall be liable to pay all corporate taxes and income tax that shall be levied according to the laws and regulations applicable from time to time in India and the price Bid by Service Provider shall include all such taxes in the quoted price.
- ii. Prices quoted should be exclusive of all Central / State Government taxes/duties and levies but inclusive of all corporate taxes. The quoted prices and taxes/duties and statutory levies such as GST etc. should be specified in the separate sheet (**Appendix-F**).
- iii. Only specified taxes/ levies and duties in the **Appendix-F** will be payable by the Bank on actuals upon production of original receipt wherever required. If any specified taxes/ levies and duties in **Appendix-F** are replaced by the new legislation of Government, same shall be borne by the Bank. The Bank shall not be liable for payment of those Central / State Government taxes, levies, duties or any tax/ duties imposed by local bodies/ authorities, which are not specified by the Bidder in **Appendix-F**
- iv. Prices payable to Service Provider as stated in the Contract shall be firm and not subject to adjustment during performance of the Contract, irrespective of reasons whatsoever, including exchange rate fluctuations.
- v. Income / Corporate Taxes in India: The Bidder shall be liable to pay all corporate taxes and income tax that shall be levied according to the laws and regulations applicable from time to time in India and the price Bid by the Bidder shall include all such taxes in the contract price.

- vi. All expenses, stamp duty and other charges/ expenses in connection with the execution of the Agreement as a result of this RFP process shall be borne by Service Provider. The Agreement/ Contract would be stamped as applicable in State of Telanagana Act, 1958 and any amendment thereto.

45. TAX DEDUCTION AT SOURCE:

- i. Wherever the laws and regulations require deduction of such taxes at the source of payment, the Bank shall effect such deductions from the payment due to Service Provider. The remittance of amounts so deducted and issuance of certificate for such deductions shall be made by the Bank as per the laws and regulations for the time being in force. Nothing in the Contract shall relieve Service Provider from his responsibility to pay any tax that may be levied in India on income and profits made by Service Provider in respect of this Contract.
- ii. Service Provider's staff, personnel and labour will be liable to pay personal income taxes in India in respect of such of their salaries and wages as are chargeable under the laws and regulations for the time being in force, and Service Provider shall perform such duties in regard to such deductions thereof as may be imposed on him by such laws and regulations.

46. NOTICES:

Any notice given by one party to the other pursuant to this Contract shall be sent to other party in writing or email and confirmed in writing to other Party's address. The notice shall be effective when delivered or on the notice's effective date whichever is later.

Part-II

BID FORM (TECHNICAL BID)

[On Company's letter head]
(To be included in Technical Bid)

Date: _____

To:

Dy. General Manager
Audit Process and Systems
State Bank of India
Internal Audit Department
Corporate Centre
State Bank Nireekshan Bhavan
Opp Hyderabad Central University
Lingampally Post
Hyderabad 500 019 (Telangana)

Dear Sir,

Ref: RFP No. SBI:2025/26/MAHAK/1 dated 13.11.2025

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We have examined the above RFP, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged and subsequent pre-bid clarifications/ modifications / revisions, if any, furnished by the Bank and we offer to provide Services detailed in this RFP. We shall abide by the terms and conditions spelt out in the RFP. We shall participate and submit the commercial Bid through online auction to be conducted by the Bank's authorized service provider, on the date advised to us.

i. While submitting this Bid, we certify that:

- The undersigned is authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder and the necessary support document delegating this authority is enclosed to this letter.
- We declare that we are not in contravention of conflict of interest obligation mentioned in this RFP.
- Indicative prices submitted by us have been arrived at without agreement with any other Bidder of this RFP for the purpose of restricting competition.
- The indicative prices submitted by us have not been disclosed and will not be disclosed to any other Bidder responding to this RFP.
- We have not induced or attempted to induce any other Bidder to submit or not to submit a Bid for restricting competition.
- We have quoted for all the services/items mentioned in this RFP in our indicative price Bid.

- The rate quoted in the indicative price Bids are as per the RFP and subsequent pre-Bid clarifications/ modifications/ revisions furnished by the Bank, without any exception.
- ii. We undertake that, in competing for (and, if the award is made to us, in executing) the above contract, we will strictly observe the laws against fraud and corruption in force in India namely “Prevention of Corruption Act 1988”.
- iii. We undertake that we will not offer, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the Bank, connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process, or to any person, organisation or third party related to the contract in exchange for any advantage in the bidding, evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.
- iv. We undertake that we will not resort to canvassing with any official of the Bank, connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process to derive any undue advantage. We also understand that any violation in this regard, will result in disqualification of bidder from further bidding process.
- v. It is further certified that the contents of our Bid are factually correct. We have not sought any deviation to the terms and conditions of the RFP. We also accept that in the event of any information / data / particulars proving to be incorrect, the Bank will have right to disqualify us from the RFP without prejudice to any other rights available to the Bank.
- vi. We certify that while submitting our Bid document, we have not made any changes in the contents of the RFP document, read with its amendments/clarifications provided by the Bank.
- vii. We agree to abide by all the RFP terms and conditions, contents of Service Level Agreement as per template available at **Appendix-H** of this RFP and the rates quoted therein for the orders awarded by the Bank up to the period prescribed in the RFP, which shall remain binding upon us.
- viii. On acceptance of our technical bid, we undertake to participate in Reverse auction by way of login in Reverse auction tool. In case of declaration as successful Bidder on completion of Reverse auction process, we undertake to complete the formalities as specified in this RFP.
- ix. The commercial bidding process will be through the reverse auction process to be conducted by the Bank or a company authorized by the Bank. We understand that our authorized representative who would participate in the reverse auction process would be possessing a valid digital certificate for the purpose.
- x. Till execution of a formal contract, the RFP, along with the Bank’s notification of award by way of issuance of purchase order and our acceptance thereof, would be binding contractual obligation on the Bank and us.

- xi. We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any Bid you may receive and you may reject all or any Bid without assigning any reason or giving any explanation whatsoever.
- xii. We hereby certify that our name does not appear in any “Caution” list of RBI / IBA or any other regulatory body for outsourcing activity.
- xiii. We hereby certify that on the date of submission of Bid for this RFP, we do not have any past/ present litigation which adversely affect our participation in this RFP or we are not under any debarment/ blacklist period for breach of contract/ fraud/corrupt practices by any Scheduled Commercial Bank/ Public Sector Undertaking/ State or Central Government or their agencies/departments.
- xiv. We hereby certify that on the date of submission of Bid, we do not have any Service Level Agreement pending to be signed with the Bank for more than 6 months from the date of issue of purchase order.
- xv. We hereby certify that we have read the clauses contained in O.M. No. 6/18/2019-PPD, dated 23.07.2020 order (Public Procurement No. 1), order (Public Procurement No. 2) dated 23.07.2020 and Order (Public Procurement No. 3) dated 24.07.2020 and Order (Procurement No.4) dated 23.01.2023 restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India. We further certify that we are not from such a country or if from a country, has been registered with competent authority. We certify that we fulfil all the requirements in this regard and is eligible to participate in this RFP.
- xvi. If our Bid is accepted, we undertake to enter into and execute at our cost, when called upon by the Bank to do so, a contract in the prescribed form and we shall be solely responsible for the due performance of the contract.
- xvii. We, further, hereby undertake and agree to abide by all the terms and conditions stipulated by the Bank in the RFP document.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 201

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

(In the capacity of)

Duly authorised to sign Bid for and on behalf of

\_\_\_\_\_  
Seal of the company.

**Appendix-B****Bidder's Eligibility Criteria**

Bidders meeting the following criteria are eligible to submit their Bids along with supporting documents. If the Bid is not accompanied by all the required documents supporting eligibility criteria, the same would be rejected:

| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>Eligibility Criteria</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Compliance (Yes/No)</b> | <b>Documents to be submitted</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.            | Certificate of Registration in India<br>Membership Certificate from IIA                                                                                                                                                                                  |                            | Certificate of registration in India<br><br>Membership Certificate in IIA (Institution of Internal Auditors).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5.            | The basic requirement is Agency should have an experience of minimum of 2 years' experience in providing the required products services/ solution in connection with Internal Audit of any Bank.                                                         |                            | Copy of the order and / or Certificate of completion of the work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 6.            | Client references and contact details (email/ landline/ mobile) of customers for whom the Bidder has executed similar projects in India.<br>(Start and End Date of the Project to be mentioned) in the past (At least 05 client references are required) |                            | Bidder should specifically confirm on their letter head in this regard as per <b>Appendix-L</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 8.            | Past/present litigations, disputes, if any (Adverse litigations could result in disqualification, at the sole discretion of the Bank)                                                                                                                    |                            | Brief details of litigations, disputes related to product/services being procured under this RFP or infringement of any third party Intellectual Property Rights by prospective Bidder/ OEM or disputes among Bidder's board of directors, liquidation, bankruptcy, insolvency cases or cases for debarment/blacklisting for breach of contract/fraud/corrupt practices by any Scheduled Commercial Bank/ Public Sector Undertaking / State or Central |

|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |                                                                                                                       |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | Government or their agencies/ departments or any such similar cases, if any are to be given on Company's letter head. |
| 9.  | Bidders should not be under debarment/blacklist period for breach of contract/fraud/corrupt practices by any Scheduled Commercial Bank/ Public Sector Undertaking / State or Central Government or their agencies/ departments on the date of submission of bid for this RFP. |  | Bidder should specifically certify in <b>Appendix A</b> in this regard.                                               |
| 10. | The Bidder should not have any Service Level Agreement pending to be signed with the Bank for more than 6 months from the date of issue of purchase order.                                                                                                                    |  | Bidder should specifically certify in <b>Appendix A</b> in this regard.                                               |

Documentary evidence must be furnished against each of the above criteria along with an index. All documents must be signed by the authorized signatory of the Bidder. Relevant portions, in the documents submitted in pursuance of eligibility criteria, should be highlighted.

**Name & Signature of authorised signatory**

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## Appendix-C

### Technical Eligibility Criteria

- (A) **Availability of Key Personnel:** The Bidder shall offer and make available all Key Personnel meeting the requirements specified in sub-clause (B) below.
- (B) **Conditions of Eligibility for Key Personnel:** Each of the Key Personnel must fulfill the following conditions of Eligibility:-

| Key Personnel | Educational Qualification | Length of Professional experience | Experience on eligible assignments |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|               |                           |                                   |                                    |
|               |                           |                                   |                                    |
|               |                           |                                   |                                    |

- (C) The Consultancy Team shall consist of the following key personnel (the “**Key Personnel**”) who shall discharge their respective responsibilities as specified below:

| Key Personal <sup>1</sup> | Responsibilities |
|---------------------------|------------------|
|                           |                  |
|                           |                  |
|                           |                  |
|                           |                  |

- (D) The proposed team shall be composed of experts and specialists (the “**Professional Personnel**”) in their respective areas of expertise and managerial/support staff (the “**Support Personnel**”) such that the Consultant should be able to complete the Consultancy within the specified time schedule. The Key Personnel shall be included in the proposed team of Professional Personnel. Other competent and experienced Professional Personnel in the relevant areas of expertise must be added as required for successful completion of this Consultancy. The CV of each such Professional Personnel, if any, should also be submitted.
- (E) The Bank will examine the CVs of all other Professional Personnel and those not found suitable shall be replaced by the Applicant to the satisfaction of the Bank.

### Name & Signature of authorised signatory

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*Key Personnel and their responsibilities may be added as per project-specific requirements.*



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**Appendix-D**

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| <b>Bidder Details</b> |
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Details of the Bidder

| S. No. | Particulars                                                                                                                                                                             | Details |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1.     | Name                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |
| 2.     | Date of Incorporation and / or commencement of business                                                                                                                                 |         |
| 3.     | Certificate of incorporation                                                                                                                                                            |         |
| 4.     | Brief description of the Bidder including details of its main line of business                                                                                                          |         |
| 5.     | Company website URL                                                                                                                                                                     |         |
| 6.     | Company Pan Number                                                                                                                                                                      |         |
| 7.     | Company GSTIN Number                                                                                                                                                                    |         |
| 8.     | Particulars of the Authorized Signatory of the Bidder<br>a) Name<br>b) Designation<br>c) Address<br>d) Phone Number (Landline)<br>e) Mobile Number<br>f) Fax Number<br>g) Email Address |         |
| 9      | Details for EMD Refund (applicable only if EMD is directly credited in designated account):-<br>a) Account No.<br>b) Name of account holder<br>c) Name of Bank<br>d) IFSC Code          |         |

**Name & Signature of authorised signatory**

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| <b>Scope of Work and Payment Schedule</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|

| SI No | Particulars                                                               | Requirements/ Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Description of Services                                                   | <p><b><i>Scope and Objective of Work</i></b></p> <p>To review the methodology adopted and logic built in the MAHAK Model for arriving at the Audit Health of the Bank.</p> <p>To ensure that the outcome of the model is fair representation of Audit Health of the Bank.</p> |
| 2     | Description of Deliverables                                               | Report on efficacy of MAHAK Model and adequacy of logics embedded therein.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3     | Term of the Project – Project Schedule; Milestones and delivery locations | <i>Start Date: 24.11.2025</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4     | Regulatory / Compliance Requirements                                      | --                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 5     | Security Requirements                                                     | --                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6     | Training                                                                  | --                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7     | Payment schedule                                                          | <p>20%payment will be released after execution of SLA</p> <p>80% payment will be released after completion of work.</p>                                                                                                                                                       |

## Appendix-F

### **Indicative Price Bid**

***Note: Suitable information should be sought in Indicative Price Bid. An example of Indicative Price Bid format is placed below for guidance.***

The indicative Price Bid needs to contain the information listed hereunder and needs to be submitted on portal of e-Procurement agency.

#### **Name of the Bidder:**

| Sr. No. | Type of services / Items/ Role                                        | No of Resources | Rate per item/Per resource etc. (as applicable) | Total amount in Rs. | Proportion to Total Cost (in percentage) # |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1.      | Validation of MAHAK Model                                             | --              | --                                              | -                   | --                                         |
|         | <b>Total Cost *(Exclusive of out of pocket expenses, GST, etc., )</b> |                 |                                                 |                     |                                            |

# The 'Proportion to Total Cost' percentage mentioned here will have to be maintained in the final price quote also by the successful Bidder. The percentage should be mentioned in two decimal places. Variation in the final price should not exceed +/- 5%. See illustration at the end.

\* This will be the Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)/Total Project Cost and should be quoted in the reverse auction.

#### **Breakup of Taxes and Duties**

| Sr. No.            | Name of activity/Services | Tax 1               | Tax 2 | Tax 3 |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|
|                    |                           | Mention Name of Tax |       |       |
|                    |                           | GST%                |       |       |
| 1.                 |                           |                     |       |       |
| 2.                 |                           |                     |       |       |
| 3.                 |                           |                     |       |       |
| <b>Grand Total</b> |                           |                     |       |       |

**Name & Signature of authorised signatory**

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**Penalties**

1. Service provider shall be liable to pay penalty at the rate of 2%(two percent) in respect of any delay beyond the permitted period (as per paragraph ) in providing the service.
2. No penalty shall be levied in case of delay(s) in deliverables or performance of the contract for the reasons solely and directly attributable to the Bank. On reaching the maximum of penalties specified the Bank reserves the right to terminate the contract.
3. Grace period: 15 days
4. Exemptions: Delays caused by force majeure, changes in the score or client requested extensions subject to mutual agreement.

**NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

THIS RECIPROCAL NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is made at \_\_\_\_\_ between:

State Bank of India constituted under the State Bank of India Act, 1955 having its Corporate Centre and Central Office at State Bank Bhavan, Madame Cama Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai-21 and its Global IT Centre at Sector-11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai- 400614 through its Internal Audit Department, Hyderabad (hereinafter referred to as “Bank” which expression includes its successors and assigns) of the ONE PART;

And

\_\_\_\_\_ a private/public limited company/LLP/Firm ~~<strike off whichever is not applicable>~~ incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956/ Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008/ Indian Partnership Act 1932 ~~<strike off whichever is not applicable>~~, having its registered office at \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as “\_\_\_\_\_” which expression shall unless repugnant to the subject or context thereof, shall mean and include its successors and permitted assigns) of the OTHER PART;

And Whereas

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is carrying on business of providing \_\_\_\_\_, has agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ for the Bank and other related tasks.

2. For purposes of advancing their business relationship, the parties would need to disclose certain valuable confidential information to each other (the Party receiving the information being referred to as the “Receiving Party” and the Party disclosing the information being referred to as the “Disclosing Party. Therefore, in consideration of covenants and agreements contained herein for the mutual disclosure of confidential information to each other, and intending to be legally bound, the parties agree to terms and conditions as set out hereunder.

**NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS UNDER**

**1. Confidential Information and Confidential Materials:**

- (a) “Confidential Information” means non-public information that Disclosing Party designates as being confidential or which, under the circumstances surrounding disclosure ought to be treated as confidential. “Confidential Information” includes, without limitation, information relating to developed, installed or purchased Disclosing Party software or hardware products, the information relating to general architecture of Disclosing Party’s network, information relating to nature and content of data stored within network or in any other storage media, Disclosing Party’s business policies, practices, methodology, policy design delivery, and information received from others that Disclosing Party is obligated to treat as confidential. Confidential Information disclosed to Receiving Party by any Disclosing Party Subsidiary and/ or agents is covered by this agreement
- (b) Confidential Information shall not include any information that: (i) is or subsequently becomes publicly available without Receiving Party’s breach of any obligation owed to Disclosing party; (ii) becomes known to Receiving Party free from any confidentiality obligations prior to Disclosing Party’s disclosure of such information to Receiving Party; (iii) became known to Receiving Party from a source other than Disclosing Party other than by the breach of an obligation of confidentiality owed to Disclosing Party and without confidentiality restrictions on use and disclosure; or (iv) is independently developed by Receiving Party.
- (c) “Confidential Materials” shall mean all tangible materials containing Confidential Information, including without limitation written or printed documents and computer disks or tapes, whether machine or user readable.

**2. Restrictions**

- (a) Each party shall treat as confidential the Contract and any and all information (“confidential information”) obtained from the other pursuant to the Contract and shall not divulge such information to any person (except to such party’s “Covered Person” which term shall mean employees, contingent workers and professional advisers of a party who need to know the same) without the other party’s written consent provided that this clause shall not extend to information which was rightfully in the possession of such party prior to the commencement of the negotiations leading to the Contract, which is already public knowledge or becomes so at a future date (otherwise than as a result of a breach of this clause). Receiving Party will have executed or shall execute appropriate written agreements with Covered Person, sufficient to enable it to comply with all the provisions of this Agreement. If Service Provider appoints any Sub-Contractor (if allowed) then Service Provider may disclose confidential information to such Sub-Contractor subject to such Sub Contractor giving the Bank an undertaking in similar terms to the provisions of this clause. Any breach of this Agreement by Receiving

Party's Covered Person or Sub-Contractor shall also be constructed a breach of this Agreement by Receiving Party.

- (b) Receiving Party may disclose Confidential Information in accordance with judicial or other governmental order to the intended recipients (as detailed in this clause), provided Receiving Party shall give Disclosing Party reasonable notice (provided not restricted by applicable laws) prior to such disclosure and shall comply with any applicable protective order or equivalent. The intended recipients for this purpose are:
  - i. the statutory auditors of the either party and
  - ii. government or regulatory authorities regulating the affairs of the parties and inspectors and supervisory bodies thereof
- (c) Confidential Information and Confidential Material may be disclosed, reproduced, summarized or distributed only in pursuance of Receiving Party's business relationship with Disclosing Party, and only as otherwise provided hereunder. Receiving Party agrees to segregate all such Confidential Material from the confidential material of others in order to prevent mixing.

3. **Rights and Remedies**

- (a) Receiving Party shall notify Disclosing Party immediately upon discovery of any unauthorized used or disclosure of Confidential Information and/ or Confidential Materials, or any other breach of this Agreement by Receiving Party, and will cooperate with Disclosing Party in every reasonable way to help Disclosing Party regain possession of the Confidential Information and/ or Confidential Materials and prevent its further unauthorized use.
- (b) Receiving Party shall return all originals, copies, reproductions and summaries of Confidential Information or Confidential Materials at Disclosing Party's request, or at Disclosing Party's option, certify destruction of the same.
- (c) Receiving Party acknowledges that monetary damages may not be the only and / or a sufficient remedy for unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information and that disclosing party shall be entitled, without waiving any other rights or remedies (including but not limited to as listed below), to injunctive or equitable relief as may be deemed proper by a Court of competent jurisdiction.
  - i. Suspension of access privileges
  - ii. Change of personnel assigned to the job
  - iii. Termination of contract
- (d) Disclosing Party may visit Receiving Party's premises, with reasonable prior notice and during normal business hours, to review Receiving Party's compliance with the term of this Agreement.

4. **Miscellaneous**

- (a) All Confidential Information and Confidential Materials are and shall remain the sole and of Disclosing Party. By disclosing information to Receiving Party, Disclosing Party does not grant any expressed or implied right to Receiving Party to disclose information under the Disclosing Party's patents, copyrights, trademarks, or trade secret information.
- (b) Confidential Information made available is provided "As Is," and disclosing party disclaims all representations, conditions and warranties, express or implied, including, without limitation, representations, conditions or warranties of accuracy, completeness, performance, fitness for a particular purpose, satisfactory quality and merchantability provided same shall not be construed to include fraud or wilful default of disclosing party.
- (c) Neither party grants to the other party any license, by implication or otherwise, to use the Confidential Information, other than for the limited purpose of evaluating or advancing a business relationship between the parties, or any license rights whatsoever in any patent, copyright or other intellectual property rights pertaining to the Confidential Information.
- (d) The terms of Confidentiality under this Agreement shall not be construed to limit either party's right to independently develop or acquire product without use of the other party's Confidential Information. Further, either party shall be free to use for any purpose the residuals resulting from access to or work with such Confidential Information, provided that such party shall maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information as provided herein. The term "residuals" means information in non-tangible form, which may be retained by person who has had access to the Confidential Information, including ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques contained therein. Neither party shall have any obligation to limit or restrict the assignment of such persons or to pay royalties for any work resulting from the use of residuals. However, the foregoing shall not be deemed to grant to either party a license under the other party's copyrights or patents.
- (e) This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. It shall not be modified except by a written agreement dated subsequently to the date of this Agreement and signed by both parties. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived by any act or acquiescence on the part of Disclosing Party, its agents, or employees, except by an instrument in writing signed by an authorized officer of Disclosing Party. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other provision(s) or of the same provision on another occasion.
- (f) In case of any dispute, both the parties agree for neutral third party arbitration. Such arbitrator will be jointly selected by the two parties and he/she may be an auditor, lawyer, consultant or any other person of trust. The said proceedings shall be conducted in English language at Hyderabad and in accordance with the provisions of Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 or any Amendments or Re-enactments thereto. Nothing in this clause prevents a party from having recourse to a court of competent jurisdiction for the sole purpose of seeking a preliminary injunction or any other



provisional judicial relief it considers necessary to avoid irreparable damage. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Republic of India. Each Party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Hyderabad

- (g) Subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties, their successors and assigns.
- (h) If any provision of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- (i) The Agreement shall be effective from 20.11.2025 ("Effective Date") and shall be valid for a period of **2 years** thereafter (the "Agreement Term"). The foregoing obligations as to confidentiality shall survive the term of this Agreement and for a period of five (5) years thereafter provided confidentiality obligations with respect to individually identifiable information, customer's data of Parties or software in human-readable form (e.g., source code) shall survive in perpetuity.

5. **Suggestions and Feedback**

Either party from time to time may provide suggestions, comments or other feedback to the other party with respect to Confidential Information provided originally by the other party (hereinafter "feedback"). Both party agree that all Feedback is and shall be entirely voluntary and shall not in absence of separate agreement, create any confidentially obligation for the receiving party. However, the Receiving Party shall not disclose the source of any feedback without the providing party's consent. Feedback shall be clearly designated as such and, except as otherwise provided herein, each party shall be free to disclose and use such Feedback as it sees fit, entirely without obligation of any kind to other party. The foregoing shall not, however, affect either party's obligations hereunder with respect to Confidential Information of other party.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) 20\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_(place)

For and on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

|             |  |  |
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| Name        |  |  |
| Designation |  |  |
| Place       |  |  |
| Signature   |  |  |

For and on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

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**Pre-Bid Query Format**  
**(To be provide strictly in Excel format)**

| <b>Vendor<br/>Name</b> | <b>Sl.<br/>No</b> | <b>RFP<br/>Page No</b> | <b>RFP<br/>Clause No.</b> | <b>Existing<br/>Clause</b> | <b>Query/Suggestions</b> |
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**Format for Submission of Client References**

**To whosoever it may concern**

| Particulars                                            | Details |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|
|                                                        |         |
| <b>Client Information</b>                              |         |
| Client Name                                            |         |
| Client address                                         |         |
| Name of the contact person and designation             |         |
| Phone number of the contact person                     |         |
| E-mail address of the contact person                   |         |
| <b>Project Details</b>                                 |         |
| Name of the Project                                    |         |
| Start Date                                             |         |
| End Date                                               |         |
| Current Status (In Progress / Completed)               |         |
| <b>Size of Project</b>                                 |         |
| Value of Work Order (In Lakh) (only single work order) |         |
|                                                        |         |

**Name & Signature of authorised signatory**

**Seal of Company**

**PRE CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT**  
**(TO BE STAMPED AS AN AGREEMENT)**

**General**

This pre-Bid pre-contract Agreement (hereinafter called the Integrity Pact) is made on \_\_\_\_\_ day of the month of \_\_\_\_\_ 201 , between, on the one hand, the State Bank of India a body corporate incorporated under the State Bank of India Act, 1955 having its Corporate Centre at State Bank Bhavan, Nariman Point, Mumbai through its Internal Audit Department Nireekhsan Bhavan, Opposite HCU, Serilingampally Post, Hyderabad, 500019 (hereinafter called the "BUYER", which expression shall mean and include, unless the context otherwise requires, its successors) of the First Part

And

M/s \_\_\_\_\_ represented by Shri \_\_\_\_\_, Chief Executive Officer/ Authorised signatory (hereinafter called the "BIDDER/Seller which expression shall mean and include, unless the context otherwise requires, its / his successors and permitted assigns of the Second Part.

WHEREAS the BUYER proposes to procure (Name of the Stores/Equipment/Item) and the BIDDER/Seller is willing to offer/has offered the stores and

WHEREAS the BIDDER is a private company/public company/Government undertaking/partnership/registered export agency, constituted in accordance with the relevant law in the matter and the BUYER is an Office / Department of State Bank of India performing its functions on behalf of State Bank of India.

NOW, THEREFORE,

To avoid all forms of corruption by following a system that is fair, transparent and free from any influence/prejudiced dealings prior to, during and subsequent to the currency of the contract to be entered into with a view to :

- Enabling the BUYER to obtain the desired service / product at a competitive price in conformity with the defined specifications by avoiding the high cost and the distortionary impact of corruption on public procurement; and
- Enabling BIDDERS to abstain from bribing or indulging in any corrupt practice in order to secure the contract by providing assurance to them that their competitors will also abstain from bribing and other corrupt practices and the BUYER will commit to

prevent corruption, in any form, by its officials by following transparent procedures.

The parties hereto hereby agree to enter into this Integrity Pact and agree as follows:

**1. Commitments of the BUYER**

- 1.1 The BUYER undertakes that no official of the BUYER, connected directly or indirectly with the contract, will demand, take a promise for or accept, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, consideration, gift, reward, favour or any material or immaterial benefit or any other advantage from the BIDDER, either for themselves or for any person, organisation or third party related to the contract in exchange for an advantage in the bidding process, Bid evaluation, contracting or implementation process related to the contract.
- 1.2 The BUYER will, during the pre-contract stage, treat all BIDDERS alike, and will provide to all BIDDERS the same information and will not provide any such information to any particular BIDDER which could afford an advantage to that particular BIDDER in comparison to other BIDDERS.
- 1.3 All the officials of the BUYER will report to the appropriate authority any attempted or completed breaches of the above commitments as well as any substantial suspicion of such a breach.
- 1.4 In case any such preceding misconduct on the part of such official(s) is reported by the BIDDER to the BUYER with full and verifiable facts and the same is prima facie found to be correct by the BUYER, necessary disciplinary proceedings, or any other action as deemed fit, including criminal proceedings may be initiated by the BUYER and such a person shall be debarred from further dealings related to the contract process. In such a case while an enquiry is being conducted by the BUYER the proceedings under the contract would not be stalled.

**2. Commitments of BIDDERS**

- 2.1 The BIDDER commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent corrupt practices, unfair means and illegal activities during any stage of its Bid or during any pre-contract or post-contract stage in order to secure the contract or in furtherance to secure it and in particular commit itself to the following:
- 2.2 The BIDDER will not offer, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the BUYER, connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process, or to any person, organisation or third party related to the contract in exchange for any advantage in the bidding, evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.
- 2.3 The BIDDER further undertakes that it has not given, offered or promised to give, directly or indirectly any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the BUYER or otherwise in procuring the Contract or forbearing to do or having done any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the contract or any other contract with State Bank of India for showing or forbearing to show favour or

disfavour to any person in relation to the contract or any other contract with State Bank of India.

- 2.4 Wherever applicable, the BIDDER shall disclose the name and address of agents and representatives permitted by the Bid documents and Indian BIDDERS shall disclose their foreign principals or associates, if any.
- 2.5 The BIDDER confirms and declares that they have not made any payments to any agents/brokers or any other intermediary, in connection with this Bid/contract.
- 2.6 The BIDDER further confirms and declares to the BUYER that the BIDDER is the original vendors or service providers in respect of product / service covered in the Bid documents and the BIDDER has not engaged any individual or firm or company whether Indian or foreign to intercede, facilitate or in any way to recommend to the BUYER or any of its functionaries, whether officially or unofficially to the award of the contract to the BIDDER, nor has any amount been paid, promised or intended to be paid to any such individual, firm or company in respect of any such intercession, facilitation or recommendation.
- 2.7 The BIDDER, at the earliest available opportunity, i.e. either while presenting the Bid or during pre-contract negotiations and in any case before opening the financial Bid and before signing the contract, shall disclose any payments he has made, is committed to or intends to make to officials of the BUYER or their family members, agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the contract and the details of services agreed upon for such payments.
- 2.8 The BIDDER will not collude with other parties interested in the contract to impair the transparency, fairness and progress of the bidding process, Bid evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.
- 2.9 The BIDDER will not accept any advantage in exchange for any corrupt practice, unfair means and illegal activities.
- 2.10 The BIDDER shall not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass. on 'to' others, any -information provided by the BUYER as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained in any electronic data carrier. The BIDDER also undertakes to exercise due and adequate care lest any such information is divulged.
- 2.11 The BIDDER commits to refrain from giving any complaint directly or through any other manner without supporting it with full and verifiable facts.
- 2.12 The BIDDER shall not instigate or cause to instigate any third person to commit any of the actions mentioned above.
- 2.13 If the BIDDER or any employee of the BIDDER or any person acting on behalf of the BIDDER, either directly or indirectly, is a relative of any of the officers of the BUYER, or alternatively, if any relative of an officer of the BUYER has financial Interest/stake in the BIDDER's firm, the same shall be disclosed by the BIDDER at the time of filing of tender. The term 'relative' for this purpose would be as defined in Section.2 (77) of the Companies Act 1956.
- 2.14 The BIDDER shall not lend to or borrow any money from or enter into any monetary dealings or transactions, directly or indirectly, with any employee of the BUYER.

3. **Previous Transgression**

- 3.1 The BIDDER declares that no previous transgression occurred in the last three years immediately before signing of this Integrity Pact, with any other company in any country in respect of any corrupt practices envisaged hereunder or with any Public Sector Enterprise / Public Sector Banks in India or any Government Department in India or RBI that could justify BIDDER's exclusion from the tender process.
- 3.2 The BIDDER agrees that if it makes incorrect statement on this subject, BIDDER can be disqualified from the tender process or the contract, if already awarded, can be terminated for such reason.

5. **Sanctions for Violations**

- 5.1 Any breach of the aforesaid provisions by the BIDDER or any one employed by it or acting on its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the BIDDER) shall entitle the BUYER to take all or any one of the following actions, wherever required:
- (i) To immediately call off the pre contract negotiations without assigning any reason and without giving any compensation to the BIDDER. However, the proceedings with the other BIDDER(s) would continue, unless the BUYER desires to drop the entire process.
  - (ii) The Earnest Money Deposit (in pre-contract stage) and/or Security Deposit/Performance Bond (after the contract is signed) shall stand forfeited either fully or partially, as decided by the BUYER and the BUYER shall not be required to assign any reason therefore.
  - (iii) To immediately cancel the contract, if already signed, without giving any compensation to the BIDDER.
  - (iv) To recover all sums already paid by the BUYER, and in case of an Indian BIDDER with interest thereon at 2% higher than the prevailing Base Rate of State Bank of India, while in case of a BIDDER from a country other than India with interest thereon at 2% higher than the LIBOR. If any outstanding payment is due to the BIDDER from the BUYER in connection with any other contract for any other stores, such outstanding could also be utilized to recover the aforesaid sum and interest.
  - (v) To cancel all or any other Contracts with the BIDDER. The BIDDER shall be liable to pay compensation for any loss or damage to the BUYER resulting from such cancellation/rescission and the BUYER shall be entitled to deduct the amount so payable from the money(s) due to the BIDDER.
  - (vii) To debar the BIDDER from participating in future bidding processes of the BUYER or any of its Subsidiaries for a minimum period of five years, which may be further extended at the discretion of the BUYER.
  - (viii) To recover all sums paid, in violation of this Pact, by BIDDER(s) to any middleman or agent or broker with a view to securing the contract.
  - (ix) Forfeiture of Performance Bond in case of a decision by the BUYER to forfeit the same without assigning any reason for imposing sanction for violation of this Pact.
  - (x) Intimate to the CVC, IBA, RBI, as the BUYER deemed fit the details of such events for appropriate action by such authorities.



- 5.2 The BUYER will be entitled to take all or any of the actions mentioned at para 5.1(i) to (x) of this Pact also on the Commission by the BIDDER or any one employed by it or acting on its behalf (whether with or without the knowledge of the BIDDER), of an offence as defined in Chapter XII of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS) or Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 or any other statute enacted for prevention of corruption.
- 5.3 The decision of the BUYER to the effect that a breach of the provisions of this Pact has been committed by the BIDDER shall be final and conclusive on the BIDDER. However, the BIDDER can approach the Independent Monitor(s) appointed for the purposes of this Pact.

**6. Fall Clause**

The BIDDER undertakes that it has not supplied/is not supplying similar product/systems or subsystems at a price lower than that offered in the present Bid in respect of any other Ministry/Department of the Government of India or PSU or any other Bank and if it is found at any stage that similar product/systems or subsystems was supplied by the BIDDER to any other Ministry/Department of the Government of India or a PSU or a Bank at a lower price, then that very price, with due allowance for elapsed time, will be applicable to the present case and the difference in the cost would be refunded by the BIDDER to the BUYER, if the contract has already been concluded.

**7. Facilitation of Investigation**

In case of any allegation of violation of any provisions of this Pact or payment of commission, the BUYER or its agencies shall be entitled to examine all the documents including the Books of Accounts of the BIDDER and the BIDDER shall provide necessary information and documents in English and shall extend all possible help for the purpose of such examination.

**8 Law and Place of Jurisdiction**

This Pact is subject to Indian Law. The place of performance and jurisdiction is the seat of the BUYER.

**9. Other Legal Actions**

The actions stipulated in this Integrity Pact are without prejudice to any other legal action that may follow in accordance with the provisions of the extant law in force relating to any civil or criminal proceedings.

**10. Validity**

- 10.1 The validity of this Integrity Pact shall be from date of its signing and extend up to 5 years or the complete execution of the contract to the satisfaction of both the BUYER and the BIDDER/Seller, including warranty period, whichever is later. In case BIDDER is unsuccessful, this Integrity Pact shall expire after six months from the date of the signing of the contract, with the successful Bidder by the BUYER.

10.2 Should one or several provisions of this Pact turn out to be invalid; the remainder of this Pact shall remain valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to their original intentions.

11. The parties hereby sign this Integrity Pact at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

For BUYER

Name of the Officer.

Designation

Office / Department / Branch

State Bank of India.

For BIDDER

Chief Executive Officer/

Authorised Signatory

Designation

Witness

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Witness

1.

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**Note: This agreement will require stamp duty as applicable in the State where it is executed or stamp duty payable as per State of Telangana Stamp Act, whichever is higher.**

**Appendix-H**

## **Service Level Agreement**

### **AGREEMENT FOR VALIDATION OF MODEL FOR AUDIT HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND KNOWLEDGE (MAHAK) MODEL DESIGNED BY IAD**

**BETWEEN**

**STATE BANK OF INDIA**

**AND**

**Date of Commencement** \_\_\_\_\_ **DD/MM/YYYY** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Expiry** \_\_\_\_\_ **DD/MM/YYYY** \_\_\_\_\_

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This Agreement (“Agreement”) is made at State Bank of India, Internal Audit Department, Corporate Centre, Hyderabad on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

BETWEEN

**State Bank of India**, body corporate constituted under the State Bank of India Act, 1955 having its Corporate Centre and Central Office at State Bank Bhavan, Madame Cama Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai-21 and having one of its offices namely Internal Audit Department, Corporate Centre, at Nireerkshan Bhavan, Lingampally Post, Hyderabad-500019(TS) duly represented by .....hereinafter referred to as “**the Bank/ SBI**” which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof shall include its successors & permitted assigns of the First Part;

AND

M/s --, a -- constituted under the provisions of the ----, having its registered office at --, India hereinafter referred to as “Service Provider/ Consultant” or “--”, duly represented by ..... which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof shall include its successor & permitted assigns of the Second Part.

The Bank and Service Provider are sometimes individually referred to as a “Party” and collectively as “Parties” throughout this Agreement, and the words Party and Parties shall be construed accordingly.

WHEREAS

- (i) The Bank is carrying on business in banking in India and overseas and desirous to avail services for validation of Model created to assess the overall health of the Bank namely MODEL FOR AUDIT HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND KNOWLEDGE(MAHAK) of the Bank in accordance with the scope of engagement as detailed in this agreement and had accordingly issued Letter of allotment ---(**RFP**) against which the Service Provider had submitted its bid dated **–th , 2025 ('Proposal')**.  
and

- (ii) Service Provider is in business of providing consultancy services and agreed to provide the above-mentioned services to the Bank.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants, terms and conditions and understandings set forth in this Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties, with the intent to be legally bound, hereby covenant and agree as follows:

## **1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

### **1.1 Definitions**

Unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise defined or provided for herein, words and expressions shall have the same meaning as attributed to them in this Agreement. The capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the following meanings:

- 1.1.1 **“Confidential Information”** has the meaning set out in Section 9;
- 1.1.2 **Service(s)** means services to be provided as per the requirements specified in the Agreement and any other incidental services and other obligations of the Service Provider covered under the agreement.
- 1.1.3 **“Deficiencies”** shall mean defects arising from( the part of the service provider) non-conformity with the mutually agreed specifications and/or failure or non-conformity in the Scope of the Services.
- 1.1.4 **“Deliverables/ Work Product”** shall mean all work product generated by Consultant solely or jointly with others in the performance of the Services, including, but not limited to, any and all information, notes, reports, material, drawings, records, diagrams, formulae, processes, technology, firmware, software, know-how, designs, ideas, discoveries, inventions, improvements, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets.

1.1.5 **“Effective Date”** The date mentioned in clause 2.1.

1.1.6 **“Intellectual Property Rights”** shall mean and include (a) copyrights and all renewals thereof; (b) trademarks, trade names, service marks, service names, logos and corporate names, both primary and secondary, together with all goodwill associated therewith and including, without limitation, all translations, adaptations, combinations and derivations of each of the foregoing, (c) trade secrets and other confidential information (including proposals, financial and accounting data, business and marketing plans, customer and supplier lists and related information); (d) all other intellectual property, including but not limited to design rights, trade names, information technology, domain names; and (e) all registrations and applications for registration, extension or renewal filed anywhere in the world for each of the foregoing;

1.1.7 **“Total Project Cost”** means the price payable to Service Provider over the entire period of Agreement i.e. Rs.4,50,000 (Rs Four lakhs fifty thousand only) for the full and proper performance of its contractual obligations, excluding the cost of GST, all other taxes, levies and out of pocket expenses such as travel, boarding and lodging.

## 1.2 INTERPRETATION

In construing the Agreement:

1.1.1 Reference to a person includes any individual, firm, body corporate, association (whether incorporated or not) and authority or agency (whether government, semi government or local).

1.1.2 The singular includes the plural and vice versa.

1.1.3 Reference to any gender includes each other gender.

- 1.1.4 The provisions of the contents table, headings, clause numbers, italics, bold print and underlining is for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.
- 1.1.5 The Schedules, Annexures and Appendices to this Agreement shall form part of this Agreement.
- 1.1.6 A reference to any documents or agreements (and, where applicable, any of their respective provisions) means those documents or agreements as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time provided they are amended, supplemented or replaced in the manner envisaged in the relevant documents or agreements.
- 1.1.7 A reference to any statute, regulation, rule or other legislative provision includes any amendment to the statutory modification or re-enactment or, legislative provisions substituted for, and any statutory instrument issued under that statute, regulation, rule or other legislative provision.
- 1.1.8 Any agreement, notice, consent, approval, disclosure or communication under or pursuant to this Agreement is to be in writing.
- 1.1.9 The terms not defined in this agreement shall be given the same meaning as given to them in the RFP. If no such meaning is given technical words shall be understood in technical sense in accordance with the industrial practices.

## **2 COMMENCEMENT & TERM**

- 2.1 This Agreement shall commence from its date of execution mentioned above/ be deemed to have commenced from \_\_\_\_\_ **(Effective Date)**.
- 2.2 This Agreement shall be in force for a period 6 months from Effective Date, unless terminated by the Bank by notice in writing in accordance with the termination clauses of this Agreement.



2.3 The Bank shall have the right at its discretion to renew this Agreement in writing, for a further terms of 6 months on mutually agreed terms and conditions.

2.4 Unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Agreement, the Agreement shall come to an end on completion of the term specified in the Agreement or on expiration of the renewed term.

### **3 SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The scope and nature of the Services which Service Provider has to provide to the Bank is specified in **Annexure- A** of this Agreement.

### **4 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

4.1 Each of the Parties represents and warrants in relation to itself to the other that:

4.1.1 It has all requisite corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and has been fully authorized through applicable corporate process to do so.

4.1.2 The person(s) signing this agreement on behalf of the Parties have the necessary authority and approval for execution of this document and to bind his/their respective organization for due performance as set out in this Agreement. It has all necessary statutory and regulatory permissions, approvals and permits for the running and operation of its business.

4.1.3 It has full right, title and interest in and to all software, copyrights, trade names, trademarks, service marks, logos symbols and other proprietary marks (collectively '**IPR**') (including appropriate limited right of use of those owned by any of its vendors, affiliates or subcontractors) which it provides to the other Party, for use related to the services to be provided under this Agreement.

- 4.1.4 It will provide such cooperation as the other Party reasonably requests in order to give full effect to the provisions of this Agreement.
- 4.1.5 The execution and performance of this Agreement by either of the Parties does not and shall not violate any provision of any of the existing Agreement with any of the party and any other third party.

#### **4.2 Additional Representation and Warranties by Service Provider**

- 4.2.1 Service Provider shall perform the Services and carry out its obligations under the Agreement with due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted techniques and practices used in the industry and with professional standards recognized by professional bodies and shall observe sound management practices. It shall employ appropriate advanced technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, material and methods.
- 4.2.2 Service Provider has the requisite technical and other competence, sufficient, suitable, qualified and experienced manpower/personnel and expertise in providing the Services to the Bank.
- 4.2.3 Service Provider has valid and subsisting rights to all data, modules, components, designs, utilities, subsets, objects, programme listings, tools, models, methodologies, programmes, systems analysis frameworks, leading practices, and specifications sought to be used by it in relation to the provision of the Services.
- 4.2.4 Service Provider warrants that to the best of its knowledge, Services and Deliverables provided by Service Provider to the Bank do not violate or infringe any patent, copyright, trademarks, trade secrets or other Intellectual Property Rights of any third party.

- 4.2.5 Service Provider shall duly intimate to the Bank immediately, the changes, if any in the constitution of Consultancy Team delivering the Services under this Agreement.
- 4.2.6 The team composition submitted in response to the RFP shall remain the same and shall not be altered later on in any manner. The Bank will not consider substitution of professional staff during the Agreement period unless both Parties to the Agreement agree that undue delay makes such substitution unavoidable or for reasons such as death or medical incapacity or if the professional staff has left the organization. Any proposed substitute shall have equivalent or better qualifications and experience than the original candidate and be submitted by the Consultant within the period of time specified by the Bank. Such substitution shall only be affected with prior written approval of the Bank.
- 4.2.7 Service Provider shall make all reasonable endeavours to provide the Services promptly and diligently, as provided under the terms of this Agreement. Service Provider also undertakes to make best efforts that no delays or disruption is caused in the execution or completion of the Services and that no additional costs are incurred by the Bank in relation to the Services. Service Provider agrees that it shall cause its Consultancy Team, including the Key Personnel, Professional personnel and support personnel to strictly adhere to the project plans/ scope of work, the time line stipulations and the standards.
- 4.2.8 Service Provider shall ensure that all persons, employees, workers and other individuals engaged by Service Provider or sub-contracted (if allowed) by Service Provider in rendering the services for this Agreement have undergone proper background checking and verification and other necessary due diligence checks to examine their antecedence and ensure their suitability for such

engagement. No person shall be engaged by Service Provider unless such person is found to be suitable in such verification and Service Provider shall retain the records of such verification and shall produce the same to the Bank as and when requested.

- 4.2.9 Level of Engagement (i) Hierarchy of Engagement: Level of consultant in the execution Team to be of requisite seniority/ experience: (ii) Collaborative recommendations: The report to indicate the recommendation, if necessary , in two separate section(one where the recommendations have been arrived at by means of collaborative effort with the auditee unit of the bank and another where despite objection, if by the bank and its auditee unit, it is felt by the Service Provider that recommendation need to be implemented in the overall / Strategic interest of the unit)
- 4.2.10 List of enablers (that are needed for effective implementation of the recommendation) have to be provided so that the bank's auditee unit could prepare the action plan for attending the recommendations.
- 4.2.11 Final Report to be submitted within one month from the date of agreement.
- 4.2.12 Approach Document and questionnaire to be shared with stake holders of the bank's Audit Unit in advance.
- 4.2.13 Wherever the bank and its auditee units have engaged any consultant on any project, the Service Provider has to provide additional inputs for optimizing the benefits of recommendations indicated by the other consultants.
- 4.2.14 Service Provider is expected to review the responses submitted by the banks auditee Unit to the Audit report within three months from the date of receipt of Report at IA Department.
- 4.2.15 The protocol arrangement shall be as indicated below:

| Stage                                               | Onsite/<br>Offsite | Partner/<br>Director | Execution<br>Team |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Participation in the Kick of Meetings               | Onsite             | Yes                  | Yes               |
| Briefing Meeting at IAD Dept                        | Onsite             | Yes                  | Yes               |
| Interaction with other official at the Auditee Unit | Offsite            | Yes                  | Yes               |
| Exit Meeting                                        | Onsite             | Yes                  | Yes               |

## **5 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BANK**

- 5.1 The Bank shall designate a competent employee or employees, preferably within senior management, to be responsible for the completion of the Services contemplated under this Agreement and the supervision of the implementation of the Project Plan (“Nodal Officer”).
- 5.2 The Nodal Officer shall assist Service Provider in coordinating meetings/workshops with the relevant Heads of Departments and escalate issues/delays to the appropriate senior management and such Project Representative shall be Service Provider’s primary point of contact for the purposes of this Agreement. All communications to Service Provider shall be made solely by the Nodal Officer, on behalf of the Bank.
- 5.3 The Bank shall actively participate in providing required inputs and assessments required by the Consultancy Team in providing the Services in terms of this Agreement and the implementation of the Project Plan and validate and provide its acceptance for all Reports on a timely basis, if such Reports are in a form and manner that is acceptable to the Bank.

- 5.4 The Bank shall make administrative arrangements for working space (including communication, access cards and other infrastructure) at the State Bank Global IT Centre, CBD Belapur for the Consultancy Team.
- 5.5 The Bank shall arrange for the Heads of the Departments to attend meetings for the purposes explaining the processes and controls of the relevant Department to the Consultancy Team.
- 5.6 The Bank shall provide Service Provider and the Consultancy Team access to relevant documents/manuals/records as may be reasonably requested and required by the Consultancy Team in relation to the provision of the Services contemplated in terms of this Agreement.
- 5.7 Bank shall be solely responsible for, among other things: (i) making all management decisions and performing all management functions;(ii)designating one or more individuals possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and /or experience, preferably within senior management to oversee the Services; (iii) evaluating the adequacy and results of the Services; (iv) accepting responsibility for the results of the Services, and (v) establishing and maintaining internal controls, including, without limitation, monitoring ongoing activities.

## **6 RESPONSIBILITIES OF SERVICE PROVIDER**

- 6.1 Consultancy Team- For the purposes of the Services contemplated in terms of this Agreement and for the effective implementation of the project plan, Service Provider agrees and undertakes to nominate the following:
- 6.1.1 \_\_\_\_\_ “Key Personnel” one of whom will be overall in-charge of the project and shall discharge his /her respective responsibilities. The Key Personnel should

be working on the project from SBI location throughout the period of engagement;  
and

6.1.2 Another Key Person will act as the manager in respect of the provision of the Services contemplated in terms of this Agreement and the implementation of the Project Plan. This Key Personnel shall also be working on the project from SBI location throughout the period of engagement.

6.1.3 In addition to Key Personnel, the consultancy team shall comprise of experts and specialists (the “Professional Personnel”) in their respective areas of expertise and managerial/support staff (the “Support Personnel”) such that the Consultant should be able to complete the Consultancy within the specified time schedule.

6.2 A detailed list of all the members of the team, including the Key Personnel, Professional Personnel and Support Personnel (“**Consultancy Team**”) is set out in **Annexure C** hereto.

6.3 Service Provider agrees and undertakes that all the Key Personnel will be available for the entire duration of the project. Save and except as provided in clause 4.2.6, the Bank will not consider any request for substitution of any member of the Consultancy Team.

6.4 Service Provider for itself and on behalf of members of the Consultancy Team hereby agrees to abide by the confidentiality obligations as set forth in this Agreement.

6.5 Service Provider shall report the incidents, including cyber incidents and those resulting in disruption of service and data loss/ leakage immediately but not later than twenty-four hours of detection.

6.6 The Service Provider agrees to comply with the obligations arising out of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, as and when made effective. Any processing of

Personal Data by the Service Provider in the performance of this Agreement shall be in compliance with the above Act thereafter. The Service Provider shall also procure that any sub-contractor (if allowed) engaged by it shall act in compliance with the above Act, to the extent applicable. The Service Provider understands and agrees that this agreement may have to be modified in a time bound manner to ensure that the provisions contained herein are in compliance with the above Act.

## **7 FEES, TAXES DUTIES AND PAYMENTS**

- 7.1 Service Provider shall be paid fees and charges in the manner detailed in hereunder, the same shall be subject to deduction of income tax thereon wherever required under the provisions of the Income Tax Act by the Bank. The remittance of amounts so deducted and issuance of certificate for such deductions shall be made by the Bank as per the laws and regulations for the time being in force. Nothing in the Agreement shall relieve Service Provider from his responsibility to pay any tax that may be levied in India on income and profits made by Service Provider in respect of this Agreement.
- 7.1.1 The Bank agrees to pay the fees as set out in **Annexure B** (“Fees”) to Service Provider for the Services being rendered by it, in the manner set out in this Agreement.
- 7.1.2 The Parties agree that the Fees payable in respect of a stage shall be paid as per the detailed billing schedule set out in **Annexure B**.
- 7.1.3 The Parties agree that all Fees will be billed by and payable in Indian rupees at Mumbai. The Bank will pay properly submitted valid invoices within reasonable period but not exceeding 30 (thirty) days after its receipt thereof.
- 7.1.4 The Bank may withhold payment of any Services that it disputes in good faith, and



may set-off penalty amount or any other amount which Service Provider owes to the Bank against amount payable to Service Provider under this Agreement. However, before levying penalty or recovery of any damages, the Bank shall provide a written notice to Service Provider indicating the reasons for such penalty or recovery of damages. Service Provider shall have the liberty to present its case in writing together with documentary evidences, if any, within 21 (twenty one) days. Penalty or damages, if any, recoverable from Service Provider shall be recovered by the Bank through a credit note or revised invoices. In case Service Provider fails to issue credit note/ revised invoice, the Bank shall have right to withhold the payment or set-off penal amount from current

- 7.2 All duties and taxes (excluding<sup>2</sup> Goods and Services Taxes (GST) or any other tax imposed by the Government in lieu of same), if any, which may be levied, shall be borne by Service Provider and Bank shall not be liable for the same. GST or any other tax imposed by the Government in lieu of same shall be borne by the Bank on actual.
- 7.3 All expenses, stamp duty and other charges/ expenses in connection with execution of this Agreement shall be borne by Service Provider.

## **8 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

- 8.1 The Parties agree that all data or information supplied by the Bank to Service Provider and/or the Consultancy Team in connection with the provision of Services by it shall remain the property of the Bank or its licensors.
- 8.2 Any licensed material used by Service Provider for performing Services or developing Work Product for the Bank, Service Provider should have right to use as

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<sup>2</sup> Please determine the applicability of the taxes.

well as right to license for the outsourced services. The Bank shall not be liable for any license or IPR violation on the part of Service Provider.

- 8.3 Subject to below mentioned sub-clause 8.4 and 8.5 of this Agreement, Service Provider shall, at its own expenses without any limitation, indemnify and keep fully and effectively indemnified the Bank against all costs, claims, damages, demands, expenses and liabilities of whatsoever nature arising out of or in connection with all claims of infringement of Intellectual Property Rights, including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or industrial design rights of any third party arising from the Services or use of Work Product or any part thereof in India or abroad under this Agreement.
- 8.4 The Bank will give (a) notice to Service Provider of any such claim without delay/provide reasonable assistance to Service Provider in disposing of the claim; (b) sole authority to defend and settle such claim and; (c) will at no time admit to any liability for or express any intent to settle the claim provided that (i) Service Provider shall not partially settle any such claim without the written consent of the Bank, unless such settlement releases the Bank fully from such claim, (ii) Service Provider shall promptly provide the Bank with copies of all pleadings or similar documents relating to any such claim, (iii) Service Provider shall consult with the Bank with respect to the defense and settlement of any such claim, and (iv) in any litigation to which the Bank is also a party, the Bank shall be entitled to be separately represented at its own expenses by counsel of its own selection.
- 8.5 Service Provider shall have no obligations with respect to any infringement claims to the extent that the infringement claim arises or results from: (i) Service Provider's compliance with the Bank's specific technical designs or instructions (except where Service Provider knew or should have known that such compliance was likely to result in an infringement claim and Service Provider did not inform the Bank of the

same); or (ii) any unauthorized modification or alteration of the Deliverable by the Bank.

- 8.6 All Work Product prepared by the Consultant in performing the Services shall become and remain the sole and exclusive property of the Bank and all Intellectual Property Rights in such Work Product shall vest with the Bank. Any Work Product, of which the ownership or the Intellectual Property Rights do not vest with the Bank under law, shall automatically stand assigned to the Bank as and when such Work Product is created and the Consultant agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other acts as the Bank may deem necessary to secure its rights herein assigned by the Consultant. The Work Product shall not be used for any purpose other than intended under the scope of work, without prior written consent of the Bank.
- 8.7 In the event that Consultant integrates any work that was previously or independently created by the Consultant into any Work Product, the Consultant shall retain the ownership of the same and grant to, and the Bank is hereby granted, a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable license to utilize the incorporated items, including, but not limited to, any and all copyrights, patents, designs, trade secrets, trademarks or other Intellectual Property Rights, in connection with the Work Product.

## **9 CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 9.1 For the purpose of this Agreement, Confidential Information shall mean (i) information of all kinds, whether oral, written or otherwise recorded or in electronic form including, without limitation, any analyses, compilations, forecasts, data, studies or other documents, regarding the past, current or future affairs, business, plans or operations of a Party to which the other Party will have access, (ii) the existence of the contemplated terms and the fact that discussions or negotiations are taking place or have taken place between the Parties concerning the contemplated terms, (iii) any and all information

regarding the contemplated terms and any agreements that may be entered into in relation thereto and (iv) any customer details or other data received by a Party from the other Party or its customer(s) or otherwise shared between the Parties in connection with the Service.

9.2 In consideration of each Party providing the other Party or its' representatives with the Confidential Information, the Parties agree as follows:

- 9.2.1. Each Party shall keep confidential and shall not, directly or indirectly, disclose, except as provided in sub-clauses below, in any manner whatsoever, in whole or in part, the Confidential Information without the other Party's prior written consent.
- 9.2.2. Each Party shall hold the Confidential Information in confidence and shall exercise all reasonable diligence in ensuring that the Confidential Information is not disclosed to third parties and will refrain from using the Confidential Information for any purpose whatsoever other than for the purposes of this Agreement or for the purpose for which such information is supplied.
- 9.2.3. Notwithstanding the above, each Party may reveal the Confidential Information to those of its employees, officers or directors ('representatives'), those of its' holding company and those of its subsidiaries who are involved in the negotiation or evaluation of the project, and shall procure and ensure that each of them complies with the obligation to keep the Confidential Information secret, private and confidential and strictly observes the terms of this Agreement.
- 9.2.4. The confidentiality obligation shall not apply to such portions of the Confidential Information which one of the Parties can demonstrate (i) are or become generally available to the public other than as a result of any breach of this Agreement, (ii) were in its possession on a non-confidential basis prior to the date hereof, (iii) have been rightfully received from a third party after the date hereof without restriction on disclosure and without breach of this Agreement, said third party being under no

obligation of confidentiality to the other Party with respect to such Confidential Information, or is developed by the receiving party independently without any reference or use of disclosing party's Confidential Information.

9.2.5. In the event that a Party becomes legally compelled pursuant to any statutory or regulatory provision, court or arbitral decision, governmental order, or stock exchange requirements to disclose any of the Confidential Information, the compelled Party, as far as possible will provide the other Party with prompt written notice to the extent not prohibited by law. In any case, the compelled Party will furnish only that portion of the Confidential Information which is legally required and will exercise all reasonable efforts to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded to the Confidential Information.

9.2.6. In the event of termination or expiry of this Agreement, each Party shall either (i) promptly destroy all copies of the written (including information in electronic form) Confidential Information in its possession or that of its representatives; or (ii) promptly deliver to the other Party at its own expense all copies of the written Confidential Information in its possession or that of its representatives, provided, however, each Party shall be permitted to retain copies of the Confidential Information for the purposes of dispute resolution, compliance with regulatory agency or authority and internal compliance procedures, provided such copies being held and kept confidential.

9.2.7. By furnishing the Confidential Information, no Party makes an express or implied representation or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of the Confidential Information that it has disclosed and each Party expressly disclaims any liability that may be based on the Confidential Information, errors therein or omissions there from, save in the case of fraud or wilful default.

9.3. Receiving party undertakes to promptly notify disclosing party in writing any breach of obligation of the Agreement by its employees or representatives including

confidentiality obligation. Receiving party acknowledges that monetary damages may not be the only and / or a sufficient remedy for unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information and that disclosing party shall be entitled, without waiving any other rights or remedies, to injunctive or equitable relief as may be deemed proper by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

- 9.4. Service Provider shall not, without the Bank's prior written consent, disclose the Agreement, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample or information furnished by or on behalf of the Bank in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by Service Provider in the Performance of the Contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far, as may be necessary to purposes of such performance.
- 9.5. Service Provider shall not, without the Bank's prior written consent, make use of any document or information received from the Bank except for purposes of performing the services and obligations under this Agreement.
- 9.6. Any document received from the Bank shall remain the property of the Bank and subject to clause 9.2.6 shall be returned (in all copies) to the Bank on completion of Service Provider's performance under the Agreement.
- 9.7. The foregoing obligations (collectively referred to as "Confidentiality Obligations") set out in this Agreement shall survive the term of this Agreement and for a period of (five) years thereafter provided Confidentiality Obligations with respect to individually identifiable information, customer's data of Parties or software in human-readable form (e.g., source code) shall survive in perpetuity.

## **10 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES**

- 10.1 It is specifically agreed that Service Provider shall act as independent service provider and shall not be deemed to be the Agent of the Bank except in respect of the transactions/services which give rise to Principal - Agent relationship by express agreement between the Parties.
- 10.2 Neither Service Provider nor its employees, agents, representatives, Sub-Contractors shall hold out or represent as agents of the Bank.
- 10.3 None of the employees, representatives or agents of Service Provider shall be entitled to claim permanent absorption or any other claim or benefit against the Bank.
- 10.4 This Agreement shall not be construed as joint venture. Each Party shall be responsible for all its obligations towards its respective employees. No employee of any of the two Parties shall claim to be employee of other Party.
- 10.5 All the obligations towards the employee(s) of a Party on account of personal accidents while working in the premises of the other Party shall remain with the respective employer and not on the Party in whose premises the accident occurred unless such accidents occurred due to gross negligent act of the Party in whose premises the accident occurred.
- 10.6 For redressal of complaints of sexual harassment at workplace, Parties agree to comply with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 including any amendment thereto.

## **11 SUB-CONTRACTING**

As per the scope of this Agreement, sub-contracting is not permitted.

- (i) Sub-Contracting is not permitted. However, Bank may permit sub-contracting on case-to-case basis at the sole discretion of the Bank. If permitted, the Service

Provider shall carry out its standard due diligence process on sub-contracting/ sub-contractor as per its internal processes and policies.

- (ii) Service Provider shall comply with all the instructions, requirements and any other conditions suggested by the Bank in order for the Bank to comply with its site access and regulatory audit requirements (as mentioned in the Agreement) and upon' s Bank request Service Provider will provide a written confirmation of compliance with the requirements of this provision.
- (iii) With the Bank's prior written approval, Service Provider may change the sub-contractor, provided it does not impact the quality of Services being delivered. However, Service Provider shall inform the Bank on its intention to change the sub-contractor and reason thereof.
- (iv) Service Provider shall be responsible for all the Services provided to the Bank regardless of which entity is conducting the operations. Service Provider is also responsible for ensuring that the sub-contractor comply with all security/confidentiality requirements and other terms and conditions as applicable to Service Provider mentioned in this Agreement.
- (v) Service Provider shall ensure that suitable documents including confidentiality agreement are obtained from the sub-contractor and the Service Provider shall ensure that the secrecy and faith of the Bank's data / processes is maintained.
- (vi) Notwithstanding approval of the Bank for sub-contracting, the Service Provider shall remain liable to the Bank for all acts/omissions of sub-contractors.
- (vii) Service Provider shall ensure that it shall have all back-to-back commitments from its vendors in such agreements.
- (viii) Service Provider shall provide the complete details of Services sub-contracted by it including the details of sub-contractor(s) and/or its agent to the Bank as and when requested.



## 12 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

If Service Provider fails to perform any or all the Services within the stipulated time, schedule as specified in this Agreement, the Bank may, without prejudice to its other remedies under the Agreement, and unless otherwise extension of time is agreed upon without the application of liquidated damages, deduct from the Project Cost, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to 1% of the total Project Cost for delay of each week or part thereof maximum up to 5% of total Project Cost. Once the maximum is reached, the Bank may consider termination of Agreement by providing written notice to the Service Provider.

## 13 PENALTY

- 13.1 Performance of the obligations under the Agreement shall be made by Service Provider in accordance with the time schedule specified in this Agreement.
- 13.2 Subject to clause 21 “*Termination*” of this Agreement, any unexcused delay by Service Provider in the performance of its Contract obligations shall render this Agreement to be terminated.
- 13.3 If at any time during performance of the Contract, Service Provider should encounter unexpected conditions impeding timely completion of the Services under the Agreement and performance of the services, Service Provider shall promptly notify the Bank in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable, after receipt of Service Provider’s notice, the Bank shall evaluate the situation and may at its discretion extend Service Provider’s time for performance, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the Parties by amendment of the Agreement.
- 13.4 Service Provider shall be liable to pay penalty at the rate mentioned in **Annexure D** in respect of any delay beyond the permitted period in providing the Services.

13.5 No penalty shall be levied in case of delay(s) in deliverables or performance of the contract for the reasons solely and directly attributable to the Bank. On reaching the maximum of penalties specified the Bank reserves the right to terminate the contract.

#### **14 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.**

14.1 Service Provider agrees and declares that it shall be the sole responsibility of Service Provider to comply with the provisions of all the applicable laws, concerning or in relation to rendering of Services by Service Provider as envisaged under this agreement.

14.2 Service Provider shall procure and maintain all necessary licenses, permissions, approvals from the relevant authorities under the applicable laws throughout the currency of this Agreement, require for performing the Services under this Agreement.

14.3 Service Provider shall be solely liable & responsible for compliance of applicable Labour Laws in respect of its employee, agents, representatives and sub-Contractors (if allowed) and in particular laws relating to terminal benefits such as Pension, Gratuity, Provident Fund, Bonus or other benefits to which they may be entitled and the laws relating to Contract Labour, Minimum Wages, etc., and the Bank shall have no liability in these regards.

14.4 Service Provider shall cooperate reasonably with any legitimately provided/ constituted body conducting inquiry into processing and execution of this Agreement/ any other matter related with discharge of contractual obligations by Service Provider.

14.5 Service Provider confirms that it has full authority to enter into this Agreement and render the Services as envisaged under this Agreement and all Corporate or other necessary approvals have been obtained for entering into this Agreement with the

Bank. Further, the persons executing this Agreement on behalf of Service Provider have full authority and power to execute this Agreement and bind Service Provider.

## **15 GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

### **15.1 Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

This Agreement shall be governed by, and be construed in accordance with the laws of Republic of India. The parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of appropriate court in **Mumbai** in connection with any dispute between the parties under the Agreement.

### **15.2 Dispute Resolution**

15.2.1 All disputes or differences whatsoever arising between the parties out of or in connection with this Agreement, if any, or in discharge of any obligation arising out of this Agreement and the Contract (whether during the progress of work or after completion of such work and whether before or after the termination of the contract, abandonment or breach of the contract), shall be settled amicably. If however, the parties are not able to solve them amicably within 30 (Thirty) days after the dispute occurs, as evidenced through the first written communication from any Party notifying the other regarding the disputes, the same shall be referred to and be subject to the jurisdiction of competent Civil Courts of Mumbai only. The Civil Courts in Mumbai, Maharashtra shall have exclusive jurisdiction in this regard..

15.2.2 Service Provider shall continue work under the Contract during the dispute resolution proceedings unless otherwise directed by the Bank or unless the matter is such that the work cannot possibly be continued until the decision of the competent court is obtained.

15.2.3 In case of any change in applicable laws that has an effect on the terms of this Agreement, the Parties agree that the Agreement may be reviewed, and if deemed necessary by the Parties, make necessary amendments to the Agreement by mutual

agreement in good faith, in case of disagreement obligations mentioned in this clause shall be observed.

## **16 GENERAL INDEMNITY**

- 16.1 Service Provider agrees and hereby keeps the Bank indemnified against all claims, actions, loss, damages, costs, expenses, charges, including legal expenses (Attorney, Advocates fees included) which the Bank may suffer or incur on account of (i) Services Provider's breach of its warranties, covenants, responsibilities or obligations; or (ii) breach of confidentiality obligations mentioned in this Agreement; or (iii) any willful misconduct and gross negligent acts on the part of employees, agents, representatives or sub-contractors (if allowed) of Service Provider. Service Provider agrees to make good the loss suffered by the Bank.

## **17 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- 17.1 Service Provider shall not receive any remuneration in connection with the assignment except as provided in the Contract.
- 17.2 Service Provider shall provide professional, objective and impartial advice and at all times hold the Bank's interest's paramount, strictly avoiding conflicts with other assignment(s)/job(s) or their own corporate interests, and act without any expectation/ consideration for award of any future assignment(s) from the Bank. Service Provider shall reasonably take efforts to avoid any conflict of interest while discharging contractual obligations and bring, before-hand, any possible instance of conflict of interest to the knowledge of the Bank, while rendering Services under the Agreement.

## **18 LIMITATION ON LIABILITY**

- 18.1 The maximum aggregate liability of Service Provider, subject to below mentioned sub-clause 18.3, in respect of any claims, losses, costs or damages arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall not exceed the total Project Cost.
- 18.2 Under no circumstances shall either Party be liable for any indirect, consequential or incidental losses, damages or claims including loss of profit, loss of business or revenue.
- 18.3 The limitations set forth in abovementioned sub-Clause 18.1 shall not apply with respect to:
- (i) claims that are the subject of indemnification pursuant to Clause 8 i.e. infringement of third party Intellectual Property Rights;
  - (ii) damage(s) occasioned by the Gross Negligence or Willful Misconduct of Service Provider;
  - (iii) damage(s) occasioned by Service Provider for breach of Confidentiality Obligations mentioned under this Agreement;
  - (iv) Regulatory or statutory fines imposed by a Government or Regulatory agency for non-compliance of statutory or regulatory guidelines applicable to the Bank, provided such guidelines were brought to the notice of Service Provider.

For the purpose of above mentioned sub-clause (ii) “Gross Negligence” means any act or failure to act by a party which was in reckless disregard of or gross indifference to the obligation of the party under this Agreement and which causes injury, damage to life, personal safety, real property, harmful consequences to the other party, which such party knew, or would have known if it was acting as a reasonable person, would result from such act or failure to act for which such

Party is legally liable. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Gross Negligence shall not include any action taken in good faith.

“Willful Misconduct” means any act or failure to act with an intentional disregard of any provision of this Agreement, which a party knew or should have known if it was acting as a reasonable person, which would result in injury, damage to life, personal safety, real property, harmful consequences to the other party, but shall not include any error of judgment or mistake made in good faith.

## **19 POWER TO VARY OR OMIT WORK**

19.1 No alterations, amendments, omissions, additions, suspensions or variations of the work (hereinafter referred to as variation) under the Agreement shall be made by Service Provider except as directed in writing by Bank. The Bank shall have full powers, subject to the provision herein after contained, from time to time during the execution of the Agreement, by notice in writing to instruct Service Provider to make any variation without prejudice to the Agreement. Service Provider shall carry out such variations and be bound by the same conditions, though the said variations occurred in the Agreement documents. If any suggested variations would, in the opinion of Service Provider, if carried out, prevent them from fulfilling any of their obligations under the Agreement, they shall notify the Bank, thereof, in writing with reasons for holding such opinion and Bank shall instruct Service Provider to make such other modified variation without prejudice to the Agreement. Service Provider shall carry out such variations and be bound by the same conditions, though the said variations occurred in the Agreement documents. If Bank confirms their instructions Service Provider’s obligations will be modified to such an extent as may be mutually agreed. If such variation involves extra cost, any agreed difference in cost occasioned by such variation shall be mutually agreed between the parties. In any case in which

Service Provider has received instructions from the Bank as to the requirement of carrying out the altered or additional substituted work, which either then or later on, will in the opinion of Service Provider, involve a claim for additional payments, such additional payments shall be mutually agreed in line with the terms and conditions of the order.

- 19.2 If any change in the work is likely to result in reduction in cost, the parties shall agree in writing so as to the extent of reduction in payment to be made to Service Provider, before Service Provider proceeding with the change.

## **20 RIGHT TO AUDIT**

- 20.1 It is agreed by and between the parties that Service Provider shall be subject to annual audit by internal/ external Auditors appointed by the Bank/ inspecting official from the Reserve Bank of India or any regulatory authority, covering the risk parameters finalized by the Bank/ such auditors in the areas of products and Services etc. provided to the Bank and Service Provider shall submit such certification by such Auditors to the Bank. Service Provider and or his / their outsourced agents / sub – contractors (if allowed by the Bank) shall facilitate the same. The Bank can make its expert assessment on the efficiency and effectiveness of the security, control, risk management, governance system and process created by Service Provider. Service Provider shall, whenever required by such Auditors, furnish all relevant information, records/data to them. All costs for such audit shall be borne by the Bank. Except for the audit done by Reserve Bank of India or any statutory/regulatory authority, the Bank shall provide reasonable notice not less than 7 (seven) days to Service Provider before such audit and same shall be conducted during normal business hours.
- 20.2 Where any Deficiency has been observed during audit of Service Provider on the risk parameters finalized by the Bank or in the certification submitted by the Auditors, it is agreed upon by Service Provider that it shall correct/ resolve the same at the earliest

and shall provide all necessary documents related to resolution thereof and the auditor shall further certify in respect of resolution of the Deficiencies. It is also agreed that Service Provider shall provide certification of the auditor to the Bank regarding compliance of the observations made by the auditors covering the respective risk parameters against which such Deficiencies observed.

20.3 Service Provider further agrees that whenever required by the Bank, it will furnish all relevant information, records/data to such auditors and/or inspecting officials of the Bank/ Reserve Bank of India and/or any regulatory authority (ies). The Bank reserves the right to call for and/or retain any relevant information / audit reports on financial and security reviews with their findings undertaken by Service Provider. However, Service Provider shall not be obligated to provide records/ data not related to Services under the Agreement (e.g. internal cost breakup etc.).

20.4 Service Provider shall grants unrestricted and effective access to a) data related to the Services; b) **the relevant business premises of the Service Provider**; subject to appropriate security protocols, for the purpose of effective oversight use by the Bank, their auditors, regulators and other relevant Competent Authorities, as authorised under law.

20.5 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, neither Bank nor its appointed third parties or regulators/statutory authorities shall have physical access to the premises of the Service Provider or access to their systems and/or servers for the purpose of audit.

## **21 TERMINATION**

21.1 The Bank may, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of Agreement, by written notice of not less than 30 (thirty) days, terminate the Agreement in whole or in part:



- (i) If Service Provider fails to deliver any or all the obligations within the time period specified in the Agreement, or any extension thereof granted by the Bank;
- (ii) If Service Provider fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the Agreement;
- (iii) Violations of any terms and conditions stipulated in the RFP;
- (iv) On happening of any termination event mentioned herein above in this Agreement.

Prior to providing a written notice of termination to Service Provider under above mentioned sub-clause (i) to (iii), the Bank shall provide Service Provider with a written notice of 30 (thirty) days to cure such breach of the Agreement. If the breach continues or remains unrectified after expiry of cure period, the Bank shall have right to initiate action in accordance with above clause.

- 21.2 The Bank, by written notice of not less than 90 (ninety) days, may terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, for its convenience. In the event of termination of the Agreement for the Bank's convenience, Service Provider shall be entitled to receive payment for the Services rendered (delivered) up to the effective date of termination.
- 21.3 In the event the Bank terminates the Agreement in whole or in part for the breaches attributable to Service Provider, it may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Services similar to those undelivered, and subject to clause 18 Service Provider shall be liable to the Bank for any increase in cost for such similar Services. However, Service Provider shall continue performance of the Agreement to the extent not terminated.
- 21.4 The Bank shall have a right to terminate the Agreement immediately by giving a notice in writing to Service Provider in the following eventualities:
  - 21.4.1 If any Receiver/Liquidator is appointed in connection with the business of Service Provider or Service Provider transfers substantial assets in favour of its creditors or any orders / directions are issued by any Authority / Regulator which has the effect of suspension of the business of Service Provider.

21.4.2 If Service Provider applies to the Court or passes a resolution for voluntary winding up of or any other creditor / person files a petition for winding up or dissolution of Service Provider.

21.4.3 If any acts of commission or omission on the part of Service Provider or its agents, employees, sub-contractors or representatives, in the reasonable opinion of the Bank tantamount to fraud or prejudicial to the interest of the Bank or its employee(s).

21.4.4 Any document, information, data or statement submitted by Service Provider in response to RFP, based on which Service Provider was considered eligible or successful, is found to be false, incorrect or misleading.

**22.4** In the event of termination of the Agreement for material breach, the Bank shall have the right to report such incident in accordance with the mandatory reporting obligations under the applicable law or regulations.

**22.5** Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration; the obligation of confidentiality and indemnity; obligation of payment; Governing Law clause; Dispute resolution clause; and any right which a Party may have under the applicable law.

## **22 CONTINGENCY PLANS & CONTINUITY ARRANGEMENTS**

22.1 Service Provider shall arrange and ensure proper contingency plans to meet any unexpected obstruction to Service Provider or any employees or sub-contractors (if allowed) of Service Provider in rendering the Services or any part of the same under this Agreement to the Bank.

22.2 Service Provider agrees for the following continuity arrangements to ensure the business continuity of the Bank.

22.2.1 In the event of failure of Service Provider to render the Services or in the event of termination of Agreement or expiry of term or otherwise, without prejudice to any other right, the Bank at its sole discretion may make alternate arrangement for getting the Services contracted with another vendor. In such case, the Bank shall give prior notice to the existing Service Provider.

## **23 FORCE MAJEURE**

- 23.1 Notwithstanding anything else contained in the Agreement, neither Party shall be liable for any delay in performing its obligations herein if and to the extent that such delay is the result of an event of Force Majeure.
- 23.2 For the purposes of this clause, 'Force Majeure' means and includes wars, insurrections, revolution, civil disturbance, riots, terrorist acts, public strikes, hartal, bundh, fires, floods, epidemic, quarantine restrictions, freight embargoes, declared general strikes in relevant industries, Vis Major, acts of Government in their sovereign capacity, impeding reasonable performance of the Contractor and / or Sub-Contractor but does not include any foreseeable events, commercial considerations or those involving fault or negligence on the part of the party claiming Force Majeure.
- 23.3 If a Force Majeure situation arises, Service Provider shall promptly notify the Bank in writing of such conditions, the cause thereof and the likely duration of the delay. Unless otherwise directed by the Bank in writing, Service Provider shall continue to perform its obligations under the Agreement as far as reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.
- 23.4 If the event of Force Majeure continues for a period more than 30 (thirty) days, either Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving a notice to other Party. Neither Party shall have any penal liability to the other in respect of the

termination of this Agreement as a result of an event of Force Majeure. However, Service Provider shall be entitled to receive payments for all services actually rendered up to the date of the termination of this Agreement. The decision as to whether force majeure exists or not shall vest in the bank

## **24 SEVERABILITY**

If any part or any provision of this Agreement is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable, that part or provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability only, without in any way affecting the validity or enforceability of the remaining parts of said provision or the remaining provisions of this Agreement. The Parties hereby agree to attempt to substitute any invalid or unenforceable provision with a valid or enforceable provision, which achieves to the greatest extent possible the economic, legal and commercial objectives of the invalid or unenforceable provision.

## **25 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

- 25.1 This Agreement, RFP and Proposal constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior written agreements, undertakings, understandings and negotiations, both written and oral, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of the Agreement, except which are expressly annexed or attached to this Agreement and saved by this Agreement. No representation, inducement, promise, understanding, condition or warranty not set forth herein has been made or relied upon by any Party hereto.
- 25.2 The following documents along with all addenda issued thereto shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as integral part of this Agreement and in case of any contradiction between or among them the priority in which a document would prevail over another would be as laid down below beginning from the highest priority to the lowest priority:

**25.2.1** This Agreement;

**25.2.2** Annexure of Agreement;

## **26 NOTICE**

26.1 Any notice or any other communication required to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and may be given by delivering the same by hand or sending the same by prepaid registered mail, postage prepaid, telegram or facsimile to the relevant address set forth below or such other address as each Party may notify in writing to the other Party from time to time. Any such notice given as aforesaid shall be deemed to be served or received at the time upon delivery (if delivered by hand) or upon actual receipt (if given by postage prepaid, telegram or facsimile).

26.2 A notice shall be effective when it is delivered or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.

26.3 Address for communication to the Parties are as under:

### **26.3.1 Communications to the Bank:**

**State Bank of India,**

Internal Audit Department,

Corporate Centre, Nireerkshan Bhavan, Lingampally Post,

Hyderabad-500019(TS)

### **26.3.2 Communications to Service Provider:**

26.4 In case there is any change in the address of one party, it shall be promptly communicated in writing to the other party.

## **27 MISCELLANEOUS**

- 27.1 Any provision of this Agreement may be amended or waived, if, and only if such amendment or waiver is in writing and signed, in the case of an amendment by each party, or in this case of a waiver, by the Party against whom the waiver is to be effective.
- 27.2 No failure or delay by any Party in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise of any other right, power or privilege. The rights and remedies herein provided shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law.
- 27.3 Neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof is intended to confer upon any person/s other than the Parties to this Agreement any rights or remedies hereunder.
- 27.4 If this Agreement is signed in counterparts, each counterpart shall be deemed to be an original.
- 27.5 Service Provider shall not assign or transfer all or any of its rights, benefits or obligations under this Agreement without the approval of the Bank. The Bank may, at any time, assign or transfer all or any of its rights, benefits and obligations under this Agreement.
- 27.6 Service Provider agrees that it shall not use the logo, trademark, copy rights or other proprietary rights of the Bank in any advertisement or publicity materials or any other written communication with any other party, without the prior written consent of the Bank.
- 27.7 During the term of this Agreement and for a one year thereafter, neither party shall (either directly or indirectly through a third party) employ, solicit to employ, cause to be solicited for the purpose of employment or offer employment to any employee/s or sub-contractor/s of the other party, or aid any third person to do so. However,

nothing in this clause shall affect the either party's regular recruitments as per its recruitment policy and not targeted to the employees of Service Provider.

27.8 Service Provider agrees that the Bank shall have the right to disclose the details of this Agreement and the details of Services covered herein to the Reserve Bank of India and Indian Banks Association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the date and day first mentioned above.

**State Bank of India**

**Service Provider**

**By:**

**By:**

**Name:**

**Name:**

**Designation:**

**Designation:**

**Date:**

**Date: DD/MM/YYYY**

WITNESS:

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## ANNEXURE A

### **Service Provider's Scope of Work, Deliverables and Timelines**

#### **Scope of Work:**

##### **Scope and Objective of Work**

- To review the methodology adopted and logic built in the MAHAK Model for arriving at the Audit Health of the Bank.
- To ensure that the outcome of the model is fair representation of Audit Health of the Bank.



ANNEXURE B

**Fees**

As full consideration to Service Provider for the performance of the Services under the Agreement, the Bank shall pay the sum of RS. /- plus applicable taxes (including GST), levies and out of pocket expenses such as travel, boarding and lodging as mentioned in the Agreement.

The schedule for payment of fees for the Services shall be as below:

| Key Dates  | Description of Deliverables     | Payment % |
|------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| DD/MM/YYYY | Signing of SLA                  | 20%       |
| DD/MM/YYYY | Submission of draft deliverable | 80%       |
|            |                                 |           |
|            |                                 |           |
|            | <b>Total</b>                    | 100%      |

ANNEXURE C

**List of Members of the Consultancy Team**

| Sr.<br>no             | Name | Designation | Role |
|-----------------------|------|-------------|------|
| Core Consultancy Team |      |             |      |
| 1                     |      |             |      |
| 2                     |      |             |      |
| 3                     |      |             |      |
| 4                     |      |             |      |
| 5                     |      |             |      |
| 6                     |      |             |      |
| 7                     |      |             |      |
| 8                     |      |             |      |

## ANNEXURE D

### **Penalties**

(Please provide details of applicable penalties)

5. Service provider shall be liable to pay penalty at the rate of 2%(two percent) in respect of any delay beyond the permitted period (as per paragraph ) in providing the service.
6. No penalty shall be levied in case of delay(s) in deliverables or performance of the contract for the reasons solely and directly attributable to the Bank. On reaching the maximum of penalties specified the Bank reserves the right to terminate the contract.
7. Grace period: 15 days
8. Exemptions: Delays caused by force majeure, changes in the score or client requested extensions subject to mutual agreement.