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M/s Almondz Global Securities Ltd.

No: 30-46/2019-USOF/Uncov. Vill./RFQ/865

Dated 08-04-2019

Sub.: Pre-bid clarification with respect to the request for Quotation (RFQ) for engagement of Financial Consultant for Formulation of USOF scheme(s) for provision of mobile connectivity to uncovered areas of Ladakh & Kargil (J&K Region), Border areas (List provided by MHA) and other priority areas.

Sir/Madam,

In accordance with the approval of Administrator, USOF, necessary clarification in response to the pre-bid queries raised by the empanelled Financial Consultant to the RFQ is issued (**Annexure enclosed**). These clarification may be taken into account before submission of the proposal/bid in pursuance to the RFQ date 25-03-2019.

All the other contents of the RFQ holds good.

Encl: As above

(Sandesh Lata)

Asst. Administrator (F-I)

Annexure

Sl. No	Query & relevant clause of RFQ	Clarification
1	<p>Clause 2.4 Whether Financial Consultant is expected/required to conduct/carry out site visits during the course of the execution of this assignment.</p>	Financial Consultant is not required to conduct/carry out site visits.
2	<p>Clause 2 (i) & (ii) Whether Financial Consultant is expected/required to engage the services of a Technical expert during the course of the execution of this assignment.</p>	No, All The technical support will be provided by USOF, DoT. The hiring of technical consultant for site visit is not required.
3	<p>Clause 2 (iii) & (iv) Whether USOF has precedence of undertaking similar Assignment. If Yes, then the copy of relevant documents may please be provided.</p>	The copy of relevant documents will be provided to successful financial consultant.
4	<p>Clause 2 (vi) What would be the roles, responsibilities and scope of work of the selected USP envisaged by USOF.</p>	The scope of work of the USP will be similar to the existing USOF schemes. Detailed roles and responsibilities will be assigned to the USP as per USOF Agreement.
5	<p>Clause no. 9.0 M/s Almondz Global Securities Limited has further requested for amendment to time schedule for submission of (i) Inception report (IR) on the assessment of the project framework & the methodology proposed from 1 week from the signing of Agreement to 2 weeks. (ii) Draft report for subsidy modeling & benchmarking from 3 weeks from signing of the Agreement to 4 weeks. (iii) Final report for the entire project including recommendations regarding tender document & the tendering process based on the comments & detailed discussion with the USOF & stakeholders from 4 weeks from signing of the Agreement to 6 weeks. Excludes the time involved in providing of the technical DPR of comments/suggestions of the USOF & stakeholders.</p>	The time lines have been set after much deliberation and the same cannot be modified as desired.