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To,
All Prospective bidders
(Through USOF website & CPP Portal)

File No.: 30-252-5/2020-USF

Dated 24.5.2021

Subject: **Addendum-2** regarding Pre bid Clarifications in respect of Tender No. USOF/TENDER/Arunachal/30-252-5/2020 dated 4.3.2021 for “Provision of 4G based mobile services in Identified Uncovered Villages in Arunachal Pradesh & two districts of Assam (Karbi Anglong & Dima Hasao)”.

Kindly find enclosed herewith **pre-bid clarifications** as per enclosure, issued to the subject tender. These pre-bid clarifications as given in the enclosure is also uploaded on Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP) as an Addendum for acceptance by bidder during submission of bid.

This reply/ clarification (Addendum-2) is further to the clarifications issued vide Addendum-1 and will supersede the earlier clarification issued vide Sr No.16 of Addendum-1 against the clause mentioned in the enclosed clarification.

The above shall form an integral part of the Tender document. All other terms and conditions of the Tender shall remain unchanged.

Encl.:

1. Addendum-2(Replies / Clarifications).

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Sr. No	Clause No. (Page no.) of RFP	Description of Clause	Query/ Clarification sought	DoT <i>Earlier Reply/ Clarification issued vide Addendum-1 through letter No. 30-252-5/2020 dated 11.5.2021.</i>	Revised DoT Reply/ Clarification
16	5.3.5 (Pg. No. 33)	The USPs are advised to verify non-availability of the coverage in the villages as specified in Clause 3.5.11, before installing equipment for which it intends to claim support from Universal Service Obligation Fund. No claims shall be admissible for cases of duplicate/ redundant infrastructure sites/ towers.	For the past USOF projects in North-Eastern region (NESA & Meghalaya), it has been duly clarified that the “survey date” is to be considered as the cut of off-date for the verification of non-availability of the coverage in the villages. The date of survey is sacrosanct as far as verification of existing coverage in the village is concerned. Once USP conducts comprehensive survey of the villages and gets the approval for installation from USOF, the site acquisition and project execution starts immediately. Equipment installation is the last stage of the project after infrastructure (involving large chunk of cap-ex) is made ready. So in this context, verifying non-availability of the coverage in the villages, before installing equipment is misplaced. To avoid any misinterpretation during the execution phase of this tender, you are therefore requested to amend the clause in the agreement itself, in line with the above-mentioned clarifications issued by USOF on this	Approval of survey date is to be considered as the cutoff date.	Date of survey is to be considered as the cutoff date.

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			matter. Reference Serial Number 3 (page no 1) of response to queries in Meghalya Tender, USOF has clarified that the coverage by any TSP is to be considered for the uncovered villages only at the time of survey to be approved by USOF. This may also be adopted in this Tender as well and this clause should be re-worded accordingly.		
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