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Checklist

The following items must be checked before the Bid is submitted:

1. Eligibility criteria and technical bid should be prepared in accordance with this RFP document.
2. **Folder 'A'** shall contain eligibility criteria response.
3. **Folder 'B'** shall contain technical bid.
4. **Folder 'C'** shall contain commercial bid. Commercials shall be quoted in Indian Rupees (INR).
5. All the pages of eligibility criteria response, technical bid response and commercial bid response shall be duly numbered, duly sealed and signed by the authorized signatory.
6. All the pages of the RFP document shall be sealed and signed by an authorized signatory and the document should be placed in **Folder - 'A'**.
7. All relevant certifications, audit reports, etc. should be enclosed to support claims made in the relevant Folders.

Important Note:

The bidders shall pay the RFP bid cost & EMD as stated below through the following mode and the remittance proof shall be submitted to NPCI for the same, failing which the bid is liable to be rejected.

1. Online transfer of Rs 17,700/- (Rs. Seventeen thousand seven hundred only inclusive of GST@18%) towards cost of Bid document in Folder - 'A'
2. Online transfer / Bank Guarantee of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupee Five lakhs only) towards Bid Security in Folder 'A'- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)

The electronic / wire transfer can be done to designated NPCI bank account mentioned below stating clearly the RFP number and RFP description in the transfer details:

Account Name: National Payments Corporation of India

Bank Name: ICICI Bank Ltd

Account No: 039305002962

IFSC Code: ICIC0000393

Remittance proof in favor of "National Payments Corporation of India" payable at Mumbai" amounting to Rs. 17,700/- (Rs. 15,000/- plus GST @18 %) towards bid purchase cost and Rs. 5,00,000/- towards Bid Security.

Note:

The Bidders who have participated in response to NPCI EOI- "NPCI/EOI/2023-24/IT/04 dated 13.02.2024 - Invitation for Expression OF Interest (EOI) - Hiring of space for setting up of new Data Centre on Co-location model" shall not pay additional EMD as mentioned above provided they are proposing the same site/s as proposed by them in response to above mentioned EOI.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

The following abbreviations and acronyms defined in this EOI are as under:

Sr. No	Abbreviations	Description
1.	EOI	Expression of Interest
2.	NPCI	National Payments Corporation of India
3.	OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
4.	POC	Proof of Concept
5.	QA	Quality assurance
6.	RFP	Request for Proposal
7.	SLA	Service Level Agreement
8.	NOS	Network Operating System
9.	EMD	Earnest Money Deposit
10.	UPI	Unified Payment Interface
11.	AEPS	Adhar Enabled Payment System
12.	IMPS	Immediate Payment Service
13.	CTS	Cheque Truncation System
14.	NFS	National Financial Switch
15.	NETC	National Electronic Toll Collection
16.	NACH	National Automated Clearing House
17.	PBG	Performance Bank Guarantee

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Section 1 Bid Schedule and Address

Notice inviting Request for Proposal (RFP) for identifying service provider having a collocated DC facility for hosting NPCI Data Centre at Mumbai/Navi Mumbai for a period of 5 years.

NPCI invites proposals from service providers who have experience in **managing a collocation Data Centre facility for minimum 10 years for BFSI clients in India or any national critical infrastructure as declared by NCIIPC**. The RFP is being floated in order to enable bidders to propose their DC sites meeting the requirements as stated in this RFP.

RFP Schedule and Communication Address

The following is an indicative timeframe for the overall process. NPCI reserves the right to vary this timeframe in its absolute and sole discretion and in case of any variation; a notice/intimation shall be published on the company's website. Changes to the timeframe shall be relayed to all the Bidders during the process.

Sr. No.	Description	
1	Name of Project	Request for Proposal for collocated DC facility for hosting NPCI Data Centre at Mumbai/Navi Mumbai for period of 5 years.
2	Tender Reference Number	NPCI/RFP/2024-25/IT/01
3	Date of release of RFP	6th May 2024
4	Last date of receiving pre-bid clarifications in writing from bidders	10th May 2024 6.00 pm (Please note that any pre-bid queries beyond the date and time mentioned will not be considered)
5	Date and Time for Pre-bid Meeting	13th May 2024 (in case of change, will be intimated suitably)
6	Last date and time for Bid Submission	16th May 2024 6.00 pm
7	Bid Submission	<p>Electronic bid response submission should be made to the following email address: charles.d@npci.org.in prashant.patil@npci.org.in pankaj.kasturay@npci.org.in</p> <p>Folder A (Eligibility), Folder B (Technical) and Folder C(Commercial):</p> <p>Commercial bid (Folder C) should be password protected. The password to Commercial bid needs to be shared only upon request after successful technical qualification.</p> <p>There will be <u>no physical bid submission</u> for this RFP.</p> <p>During the electronic bid submission, bid response attachments should not exceed the size of 10 MB vide each email and bid response may be segregated to adjust the maximum attachment capacity (10 MB). In case of the bid response being segregated into separate emails to accommodate the complete set of attachments, the total number of emails and corresponding attachment numbers forming the complete bid response need to be mentioned in the 1st mail itself.</p>
8	Date and Time of Eligibility & Technical bid Opening	16th May 2024 7.00 pm

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9	Date and Time of Commercial Bid Opening	Commercial Bid to be submitted in the password protected PDF document along with Technical Bids. The password to be shared only after request from NPCI's designated authority. NPCI reserves the right to discover the lowest price through Reverse auction OR Price discussion mechanism or both if opted by NPCI. NPCI will inform the method of price negotiation to technically qualified bidders.
10	Name and Address for communication	Deputy chief - Strategic IT Procurement National Payments Corporation of India, Unit no. 202, 2nd floor, Raheja Titanium, CTS No. 201, Western Express Highway, Goregaon East, Mumbai 400063
11	Bid Related Queries	D J Charles Contact: +91 9849990809 Email id: charles.d@npci.org.in Prashant Patil Contact: +91 8433970529 Email id: prashant.patil@npci.org.in Pankaj Kasturay Contact: +91 9908272447 Email id: pankaj.kasturay@npci.org.in
12	Bid cost	Rs. 17,700/- (Rs. 15,000/- plus GST @18 %)
13	Bid Security	Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five lakhs only) The Bidders who have participated in response to NPCI EOI- "NPCI/EOI/2023-24/IT/04 dated 13.02.2024 - Invitation for Expression OF Interest (EOI) - Hiring of space for setting up of new Data Centre on Co-location model" shall not pay additional EMD as mentioned above provided they are proposing the same site/s as proposed by them in response to above mentioned EOI.

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Section 2 Introduction

2.1 About NPCI

NPCI is a Company registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 (corresponding to Section 8 of The Companies Act, 2013) with its Registered Office in Mumbai, India. NPCI was promoted by 10 (Ten) banks in India under the aegis of the Indian Bank's Association with majority shareholding by Public Sector Banks. As of 30th April 2024, the shareholders (including promoter banks, shareholder banks and RBI regulated entities) of the NPCI stands at 65 (11 Public Sector Banks, 18 Private Banks, 5 Foreign Banks, 10 Co-operative Banks, 6 Regional Rural Banks, 4 Small Finance Banks, 1 Payment Banks and 10 Payment System Operators).

The vision and mission of NPCI are as under:

Vision - To be the best payments network globally.

Mission - Touching every Indian with one or other payment services and to make our mission possible.

NPCI's aim is to transform India into a 'less-cash' society by touching every Indian with one or other payment services. With each passing year, NPCI is moving towards its vision to be the best payments network globally. NPCI, during its journey over decade, has made a significant impact on the retail payment systems in the country. It has introduced many innovative products dealing with money transactions through the digital eco-system. Today, it holds to its credit, products like UPI, NFS (RuPay), IMPS, AEPS, NETC, CTS, NACH, etc., which have transformed digital payment eco-system. As a result, NPCI and its product family is now being recognized as pioneers of modern edge digital payment eco-system, not only in India but globally as well.

Information Technology has been the backbone of NPCI journey. NPCI has thrived to adopt modern edge technologies in all domains thereby keeping pace with the ability to meet ever increasing demand for ease of doing transactions with adequate controls. Currently NPCI operates out of two captive DCs running from Hyderabad and Chennai and one co-located DC operating out of Chennai with active-active setup.

2.2 Objective of this RFP

The objective of the RFP is to identify service provider for hiring of Space for setting up Data Centre for NPCI at Mumbai/Navi Mumbai.

2.3 Cost of the RFP

The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid and NPCI will, in no case, be held responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

2.4 Due Diligence

The Bidders are expected to examine all instructions, terms and specifications stated in this RFP. The Bid shall be deemed to have been submitted after careful study and examination of this RFP document. The Bid shall be precise, complete and in the prescribed format as per the requirement of this RFP document. Failure to furnish all information or submission of a bid not responsive to this RFP will be at the Bidders' risk and may result in rejection of the bid. Also, the decision of NPCI on rejection of bid shall be final and binding on the bidder and grounds of rejection of Bid shall not be questioned after the final declaration of the successful Bidder.

The Bidder is requested to carefully examine the RFP documents and the terms and conditions specified therein, and if there appears to be any ambiguity, contradictions, inconsistency, gap and/or discrepancy in the RFP document, Bidder shall seek necessary clarifications by e-mail as mentioned in Section-1. Any query received after the last date for submission of pre-bid queries as given in Section-1 will not be considered.

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2.5 Ownership of this RFP

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Section 3 Scope of Work

3.1 Scope of work:

The scope of work shall broadly cover providing Data Centre hosting area meeting the technical requirement and committed Service Level Agreement (SLA) as defined in the RFP for a period of Five (5) years at Mumbai/Navi Mumbai with the broad facilities as stated below:

Sr No	Particulars	Details
1.	Space	Exclusive continuous space admeasuring 3000 Sq.ft to host 100 racks which can be further expanded upto 12000 Sq.ft. (capable to host upto 400 racks) over the period of 18-24 months from time of award of contract / PO. The required expansion space shall be made available as and when requested by NPCI. The Bidder shall take prior consent before allocating such space to any other customer which breaks the exclusivity norms as defined in the RFP.
2.	Power	The Bidder shall have capacity to provide minimum 800KVA power for every 100 racks (IT load) with dual power inputs from independent power sources and required power backup. It shall also have sufficient provision for supporting other load for 100 racks such as cooling etc. For further expansion to 400 racks, the bidder shall have required power capacity for total load (IT & other) including power backup as and when required without any capex cost to NPCI.
3.	Server farm setup	Server and network racks along with other IT infrastructure will be procured by NPCI along with passive cabling for the same. The Bidder is responsible for required cabling upto racks. Power & Data Cabling should be in separate trays or trunking.
4.	Seating Capacity & Conference Room, Storeroom	The Bidder shall provide dedicated seating capacity for 25 members on the same floor to accommodate: 1) Workstations facing wall with minimum of 4 data and 2 voice ports per workstation along with network connectivity for handling 24 x 7 x 365 DC operations. 2) Place to install minimum 6 nos. of LCD 85” monitors. 3) One dedicated conference room (10-seater) with provision for video conferencing facility 4) 2 Nos. of big storewel cupboard (fireproof) within allocated seating area 5) Dedicated storeroom with 100 Sq.ft. area along with power connection. It can also be used as staging area for installation and testing of equipment as and when required by NPCI.
5.	Access Control & Monitoring	The allocated DC facility shall have dedicated access control with built in biometric and face recognition. The number of video cameras and positioning of the same will be decided basis the server hall design with mutual consent to cover front, rear portions of racks and entry/ exit of server hall, operations and seating space allocated for NPCI. The Bidder shall facilitate necessary permissions / access for NPCI employees, or any other person authorized by designated NPCI official from time to time.
6.	Audit Logs	The Bidder shall be responsible for maintaining and providing the required logs related to allocated DC facility and its

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		monitoring for a period of at least 90 days as and when demanded by NPCI.
7.	Exclusivity	<p>The MUX room and server farm shall be exclusive for NPCI with non-transparent and fire-retardant partitions and appropriate access controls. Meet me room (MMR) shall be exclusive for NPCI.</p> <p>In case Bidder is providing common MUX room for NPCI and other customers hosted from proposed DC facility, non-transparent and fire-retardant partition and appropriate access controls shall be provided within the MUX room to maintain the exclusivity.</p> <p>The electrical infrastructure such as PAHU and UPS shall also be exclusive for NPCI. In case, Bidder is going to host any other customer on the same floor where NPCI will be hosted, non-transparent and fire-retardant partition and appropriate access controls shall be provided within the PAHU and UPS room to maintain the exclusivity.</p>
8.	Certification	The DC facility shall be complying with Tier-III / IV or Rated 3 / 4 as per Uptime Institute or TIA942 standards along with other certifications as defined in this RFP.
9.	MUX and Meet Me room	The DC facility shall provide have meet me room wherein network service providers such as Tata Communications, Sify Technologies, Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio, BSNL, etc., have terminated the connectivity with sufficient MUX capacity without any additional cost to NPCI.
10.	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should not be restriction or costs raised for placement of antenna / dish or wireless equipment on terrace. • The bidder shall provide necessary permissions including access to NPCI employees or any other person authorized by NPCI for doing site readiness testing.
11.	Effective Date	Date on which the site readiness testing is successfully completed by NPCI shall be recognized as Effective Date for the purpose of tenure of proposed contract / PO subject to such other date which is mutually agreed whichever is later.

For more information refer to **Section 9 - Technical Specifications.**

3.2 Single Point of Contact

The selected Bidder shall appoint a single point of contact, with whom NPCI will deal with, for any activity pertaining to the requirements of this RFP.

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Section 4 Eligibility Criteria

4.1 Eligibility Criteria

The Eligibility Criteria are furnished below:

Sr. No	Eligibility Criteria	Condition	Document to be submitted
1	Registration and incorporation	The bidder is a Company registered in India under the Companies Act or Partnership under Partnership Act at least since last 5 years. a. In case the bidder is the result of a merger or acquisition, at least one of the merging companies should have been in operation for at least 5 years as on date of submission of the bid. b. In case the bidder is the result of a demerger or hiving off, at least one of the demerged company or resulting company should have been in operation for at least 5 years as on the date of submission of bid.	Certificate of Incorporation
2	Experience	The bidder shall have minimum 10 years of experience of managing DC collocation services for BFSI clients in India or any national critical infrastructure as declared by NCIIPC	Declaration on company letter head signed by COO / Authorized Person
3	Financial	Bidder shall comply with following financial criteria	
A		Profitable for the last 3 years (covid year relief given for financial year 2020-21)	Standalone (Bidder`s only) P&L, Balance sheet, auditor's report and notes to accounts (all 4 required for each financial year)
B		Turnover of INR 75 crores/annum in each of last 3 years (covid year relief given for financial year 2020-21)	
C		Positive net worth for every year for last 3 years	
D	No statutory default during last 3 years	CA certificate from current statutory auditor (any other auditor certificate or CFO certificate will be termed as violation)	
4	Blacklisting/ Clean track record	The Bidder should not have been currently blacklisted/debarred by any Bank or institution in India or abroad.	Declaration on company letter head signed by COO/ CFO / Authorized Person
5	Location, ownership and DC facility	Building and DC facility shall be owned by the bidder	Declaration on company letter head signed by authorized person along with supporting documents if asked for.
6		Land & building shall not have been mortgaged by the bidder as on date and shall not mortgage over the tenure of the contract without NPCI consent.	
7		The bidder shall have minimum total raised floor space of 50,000 sq. ft. including all the DCs operated by the bidder in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.	
8	Service quality certifications and compliances	Colocation services shall be managed by the bidder himself and not outsourced	Declaration on company letter head signed by CEO/ COO
		The DC facility shall be complying with Tier-III / IV or Rated 3 / 4 as per Uptime Institute or TIA942 standards as on date of bid participation. If the bidder does not have such certificate on the date of bid participation, he shall provide an undertaking stating that the same will be made available for verification before technical evaluation round, failing which the Bidder will not	Copy of certificate or undertaking to provide the same before technical evaluation round.

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		qualify for subsequent process under this RFP including Technical Evaluation round.	
9	Bid cost	The bidder has paid the RFP cost as given in the RFP at the time of purchasing the RFP document or has paid or submitted along with the bid submission.	Proof of payment
10	Bid earnest money	The Bidder has paid or submitted along with the RFP response submission required EMD as mentioned in the RFP	Proof of payment

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Section 5 Instruction to Bidders

5.1 RFP

RFP shall mean Request for Proposal. Bid, Tender and RFP are used to mean the same. The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms and conditions and technical specifications in the Bidding document. Submission of a bid not responsive to the bidding document in every respect will be at the Bidders risk and may result in the rejection of its bid without any further reference to the bidder.

5.2 Cost of Bidding

The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid, and NPCI will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs.

5.3 Content of Bidding Document

The Bid shall be in 3 separate Folder A, B and C.

5.4 Clarifications of Bidding Documents

A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the bidding Documents may notify NPCI in writing through email any time prior to the deadline for receiving such queries as mentioned in Section 1. The subject of the email for pre-bid queries should be titled “Pre-bid queries - Request for Proposal for collocated DC facility for hosting NPCI Data Centre at Mumbai/Navi Mumbai for period of 5 years - RFP # NPCI/RFP/2024-25/IT/01 dated 6th May 2024”.

Bidders should submit the queries only in the format given below, in an **excel sheet**:

Sr. No.	Document Reference	Page No	Clause No	Description in RFP	Clarification Sought	Additional Remarks (if any)

Replies to all the clarifications, modifications will be received will be uploaded on NPCI website. Any modification to the bidding documents which may become necessary shall be made by NPCI by issuing an Addendum.

Please note that the responses to the pre-bid queries would become part of this RFP document.

5.5 Amendment of Bidding Documents

1. At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, NPCI may for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a Bidder, amend the Bidding Documents.
2. Amendments will be provided in the form of Addenda to the bidding documents, which will be posted in NPCI’s website. Addenda will be binding on Bidders. It will be assumed that the amendments contained in such Addenda had been taken into account by the Bidder in its bid.
3. In order to afford Bidders reasonable time to take the amendment into account in preparing their bids, NPCI may, at its sole and absolute discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, in which case, the extended deadline will be posted on NPCI’s website.
4. From the date of issue, the Addenda to the tender shall be deemed to form an integral part of the RFP.

5.6 Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)

The Bidder is required to deposit Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five lakhs only) in the form of electronic fund transfer/Bank Guarantee in favor of “National Payments Corporation of India” payable at Mumbai or Bank Guarantee issued by a scheduled commercial bank valid for six (6) months, with a claim period of 6 months after the expiry of validity of the Bank Guarantee as per the statutory provisions in this regard, as per format in Annexure A1 or A2. No interest will be paid on the EMD.

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The electronic / wire transfer can be done to designated NPCI bank account as detailed below:

Account Name: National Payments Corporation of India

Bank Name:

Bank Name: ICICI Bank Ltd

Account No: 039305002962

IFSC Code: ICIC0000393

Note:

The Bidders who have participated in response to NPCI EOI- "NPCI/EOI/2023-24/IT/04 dated 13.02.2024 - Invitation for Expression OF Interest (EOI) - Hiring of space for setting up of new Data Centre on Co-location model" shall not pay additional EMD as mentioned above provided they are proposing the same site/s as proposed by them in response to above mentioned EOI.

While transferring bid cost and EMD from their Bank account to NPCI bank account, the bidder shall clearly mention the RFP number and RFP description in the transfer details, failing which the bid is liable to be rejected.

5.7 Return of EMD

The EMDs of successful Bidder/s shall be returned / refunded after furnishing Performance Bank Guarantee as required in this RFP. EMDs furnished by all unsuccessful Bidders will be returned on the expiration of the bid validity / finalization of successful Bidder, whichever is earlier.

5.8 Forfeiture of EMD

The EMD made by the bidder will be forfeited if:

1. Bidder withdraws its bid before opening of the bids.
2. Bidder withdraws its bid after opening of the bids but before Notification of Award.
3. Selected Bidder withdraws its bid / Proposal before furnishing Performance Bank Guarantee.
4. Bidder violates any of the provisions of the RFP up to submission of Performance Bank Guarantee.
5. Selected Bidder fails to accept the order within five days from the date of receipt of the order. However, NPCI reserves its right to consider at its sole discretion the late acceptance of the order by selected Bidder.
6. Bidder fails to submit the Performance Bank Guarantee within stipulated period from the date of acceptance of the Purchase Order. In such an instance, NPCI at its discretion may cancel the order placed on the selected Bidder without giving any notice.

5.9 Period of Validity of Bids

Bids shall remain valid for a period of 180 days after the date of bid opening as mentioned in Section 1 or as may be extended from time to time. NPCI reserves the right to reject a bid valid for a period shorter than 180 days as non-responsive, without any correspondence.

5.10 Extension of Period of Validity

In exceptional circumstances, prior to expiry of the bid validity period, NPCI may request the Bidders consent to an extension of the validity period. The request and response shall be made in writing. Extension of validity period by the Bidder should be unconditional and irrevocable. The EMD provided shall also be suitably extended. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting the bid Security.

5.11 Format of Bid

The bidder shall prepare one copy (one PDF copy marked as ORIGINAL) of the Eligibility and Technical Bid. **The commercial bid will be submitted as password protected PDF file.**

5.12 Signing of Bid

The Bid shall be signed by a person or persons duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder. All pages of the bid, except for printed instruction manuals and specification sheets shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the bid.

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The bid shall contain no interlineations, erasures, or overwriting, except to correct errors made by the Bidder, in which case such corrections shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the Bid.

The bid shall be signed by a person or persons duly authorized to bind the bidder to the contract. Such authority shall be either in the form of a written and duly stamped Power of Attorney (Annexure G) or a Board Resolution duly certified by the Company Secretary, which should accompany the Bid.

5.13 Bidding process

The Bid shall be prepared in 3 different folders i.e Folder A, Folder B and Folder C.

Each of the 3 folders shall be put into Folder marked as **Request for Proposal for collocated DC facility for hosting NPCI Data Centre at Mumbai/Navi Mumbai for period of 5 years - RFP # NPCI/RFP/2024-25/IT/01 dated 6th May 2024**”.

Bids should be submitted through **email only**. Folder A (Eligibility) & Folder B (Technical) and Folder C (Commercial) to the following email ids:

charles.d@npci.org.in

prashant.patil@npci.org.in

pankaj.kasturay@npci.org.in

Envelope/Folder C:

Commercial bid should be password protected.

The password to Commercial bid needs to be shared only upon notification of technical qualification. Email with further instructions will be sent to the technically qualified bidders.

There will be no physical bid submission for this RFP.

During the electronic bid submission, bid response attachments should not exceed the size of 10 MB vide each email. The bid response may be segregated to adjust the maximum attachment capacity (10 MB) for each email accordingly.

In case of the bid response being segregated into separate emails to accommodate the complete set of attachments, the total number of emails and corresponding attachment numbers forming the complete bid response need to be mentioned in the 1st mail itself.

5.14 Contents of the 3 Folders

Folder A - Eligibility Bid

The following documents as per the sequence listed shall be inserted inside Folder A:

- 1 Bidder's Letter for EMD - **Annexure A1** -
- 2 Bid Earnest Money in the form of RTGS **OR** Bid Earnest Money in the form of Bank Guarantee - format provided in **Annexure A2**
- 3 Bid Offer form (without price) - **Annexure B**
- 4 Bidder Information - **Annexure C**
- 5 Declaration of Clean Track Record by Bidder - **Annexure D**
- 6 Declaration of Acceptance of Terms and Conditions - **Annexure E**
- 7 Declaration of Acceptance of Scope of Work - **Annexure F**
- 8 Power of Attorney for signing of bid - **Annexure G**
- 9 Eligibility Criteria Matrix - **Annexure H**
- 10 Standalone (Bidder's only) Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements, Auditors Reports, Notes to accounts (all 4 required for each financial year) for the last for last 3 years.
- 11 Positive Net worth certificate - CA certificate from current statutory auditor (any other auditor certificate or CFO certificate will be termed as violation).
- 12 RFP document duly sealed and signed.
- 13 All necessary supporting documents as per Annexures
- 14 RFP document duly sealed and signed by the authorized signatory on each page
- 15 All necessary supporting documents

Folder B - Technical Bid

The following documents shall be inserted inside Folder B:

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- 1 Section 11 - Compliance to Technical Requirements duly completed - **Annexure J**
- 2 Client Details - **Annexure K**
- 3 Team Profile - **Annexure L**
- 4 Business & Technical SLA - **Annexure -M**
- 5 Tier & Rate Requirement - **Annexure - N**
- 6 Commercial Bid Form - **Annexure - P (to be submitted as Masked)**
- 7 Commercial Bid - **Annexure -Q (to be submitted as Masked)**
- 8 Documents as per **Annexure O & R**

Technical Bid Folder shall not include any financial information. If the Technical Bid contains any financial information the entire bid will be rejected.

Folder C - Commercial Bid (should be password encrypted)

- 1 Commercial Bid Form - **Annexure P**
- 2 Commercial Bid - **Annexure Q**

5.15 Bid Submission

The Bidder should bear all the costs associated with the preparation and submission of their bid and NPCI will in no case be responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process. Bids sealed in accordance with the instructions to Bidders should be delivered at the email address as mentioned in the Section 1.

The offers should be made strictly as per the formats enclosed. No columns of the tender should be left blank. Offers with insufficient/inaccurate information and offers which do not strictly comply with the stipulations given in this RFP, are liable for rejection.

5.16 Bid Currency

All prices shall be expressed in Indian Rupees only.

5.17 Bid Language

The bid shall be in English Language.

5.18 Rejection of Bid

The bid is liable to be rejected if the bid document:

- a) Does not bear signature of authorized person.
- b) Is received through Fax.
- c) Is received after expiry of the due date and time stipulated for Bid submission.
- d) Is incomplete / incorrect.
- e) Does not include requisite documents.
- f) Is Conditional.
- g) Does not conform to the terms and conditions stipulated in this Request for Proposal.
- h) No bid shall be rejected at the time of bid opening, except for late bids and those that do not conform to bidding terms.

5.19 Deadline for Submission

The last date of submission of bids is given in Section 1. However, the last date of submission may be amended by NPCI and shall be notified through its website.

5.20 Extension of Deadline for submission of Bid

NPCI may, at its discretion, extend this deadline for submission of bids by amending the bidding documents which will be informed through NPCI website, in which case all rights and obligations of NPCI and Bidders will thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

5.21 Late Bid

Bids received after the scheduled time will not be accepted by the NPCI under any circumstances. NPCI will not be responsible for any delay.

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5.22 Modifications and Withdrawal of Bids

Bids once submitted will be treated, as final and no further correspondence will be entertained on this.

No bid will be modified after the deadline for submission of bids.

5.23 Right to Reject, Accept/Cancel the bid

NPCI reserves the right to accept or reject, in full or in part, any or all the offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

NPCI does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender and reserves the right to reject all or any bid or cancel the Tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. NPCI also reserves the right to re-issue the Tender without the Bidders having the right to object to such re-issue.

5.24 RFP Abandonment

NPCI may at its discretion abandon the process of the selection of bidder at any time before notification of award.

5.25 Bid Evaluation Process

The Bid Evaluation will be carried out in 2 stages:

Stage 1 -Folder 'A' i.e. Eligibility bid and **Folder 'B'** i.e. Technical bid will be evaluated. Only those Bidders who have submitted all the required forms comply with the eligibility and technical criteria will be considered for further evaluation.

Stage 2 -Folder 'C' of those Bidders who qualify the eligibility and technical criteria will be evaluated. NPCI reserves the right to conduct Reverse Auction (RA) or Price discussion mechanism to arrive the exact price and successful bidder.

5.26 Single bid

In the event of only one responsive bidder or only one bidder emerging after the evaluation process, NPCI may continue with the RFP process.

5.27 Price discovery method:

Bidder to submit their best price. NPCI reserves the right to discover the lowest price through the Reverse Auction and/or may be deliberated through Price Discussion Committee if so opted by NPCI management. If first Reverse Auction does not result successful, NPCI reserves the right to call technical qualified bidders for price discussion and declare the successful bidder through Price discussion method instead of conducting 2nd Reverse Auction. The decision with respect to conduct of 2nd Reverse Auction or otherwise shall be communicated to technically qualified bidders.

5.28 Contacting NPCI

From the time of bid opening to the time of Contract award, if any Bidder wishes to contact NPCI for seeking any clarification in any matter related to the bid, they should do so in writing by seeking such clarification/s from an authorized person. Any attempt to contact NPCI with a view to canvas for a bid or put any pressure on any official of the NPCI may entail disqualification of the concerned Bidder and/or its Bid.

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Section 6 Bid Opening

6.1 Opening of Bids

Bids will be opened in 2 stages:

Stage 1 - Opening of Eligibility and Technical Bids: In the first stage the Eligibility bid i.e. Folder 'A' and Technical Bid i.e. Folder 'B' will be opened. NPCI will open Eligibility bids (Folder 'A') and Technical bid (Folder 'B') on the date, time and address mentioned in Section 1 or as amended by NPCI from time to time.

Stage 2 - Opening of Folder C - Commercial Bids i.e. Folder 'C' will be opened for technically qualified bidders.

Commercial bids should be password protected.

The password to Commercial bid needs to be shared only upon notification of technical qualification. Email with further instructions will be sent to the technically qualified bidders.

Bidder to submit their best price. Commercial bids will be opened for Reverse Auction or Price discussion(PDC) method with technically qualified bidders if so opted by NPCI management. In case, Commercial evaluation will be done through Reverse Auction, Business Rules and Terms & Conditions and Procedures of Reverse Auction which will be communicated to Technically Qualified Bidders before the Reverse Auction.

6.2 Opening of Eligibility and Technical Bids

NPCI will open eligibility bids (Folder 'A') and technical bid (Folder 'B') on the date, time and address mentioned in Section 1 or as amended by NPCI from time to time.

6.3 Opening of Folder C - Commercial Bids

Bidder to submit their best price. Commercial bids will be opened for Reverse Auction or Price discussion (PDC) method with technically qualified bidders if so opted by NPCI management. In case, Commercial evaluation will be done through Reverse Auction, Business Rules and Terms & Conditions and Procedures of Reverse Auction which will be communicated to Technically Qualified Bidders before the Reverse Auction.

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Section 7 Bid Evaluation

7.1 Preliminary Examination of Eligibility Bids

NPCI will examine the bids to determine whether they are complete containing required information as mentioned in this bid document, duly signed and arranged in order. Bidder shall provide all Annexures on it's company letterhead signed by a person authorized to do so.

NPCI may in its sole and absolute discretion, waive any minor informality, non-conformity or irregularity in a bid that does not constitute a material deviation provided such waiver does not prejudice or affect the relative ranking of any Bidder.

If a Bid is not substantially responsive, it will be rejected by NPCI and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the nonconformity. NPCI's determination of bid responsiveness will be based on the content of the bid itself. NPCI may interact with the Customer references submitted by Bidder, if required.

7.2 Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

Only complete and responsive bids meeting the eligibility criteria as per Chapter 4.1 will be processed to the stage of being fully evaluated and compared.

NPCI will adjudge the Bidder capabilities and NPCI reserve rights to shortlist the Bidders for participation in further technical evaluation process on the basis of response submitted in the support of various requirements including adequate documents submitted by the Bidders for supporting each of requirements, wherever required. NPCI reserves the right to condone the delay in submission of bid documents within scheduled time depending on merits of such cases. Subject to the sole discretion of NPCI, any document deficiency observed during the evaluation process and fulfilled by the Bidder within stipulated time will not result into any violation of time allotted for bid submission. The decision of NPCI is final and binding on all the bidders.

7.3 Examination of Technical Bids

Bidders who are qualified during eligibility evaluation will be considered for Technical Evaluation.

The Technical Evaluation will be based on the following broad parameters:

- a. Compliance to Technical Specifications as specified in the RFP.
- b. NPCI reserves the right to call for presentation and discussions on the approach of execution of project etc., from the short-listed Bidders based on the technical bids submitted by them to make an evaluation. Such presentations and minutes of meetings will become part of the technical bid.
- c. Review of written reply, if any, submitted in response to the clarification sought by NPCI, if any.
- d. Submission of duly signed compliance statement as stipulated in Annexures. Details / Brochures containing details about the proposed hardware are to be enclosed.
- e. To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of bids, NPCI may, at its discretion, ask any or all the Bidders for clarification and response shall be in writing and no change in the price or substance of the bid shall be sought, offered or permitted.
- f. NPCI may interact with the Customer references submitted by bidder, if required.
- g. NPCI reserves the right to shortlist bidders based on technical evaluation criteria.
- h. Bidder should re-submit 2 detailed Bill of material, BOM (one with commercial to IT procurement team and another without commercial to user team) within 3 days if there are any shortfall in BOM found during technical presentation.

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7.4 Technical Scoring Matrix:

Bidders who are qualified during eligibility evaluation will be considered for Technical Evaluation in 2 stages:

Stage 1: Bidder shall comply and provide necessary supporting documents for the criteria mentioned below. Bidder satisfying below conditions shall only be considered for detailed **Stage 2** evaluation.

- 1) Bidder shall provide Tier certification for DC site offered - The DC facility shall be complying with Tier-III / IV or Rated 3 / 4 as per Uptime Institute or TIA942 standards.
- 2) In case where land is on leased basis, the unexpired tenure of lease period should be more than 10 years.
- 3) Minimum 100 racks (3000 Sq.ft.) ready to use.
- 4) Any other points that NPCI may deem fit.

Stage 2: After applying Stage 1, shortlisted Bidders will be considered for detailed Technical Evaluation as per the following matrix:

Sr. No	Parameter	Description	Score
1	Experience	Count and nature of clients handled with equal or higher capacity (may require customer references/ testimony)	
2	Certifications	Certifications acquired	
3	Land	Type of ownership (leased or own)	
4	DC facility/ location	Age of the building, Structural audit observations (most recent, not earlier than 12 months from the date of participation), carbon footprint, Appropriate insurance coverage, Distance from nearby hazardous setups, History of floodplains etc	
5	DC Infrastructure	Age of the MEP infrastructure, OEM back-lined warranty support, MUX capacity and ISP availability, interoperability, failover design	
6	Scalability	Time as well as capacity to fulfil current and future requirements as defined in the RFP	
7	Exclusivity	As defined in the RFP	
8	Technical specifications compliance	As defined in the RFP	
9	SLA acceptance	As defined in the RFP	
10	Site visit	Bidders need to arrange the site visits to demonstrate the capability and current state of affairs for the proposed site.	
11	Technical presentation	Pointers for Technical Presentation will be shared at appropriate time.	

Bidders should score equal to or more than **70% (minimum)** in technical evaluation.

Basis technical presentation if there are any changes in the BOM, bidders are expected to share the updated BOM with commercials to IT procurement and BOM without commercials to business user team within 3 days. Bidders who do not share the BOM within 3 days will be disqualified unless delay is condoned by NPCI to ensure competitive bidding.

In the event of only one responsive bid or only one bidder emerging after the evaluation process, NPCI may still decide to continue with the RFP process.

7.5 Evaluation of Commercial Bids:

NPCI reserves the right to discover the lowest price through the Reverse Auction OR Price discussion mechanism or both, if so opted by NPCI management. NPCI will inform the method of price negotiation to technically qualified bidders only.

If the Reverse Auction/s does not result successful, NPCI reserves the right to call technical qualified bidders for price discussion and declare the successful bidder through Price discussion method instead

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of conducting further Reverse Auction/s. The decision with respect to conducting further Reverse Auction/s or otherwise shall be communicated to technically qualified bidders only. In case of Reverse Auction, Business Rules and Terms & Conditions and Procedures of Reverse Auction will be communicated to Technically Qualified Bidders before the Reverse Auction.

7.6 Successful bidder:

The bidder with the lowest commercial bid as per Clause 7.5 will be declared as the successful bidder.

In case such successful Bidder fails to start performing/ executing the work required under the Purchase order/Contract, NPCI reserves the right to cancel the Purchase Order/ Contract and de-bar such bidder from participating in future RFPs/ enquiries, if thought fit so to do by NPCI. NPCI decision in this respect shall be final and binding on the bidder. In such case the EMD of the successful Bidder will be forfeited.

In case the L1 bidder refuses to accept the order or otherwise gets disqualified as per the terms of the RFP, NPCI reserves the right to place the order with the L2 bidder, provided the L2 bidder matches the price quoted by the L1 bidder. In case the 2nd lowest bidder is unable to match the L1 price, NPCI reserves the right to place order with the L3 bidder and so on subject to price parity with L1.

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Section 8 Terms and Conditions

8.1 Notification of Award / Purchase Order

After selection of the L1 bidder, as given in Clause # 7.6, and after obtaining internal approvals and prior to expiration of the period of Bid validity, NPCI will send Notification of Award / Purchase Order to the selected Bidder. Once the selected Bidder accepts the Notification of Award the selected Bidder shall furnish the Performance Bank Guarantee to NPCI.

8.2 Term of the Order

The term of the Notification of Award/Purchase Order shall be for a period of 5 years from the Effective Date as per Clause 3.1 of Section 3 without any lock-in period.

8.3 Extension of Contract

The bidder shall be required to consistently execute, in a successful and professional manner, the jobs assigned under this RFP or Purchase Order as shall be issued by NPCI to the successful Bidder, to the satisfaction of and as decided by the NPCI up to a term of the order as defined in Clause 8.2.

NPCI reserves the right to extend the PO term on satisfactory performance on same or revised terms (not exceeding 5% increase over the current agreed rates) as may be agreed, however, NPCI will notify Bidder at least three (3) months before the expiry of PO. In case there is no such notification for extension of the term of the Purchase Order, Bidder shall ensure to perform all obligations as per Purchase Order for a period of 6 months on the same rates and terms & conditions of PO.

8.4 Acceptance Procedure

- Within 5 days of receipt of Notification of Award/Purchase Order the successful Bidder shall send the acceptance.
- Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the above requirements shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, if so decided by NPCI.

8.5 Right to Audit

NPCI and the local / home country regulator reserves the right to conduct audit/inspection/assessment/review of successful bidder to ensure successful bidder's compliance the agreed SLAs, documentation, security controls undertaken in this RFP and subsequent PO. The frequency and scope of audit shall be determined by NPCI/home country regulator in their sole discretion and the same shall be notified to successful bidder prior to undertaking such audits and be conducted on mutually agreed terms. The audit/inspection/assessment/review of the successful bidder as aforesaid may be conducted by NPCI/home country regulator or by an independent and competent third party appointed by the authorities, the details which will be shared with the successful bidder. The scope of the inspection/assessment will include assessing adherence to the agreed upon service level agreement ("SLA") in the RFP and subsequent PO or any other documentation signed between the Parties, implementation of baseline cyber security controls by the successful bidder, to ensure error free operation, successful bidder's compliance to the requirement of any security incident reporting during the performance under the then issued PO, adherence to security protocols, if any, agreed to in the PO. The cost of audit by NPCI will be borne by NPCI and NPCI shall endeavor to give reasonable prior notice to the successful bidder before conducting the inspection/assessment. The assessment / inspection findings and any discrepancies or non-compliances unearthed in the audit shall be required to be addressed and rectified by the successful bidder within the timelines prescribed by NPCI upon mutual discussion with successful bidder.

8.6 Performance Bank Guarantee

The Successful bidder shall, within 14 working days of receipt of Purchase Order, submit a Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) equal to 10% of annual value of the Purchase order (exclusive of taxes), valid for 12 months, with a claim period of 12 (twelve) months from the date of expiry of the validity period of the Bank Guarantee (BG), as per statutory provisions in force. Bidder shall also

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submit 1 (One) PBG each for 2nd year to 5th year equal to 10% of annual value for each year respectively at the beginning of the year which shall be valid for 12 (Twelve) months, with a claim period of 12 months from the date of expiry of the validity period of the respective PBG, as per the statutory provisions in force.

In case the successful bidder does not submit the PBG, NPCI shall be entitled to withhold an amount equal to the value of the PBG from the payments due to the successful bidder. PBG may be invoked in case of violation of any of the Terms and Conditions of this Purchase Order and also in case of deficiency of the services provided by successful bidder.

8.7 Taxes and Duties

- All taxes are deductible at source, if any, shall be deducted at as per then prevailing rates at the time of release of payments.
- Prices shall be exclusive of all taxes.
- The bidder shall meet the requirements of applicable Goods & Services Tax (GST).
- If the invoice raised in any financial year is not settled on or before 30th September of the next financial year, the bidder would be liable to provide a fresh invoice or will accept payment without reimbursement of the GST portion related to such invoice.
- All taxes, if any, shall be deducted at source as per the prevailing rate at the time of release of payments. In case the successful bidder is eligible for “No deduction” or “Lower rate for deduction” of applicable tax at source than the rate prescribed by the Income Tax Act then, the successful bidder shall submit the necessary certificate issued by competent Income Tax authority valid for the period pertaining to the payment. The successful bidder shall meet the requirements of the extant GST legislation.
- If NPCI requests, the successful bidder shall confirm to NPCI in writing that the GST amount charged in invoice is declared in its GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B and payment of GST and other requisite taxes in relation to the invoice has been made. NPCI, in its sole discretion, may decide in consultation with the successful bidder that the invoice will be paid in two batches (i) Base Amount (ii) Tax Amount. NPCI, in its sole discretion, may decide that tax Amount will be paid only after the successful bidder provides sufficient proof that the GST amount charged in invoice is declared in its GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B and payment of requisite taxes has been made.
- The successful bidder agrees to ensure proper discharge of tax liability within statutory time periods with respect to all payments made or to be made to the successful bidder by NPCI. In the event of failure, non-compliance by the successful bidder with the extant GST legislations/Rules and the terms of this clause (including non-compliance that leads to input tax credit not being available to NPCI), NPCI shall be entitled to not release payment and payment shall be kept on hold till such discrepancy is resolved by the successful bidder. Such holding of payments by NPCI shall not be a breach of its obligations under this Purchase Order. In case of any disputes due to non-matching of GST credit, same shall be resolved by the successful bidder within 30 days of intimation by NPCI, failing which NPCI shall not remit the invoice amount.
- NPCI reserves the right to impose penalty of such amount as may be determined by it up to the value of GST amount involved and any corresponding damages as it may feel appropriate resulting from the successful bidder’s breach of any condition or Rule/Regulation of the extant GST legislations or any other applicable tax laws/regulations.

8.8 Invoicing Requirements:

- Invoice/debit note/credit note needs to be issued within 30 days from the date of provision of deliverables or completion of Services. Further, the invoices/debit note/credit note must cover all the particulars prescribed under GST Invoice Rules. The successful bidder agrees to comply with invoicing requirements as per GST Invoice Rules and the terms of this clause (including e-invoicing requirements) and/or any other requirement as may be notified by the tax authorities from time to time.

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- The successful bidder invoices/debit note/credit note should be received by NPCI within 2 weeks from the date of issue of invoice.
- The successful bidder has the obligation to raise invoices/debit note/credit note basis the correct addresses and registration number of the relevant NPCI branch as listed in the Purchase Order

8.9 Timely Provision of Invoices/ Debit Note/ Credit Note:

All necessary invoices and/or adjustment entries to an invoice (Credit Note, Purchase Returns, and Debit Notes) shall be submitted to NPCI by the successful bidder before September of the succeeding financial year.

8.10 Key Deliverables:

The bidder shall provide following deliverables:

SN	Component	UOM		Qty	Details
A	Co-location Space including DC racks	SqFt	Year 1	6000	100 immediate and 100 racks by end of 1 st year*
			Year 2	12000	400 racks by end of 2 nd year*
			Year 3	12000	
			Year 4	12000	
			Year 5	12000	
B	Seating Capacity	Nos	Year 1	25	
			Year 2	25	
			Year 3	25	
			Year 4	25	
			Year 5	25	
C	Power**	kW	Year 1		At actual
			Year 2		At actual
			Year 3		At actual
			Year 4		At actual
			Year 5		At actual
D	Storeroom	Sq.Ft.	Year 1	100	
			Year 2	100	
			Year 3	100	
			Year 4	100	
			Year 5	100	
E	Meeting Room (10-seater)	Nos	Year 1	1	
			Year 2	1	
			Year 3	1	
			Year 4	1	
			Year 5	1	
F	RHS Support Services	Hrs	Year 1	120	
			Year 2	120	
			Year 3	120	
			Year 4	120	
			Year 5	120	

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* Subject to confirmation from NPCI 3 months in advance, failing which Bidder shall obtain written consent from NPCI before allotting such space to any other customer.

** The billing for power will be as per actual consumed power.

8.11 Delivery Address:

Mumbai/ Navi Mumbai. Bidder to provide detailed site address.

8.12 Delivery schedule

The delivery of the Space for Colocation with all the required power, cooling and racks and including the entire set up required to commence the Data Centre operations to be completed within 8 (eight) weeks from the date of receipt of purchase order.

8.13 Penalty for default in delivery

If the successful bidder does not deliver & implement the deliverables as per the above delivery schedule, or such authorized extension of delivery period as may be permitted in writing by NPCI, NPCI shall impose a penalty as given below:

- Non-Delivery of above at NPCI - at the rate of 0.5% of the total Purchase Order value for each week's delay beyond the stipulated delivery period subject to a maximum of 5% of the PO value.
- In case the delay exceeds 10 days beyond the stipulated delivery period of RFP, NPCI reserves the right to cancel the order without prejudice to other remedies available to NPCI.
- Without any prejudice to NPCI's other rights under the Applicable Law, NPCI may recover the liquidated damages, if any, accruing to NPCI, as above, from any amount payable to the supplier, as per the Agreement.

8.14 Representations and Warranties

The Bidder shall be deemed to have made the following representations and warranties as of the date of the bid:

1. That the bidder has the requisite qualifications, skills, experience and expertise in providing services contemplated hereunder. It has the technical know-how and the financial wherewithal, the power and the authority to enter into the Contract and provide the service / systems sought to NPCI.
2. That the Bidder is not involved in any major litigation, potential, threatened / existing that may have an impact of affecting or compromising the performance and delivery of services / systems under the contract.
3. That the representations made by the Bidder / bidder in its bid are and shall continue to remain true and fulfil all the requirements as are necessary for executing the duties, obligations and responsibilities as laid down in the Contract and the Bid Documents and unless NPCI in writing specifies to the contrary, the Bidder/bidder shall be bound by all the terms of the bid.
4. That the Bidder has professional skills, personnel and resources / authorization that are necessary for providing all such services as are necessary to perform its obligations under the bid and this Contract.
5. That the Bidder shall ensure that all assets including but not limited to software's, licenses, databases, documents etc. developed, procured, deployed, and created during the terms of the Contract are duly maintained and suitably updated, upgraded, replaced with regard to contemporary and statutory requirements.
6. That the Bidder shall use assets as NPCI may permit for the sole purpose of execution of its obligations under the terms of the bid, Tender or the contract. The bidder shall, however, have no claim to any right, title, lien, or other interest in any such property, and any possession of property for any duration whatsoever shall not create any right in equity or otherwise, merely by fact of such use or possession during or after the term hereof.
7. That the Bidder shall procure all the necessary permissions and adequate approvals and licenses for use of any software and any copyrighted process / product free from all claims, titles, interests, and liens thereon and shall keep NPCI, its directors, Officers, employees, representatives, consultant and agents indemnified in relation thereto.

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8. That all the representations and warranties as have been made by the Bidder with respect to its bid and contract / agreement, are true and correct, and shall continue to remain true and correct through the term of the Contract.
9. That the execution of the services would be in accordance and in compliance with all applicable laws as amended from time to time and the regulatory framework governing the same.
10. That there are no inquiries or investigations that have been threatened, commenced, or pending against the Bidder / bidder or its team members by any statutory or regulatory or investigative agencies.
11. That the bidder has the corporate power to execute, deliver and perform the terms and provisions of the contract and has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize execution, delivery, and performance by it of the Contract.
12. That neither the execution and delivery by the Bidder of the contract nor the Bidder's compliance with or performance of the terms and provisions of the contract will contravene any provision of any applicable law or any order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or Governmental authority binding on the Bidder nor will it conflict or be inconsistent with or result in any breach of any or the terms, covenants, conditions or provisions of, or constitute a default under any agreement, contract or instrument to which the Bidder is a party or by which it or any of the property or assets is bound or to which it may be subject or violate any provision of the constitution documents of the Bidder.
13. That the Bidder certifies that all registrations, recording, filings and notarizations of the contract and all payments of any tax or duty, including without limitation stamp duty, registration charges or similar amounts which are required to be effected or made by the Bidder / bidder which is necessary to ensure the legality, validity, enforceability or admissibility in evidence of the Contract have been made.
14. That there has not and shall not occur any execution, amendment or modification of any Contract without the prior written consent of NPCI, which may directly or indirectly have a bearing on the Contract, or services rendered.

8.15 Service Level Requirements (SLA)

As per Annexure M - Business and Technical SLA.

8.16 Penalty on non-adherence to SLAs:

The following clauses are applicable to critical and non-critical incidents.

Uptime (monthly basis)	Penalty Amount
Equal to & above 99.998%	No Penalty
Between 99.90% to 99.998%	For every 0.01% drop in uptime on monthly basis - Rs. 50,000
Between 99.80% to 99.90%	For every 0.01% drop in uptime on monthly basis - Rs. 1,00,000
Between 99.70% to 99.80%	For every 0.01% drop in uptime on monthly basis - Rs. 2,00,000
Below 99.70%	Will entitle NPCI to terminate the contract/ PO

The overall penalty shall be capped at 10% of annual PO value.

8.17 Prices

Price shall remain fixed for the term of the contract / PO as per clause 8.2. There shall be no increase in price for any reason whatsoever and therefore no request for any escalation of the cost / price shall be entertained during the term of the contract over and above the agreed commercial consideration.

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8.18 Expansion Order:

NPCI reserves the right to place expansion Purchase Orders with the selected Bidder for any or all of the deliverables included in the PO at the agreed unit rate for individual categories of purchase order during the period of 24 (twenty-four) months from the date of award of contract / Purchase Order.

8.19 DC Facility:

Notwithstanding what is contained and provided in Clause 8.9 herein above, at any time during term of the purchase order / performance of the Contract, the Bidder shall ensure that the allotted DC facility is maintained and upgraded (without any cost to NPCI) so that there shall be no impact on DC operations for NPCI.

8.20 Payment Terms:

- a. No advance payment will be released against purchase order.
- b. Payment of one-time charges if any will be released post go live within 30 days from the date of the receipt of the correct tax invoice along with necessary documents / certificates duly signed by NPCI officials.
- c. Payment of recurring charges for co-location services of rack space, seating and storage area will start from the date of sign off given by NPCI officials. The payment will be released quarterly in arrears within 30 days from the date of the receipt of the correct tax invoice along with necessary documents / certificates duly signed by NPCI officials.
- d. The power charges will be paid on based the actual consumption on monthly in arrears as per agreed rates based on actual consumption.
- e. Any SLA penalties on the bidder for non-performance will be deducted from the payment as deemed necessary, failing which the same will be recovered through PBG.

In the event, there is any discrepancy in the invoices or in case of any incorrect invoice sent to NPCI then Bidder will be informed by NPCI to send the rectified invoices and the payment shall be made within 30 days from the date of receipt of such rectified invoice.

8.21 Confidentiality

The successful bidder shall treat the details of the PO and other contract documents executed between NPCI and the successful bidder as secret and confidential.

In the event of disclosure of Confidential Information to a third party in violation of the provisions of this Clause, the Successful bidder shall use all reasonable endeavors to assist NPCI in recovering and preventing such third party from using, selling or otherwise disseminating of such information. The Parties' obligations under this Section shall extend to the non-publicizing of any dispute arising out of PO.

The terms of this clause shall continue in full force and effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of disclosure of such Confidential Information.

In the event of termination of this PO, upon written request of the NPCI, the successful bidder shall immediately return the Confidential Information of NPCI, or at the NPCI's option destroy any remaining Confidential Information and certify that such destruction has taken place.

8.22 Indemnity

- a. Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless NPCI, its affiliates, officers, directors, employees, staff, personnel, representatives, agents, assigns, consultants, contractors, etc. ("**NPCI Indemnified Parties**") against any damages (including costs) that may be awarded or agreed to be paid to any third party that the normal operation, possession or use by NPCI of any parts of Works and Services prepared or developed directly by Bidder pursuant to this Contract/ PO infringes any Intellectual Property Rights ("**Intellectual Property Infringement**") of any third party in India or of the country of origin of sale only provided that NPCI:
 - i. gives written notice to Bidder of any Intellectual Property Infringement forthwith upon becoming aware of the same;

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- ii. gives Bidder the conduct of the defence to any claim or action in respect of any Intellectual Property Infringement in consultation with NPCI and does not at any time admit liability or otherwise attempt to settle or compromise the said claim or action except upon the mutual agreement of the Parties;
 - iii. complies with Bidder's direction to cease any use of the goods, equipment, or hardware products which in NPCI's opinion, is likely to constitute an infringement; and
 - iv. acts in accordance with the reasonable instructions of Bidder and gives to Bidder such authority and assistance as it shall reasonably require in respect of the conduct of the said defence including the filing of all pleadings and other court process and the provision of all relevant documents.
 - v. In the event of any infringement of a third party's Intellectual Property Rights directly by Bidder, Bidder shall have the right at its option to either: (a) procure for NPCI the right to continue using the goods; or (b) modify the goods so that they become non-infringing, to the extent that such modification is acceptable to NPCI. In the event NPCI is unable to do either of the foregoing, the allegedly infringing item shall be returned to Bidder and Bidder shall be to refund to NPCI the amount paid for such item and Bidder shall be liable for delay on account of the same.
- b. Bidder shall indemnify and keep indemnified NPCI Indemnified Parties against third party claims for injury (including death) to any person/s or loss or damage to any property including losses, caused by its gross negligence and/or the negligence or acts or omission or commission of Bidder, its Sub-Contractors or any other party for whom Bidder is responsible against all claims, demands, proceedings, damages, costs, charges and expenses whatsoever in respect thereof or in relation thereto. Bidder will be entitled exclusively to control the defence in respect of any claim for which an indemnity obligation has been triggered under this Contract at Bidder's expense. NPCI will provide reasonable assistance in the defence of such claims including, but not limited to, promptly furnishing Bidder with all relevant information within its possession or control. NPCI shall not, without prior intimation of Bidder enter into any settlement, assume any obligation or make any concession in respect of a cause of action which may give rise to an indemnity claim.
- c. Bidder shall indemnify and keep indemnified NPCI Indemnified Parties against all claims, losses, costs, damages, expenses, action suits and other proceedings, (including reasonable attorney fees), relating to or resulting from any act or omission or negligence or misconduct of Bidder and/or its Sub-Contractors and/or the employees, directors, officers, consultants, contractors and other representatives ("Personnel") of Bidder and/or its Sub-Contractors, breach of Applicable Laws, false statement by Bidder and/or its Personnel, employment claims raised by Personnel of Bidder, third party claims arising due to infringement of Intellectual Property Rights, death, personal injury or property damage attributable to acts or omissions of Bidder and/or its Personnel, violation of or non-compliance with Applicable Laws including employment and labour laws, environment laws, health and safety laws, information technology and data laws, intellectual property laws, breach of confidentiality obligations, breach of representations and warranties contained in the Contract, Bidder's failure to obtain such consents, permissions, approvals, licenses, etc., as may be necessary or required in connection with the Contract or for the conduct of their own business under any Applicable Laws, government regulation/guidelines.
- d. Bidder shall indemnify and keep indemnified NPCI Indemnified Parties in case of damages or loss arising out of negligence or misconduct directly attributable to Bidder Personnel, which results into malfunction of the deliverables, scope of work and SLA under the contract or any design fault or any upkeep / maintenance lapses or any damage to IT asset installed in the Data Centre, which causes DC facility malfunction or any operational event resulting in major disruption to the business requiring action by NPCI, such as invoking DR and shutting down of one or many systems to avert significant impact to the DC operations.
- e. Bidder shall indemnify and keep indemnified NPCI Indemnified Parties against breach of the terms and conditions of the Contract or PO by the Bidder and/or its Sub-Contractors and/or their Personnel.
- f. Nothing in the Contract shall limit or purport to limit the liability of Bidder for death or personal

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injury caused at the Site or in the course of execution of the works by negligence, accident or for fraudulent misrepresentation.

8.23 Liability

a. NPCI`s Liability:

- i. NPCI's aggregate liability under or in connection with this Purchase Order, regardless of the form or nature of the action giving rise to such liability (whether in contract, tort or otherwise), shall be limited to the amount payable by NPCI under the PO for one (1) year period immediately preceding the date of the claim.
- ii. Neither NPCI nor the Bidder shall be liable (whether in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty or otherwise) in connection with this Agreement for any type of, indirect, consequential, incidental, exemplary, special or punitive loss or damages even if that loss or damage was foreseeable or that Party was aware of the possibility of that loss or damage arising save and except in case of any indemnity liability arising under this Contract/PO, death and/or personal injury, and infringement of Intellectual Property Rights.

b. Bidder`s Liability:

- i. Except for any liability arising out of gross misconduct or gross negligence of Bidder and/or its Personnel, breach of confidentiality obligations, breach of Applicable Laws, fraud by Bidder or its Personnel, and events specified in Clause 8.21 (a), (b) and (c), in no event shall the total aggregate liability of Bidder for claims asserted by Bidder or any damages under or in connection with the Contract/PO, regardless of the form or nature of action giving rise to such liability, in respect of each claim under the contract, (whether in contract, tort or otherwise), exceed the total PO value.
- ii. Any liability arising out of claims against NPCI resulting out of event specified in clause 8.21.(d) shall be to the extent of 500% of the total PO value.
- iii. Any liability arising out of claims against NPCI resulting out of event specified in clause 8.21.(a), (b), and (c) shall be to the extent of claim, loss, costs, damages, expenses, penalty and interest suffered/ incurred by NPCI on account of the claim raised by regulatory authorities or by any third party.

8.24 Obligations of the Bidder

Standard of Performance: The Bidder shall perform the services and carry out their obligations with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional standards and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate technology and safe and effective equipment materials and methods. The Bidder shall always act in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the services as faithful advisor to NPCI and shall at all times support and safeguard NPCI's legitimate interests in any dealings with third parties.

Prohibition of Conflicting Activities: The Bidder shall not engage and shall cause their personnel not to engage in any business or professional activities that would come in conflict with the activities assigned to them under this RFP.

8.25 Order Cancellation

NPCI reserves its right to cancel the order in the event of one or more of the following situations, that are not occasioned due to reasons solely and directly attributable to NPCI alone;

- i. Delay in delivery is beyond the specified period as set out in the Purchase Order before; or,
- ii. Serious discrepancy in the quality of service expected.
- iii. If a Bidder makes any statement or encloses any form which turns out to be false, incorrect and/or misleading or information submitted by the bidder turns out to be incorrect and/or bidder conceals or suppresses material information.

In case of order cancellation, any payments made by NPCI to the Bidder for the particular service would necessarily have to be returned to NPCI with interest @ 15% per annum from the date of each such payment. Further the Bidder would also be required to compensate NPCI for any direct loss

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incurred by NPCI due to the cancellation of the Purchase Order and any additional expenditure to be incurred by NPCI to appoint any other Bidder. This is after repaying the original amount paid.

8.26 Termination of Purchase Order/Contract

For Convenience: NPCI, by written notice sent to Bidder, may terminate the Purchase Order/ contract in whole or in part at any time for its convenience giving three (3) months' prior notice. The notice of termination may specify that the termination is for convenience the extent to which Bidder's performance under the contract is terminated and the date upon which such termination become effective. NPCI shall consider the request of the bidder for pro-rata payment till the date of termination.

For Insolvency: NPCI at any time may terminate the contract by giving written notice to Bidder, if Bidder becomes bankrupt or insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to Bidder, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy that has accrued or will accrue thereafter to NPCI.

For Non-Performance: NPCI reserves its right to terminate the contract in the event of Bidder's repeated failures (say more than 2 occasions in a calendar year or 2 occasions within 3 calendar months to maintain the service level prescribed by NPCI).

8.27 Effect of Termination

- Bidder agrees that it shall not be relieved of its obligations under the reverse transition mechanism notwithstanding the termination of the Purchase Order.
- The terms contained herein (including payment terms) which were applicable during the term of the Purchase Order should be applicable for reverse transition services.
- Bidder agrees that after completion of the Term or upon earlier termination of the Purchase Order, Bidder shall, if required by NPCI, continue to provide services to NPCI at no less favorable terms than those contained in this Purchase Order. In case NPCI wants to continue with Bidder facility after the completion of this Purchase Order then terms for renewal or extended period shall be mutually agreed between the parties.
- NPCI shall make such prorated payment for the Deliverables and services provided by Bidder and accepted by NPCI at the sole discretion of NPCI in the event of termination, provided that Bidder is in compliance with its obligations till such date. However, no payment for "costs incurred, or irrevocably committed to, up to the effective date of such termination" will be admissible. There shall be no termination compensation payable to Bidder.
- NPCI may make payments of undisputed amounts to Bidder for Deliverables and services provided till the effective date of termination.
- Termination shall be without prejudice to any other rights or remedies a Party may be entitled to hereunder or at law and shall not affect any accrued rights or liabilities or either Party nor the coming into force or continuation in force of any provision hereof which is expressly intended to come into force or continue in force on or after such termination.
- Upon cancellation or termination of this Purchase Order, Bidder shall handover the legal possession of all the NPCI assets in its possession and obtain proper discharge from NPCI. NPCI also reserves the right to assign or allot or award the Purchase Order to any third party upon cancellation or termination of this Purchase Order.

8.28 Force Majeure

For purpose of this clause, "Force Majeure" means an unforeseeable event beyond the control of the successful and not involving NPCI or the successful's fault or negligence.

If either party is prevented, restricted, delayed or interfered by reason of: a) Fire, explosion, cyclone, floods, droughts, earthquakes, epidemics; b) War, revolution, acts of public enemies, blockage or embargo, riots and civil commotion; c) Any law, order, proclamation, ordinance or requirements of any Government or authority or representative of any such Government, including restrictive trade practices or regulations; d) Strikes, shutdowns or labour disputes which are not instigated for the purpose of avoiding obligations herein; or e) Any other circumstances beyond the control of the party affected; then notwithstanding anything here before contained, the party

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affected shall not be liable for non-performance of delay in performance of its obligations contained herein provided the party so affected uses its best efforts to remove such cause of non-performance, and when such cause is removed the party shall continue performance in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Order.

Each of the parties agrees to give written notice forthwith to the other upon becoming aware of an event of Force Majeure, the said notice to contain details of the circumstances giving rise to the event of Force Majeure. If the event of Force Majeure continues for more than twenty (20) days, either party shall be entitled to terminate the Purchase Order at any time thereafter by giving written notice to the other party.

8.29 Resolution of Disputes

NPCI and Bidder shall make every effort to resolve/settle all disputes or differences between NPCI and Bidder amicably and by direct informal negotiation.

If, however, NPCI and Bidder are not able to resolve them, following dispute resolution mechanism shall be applied:

1. In case of Dispute or difference arising between NPCI and Bidder relating to any matter arising out of or connected with this Purchase Order, such disputes or difference shall be settled in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and rules framed thereunder from time to time). The arbitral tribunal shall consist of 3 arbitrators, one each to be appointed by NPCI and Bidder. The third Arbitrator ("Presiding Arbitrator") shall be chosen by mutual discussion between NPCI and Bidder.
2. Arbitration proceedings shall be held at Mumbai, and the language of the arbitration proceedings and that of all documents and communications between the parties shall be English;
3. The decision/award of the Presiding Arbitrator shall be final and binding upon both parties. The cost and expenses of Arbitration proceedings will be paid as determined by the Presiding Arbitrator. However, the expenses incurred by each party in connection with the preparation, presentation, etc., of its proceedings as also the fees and expenses paid to the arbitrator appointed by such party or on its behalf shall be borne by each party itself; and
4. Any appeal will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of courts at Mumbai.

8.30 Compliance with Applicable Laws of India

The Bidder confirms to NPCI that it complies with all Central , State, Municipal laws and local laws and rules and regulations and shall undertake to observe, adhere to, abide by, comply with and notify NPCI about compliance with all laws in force including Information Technology Act 2000, or as are or as made applicable in future, pertaining to or applicable to them, their business, their employees or their obligations towards them and for all purposes of this RFP, and shall indemnify, keep indemnified, hold harmless, defend and protect NPCI and its officers/staff/personnel/representatives/agents from any failure or omission on its part to do so and against all claims or demands of liability and all consequences that may occur or arise for any default or failure on its part to conform or comply with the above and all other statutory obligations arising there from.

The Bidder shall promptly and timely obtain all such consents, permissions, approvals, licenses, etc., as may be necessary or required for any of the purposes of this RFP or for the conduct of their own business under any applicable Law, Government Regulation/Guidelines and shall keep the same valid and in force during the term of the RFP, and in the event of any failure or omission to do so, shall indemnify, keep indemnified, hold harmless, defend, protect and fully compensate NPCI and its employees/officers/staff/personnel/ representatives/agents from and against all claims or demands of liability and all consequences that may occur or arise for any default or failure on its part to conform or comply with the above and all other statutory obligations arising there from.

The Bidder shall promptly and timely obtain all such consents, permissions, approvals, licenses, etc., as may be necessary or required for any of the purposes of this project or for the conduct of their own business under any applicable Law, Government Regulation/Guidelines and shall keep the same valid and in force during the term of the project, and in the event of any failure or omission to do

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so, shall indemnify, keep indemnified, hold harmless, defend, protect and fully compensate NPCI and its employees/officers/staff/personnel/ representatives/agents from and against all claims or demands of liability and all consequences that may occur or arise for any default or failure on its part to conform or comply with the above and all other statutory obligations arising there from and NPCI will give notice of any such claim or demand of liability within reasonable time to the Bidder.

8.31 Legal Compliances:

The Bidder confirms to NPCI that its personnel/ employees/staff are covered under the provision of various Acts enacted for the protection and benefits of workmen /employees /staff or otherwise such as Employees State Insurance Act and Employees Provident Fund Miscellaneous Provision Act etc. and such other Acts like Profession Tax Act etc. as applicable and that Bidder is duly registered under the provisions of the said Acts and is complying with the provisions of the Acts.

The Bidder shall allow NPCI as well as regulatory authorities to verify books in so far as they relate to compliance with the provisions of these Acts and shall provide on demand by NPCI & regulatory authorities such documentary proof as may be necessary to confirm compliance in this regard. NPCI shall not be responsible in any event to the employees of Bidder for any of their outstanding claims or liability in that regard. NPCI shall not be responsible for any claim or demand made by such personnel for their dues outstanding against Bidder. Bidder indemnifies and shall keep NPCI indemnified from any of such claims/ losses/ damages and demands by any of its personnel, if any, raised on NPCI.

8.32 Intellectual Property Rights:

All rights, title and interest of NPCI in and to the trade names, trademark, service marks, logos, products, copy rights and other intellectual property rights shall remain the exclusive property of NPCI and Bidder shall not be entitled to use the same without the express prior written consent of NPCI. Nothing in this RFP including any discoveries, improvements or inventions made upon with/by the use of the Bidder or its respectively employed resources pursuant to contract shall either vest or shall be construed so that to vest any proprietary rights to the Bidder.

Notwithstanding, anything contained in this RFP, this clause shall survive indefinitely, even after termination of Purchase Order.

8.33 Applicable Law and Jurisdiction

Applicable Law: The Agreement/ PO shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the Indian Law. The jurisdiction and venue of any action with respect to the subject-matter of the Agreement shall be the Courts of Mumbai in India and each of the parties hereto submits itself to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of such courts for the purpose of any such action.

8.34 Solicitation of Employees

Both NPCI & successful Bidder the Parties should agree not to hire, solicit, or accept solicitation (either directly, indirectly, or through a third party) for their employees directly involved in this during the period of the contract and one year thereafter, except as the parties may agree on a case-by-case basis. The parties should agree that for the period of the contract and one year thereafter, neither party will cause or permit any of its directors or employees who have knowledge to directly or indirectly solicit of this contract for employing the key personnel working on the project contemplated in this proposal except with the written consent of the other party. The above restriction would not apply to either party for hiring such key personnel who (i) initiate discussions regarding such employment without any direct or indirect solicitation by the other party (ii) respond to any public advertisement placed by either party or its affiliates in a publication of general circulation or (iii) has been terminated by a party prior to the commencement of employment discussions with the other party.

8.35 No Damage of NPCI Property

Bidder shall ensure that there is no loss or damage to the property of NPCI while executing the Contract. In case, it is found that there is any such loss/damage due to direct negligence/non-performance of duty by any personnel, the amount of loss/damage so fixed by NPCI shall be recovered from Bidder.

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8.36 Fraudulent and Corrupt Practice

“Fraudulent Practice” means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of the project and includes collusive practice among Bidder’s (prior to or after Bid submission) designed to establish Bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the NPCI of the benefits of free and open competition.

“Corrupt Practice” means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of value, pressurizing to influence the action of a public official or a NPCI official in the process of project execution. NPCI will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing the project.

8.37 Cyber Incident Reporting Clause for Vendors

- 1.1 Supplier acknowledges that the Government of India has declared the computer resources relating to certain products of NPCI, being Critical Information Infrastructure of NPCI and the computer resources of its associated dependencies to be protected systems for the purpose of the Information Technology Act, 2000. In this regard, Supplier agrees and undertakes to report to NPCI the occurrence of all Cyber Incidents (defined below).
- 1.2 For the purposes of this clause, “Cyber Incidents” shall mean an attempted breach or breach in the information security systems of Supplier and or any unauthorized access to or breach in the information technology-based systems of Supplier, include:
 - 1.2.1 Targeted scanning or probing of critical networks or systems.
 - 1.2.2 Unauthorized access of Information Technology systems or data
 - 1.2.3 Defacement of website or intrusion into a website and unauthorized changes such as inserting malicious code, links to external websites etc.
 - 1.2.4 Malicious code attacks such as spreading of virus/worm/Trojan/Bots/Spyware/Ransomware/Crypto miners.
 - 1.2.5 Attack on servers such as database, mail and DNS and network devices such as routers.
 - 1.2.6 Identity theft, spoofing and phishing attacks.
 - 1.2.7 Denial of Service (DoS) and Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks
 - 1.2.8 Attacks or malicious/suspicious activities affecting systems/servers/networks/ software/ applications related to Big Data, blockchain, virtual assets, virtual asset exchanges, AI (Artificial Intelligence) & ML (Machine Learning), automation, robotics,
 - 1.2.9 Data breaches
 - 1.2.10 Data leaks
 - 1.2.11 Attacks or incidents affecting digital payment systems.
 - 1.2.12 Attacks through malicious mobile apps.
 - 1.2.13 Unauthorized access to social media accounts
 - 1.2.14 Attacks or malicious or suspicious activities affecting cloud computing systems, servers, software, or applications.
- 1.3 In the event Supplier finds any malware and/or if any Cyber Incident occurs, Supplier shall promptly notify NPCI of the same, in writing and ensure the following:
 - 1.3.1 The intimation of malware and Cyber Incident should be reported within 24 hours of the detection of such incident.
 - 1.3.2 Communication should be sent to csirt@npci.org.in
 - 1.3.3 The communication should be clear and concise, providing all the necessary information about such incidents, including the steps that are being taken to address the issue and minimize any potential damage.
 - 1.3.4 The communication should clearly articulate the impact it may have on NPCI, as well as any potential risks or vulnerabilities that may be exposed and perceived threats to Supplier’s organization systems, data, or operations.
 - 1.3.5 It should also provide guidance on what steps Supplier will take to protect themselves from any potential threats or vulnerabilities that may arise because of the incident.

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- 1.4 The Service Provider agrees that any failure to comply with the above-mentioned obligation will constitute a material breach of the PO and NPCI will have the right in its sole discretion to terminate the PO immediately and without any liability.
- 1.5 Additionally, without prejudice to NPCI's rights and remedies, NPCI has the right to claim 1% (one percent) of the total PO value for each event of failure of reporting a Cyber Incident by Supplier (as per clauses above) or claim a total amount of Rs 50,000 from Supplier for such failure, whichever is higher.

8.38 Data Protection

- 1.1. Supplier shall comply with:
 - 1.1.1. all laws relating to privacy, confidentiality or security of information including but not limited to Information Technology Act, and any and all rules and guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time (collectively, "Privacy Laws"); and
 - 1.1.2. best industry standards and practices concerning privacy, data protection, confidentiality and information security.
- 1.2. Supplier shall, in accordance with industry standard practices and all applicable Privacy Laws, establish controls to ensure confidentiality of all Confidential Information of NPCI.
- 1.3. Supplier shall provide and maintain an appropriate information security risk management structure and operational processes which are compliant with the applicable laws and any guidelines, notices or circulars issued by NPCI from time to time. Further, Supplier shall be responsible for reporting any fraud, cyber-attack or suspicious activity during the provision of Deliverables or in relation to the Confidential Information of NPCI immediately to NPCI.

8.39 Governing Language

All correspondences and other documents pertaining to this Agreement shall be in English only.

8.40 Addresses for Notices

Following shall be address of NPCI and Bidder

NPCI address for notice purpose:

Managing Director & CEO

National Payments Corporation of India

1001A, B wing 10th Floor,

'The Capital', Bandra-Kurla Complex,

Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051

Supplier's address for notice purpose: (To be filled by supplier)

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Section 9 General and Technical Specifications

The Bidder hereby complies to provide full support to NPCI and/or its appointed Consultants full support in coordination and evaluation of their proposed solution including but not limited to evaluation of their technical bids, site visits, and review of any documents as per this annexure.

General Requirements

		Particulars	Response / Documents to be submitted by Bidder	Detailed comments by the Bidder	Bidder Compliance Yes/No
1.1	Data Centre Space	Total No. of Racks : 400 Racks. Average Density per rack: 8kW and IT Power : 2.4 MW No. of 600 x 1200 mm racks (Indicative no.) : 80% racks No of 800 x 1200 mm racks (Indicative no.) : 20% racks Note: Standard rack spacing ranging from 25-30 sq.ft. gross area/rack should be considered while making provisioning and spacing equivalent to 2x tiles should be provided at the periphery of the cage. The said cage should be opaque in nature and as per industry approved specifications. Power to be racks should be supplied within 2 to 6 hours of intimation by NPCI.	Floor layout Indicating NPCI's area demarcated with Rack dimensions		
1.2	Tier Classification:	Entire facility or the area proposed to the NPCI to be certified as Uptime Tier III/IV or TIA942 Rated 3/4	Certificate copy in case of fully commissioned data centres. submit a detailed design report along with SLD during bid submission that qualifies the Plot, Structure and MEP design for Facility/NPCI's area as Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 design.		
1.3	Dedicated Suite/Floor requirements	Dedicated and contiguous floor for all racks. a. NPCI requires dedicated and contiguous area (including but not limited to secured path for data cabling) for the entire set up with restricted access. Share floor numbers allocated to the NPCI in the facility and racks deployed on each floor. b. In non-contiguous floors are being offered to NPCI, the bidder to ensures that dedicated risers/shaft are provided as a part of their solution.	Bidder to share response		

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1.4	Power Metering:	IT power monitoring on Rack level Please confirm availability of DCIM (data centre infrastructure management) software/tools and meters to be used at the facility with real-time integrated cabinet level power monitoring with power consumption to be billed separately on a metered basis (based on actuals) and sufficient M&E power / energy monitoring to invoice for cooling as well.	Bidder to share response		
1.5	Rooftop Antenna:	Provisioning for GPS and Network antenna. Please confirm availability provision for both current and future needs.	Bidder will have to provision for the trunking and cabling for this antenna when required		
1.6	Operations Space	DC operations area including the following: a) 25x workstations on 24x7x365 basis (4 data ports + 2 voice ports) b) Space to install 6x LEDs of 85" each c) 90 access cards and continuous CCTV monitoring (90 days) at all entry and exit points d) 1x five seater meeting room with 2x storewell cupboards and provision for VC facility e) 1x store room with space for fireproof safe f) Space for fax and printer Note: NPCI has preference to have the Operations Space in the same floor/proposed DC facility building.	Please share layout of the seating space and the floor where this allocated		
1.7	Storage area	100 sq.ft. ideally on same floor as the DC operations area with stacking option	Please indicate storage area on the floor layout and dimensions of the room.		
2.1	Ready for Service date	on or Before 31 st July 2024	Please share your RFS date for the project. Ready for service indicates fully commissioned Day-1 requirement with dust free environment		
2.2	Contract Start Date & Ready for Service (RFS) Date (i.e. Vendor handover)	Early access 1 month before RFS date	Bidder to confirm the compliance		
3.1	Carrier Connections	Availability of all ISPs servicing in India. a. List of Existing ISPs at site/campus b. Ability to allow new/other ISPs to enter the facility (Yes/no)	Bidder to share response		

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		c. List of public cloud connects available at site/campus			
3.2	Fiber cross connects	NPCI will request for Fiber cross connects on requirement basis Note: At least 2x multi-mode, 2x single fibers and 4x copper cross-connects (CAT6A).	Bidder to share compliance		
3.3	Copper cross connects	NPCI will request for cross connects as per above and on requirement basis.	Bidder to share compliance		
3.4	Dedicated MMRs / MUX	NPCI will require two diverse paths coming into two separate MMRs /MUXs on the NPCI floor/s. The MMRs/MUXs will be dedicated only for NPCI.	Bidder to share compliance		
3.5	Dedicated Conduits	Dedicated Conduits NPCI requires Dedicated fiber conduits	Bidder to share compliance		
3.6	Green Power	Colocation service provider shall provide green power to the NPCI within the allowed threshold by the regulatory authorities in Maharashtra along with the reduced green power tariff.	Bidder to share compliance		
3.7	Other Services	What are managed services available by default (without additional cost)?	Bidder to share response		
4.1	Renewal Option	NPCI shall be granted further option to renew the contract in whole or part of the Premises for a term of five (5) years subject to providing not less than 12 months written notice before the contract expiry date.	Bidder to share compliance		
5.1	Date/Year	Commissioned power & Racks	Reserved power and racks		
	31st July 2024	800kW across 100 racks	2.4MW across 300 racks		
	31st December 2024	800kW across 100 racks	1.6MW across 200 racks		
	30th June 2025	800kW across 100 racks	800kW across 100 racks		
	31st December 2025	800kW across 100 racks	-		
		Note: The above-mentioned expansion space/racks will not be offered to third parties for the exclusive period till 31st December 2025. No reservation fees would be paid by NPCI till such period. If NPCI does not exercise these expansion options, it converts to Right of First Refusal (RoFR) for 2 (two) years on the same terms and conditions save the Monthly Recurring Charges ("MRC") which will be mutually agreed between the parties at current market rates at that time. NPCI will get 90 (ninety) days to	Bidder to share compliance		

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		confirm such RoFR to the Bidder.			
6.1	Proposed facility	Please share the following details for the proposed building a. Name of the asset b. Location of the asset (Postal address) c. Total IT Capacity (MW) d. Total available IT capacity e. No. of floors (G+?) f. Floor/s offered to the NPCI g. Capacity and Racks offered on each floor/s h. When was the facility first operational? The proposed facility should not be operational more than 6 years from the date of submission.	Bidder to respond to a to h		
6.2	Type of Facility	Proposed facility shall be a carrier-neutral Data center facility	Bidder to share compliance		
6.3	Ownership of land	Facility shall be either owned by the Bidder freehold basis or long term lease hold basis shall have unexpired term (in case of leased basis) of more than 10 years from the date of this RFP document. The Bidder should share copy of relevant ownership document from MIDC (or other relevant authority) to substantiate their claim.	Bidder to share Ownership Documents		
6.4	Sublet Rights	In case of leased facility, Colocation service provider to confirm under the Head Lease you are able to sublet the Premises	Bidder to share lease deed with reference to sub-let clause		
6.5	Zoning	The proposed facility shall be zoned appropriate for use as a Data Centre.	Bidder to share compliance		
6.6	Other enterprises sharing the proposed facility and/or floor	Please share the list of other enterprises and their industries operating out of the proposed DC facility and/or floor offered to NPCI	Bidder to respond with comments		
6.7	Parking	NPCI requires 6 car & 25 Bike parks within the premises, please confirm availability of the same	Bidder to share compliance		
6.8	Other amenities in the Proposed Facility	Summary of amenities, e.g. Parking (dedicated & visitor), loading area, delivery facilities, goods lift, equipment assembly area, cafeteria / canteen	Bidder to respond with comments		
6.9	Energy Efficiency/Sustainability	NPCI requires the colocation service provider to achieve a green building certificate either from LEED or IGBC. Please confirm your compliance	Bidder to share compliance		

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6.10	Elevators Access	a. Provide quantity, capacity and dimensions of all elevators. b. Does the proposed facility has a high capacity freight lift for ease of movement of Servers and High-density Hardware devices? Please share its capacity? c. Can elevator access the car park? d. Facility access for loading and unloading of the equipment via loading dock?	Bidder to respond to a to d		
6.11	Staging Area	The Staging area should be made available to NPCI at no additional cost, as and when required for unpacking, PDI, installation, maintenance, troubleshooting etc. of the equipment's. The staging area should be preferably close to the proposed colocation space and have all facilities like, redundant power, LAN connectivity, telecom etc. The Bidder to provide such space on 2 days notice from NPCI.	Bidder to share compliance		
6.12	Power Utilization Efficiency (PUE)	Provide the annualized PUE factor for the data centre suite and also PUE guarantees you will offer under the partial loads described opposite.	Bidder to respond with comments		
6.13	Dedicated MEP	NPCI shall have the entire MEP for it's racks dedicated (Except for the high side infrastructure like substation, transformers, main distribution system, the Diesel generator stack, Chiller System & BMS)	Bidder to share compliance		
6.14	Uptime / TIA 942 Certifications	Please share timelines (Month/Year) for either Uptime (Tier III/IV) or TIA 942 (Rated 3/4) certification for NPCI's area	Bidder to share compliance		
6.15	Cooling	Bidder shall always maintain following in the technical space of the NPCI Temperature : 22 degrees (+/- 2 degrees) Humidity : Relative humidity to be maintained between 50% (+/- 10%)	Bidder to share compliance		
6.16	Useable Height	NPCI requires a minimum clear height of 30000mm (3 meters) and the minimum raised floor height of 800 mm. In case of hot aisle/cold aisle containment, raised floor height is not considered.	Bidder to share compliance		
6.17	Structural Floor Loading	Minimum floor loading capacity for the offered premises shall be 1500 kg/m ² on a uniformly distributed load	Bidder to share compliance		

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6.18	Security Procedures Overview Statement	<p>Requirements :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -24x7 manned & Visitor Management System -Under Vehicle Scanner/ Road blocker -Boom Barriers -X ray baggage scanner - Bomb/RDx Detection system -Biometric accesses -Flap barriers on Ground floor -Man Trap - 24x7 Security Guard hosted at the floor 	Bidder to share compliance		
6.19	Certifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ISO 27001 or BS7799 •TVRA •ISO 9001 • PCI-DSS 	Bidder to share compliance		
6.20	Single Point of Failures	Please confirm that the Data Center has no single point of failure with regards to supply of power to server area, CRAC/CRAH/PAHU/PAC systems, LAN, etc.	Bidder to share compliance		
6.21	Free from Interference	Whether Data Center is free from electromagnetic and radio frequency interference	Bidder to share compliance		
6.22	24x7 Access	Access by NPCI personnel and designated vendors at any time, 24 hours a day and seven days a week, must be allowed. This access will also be needed during inclement weather and other disasters. (This access include DC and Facility every where)	Bidder to share compliance		
6.23	Insurance	The co-located site and the entire infrastructure therein is covered under comprehensive insurance including risk related to earthquake, floods, fire, lightening etc. Please indicate the risks covered under the policy? Minimum insurance value should be mutually agreed between NPCI and the Bidder.	Bidder to share compliance		
6.24	Disaster Proof	The proposed DC facility building should be designed and constructed for earthquake resistance. It should also resist the hazards from floods, hurricane, tornado, and lightning strike probabilities etc.	Bidder to share compliance		
6.25	Away from Hazardous Materials	The proposed DC facility building should be away from hazardous chemical materials, LPG storage areas, chemical warehouses and other storage facilities meant for dangerous commodities.	Bidder to share compliance		
6.26	Disaster Recovery Plan	Give details of disaster recovery plan	Bidder to share response		

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6.27	Single Point of Contact and Governance Meeting	<p>a. The Bidder will appoint an official of Senior Manager Cadre as SPOC for NPCI. The SPOC should have access to all higher management cadre officials related to the proposed Data Centre facility.</p> <p>b. The SPOC should be associated with NPCI for the entire period of the contract.</p> <p>c. SPOC should hold monthly review/governance meetings at NPCI office.</p>	Bidder to share response		
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Technical Requirements

The Technical specifications given below are minimum specifications. In case any of the requirements are not generic in nature, it may be brought to the notice of NPCI through pre-bid mechanism. For each of the Technical Requirements, as given in this Section, the Bidder must provide cross references to the relevant supporting information, if any, included in the bid. The cross reference should identify the relevant document(s), page number(s), and paragraph(s).

		Particulars	Response / Documents to be submitted by Bidder	Detailed comments by the Bidder	Bidder Compliance Yes/No
Section 1: Power Infrastructure					
1.1	Incoming Electric Supply and Sub-Station	<p>NPCI requires minimum two diverse power feeds incoming to the site. Please mention</p> <p>a. Compliance (Yes/No)</p> <p>b. kV capacity of each line and origin substation</p> <p>c. Describe the arrangement of the Incoming power line and how is the power tapping occurring.</p> <p>d. Are the dual feeds from separate sub-stations?</p>	Bidder to respond to a to d		
1.2	Risers and Feeders	<p>Multiple risers and feeders from separate distribution boards ensuring redundancy of complete electrical distribution path till IT racks (N+N system). Tier-III/IV requires dedicated independent electrical distribution including redundant DG Sets, redundant Main LT Panels, Redundant paths (cables / distribution Panels / PDUs etc. till IT loads.</p>	Bidder to share compliance		
1.3	Building Grounding System	<p>Whether the building grounding system is directly grounded by the grounding buses to all electrical distribution system as well as all the racks, trays and flooring in the data center and adheres to the TIA-942 guidelines.</p>	Bidder to share compliance		
1.4	Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS)	<p>The Bidder shall provide conditioned power delivered via of redundant UPS systems.</p> <p>a. Confirm that Bidder shall provide Source A & B Uninterruptible Power Supply Systems to the server racks and network communication room</p> <p>b. Confirm that Lithium ion batteries for NPCI's setup? Batteries are single string or dual string? Do they have manufacturer-installed battery monitoring system?</p> <p>c. Please describe redundancy set-up of UPS and should be in compliance of Tier-III/IV or Rated 3/4 as per Uptime or TIA 942 respectively?</p> <p>d. Back-up time of UPS</p> <p>e. Whether UPS is dedicated or shared?</p> <p>f. Age and OEM of the equipment?</p>	Bidder to respond to a to f		

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1.5	Power Distribution Unit (PDU)	PDUs must have redundant, diverse feeds from separate UPS modules. The circuitry for electrical feeds should have no single point of failure from the grid to the cabinet. Power distribution systems shall be designed to meet electrical power draw necessary for NPCI's environment.	Bidder to share response		
1.6	Power Monitoring	Power quality monitoring will be done by the Bidder to protect NPCI's equipment and prevent data loss by eliminating surges and other irregularities in power. The Bidder must make provision to measure power consumption by NPCI monthly or at any point of time as and when required.	Bidder to share compliance		
1.7	Power at Rack Level / iPDU	<p>a. Whether dual power feed of 8 kW (eight kilowatt) is provided at each rack? Please confirm that there are no power infra upgradation charges and NPCI can add additional servers at its own discretion subject to the maximum power per rack offered.</p> <p>b. Whether STS (Static Transfer Switch) for the racks in which single power source equipment are installed with at least N+1 or N+N redundancy? Please note that 20 Nos of STS are to be provided by the Bidder for every 100 racks.</p> <p>c. Each power distribution unit (iPDU) inside the rack should provide 32A dual output sockets three phase</p> <p>d. iPDU should be 32A three-phase PDU with minimum of 32x universal sockets : kWh, W, VA, PF, Voltage, Ampere and Sensor types: Temperature, temperature/humidity (combined) leakage, airflow and Supported protocols: HTTP, HTTPS, SSL, SSH, NTP, TCP/IP v4 and v6, DHCP, DNS, NTP, Syslog, SNMP v1, v2c and v3, Traps, Modbus/TCP, SMTP, RADIUS, TACACS+</p> <p>e. Age and OEM of the equipment?</p>	Bidder to share response		
1.8	DG / Generator	<p>a. DG sets should be rated for 24-hours continuous operations and have redundancy to be at least N+1 with compartmentalization between redundant units or as per Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 standards</p> <p>b. The minimum requirement of bulk fuel storage is for 48 hours equivalent fuel with refueling contract in place (in not more than 24 hours), please confirm that you can meet this requirement and state fuel tank capacity?</p> <p>c. Generator transfer switches/control switchgear shall be fault tolerant as per Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 standards</p> <p>d. Age and OEM of the equipment?</p>	Bidder to respond to a to d		
1.9	Emergency Power and Lighting	<p>a. Whether adequate lighting and emergency lighting is supplied to the proposed DC facility and service areas for operational and safety reasons. Emergency lighting is also supplied by DCO through UPS/generator in case of a power failure.</p> <p>b. Confirm that the facility shall not have any Emergency Power Off (EPO)</p>	Bidder to share compliance		
1.10	Cabling	All power cabling must be in segregated cable trays and separate path from the data cable trays	Bidder to share compliance		
1.11	Overall Electrical Infrastructure	The infrastructure should be Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 standards certified as specified by The Uptime Institute / TIA 942 for Data Centre	Bidder to share compliance		

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1.12	Single Line Drawing	Provide single line diagrams of power/cooling and other service diagrams up to the individual rack level including but not limited to : a. LV main switchboards, b. Generator power supply and synchronization panel c. UPS power supply, d. Chillers/Cooling towers/Pumps power supply, e. CRACs/CRAHs power supply f. Typical PDUs	Bidder to share response		
1.13	Audit	Comprehensive Power Audit in the last two years / Record of past incidents if any	Bidder to share response		
	Earthing	Minimum 4x dedicated earthing pits for NPCI			
1.14	Additional	a. Bidder must perform short-circuit coordination study to achieve discrimination or selective tripping. b. Bidder must provide a permanent 100% (N) resistive load NPCI for testing of generators and UPS systems. Alternatively provide a spare circuit breaker for the generators and UPS systems allowing for temporary load NPCI to be connected for testing. c. Whether sufficient precautions have been taken to eliminate neutral floating problems of three phase systems and incidents of phase reversals	Bidder to share compliance		
Section 2: Cooling / HVAC Infrastructure					
2.1	Cooling Infrastructure	a. Please describe whether facility cooling system is air cooled or water cooled? b. Please confirm heat rejection configuration (if not air-cooled chillers)? c. Please confirm water CHW or Condenser water distribution is designed (N+2 or N+N) as Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 standards	Bidder to share response		
2.2	Redundancy	The overall air conditioning system configuration shall be (N+2 or N+N) from central plant, piping, pumps to CRAH/CRAC/PAHU/PAC units OR as Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 standards.	Bidder to share response		
2.3	Cooling of Data Center Space	Will the cooling support the required critical load of 8 kW (eight kilowatts) per rack? Please describe your proposed cooling strategy including raised floor air pressure, temperature and humidity controls based on the stated IT load/power density profile. a. Confirmation :Yes/No b. Raised floor air pressure : c. CFM: Minimum 600 cfm per kW at approximately 48 inches (1.2 metres) above the raised floor surface on the front intake of each supported equipment cabinet d. Tile spacing : 2 tiles spacing ? e. Active tiles (If any): f. In row cooling (if any):	Bidder to share response		
2.4	Containment	Air flow and positioning of equipment must be capable of handling our requirements. Cold aisle containment to be installed in the caged area for all the Rack rows and must have biometric access control installed.	Bidder to share response		

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2.5	Temperature and Humidity	Bidder shall always maintain following in the technical space of the NPCI Temperature: 22 degrees Celsius (+/- 2 degrees) Humidity : Relative humidity to be maintained between 50% (+/- 10%) Temperature and Humidity as measured at approximately 48 inches (1.2 metres) above the raised floor surface on the front intake of each supported equipment cabinet	Bidder to share compliance		
2.6	Power Back up for Cooling	Provide dedicated feeds from diverse power panels to CRAH/CRAC units, such that a loss of one source will not shut down all CRAH/CRAC/PAHU/PAC units. Generator power shall be available upon loss of utility power supply. CRAH/CRAC/PAHU/PAC units shall have automatic restart capability (with minimal delays as required) to restart units following shut down due to loss of power.	Bidder to share compliance		
2.7	UPS Room Cooling	For 2N UPS design, the CRAH/CRAC/PAHU/PAC units shall have N+2 redundancy in relation to load when normal operation of UPS is at 50% with a minimum capacity of N at 100% UPS load. Include provision for temporary supplemental cooling. Dedicated feeds from diverse power panels, such that a loss of one source will not shut down all CRAH/CRAC/PAHU/PAC units. Generator power shall be available upon loss of utility power supply.	Bidder to share compliance		
2.8	UPS Battery Room Cooling	Battery Rooms shall be maintained at 22 degrees Celsius (+/- 2 degrees) at all times. Ventilation shall be designed for minimum continuous 1 CFM/SF (.03 Cu m/square m) of outside air. The battery rooms shall be kept at negative pressure relative to their surroundings. The makeup air handler and exhaust fan shall have 2N redundancy for continuous duty. A hydrogen detection alarm monitoring system shall be installed and connected to the BMS. All the systems shall comply with Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 standards.	Bidder to share compliance		
2.9	Testing and Calibration	Whether temperature, humidity and static control system and monitoring is in place. When was the last calibration date of PAC/PAHU Temperature & RH Sensors? Whether HVAC units are tested regularly?	Bidder to share response		
Section 3: Fire Detection and Suppression					
3.1	Fire Detection Systems in Data Center Space	a. Please state the fire detection to the DC and other critical plant space b. Please confirm that smoke/heat/fire detection systems are in place such as Very Early Smoke Detection System (VESDA) both above and below the false floor? c. Fire detection system for NPCI's capacity and floors shall be dedicated to NPCI	Bidder to respond to a to b		
3.2	Fire Detection Systems in Ancillary Spaces	a. Please state the fire detection to the DC and other critical plant space b. Please confirm that smoke/heat/fire detection systems are in place such as Very Early Smoke Detection System (VESDA)? c. Fire detection system for NPCI's capacity and floors shall be shared or dedicated to NPCI	Bidder to respond to a to b		

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3.3	Fire Suppression Systems in Data Center Space	a. Please confirm that the gaseous fire suppression system is designed according to recognized standards, and please state to which one (e.g. NFPA 75 and 78 standards, ISO, Vads, etc.)? b. Fire suppression system for NPCI's capacity and floors both - above and below the false floor and shall be dedicated to NPCI? c. Portable fire extinguishers in Data Center Space and other IT areas shall be Halocarbon or Carbon Dioxide type. Powder based extinguishers are not permitted. (if applicable)	Bidder to respond to a to c		
3.4	Fire Suppression Systems in Ancillary Spaces	Please share the fire suppression system and type of other ancillary areas of the facility such as pre-active dry pipe water fire suppression system (E.g. NOVEC 1230).	Bidder to share response		
3.5	Integration with BMS	What are the Fire detection, suppression and aspiration facilities provided in the Server area and work area and whether they are interfaced with BMS	Bidder to share response		
3.6	Additional	a. All of the NPCIs' area will be constructed over a minimum of 2 hr. fire rated walls (in a caged environment the perimeter walls of the data hall), and meet the local fire codes. Preference will be given to the most stringent parameter. b. The sprinkler pumps and associated life safety equipment are generator backed.	Bidder to share response		
Section 4: Hours of Operations					
4.1	Customer Access	a. NPCI requires access to the site 24 hours a day X 365 day a year b. Please confirm that the client can access their space out of normal hours for schedule maintenance without prior intimation to the Bidder	Bidder to share response		
4.2	Security	NPCI requires Security to be available 24 hours a day X 365 days a year at constant or varied level at different times.	Bidder to share response		
4.3	MEP Maintenance Staff	NPCI requires MEP Maintenance Staff to be available 24 hours a day X 365 days a year at constant or varied level at different times.	Bidder to share response		
4.4	Remote Monitoring	NPCI requires availability of remote monitoring systems from NPCIs' premises	Bidder to share response		
Section 5: Security, Monitoring and Access Control					
5.1	SOPs	Security procedures, SOPs for operations & maintenance must be documented and should be provided to NPCI as and when required by NPCI.	Bidder to share response		
5.2	Biometric Access / Access card to the server area floor should be available.	a. Biometric Access / Access card to the NPCI's Data Center Space/ server area floor should be available. b. CCTV should be installed in server rack area in a manner that whole server area is covered under CCTV with clear visibility and identification of objects/individual. Minimum one CCTV should be installed at a distance of 10 meter in server rack area. All the entry/exit points of server area should be covered under CCTV surveillance. c. Biometric access control system should be installed in all cold aisle containments. d. The number of video cameras and positioning of the same will be decided as per cage area/ server hall diagram with mutual consent to cover front, rear portions of racks and entry/	Bidder to share response		

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		exit of server hall / cage area, operations and cabin of NPCI.			
5.3	Operations Space	<p>a. NPCI's Operations Space should be secured with Access card / biometric access.</p> <p>b. If Server area, storage and operations space are provided on the same floor, a separate and dedicated Manned Security personal with HHMT should be made available on 24x7 basis by the bidder at the entrance of the NPCI's Cage/ server hall. The Access procedure will be defined by NPCI.</p> <p>c. Gate passes/Access cards to enter premises for persons authorized by NPCI - 90x at no charges</p> <p>d. Whether 24 hours security monitoring is done for the proposed Operations Space (including cabin)? The number of video cameras and positioning of the same will be decided with mutual consent to cover operations and cabin of NPCI.</p>	Bidder to share response		
5.4	Security	The Bidder shall provide security, monitor and record all aspects of the Data Centre facility 24 hours x 365 days. A comprehensive CCTVs and Intrusion Alarms system must cover all areas of the server area (between the racks) and all corridors, all egress/exit points for secured areas within the Data Centre facility, all mechanical areas and all shipping and receiving areas.	Bidder to share response		
5.5	Security / Surveillance Data	There should be CCTV monitoring and access entries/exits logs for of building entrance, exits and other critical areas where NPCI's components are placed. The Bidder is expected to maintain these monitoring records for at least 3 months online and be made available for review by NPCI within 6 (six) business hours. Post which the Bidder is expected to archive such records for CCTV cameras installed within NPCI's server area for a period of 1 year and the same should be made available on NPCI's request through the period of the contract. Above should be provided at no extra cost.	Bidder to share response		
Section 6: Cabling					
6.1	Paths and Cable Baskets	<p>a. NPCI requires minimum 2 diverse paths for dedicated secure data cabling from the Telco Point of Entries connecting the MMR to the DC. Cable should be in secured trunking of minimum 200 x 200 mm across two diverse routes</p> <p>b. NPCI requires separate path for power and data cables within the Data Center. Incoming data and power cables to run in separate trunks.</p> <p>c. There should not be any cable baskets and trunking directly above/under PDU/CRAC units</p>	Bidder to share compliance		
6.2	Dedicated Trunking	NPCI requires One secured dedicated trunking for data cabling from DC to the office area	Bidder to share response		
6.3	Data Center Space Cabling	<p>a. NPCI requires separate overhead data cable basket for copper and fiber each (to be installed above the racks) for the NPCI along with Fibre runners. These cables should be aptly labelled for ease of operations and maintenance.</p> <p>b. NPCI requires cable standard of CAT 6A (low smoke zero halogen) for copper and OM4 for fiber. This is subject to change upon NPCI's discretion. There shouldn't be any sharp bends greater than 90 degrees. All cables should be</p>	Bidder to share response		

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		aply labelled. Note: NPCI will engage its own vendor for inter-rack cabling.			
6.4	Racks	a. All racks shall have lockable perforated doors at the back and the front with minimum 16 gauge thickness; partition shelves should be available. Cabling to each rack should be bus bar trunking system with track way bus arrangement b. The 42U server rack should be compatible with most server manufacturer's equipment including Dell, HP, IBM, Sun etc. and have suitable cable management options on both sides. Note: NPCI will procure racks through its own vendor.	Bidder to share response		
6.5	LV Cabling	NPCI requires dedicated risers for LV cabling	Bidder to share response		
Section 7: Network / Carrier Connectivity					
7.1	Telco Carriers and Internet Exchanges	a. NPCI requires availability of all Carriers and Internet Exchanges operating in India to be inside your facility. Please share a list of all available carriers and IXs and all carriers with work in progress. b. Whether the Bidder agrees to provide necessary facilities to third party telecom providers or system integrator of NPCI or otherwise to extend their network links up to the NPCI hosting area at no extra cost to NPCI.	Bidder to share response		
7.2	Meet Me Rooms	NPCI requires dedicated MMRs on all Floor/s allocated to the NPCI	Bidder to share response		
7.3	Dedicated Trunking	NPCI requires minimum 2 x diverse private trunking dedicated to the NPCI use only from MMR/MUX/MDF room to NPCI's Data Center space on the floor	Bidder to share response		
7.4	Cross Connects	NPCI shall be permitted to run circuits / cross connects all the way to their Racks and equipment in their suite at no additional cost	Bidder to share response		
7.5	NOC Room	Whether the proposed facility contains a centralized NOC room to monitor the data center space and network links.	Bidder to share response		
7.6	Maintenance	Who is responsible for providing/maintaining/troubleshooting/planning the cabling between floors/ between suites	Bidder to share response		
Section 8: Building Management System					
8.1	BMS System	a. Give details BMS deployed in Data Center with specific reference to the proposed server area b. Please confirm if remote view access can be provided to NPCI c. Whether 24x7 round the clock on-site monitoring of IBMS done by the Bidder d. In addition, the Bidder should have maintenance staff that respond to system alarms on a 24/7 basis, according to thresholds and action plans specified by NPCI.	Bidder to share response		
8.2	Water Leakage Detection System	The Proposed DC Facility and Data Center Space / Server Area should have microprocessor-based system to detect water leakage within a short period of time Water Leak detection system.	Bidder to share response		
8.3	Rodent Control System	The Proposed DC Facility and Data Center Space / Server Area should have electronic rodent control systems with operability on varied frequency range.	Bidder to share response		

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8.4	Emergency Response Plans and Procedures	The Bidder must maintain emergency response plans and procedures, including fire and building emergencies. The Respondent must inform NPCI of any facility or procedural changes five days or more prior to such changes taking effect	Bidder to share response		
8.5	Reports	a. Fire drill reports, IBMS audit reports and security reports shall be shared on a need basis to NPCI for audit purposes. b. What are the measures taken to isolate server area from contaminants like air borne dust, vapors & industrial pollution etc.? Latest reports of Air Sampling, Water Sampling, Gas Sampling & HSD Sampling to be shared	Bidder to share response		
8.6	Periodic MIS Reports	The following is only an indicative list of BMS reports that may be submitted to NPCI: Weekly Reports a. Humidity monitoring b. Temperature Monitoring c. Power Supply Monitoring d. UPS Monitoring Monthly Reports e. Consolidated SLA / non-conformance report. f. Data Centre and operations area Access /Exit reports g. Video footage recording of all video cameras for server hall and operations area for the past month on suitable media (tapes / external hard disk/electronically storage media etc). h. Equipment movement reports. i. Uptime report of Equipment	Bidder to share response		
8.7	Incident Reporting	Any untoward incident taken place which made the data centre services unavailable to end users should be reported within 24 hrs. of the incident. Root Cause Analysis (RCA) of the said incident should be submitted to NPCI within 48 hrs. of occurrence of such incident.	Bidder to share response		
Section 9: Maintenance					
9.1	Maintenance Works	a. The Bidder will have available at NPCI's request evidence of the preventative planned maintenance carried out on the critical systems including but not limited to security drills, test runs of DG sets, redundant ACs, UPS Systems, etc b. The Bidder will supply NPCI with an annual maintenance schedule at the beginning of the year, highlighting works that impact or could impact its operations. It will also agree with NPCI's agreed notification periods for Planned and ad hoc Maintenance works, for example: - Planned Major Shutdowns (if required) - 12 months - Planned Major system maintenance 6 months - Planned minor system works 1 month - Ad hoc non emergency works - 15 days - Emergency works - as required Note: For any major and minor shutdowns, maintenance works, the bidder should give 1 month advance notification to NPCI Work Method Statement (WMS) c. NPCI requires all critical system maintenance to be carried out after business hours/weekends	Bidder to share response		
9.2	Maintenance Works Drawings	Please confirm documents such as single-line diagrams, critical systems drawings, testing and commissioning documents, preventive maintenance reports, operating procedures and policies, data center certification, building management system data pertaining to the operation of the NPCI's data hall are available	Bidder to share response		

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		to view either as a soft copy over email OR as a hard copy onsite. Describe the request procedure and lead time.			
9.3	Unplanned Breakdowns	a. In case of breakdown of services, what is the meantime for repairs of services b. In case of breakdown of services, what is the meantime for restoration of services			
9.4	Inspections by NPCI	Please confirm site support areas such as electrical/mechanical/fire protection plant rooms, rooftop or basement where critical systems are located, and supplier operations and monitoring room pertaining to the operation of the NPCI's data center space are available for physical visit OR viewing from a distance of the interior. Describe the request procedure and lead time.	Bidder to share response		
9.5	Audit	Please confirm the Bidder will be fully cooperative to NPCI's request to audit the facility allowing the audit team access (copy OR onsite viewing) to necessary documents and site areas for visit related to the operation of the NPCI's data hall. Evidence requested by NPCI's auditor to be shared by the Bidder on request basis. Describe the request procedure and lead time.	Bidder to share response		
9.6	Tests	Please confirm (not limited to) if "pull the plug" / integrated system tests, load tests of DGs, thermography, power quality analysis, earth pit resistance values are carried out? If so please confirm the frequency of the tests. Before the handover of the Data Center the bidder has to conduct ISAT with respect to critical infrastructure (power & cooling)	Bidder to share response		

In case any of the above requirements are not generic in nature, it may be brought to the notice of NPCI through pre-bid mechanism.

Dated this..... Day of.....2024

(Signature)

(Name)

(In the capacity of)

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Section 10 Documents forms to be put in Folder A

Annexure A1 - Bidder's Letter for EMD

To

The Chief Executive Officer
National Payments Corporation of India,
1001A, B wing 10th Floor,
'The Capital', Bandra-Kurla Complex,
Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051

**Subject: Request for Proposal for collocated DC facility for hosting NPCI Data Centre at
Mumbai/Navi Mumbai for period of 5 years - RFP # NPCI/RFP/2024-25/IT/01 dated 6th May 2024"**

We have enclosed an EMD in the form of a RTGS - UTR No/BG No. ____ issued by the branch of the _____ Bank, for the sum of Rs. ____ (Rupees ____). This EMD is as required by clause 5.6 of the Instructions to Bidders of the above referred RFP.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Signature of the Bidder)

Printed Name:

Designation:

Seal:

Date:

Business Address:

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Annexure A2 - Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)

[Bank's Name, and Address of Issuing Branch or Office]

National Payments Corporation of India: _____

Date: _____

BID GUARANTEE No.: _____

We have been informed that _____ (hereinafter called "the Bidder") has submitted to you its bid dated (hereinafter called "the Bid") for the execution of _____ under RFP No.

Furthermore, we understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a bank guarantee.

At the request of the Bidder, we _____ hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you without any demur or protest, any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of Rs. _____ /-(Rupees _____ only) upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Bidder is in breach of its obligation(s) under the bid conditions, because the Bidder:

- (a) Has withdrawn its Bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder in the Form of Bid; or
- (b) having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid by NPCI during the period of bid validity, (i) fails or refuses to execute the Contract document; or (ii) fails or refuses to furnish the performance security, if required, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

This guarantee will expire:

- (a) If the Bidder is the successful bidder, upon our receipt of copies of the contract signed by the Bidder and the performance security issued to you upon the instruction of the Bidder; or
- (b) if the Bidder is not the successful bidder, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of a copy of your notification to the Bidder of the name of the successful bidder; or (ii) twelve months after the expiration of the Bidder's Bid.

Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at the Office on or before that date.

[Signature]

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Annexure B - Bid Offer Form (without Price)

(Bidder's Letter Head)

OFFER LETTER

Date:

To
The Chief Executive Officer
National Payments Corporation of India
1001A, B wing 10th Floor,
'The Capital', Bandra-Kurla Complex,
Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051

Dear Sir,

Subject: Request for Proposal for collocated DC facility for hosting NPCI Data Centre at Mumbai/Navi Mumbai for period of 5 years - RFP # NPCI/RFP/2024-25/IT/01 dated 6th May 2024"

We have examined the above referred RFP document. As per the terms and conditions specified in the RFP document, responses to the pre-bid queries and in accordance with the schedule of prices indicated in the commercial bid and made part of this offer.

We acknowledge having received the following addenda / corrigenda / pre-bid responses to the RFP document.

Addendum No. / Corrigendum No/Pre-bid responses	Dated

While submitting this bid, we certify that:

1. Prices have been quoted in INR.
2. The prices in the bid have not been disclosed and will not be disclosed to any other bidder of this RFP.
3. We have not induced nor attempted to induce any other bidder to submit or not submit a bid for restricting competition.
4. We agree that the rates / quotes, terms and conditions furnished in this RFP are for NPCI and its Associates.

If our offer is accepted, we undertake, to start the assignment under the scope immediately after receipt of your order. We have taken note of Penalty clauses in the RFP and agree to abide by the same. We also note that NPCI reserves the right to cancel the order and order cancellation clause as per terms and condition would be applicable. We understand that for delays not attributable to us or on account of uncontrollable circumstances, penalties will not be levied and that the decision of NPCI will be final and binding on us.

We agree to abide by this offer till 180 days from the last date stipulated by NPCI for submission of bid, and our offer shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted by NPCI any time before the expiry of that period.

Until a formal contract is prepared and executed with the selected bidder, this offer will be binding on us. We also certify that the information/data/particulars furnished in our bid are factually correct. We also accept that in the event of any information / data / particulars are found to be incorrect, NPCI will have the right to disqualify /blacklist us and forfeit bid security.

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We undertake to comply with the terms and conditions of the bid document. We understand that NPCI may reject any or all of the offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

As security (EMD) for the due performance and observance of the undertaking and obligation of the bid we submit herewith RTGS/BG bearing no. _____ dated _____ drawn in favor of “National Payments Corporation of India” or Bank Guarantee valid for ____ days for an amount of Rs._____ (Rs. _____ only) payable at Mumbai.

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [In full and initials]:

Name and Title of Signatory:

Name of Company/Firm:

Address

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**Annexure C - Bidder Information
(Bidder's Letter Head)**

Details of the Bidder				
1	Name of the Bidder			
2	Address of the Bidder			
3	Constitution of the Company (Public Ltd/ Pvt Ltd)			
4	Details of Incorporation of the Company.	Date:		
		Ref #		
5	Permanent Account Number (PAN)			
6	Valid Goods & Services Tax (GST) Registration Numbers			
7	City			
8	State			
9	Pin Code / State Code			
10	GSTIN Number			
11	HSN Number			
12	Name & Designation of the contact person to whom all references shall be made regarding this tender			
13	Telephone No. (Cell # and Landline # with STD Code)			
14	E-Mail of the contact person:			
15	Website			
Financial Details (as per audited Balance Sheets) (in Cr)				
19	Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
20	Net worth			
21	Turn Over			
22	PAT			

Dated this..... Day of..... 2024

(Signature)

(Name)

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**Annexure D - Declaration for Clean Track Record
(Bidder's Letter Head)**

To

The Chief Executive Officer
National Payments Corporation of India
1001A, B wing 10th Floor,
'The Capital', Bandra-Kurla Complex,
Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051

Sir,

I have carefully gone through the Terms & Conditions contained in the **Request for Proposal for collocated DC facility for hosting NPCI Data Centre at Mumbai/Navi Mumbai for period of 5 years - RFP # NPCI/RFP/2024-25/IT/01 dated 6th May 2024**" I hereby declare that my company has not currently been debarred/blacklisted by any Government / Semi Government / Private organizations in India / abroad. I further certify that I am competent officer and duly authorized by my company to make this declaration.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature of the Bidder)
Printed Name
Designation
Seal
Date:
Business Address:

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**Annexure E - Declaration for Acceptance of RFP Terms and Conditions
(Bidder's Letter Head)**

To

The Chief Executive Officer
National Payments Corporation of India
1001A, B wing 10th Floor,
'The Capital', Bandra-Kurla Complex,
Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051

Dear Sir,

I have carefully gone through the terms & conditions contained in the **Request for Proposal for collocated DC facility for hosting NPCI Data Centre at Mumbai/Navi Mumbai for period of 5 years - RFP # NPCI/RFP/2024-25/IT/01 dated 6th May 2024**". I declare that all the provisions of this RFP/Tender Document are acceptable to my company. I further certify that I am an authorized signatory of my company and am, therefore, competent to make this declaration.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature of the Bidder)

Printed Name

Designation

Seal

Date:

Business Address:

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**Annexure F - Declaration for Acceptance of Scope of Work
(Bidder's Letter Head)**

To

The Chief Executive Officer
National Payments Corporation of India
1001A, B wing 10th Floor,
'The Capital', Bandra-Kurla Complex,
Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051

Sir,

I have carefully gone through the scope of work (including the scope of work mentioned in responses to pre-bid queries/Corrigendum/Corrigenda) contained in the **Request for Proposal for collocated DC facility for hosting NPCI Data Centre at Mumbai/Navi Mumbai for period of 5 years # NPCI/RFP/2024-25/IT/01 dated 6th May 2024**". I declare that all the provisions of this RFP / Tender Document are acceptable to my company. I further certify that I am an authorized signatory of my company and am, therefore, competent to make this declaration.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature of the Bidder)
Printed Name
Designation
Seal
Date:
Business Address:

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Annexure G - Format Power of Attorney
(On Stamp paper of relevant value)

Know all men by the present, we _____ (name of the company and address of the registered office) do hereby appoint and authorize _____ (full name and residential address) who is presently employed with us holding the position of _____ as our attorney, to do in our name and on our behalf, deed and things necessary in connection with or incidental to our proposal for _____ in response to the **Request for Proposal for collocated DC facility for hosting NPCI Data Centre at Mumbai/Navi Mumbai for period of 5 years - RFP # NPCI/RFP/2024-25/IT/01 dated 6th May 2024** by NPCI, including signing and submission of all the documents and providing information/responses to NPCI in all the matter in connection with our bid. We hereby agree to ratify all deeds and things lawfully done by our said attorney pursuant to this Power of Attorney and that all deeds and things done by our aforesaid attorney shall always be deemed to have been done by us.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2024.
For _____.

(Signature)

(Name Designation and Address)

Accepted

(Signature)
(Name Designation)
Date:
Business Address:

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**Annexure H - Eligibility Criteria Compliance
(Bidder's Letter Head)**

Sr. No	Eligibility Criteria	Condition	Compliance (Yes/No)	Document to be submitted
1	Registration and incorporation	The bidder is a Company registered in India under the Companies Act or Partnership under Partnership Act at least since last 5 years. a. In case the bidder is the result of a merger or acquisition, at least one of the merging companies should have been in operation for at least 5 years as on date of submission of the bid. b. In case the bidder is the result of a demerger or hiving off, at least one of the demerged company or resulting company should have been in operation for at least 5 years as on the date of submission of bid.		Certificate of Incorporation
2	Experience	The bidder shall have minimum 10 years of experience of managing DC colocation services for BFSI clients in India or any national critical infrastructure as declared by NCIIPC		Declaration on company letter head signed by COO / Authorized Person
3	Financial	Bidder shall comply with following financial criteria		
A		Profitable for the last 3 years (covid year relief given for financial year 2020-21)		Standalone (Bidder`s only) P&L, Balance sheet, auditor's report and notes to accounts (all 4 required for each financial year)
B		Turnover of INR 75 crores/annum in each of last 3 years (covid year relief given for financial year 2020-21)		
C		Positive net worth for every year for last 3 years		
D		No statutory default during last 3 years		
4	Blacklisting/ Clean track record	The Bidder should not have been currently blacklisted/debarred by any Bank or institution in India or abroad.		
5	Location, ownership and DC facility	Building and DC facility shall be owned by the bidder		Declaration on company letter head signed by authorized person along with supporting documents if asked for.
6		Land & building shall not have been mortgaged by the bidder as on date and shall not mortgage over the tenure of the contract without NPCI consent.		
7		The bidder shall have minimum total raised floor space of 50,000 sq. ft. including all the DCs operated by the bidder in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.		
8	Service quality certifications and compliances	Colocation services shall be managed by the bidder himself and not outsourced		Declaration on company letter head signed by CEO/ COO
		The DC facility shall be complying with Tier-III / IV or Rated 3 / 4 as per Uptime		Copy of certificate or undertaking to

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		Institute or TIA942 standards as on date of bid participation. If the bidder does not have such certificate on the date of bid participation, he shall provide an undertaking stating that the same will be made available for verification before technical evaluation round, failing which the Bidder will not qualify for subsequent process under this RFP including Technical Evaluation round.		provide the same before technical evaluation round.
9	Bid cost	The bidder has paid the RFP cost as given in the RFP at the time of purchasing the RFP document or has paid or submitted along with the bid submission.		Proof of payment
10	Bid earnest money	The Bidder has paid or submitted along with the RFP response submission required EMD as mentioned in the RFP		Proof of payment

Dated this..... Day of.....2024

(Signature)

(Name)

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Section 11 Documents to be put in Folder 'B'

(Bidder's Letter Head)

Annexure J - Technical Compliance

The Bidder hereby complies to provide full support to NPCI and/or its appointed Consultants full support in coordination and evaluation of their proposed solution including but not limited to evaluation of their technical bids, site visits, and review of any documents as per this annexure.

General Requirements

		Particulars	Response / Documents to be submitted by Bidder	Detailed comments by the Bidder	Bidder Compliance Yes/No	Documentary Proofs to be submitted
Section 1: Facility Requirement						
1.1	Data Centre Space	Total No. of Racks : 400 Racks. Average Density per rack: 8kW and IT Power : 2.4 MW No. of 600 x 1200 mm racks (Indicative no.) : 80% racks No of 800 x 1200 mm racks (Indicative no.) : 20% racks Note: Standard rack spacing ranging from 25-30 sq.ft. gross area/rack should be considered while making provisioning and spacing equivalent to 2x tiles should be provided at the periphery of the cage. The said cage should be opaque in nature and as per industry approved specifications. Power to be racks should be supplied within 2 to 6 hours of intimation by NPCI.	Floor layout Indicating NPCI's area demarcated with Rack dimensions			
1.2	Tier Classification:	Entire facility or the area proposed to the NPCI to be certified as Uptime Tier III/IV or TIA942 Rated 3/4	Certificate copy in case of fully commissioned data centres. submit a detailed design report along with SLD during bid submission that qualifies the Plot, Structure and MEP design for Facility/NPCI's area as Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 design.			
1.3	Dedicated Suite/Floor requirements	Dedicated and contiguous floor for all racks. a. NPCI requires dedicated and contiguous area (including but not limited to secured path for data cabling) for the entire set up	Bidder to share response			

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		with restricted access. Share floor numbers allocated to the NPCI in the facility and racks deployed on each floor. b. In non-contiguous floors are being offered to NPCI, the bidder to ensure that dedicated risers/shaft are provided as a part of their solution.				
1.4	Power Metering:	IT power monitoring on Rack level Please confirm availability of DCIM (data centre infrastructure management) software/tools and meters to be used at the facility with real-time integrated cabinet level power monitoring with power consumption to be billed separately on a metered basis (based on actuals) and sufficient M&E power / energy monitoring to invoice for cooling as well.	Bidder to share response			
1.5	Rooftop Antenna:	Provisioning for GPS and Network antenna. Please confirm availability provision for both current and future needs.	Bidder will have to provision for the trunking and cabling for this antenna when required			
1.6	Operations Space	DC operations area including the following: a) 25x workstations on 24x7x365 basis (4 data ports + 2 voice ports) b) Space to install 6x LEDs of 85" each c) 90 access cards and continuous CCTV monitoring (90 days) at all entry and exit points d) 1x five seater meeting room with 2x storewell cupboards and provision for VC facility e) 1x store room with space for fireproof safe f) Space for fax and printer Note: NPCI has preference to have the Operations Space in the same floor/proposed DC facility building.	Please share layout of the seating space and the floor where this allocated			
1.7	Storage area	100 sq.ft. ideally on same floor as the DC operations area with stacking option	Please indicate storage area on the floor layout and dimensions of the room.			
Section 2: Contract Term						
2.1	Ready for Service date	on or Before 31 st July 2024	Please share your RFS date for the project. Ready for			

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			service indicates fully commissioned Day-1 requirement with dust free environment			
2.2	Contract Start Date & Ready for Service (RFS) Date (i.e. Vendor handover)	Early access 1 month before RFS date	Bidder to confirm the compliance			
Section 3: Network, Green Power and Other Services						
3.1	Carrier Connections	Availability of all ISPs servicing in India. a. List of Existing ISPs at site/campus b. Ability to allow new/other ISPs to enter the facility (Yes/no) c. List of public cloud connects available at site/campus	Bidder to share response			
3.2	Fiber cross connects	NPCI will request for Fiber cross connects on requirement basis Note: At least 2x multi-mode, 2x single fibers and 4x copper cross-connects (CAT6A).	Bidder to share compliance			
3.3	Copper cross connects	NPCI will request for cross connects as per above and on requirement basis.	Bidder to share compliance			
3.4	Dedicated MMRs / MUX	NPCI will require two diverse paths coming into two separate MMRs /MUXs on the NPCI floor/s. The MMRs/MUXs will be dedicated only for NPCI.	Bidder to share compliance			
3.5	Dedicated Conduits	Dedicated Conduits NPCI requires Dedicated fiber conduits	Bidder to share compliance			
3.6	Green Power	Colocation service provider shall provide green power to the NPCI within the allowed threshold by the regulatory authorities in Maharashtra along with the reduced green power tariff.	Bidder to share compliance			
3.7	Other Services	What are managed services available by default (without additional cost)?	Bidder to share response			
Section 4: Other Terms						
4.1	Renewal Option	NPCI shall be granted further option to renew the contract in whole or part of the Premises for a term of five (5) years subject to providing not less than 12 months written notice before the contract expiry date.	Bidder to share compliance			
Section 5: Rack Deployment timelines						
5.1	Date/Year	Commissioned power & Racks	Reserved power and racks			

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	31st July 2024	800kW across 100 racks	2.4MW across 300 racks			
	31st December 2024	800kW across 100 racks	1.6MW across 200 racks			
	30th June 2025	800kW across 100 racks	800kW across 100 racks			
	31st December 2025	800kW across 100 racks	-			
		<p>Note: The above-mentioned expansion space/racks will not be offered to third parties for the exclusive period till 31st December 2025. No reservation fees would be paid by NPCI till such period. If NPCI does not exercise these expansion options, it converts to Right of First Refusal (RoFR) for 2 (two) years on the same terms and conditions save the Monthly Recurring Charges ("MRC") which will be mutually agreed between the parties at current market rates at that time. NPCI will get 90 (ninety) days to confirm such RoFR to the Bidder.</p>		Bidder to share compliance		

Section 6: Facility requirements

6.1	Proposed facility	<p>Please share the following details for the proposed building</p> <p>a. Name of the asset</p> <p>b. Location of the asset (Postal address)</p> <p>c. Total IT Capacity (MW)</p> <p>d. Total available IT capacity</p> <p>e. No. of floors (G+?)</p> <p>f. Floor/s offered to the NPCI</p> <p>g. Capacity and Racks offered on each floor/s</p> <p>h. When was the facility first operational? The proposed facility should not be operational more than 6 years from the date of submission.</p>		Bidder to respond to a to h		
6.2	Type of Facility	Proposed facility shall be a carrier-neutral Data center facility		Bidder to share compliance		
6.3	Ownership of land	Facility shall be either owned by the Bidder freehold basis or long term-leasehold basis shall have unexpired term (in case of leased basis) of more than 10 years from the date of this RFP document. The Bidder should share copy of relevant ownership document from MIDC (or other relevant authority) to substantiate their claim.		Bidder to share Ownership Documents		

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6.4	Sublet Rights	In case of leased facility, Colocation service provider to confirm under the Head Lease you are able to sublet the Premises	Bidder to share lease deed with reference to sub-let clause			
6.5	Zoning	The proposed facility shall be zoned appropriate for use as a Data Centre.	Bidder to share compliance			
6.6	Other enterprises sharing the proposed facility and/or floor	Please share the list of other enterprises and their industries operating out of the proposed DC facility and/or floor offered to NPCI	Bidder to respond with comments			
6.7	Parking	NPCI requires 6 car & 25 Bike parks within the premises, please confirm availability of the same	Bidder to share compliance			
6.8	Other amenities in the Proposed Facility	Summary of amenities, e.g. Parking (dedicated & visitor), loading area, delivery facilities, goods lift, equipment assembly area, cafeteria / canteen	Bidder to respond with comments			
6.9	Energy Efficiency/Sustainability	NPCI requires the colocation service provider to achieve a green building certificate either from LEED or IGBC. Please confirm your compliance	Bidder to share compliance			
6.10	Elevators Access	a. Provide quantity, capacity and dimensions of all elevators. b. Does the proposed facility has a high-capacity freight lift for ease of movement of Servers and High-density Hardware devices? Please share its capacity? c. Can elevator access the car park? d. Facility access for loading and unloading of the equipment via loading dock?	Bidder to respond to a to d			
6.11	Staging Area	The Staging area should be made available to NPCI at no additional cost, as and when required for unpacking, PDI, installation, maintenance, troubleshooting etc. of the equipment's. The staging area should be preferably close to the proposed colocation space and have all facilities like, redundant power, LAN connectivity, telecom etc. The Bidder to provide such space on 2 days' notice from NPCI.	Bidder to share compliance			
6.12	Power Utilization Efficiency (PUE)	Provide the annualized PUE factor for the data centre suite and also PUE guarantees you will offer under the partial loads described opposite.	Bidder to respond with comments			
6.13	Dedicated MEP	NPCI shall have the entire MEP for it's racks dedicated (Except for the high side infrastructure like substation,	Bidder to share compliance			

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		transformers, main distribution system, the Diesel generator stack, Chiller System & BMS[[]]				
6.14	Uptime / TIA 942 Certifications	Please share timelines (Month/Year) for either Uptime (Tier III/IV) or TIA 942 (Rated 3/4) certification for NPCI's area	Bidder to share compliance			
6.15	Cooling	Bidder shall always maintain following in the technical space of the NPCI Temperature : 22 degrees (+/- 2 degrees) Humidity : Relative humidity to be maintained between 50% (+/- 10%)	Bidder to share compliance			
6.16	Useable Height	NPCI requires a minimum clear height of 30000mm (3 meters) and the minimum raised floor height of 800 mm. In case of hot aisle/cold aisle containment, raised floor height is not considered.	Bidder to share compliance			
6.17	Structural Floor Loading	Minimum floor loading capacity for the offered premises shall be 1500 kg/m2 on a uniformly distributed load	Bidder to share compliance			
6.18	Security Procedures Overview Statement	Requirements : -24x7 manned & Visitor Management System -Under Vehicle Scanner/ Road blocker -Boom Barriers -X ray baggage scanner - Bomb/RDx Detection system -Biometric accesses -Flap barriers on Ground floor -Man Trap - 24x7 Security Guard hosted at the floor	Bidder to share compliance			
6.19	Certifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ISO 27001 or BS7799 •TVRA •ISO 9001 • PCI-DSS 	Bidder to share compliance			
6.20	Single Point of Failures	Please confirm that the Data Center has no single point of failure with regards to supply of power to server area, CRAC/CRAH/PAHU/PAC systems, LAN, etc.	Bidder to share compliance			
6.21	Free from Interference	Whether Data Center is free from electromagnetic and radio frequency interference	Bidder to share compliance			
6.22	24x7 Access	Access by NPCI personnel and designated vendors at any time, 24 hours a day and seven days a week, must be allowed. This access will also be needed during inclement weather and other disasters. (This access includes DC and Facility everywhere)	Bidder to share compliance			

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6.23	Insurance	The co-located site and the entire infrastructure therein is covered under comprehensive insurance including risk related to earthquake, floods, fire, lightening etc. Please indicate the risks covered under the policy? Minimum insurance value should be mutually agreed between NPCI and the Bidder.	Bidder to share compliance			
6.24	Disaster Proof	The proposed DC facility building should be designed and constructed for earthquake resistance. It should also resist the hazards from floods, hurricane, tornado, and lightning strike probabilities etc.	Bidder to share compliance			
6.25	Away from Hazardous Materials	The proposed DC facility building should be away from hazardous chemical materials, LPG storage areas, chemical warehouses and other storage facilities meant for dangerous commodities.	Bidder to share compliance			
6.26	Disaster Recovery Plan	Give details of disaster recovery plan	Bidder to share response			
6.27	Single Point of Contact and Governance Meeting	a. The Bidder will appoint an official of Senior Manager Cadre as SPOC for NPCI. The SPOC should have access to all higher management cadre officials related to the proposed Data Centre facility. b. The SPOC should be associated with NPCI for the entire period of the contract. c. SPOC should hold monthly review/governance meetings at NPCI office.	Bidder to share response			

Technical Requirements

	Description	Particulars	Response / Documents to be submitted by Bidder	Detailed comments by the Bidder	Bidder Compliance Yes/No	Documentary Proofs to be submitted
Section 1: Power Infrastructure						
1.1	Incoming Electric Supply and Sub-Station	NPCI requires minimum two diverse power feeds incoming to the site. Please mention a. Compliance (Yes/No) b. kV capacity of each line and origin substation c. Describe the arrangement of the Incoming power line and how is the power tapping occurring. d. Are the dual feeds from separate sub-stations?	Bidder to respond to a to d			

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1.2	Risers and Feeders	Multiple risers and feeders from separate distribution boards ensuring redundancy of complete electrical distribution path till IT racks (N+N system). Tier-III/IV requires dedicated independent electrical distribution including redundant DG Sets, redundant Main LT Panels, Redundant paths (cables / distribution Panels / PDUs etc. till IT loads.	Bidder to share compliance			
1.3	Building Grounding System	Whether the building grounding system is directly grounded by the grounding buses to all electrical distribution system as well as all the racks, trays and flooring in the data center and adheres to the TIA-942 guidelines.	Bidder to share compliance			
1.4	Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS)	The Bidder shall provide conditioned power delivered via of redundant UPS systems. a. Confirm that Bidder shall provide Source A & B Uninterruptible Power Supply Systems to the server racks and network communication room b. Confirm that Lithium ion batteries for NPCI's setup? Batteries are single string or dual string? Do they have manufacturer-installed battery monitoring system? c. Please describe redundancy set-up of UPS and should be in compliance of Tier-III/IV or Rated 3/4 as per Uptime or TIA 942 respectively? d. Back-up time of UPS e. Whether UPS is dedicated or shared? f. Age and OEM of the equipment?	Bidder to respond to a to f			
1.5	Power Distribution Unit (PDU)	PDUs must have redundant, diverse feeds from separate UPS modules. The circuitry for electrical feeds should have no single point of failure from the grid to the cabinet. Power distribution systems shall be designed to meet electrical power draw necessary for NPCI's environment.	Bidder to share response			
1.6	Power Monitoring	Power quality monitoring will be done by the Bidder to protect NPCI's equipment and prevent data loss by eliminating surges and other irregularities in power. The Bidder must make provision to measure power consumption by NPCI monthly or at any point of time as and when required.	Bidder to share compliance			
1.7	Power at Rack Level / iPDU	a. Whether dual power feed of 8 kW (consumed power) is provided at each rack? Please confirm that there are no power infra upgradation charges and NPCI can add additional servers at its own discretion subject to the maximum power per rack offered. b. STS (Static Transfer Switch) for the racks in which single power source equipment are installed with at least N+1 or N+N redundancy. Please note 20 Nos of STS are to be provided by DCO for every 100 Racks. c. Each power distribution unit (iPDU) inside the rack should provide 32A dual output sockets three phase d. iPDU should be 32A three-phase PDU with minimum of 32x universal sockets : kWh, W, VA, PF, Voltage, Ampere and Sensor types: Temperature, temperature/humidity (combined)	Bidder to share response			

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		leakage, airflow and Supported protocols: HTTP, HTTPS, SSL, SSH, NTP, TCP/IP v4 und v6, DHCP, DNS, NTP, Syslog, SNMP v1, v2c and v3, Traps, Modbus/TCP, SMTP, RADIUS, TACACS+ e. Age and OEM of the equipment?				
1.8	DG / Generator	a. DG sets should be rated for 24-hours continuous operations and have redundancy to be at least N+1 with compartmentalization between redundant units or as per Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 standards b. The minimum requirement of bulk fuel storage is for 48 hours equivalent fuel with refueling contract in place (in not more than 24 hours), please confirm that you can meet this requirement and state fuel tank capacity? c. Generator transfer switches/control switchgear shall be fault tolerant as per Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 standards d. Age and OEM of the equipment?	Bidder to respond to a to d			
1.9	Emergency Power and Lighting	a. Whether adequate lighting and emergency lighting is supplied to the proposed DC facility and service areas for operational and safety reasons. Emergency lighting is also supplied by DCO through UPS/generator in case of a power failure. b. Confirm that the facility shall not have any Emergency Power Off (EPO)	Bidder to share compliance			
1.10	Cabling	All power cabling must be in segregated cable trays and separate path from the data cable trays	Bidder to share compliance			
1.11	Overall Electrical Infrastructure	The infrastructure should be Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 standards certified as specified by The Uptime Institute / TIA 942 for Data Centre	Bidder to share compliance			
1.12	Single Line Drawing	Provide single line diagrams of power/cooling and other service diagrams up to the individual rack level including but not limited to: a. LV main switchboards, b. Generator power supply and synchronization panel c. UPS power supply, d. Chillers/Cooling towers/Pumps power supply, e. CRACs/CRAHs power supply f. Typical PDUs	Bidder to share response			
1.13	Audit	Comprehensive Power Audit in the last two years / Record of past incidents if any	Bidder to share response			
	Earthing	Minimum 4x dedicated earthing pits for NPCI				
1.14	Additional	a. Bidder must perform short-circuit coordination study to achieve discrimination or selective tripping. b. Bidder must provide a permanent 100% (N) resistive load NPCI for testing of generators and UPS systems. Alternatively provide a spare circuit breaker for the generators and UPS systems allowing for temporary load NPCI to be connected for testing. c. Whether sufficient precautions have been taken to eliminate neutral floating problems of three phase systems and incidents of phase reversals	Bidder to share compliance			

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Section 2: Cooling / HVAC Infrastructure					
2.1	Cooling Infrastructure	<p>a. Please describe whether facility cooling system is air cooled or water cooled?</p> <p>b. Please confirm heat rejection configuration (if not aircooled chillers)?</p> <p>c. Please confirm water CHW or Condenser water distribution is designed (N+2 or N+N) as Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 standards</p>	Bidder to share response		
2.2	Redundancy	The overall air conditioning system configuration shall be (N+2 or N+N) from central plant, piping, pumps to CRAH/CRAC/PAHU/PAC units OR as Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 standards.	Bidder to share response		
2.3	Cooling of Data Center Space	<p>Will the cooling support the required critical load of 8 kW (eight kilowatts) per rack? Please describe your proposed cooling strategy including raised floor air pressure, temperature and humidity controls based on the stated IT load/power density profile.</p> <p>a. Confirmation :Yes/No</p> <p>b. Raised floor air pressure :</p> <p>c. CFM: Minimum 600 cfm per kW at approximately 48 inches (1.2 metres) above the raised floor surface on the front intake of each supported equipment cabinet</p> <p>d. Tile spacing : 2 tiles spacing ?</p> <p>e. Active tiles (If any):</p> <p>f. In row cooling (if any):</p>	Bidder to share response		
2.4	Containment	Air flow and positioning of equipment must be capable of handling our requirements. Cold aisle containment to be installed in the caged area for all the Rack rows and must have biometric access control installed.	Bidder to share response		
2.5	Temperature and Humidity	<p>Bidder shall always maintain following in the technical space of the NPCI</p> <p>Temperature : 22 degrees Celsius (+/- 2 degrees)</p> <p>Humidity : Relative humidity to be maintained between 50% (+/- 10%)</p> <p>Temperature and Humidity as measured at approximately 48 inches (1.2 metres) above the raised floor surface on the front intake of each supported equipment cabinet</p>	Bidder to share compliance		
2.6	Power Back up for Cooling	Provide dedicated feeds from diverse power panels to CRAH/CRAC units, such that a loss of one source will not shut down all CRAH/CRAC/PAHU/PAC units. Generator power shall be available upon loss of utility power supply. CRAH/CRAC/PAHU/PAC units shall have automatic restart capability (with minimal delays as required) to restart units following shut down due to loss of power.	Bidder to share compliance		
2.7	UPS Room Cooling	For 2N UPS design, the CRAH/CRAC/PAHU/PAC units shall have N+2 redundancy in relation to load when normal operation of UPS is at 50% with a minimum capacity of N at 100% UPS load. Include provision for temporary supplemental cooling. Dedicated feeds from diverse power panels, such that a loss of one source will not shut down all	Bidder to share compliance		

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		CRAH/CRAC/PAHU/PAC units. Generator power shall be available upon loss of utility power supply.				
2.8	UPS Battery Room Cooling	Battery Rooms shall be always maintained at 22 degrees Celsius (+/- 2 degrees). Ventilation shall be designed for minimum continuous 1 CFM/SF (.03 Cu m/square m) of outside air. The battery rooms shall be kept at negative pressure relative to their surroundings. The makeup air handler and exhaust fan shall have 2N redundancy for continuous duty. A hydrogen detection alarm monitoring system shall be installed and connected to the BMS. All the systems shall comply with Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 standards.	Bidder to share compliance			
2.9	Testing and Calibration	Whether temperature, humidity and static control system and monitoring is in place. When was the last calibration date of PAC/PAHU Temperature & RH Sensors? Whether HVAC units are tested regularly?	Bidder to share response			
Section 3: Fire Detection and Suppression						
3.1	Fire Detection Systems in Data Center Space	a. Please state the fire detection to the DC and other critical plant space b. Please confirm that smoke/heat/fire detection systems are in place such as Very Early Smoke Detection System (VESDA) both above and below the false floor? c. Fire detection system for NPCI's capacity and floors shall be dedicated to NPCI	Bidder to respond to a to b			
3.2	Fire Detection Systems in Ancillary Spaces	a. Please state the fire detection to the DC and other critical plant space b. Please confirm that smoke/heat/fire detection systems are in place such as Very Early Smoke Detection System (VESDA)? c. Fire detection system for NPCI's capacity and floors shall be shared or dedicated to NPCI	Bidder to respond to a to b			
3.3	Fire Suppression Systems in Data Center Space	a. Please confirm that the gaseous fire suppression system is designed according to recognized standards, and please state to which one. As per latest NFPA standards. (e.g. NFPA 75 and 78 standards, ISO, Vads, etc.) b. Fire suppression system for NPCI's capacity and floors both - above and below the false floor? And shall be dedicated to NPCI? c. Portable fire extinguishers in Data Center Space and other IT areas shall be Halocarbon or Carbon Dioxide type. Powder based extinguishers are not permitted. (if applicable)	Bidder to respond to a to c			
3.4	Fire Suppression Systems in Ancillary Spaces	Please share the fire suppression system and type of other ancillary areas of the facility such as pre-active dry pipe water fire suppression system (E.g. NOVEC 1230).	Bidder to share response			
3.5	Integration with BMS	What are the Fire detection, suppression and aspiration facilities provided in the Server area and work area and whether they are interfaced with BMS	Bidder to share response			

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3.6	Additional	<p>a. All of the NPCIs' area will be constructed over a minimum of 2 hr. fire rated walls (in a caged environment the perimeter walls of the data hall) and meet the local fire codes. Preference will be given to the most stringent parameter.</p> <p>b. The sprinkler pumps and associated life safety equipment are generator backed.</p>	Bidder to share response			
Section 4: Hours of Operations						
4.1	Customer Access	<p>a. NPCI requires access to the site 24 hours a day X 365 day a year</p> <p>b. Please confirm that the client can access their space out of normal hours for schedule maintenance without prior intimation to the Bidder</p>	Bidder to share response			
4.2	Security	NPCI requires Security to be available 24 hours a day X 365 days a year at constant or varied level at different times.	Bidder to share response			
4.3	MEP Maintenance Staff	NPCI requires MEP Maintenance Staff to be available 24 hours a day X 365 days a year at constant or varied level at different times.	Bidder to share response			
4.4	Remote Monitoring	NPCI requires availability of remote monitoring systems from NPCIs' premises	Bidder to share response			
Section 5: Security, Monitoring and Access Control						
5.1	SOPs	Security procedures, SOPs for operations & maintenance must be documented and should be provided to NPCI as and when required by NPCI.	Bidder to share response			
5.2	Biometric Access / Access card to the server area floor should be available.	<p>a. Biometric Access / Access card to the NPCI's Data Center Space/ server area floor should be available.</p> <p>b. CCTV should be installed in server rack area in a manner that whole server area is covered under CCTV with clear visibility and identification of objects/individual. Minimum one CCTV should be installed at a distance of 10 meter in server rack area. All the entry/exit points of server area should be covered under CCTV surveillance.</p> <p>c. Biometric access control system should be installed in all cold aisle containments.</p> <p>d. The number of video cameras and positioning of the same will be decided as per cage area/ server hall diagram with mutual consent to cover front, rear portions of racks and entry/ exit of server hall / cage area, operations and cabin of NPCI.</p>	Bidder to share response			

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5.3	Operations Space	<p>a. NPCI's Operations Space should be secured with Access card / biometric access.</p> <p>b. If Server area, storage and operations space are provided on the same floor, a separate and dedicated Manned Security personal with HHMT should be made available on 24x7 basis by the bidder at the entrance of the NPCI's Cage/ server hall. The Access procedure will be defined by NPCI.</p> <p>c. Gate passes/Access cards to enter premises for persons authorized by NPCI - 90x at no charges</p> <p>d. Whether 24 hours security monitoring is done for the proposed Operations Space (including cabin)? The number of video cameras and positioning of the same will be decided with mutual consent to cover operations and cabin of NPCI.</p>	Bidder to share response			
5.4	Security	<p>The Bidder shall provide security, monitor and record all aspects of the Data Centre facility 24 hours x 365 days. A comprehensive CCTVs and Intrusion Alarms system must cover all areas of the server area (between the racks) and all corridors, all egress/exit points for secured areas within the Data Centre facility, all mechanical areas and all shipping and receiving areas.</p>	Bidder to share response			
5.5	Security / Surveillance Data	<p>There should be CCTV monitoring and access entries/exits logs for of building entrance, exits and other critical areas where NPCI's components are placed. The Bidder is expected to maintain these monitoring records for at least 3 months online and be made available for review by NPCI within 6 (six) business hours. Post which the Bidder is expected to archive such records for CCTV cameras installed within NPCI's server area for a period of 1 year and the same should be made available on NPCI's request through the period of the contract. Above should be provided at no extra cost.</p>	Bidder to share response			
Section 6: Cabling						
6.1	Paths and Cable Baskets	<p>a. NPCI requires minimum 2 diverse paths for dedicated secure data cabling from the Telco Point of Entries connecting the MMR to the DC. Cable should be in secured trunking of minimum 200 x 200 mm across two diverse routes</p> <p>b. NPCI requires separate path for power and data cables within the Data Center. Incoming data and power cables to run in separate trunks.</p> <p>c. There should not be any cable baskets and trunking directly above/under PDU/CRAC units</p>	Bidder to share compliance			
6.2	Dedicated Trunking	<p>NPCI requires One secured dedicated trunking for data cabling from DC to the office area</p>	Bidder to share response			

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6.3	Data Center Space Cabling	<p>a. NPCI requires separate overhead data cable basket for copper and fiber each (to be installed above the racks) for the NPCI along with Fibre runners. These cables should be aptly labelled for ease of operations and maintenance.</p> <p>b. NPCI requires cable standard of CAT 6A (low smoke zero halogen) for copper and OM4 for fiber. This is subject to change upon NPCI's discretion. There shouldn't be any sharp bends greater than 90 degrees. All cables should be aptly labelled.</p> <p>Note: NPCI will engage its own vendor for inter-rack cabling.</p>	Bidder to share response			
6.4	Racks	<p>a. All racks shall have lockable perforated doors at the back and the front with minimum 16-gauge thickness; partition shelves should be available. Cabling to each rack should be bus bar trunking system with track way bus arrangement</p> <p>b. The 42U server rack should be compatible with most server manufacturer's equipment including Dell, HP, IBM, Sun etc. and have suitable cable management options on both sides.</p>	Bidder to share response			
6.5	LV Cabling	NPCI requires dedicated risers for LV cabling	Bidder to share response			
Section 7: Network / Carrier Connectivity						
7.1	Telco Carriers and Internet Exchanges	<p>a. NPCI requires availability of all Carriers and Internet Exchanges operating in India to be inside your facility. Please share a list of all available carriers and IXs and all carriers with work in progress.</p> <p>b. Whether the Bidder agrees to provide necessary facilities to third party telecom providers or system integrator of NPCI or otherwise to extend their network links up to the NPCI hosting area at no extra cost to NPCI.</p>	Bidder to share response			
7.2	Meet Me Rooms	NPCI requires dedicated Meet me rooms on all Floor/s allocated to the NPCI	Bidder to share response			
7.3	Dedicated Trunking	NPCI requires minimum 2 x diverse private trunking dedicated to the NPCI use only from MMR/MUX/MDF room to NPCI's Data Center space on the floor	Bidder to share response			
7.4	Cross Connects	NPCI shall be permitted to run circuits / cross connects all the way to their Racks and equipment in their suite at no additional cost	Bidder to share response			
7.5	NOC Room	Whether the proposed facility contains a centralized NOC room to monitor the data center space and network links.	Bidder to share response			
7.6	Maintenance	Who is responsible for providing/maintaining/troubleshooting/ planning the cabling between floors/ between suites	Bidder to share response			
Section 8: Building Management System						

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8.1	BMS System	<p>a. Give details BMS deployed in Data Center with specific reference to the proposed server area</p> <p>b. Please confirm if remote view access can be provided to NPCI</p> <p>c. Whether 24x7 round the clock on-site monitoring of IBMS done by the Bidder</p> <p>d. In addition, the Bidder should have maintenance staff that respond to system alarms on a 24/7 basis, according to thresholds and action plans specified by NPCI.</p>	Bidder to share response			
8.2	Water Leakage Detection System	The Proposed DC Facility and Data Center Space / Server Area should have microprocessor-based system to detect water leakage within a short period of time Water Leak detection system.	Bidder to share response			
8.3	Rodent Control System	The Proposed DC Facility and Data Center Space / Server Area should have electronic rodent control systems with operability on varied frequency range.	Bidder to share response			
8.4	Emergency Response Plans and Procedures	The Bidder must maintain emergency response plans and procedures, including fire and building emergencies. The Respondent must inform NPCI of any facility or procedural changes five days or more prior to such changes taking effect	Bidder to share response			
8.5	Reports	<p>a. Fire drill reports, IBMS audit reports and security reports shall be shared on a need basis to NPCI for audit purposes.</p> <p>b. What are the measures taken to isolate server area from contaminants like air borne dust, vapors & industrial pollution etc.? Latest reports of Air Sampling, Water Sampling, Gas Sampling & HSD Sampling to be shared</p>	Bidder to share response			
8.6	Periodic MIS Reports	<p>The following is only an indicative list of BMS reports that may be submitted to NPCI:</p> <p>Weekly Reports</p> <p>a. Humidity monitoring</p> <p>b. Temperature Monitoring</p> <p>c. Power Supply Monitoring</p> <p>d. UPS Monitoring</p> <p>Monthly Reports</p> <p>e. Consolidated SLA / non-conformance report.</p> <p>f. Data Centre and operations area Access /Exit reports</p> <p>g. Video footage recording of all video cameras for server hall and operations area for the past month on suitable media (tapes / external hard disk/electronically storage media etc).</p> <p>h. Equipment movement reports.</p> <p>i. Uptime report of Equipment</p>	Bidder to share response			
8.7	Incident Reporting	Any untoward incident taken place which made the data centre services unavailable to end users should be reported within 24 hrs. of the incident. Root Cause Analysis (RCA) of the said incident should be submitted to NPCI within 48 hrs. of occurrence of such incident.	Bidder to share response			

Section 9: Maintenance

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9.1	Maintenance Works	<p>a. The Bidder will have available at NPCI's request evidence of the preventative planned maintenance carried out on the critical systems including but not limited to security drills, test runs of DG sets, redundant ACs, UPS Systems, etc</p> <p>b. The Bidder will supply NPCI with an annual maintenance schedule at the beginning of the year, highlighting works that impact or could impact its operations. It will also agree with NPCI's agreed notification periods for Planned and ad hoc Maintenance works, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planned Major Shutdowns (if required) - 12 months - Planned Major system maintenance 6 months - Planned minor system works 1 month - Ad hoc non-emergency works - 15 days - Emergency works - as required <p>Note: For any major and minor shutdowns, maintenance works, the bidder should give 1 month advance notification to NPCI Work Method Statement (WMS)</p> <p>c. NPCI requires all critical system maintenance to be carried out after business hours/weekends</p>	Bidder to share response			
9.2	Maintenance Works Drawings	<p>Please confirm documents such as single-line diagrams, critical systems drawings, testing and commissioning documents, preventive maintenance reports, operating procedures and policies, data center certification, building management system data pertaining to the operation of the NPCI's data hall are available to view either as a soft copy over email OR as a hard copy onsite.</p> <p>Describe the request procedure and lead time.</p>	Bidder to share response			
9.3	Unplanned Breakdowns	<p>a. In case of breakdown of services, what is the meantime for repairs of services</p> <p>b. In case of breakdown of services, what is the meantime for restoration of services</p>				
9.4	Inspections by NPCI	<p>Please confirm site support areas such as electrical/mechanical/fire protection plant rooms, rooftop or basement where critical systems are located, and supplier operations and monitoring room pertaining to the operation of the NPCI's data center space are available for physical visit OR viewing from a distance of the interior.</p> <p>Describe the request procedure and lead time.</p>	Bidder to share response			
9.5	Audit	<p>Please confirm the Bidder will be fully cooperative to NPCI's request to audit the facility allowing the audit team access (copy OR onsite viewing) to necessary documents and site areas for visit related to the operation of the NPCI's data hall. Evidence requested by NPCI's auditor to be shared by the Bidder on request basis.</p>	Bidder to share response			

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		Describe the request procedure and lead time.				
9.6	Tests	Please confirm (not limited to) if "pull the plug" / integrated system tests, load tests of DGs, thermography, power quality analysis, earth pit resistance values are carried out ? If so please confirm the frequency of the tests. Before the handover of the Data Center the bidder has to conduct ISAT with respect to critical infrastructure (power & cooling)	Bidder to share response			

The bidder is required to provide, etc. to implement the project.

Dated this..... Day of.....2024

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**Annexure K - Client Reference
(Bidder's Letter Head)**

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Sr.No	Particulars	Details
1	Name of the Organization	
2	Contact Person Name and Designation	
3	Phone Number of the Contact person	
4	Email Address of the Contact person	

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Annexure L - Team Profile

(Bidder's Letter Head)

Bidder needs to provide details for each key team member working in the Data Centre from their side with complete technical qualifications and expertise.

Name:	Technical Qualification	Position in the firm:	Total years of qualification experience:	of post-work	Total No. of years with the firm:	Area of Expertise

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**Annexure M - Business and Technical SLA
(Bidder's Letter Head)**

<u>Service Level Agreements</u>					
<u>Section 1: Definitions</u>					
		Particulars	Response / Documents to be submitted by Bidder	Detailed comments by the Bidder	Bidder Compliance Yes/No
1.1	Data Center Uptime	<p>Data Centre uptime of minimum 99.998% per year. A service is deemed to have failed if:</p> <p>a. Power: Nominal Out Voltage 230V/415V with less than 5% distortion at full load. Frequency for 50 Hz nominal (+/- 3Hz) to be available on 24x7x365 basis.</p> <p>b. Cooling and Humidity control: Temperature should be kept with 22 degrees Celsius (+/- 2 degrees). Humidity shall be between 50% (+/- 10%) to avoid static electricity</p> <p>c. Uptime is defined as: $\{(Scheduled\ operation\ time - DC\ IT\ infrastructure\ downtime) / (Scheduled\ operation\ time)\} * 100\%$</p>	Bidder to share compliance		
1.2	Definitions	<p>a. "Data Centre / DC" means the facility proposed by the Bidder to co-host NPCI's equipment required to form the NPCI's co-located Data Centre.</p> <p>b. "Scheduled operation time" means the scheduled operating hours of the co-located Data Center for the month. All planned downtime on the system would be deducted from the total operation time for the month to give the scheduled operation time.</p> <p>c. "IT infrastructure downtime" subject to the SLA, means accumulated time during which the DC IT infrastructure is totally inoperable due to in-scope system or infrastructure failure, and measured from the time NPCI and/or its customers log a call with the Bidder help desk of the failure or the failure is known to the Bidder from the availability</p>	Bidder to share compliance		

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		<p>measurement tools to the time when the DC IT Infrastructure is returned to proper operation.</p> <p>d. Critical and Key infrastructure of Data Centre will be supported on 24x7 basis.</p> <p>e. Outage shall commence when each or either fails.</p> <p>f. If any one or more of the components defined in “Critical” at the Data Centre Facility are down resulting in non-availability of NPCI's solution deployed, then the services listed in the availability measurements table shall be considered for calculating the downtime.</p> <p>g. Typical Resolution time will be applicable only if any equipment or Infrastructure is down.</p>			
1.3	Critical Level of Environmental Infrastructure	Function / Technology	Typical Resolution Time of 5 minutes	Bidder to share compliance	
		a. Access controls			
		b. Power supply (whether grid or DG or UPS)			
		c. Precision Air conditioning			
		d. Fire Detection and Suppressions System			
		e. Water detection systems			
		f. Humidity Controllers			
		g. Gen-sets (DG)			
		h. Building Management Systems			
i. CCTV / Video Surveillance					
1.4	Other Key Environmental Infrastructure	<p>All other environmental infrastructure being a part of the Bidder's solution and not considered as critical</p>	<p>Typical Resolution Time of 15 minutes</p> <p>Bidder to share compliance</p>		
Section 2: Service Levels					
2.1	Service Level Availability Reporting	<p>Service Levels will include Availability measurements & Performance Measurements</p> <p>Availability Report will be provided on monthly basis and a review shall be conducted based on this report. A</p>	Bidder to share compliance		

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		<p>monthly report shall be provided to the NPCI by the Bidder at the end of every month containing the summary of all incidents reported, uptime of the all equipment, and associated Bidder performance measurement for that period. All Availability Measurements will be on a monthly basis for the purpose of Service Level reporting.</p> <p>Audits will normally be done on monthly/quarterly basis or as required by NPCI and will be performed by NPCI or NPCI appointed third party agencies</p>			
2.2	Critical Level of Environmental Infrastructure	Availability of Critical Environmental Infrastructure Elements: Minimum of 99.998%	Bidder to share compliance		
2.3	Other Key Environmental Infrastructure	Availability of Key Environmental Infrastructure Elements: Minimum of 99.998%	Bidder to share compliance		
Section 3: Performance Measurements					
3.1	Performance Measurements	Performance measurements will normally be done on monthly basis or as required by NPCI and will be performed by NPCI or NPCI appointed third party agencies. The bidder representative will assist NPCI in performing Performance Measurements	Bidder to share compliance		
3.2	Maintenance time for servicing (excluding all links)	Each planned maintenance time for servicing (up gradation, repairs, regular maintenance etc.) will not be more than 4 hours. This activity will not be carried out during business hours. However, such activities which require more than 4 hours or required to be carried out during business hours will be scheduled in consultation with the NPCI. No downtime will be given for any maintenance activity, even for a single source down of any infrastructure.	Expected Service Level: 99.998% Bidder to share compliance		

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3.3	Penalty	All individual elements under respective level and type will be aggregated to arrive at the service level. Penalty Charges Inability of the solution (entire Infrastructure provided by the bidder for example AC, UPS, DG, Power etc.) to deliver the required functionality at performance levels expected at the specified volumes (including the expected increase in volumes) detailed under the above clauses would result in breach of contract and would invoke the penalty clause.	Bidder to share compliance		
3.4	Affected Period, Cap and Termination	NPCI will not pay charges of the affected facility for the period of total downtime of the facility. Record and data for the Service Availability computations and determinations as available in Downtime/ Availability" report. The penalty will be subject to an overall cap of 10% of the contract value or yearly pay out. NPCI reserves its right to terminate the contract in the event of Bidder's repeated failures (say more than 2 occasions in a calendar year or 2 occasions within 3 calendar months to maintain the service level prescribed by NPCI	Bidder to share compliance		
3.5	Penalty on Delay in Provisioning	Penalties will also be levied upon for any delays in providing LAN, electrical, MUX connectivity to each rack and the sitting area as required etc. The deduction towards the delays of such deliverables will be 0.5% of the contract value per week subject to a maximum of 5% of the contract value.	Bidder to share compliance		

Penalty on non-adherence to SLAs:

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The following clauses are applicable to critical and non-critical incidents.

Uptime (monthly basis)	Penalty Amount
Equal to & above 99.998%	No Penalty
Between 99.90% to 99.998%	For every 0.01% drop in uptime on monthly basis - Rs. 50,000
Between 99.80% to 99.90%	For every 0.01% drop in uptime on monthly basis - Rs. 1,00,000
Between 99.70% to 99.80%	For every 0.01% drop in uptime on monthly basis - Rs. 2,00,000
Below 99.70%	Will entitle NPCI to terminate the contract/ PO

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Annexure N - Tier & Rate Requirements

<u>Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 certification requirements</u>						
<u>Section 1: M&E Infrastructure</u>		Redundancy	Bidder Compliance Yes/No	Please describe in detail how are you complying with Tier standards		
1.1	Power Incomer (Ideally 220 KV Utility Grid Li-Lo Connection)	N+1 or N+N				
1.2	Transformer	N+1 or N+N				
1.3	HT Panel & Distribution	N+1 or N+N				
1.4	Distribution Transformer	N+1 or N+N				
1.5	LT Panels & Distribution	N+1 or N+N				
1.6	DG Set	N+1 or N+N				
1.7	HSD Tanks fuel back up time	48 Hours				
1.8	UPS with 15 Mins Battery Backup	N+N				
1.9	PDU	N+N				
1.10	PAHU cooling Machine	N+2				
1.11	Chilled Water System (Chiller, Pumps & Cooling Tower)	N+1				
1.12	In-Line Thermal Storage Capacity	Minimum 5 mins available.				
1.13	Chilled Water Piping System	N+N				
<u>Section 2: Site Characteristics</u>						
2.1	Your DC Site Selection has been as per Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 guidelines of Uptime Institute or TIA942 standards	Self-Declaration/Audit report/Certificate from third party consultant				
2.2	Minimum 15 meters above MSL and additional elevation from outside road level	Self-declaration				
2.3	Site is not in flood zone and no history of flooding in 100 years.	TVRA and Flood risk assessment report				
2.4	Tier III/IV or Rated 3/4 Design & construction facility certificate to be obtained upon final selection of the operator	Approach and process to be presented during Site visits				
2.5	1) Mechanical	Approach and process to be presented during Site visits				
2.6	2) Electrical	Approach and process to be presented during Site visits				
2.7	3) Architectural	Approach and process to be presented during Site visits				
2.8	4) Network	Approach and process to be presented during Site visits				

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Annexure O - Documents to be attached

The Bidder hereby complies to provide full support to NPCI and/or its appointed Consultants full support in coordination and evaluation of their proposed solution including but not limited to evaluation of their technical bids, site visits, and review of any documents as per this annexure.

<u>Documents To Be Submitted</u>					
#	<u>Section 1. DC Facility Documents</u>	Details to be captured	Reference name to be used as Page heading in Operator submission	Remarks	Bidder Compliance Yes/No
1.1	MIDC Allotment letter/Registered agreement to Sale deed/Registered Agreement to lease	Ownership and tenure of the land and the facility			
1.2	Construction commencement Certificate	Local administration approval on construction commencement			
	Seismic / Earthquake Assessment Report				
	Structural Certificate				
	PESO (Petroleum and Explosives Safety Org)				
	Fire NoC				
1.3	Occupancy certificate	Local administration approval on occupation of premises		Part OC or Full OC	
1.4	Power Sanction letter	Total sanctioned power Capacity, Incomer line capacity		From MSETCL/ MSEDCL/ TATA POWER/ ADANI Power	
1.5	Environmental clearance certificate	Local administration approval on environmental clearance		Part OC or Full OC	
1.6	TVRA report	Threat vulnerability and risk assessment report		Part OC or Full OC	
1.7	Air Quality assessment report	AQI Index and sulphur content		Part OC or Full OC	
1.8	Flood risk analysis	100 years historical data on flooding		Part OC or Full OC	
1.9	Soil testing report	Soil Contamination details		Part OC or Full OC	

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1.10	Air Quality assessment report	HT Panel & Distribution		Part OC or Full OC	
1.11	ISO 27001 or BS7799			In case of Under construction/non-operational site, please submit a declaration to achieve this certificate within 6 months of Handover to the NPCI	
1.12	ISO 14001			In case of Under construction/non-operational site, please submit a declaration to achieve this certificate within 6 months of Handover to the NPCI	
1.13	ISO 20000			In case of Under construction/non-operational site, please submit a declaration to achieve this certificate within 6 months of Handover to the NPCI	
1.14	SOC Type 1			In case of Under construction/non-operational site, please submit a declaration to achieve this certificate within 6 months of Handover to the NPCI	
1.15	SOC Type 2			In case of Under construction/non-operational site, please submit a declaration to achieve this certificate within 6 months of Handover to the NPCI	
1.16	PCI-DSS			In case of Under construction/non-operational site, please submit a declaration to achieve this certificate within 6 months of Handover to the NPCI	

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#	<u>Section 2. NPCI's Proposed Space Documents</u>	Details to be captured	Reference name to be used as Page heading in Operator submission	Remarks	Bidder Compliance Yes/No
2.1	Data Center Space Proposed to NPCI	Floor layout Indicating NPCI's area demarcated with Rack dimensions			
2.2	Operations Space	Please share layout of the seating space and the floor where this allocated			
2.3	Storage Space	Please indicate storage area on the floor layout and dimensions of the room.			
2.4	Single Line Drawing (Power & Cooling)	Provide single line diagrams of power/cooling and other service diagrams up to the individual rack level including but not limited to : a. LV main switchboards, b. Generator power supply and synchronization panel c. UPS power supply, d. Chillers/Cooling towers/Pumps power supply, e. CRACs/CRAHs power supply f. Typical PDUs			

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Section 12 Documents to be put in Folder 'C'

Annexure P - Commercial Bid Form
(Bidder's Letter Head)

(To be included in Commercial Bid Folder)

To

NPCI

Dear Sirs,

Re: Request for Proposal for collocated DC facility for hosting NPCI Data Centre at Mumbai/Navi Mumbai for period of 5 years - RFP # NPCI/RFP/2024-25/IT/01 dated 6th May 2024".

Having examined the Bidding Documents placed along with RFP, we, the undersigned, offer to provide the required infrastructure in conformity with the said Bidding documents for the sum of Rs.....(Rupees.....) (exclusive of taxes) or such other sums as may be ascertained in accordance with the Schedule of Prices attached herewith and made part of this Bid.

We undertake, if our Bid is accepted, to provide **Space for setting up Data Centre for NPCI at Mumbai/Navi Mumbai** within the stipulated time schedule. We agree to abide by the Bid and the rates quoted therein for the orders awarded by NPCI up to the period prescribed in the Bid which shall remain binding upon us. Until a formal contract is prepared and executed, this Bid, together with your written acceptance thereof and your notification of award, shall constitute a binding Contract between us.

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.

We have complied with all the terms and conditions of the RFP. We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any Bid you may receive.

Dated this..... Day of.....2024

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Annexure Q - Commercial Bid

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(Bidder’s Letter Head)

(Details of all line items of the Commercial Bid)

Sr. No.	Particulars	UOM	Y1			Y2			Y3			Y4			Y5			Total outflow for 5 years (Rs.)	Payment terms	Remarks
			Qty	Monthly unit rate (Rs.)	Annual outflow (Rs.)	Qty	Monthly unit rate (Rs.)	Annual outflow (Rs.)	Qty	Monthly unit rate (Rs.)	Annual outflow (Rs.)	Qty	Monthly unit rate (Rs.)	Annual outflow (Rs.)	Qty	Monthly unit rate (Rs.)	Annual outflow (Rs.)			
1	Colocation space (Standard rack space - 100 Racks - Total area considering @30SFT/Rack - 3000 SFT (including common space, Technical alley, cage loss)	Sqft	3000			3000			3000			3000			3000			Quarterly in arrears	Committed, over and above, it will be payable as per monthly rate applicable to year in which it is availed	
2	Power (Provisioned - 800 KW)	KVA	200			200			200			200			200			Monthly in arrears	Projected for TCO. Payment will be based on actual consumption for usage upto 800 KVA)	
3	Seating caapcity	Seat	25			25			25			25			25			Quarterly in arrears	Committed, over and above, it will be payable as per monthly	
4	Store room	Sqft	100			100			100			100			100					
5	10 seater Meeting Room	Room	1			1			1			1			1					
6	RHS for 10 Hours per months	Hrs	120			120			120			120			120					
7	One time charges (if any)	Lump sum				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	On go live	Committed, one time	
8	32 Amps Socket- Single Phase	Units	At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			On delivery and acceptance	At actuals, ome time	
9	63 Amps sockets - Three Phase	Units	At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			At actuals					
10	CCTV camera	Units	At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			At actuals					
11	Copper Cross connects	Units	At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			At actuals					
12	Fiber Cross connects (single mode)	Units	At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			Quarterly in arrears	At actuals, one time, it will be	
13	Fiber Cross connects (multi mode)	Units	At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			At actuals			At actuals					
Total																				

Note: Above table covers the indiactive quantity for the purpose of calculating total cost for 5 years while the payment will be made based on actual consumption.

(Amount in Rs)

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All prices are exclusive of taxes.

Dated this..... Day of.....2024

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Annexure R - List of Certificates to be provided.

Bidder to share following list of certificates:

SN	Certification	Colo DC	Remark	
1	TIER III or IV as per Uptime Institute or - Rated 3 or 4 as per TIA 942	Must		
2	NFPA 70 and 75	Must		
3	Seismic Zone compliance	Must		
4	Structural Stability	Must		
5	PESO License for storage of Diesel	Must		
6	CEIG (From Electrical inspector)	Must		
7	BS7799 or ISO 27001 certified and PCI DSS compliant	Must		
8	All govt compliances such as CCOE license, PCB, Building OC, Fire NOC, DG Emission tests, Carbon Emission per annum, etc	Must		