



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR PROCUREMENT OF DOMESTIC BULK SMS SERVICES UNDER
TRANSACTIONAL, INFORMATIVE AND PROMOTIONAL CATEGORIES
(OTHER THAN OTP CATEGORY)
IN GENERAL TEXT FOR STATE BANK GROUP**

Ref: SBI/GITC/Platform Engineering-II/2021/2022/788

Dated: 12/08/2021

**Dy. General Manager (PE-II),
Platform Engineering-II Dept.
State Bank Global IT Centre,
'A' Wing, First Floor,
CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400614**

Schedule of Events

Sl No	Particulars	Remarks
1	Contact details of issuing department (Name, Designation, Mobile No., Email and office address for sending any kind of correspondence regarding this RFP)	Name: Ms. Hema Bapat Designation: Deputy General Manager Email ID: dgmit.pe2@sbi.co.in , admin.pe2@sbi.co.in , manish.ranjan3@sbi.co.in Contact Address: Deputy General Manager, Platform Engineering-II Dept., State Bank Global IT Centre, First Floor, A Wing, Sector 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400614. Contact Number: 022-27566061, 9987018323
2	Bid Document Availability including changes/amendments, if any to be issued	RFP may be downloaded from Bank's website https://www.sbi.co.in or https://bank.sbi procurement news from 12.08.2021 to 17.09.2021
3	Last date for requesting clarification	Upto 05:00 PM on 20.08.2021 All communications regarding points / queries requiring clarifications shall be given in writing or by e-mail.
4	Pre - bid Meeting at (venue)	From 03:30 PM to 05:30 PM on 30.08.2021 at 1 st floor, SBI GITC, CBD Belapur or through online meeting. Note: After Pre-bid meeting is over, Bank's official is not obliged to attend or reply to any of the bidder's email or call or any mode of communication. For any changes in RFP, communication shall be made through newspaper and on the Bank's official website.
5	Clarifications to queries raised at pre-bid meeting will be provided by the Bank.	On 03.09.2021
6	Last date and time for Bid submission	Upto 03:00 PM on 17.09.2021
7	Address for submission of Bids (Online submission)	https://etender.sbi/SBI

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8	Date and Time of opening of Technical Bids	03:30 PM on 17.09.2021 Authorized representatives of Bidders may be present online during opening of the Technical Bids. However, Technical Bids would be opened even in the absence of any or all of Bidders representatives.
9	Opening of Indicative Price Bids	Indicative price bid of technically qualified bidders only will be opened on a subsequent date.
10	Reverse Auction	On a subsequent date which will be communicated to such Bidders who qualify in the Technical Bid.
11	Tender Fee	Rs. 25,000/- Amount should be deposited in <u>Mode of Transaction- NEFT only</u> A/c No: 4897932113433 IFSC: SBIN0011343 Account Name: Subsidy Inward Remittance Branch: OAD, GITC, Belapur <u>Mode of Transaction- SBI to SBI only</u> Account No.: 37608352111 IFSC: SBIN0011343 Account Name: System Suspense Branch Parking A/C Branch: OAD, GITC, Belapur Narration / Remark: Tender Fees for Transactional, Informative and Promotional SMS RFP by SBI from (SI Name) Tender fee will be non-refundable.
12	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 1,00,00,000/- <u>Mode of Transaction- NEFT only</u> A/c No: 4897932113433 IFSC: SBIN0011343 Account Name: Subsidy Inward Remittance Branch: OAD, GITC, Belapur

		<p><u>Mode of Transaction- SBI to SBI only</u> Account No.: 37608352111 IFSC: SBIN0011343 Account Name: System Suspense Branch Parking A/C Branch: OAD, GITC, Belapur</p> <p>Narration / Remark: EMD Fees for Transactional, Informative and Promotional SMS RFP by SBI from (SI Name)</p> <p>Note: Only NEFT is allowed in this account.</p> <p>Or EMD should be in the form of a bank guarantee. EMD shall be valid upto 180 days from bid submission date.</p> <p>EMD shall be valid upto 180 days from bid submission date. Bidder should deposit EMD and Tender Fee separately.</p>	
13	Bank Guarantee	Rs. 10,00,00,000/-	Performance Security in form of BG should be valid for 03 year(s) and three months i.e. for 39 months from the effective date of the Contract.
14	Contact details of e-Procurement agency appointed for e-procurement	Procurement agency: e-Procurement Technologies Ltd Name: Mr. Jayprakash Kuhada E-mail ID: allocation@eptl.in ; jayprakash@auctiontiger.net Landline No.: 079-68136810/ +91-7990335262	

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1. INVITATION TO BID:

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

2. DISCLAIMER:

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

3. DEFINITIONS:

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

- i. **“The Bank”** ‘means the State Bank of India (including domestic branches and foreign offices), Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures, where the Bank has ownership of more than 50% of voting securities or the power to direct the management and policies of such Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures.
- ii. **“Bidder/Channel Partner”** means an eligible entity/firm submitting the Bid in response to this RFP.
- iii. **“Bid”** means the written reply or submission of response to this RFP.
- iv. **“The Contract”** means the agreement entered into between the Bank and Service Provider, as recorded in the Contract Form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
- v. **“Total Contract Price/Project Cost/TCO”** means the price payable to Service Provider over the entire period of Contract for the full and proper performance of its contractual obligations.
- vi. **“Vendor/Service Provider”** is the successful Bidder found eligible as per eligibility criteria set out in this RFP, whose technical Bid has been accepted and who has emerged as L1 (lowest in reverse auction) Bidder as per the selection criteria set out in the RFP and to whom notification of award has been given by the Bank.
- vii. **“Services”** means all services, scope of work and deliverables to be provided by a Bidder as described in the RFP and include provision of technical assistance, training, certifications, auditing and other obligation of Service Provider covered under this RFP.

4. SCOPE OF WORK:

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

5. ELIGIBILITY AND TECHNICAL CRITERIA:

- i. Bid is open to all Bidders who meet the eligibility and technical criteria as given in **Appendix-B, B1 & Appendix-C** of this document. The Bidder has to submit the documents substantiating eligibility criteria as mentioned in this RFP document.
 - (a) If any Bidder submits Bid on behalf of Principal/OEM, the same Bidder shall not submit a Bid on behalf of another Principal/OEM under the RFP. Bid submitted with option of multiple OEMs shall also be considered bid submitted on behalf of multiple OEM.
 - (b) Either the Bidder on behalf of Principal/OEM or Principal/OEM itself is allowed to Bid, however both cannot Bid simultaneously.
- ii. The Bidder shall also submit **PRE-CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT** along with technical Bid as prescribed in **Appendix-N** duly signed by the Bidder on each page and witnessed by two persons. The **Pre-Contract Integrity Pact** shall be stamped as applicable in the State where it is executed. Bid submitted without Pre-Contract Integrity Pact, as per the format provided in the RFP, shall not be considered.

6. COST OF BID DOCUMENT:

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

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

- i. Bidder requiring any clarification on RFP may notify the Bank in writing strictly as per the format given in **Appendix-L** at the address/by e-mail within the date/time mentioned in the Schedule of Events.
- ii. A pre-Bid meeting will be held in person or online on the date and time specified in the Schedule of Events which may be attended by the authorized representatives of the Bidders interested to respond to this RFP.
- iii. The queries received (without identifying source of query) and response of the Bank thereof will be posted on the Bank's website or conveyed to the Bidders.

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

8. CONTENTS OF BID DOCUMENT:

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

document may lead to non-consideration of the proposal.

9. EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD):

- i. The Bidder shall furnish EMD for the amount and validity period mentioned in Schedule of Events of this RFP.
- ii. EMD is required to protect the Bank against the risk of Bidder's conduct.
- iii. The EMD should be directly credited to the designated account or it should be in form of Bank Guarantee (as prescribed in **Appendix-O**) issued in favour of State Bank of India by any scheduled commercial bank in India. In case, SBI is the sole banker of the Bidder, a Letter of Comfort from SBI would be acceptable.

If EMD is directly credited to designated account, proof of remittance of EMD in the designated account should be enclosed with the technical bid. However, if EMD is in form of Bank Guarantee, scanned copy of original EMD Bank Guarantee should be uploaded on portal of e-Procurement agency along with technical bid. Original EMD Bank Guarantee should be delivered through registered post/courier or given in person to the Bank at the address specified in Schedule of Event Sl. No. 1, within the bid submission date and time for the RFP.

- iv. Any Bid not accompanied by EMD for the specified amount and not submitted to the Bank as mentioned in this RFP will be rejected as non-responsive.
- v. The EMD of the unsuccessful Bidder(s) would be refunded/ returned by the Bank within 2 weeks of the Bidder being notified as being unsuccessful.
- vi. The EMD of successful Bidder will be discharged upon the Bidder signing the Contract and furnishing the Bank Guarantee for the amount and validity as mentioned in this RFP, which should be strictly on the lines of format placed at **Appendix-H**.
- vii. No interest is payable on EMD.
- viii. The EMD may be forfeited: -**
 - (a) if a Bidder withdraws his Bid during the period of Bid validity specified in this RFP; or
 - (b) if a technically qualified Bidder do not participate in the auction by not logging in, in the reverse auction tool; or

- (c) if a Bidder makes any statement or encloses any form which turns out to be false / incorrect at any time prior to signing of Contract; or
 - (d) if the successful Bidder fails to accept Purchase Order and/or sign the Contract with the Bank or furnish Bank Guarantee, within the specified time period in the RFP.
- ix. If EMD is forfeited for any reasons mentioned above, the concerned Bidder may be debarred from participating in the RFPs floated by the Bank/this department, in future, as per sole discretion of the Bank.

10. BID PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION:

- i. The Bid is to be submitted separately for technical and Price on portal of e-Procurement agency for providing of **domestic bulk SMS services under Transactional, Informative and Promotional categories (other than OTP category)** in response to the RFP No. SBI/GITC/Platform Engineering-II/2021/2022/788 dated 12/08/2021. Documents mentioned below are to be uploaded on portal of e-Procurement agency with digital signature of authorised signatory:
 - (a) Index of all the documents, letters, bid forms etc. submitted in response to RFP along with page numbers.
 - (b) Bid covering letter/Bid form on the lines of **Appendix-A** on Bidder's letter head.
 - (c) Proof of remittance of EMD (if directly credited in designated account) and Tender Fee as specified in this document. In case, EMD is submitted in form of BG, scanned copy of original BG should be uploaded subject to compliance of requirement mentioned in clause no 11(ii).
 - (d) Specific response with supporting documents in respect of Eligibility Criteria as mentioned in **Appendix-B, B1** and technical eligibility criteria on the lines of **Appendix-C**.
 - (e) Bidder's details as per **Appendix-D** on Bidder's letter head.
 - (f) Audited financial statement and profit and loss account statement as mentioned in Part-II.
 - (g) A copy of board resolution along with copy of power of attorney (POA wherever applicable) showing that the signatory has been duly authorized to sign the Bid document.
 - (h) If applicable, scanned copy of duly stamped and signed Pre-Contract Integrity Pact subject to compliance of requirement mentioned in clause no 11(ii).
 - (i) If applicable, copy of registration certificate issued by competent authority as mentioned in SI No 2 of Eligibility Criteria under Appendix-B.

ii. **Indicative Price Bid** for providing of bulk SMS services under **domestic bulk SMS services under Transactional, Informative and Promotional categories (other than OTP category)** for three years in response to the **RFP No. SBI/GITC/Platform Engineering-II/2021/2022/788 dated 12/08/2021** should contain only indicative Price Bid strictly on the lines of **Appendix-F**. The Indicative Price must include all the price components mentioned. Prices are to be quoted in Indian Rupees only.

iii. Bidders may please note:

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

- (m) Bidder(s) should ensure that the Bid documents submitted should be free from virus and if the documents could not be opened, due to virus or otherwise, during Bid opening, the Bid is liable to be rejected.
- (n) The Bank reserves the right to reject Bids not conforming to above.

11. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS:

- i. Bids must be submitted online on portal of e-Procurement agency by the date and time mentioned in the “Schedule of Events”.
- ii. Wherever applicable, the Bidder shall submit the original EMD Bank Guarantee and Pre- Contract Integrity Pact together with their respective enclosures and seal it in an envelope and mark the envelope as “Technical Bid”. The said envelope shall clearly bear the name of the project and name and address of the Bidder. In addition, the last date for bid submission should be indicated on the right and corner of the envelope. The original documents should be submitted within the bid submission date and time for the RFP at the address mentioned in Sl No 1 of Schedule of Events, failing which Bid will be treated as non-responsive.
- iii. In the event of the specified date for submission of Bids being declared a holiday for the Bank, the Bids will be received upto the appointed time on the next working day.
- iv. In case the Bank extends the scheduled date of submission of Bid document, the Bids shall be submitted by the time and date rescheduled. All rights and obligations of the Bank and Bidders will remain the same.

12. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:

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

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

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

14. BID INTEGRITY:

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

15. BIDDING PROCESS/OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS:

- i. All the technical Bids received up to the specified time and date will be opened for initial evaluation on the time and date mentioned in the schedule of events. The technical Bids will be opened in the presence of representatives of the Bidders who choose to attend the same on portal of e-Procurement agency. However, Bids may be opened even in the absence of representatives of one or more of the Bidders.
- ii. In the first stage, only technical Bid will be opened and evaluated. Bids of such Bidders satisfying eligibility criteria and agree to comply with all the terms and conditions specified in the RFP will be evaluated for technical criteria/specifications/eligibility. Only those Bids complied with technical criteria shall become eligible for indicative price Bid opening and further RFP evaluation

process.

- iii. The Bank will examine the Bids to determine whether they are complete, required formats have been furnished, the documents have been properly signed, EMD and Tender Fee for the desired amount and validity period is available and the Bids are generally in order. The Bank may, at its discretion waive any minor non-conformity or irregularity in a Bid which does not constitute a material deviation.
- iv. Prior to the detailed evaluation, the Bank will determine the responsiveness of each Bid to the RFP. For purposes of these Clauses, a responsive Bid is one, which conforms to all the terms and conditions of the RFP in toto, without any deviation.
- v. The Bank's determination of a Bid's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the Bid itself, without recourse to extrinsic evidence.
- vi. After opening of the technical Bids and preliminary evaluation, some or all the Bidders may be asked to make presentations on the Service proposed to be offered by them.
- vii. If a Bid is not responsive, it will be rejected by the Bank and will not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the non-conformity.

16. TECHNICAL EVALUATION:

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

17. EVALUATION OF INDICATIVE PRICE BIDS AND FINALIZATION:

- i. The indicative price Bid(s) of only those Bidders, who are short-listed after technical evaluation, would be opened.

- ii. All the Bidders who qualify in the evaluation process shall have to participate in the online reverse auction to be conducted by Bank's authorized service provider on behalf of the Bank.
- iii. Shortlisted Bidders shall be willing to participate in the reverse auction process and must have a valid digital signature certificate. Such Bidders will be trained by Bank's authorized e-Procurement agency for this purpose. Bidders shall also be willing to abide by the e-business rules for reverse auction framed by the Bank / Authorised e-Procurement agency. The details of e-business rules, processes and procedures will be provided to the short-listed Bidders.
- iv. The Bidder will be selected as L1 on the basis of net total of the price evaluation as quoted in the Reverse Auction.
- v. The successful Bidder is required to provide price confirmation and price breakup strictly on the lines of **Appendix-F** within 48 hours of conclusion of the Reverse Auction, failing which Bank may take appropriate action.
- vi. Errors, if any, in the price breakup format will be rectified as under:
 - (a) If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and total price which is obtained by multiplying the unit price with quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected unless it is a lower figure. If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors, the Bid will be rejected.
 - (b) If there is a discrepancy in the unit price quoted in figures and words, the unit price in figures or in words, as the case may be, which corresponds to the total Bid price for the Bid shall be taken as correct.
 - (c) If the Bidder has not worked out the total Bid price or the total Bid price does not correspond to the unit price quoted either in words or figures, the unit price quoted in words shall be taken as correct.
 - (d) The Bidder should quote for all the items/services desired in this RFP. In case, prices are not quoted by any Bidder for any specific product and / or service, for the purpose of evaluation, the highest of the prices quoted by other Bidders participating in the bidding process will be reckoned as the notional price for that service, for that Bidder. However, if selected, at the time of award of Contract, the lowest of the price(s) quoted by other Bidders (whose Price Bids are also opened) for that service will be reckoned. This shall be binding on all the Bidders. However, the Bank reserves the right to reject all such incomplete Bids.

18. CONTACTING THE BANK:

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

19. AWARD CRITERIA AND AWARD OF CONTRACT:

i. **Applicability of Preference to Make in India, Order 2017 (PPP-MII Order)**

Guidelines on Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 (PPP-MII Order) and any revision thereto will be applicable for this RFP and allotment will be done in terms of said Order as under:

(a) Among all qualified bids, the lowest bid (as quoted in reverse auction) will be termed as L1. If L1 is 'Class-I local supplier', the contract for 60% of full quantity will be awarded to L1.

(b) If L1 bid is not a 'Class-I local supplier', 60% of the order quantity shall be awarded to L1. Thereafter, the lowest bidder among the 'Class-I local supplier', will be invited to match the L1 price for the remaining 40% quantity subject to the Class-I local supplier's quoted price falling within the margin of purchase preference, and contract for that quantity shall be awarded to such 'Class-I local supplier' subject to matching the L1 price. In case such lowest eligible 'Class-I local supplier' fails to match the L1 price or accepts less than the offered quantity, the next higher 'Class-I local supplier' within the margin of purchase preference shall be invited to match the L1 price for remaining quantity and so on, and contract shall be awarded accordingly. In case some quantity is still left uncovered on Class-I local suppliers, then such balance quantity may also be ordered on the L1 bidder.

(c) Bank will invite the remaining bidders of reverse auction (except the highest bidder unless it is Class-I) to match the L1 price. If they match the L1 price, Bank may divert SMS traffic to them in case any need arises.

(d) There is no minimum guarantee of SMS traffic to any of the bidder.

For the purpose of Preference to Make in India, Order 2017 (PPP-MII Order) and revision thereto:

“**Local content**” means the amount of value added in India which shall, unless otherwise prescribed by the Nodal Ministry, be the total value of the item procured

(excluding net domestic indirect taxes) minus the value of imported content in the item (including all customs duties) as a proportion of the total value, in percent.

“Class-I local supplier” means a supplier or service provider whose product or service offered for procurement meets the minimum local content as prescribed for ‘Class-I local supplier’ hereunder.

“Class-II local supplier” means a supplier or service provider whose product or service offered for procurement meets the minimum local content as prescribed for ‘Class-II local supplier’ hereunder. Class-II local supplier shall not get any purchase preference under this RFP.

“Non-local supplier” means a supplier or service provider whose product or service offered for procurement has ‘local content’ less than that prescribed for ‘Class-II local supplier’ under this RFP.

“Minimum Local content” for the purpose of this RFP, the ‘local content’ requirement to categorize a supplier as ‘Class-I local supplier’ is minimum 50%. For ‘Class-II local supplier’, the ‘local content’ requirement is minimum 20%. If Nodal Ministry/Department has prescribed different percentage of minimum ‘local content’ requirement to categorize a supplier as ‘Class-I local supplier’/ ‘Class-II local supplier’, same shall be applicable.

“Margin of purchase preference” means the maximum extent to which the price quoted by a ‘Class-I local supplier’ may be above the L1 for the purpose of purchase preference. The margin of purchase preference shall be 20%.

ii. **Verification of local content**

The ‘Class-I local supplier’/ ‘Class-II local supplier’ at the time of submission of bid shall be required to provide a certificate as per **Appendix-G** from the statutory auditor or cost auditor of the company (in the case of companies) or from a practicing cost accountant or practicing chartered accountant (in respect of suppliers other than companies) giving the percentage of local content requirement for ‘Class-I local supplier’/ ‘Class-II local supplier’ as the case may be.

iii. Cost of domestic bulk SMS services under Transactional, Informative and Promotional categories (other than OTP category) along with cost of all items specified in **Appendix-F** would be the cost of one lakh SMSs.

iv. Contract will be awarded between L1 and L2 bidders in the SMS traffic ratio of 60:40 respectively, subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the above S.No. 19 (i) (a) to (d). After two bidders identified, Bank will invite the remaining

bidders of reverse auction (except the highest bidder unless it is Class-I) to match the L1 price. If they match the L1 price, Bank may divert SMS traffic to them in case any need arises. There is no minimum guarantee of SMS traffic to any of the bidder. The Bank reserves the right to vary the SMS traffic ratio at its sole discretion.

Bifurcation (i.e. Base price and DLT Charge) in the SMS price after reverse auction, will be sought from L1 bidder, and then invite L2 and other bidders to match the L1 total price discovered in reverse auction and will seek its bifurcation. DLT charge cannot be quoted more than 2.5 paise per SMS.

- v. Bank will notify successful Bidder in writing by way of issuance of purchase order through letter or fax/email that its Bid has been accepted. The selected Bidder has to return the duplicate copy of the same to the Bank within **7 working days**, duly Accepted, Stamped and Signed by Authorized Signatory in token of acceptance.
- vi. The successful Bidder will have to submit Non-disclosure Agreement, Bank Guarantee for the amount and validity as desired in this RFP and strictly on the lines of format given in appendix of this RFP together with acceptance of all terms and conditions of RFP.
- vii. Copy of board resolution and power of attorney (POA wherever applicable) showing that the signatory has been duly authorized to sign the acceptance letter, contract and NDA should be submitted.
- viii. The successful Bidder shall be required to enter into a Contract with the Bank and submit the Bank Guarantee, within 30 days from issuance of Purchase Order or within such extended period as may be decided by the Bank.
- ix. Till execution of a formal contract, the RFP, along with the Bank's notification of award by way of issuance of purchase order and Service Provider's acceptance thereof, would be binding contractual obligation between the Bank and the successful Bidder.
- x. The Bank reserves the right to stipulate, at the time of finalization of the Contract, any other document(s) to be enclosed as a part of the final Contract.
- xi. Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the requirements/terms and conditions of this RFP shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the EMD and/or BG.
- xii. Upon notification of award to the successful Bidder, the Bank will promptly notify the award of contract to the successful Bidder on the Bank's website. The EMD of each unsuccessful Bidder will be discharged and returned.

20. POWERS TO VARY OR OMIT WORK:

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

21. WAIVER OF RIGHTS:

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

22. CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

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

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

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

24. BANK GUARANTEE:

- i. Performance security in form of Bank Guarantee [BG] for the amount with validity period as specified in this RFP strictly on the format at **Appendix-H** is to be submitted by the finally selected Bidder (s). The BG has to be issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank other than SBI and needs to be submitted within the specified time of receipt of formal communication from the Bank about their Bid finally selected. In case, SBI is the sole Banker for the Bidder, a Letter of Comfort from SBI may be accepted.
- ii. The Bank Guarantee is required to protect interest of the Bank against the risk of non-performance of Service Provider in respect of successful implementation of the project and/or failing to perform / fulfil its commitments / obligations in respect of providing Services as mentioned in this RFP; or breach of any terms and conditions of the RFP, which may warrant invoking of Bank Guarantee.

25. SERVICES:

- i. Service Provider should ensure that the quality of methodologies for delivering the services, adhere to quality standards/timelines stipulated therefor.
- ii. Service Provider support staff should be well trained to effectively handle queries raised by the customers/employees of the Bank.
- iii. Updated escalation matrix shall be made available to the Bank once in each quarter and each time the matrix gets changed.
- iv. Bidder should be capable to receive SMSs from the Bank for onward submission to

the correct mobile number.

- v. Bidder should be capable to submit correct Delivery Report (DLRs) for each SMS submitted to its platform. DLRs should come directly from the mobile handset of the customers.
- vi. Bidder shall provide and implement patches/ upgrades/ updates for hardware/ software/ Operating System / Middleware etc as and when released by the Vendor/ OEM or as per requirements of the Bank. Bidder should bring to notice of the Bank all releases/ version changes.
- vii. Bidder shall obtain a written permission from the Bank before applying any of the patches/ upgrades/ updates. Bidder has to support older versions of the hardware/ software/ Operating System /Middleware etc in case the Bank chooses not to upgrade to latest version.
- viii. All product updates, upgrades & patches shall be provided by the Bidder/ Vendor free of cost.
- ix. Bidder shall provide legally valid Services. The detailed information on license count and type of license shall also be provided to the Bank.
- x. The Bidder shall keep the Bank explicitly informed the end of support dates on related services.

26. PENALTIES:

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

27. RIGHT TO VERIFICATION:

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

28. RIGHT TO AUDIT:

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

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

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

29. SUBCONTRACTING:

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

30. VALIDITY OF AGREEMENT:

The Agreement/ SLA will be valid for the period of 3 year(s). The Bank reserves the right to terminate the Agreement as per the terms of RFP/ Agreement.

31. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

- i. The maximum aggregate liability of Service Provider, subject to clause 31 (iii), in respect of any claims, losses, costs or damages arising out of or in connection with this RFP/Agreement shall not exceed the total Project Cost.
- ii. Under no circumstances shall either Party be liable for any indirect, consequential

or incidental losses, damages or claims including loss of profit, loss of business or revenue.

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

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

For the purpose of clause 31(iii)(b) **“Gross Negligence” means** any act or failure to act by a party which was in reckless disregard of or gross indifference to the obligation of the party under this Agreement and which causes injury, damage to life, personal safety, real property, harmful consequences to the other party, which such party knew, or would have known if it was acting as a reasonable person, would result from such act or failure to act for which such Party is legally liable. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Gross Negligence shall not include any action taken in good faith.

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

32. CONFIDENTIALITY:

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

The Bank reserves its right to recall all the Bank’s materials including Confidential Information, if stored in Service Provider system or environment, at any time during the term of the Contract or immediately upon expiry or termination of Contract. Service Provider shall ensure complete removal of such material or data from its system or environment (including backup media) to the satisfaction of the Bank.

33. DELAY IN SERVICE PROVIDER'S PERFORMANCE:

- i. Services shall be made by Service Provider within the timelines prescribed in part II of this document.
- ii. If at any time during performance of the Contract, Service Provider should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery and performance of Services, Service Provider shall promptly notify the Bank in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of Service Provider's notice, the Bank shall evaluate the situation and may, at its discretion, extend Service Providers' time for performance, in which case, the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of the Contract.
- iii. Any delay in performing the obligation/ defect in performance by Service Provider may result in imposition of penalty, liquidated damages, invocation of Bank Guarantee and/or termination of Contract (as laid down elsewhere in this RFP document).

34. SERVICE PROVIDER'S OBLIGATIONS:

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

- vi. Without the Bank's prior written permission, Service Provider shall not store or share Bank's materials including Confidential Information outside the geographical boundary of India or in/with a public cloud.
- vii. Service Provider agrees that the Bank either itself or through its authorized representative shall have right to perform ethical hacking on public IPs and URLs of Service Provider, wherein the Bank has integrations.
- viii. Service Provider agrees that it shall communicate to the Bank well in advance along with detail plan of action, if any changes in Service Provider's environment/infrastructure is of the nature that may have direct or indirect impact on the Services provided under this Agreement or operations of its Services.
- ix. Service Provider at its own expenses, agrees to provide audit report of the process and infrastructure from CERT-In empanelled ISSP, periodically, at least once in a year or as requested by the Bank.
- x. Service Provider shall ensure confidentiality, integrity and availability of the Bank's information at all times and shall comply with regard to the followings:
 - (a) Acceptable Usage Policy: Information assets of Service Provider should be provided to its authorized users only for the intended purpose and users shall adhere to safe and acceptable usage practices.
 - (b) Email Usage: The employees of Service Provider shall use authorized media only for email communication.
 - (c) Password Management: Service Provider shall have a password management system in place, which ensures secure passwords.
 - (d) Physical and Environmental Security: Service Provider shall provide sufficient guidance for its employees with respect to physical and environmental security.
 - (e) Logical Access Control and User Access Management: The access to information and information systems shall be according to the principles of "least privilege" and "need to know" basis to authorized users of Service Provider.
 - (f) Infrastructure Security: Service Provider shall ensure correct and secure operations of information processing facilities.
 - (g) Change Management: Service Provider shall provide a managed and orderly method in which changes to the information technology environment are requested, tested and approved prior to installation or implementation.
 - (h) Information Security Incident Management: Service provider shall ensure effective management of information security incidents, including the preservation of digital evidence.
 - (i) Communications Strategy: Service provider shall ensure prevention of unauthorized access to communications traffic, or to any written information that is transmitted or transferred.

- (j) Service Provider Relationship: Service provider shall ensure that information security risks related to outsourcing of Services to any other party, if permitted by the Bank, shall be assessed and managed regularly, to the satisfaction of the Bank.
- (k) Digital Risk: Service Provider shall ensure that electronic data is gathered and preserved in a systematic, standardized and legal manner to ensure the admissibility of the evidence for the purpose of any legal proceedings or investigations, whenever demanded by the Bank.
- (l) Change Management: Service Provider shall provide a managed and orderly method in which changes to the information technology environment (including, database, operating system, application, networking etc.) are requested, tested and approved prior to installation or implementation.
- (m) Port Management: Service Provider shall ensure that the controls are implemented for secure port management so as to protect the network from unauthorized access.
- (n) Patch Management: Service Provider shall ensure that the security patches to information assets and systems are correctly and completely updated in a timely manner for known vulnerabilities.
- (o) Backup Management: Service Provider shall ensure that regular backup is taken so that when necessary, information may be restored from backup media to return the application, database, operating system etc. to production status.
- (p) Access Management: Service Provider shall limit access to information and information processing facilities for authorized users only.
- (q) Log Management: Logging shall be enabled on all systems of Service Provider to ensure audit trail is maintained every time.
- (r) Service Provider shall have an anti-virus solution with regular updates to protect their system against malicious attacks in the form of virus, malware, trojans etc.

35. TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION

- i. Service Provider shall provide documents related to review records/ Test Bug Reports/ Root Cause Analysis Report, list of all Product components, list of all dependent/external modules and list of all documents relating to traceability of service level failure as and when applicable.
- ii. Service Provider shall also provide the MIS reports as per requirements of the Bank. Any level/ version changes and/or clarification or corrections or modifications in the above-mentioned documentation should be supplied by Service Provider to the Bank, free of cost in timely manner.

36. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND OWNERSHIP:

- i. For any technology / software / product used by Service Provider for performing Services for the Bank as part of this RFP, Service Provider shall have right to use as well as right to license such technology/ software / product. The Bank shall not be liable for any license or IPR violation on the part of Service Provider.
- ii. Without the Bank's prior written approval, Service provider will not, in performing the Services, use or incorporate link to or call or depend in any way upon, any software or other intellectual property that is subject to an Open Source or Copy left license or any other agreement that may give rise to any third-party claims or to limit the Bank's rights under this RFP.
- iii. Subject to clause 36 (iv) and 36 (v) of this RFP, Service Provider shall, at its own expenses without any limitation, indemnify and keep fully and effectively indemnified the Bank against all costs, claims, damages, demands, expenses and liabilities whatsoever nature arising out of or in connection with all claims of infringement of Intellectual Property Right, including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or industrial design rights of any third party arising from the Services or use of the technology / software / products or any part thereof in India or abroad.
- iv. The Bank will give (a) notice to Service Provider of any such claim without delay/provide reasonable assistance to Service Provider in disposing of the claim; (b) sole authority to defend and settle such claim and; (c) will at no time admit to any liability for or express any intent to settle the claim provided that (i) Service Provider shall not partially settle any such claim without the written consent of the Bank, unless such settlement releases the Bank fully from such claim, (ii) Service Provider shall promptly provide the Bank with copies of all pleadings or similar documents relating to any such claim, (iii) Service Provider shall consult with the Bank with respect to the defense and settlement of any such claim, and (iv) in any litigation to which the Bank is also a party, the Bank shall be entitled to be separately represented at its own expenses by counsel of its own selection.
- v. Service Provider shall have no obligations with respect to any infringement claims to the extent that the infringement claim arises or results from: (i) Service Provider's compliance with the Bank's specific technical designs or instructions (except where Service Provider knew or should have known that such compliance was likely to result in an infringement claim and Service Provider did not inform the Bank of the same); or (ii) any unauthorized modification or alteration of the deliverable (if any) by the Bank.
- vi. All information processed by Service provider during Services belongs to the Bank. Service provider shall not acquire any other right in respect of the information for the license to the rights owned by the Bank. Service provider will implement

mutually agreed controls to protect the information. Service provider also agrees that it will protect the information appropriately.

37. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

If Service Provider fails to deliver and perform any or all the Services within the stipulated time, schedule as specified in this RFP/Agreement, the Bank may, without prejudice to its other remedies under the RFP/Agreement, and unless otherwise extension of time is agreed upon without the application of liquidated damages, deduct from the Project Cost, as liquidated damages a sum equivalent to 0.5% of expected one year billing for delay of each week or part thereof maximum up to 5% of expected one year billing. Once the maximum deduction is reached, the Bank may consider termination of the Agreement.

38. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- i. Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest (the “Conflict of Interest”) that affects the bidding Process. Any Bidder found to have a Conflict of Interest shall be disqualified. In the event of disqualification, the Bank shall be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the Bid Security and/or Performance Security (Bank Guarantee), as the case may be, as mutually agreed upon genuine estimated loss and damage likely to be suffered and incurred by the Bank and not by way of penalty for, inter alia, the time, cost and effort of the Bank, including consideration of such Bidder’s proposal (the “Damages”), without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to the Bank under the bidding Documents and/ or the Agreement or otherwise.
- ii. Without limiting the generality of the above, a Bidder shall be deemed to have a Conflict of Interest affecting the bidding Process, if:
 - (a) the Bidder, its Member or Associate (or any constituent thereof) and any other Bidder, its Member or any Associate thereof (or any constituent thereof) have common controlling shareholders or other ownership interest; provided that this disqualification shall not apply in cases where the direct or indirect shareholding of a Bidder, its Member or an Associate thereof (or any shareholder thereof having a shareholding of more than 5% (five per cent) of the paid up and subscribed share capital of such Bidder, Member or Associate, as the case may be) in the other Bidder, its Member or Associate, has less than 5% (five per cent) of the subscribed and paid up equity share capital thereof; provided further that this disqualification shall not apply to any ownership by a bank, insurance company, pension fund or a public financial institution referred to in section 2(72) of the Companies Act, 2013. For the purposes of this Clause, indirect shareholding held through one or more intermediate persons shall be computed

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

- (b) a constituent of such Bidder is also a constituent of another Bidder; or
 - (c) such Bidder, its Member or any Associate thereof receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy, grant, concessional loan or subordinated debt from any other Bidder, its Member or Associate, or has provided any such subsidy, grant, concessional loan or subordinated debt to any other Bidder, its Member or any Associate thereof; or
 - (d) such Bidder has the same legal representative for purposes of this Bid as any other Bidder; or
 - (e) such Bidder, or any Associate thereof, has a relationship with another Bidder, or any Associate thereof, directly or through common third party/ parties, that puts either or both of them in a position to have access to each other’s information about, or to influence the Bid of either or each other; or
 - (f) such Bidder or any of its affiliates thereof has participated as a consultant to the Bank in the preparation of any documents, design or technical specifications of the RFP.
- iii. For the purposes of this RFP, Associate means, in relation to the Bidder, a person who controls, is controlled by, or is under the common control with such Bidder (the “Associate”). As used in this definition, the expression “control” means, with respect to a person which is a company or corporation, the ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% (fifty per cent) of the voting shares of such person, and with respect to a person which is not a company or corporation, the power to direct the management and policies of such person by operation of law or by contract.

39. CODE OF INTEGRITY AND DEBARMENT/BANNING:

- i. The Bidder and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the bidding Process. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Bank shall reject Bid without being

liable in any manner whatsoever to the Bidder if it determines that the Bidder has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt/fraudulent/coercive/undesirable or restrictive practices in the bidding Process.

- ii. Bidders are obliged under code of integrity to Suo-moto proactively declare any conflicts of interest (pre-existing or as and as soon as these arise at any stage) in RFP process or execution of contract. Failure to do so would amount to violation of this code of integrity.
- iii. Any Bidder needs to declare any previous transgressions of such a code of integrity with any entity in any country during the last three years or of being debarred by any other procuring entity. Failure to do so would amount to violation of this code of integrity
- iv. For the purposes of this clause, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter, respectively assigned to them:
 - (a) **“corrupt practice”** means making offers, solicitation or acceptance of bribe, rewards or gifts or any material benefit, in exchange for an unfair advantage in the procurement process or to otherwise influence the procurement process or contract execution;
 - (b) **“Fraudulent practice”** means any omission or misrepresentation that may mislead or attempt to mislead so that financial or other benefits may be obtained or an obligation avoided. This includes making false declaration or providing false information for participation in a RFP process or to secure a contract or in execution of the contract;
 - (c) **“Coercive practice”** means harming or threatening to harm, persons or their property to influence their participation in the procurement process or affect the execution of a contract;
 - (d) **“Anti-competitive practice”** means any collusion, bid rigging or anti-competitive arrangement, or any other practice coming under the purview of the Competition Act, 2002, between two or more bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Bank, that may impair the transparency, fairness and the progress of the procurement process or to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels;
 - (e) **“Obstructive practice”** means materially impede the Bank’s or Government agencies investigation into allegations of one or more of the above mentioned prohibited practices either by deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering; or by concealing of evidence material to the investigation; or by making false

statements to investigators and/or by threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or by impeding the Bank's rights of audit or access to information;

v. **Debarment/Banning**

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

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

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

- Vendors who have not responded to requests for quotation/tenders consecutively three times without furnishing valid reasons, if mandated in the empanelment contract (if applicable);
- Repeated non-performance or performance below specified standards (including after sales services and maintenance services etc.);
- Vendors undergoing process for removal from empanelment/participation in procurement process or banning/debarment may also be put on a holiday listing during such proceedings.

(b) **Debarment from participation including removal from empanelled list**

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

- Without prejudice to the rights of the Bank under Clause 39(i) hereinabove, if a Bidder is found by the Bank to have directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged or indulged in any corrupt/fraudulent/coercive/undesirable or restrictive practices during the bidding Process, such Bidder shall not be eligible to

participate in any EOI/RFP issued by the Bank during a period of 2 (two) years from the date of debarment.

- Vendor fails to abide by the terms and conditions or to maintain the required technical/operational staff/equipment or there is change in its production/service line affecting its performance adversely, or fails to cooperate or qualify in the review for empanelment;
- If Vendor ceases to exist or ceases to operate in the category of requirements for which it is empaneled.
- Bankruptcy or insolvency on the part of the vendor as declared by a court of law; or
- Banning by Ministry/Department or any other Government agency;
- Other than in situations of force majeure, technically qualified Bidder withdraws from the procurement process or after being declared as successful bidder: (i) withdraws from the process; (ii) fails to enter into a Contract; or (iii) fails to provide performance guarantee or any other document or security required in terms of the RFP documents;
- If the Central Bureau of Investigation/CVC/C&AG or Vigilance Department of the Bank or any other investigating agency recommends such a course in respect of a case under investigation;
- Employs a Government servant or the Bank's Officer within two years of his retirement, who has had business dealings with him in an official capacity before retirement; or
- Any other ground, based on which the Bank considers, that continuation of Contract is not in public interest.
- If there is strong justification for believing that the partners/directors/proprietor/agents of the firm/company has been guilty of violation of the code of integrity or Integrity Pact (wherever applicable), evasion or habitual default in payment of any tax levied by law; etc.

(c) **Banning from Ministry/Country-wide procurements**

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

40. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:

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

Prior to providing a written notice of termination to Service Provider under clause 40 (i) (a) to 40 (i) (c), the Bank shall provide Service Provider with a written notice of 30 (thirty) days to cure such breach of the Agreement. If the breach continues or remains unrectified after expiry of cure period, the Bank shall have right to initiate action in accordance with above clause.

- ii. In the event the Bank terminates the Contract in whole or in part for the breaches attributable to Service Provider, the Bank may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Services similar to those undelivered, and subject to limitation of liability clause of this RFP Service Provider shall be liable to the Bank for any increase in cost for such similar Services. However, Service Provider shall continue performance of the Contract to the extent not terminated.
- iii. If the Contract is terminated under any termination clause, Service Provider shall handover all documents/ executable/ Bank's data or any other relevant information to the Bank in timely manner and in proper format as per scope of this RFP and shall also support the orderly transition to another vendor or to the Bank.
- iv. During the transition, Service Provider shall also support the Bank on technical queries/support on process implementation.
- v. The Bank's right to terminate the Contract will be in addition to the penalties / liquidated damages and other actions as specified in this RFP.
- vi. In the event of failure of Service Provider to render the Services or in the event of termination of Agreement or expiry of term or otherwise, without prejudice to any other right, the Bank at its sole discretion may make alternate arrangement for getting the Services contracted with another vendor. In such case, the Bank shall give prior notice to the existing Service Provider. The existing Service Provider shall continue to provide services as per the terms of the Agreement until a 'New

Service Provider' completely takes over the work. During the transition phase, the existing Service Provider shall render all reasonable assistance to the new Service Provider within such period prescribed by the Bank, at no extra cost to the Bank, for ensuring smooth switch over and continuity of services, provided where transition services are required by the Bank or New Service Provider beyond the term of this Agreement, reasons for which are not attributable to Service Provider, payment shall be made to Service Provider for such additional period on the same rates and payment terms as specified in this Agreement. If existing Service Provider is breach of this obligation, they shall be liable for paying a penalty of 10% of the expected one year billing on demand to the Bank, which may be settled from the payment of invoices or Bank Guarantee for the contracted period or by invocation of Bank Guarantee.

41. FORCE MAJEURE:

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

42. TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY:

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

43. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:

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

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

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

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

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

45. GOVERNING LANGUAGE:

The governing language shall be English.

46. APPLICABLE LAW:

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

47. TAXES AND DUTIES:

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

duty.

- v. Income / Corporate Taxes in India: The Bidder shall be liable to pay all corporate taxes and income tax that shall be levied according to the laws and regulations applicable from time to time in India and the price Bid by the Bidder shall include all such taxes in the contract price.
- vi. All expenses, stamp duty and other charges/ expenses in connection with the execution of the Agreement as a result of this RFP process shall be borne by Service Provider. The Agreement/ Contract would be stamped as per Maharashtra Stamp Act, 1958 and any amendment thereto.

48. TAX DEDUCTION AT SOURCE:

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

49. TENDER FEE:

Non-refundable Tender Fee should be directly credited to the designated account as mentioned in Schedule of Events. Proof of remittance of Tender Fee in the designated account should be enclosed with the technical bid. The Bids without tender fee will not be considered valid.

50. EXEMPTION OF EMD AND TENDER FEE:

Micro & Small Enterprises (MSE) units and Start-ups* are exempted from payment of EMD and tender fee provided the Services they are offering, are rendered by them. Exemption as stated above is not applicable for providing services, rendered by other companies.

Bidder should submit supporting documents issued by competent Govt. bodies to become eligible for the above exemption.

Bidders may please note:

- i. NSIC certificate/ Udyog Aadhar Memorandum/ Udyam Registration Certificate should cover the items tendered to get EMD/tender fee exemptions. Certificate/ Memorandum should be valid as on due date / extended due date for Bid submission.
- ii. “Start-up” company should enclose the valid Certificate of Recognition issued by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), (erstwhile Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India with the technical bid.
- iii. *Start-ups which are not under the category of MSE shall not be eligible for exemption of tender fee.
- iv. Bidder who solely on its own, fulfils each eligibility criteria condition as per the RFP terms and conditions and who are having MSE or Start-up company status, can claim exemption for EMD/ tender fee.
- v. If all these conditions are not fulfilled or supporting documents are not submitted with the technical Bid, then all those Bids without tender fees /EMD will be summarily rejected and no queries will be entertained.

51. NOTICES:

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

Part-II

Appendix –A

BID FORM (TECHNICAL BID)

[On Company's letter head]

(To be included in Technical Bid)

Date: _____

To:

< Address of tendering office >

Dear Sir,

Ref: RFP No. SBI/GITC/Platform Engineering-II/2021/2022/788 dated 12/08/2021

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

- i. While submitting this Bid, we certify that:
- The undersigned is authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder and the necessary support document delegating this authority is enclosed to this letter.
  - We declare that we are not in contravention of conflict of interest obligation mentioned in this RFP.
  - Indicative prices submitted by us have been arrived at without agreement with any other Bidder of this RFP for the purpose of restricting competition.
  - The indicative prices submitted by us have not been disclosed and will not be disclosed to any other Bidder responding to this RFP.
  - We have not induced or attempted to induce any other Bidder to submit or not to submit a Bid for restricting competition.
  - We have quoted for all the services/items mentioned in this RFP in our indicative price Bid.
  - The rate quoted in the indicative price Bids are as per the RFP and subsequent pre-Bid clarifications/ modifications/ revisions furnished by the Bank, without any exception.
- ii. We undertake that, in competing for (and, if the award is made to us, in executing) the above contract, we will strictly observe the laws against fraud and corruption in force in India namely "Prevention of Corruption Act 1988".

- iii. We undertake that we will not offer, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the Bank, connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process, or to any person, organisation or third party related to the contract in exchange for any advantage in the bidding, evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.
- iv. We undertake that we will not resort to canvassing with any official of the Bank, connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process to derive any undue advantage. We also understand that any violation in this regard, will result in disqualification of bidder from further bidding process.
- v. It is further certified that the contents of our Bid are factually correct. We have not sought any deviation to the terms and conditions of the RFP. We also accept that in the event of any information / data / particulars proving to be incorrect, the Bank will have right to disqualify us from the RFP without prejudice to any other rights available to the Bank.
- vi. We certify that while submitting our Bid document, we have not made any changes in the contents of the RFP document, read with its amendments/clarifications provided by the Bank.
- vii. We agree to abide by all the RFP terms and conditions, contents of Service Level Agreement as per template available at **Appendix-J** of this RFP and the rates quoted therein for the orders awarded by the Bank up to the period prescribed in the RFP, which shall remain binding upon us.
- viii. On acceptance of our technical bid, we undertake to participate in Reverse auction by way of login in Reverse auction tool. In case of declaration as successful Bidder on completion of Reverse auction process, we undertake to complete the formalities as specified in this RFP.
- ix. The commercial bidding process will be through the reverse auction process to be conducted by the Bank or a company authorized by the Bank. We understand that our authorized representative who would participate in the reverse auction process would be possessing a valid digital certificate for the purpose.
- x. Till execution of a formal contract, the RFP, along with the Bank's notification of award by way of issuance of purchase order and our acceptance thereof, would be binding contractual obligation on the Bank and us.
- xi. We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any Bid you may receive and you may reject all or any Bid without assigning any reason or giving any explanation whatsoever.

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- xii. We hereby certify that our name does not appear in any “Caution” list of RBI / IBA or any other regulatory body for outsourcing activity.
- xiii. We hereby certify that on the date of submission of Bid for this RFP, we do not have any past/ present litigation which adversely affect our participation in this RFP or we are not under any debarment/blacklist period for breach of contract/fraud/corrupt practices by any Scheduled Commercial Bank/ Public Sector Undertaking/ State or Central Government or their agencies/departments.
- xiv. We hereby certify that on the date of submission of Bid, we do not have any Service Level Agreement pending to be signed with the Bank for more than 6 months from the date of issue of purchase order.
- xv. We hereby certify that we have read the clauses contained in O.M. No. 6/18/2019-PPD, dated 23.07.2020 order (Public Procurement No. 1), order (Public Procurement No. 2) dated 23.07.2020 and order (Public Procurement No. 3) dated 24.07.2020 regarding restrictions on procurement from a bidder of a country which shares a land border with India. We further certify that we and our OEM are not from such a country or if from a country, has been registered with competent authority. We certify that we and our OEM fulfil all the requirements in this regard and are eligible to participate in this RFP.
- xvi. If our Bid is accepted, we undertake to enter into and execute at our cost, when called upon by the Bank to do so, a contract in the prescribed form and we shall be solely responsible for the due performance of the contract.
- xvii. We, further, hereby undertake and agree to abide by all the terms and conditions stipulated by the Bank in the RFP document.

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

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(Signature)

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

(In the capacity of)

Duly authorised to sign Bid for and on behalf of

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Seal of the company.

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

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

| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>Eligibility Criteria</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Compliance (Yes/No)</b> | <b>Documents to be submitted</b>                                                                                                                                           | <b>Page# in the bid</b> |
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| 1.            | The Bidder must be an Indian Company/ LLP /Partnership firm registered under applicable Act in India.                                                                                                                                                                    |                            | Certificate of Incorporation issued by Registrar of Companies and full address of the registered office along with Memorandum & Articles of Association/ Partnership Deed. |                         |
| 2.            | The Bidder (including its OEM, if any) must comply with the requirements contained in O.M. No. 6/18/2019-PPD, dated 23.07.2020 order (Public Procurement No. 1), order (Public Procurement No. 2) dated 23.07.2020 and order (Public Procurement No. 3) dated 24.07.2020 |                            | Bidder should specifically certify in <b>Appendix A</b> in this regard and provide copy of registration certificate issued by competent authority wherever applicable.     |                         |
| 3.            | The Bidder must have an average turnover of minimum Rs. 20 crore during last 03 (three) financial year(s) i.e. FY 2017-18, FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20.                                                                                                                    |                            | Copy of the audited financial statement for required financial years. (Certificate from statutory auditor for preceding/current _____ year may be submitted.)              |                         |
| 4.            | The Bidder should be profitable organization on the basis of profit before tax (PBT) for at least 02 (two) out of last 05 (five) financial years.                                                                                                                        |                            | Copy of the audited financial statement along with profit and loss statement for corresponding years and / or Certificate of the statutory auditor.                        |                         |

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| 5  | Bidder should have experience of minimum 5 years in providing the bulk SMS Services.                                                                                                                                                                 |  | Copy of the order and / or Certificate of completion of the work. The Bidder should also furnish user acceptance report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| 6. | Client references and contact details (email/ landline/ mobile) of customers for whom the Bidder has executed similar projects in India. (Start and End Date of the Project to be mentioned) in the past (At least 3 client references are required) |  | Bidder should specifically confirm on their letter head in this regard as per <b>Appendix-M</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| 7. | Past/present litigations, disputes, if any (Adverse litigations could result in disqualification, at the sole discretion of the Bank)                                                                                                                |  | Brief details of litigations, disputes related to product/services being procured under this RFP or infringement of any third party Intellectual Property Rights by prospective Bidder/ OEM or disputes among Bidder's board of directors, liquidation, bankruptcy, insolvency cases or cases for debarment/blacklisting for breach of contract/fraud/corrupt practices by any Scheduled Commercial Bank/ Public Sector Undertaking / State or Central Government or their agencies/ departments or any such similar cases, if any are to be given on Company's letter head. |  |
| 8. | Bidders should not be under debarment/blacklist period for breach of contract/fraud/corrupt practices by any Scheduled Commercial Bank/ Public Sector Undertaking / State or Central Government or their agencies/                                   |  | Bidder should specifically certify in <b>Appendix A</b> in this regard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |

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|    | departments on the date of submission of bid for this RFP.                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                             |  |
| 9. | The Bidder should not have any Service Level Agreement pending to be signed with the Bank for more than 6 months from the date of issue of purchase order.                              |  | Bidder should specifically certify in <b>Appendix A</b> in this regard.                                                     |  |
| 10 | Tie up with min 03 domestic telecom operators (names) or POI with all the telecom operators.                                                                                            |  | Copy of valid agreement / contract should be provided, along with the confirmation on letter head of the telecom operators. |  |
| 11 | Deployment Methodologies (Improper or insufficient methodologies could result in disqualification at the sole discretion of the Bank)                                                   |  | Documents on deployment framework, tools, templates & utilities to be provided.                                             |  |
| 12 | Project Management Methodologies                                                                                                                                                        |  | Profile of project Team / previous Assignments of similar nature / Details project plan to be submitted                     |  |
| 13 | The Bidder should have support setup with 2 hours of response time.                                                                                                                     |  | Bidder should specifically confirm on their letter head in this regard.                                                     |  |
| 14 | Bidder must be handling minimum 02 crore SMSs per day.                                                                                                                                  |  | Copy of invoices of last 03 months should be submitted.                                                                     |  |
| 15 | The Bidder should agree to the terms and conditions of Service Level Agreement (format placed at Appendix-J), should they are selected by the Bank to execute a contract with the Bank. |  | Bidder should specifically confirm on their letter head in this regard.                                                     |  |
| 16 | Bidder should be capable of providing handset level delivery of SMSs, not merely the end telecom tower.                                                                                 |  | Confirmation on letter head in this regard.                                                                                 |  |
| 17 | Bidder should have https API method to receive SMS from the Bank and submit Delivery report back to the Bank.                                                                           |  | Bidder should specifically confirm on their letter head                                                                     |  |

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| 18 | The Bidder (including its OEM, if any) should either be Class-I or Class-II local supplier as defined under this RFP. |  | Certificate of local content to be submitted as per <b>Appendix-G.</b> |  |
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Documentary evidence must be furnished against each of the above criteria along with an index. All documents must be signed by the authorized signatory of the Bidder. Relevant portions, in the documents submitted in pursuance of eligibility criteria, should be highlighted.

**Eligibility criteria mentioned at SI No 2 to 5 in table above are relaxed for Startups subject to their meeting of quality and technical specifications. Bidder to note the followings:**

- i. Start-up” company should enclose the valid Certificate of Recognition issued by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), (erstwhile Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India with the technical bid.
- ii. Bidder who solely on its own, fulfils each eligibility criteria condition as per the RFP terms and conditions and who are having Start-up company status, can claim exemption for eligibility criteria mentioned at SI No 2 to 5 in table above.
- iii. If all these conditions are not fulfilled or supporting documents are not submitted with the technical Bid, then all those Bids will be summarily rejected, and no queries will be entertained.

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**Appendix-B1****SECURITY CONTROLS**

In addition to the eligibility criteria defined in Appendix-B, Bidder(s) are also required to comply with the following points and submit their compliance on the same on their letter head. In case of non-compliance of any of the requirement, Bid would be rejected:

| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>Required Controls</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Compliance (Yes/No)</b> |
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| 1             | Whether Bidder has information security policy in place with periodic review                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                            |
| 2             | Whether Bidder has operational processes with periodic review in following areas:<br>a) Business continuity management<br>b) Backup Management<br>c) Desktop/ system/ server/ network device hardening with baseline controls<br>d) Patch management<br>e) Port management<br>f) Media movement<br>g) Log management<br>h) Personnel security<br>i) Physical security<br>j) Internal security assessment processes |                            |
| 3             | Whether Bidder has instituted proper documented change management process                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                            |
| 4             | Whether Bidder has proper documented policy and process of incident management/ response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                            |
| 5             | Whether Bidder's IT environment is suitably protected from external threats by way of firewall, WAF, IDS/IPS, AD, AV, NAC, DLP etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                            |
| 6             | Whether Bidder has approved process for implementing rules on firewalls in its environment and the same are followed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                            |
| 7             | Whether Bidder monitors firewall rule position regularly for presence of any vulnerable open port or any-any rule.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                            |
| 8             | Whether Bidder has captive SOC or managed service SOC for monitoring their system and operations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                            |

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| 9  | Whether Bidder's environment is segregated into militarized zone (MZ) and demilitarized zone (DMZ) separated by firewall, where any access from an external entity is permitted through DMZ only. |  |
| 10 | Whether Bidder has deployed secure production, disaster recovery and testing environment for their application.                                                                                   |  |
| 11 | Bidder to confirm that no internet access is permitted on internal servers, database servers etc.                                                                                                 |  |
| 12 | Whether the Bidder has a dedicated information security team independent of IT, reporting directly to MD/CIO for conducting security related functions & operations.                              |  |
| 13 | Bidder will engage CERT-IN Empaneled ISSPs for ensuring security posture of their application.                                                                                                    |  |
| 14 | Whether quarterly vulnerability assessment and penetration testing is being done by the Bidder for its IT infrastructure.                                                                         |  |
| 15 | Whether suitable security certification (ISO, PCI-DSS etc.) of the security posture at Bidders IT environment are in place.                                                                       |  |
| 16 | While sharing the data, whether Bidder is agreeable to encrypt the same as per industry best standards with robust key management.                                                                |  |
| 17 | Whether Bidder is agreeable to completely erase the data after processing at their end, if so permitted to be stored.                                                                             |  |
| 18 | Whether Bidder is agreeable to store the data with encryption (Data at rest encryption), if storing is permitted in RFP.                                                                          |  |
| 19 | Whether Bidder is agreeable to get the data storage technology (Servers /Public Cloud/ Tapes etc.) appropriately reviewed by the Bank.                                                            |  |
| 20 | Bidder to confirm that it will not share the Bank's data to any other party for any purpose without prior permission of the Bank.                                                                 |  |
| 21 | Whether Bidder is willing to put in place a system of obtaining approval from the Bank before carrying out any changes in their environment.                                                      |  |

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| 22 | Bidder to confirm that it will not take any crucial decisions on behalf of the Bank without written approval from the Bank.                                               |  |
| 23 | Whether Bidder is willing to implement an efficient and sufficient preventive controls to protect the Bank's interests against any damage under section 43 of IT Act.     |  |
| 24 | Whether Bidder is agreeable to provide the process by which segregation of user accounts, database, backup, application admin and support account activities is achieved. |  |
| 25 | Whether the Bidder is agreeable to store the archived data in a manner that it will not be available over internet in any case and will have restricted access.           |  |
| 26 | If required by the Bank, whether the Bidder is willing to use Competent Authority (CA) approved digital signing for non-repudiation purpose.                              |  |
| 27 | Whether Bidder is willing to purge the post archival data regularly and report the same to the Bank.                                                                      |  |
| 28 | Whether controls have been put in place for PKE keys, if stored locally for providing access to privileged user access only.                                              |  |

**Appendix-C****Technical & Functional Specifications****(a) Technical Requirements**

| <b>Required Functionalities/ Features</b>                                                                                                                                         | <b>Required</b> | <b>Compliance (Yes/No)</b> | <b>Supporting documents</b> | <b>Page# in the bid</b> |
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| i. Need to provide HTTPS-API with/ without XML support to the Bank with multiple accounts for receiving SMSs from the Bank. This should be the primary channel for communication. | Mandatory       |                            |                             |                         |
| ii. Need to integrate the HTTPS API service of the Bank for submitting Delivery Reports (of each submitted SMS) to the SMS gateway of the Bank.                                   | Mandatory       |                            |                             |                         |
| iii. The API should support the encryption-decryption for the entire API parameters supporting DES/ 3DES/ AES and upcoming algorithm in future.                                   | Mandatory       |                            |                             |                         |
| iv. Fixed 6-digit alpha characters sender Ids should be supported for domestic Transactional and Informative SMSes and 6 digit numeric sender id for Promotional SMSs.            | Mandatory       |                            |                             |                         |
| v. Aggregators should have tie up/ arrangements with multiple telecom operators for outbound messages.                                                                            | Mandatory       |                            |                             |                         |
| vi. The message should be delivered to the correct intended mobile number as advised by the Bank.                                                                                 | Mandatory       |                            |                             |                         |
| vii. Delivery report of SMSs must come from the customers' mobile                                                                                                                 | Mandatory       |                            |                             |                         |

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| <p>handsets rather telecom towers and submitted to the Bank in real time through https API service.</p>                                                                                                                                 |           |  |  |  |
| <p>viii. The bidder should have a configurable retry mechanism at least 3 times to deliver the messages within the SLA.</p>                                                                                                             | Mandatory |  |  |  |
| <p>ix. The Bidder should be able to allocate a minimum throughput 5000 SMS/sec to State Bank group.</p>                                                                                                                                 | Mandatory |  |  |  |
| <p>x. The Bulk SMS services should be scalable to meet the requirements of the Bank for the next 3 years as detailed in Appendix-E from the date of placing the Purchase Order.</p>                                                     | Mandatory |  |  |  |
| <p>xi. The bidder will be required to create the necessary setup at their end to carry out the tests. SBI server(s), if required, will connect to the bidder's server(s) and carry out the functionality tests on live environment.</p> | Mandatory |  |  |  |
| <p>xii. The bidder should have a ticketing mechanism for logging and tracking all the complaints raised by the Bank.</p>                                                                                                                | Mandatory |  |  |  |
| <p>xiii. The bidder should provide the archives of all the messages sent to their gateway on the Bank's SFTP location on the monthly basis.</p>                                                                                         | Mandatory |  |  |  |
| <p>xiv. If the Bank desires, connectivity with the bidder's infrastructure will have to be provided through leased lines, at no extra cost to the</p>                                                                                   | Mandatory |  |  |  |

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| <p>Bank. The leased lines will have to be taken from at least two established service providers and line from each service provider should be capable of handling the entire load.</p> <p>xv. The bidder should provide suitable means such as website/ portal/ tool for generation of MIS reports and also for showing the current status of messages. The MIS report should have the following minimum fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Message Category</li> <li>b. Bearer (GSM/CDMA)</li> <li>c. Operator</li> <li>d. Circle</li> <li>e. National</li> <li>f. Sender Name/ID</li> <li>g. Date/time of SMS received at the gateway.</li> <li>h. Date/time of SMS send to the operator.</li> <li>i. Date/time of SMS delivered to the end subscriber.</li> <li>j. Status of the SMS</li> <li>k. Status / Error code and description</li> </ul> <p>xvi. The bidder should be able to provide the daily statistics with an auto generated mail to the mail-ids advised by the Bank. The daily statistics, of previous day, should contain the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>l. Date</li> </ul> | <p>Mandatory</p> <p>Mandatory</p> |  |  |  |
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| <p>m. Total SMSes received</p> <p>n. Category of SMSes</p> <p>o. Total success</p> <p>p. Total failed/expired</p> <p>q. Total of delivery report not received</p> <p>r. Total invalid</p> <p>s. Total DND</p> <p>t. Total retry counts</p> |           |  |  |  |
| <p>xvii. Delivery report should reach to Bank's middleware in real time and timestamp of bidder's server should in sync with Bank's middleware's server.</p>                                                                               | Mandatory |  |  |  |
| <p>xviii. The vendor should provide suitable means such as website/ portal/ tool for generation of MIS reports and also for showing the current status of messages on real time</p>                                                        | Mandatory |  |  |  |

**(b) Product Features**

| Sr. No. | Product Feature | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Response (Y/N) |
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| 1.      | SMS Acceptance  | Should support multiple protocols viz. SMPP, HTTP, HTTPS and should also have Web GUI as a file upload interface. Bank is presently having https method only to send SMS and receive delivery reports.                         |                |
| 2.      | SMS Types       | Push Messages                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                |
| 3.      | SMS Parameters  | i. Instant Messages / Schedule Messages,<br>ii. No. of retry for failed sms,<br>iii. Time duration for each retry<br>iv. Prioritization of messages<br>v. Capability of allocating minimum 5000 SMS/Sec to Bank's SMS traffic. |                |

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| 4. | SMS Delivery   | Delivery report of SMSs must come from the customers' mobile handsets rather telecom towers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| 5. | Administration | Administration features like monitoring of total messages sent within a day/ week/ month, time delay (if any) in sending the messages, no of failed messages, invalid mobile numbers, No of push, pull, messages sent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 6. | Reports        | The solution should be capable of generating detailed report in Pdf and any other format specified by the Bank. The software should be capable of providing the Product-wise, Date-wise, Category-wise reports, transaction based reports, aggregated reports per category. <u>The reports should contain timestamps of SMS received at Bidder's Server, SMS sent to the Telecom operator and the actual delivery to the end user.</u> |  |
| 7. | Scalability    | The SMS software should be scalable to meet the requirements of the Bank for the next 3 years from the date of placing the Purchase Order.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| 8. | Integration    | Capability to integrate with any of the Bank's applications at a future date. The Bulk SMS Services should have the capability to meet this requirement <b>without any change in its functionality.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 9. | Other Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blacklisting/ Purging of Lists of Invalid Numbers/ DND numbers.</li> <li>• Should be a secure messaging solution.</li> <li>• Multilingual messaging solution (all Indian languages).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |

**(c) Check List (Compliances)**

| Sr. No. | Compliances                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Response ( Y/N) |
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| 1       | Scope of the Bulk SMS Services and terms of delivery of outgoing messages to domestic customers/non-customers as detailed in of the RFP document are agreed upon.                                                                                                                                                           |                 |
| 2       | The Bulk SMS Services and related systems should conform to the requirements of the IT Act 2000 and its subsequent amendments.                                                                                                                                                                                              |                 |
| 3       | Undertaking will be given in writing about readiness to carry out the Bulk SMS Services for delivery of outgoing messages to the Bank's customers/ non-customers using own infrastructure/ software <b>within 1 Month</b> from the date of receipt of purchase order at any office of the State Bank Group at any location. |                 |
| 4       | The Bidder is already engaged in providing Bulk SMS Services and shall demonstrate the solution being offered for sending error free, time bound messages.                                                                                                                                                                  |                 |



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| 5  | The Bidder agrees to enter into a contract with SBI for performing all the obligations arising out of acceptance of all the terms and conditions even before the award of the tender/ Purchase Order.                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 6  | All the prices, technical specifications and other terms and conditions of the offer including the commercial quote proposed by the Bidder shall be valid for a minimum period of 36 months. However, SBI is open for the discussion if there is any drastic change in A2P SMS rates.                                                         |  |
| 7  | It is agreed that the Bank reserves the right to negotiate the prices with the selected Bidder. It is also agreed that in the event of downward reduction in the international or national market prices of the Bulk SMS Services, the Bank reserves the right to negotiate price with the Bidder even before the expiry of 36 months period. |  |
| 8  | Compliance to Appendix-I of this RFP on Penalty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 9  | Compliance RFP on Intellectual Property rights, if any.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 10 | Compliance to RFP on Confidentiality                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 11 | Compliance to NDA (Appendix-K)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 12 | Enclosed – details of Business Continuity Plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 13 | Enclosed – List of Domestic Operators.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 14 | The Bidder should be registered with TRAI or DLT and its name must appear in the registered list at TRAI or DLT website.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |

**Name & Signature of authorised signatory**

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**Appendix-D****Bidder Details**

## Details of the Bidder

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

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**Appendix-E****Scope of Work and Payment Schedule**

| SI No | Requirements                      | Marginal comments for departments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| 1.    | Description of Services           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Receive SMSs from the Bank and deliver them to customers' handsets.</li> <li>ii. Submit delivery report received from customer mobile handset to the Bank.</li> <li>iii. Retry of all failed SMSs and the SMSs for which delivery acknowledgement is not received from the telecom operator for at least 3 times during the SLA time. E.g. if initial submission of particular SMS is with Airtel and the SMS got failed or DLR is not received in 30 seconds, then retry should be with Vodafone-Idea (VI) or Tata, etc.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2.    | Help Desk Requirements            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 24 * 7* 365 (366) days, online support facility</li> <li>b) The expected time of response should be 5 minutes through automated ticket number and resolution should be average 60 minutes per email or call communication.</li> <li>c) Escalation process should be in place for unresolved issues</li> <li>d) Bidder support staff should be well trained to effectively handle queries raised by the Bank customer / employees etc</li> <li>e) Bidder should have ability to generate MIS reports periodically (every day) as mentioned in Annexure E 2(b) and to be sent through email to designated email ids.</li> <li>f) Bidder should provide dedicated support desk for SBI operations.</li> </ul> |
| 3.    | MIS Report Generation requirement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The bidder should provide suitable means such as website/ portal/ tool for generation of MIS reports and also for showing the current status of messages. The MIS report should have the following minimum fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mobile number/ MSISDN</li> <li>b. Message Category</li> <li>c. Bearer (GSM/CDMA)</li> <li>d. Operator</li> <li>e. Circle</li> <li>f. National</li> <li>g. Sender Name/ID</li> <li>h. Date/time of SMS received at the gateway.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                         |

|                    |                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Date/time of SMS sent to the operator.</li> <li>j. Date/time of SMS delivered to the end subscriber.</li> <li>k. Status of the SMS</li> <li>l. Status / Error code and description</li> </ul> <p>b) The bidder should be able to provide the daily statistics with an auto generated mail to the mail-ids advised by the Bank. The daily statistics, of previous day, should contain the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date</li> <li>b. Total SMSes received</li> <li>c. Category of SMSes</li> <li>d. Total success</li> <li>e. Total failed/expired</li> <li>f. Total of delivery report not received</li> <li>g. Total invalid</li> <li>h. Total DND</li> <li>i. Total retry counts</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                    |                   |                          |                           |                           |                  |                |                         |                           |                            |                  |                 |                         |                           |                            |
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| 4.                 | In case of Transaction System | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Audit trail requirement</li> <li>b) Audit logs reporting &amp; analysis tool</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                    |                   |                          |                           |                           |                  |                |                         |                           |                            |                  |                 |                         |                           |                            |
| 5.                 | Performance Requirements      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Uptime requirement – 99.9% of complete SMS services</li> <li>ii. The Push SMSes will be for the following categories</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">SMS Category</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Delivery time</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Estimated Volume** (Apr 2022)</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Estimated Volume** (Apr 2023)</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Estimated volume** (Apr 2024)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Transactional SMSs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Within 05 minutes</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 06 crore (per day)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 6.9 crore (per day)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 7.9 crore (per day)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Informative SMSs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Within 01 hour</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 50 lakh (per day)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 57.5 lakh (per day)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 66.12 lakh (per day)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Promotional SMSs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Within 02 hours</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 50 lakh (per day)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 57.5 lakh (per day)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 66.12 lakh (per day)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>** These volumes are only estimates as per present projections and SBG does not guarantee these volumes of business</p> | SMS Category                  | Delivery time                 | Estimated Volume** (Apr 2022) | Estimated Volume** (Apr 2023) | Estimated volume** (Apr 2024) | Transactional SMSs | Within 05 minutes | Avg.: 06 crore (per day) | Avg.: 6.9 crore (per day) | Avg.: 7.9 crore (per day) | Informative SMSs | Within 01 hour | Avg.: 50 lakh (per day) | Avg.: 57.5 lakh (per day) | Avg.: 66.12 lakh (per day) | Promotional SMSs | Within 02 hours | Avg.: 50 lakh (per day) | Avg.: 57.5 lakh (per day) | Avg.: 66.12 lakh (per day) |
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| Transactional SMSs | Within 05 minutes             | Avg.: 06 crore (per day)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Avg.: 6.9 crore (per day)     | Avg.: 7.9 crore (per day)     |                               |                               |                               |                    |                   |                          |                           |                           |                  |                |                         |                           |                            |                  |                 |                         |                           |                            |
| Informative SMSs   | Within 01 hour                | Avg.: 50 lakh (per day)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Avg.: 57.5 lakh (per day)     | Avg.: 66.12 lakh (per day)    |                               |                               |                               |                    |                   |                          |                           |                           |                  |                |                         |                           |                            |                  |                 |                         |                           |                            |
| Promotional SMSs   | Within 02 hours               | Avg.: 50 lakh (per day)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Avg.: 57.5 lakh (per day)     | Avg.: 66.12 lakh (per day)    |                               |                               |                               |                    |                   |                          |                           |                           |                  |                |                         |                           |                            |                  |                 |                         |                           |                            |

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| 6.  | Scalability Requirements                                 | To be scalable as per Bank's future requirement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 7.  | Regulatory Compliance Requirements                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encryption of the Bank's data at rest and at motion.</li> <li>2. Ensure no data leakage.</li> <li>3. SMS logs (except mobile number and SMS text) to be preserved for the entire contract period and has to be shared to the Bank on quarterly basis.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8.  | Security Requirements                                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Service to be https with TLS enabled</li> <li>ii. All security patches updated</li> <li>iii. Supported versions of Middleware and associated software (preferably n-1)</li> <li>iv. Role based access to the Bank's data.</li> <li>v. No data sharing without written approval from the Bank.</li> <li>vi. SMS text and mobile numbers must not be stored at the bidder's end.</li> <li>vii. Encryption of SMS data at rest and in motion.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 9.  | Integration of the services                              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Bulk SMS Services should cover the facility like Push Service using 6 alphabetic characters for Transactional and Informative SMSs, and 6 digit numeric characters for Promotional SMSs to the customers.</li> <li>ii. The bidder should be capable to integrate their solution with the Bank's SMS middleware within 30 days from the date of Purchase Order.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10. | Compliance with Bank's IS Security policy                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Responsibilities for data and application privacy and confidentiality</li> <li>b) Responsibilities on system and software access control and administration</li> <li>c) Custodial responsibilities for data of the Bank being managed by or assigned to the Vendor</li> <li>d) Physical Security of the facilities</li> <li>e) Physical and logical separation from other customers of the Vendor</li> <li>f) Incident response and reporting procedures</li> <li>g) Data Encryption/Protection requirement of the Bank</li> <li>h) DR setup should be readily available and DR drill must be timely performed.</li> <li>a) Auto switching from Production to DR or vice versa with zero RTO and RPO</li> </ol> |
| 11. | Backup system / POC / test & training system / DR system | No storage of data at the vendors' premises and vendor has to confirm on it on quarterly basis on the company letter head.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 12. | Payment schedule                                         | Payment will be done on monthly arrear basis upon receiving the error free invoice from the bidder. Invoice needs to be raised on the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|  |  | <p>minimum of billable SMS counts of the Bank's server and that of the bidder.</p> <p>Bidder/Service Provider (Not Telecom Operator) has to provide the invoice copy of the SMSs billed by the Telecom operator as DLT charge for SBI domestic bulk SMS services under Transactional, Informative and Promotional categories (other than OTP category). DLT charge will be paid once the mentioned error free invoice copy is submitted to the Bank. Also, bidder/service provider (Not Telecom Operator) has to confirm on its letter head every month that DLT charge is on pass through basis to the telecos and bidder/service provider is not making any commission out this DLT charge.</p> <p>In case there is decrement in DLT charges or it is waived off during the contract period, the same must be informed to the Bank immediately and accordingly Bank will pay the decreased DLT charges or no DLT charge respectively from the retrospective date. In case there is increase in the DLT charges, Bank is not obliged to pay the extra DLT charge. DLT charge will be paid only on the delivered SMSs within SLA time.</p> <p>Though the rate is asked for one lakh SMSs in the indicative price bid, the payment will be made on the actual SMSs delivered as per the SLA terms, which will be calculated basis single SMS.</p> |
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**Appendix-F**

**Indicative Price Bid**

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

**Name of the Bidder:**

| Sr. No. | Category           | Timelines         | Cost for domestic SMS (in Figure) (per one lakh SMSs in INR) | Cost for domestic SMS (in words) (per one lakh SMSs in INR) |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | Transactional SMSs | within 05 minutes |                                                              |                                                             |
| 2       | Informative SMSs   | within 01 hour    |                                                              |                                                             |
| 3       | Promotional SMSs   | within 02 hours   |                                                              |                                                             |

**Breakup of Taxes and Duties**

| Sr. No. | Name of activity/Services | Tax (Mention the name of tax) |
|---------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1.      | Transactional SMSs        |                               |
| 2.      | Informative SMSs          |                               |
| 3.      | Promotional SMSs          |                               |

**Name & Signature of authorised signatory**

**Seal of Company**

**Certificate of Local Content**

<Certificate from the statutory auditor or cost auditor of the company (in case of companies) or from a practicing cost accountant or practicing chartered accountant (in respect of suppliers other than companies) giving the percentage of local content, on their letter head with Registration Number with seal.>

Date:

To,

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Sir,

**Ref.: RFP No. :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that proposed \_\_\_\_\_ <details of services> is having the local content of \_\_\_\_\_ % as defined in the above mentioned RFP.

2. This certificate is submitted in reference to the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 including revision thereto.

**Signature of Statutory Auditor/Cost Auditor**  
**Registration Number:**  
**Seal**

**Counter-signed:**

**Bidder**

**OEM**

< Certified copy of board resolution for appointment of statutory/cost auditor should also be enclosed with the certificate of local content.>



**Appendix-H**

**BANK GUARANTEE FORMAT**  
***(TO BE STAMPED AS AN AGREEMENT)***

1. THIS BANK GUARANTEE AGREEMENT executed at \_\_\_\_\_this \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_201 by \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the Bank) \_\_\_\_\_ having its Registered Office at \_\_\_\_\_and its Branch at \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor", which expression shall, unless it be repugnant to the subject, meaning or context thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and permitted assigns) IN FAVOUR OF State Bank of India, a Statutory Corporation constituted under the State Bank of India Act, 1955 having its Corporate Centre at State Bank Bhavan, Nariman Point, Mumbai and one of its offices at \_\_\_\_\_(procuring office address), hereinafter referred to as "SBI" which expression shall, unless repugnant to the subject, context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and assigns).
2. WHEREAS M/s \_\_\_\_\_, incorporated under \_\_\_\_\_ Act having its registered office at \_\_\_\_\_ and principal place of business at \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as "Service Provider/ Vendor" which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof shall include its successor, executor & assigns) has agreed to develop, implement and support \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Service) (hereinafter referred to as "Services") to SBI in accordance with the Request for Proposal (RFP) No. SBI:xx:xx dated dd/mm/yyyy.
3. WHEREAS, SBI has agreed to avail the Services from Service Provider for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the RFP.
4. WHEREAS, in accordance with terms and conditions of the RFP/Purchase order/Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, Service Provider is required to furnish a Bank Guarantee for a sum of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_/- (Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ only) for due performance of the obligations of Service Provider in providing the Services, in accordance with the RFP/Purchase order/Agreement guaranteeing payment of the said amount of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_/- (Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ only) to SBI, if Service Provider fails to fulfill its obligations as agreed in RFP/Agreement.
5. WHEREAS, the Bank Guarantee is required to be valid for a total period of \_\_\_\_\_ months and in the event of failure, on the part of Service Provider, to fulfill any of its commitments / obligations under the RFP/Agreement, SBI shall be entitled to invoke the Guarantee.

AND WHEREAS, the Guarantor, at the request of Service Provider, agreed to issue, on behalf of Service Provider, Guarantee as above, for an amount of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_/- (Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ only).

**NOW THIS GUARANTEE WITNESSETH THAT**

1. In consideration of SBI having agreed to entrust Service Provider for rendering Services as mentioned in the RFP, we, the Guarantors, hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee that Service Provider shall fulfill its commitments and obligations in respect of providing the Services as mentioned in the RFP/Agreement and in the event of Service Provider failing to perform / fulfill its commitments / obligations in respect of providing Services as mentioned in the RFP/Agreement, we (the Guarantor) shall on demand(s), from time to time from SBI, without protest or demur or without reference to Service Provider and notwithstanding any contestation or existence of any dispute whatsoever between Service Provider and SBI, pay SBI forthwith the sums so demanded by SBI not exceeding Rs. \_\_\_\_\_/- (Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ only).
2. Any notice / communication / demand from SBI to the effect that Service Provider has failed to fulfill its commitments / obligations in respect of rendering the Services as mentioned in the Agreement, shall be conclusive, final & binding on the Guarantor and shall not be questioned by the Guarantor in or outside the court, tribunal, authority or arbitration as the case may be and all such demands shall be honoured by the Guarantor without any delay.
3. We (the Guarantor) confirm that our obligation to the SBI, under this Guarantee shall be independent of the agreement or other understandings, whatsoever, between the SBI and Service Provider.
4. This Guarantee shall not be revoked by us (the Guarantor) without prior consent in writing of the SBI.

**WE (THE GUARANTOR) HEREBY FURTHER AGREE & DECLARE THAT-**

- i. Any neglect or forbearance on the part of SBI to Service Provider or any indulgence of any kind shown by SBI to Service Provider or any change in the terms and conditions of the Agreement or the Services shall not, in any way, release or discharge the Bank from its liabilities under this Guarantee.
- ii. This Guarantee herein contained shall be distinct and independent and shall be enforceable against the Guarantor, notwithstanding any Guarantee or Security now or hereinafter held by SBI at its discretion.

- iii. This Guarantee shall not be affected by any infirmity or absence or irregularity in the execution of this Guarantee by and / or on behalf of the Guarantor or by merger or amalgamation or any change in the Constitution or name of the Guarantor.
- iv. The Guarantee shall not be affected by any change in the constitution of SBI or Service Provider or winding up / liquidation of Service Provider, whether voluntary or otherwise
- v. This Guarantee shall be a continuing guarantee during its validity period.
- vi. This Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect for a period of \_\_ year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) from the date of the issuance i.e. up to \_\_\_\_\_. Unless a claim under this Guarantee is made against us on or before \_\_\_\_\_, all your rights under this Guarantee shall be forfeited and we shall be relieved and discharged from all liabilities there under.
- vii. This Guarantee shall be governed by Indian Laws and the Courts in Mumbai, India alone shall have the jurisdiction to try & entertain any dispute arising out of this Guarantee.

**Notwithstanding anything contained herein above:**

- i. Our liability under this Bank Guarantee shall not exceed Rs \_\_\_\_\_/-  
(Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ only)
- ii. This Bank Guarantee shall be valid upto \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. We are liable to pay the guaranteed amount or any part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only and only if SBI serve upon us a written claim or demand on or before \_\_\_\_\_

**Yours faithfully,**

**For and on behalf of bank.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Authorised official**

**Penalties**

The SMS sent by the Bank will have to be delivered within the stipulated timelines. Failure to comply with the time frames for delivery of the messages pushed by the Bank shall attract penalty as follows.

**A) Penalties for delayed / non delivery of SMSes:**

| <b>Particulars</b>                                             | <b>Penalty Rates</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Transactional SMSs delivered to mobile handset upto 05 minutes | NIL                  |
| Informative SMSs delivered to mobile handset upto 01 hour      | NIL                  |
| Promotional SMSs delivered to mobile handset upto 02 hours     | NIL                  |

**B) Penalties for down time of Solution:**

Bank expects the uptime of 99.9% of the complete solution to be calculated on monthly basis. Any degradation from the agreed uptime shall invite penalties from the bills of respective months, as under:

| <b>Availability of SMS Services</b>      | <b>Charges on monthly basis</b>                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| >99.7% and <99.9%                        | 2% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                    |
| >99% and <= 99.7%                        | 5% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                    |
| >98% and <= 99%                          | 15% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                   |
| For each percentage point drop below 98% | 15% + 2 percentage point of the monthly bill for each 1 percentage point or less drop in a availability below 98% |

**C) Penalties for delay in integration of solution:**

- i) In case bidder is not able to integrate the solution within stipulated period of 1 Month, a penalty of Rs.50,000/- per day subject to a maximum of Rs.20,00,000 (Rupees Twenty Lacs Only) will be imposed. If the delay is from Bank's side, no penalty will be levied, for that period.

**D) Penalty for fall in success Rate:** Success Rate\*\* of 90% and above is expected from Bidder in delivery of Transactional SMS category. Any fall in the success rate in delivery of SMS below the minimum expected level will be penalised as under:

**In respect of Transactional Category of SMSs:**

| <b>Success Rate</b> | <b>Charges on monthly basis</b>                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 90% and above       | NIL                                                                                                                                               |
| <90% up to 89%      | 0.25% of the monthly bill of the respective month. In addition, Bank will be free to divert SMS traffic (partially or fully) to the other vendor. |
| <89% up to 88%      | 0.40% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                                                 |
| <88% up to 87%      | 0.60% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                                                 |
| >87% up to 86%      | 0.75% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                                                 |
| >86% up to 85%      | 1% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                                                    |
| <85%                | 2% of the monthly bill of the respective month.                                                                                                   |

\*\* Success Rate = No. of successfully delivered SMSs to the customers' handsets as per the SLA divided by Total number of SMSs submitted to SMSC.

- E)** The penalty so calculated will either be adjusted with the payments or will be separately realized from the bidder.
- F)** Payment will only be made for the SMSs whose successful delivery have come from the customers mobile handsets. No payment is made for the SMSs whose delivery status have come from the telecom towers.
- G)** If success rate % falls consistently below 90%, Bank will review the services and appropriate action may be taken against the bidder.

**Service Level Agreement**

**AGREEMENT FOR \_\_\_\_\_** <sup>1</sup>

**BETWEEN**

**STATE BANK OF INDIA, \_\_\_\_\_** <sup>2</sup>

**AND**

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>3</sup>

**Date of Commencement : \_\_\_\_\_** <sup>4</sup>

**Date of Expiry : \_\_\_\_\_**

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<sup>1</sup> Type/nature/name of Agreement.

<sup>2</sup> Office/ Department/ Branch which is executing the Agreement or the nodal department in the matter.

<sup>3</sup> The other Party (Contractor/ Service Provider) to the Agreement

<sup>4</sup> Effective Date from which the Agreement will be operative.

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RFP for domestic Transactional, Informative and Promotional SMS services

This agreement (“Agreement”) is made at \_\_\_\_\_ (Place) on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

BETWEEN

**State Bank of India**, constituted under the State Bank of India Act, 1955 having its Corporate Centre at State Bank Bhavan, Madame Cama Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai-21 and its Global IT Centre at Sector-11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai- 400614 through its \_\_\_\_\_ Department,<sup>5</sup> hereinafter referred to as “**the Bank**” which expression shall, unless it be repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors in title and assigns of First Part:

AND

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>6</sup> a private/public limited company/LLP/Firm *<strike off whichever is not applicable>* incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956/ Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008/ Indian Partnership Act 1932 *<strike off whichever is not applicable>*, having its registered office at \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter referred to as “**Service Provider/ Vendor**”, which expression shall mean to include its successors in title and permitted assigns of the Second Part:

WHEREAS

- (i) “The Bank” is carrying on business in banking in India and overseas and desirous to avail services for \_\_\_\_\_ ;<sup>7</sup>
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_;
- (iii) \_\_\_\_\_; and
- (iv) Service Provider is in the business of providing \_\_\_\_\_ and has agreed to provide the services as may be required by the Bank mentioned in the Request of Proposal (RFP) No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ issued by the Bank along with its clarifications/ corrigenda, referred hereinafter as a “RFP” and same shall be part of this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, undertakings and conditions set forth below, and for other valid consideration the acceptability and

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<sup>5</sup>Name & Complete Address of the Dept.

<sup>6</sup>Name & Complete Address ( REGISTERED OFFICE) of service Provider,

<sup>7</sup> Please provide the brief introduction, facts and circumstances which lead to the present agreement (preamble of the agreement).



sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree to the following terms and conditions hereinafter contained:-

## 1. DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATION

### 1.1 Definition

Certain terms used in this Agreement are defined hereunder. Other terms used in this Agreement are defined where they are used and have the meanings there indicated. Unless otherwise specifically defined, those terms, acronyms and phrases in this Agreement that are utilized in the information technology services industry or other pertinent business context shall be interpreted in accordance with their generally understood meaning in such industry or business context, unless the context otherwise requires/mentions, the following definitions shall apply:

- 1.1.1 ‘The Bank’ shall mean the State Bank of India (including domestic branches and foreign offices), Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures, where the Bank has ownership of more than 50% of voting securities or the power to direct the management and policies of such Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures:< Strike of whichever is inapplicable.>
- 1.1.2 “Confidential Information” shall have the meaning set forth in Clause 14.
- 1.1.3 “Deficiencies” shall mean defects arising from non-conformity with the mutually agreed specifications and/or failure or non-conformity in the Scope of the Services.
- 1.1.4 “Documentation” will describe in detail and in a completely self-contained manner how the User may access and use the ..... (name of the Services) <Strike off whichever is inapplicable>,<sup>8</sup> such that any reader of the Documentation can access, use and maintain all of the functionalities of the ..... (Service)<sup>9</sup>, without the need for any further instructions. ‘Documentation’ includes, user manuals, installation manuals, operation manuals, design documents, process documents, technical manuals, functional

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<sup>8</sup> Name of services

<sup>9</sup> Name of services

specification, software requirement specification, on-line tutorials/CBTs, system configuration documents, system/database administrative documents, debugging/diagnostics documents, test procedures, Review Records/ Test Bug Reports/ Root Cause Analysis Report, list of all Product components, list of all dependent/external modules and list of all documents relating to traceability of the Product as and when applicable etc.

1.1.5 “Intellectual Property Rights” shall mean, on a worldwide basis, any and all: (a) rights associated with works of authorship, including copyrights & moral rights; (b) Trade Marks; (c) trade secret rights; (d) patents, designs, algorithms and other industrial property rights; (e) other intellectual and industrial property rights of every kind and nature, however designated, whether arising by operation of law, contract, license or otherwise; and (f) registrations, initial applications, renewals, extensions, continuations, divisions or reissues thereof now or hereafter in force (including any rights in any of the foregoing).

1.1.6 “Project Cost” means the price payable to Service Provider over the entire period of Agreement (i.e. Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ <*in words*>) for the full and proper performance of its contractual obligations.

1.1.7 “Request for Proposal (RFP)” shall mean RFP NO. SBI/GITC/Platform Engineering-II/2021/2022/788 dated 12/08/2021 along with its clarifications/ corrigenda issued by the Bank time to time.

1.1.8 “Root Cause Analysis Report” shall mean a report addressing a problem or non-conformance, in order to get to the ‘root cause’ of the problem, which thereby assists in correcting or eliminating the cause, and prevent the problem from recurring.

1.1.9 ‘Services’ shall mean and include the Services offered by Service Provider under this Agreement more particularly described in Clause 2 of this Agreement.

## 1.2 **Interpretations:**

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

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

**1.3 Commencement, Term & Change in Terms**

- 1.3.1 This Agreement shall commence from its date of execution mentioned above/ be deemed to have commenced from \_\_\_\_\_ (Effective Date).
- 1.3.2 This Agreement shall be in force for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) from Effective Date, unless terminated by the Bank by notice in writing in accordance with the termination clauses of this Agreement.
- 1.3.3 The Bank shall have the right at its discretion to renew this Agreement in writing, for a further term of \_\_\_\_\_ years on the mutually agreed terms & conditions.

**2. SCOPE OF WORK**

- 2.1 The scope and nature of the work which Service Provider has to provide to the Bank (Services) is described in **Annexure-A**.
- 2.2 The Bank may, at its sole discretion, provide remote access to its information technology system to IT Service Provider through secured Virtual Private Network (VPN) in order to facilitate the performance of IT Services. Such remote access to the Bank's information technology system shall be subject to the following:
- 2.1.1 Service Provider shall ensure that the remote access to the Bank's VPN is performed through a laptop/desktop ("Device") specially allotted for that purpose by the Service Provider and not through any other private or public Device.
- 2.1.2 Service Provider shall ensure that only its authorized employees/representatives access the Device.
- 2.1.3 Service Provider shall be required to get the Device hardened/configured as per the Bank's prevailing standards and policy.
- 2.1.4 Service Provider and/or its employee/representative shall be required to furnish an undertaking and/or information security declaration on the Bank's prescribed format before such remote access is provided by the Bank.
- 2.1.5 Service Provider shall ensure that services are performed in a physically protected and secure environment which ensures confidentiality and

integrity of the Bank's data and artefacts, including but not limited to information (on customer, account, transactions, users, usage, staff, etc.), architecture (information, data, network, application, security, etc.), programming codes, access configurations, parameter settings, executable files, etc., which the Bank representative may inspect. Service Provider shall facilitate and/ or handover the Device to the Bank or its authorized representative for investigation and/or forensic audit.

- 2.1.6 Service Provider shall be responsible for protecting its network and subnetworks, from which remote access to the Bank's network is performed, effectively against unauthorized access, malware, malicious code and other threats in order to ensure the Bank's information technology system is not compromised in the course of using remote access facility.

### **3. FEES /COMPENSATION**

#### **3.1 Professional fees**

- 3.1.1 Service Provider shall be paid fees and charges in the manner detailed in here under, the same shall be subject to deduction of income tax thereon wherever required under the provisions of the Income Tax Act by the Bank. The remittance of amounts so deducted and issuance of certificate for such deductions shall be made by the Bank as per the laws and regulations for the time being in force. Nothing in the Agreement shall relieve Service Provider from his responsibility to pay any tax that may be levied in India on income and profits made by Service Provider in respect of this Agreement.

3.1.2 \_\_\_\_\_

3.1.3 \_\_\_\_\_

- 3.2 All duties and taxes (excluding GST or any other tax imposed by the Government in lieu of same), if any, which may be levied, shall be borne by Service Provider and Bank shall not be liable for the same. All expenses, stamp duty and other charges/ expenses in connection with execution of this Agreement shall be borne by Service Provider. GST or any other tax imposed by the Government in lieu of same shall be borne by the Bank on actual upon production of original receipt wherever required.

3.3 Service Provider shall provide a clear description quantifying the service element and goods element in the invoices generated by them.

**3.4 Payments**

3.4.1 The Bank will pay properly submitted valid invoices within reasonable period but not exceeding 30 (thirty) days after its receipt thereof. All payments shall be made in Indian Rupees.

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

**3.5 Bank Guarantee and Penalties**

3.5.1 Service Provider shall furnish performance security in the form of Bank Guarantee for an amount of Rs. 10,00,00,000/- valid for a period of 03 year(s) 03 month(s) from a Scheduled Commercial Bank other than State Bank of India in a format provided/ approved by the Bank.

3.5.2 The Bank Guarantee is required to protect the interest of the Bank against the risk of non-performance of Service Provider in respect of successful implementation of the project and/or failing to perform / fulfil its commitments / obligations in respect of providing Services as mentioned in this Agreement; or breach of any terms and conditions of the Agreement, which may warrant invoking of Bank Guarantee.

3.5.3 If at any time during performance of the contract, Service Provider shall encounter unexpected conditions impeding timely completion of the Services under the Agreement and performance of the services, Service

Provider shall promptly notify the Bank in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable, after receipt of Service Provider's notice, the Bank shall evaluate the situation and may at its discretion extend Service Provider's time for performance, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the Parties by amendment of the Agreement.

3.5.4 Performance of the obligations under the Agreement shall be made by Service Provider in accordance with the time schedule<sup>10</sup> specified in this Agreement.

3.5.5 Service Provider shall be liable to pay penalty at the rate mentioned in **Annexure-E** in respect of any delay beyond the permitted period in providing the Services.

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

#### **4. LIABILITIES/OBLIGATION**

##### **4.1 The Bank's Duties /Responsibility(if any)**

- (i) Processing and authorising invoices
- (ii) SMS counts verification

##### **4.2 Service Provider Duties**

- (i) Service Delivery responsibilities
  - (a) To adhere to the service levels documented in this Agreement.
  - (b) Service Provider shall *ensure that* Service Provider's personnel and its sub-contractors (if allowed) will abide by all reasonable directives issued by the Bank, including those set forth in the Bank's then-current standards, policies and procedures (to the extent applicable), all on-site rules of behaviour, work schedules, security procedures and other standards, policies and procedures as established by the Bank from time to time.

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<sup>10</sup> Please ensure that the time scheduled is suitably incorporated in the Agreement.

- (c) Service Provider agrees and declares that it shall be the sole responsibility of Service Provider to comply with the provisions of all the applicable laws for the time being in force including but not limited to Information Technology Act, 2000 and rules thereof concerning or in relation to rendering of Services by Service Provider as envisaged under this Agreement.
  
- (ii) Security Responsibility
  - (a) Service Provider shall maintain the confidentiality of the Bank's resources and other intellectual property rights.
  - (b) Service Provider shall implement and maintain reasonable security practices and procedures as defined under Section 43A of Information Technology Act, 2000 and rules thereof.
  - (c) Without the Bank's prior written permission, Service Provider shall not store or share Bank's materials including Confidential Information outside the geographical boundary of India or in/with a public cloud.
  - (d) Service Provider shall ensure that its environment is suitably protected from external threats by way of firewall.
  - (e) Service Provider shall follow the best practices of creation of separate network zones (VLAN Segments) for Web, App, DB and different zones for critical applications, non-critical applications, UAT etc.
  - (f) Service Provider shall take action immediately to identify and mitigate an information security incident and to carry out any recovery or remedies. Service Provider shall first obtain the Bank's approval of the content of any filing, communications, notices, press release or reports related to any security breach prior to any publication or communication thereof to any third party. Service Provide shall maintain a well understood reporting procedure for security incidents and a copy of such procedure shall be made available to the Bank.

## **5. REPRESENTATIONS & WARRANTIES**

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



- 5.1.1 It has all requisite corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and has been fully authorized through applicable corporate process to do so.
- 5.1.2 The person(s) signing this Agreement on behalf of the Parties have the necessary authority and approval for execution of this document and to bind his/their respective organization for due performance as set out in this Agreement. It has all necessary statutory and regulatory permissions, approvals and permits for the running and operation of its business.
- 5.1.3 It has full right, title and interest in and to all software, copyrights, trade names, trademarks, service marks, logos symbols and other proprietary marks (collectively 'IPR') (including appropriate limited right of use of those owned by any of its vendors, affiliates or subcontractors) which it provides to the other Party, for use related to the Services to be provided under this Agreement.
- 5.1.4 It will provide such cooperation as the other Party reasonably requests in order to give full effect to the provisions of this Agreement.
- 5.1.5 The execution and performance of this Agreement by either of the Parties does not and shall not violate any provision of any of the existing Agreement with any of the party and any other third party.

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

- 5.2.1 Service Provider shall perform the Services and carry out its obligations under the Agreement with due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted techniques and practices used in the industry and with professional standards recognized by international professional bodies and shall observe sound management practices. It shall employ appropriate advanced technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, material and methods.
- 5.2.2 Service Provider has the requisite technical and other competence, sufficient, suitable, qualified and experienced manpower/personnel and expertise in providing the Services to the Bank.
- 5.2.3 Service Provider shall duly intimate to the Bank immediately, the changes, if any in the constitution of Service Provider.

- 5.2.4 Service Provider warrants that to the best of its knowledge, as on the Effective Date of this Agreement, the Services provided by Service Provider to the Bank do not violate or infringe any patent, copyright, trademarks, trade secrets or other intellectual property rights of any third party.
- 5.2.5 Service provider shall ensure that all persons, employees, workers and other individuals engaged by or sub-contracted (if allowed) by Service Provider in rendering the Services under this Agreement have undergone proper background check, police verification and other necessary due diligence checks to examine their antecedence and ensure their suitability for such engagement. No person shall be engaged by Service provider unless such person is found to be suitable in such verification and Service Provider shall retain the records of such verification and shall produce the same to the Bank as and when requested.
- 5.2.6 Service Provider warrants that the software deployed/ upgraded for providing Services as a part of this Agreement is free from malware, free from any obvious bugs, and free from any covert channels in the code (of the versions of the applications/software being deployed as well as any subsequent versions/modifications done). Software deployed/ upgraded for providing Services as a part of this Agreement shall remain free from OWASP Top 10 vulnerabilities (latest) during the term of this Agreement.
- 5.2.7 Service Provider represents and warrants that its personnel shall be present at the Bank premises or any other place as the bank may direct, only for the Services and follow all the instructions provided by the Bank; act diligently, professionally and shall maintain the decorum and environment of the Bank; comply with all occupational, health or safety policies of the Bank.
- 5.2.8 Service Provider warrants that it shall be solely liable and responsible for compliance of applicable Labour Laws in respect of its employee, agents, representatives and sub-contractors (if allowed) and in particular laws relating to terminal benefits such as pension, gratuity, provided fund, bonus or other benefits to which they may be entitled and the laws relating to

contract labour, minimum wages, etc., and the Bank shall have no liability in this regard.

- 5.2.9 Service Provider agrees that the Bank either itself or through its authorized representative shall have right to perform ethical hacking on public IPs and URLs of Service Provider, wherein the Bank has integrations.
- 5.2.10 Service Provider agrees that it shall communicate to the Bank well in advance along with detail plan of action, if any changes in Service Provider's environment/infrastructure is of the nature that may have direct or indirect impact on the Services provided under this Agreement or operations of its Services.
- 5.2.11 Service Provider at its own expenses, agrees to provide audit report of the process and infrastructure from CERT-In empanelled ISSP, periodically, at least once in a year or as requested by the Bank.
- 5.2.12 Service Provider shall ensure confidentiality, integrity and availability of the Bank's information at all times and shall comply with regard to the followings:
- a) Acceptable Usage Policy: Information assets of Service Provider should be provided to its authorized users only for the intended purpose and users shall adhere to safe and acceptable usage practices.
  - b) Email Usage: The employees of Service Provider shall use authorized media only for email communication.
  - c) Password Management: Service Provider shall have a password management system in place, which ensures secure passwords.
  - d) Physical and Environmental Security: Service Provider shall provide sufficient guidance for its employees with respect to physical and environmental security.
  - e) Logical Access Control and User Access Management: The access to information and information systems shall be according to the principles of "least privilege" and "need to know" basis to authorized users of Service Provider.
  - f) Infrastructure Security: Service Provider shall ensure correct and secure operations of information processing facilities.

- g) Change Management: Service Provider shall provide a managed and orderly method in which changes to the information technology environment are requested, tested and approved prior to installation or implementation.
- h) Information Security Incident Management: Service provider shall ensure effective management of information security incidents, including the preservation of digital evidence.
- i) Communications Strategy: Service provider shall ensure prevention of unauthorized access to communications traffic, or to any written information that is transmitted or transferred.
- j) Service Provider Relationship: Service provider shall ensure that information security risks related to outsourcing of Services to any other party, if permitted by the Bank, shall be assessed and managed regularly, to the satisfaction of the Bank.
- k) Digital Risk: Service Provider shall ensure that electronic data is gathered and preserved in a systematic, standardized and legal manner to ensure the admissibility of the evidence for the purpose of any legal proceedings or investigations, whenever demanded by the Bank.
- l) Change Management: Service Provider shall provide a managed and orderly method in which changes to the information technology environment (including, database, operating system, application, networking etc.) are requested, tested and approved prior to installation or implementation.
- m) Port Management: Service Provider shall ensure that the controls are implemented for secure port management so as to protect the network from unauthorized access.
- n) Patch Management: Service Provider shall ensure that the security patches to information assets and systems are correctly and completely updated in a timely manner for known vulnerabilities.
- o) Backup Management: Service Provider shall ensure that regular backup is taken so that when necessary, information may be restored from backup media to return the application, database, operating system etc. to production status.

- p) Access Management: Service Provider shall limit access to information and information processing facilities for authorized users only.
- q) Log Management: Logging shall be enabled on all systems of Service Provider to ensure audit trail is maintained every time.
- r) Service Provider shall have an anti-virus solution with regular updates to protect their system against malicious attacks in the form of virus, malware, trojans etc.

## **6. GENERAL INDEMNITY**

- 6.1 Service Provider agrees and hereby keeps the Bank indemnified against all claims, actions, loss, damages, costs, expenses, charges, including legal expenses (Attorney, Advocates fees included) which the Bank may suffer or incur on account of (i) Services Provider's breach of its warranties, covenants, responsibilities or obligations; or (ii) breach of confidentiality obligations mentioned in this Agreement; or (iii) any willful misconduct and gross negligent acts on the part of employees, agents, representatives or sub-contractors (if allowed) of Service Provider. Service Provider agrees to make good the loss suffered by the Bank.
- 6.2 Service Provider hereby undertakes the responsibility to take all possible measures, at no additional cost, to avoid or rectify any issues which thereby results in non-performance of Service Provider systems including deliverables within reasonable time. The Bank shall report as far as possible all material defects to Service Provider without undue delay. Service Provider also undertakes to co-operate with other service providers thereby ensuring expected performance covered under scope of work.

## **7. CONTINGENCY PLANS**

- 7.1 Service Provider shall arrange and ensure proper data recovery mechanism, attrition plan and other contingency plans to meet any unexpected obstruction to the Service Provider or any employees or sub-contractors (if allowed) of Service Provider in rendering the Services or any part of the same under this Agreement to the Bank. Service Provider at Banks discretion shall co-operate with the Bank in case on any contingency.

- 7.2 Service Provider shall have defined business continuity management and disaster recovery procedures in place for effective handling of critical business processes in situation of any incident disrupting the Services under this Agreement. Service Provider shall carry out periodic drill activity to ensure the effectiveness of business continuity management and disaster recovery procedures and reports of such activities shall be shared with the Bank.

#### **8. TRANSITION REQUIREMENT**

In the event of failure of Service Provider to render the Services or in the event of termination of Agreement or expiry of term or otherwise, without prejudice to any other right, the Bank at its sole discretion may make alternate arrangement for getting the Services contracted with another vendor. In such case, the Bank shall give prior notice to the existing Service Provider. The existing Service Provider shall continue to provide services as per the terms of the Agreement until a 'New Service Provider' completely takes over the work. During the transition phase, the existing Service Provider shall render all reasonable assistances to the new Service Provider within such period prescribed by the Bank, at no extra cost to the Bank, for ensuring smooth switch over and continuity of Services, provided where transition services are required by the Bank or New Service Provider beyond the term of this Agreement, reasons for which are not attributable to Service Provider, payment shall be made to Service Provider for such additional period on the same rates and payment terms as specified in this Agreement. If existing Service Provider is found to be in breach of this obligation, they shall be liable for paying a penalty of **Rs. 25,00,000 (Rs. Twenty five lakh )** on demand to the Bank, which may be settled from the payment of invoices or bank guarantee for the contracted period. Transition & Knowledge Transfer plan is mentioned in Annexure F.

#### **9. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

If Service Provider fails to deliver and perform any or all the Services within the stipulated time, schedule as specified in this Agreement, the Bank may, without prejudice to its other remedies under the Agreement, and unless otherwise extension of time is agreed upon without the application of liquidated

damages, deduct from the Project Cost, as liquidated damages a sum equivalent to 0.5 % of the expected monthly billing for delay of each week or part thereof maximum up to 5 % of the expected monthly billing. Once the maximum deduction is reached, the Bank may consider termination of the Agreement.

## **10. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES**

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

## **11. SUB CONTRACTING**

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

## **12. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

- 12.1 For any technology / software / product used by Service Provider for performing Services for the Bank as part of this Agreement, Service Provider

shall have right to use as well as right to license such technology/ software / product. The Bank shall not be liable for any license or IPR violation on the part of Service Provider.

- 12.2 Without the Bank's prior written approval, Service provider will not, in performing the Services, use or incorporate link to or call or depend in any way upon, any software or other intellectual property that is subject to an Open Source or Copy left license or any other agreement that may give rise to any third-party claims or to limit the Bank's rights under this Agreement.
- 12.3 Subject to clause 12.4 and 12.5 of this Agreement, Service Provider shall, at its own expenses without any limitation, indemnify and keep fully and effectively indemnified the Bank against all costs, claims, damages, demands, expenses and liabilities whatsoever nature arising out of or in connection with all claims of infringement of Intellectual Property Right, including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or industrial design rights of any third party arising from the Services or use of the technology / software / products or any part thereof in India or abroad.
- 12.4 The Bank will give (a) notice to Service Provider of any such claim without delay/provide reasonable assistance to Service Provider in disposing of the claim; (b) sole authority to defend and settle such claim and; (c) will at no time admit to any liability for or express any intent to settle the claim provided that (i) Service Provider shall not partially settle any such claim without the written consent of the Bank, unless such settlement releases the Bank fully from such claim, (ii) Service Provider shall promptly provide the Bank with copies of all pleadings or similar documents relating to any such claim, (iii) Service Provider shall consult with the Bank with respect to the defense and settlement of any such claim, and (iv) in any litigation to which the Bank is also a party, the Bank shall be entitled to be separately represented at its own expenses by counsel of its own selection.
- 12.5 Service Provider shall have no obligations with respect to any infringement claims to the extent that the infringement claim arises or results from: (i) Service Provider's compliance with the Bank's specific technical designs or instructions (except where Service Provider knew or should have known that such compliance was likely to result in an Infringement Claim and Service



Provider did not inform the Bank of the same); or (ii) any unauthorized modification or alteration of the deliverable (if any) by the Bank.

### **13. INSPECTION AND AUDIT**

- 13.1 It is agreed by and between the parties that Service Provider shall be subject to annual audit by internal/external Auditors appointed by the Bank/ inspecting official from the Reserve Bank of India or any regulatory authority, covering the risk parameters finalized by the Bank/ such auditors in the areas of products (IT hardware/ software) and Services etc. provided to the Bank and Service Provider shall submit such certification by such Auditors to the Bank. Service Provider and or his / their outsourced agents / sub – contractors (if allowed by the Bank) shall facilitate the same. The Bank can make its expert assessment on the efficiency and effectiveness of the security, control, risk management, governance system and process created by Service Provider. Service Provider shall, whenever required by such Auditors, furnish all relevant information, records/data to them. All costs for such audit shall be borne by the Bank. Except for the audit done by Reserve Bank of India or any statutory/regulatory authority, the Bank shall provide reasonable notice not less than 7 (seven) days to Service Provider before such audit and same shall be conducted during normal business hours.
- 13.2 Where any Deficiency has been observed during audit of Service Provider on the risk parameters finalized by the Bank or in the certification submitted by the Auditors, it is agreed upon by Service Provider that it shall correct/ resolve the same at the earliest and shall provide all necessary documents related to resolution thereof and the auditor shall further certify in respect of resolution of the Deficiencies. It is also agreed that Service Provider shall provide certification of the auditor to the Bank regarding compliance of the observations made by the auditors covering the respective risk parameters against which such Deficiencies observed.
- 13.3 Service Provider further agrees that whenever required by the Bank, it will furnish all relevant information, records/data to such auditors and/or inspecting officials of the Bank/ Reserve Bank of India and/or any regulatory authority(ies). The Bank reserves the right to call for and/or retain any relevant

information / audit reports on financial and security reviews with their findings undertaken by Service Provider. However, Service Provider shall not be obligated to provide records/ data not related to Services under the Agreement (e.g. internal cost breakup etc.).

#### **14. CONFIDENTIALITY**

14.1 “Confidential Information” mean all information which is material to the business operations of either party or its affiliated companies, designated as being confidential or which, under the circumstances surrounding disclosure out to be treated as confidential, in any form including, but not limited to, proprietary information and trade secrets, whether or not protected under any patent, copy right or other intellectual property laws, in any oral, photographic or electronic form, whether contained on computer hard disks or floppy diskettes or otherwise without any limitation whatsoever. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Confidential Information shall include all information about the party and its customers, costing and technical data, studies, consultants reports, financial information, computer models and programs, software Code, contracts, drawings, blue prints, specifications, operating techniques, processes, models, diagrams, data sheets, reports and other information with respect to any of the foregoing matters. All and every information received by the parties and marked confidential hereto shall be assumed to be confidential information unless otherwise proved. It is further agreed that the information relating to the Bank and its customers is deemed confidential whether marked confidential or not.

14.2 All information relating to the accounts of the Bank’s customers shall be confidential information, whether labeled as such or otherwise.

14.3 All information relating to the infrastructure and Applications (including designs and processes) shall be deemed to be Confidential Information whether labeled as such or not. Service Provider personnel/resources responsible for the project are expected to take care that their representatives, where necessary, have executed a Non-Disclosure Agreement similar to comply with the confidential obligations under this Agreement.

- 14.4 Each party agrees that it will not disclose any Confidential Information received from the other to any third parties under any circumstances without the prior written consent of the other party unless such disclosure of Confidential Information is required by law, legal process or any order of any government authority. Service Provider in this connection, agrees to abide by the laws especially applicable to confidentiality of information relating to customers of Banks and the banks per-se, even when the disclosure is required under the law. In such event, the Party must notify the other Party that such disclosure has been made in accordance with law; legal process or order of a government authority.
- 14.5 Each party, including its personnel, shall use the Confidential Information only for the purposes of achieving objectives set out in this Agreement. Use of the Confidential Information for any other purpose shall constitute breach of trust of the same.
- 14.6 Each party may disclose the Confidential Information to its personnel solely for the purpose of undertaking work directly related to the Agreement. The extent of Confidential Information disclosed shall be strictly limited to what is necessary for those particular personnel to perform his/her duties in connection with the Agreement. Further each Party shall ensure that each personnel representing the respective party agree to be bound by obligations of confidentiality no less restrictive than the terms of this Agreement.
- 14.7 The non-disclosure obligations herein contained shall not be applicable only under the following circumstances:
- (i) Where Confidential Information comes into the public domain during or after the date of this Agreement otherwise than by disclosure by a receiving party in breach of the terms hereof.
  - (ii) Where any Confidential Information was disclosed after receiving the written consent of the disclosing party.
  - (iii) Where receiving party is requested or required by law or by any Court or governmental agency or authority to disclose any of the Confidential Information, then receiving party will provide the other Party with prompt notice of such request or requirement prior to such disclosure.

- (iv) Where any Confidential Information was received by the receiving party from a third party which does not have any obligations of confidentiality to the other Party.
- (v) Where Confidential Information is independently developed by receiving party without any reference to or use of disclosing party's Confidential Information.

14.8 Receiving party undertakes to promptly notify disclosing party in writing any breach of obligation of the Agreement by its employees or representatives including confidentiality obligations. Receiving party acknowledges that monetary damages may not be the only and / or a sufficient remedy for unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information and that disclosing party shall be entitled, without waiving any other rights or remedies, to injunctive or equitable relief as may be deemed proper by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

14.9 Service Provider shall ensure to filter all phishing / spamming / overflow attacks in order to ensure availability and integrity on continuous basis.

14.10 Service Provider shall not, without the Bank's prior written consent, make use of any document or information received from the Bank except for purposes of performing the Services and obligations under this Agreement.

14.11 Any document received from the Bank shall remain the property of the Bank and shall be returned (in all copies) to the Bank on completion of Service Provider's performance under the Agreement.

14.12 The Bank reserves its right to recall all the Bank's materials including Confidential Information, if stored in Service Provider system or environment, at any time during the term of this Agreement or immediately upon expiry or termination of Agreement. Service Provider shall ensure complete removal of such material or data from its system or environment (including backup media) to the satisfaction of the Bank.

14.13 The foregoing obligations (collectively referred to as "Confidentiality Obligations") set out in this Agreement shall survive the term of this Agreement and for a period of five (5) years thereafter provided Confidentiality Obligations with respect to individually identifiable information, customer's data of Parties or software in human-readable form (e.g., source code) shall survive in perpetuity.

**15. OWNERSHIP**

15.1 All information processed by Service Provider during Services belongs to the Bank. Service Provider shall not acquire any other right in respect of the information for the license to the rights owned by the Bank. Service Provider will implement mutually agreed controls to protect the information. Service Provider also agrees that it will protect the information appropriately.

**16. TERMINATION**

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

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

Prior to providing a written notice of termination to Service Provider under clause 16.1 (i) to 16.1 (iii), the Bank shall provide Service Provider with a written notice of 30 (thirty) days to cure such breach of the Agreement. If the breach continues or remains unrectified after expiry of cure period, the Bank shall have right to initiate action in accordance with above clause.

16.2 The Bank, by written notice of not less than 90 (ninety) days, may terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, for its convenience, provided same shall not be invoked by the Bank before completion of half of the total Contract period (including the notice period). In the event of termination of the Agreement for the Bank's convenience, Service Provider shall be entitled to receive payment for the Services rendered (delivered) up to the effective date of termination.

16.3 In the event the Bank terminates the Agreement in whole or in part for the breaches attributable to Service Provider, the bank may procure, upon such terms and in such manner, as it deems appropriate, Services similar to those

undelivered and subject to clause 20 Service Provider shall be liable to the Bank for any increase in costs for such similar Services. However, Service Provider, in case of part termination, shall continue the performance of the Agreement to the extent not terminated.

16.4 The Bank shall have a right to terminate the Agreement immediately by giving a notice in writing to Service Provider in the following eventualities:

- (i) If any Receiver/Liquidator is appointed in connection with the business of the Service Provider or Service Provider transfers substantial assets in favour of its creditors or any orders / directions are issued by any Authority / Regulator which has the effect of suspension of the business of Service Provider.
- (ii) If Service Provider applies to the Court or passes a resolution for voluntary winding up of or any other creditor / person files a petition for winding up or dissolution of Service Provider.
- (iii) If any acts of commission or omission on the part of Service Provider or its agents, employees, sub-contractors or representatives, in the reasonable opinion of the Bank tantamount to fraud or prejudicial to the interest of the Bank or its employees.
- (iv) Any document, information, data or statement submitted by Service Provider in response to RFP, based on which Service Provider was considered eligible or successful, is found to be false, incorrect or misleading.

16.5 In the event of the termination of the Agreement Service Provider shall be liable and responsible to return to the Bank all records, documents, data and information including Confidential Information pertains to or relating to the Bank in its possession.

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

16.7 Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration; the obligation of indemnity; obligation of payment; confidentiality obligation; Governing Law

clause; Dispute resolution clause; and any right which a Party may have under the applicable Law.

**17. DISPUTE REDRESSAL MACHANISM & GOVERNING LAW**

- 17.1 All disputes or differences whatsoever arising between the parties out of or in connection with this Agreement (including dispute concerning interpretation) or in discharge of any obligation arising out of the Agreement (whether during the progress of work or after completion of such work and whether before or after the termination of this Agreement, abandonment or breach of this Agreement), shall be settled amicably.
- 17.2 If the parties are not able to solve them amicably within 30 (thirty) days after dispute occurs as evidenced through the first written communication from any party notifying the other regarding the disputes, either party (the Bank or Service Provider) shall give written notice to other party clearly setting out there in, specific dispute(s) and/or difference(s), and shall be referred to a sole arbitrator mutually agreed upon, and the award made in pursuance thereof shall be binding on the parties.
- 17.3 In the absence of consensus about the single arbitrator, the dispute may be referred to an arbitration panel; one to be nominated by each party and the said arbitrators shall nominate a presiding arbitrator, before commencing the arbitration proceedings. The arbitration shall be settled in accordance with the applicable Indian Laws and the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.
- 17.4 Service Provider shall continue work under the Agreement during the arbitration proceedings, unless otherwise directed by the Bank or unless the matter is such that the work cannot possibly be continued until the decision of the arbitrator is obtained.
- 17.5 Arbitration proceeding shall be held at **Mumbai**, India, and the language of the arbitration proceedings and that of all documents and communications between the parties shall be in English.
- 17.6 This Agreement shall be governed by laws in force in India. Subject to the arbitration clause above, all disputes arising out of or in relation to this

Agreement, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts at **Mumbai** only.

- 17.7 In case of any change in applicable laws that has an effect on the terms of this Agreement, the Parties agree that the Agreement may be reviewed, and if deemed necessary by the Parties, make necessary amendments to the Agreement by mutual agreement in good faith, in case of disagreement obligations mentioned in this clause shall be observed.

## **18. POWERS TO VARY OR OMIT WORK**

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



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

## **19. WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

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

## **20. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

20.1 The maximum aggregate liability of Service Provider, subject to clause 20.3, in respect of any claims, losses, costs or damages arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall not exceed the total Project Cost.

20.2 Under no circumstances shall either Party be liable for any indirect, consequential or incidental losses, damages or claims including loss of profit, loss of business or revenue.

20.3 The limitations set forth in Clause 20.1 shall not apply with respect to:

- (i) claims that are the subject of indemnification pursuant to Clause 12<sup>11</sup> (infringement of third party Intellectual Property Right);
- (ii) damage(s) occasioned by the Gross Negligence or Willful Misconduct of Service Provider;
- (iii) damage(s) occasioned by Service Provider for breach of Confidentiality Obligations;
- (iv) Regulatory or statutory fines imposed by a Government or Regulatory agency for non-compliance of statutory or regulatory guidelines applicable to the Bank, provided such guidelines were brought to the notice of Service Provider.

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<sup>11</sup> Please see Clause 12 'IPR Indemnification'

For the purpose of clause 20.3(ii) “Gross Negligence” means any act or failure to act by a party which was in reckless disregard of or gross indifference to the obligation of the party under this Agreement and which causes injury, damage to life, personal safety, real property, harmful consequences to the other party, which such party knew, or would have known if it was acting as a reasonable person, would result from such act or failure to act for which such Party is legally liable. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Gross Negligence shall not include any action taken in good faith.

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

## **21. FORCE MAJEURE**

- 21.1 Notwithstanding anything else contained in the Agreement, neither Party shall be liable for any delay in performing its obligations herein if and to the extent that such delay is the result of an event of Force Majeure.
- 21.2 For the purposes of this clause, 'Force Majeure' means and includes wars, insurrections, revolution, civil disturbance, riots, terrorist acts, public strikes, hartal, bundh, fires, floods, epidemic, quarantine restrictions, freight embargoes, declared general strikes in relevant industries, Vis Major, acts of Government in their sovereign capacity, impeding reasonable performance of Service Provider and / or sub-contractor but does not include any foreseeable events, commercial considerations or those involving fault or negligence on the part of the party claiming Force Majeure.
- 21.3 If Force Majeure situation arises, the non-performing Party shall promptly notify to the other Party in writing of such conditions and the cause(s) thereof. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the non-performing Party shall continue to perform its obligations under the Agreement as far as is reasonably practical,

and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.

21.4 If the Force Majeure situation continues beyond 30 (thirty) days, either Party shall have the right to terminate the Agreement by giving a notice to the other Party. Neither Party shall have any penal liability to the other in respect of the termination of this Agreement as a result of an event of Force Majeure. However, Service Provider shall be entitled to receive payments for all services actually rendered up to the date of the termination of this Agreement.

**22. NOTICES**

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

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

22.3 The addresses for Communications to the Parties are as under.

(a) In the case of the Bank

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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(b) In case of Service Provider

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

**23. GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

23.1 PUBLICITY: Service Provider may make a reference of the services rendered to the Bank covered under this Agreement on Service provider's Web Site or in their sales presentations, promotional materials, business plans or news releases etc., only after prior written approval from the Bank.

23.2 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS: This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties, and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

23.3 NON-HIRE AND NON-SOLICITATION: During the term of this Agreement and for a period of one year thereafter, neither party shall (either directly or indirectly through a third party) employ, solicit to employ, cause to be solicited for the purpose of employment or offer employment to any employee(s) of the other party, or aid any third person to do so, without the specific written consent of the other party. However nothing in this clause shall affect the Bank's regular recruitments as per its recruitment policy and not targeted to the employees of Service provider.

23.4 SEVERABILITY: The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not in any way effect, impair or render unenforceable this Agreement or any other provision contained herein, which shall remain in full force and effect.

23.5 MODIFICATION: This Agreement may not be modified or amended except in writing signed by duly authorized representatives of each party with express mention thereto of this Agreement.

23.6 ENTIRE AGREEMENT: The following documents along with all addenda issued thereto shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as integral part of this Agreement and in case of any contradiction between or among them the priority in which a document would prevail over another would be as laid down below beginning from the highest priority to the lowest priority:

- (i) This Agreement;

- (ii) Annexure of Agreement;
- (iii) Purchase Order No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_; and
- (iv) RFP

23.7 PRIVACY: Neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof is intended to confer upon any person/s other than the Parties to this Agreement any rights or remedies hereunder.

23.8 DUE AUTHORISATION: Each of the undersigned hereby represents to the other that she/ he is authorized to enter into this Agreement and bind the respective parties to this Agreement.

23.9 COUNTERPART: This Agreement is executed in duplicate and each copy is treated as original for all legal purposes.

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

**State Bank of India**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Service Provider**

**By:**  
**Name:**  
**Designation:**  
**Date:**

**By:**  
**Name:**  
**Designation:**  
**Date:**

WITNESS:

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**ANNEXURE-A****SCOPE OF WORK**

| <b>Sl No</b> | <b>Requirements</b>               | <b>Marginal comments for departments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.           | Description of Services           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Receive SMSs from the Bank and deliver them to customers' handsets.</li> <li>ii. Submit delivery report received from customer mobile handset to the Bank.</li> <li>iii. Retry of all failed SMSs and the SMSs for which delivery acknowledgement is not received from the telecom operator for at least 3 times during the SLA time. E.g. if initial submission of particular SMS is with Airtel and the SMS got failed or DLR is not received in 30 seconds, then retry should be with Vodafone-Idea (VI) or Tata, etc.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2.           | Help Desk Requirements            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 24 * 7* 365 (366) days, online support facility</li> <li>b) The expected time of response should be 5 minutes through automated ticket number and resolution should be average 60 minutes per email or call communication.</li> <li>c) Escalation process should be in place for unresolved issues</li> <li>d) Bidder support staff should be well trained to effectively handle queries raised by the Bank customer / employees etc</li> <li>e) Bidder should have ability to generate MIS reports periodically (every day) as mentioned in Annexure E 2(b) and to be sent through email to designated email ids.</li> <li>f) Bidder should provide dedicated support desk for SBI operations.</li> </ul> |
| 3.           | MIS Report Generation requirement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The bidder should provide suitable means such as website/ portal/ tool for generation of MIS reports and also for showing the current status of messages. The MIS report should have the following minimum fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mobile number/ MSISDN</li> <li>b. Message Category</li> <li>c. Bearer (GSM/CDMA)</li> <li>d. Operator</li> <li>e. Circle</li> <li>f. National</li> <li>g. Sender Name/ID</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

|                    |                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>h. Date/time of SMS received at the gateway.</li> <li>i. Date/time of SMS sent to the operator.</li> <li>j. Date/time of SMS delivered to the end subscriber.</li> <li>k. Status of the SMS</li> <li>l. Status / Error code and description</li> </ul> <p>b) The bidder should be able to provide the daily statistics with an auto generated mail to the mail-ids advised by the Bank. The daily statistics, of previous day, should contain the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date</li> <li>b. Total SMSes received</li> <li>c. Category of SMSes</li> <li>d. Total success</li> <li>e. Total failed/expired</li> <li>f. Total of delivery report not received</li> <li>g. Total invalid</li> <li>h. Total DND</li> <li>i. Total retry counts</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                    |                   |                          |                           |                           |                  |                |                         |                           |                            |                  |                 |                         |                           |                            |
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| 4.                 | In case of Transaction System | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Audit trail requirement</li> <li>b) Audit logs reporting &amp; analysis tool</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                    |                   |                          |                           |                           |                  |                |                         |                           |                            |                  |                 |                         |                           |                            |
| 5.                 | Performance Requirements      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Uptime requirement – 99.9% of complete SMS services</li> <li>ii. The Push SMSes will be for the following categories</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">SMS Category</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Delivery time</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Estimated Volume** (Apr 2022)</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Estimated Volume** (Apr 2023)</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Estimated volume** (Apr 2024)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Transactional SMSs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Within 05 minutes</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 06 crore (per day)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 6.9 crore (per day)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 7.9 crore (per day)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Informative SMSs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Within 01 hour</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 50 lakh (per day)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 57.5 lakh (per day)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 66.12 lakh (per day)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Promotional SMSs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Within 02 hours</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 50 lakh (per day)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 57.5 lakh (per day)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Avg.: 66.12 lakh (per day)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>** These volumes are only estimates as per present projections and SBG does not guarantee these volumes of business</p> | SMS Category                  | Delivery time                 | Estimated Volume** (Apr 2022) | Estimated Volume** (Apr 2023) | Estimated volume** (Apr 2024) | Transactional SMSs | Within 05 minutes | Avg.: 06 crore (per day) | Avg.: 6.9 crore (per day) | Avg.: 7.9 crore (per day) | Informative SMSs | Within 01 hour | Avg.: 50 lakh (per day) | Avg.: 57.5 lakh (per day) | Avg.: 66.12 lakh (per day) | Promotional SMSs | Within 02 hours | Avg.: 50 lakh (per day) | Avg.: 57.5 lakh (per day) | Avg.: 66.12 lakh (per day) |
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| Informative SMSs   | Within 01 hour                | Avg.: 50 lakh (per day)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Avg.: 57.5 lakh (per day)     | Avg.: 66.12 lakh (per day)    |                               |                               |                               |                    |                   |                          |                           |                           |                  |                |                         |                           |                            |                  |                 |                         |                           |                            |
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| 6.                 | Scalability Requirements      | To be scalable as per Bank's future requirement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                    |                   |                          |                           |                           |                  |                |                         |                           |                            |                  |                 |                         |                           |                            |

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| 7.  | Regulatory Compliance Requirements /                     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encryption of the Bank's data at rest and at motion.</li> <li>2. Ensure no data leakage.</li> <li>3. SMS logs (except mobile number and SMS text) to be preserved for the entire contract period and has to be shared to the Bank on quarterly basis.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8.  | Security Requirements                                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Service to be https with TLS enabled</li> <li>ii. All security patches updated</li> <li>iii. Supported versions of Middleware and associated software (preferably n-1)</li> <li>iv. Role based access to the Bank's data.</li> <li>v. No data sharing without written approval from the Bank.</li> <li>vi. SMS text and mobile numbers must not be stored at the bidder's end.</li> <li>vii. Encryption of SMS data at rest and in motion.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 9.  | Integration of the services                              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Bulk SMS Services should cover the facility like Push Service using 6-digit alpha characters for delivering domestic bulk SMS services under Transactional, Informative and Promotional categories (other than OTP category) to the customers.</li> <li>ii. The bidder should be capable to integrate their solution with the Bank's SMS middleware within 30 days from the date of Purchase Order.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10. | Compliance with Bank's IS Security policy                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Responsibilities for data and application privacy and confidentiality</li> <li>b) Responsibilities on system and software access control and administration</li> <li>c) Custodial responsibilities for data of the Bank being managed by or assigned to the Vendor</li> <li>d) Physical Security of the facilities</li> <li>e) Physical and logical separation from other customers of the Vendor</li> <li>f) Incident response and reporting procedures</li> <li>g) Data Encryption/Protection requirement of the Bank</li> <li>h) DR setup should be readily available and DR drill must be timely performed.</li> <li>i) Auto switching from Production to DR or vice versa with zero RTO and RPO</li> </ol> |
| 11. | Backup system / POC / test & training system / DR system | No storage of data at the vendors' premises and vendor has to confirm on it on quarterly basis on the company letter head.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 12. | Payment schedule                                         | Payment will be done on monthly arrear basis upon receiving the error free invoice from the bidder. Invoice needs to be raised on the minimum of billable SMS counts of the Bank's server and that of the bidder.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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|  | <p>Bidder/Service Provider (Not Telecom Operator) has to provide the invoice copy of the SMSs billed by the Telecom operator as DLT charge for SBI domestic bulk SMS services under Transactional, Informative and Promotional categories (other than OTP category). DLT charge will be paid once the mentioned error free invoice copy is submitted to the Bank. Also, bidder/service provider (Not Telecom Operator) has to confirm on its letter head every month that DLT charge is on pass through basis to the telecos and bidder/service provider is not making any commission out this DLT charge.</p> <p>In case there is decrement in DLT charges or it is waived off during the contract period, the same must be informed to the Bank immediately and accordingly Bank will pay the decreased DLT charges or no DLT charge respectively from the retrospective date. In case there is increase in the DLT charges, Bank is not obliged to pay the extra DLT charge. DLT charge will be paid only on the delivered SMSs within SLA time.</p> <p>Though the rate is asked for one lakh SMSs in the indicative price bid, the payment will be made on the actual SMSs delivered as per the SLA terms, which will be calculated basis single SMS.</p> |
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- Maintenance

Service Provider shall have the operational maintenance obligations (e.g., telephone support, problem resolution, on-site services) as mentioned in Annexure A.

- Risk Management

Service Provider shall identify and document the risk in delivering the Services. Service Provider shall identify the methodology to monitor and prevent the risk, and shall also document the steps taken to manage the impact of the risks.

**ANNEXURE-B**

**INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT METRICS**

Service metric for Recovery Time objective (RTO)

| (a) SL no. | Service level category                                    | Service level object | Measurement range/criteria  |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1.         | RTO during disaster for shifting between two environments | Zero                 | No downtime in the services |

SLA for Recovery Point Objective

| (b) SL no. | Service level category                                    | Service level object | Measurement range/criteria |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1.         | RPO during disaster for shifting between two environments | Zero                 | No message should be lost  |

**(c) INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT METRICS**

| Activities                                                     |         | Severity | Response Time (mins) | Resolution Time (mins) | Measurement Criteria                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Operational Task                                               | Details |          |                      |                        |                                          |
| <i>&lt;to be filled in by the concerned dept. depending on</i> | .....   | Level 1  | .....                | .....                  | <i>&lt;.....<br/>.....<br/>.....&gt;</i> |
|                                                                | .....   | Level 2  | .....                | .....                  | <i>&lt;to be filled in</i>               |

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| Activities                                                                                    |         | Severity    | Response Time (mins) | Resolution Time (mins) | Measurement Criteria                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Operational Task                                                                              | Details |             |                      |                        |                                                                            |
| <i>the criticality of service&gt;</i>                                                         | .....   | Level ....n | .....                | .....                  | <i>by the concerned dept. depending on the criticality of service &gt;</i> |
| <i>&lt;to be filled in by the concerned dept. depending on the criticality of service&gt;</i> | .....   | Level 1     | .....                | .....                  |                                                                            |
|                                                                                               | .....   | Level 2     | .....                | .....                  |                                                                            |
|                                                                                               | .....   | Level.....n | .....                | .....                  |                                                                            |

**ANNEXURE-C**

**SERVICE DESK SUPPORT METRIC**

| SL no. | Service level category                                                     | Service level object                                                                                                                                  | Measurement range/criteria                                                                                 |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.     | Call type level 1, <i>&lt;strike off which ever in not applicable&gt;</i>  | <i>&lt;.....(requirement)/ call escalated by sbi service desk to .....service provider’s team&gt; &lt;strike off which ever in not applicable&gt;</i> | <i>&lt;.....&gt;&lt;to be filled in by the concerned dept. depending on the criticality of service&gt;</i> |
|        | Call type level 12, <i>&lt;strike off which ever in not applicable&gt;</i> | <i>&lt;.....(requirement)/ call escalated by sbi service desk to .....service provider’s team&gt; &lt;strike off which ever in not applicable&gt;</i> | <i>&lt;.....&gt;&lt;to be filled in by the concerned dept. depending on the criticality of service&gt;</i> |

**ANNEXURE-D**

ESCALATION MATRICS

| Service level Category                | Response/Resolution Time | Escalation thresholds           |                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                       |                          | Escalation Level 1              |                 | Escalation..... |                 |
|                                       |                          | Escalation to                   | Escalation Mode | Escalation to   | Escalation Mode |
| Production Support                    |                          | <Name, designation contact no.> |                 |                 |                 |
| Service Milestones                    |                          | <Name, designation contact no.> |                 |                 |                 |
| Infrastructure Management             |                          | <Name, designation contact no.> |                 |                 |                 |
| Application Development & Maintenance |                          | <Name, designation contact no.> |                 |                 |                 |
| Service Desk Support                  |                          | <Name, designation contact no.> |                 |                 |                 |

**ANNEXURE-E****Penalties**

The SMS sent by the Bank will have to be delivered within the stipulated timelines. Failure to comply with the time frames for delivery of the messages pushed by the Bank shall attract penalty as follows.

**B) Penalties for delayed / non delivery of SMSes:**

| <b>Particulars</b>                                             | <b>Penalty Rates</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Transactional SMSs delivered to mobile handset upto 05 minutes | NIL                  |
| Informative SMSs delivered to mobile handset upto 01 hour      | NIL                  |
| Promotional SMSs delivered to mobile handset upto 02 hours     | NIL                  |

**B) Penalties for down time of Solution:**

Bank expects the uptime of 99.9% of the complete solution to be calculated on monthly basis. Any degradation from the agreed uptime shall invite penalties from the bills of respective months, as under:

| <b>Availability of SMS Services</b>      | <b>Charges on monthly basis</b>                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| >99.7% and <99.9%                        | 2% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                    |
| >99% and <= 99.7%                        | 5% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                    |
| >98% and <= 99%                          | 15% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                   |
| For each percentage point drop below 98% | 15% + 2 percentage point of the monthly bill for each 1 percentage point or less drop in a availability below 98% |

**C) Penalties for delay in integration of solution:**

- ii) In case bidder is not able to integrate the solution within stipulated period of 1 Month, a penalty of Rs.50,000/- per day subject to a maximum of Rs.20,00,000 (Rupees Twenty Lacs Only) will be imposed. If the delay is from Bank's side, no penalty will be levied, for that period.

**E) Penalty for fall in success Rate:** Success Rate\*\* of 90% and above is expected from Bidder in delivery of Transactional SMS category. Any fall in the success rate in delivery of SMS below the minimum expected level will be penalised as under:

**In respect of Transactional Category of SMSs:**

| <b>Success Rate</b> | <b>Charges on monthly basis</b>                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 90% and above       | NIL                                                                                                                                               |
| <90% up to 89%      | 0.25% of the monthly bill of the respective month. In addition, Bank will be free to divert SMS traffic (partially or fully) to the other vendor. |
| <89% up to 88%      | 0.40% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                                                 |
| <88% up to 87%      | 0.60% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                                                 |
| >87% up to 86%      | 0.75% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                                                 |
| >86% up to 85%      | 1% of the monthly bill of the respective month                                                                                                    |
| <85%                | 2% of the monthly bill of the respective month.                                                                                                   |

\*\* Success Rate = No. of successfully delivered SMSs to the customers' handsets as per the SLA divided by Total number of SMSs submitted to SMSC.

- H)** The penalty so calculated will either be adjusted with the payments or will be separately realized from the bidder.
- D)** Payment will only be made for the SMSs whose successful delivery have come from the customers mobile handsets. No payment is made for the SMSs whose delivery status have come from the telecom towers.
- J)** If success rate % falls consistently below 90%, Bank will review the services and appropriate action may be taken against the bidder.

**ANNEXURE-F**

**Transition & Knowledge Transfer Plan**

**1. Introduction**

1.1 This Annexure describes the duties and responsibilities of Service Provider and the Bank to ensure proper transition of services and to ensure complete knowledge transfer.

**2. Objectives**

2.1 The objectives of this annexure are to:

- (1) ensure a smooth transition of Services from Service Provider to a New/Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER or back to the Bank at the termination or expiry of this Agreement;
- (2) ensure that the responsibilities of both parties to this Agreement are clearly defined in the event of exit and transfer; and
- (3) ensure that all relevant Assets are transferred.

**3. General**

3.1 Where the Bank intends to continue equivalent or substantially similar services to the Services provided by Service Provider after termination or expiry the Agreement, either by performing them itself or by means of a New/Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER, Service Provider shall ensure the smooth transition to the Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER and shall co-operate with the Bank or the Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER as required in order to fulfil the obligations under this annexure.

3.2 Service Provider shall co-operate fully with the Bank and any potential Replacement SERVICE PROVIDERs tendering for any Services, including the transfer of responsibility for the provision of the Services previously performed by Service Provider to be achieved with the minimum of disruption. In particular:

3.2.1 during any procurement process initiated by the Bank and in anticipation of the expiry or termination of the Agreement and irrespective of the identity of any potential or actual Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER, Service Provider shall comply with all reasonable requests by the Bank to provide information relating to the operation of the Services, including but not limited to, hardware and software used, inter-working, coordinating with other application owners, access to and provision of all performance reports, agreed procedures, and any other



relevant information (including the configurations set up for the Bank and procedures used by Service Provider for handling Data) reasonably necessary to achieve an effective transition, provided that:

- 3.2.1.1 Service Provider shall not be obliged to provide any information concerning the costs of delivery of the Services or any part thereof or disclose the financial records of Service Provider to any such party;
  - 3.2.1.2 Service Provider shall not be obliged to disclose any such information for use by an actual or potential Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER unless such a party shall have entered into a confidentiality agreement; and
  - 3.2.1.3 whilst supplying information as contemplated in this paragraph 3.2.1 Service Provider shall provide sufficient information to comply with the reasonable requests of the Bank to enable an effective tendering process to take place but shall not be required to provide information or material which Service Provider may not disclose as a matter of law.
- 3.3 In assisting the Bank and/or the Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER to transfer the Services the following commercial approach shall apply:
- (1) where Service Provider does not have to utilise resources in addition to those normally used to deliver the Services prior to termination or expiry, Service Provider shall make no additional Charges. The Bank may reasonably request that support and materials already in place to provide the Services may be redeployed onto work required to effect the transition provided always that where the Bank agrees in advance that such redeployment will prevent Service Provider from meeting any Service Levels, achieving any other key dates or from providing any specific deliverables to the Bank, the Bank shall not be entitled to claim any penalty or liquidated damages for the same.
  - (2) where any support and materials necessary to undertake the transfer work or any costs incurred by Service Provider are additional to those in place as part of the proper provision of the Services the Bank shall pay Service Provider for staff time agreed in advance at the rates agreed between the parties and for materials and other costs at a reasonable price which shall be agreed with the Bank.

- 3.4 If so required by the Bank, on the provision of no less than 15 (fifteen) days' notice in writing, Service Provider shall continue to provide the Services or an agreed part of the Services for a period not exceeding **6 (Six)** months beyond the date of termination or expiry of the Agreement. In such event the Bank shall reimburse Service Provider for such elements of the Services as are provided beyond the date of termination or expiry date of the Agreement on the basis that:
- (1) Services for which rates already specified in the Agreement shall be provided on such rates;
  - (2) materials and other costs, if any, will be charged at a reasonable price which shall be mutually agreed between the Parties.
- 3.5 Service Provider shall provide to the Bank an analysis of the Services to the extent reasonably necessary to enable the Bank to plan migration of such workload to a Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER provided always that this analysis involves providing performance data already delivered to the Bank as part of the performance monitoring regime.
- 3.6 Service Provider shall provide such information as the Bank reasonably considers to be necessary for the actual Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER, or any potential Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER during any procurement process, to define the tasks which would need to be undertaken in order to ensure the smooth transition of all or any part of the Services.
- 3.7 Service Provider shall make available such Key Personnel who have been involved in the provision of the Services as the Parties may agree to assist the Bank or a Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER (as appropriate) in the continued support of the Services beyond the expiry or termination of the Agreement, in which event the Bank shall pay for the services of such Key Personnel on a time and materials basis at the rates agreed between the parties.
- 3.8 Service Provider shall co-operate with the Bank during the handover to a Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER and such co-operation shall extend to, but shall not be limited to, inter-working, co-ordinating and access to and provision of all operational and performance documents, reports, summaries produced by Service Provider for the Bank, including the configurations set up for the Bank and any and all information to be provided by Service Provider to the Bank under

any other term of this Agreement necessary to achieve an effective transition without disruption to routine operational requirements.

**4. Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER**

4.1 In the event that the Services are to be transferred to a Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER, the Bank will use reasonable endeavors to ensure that the Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER co-operates with Service Provider during the handover of the Services.

**5. Subcontractors**

5.1 Service Provider agrees to provide the Bank with details of the Subcontracts (if permitted by the Bank) used in the provision of the Services. Service Provider will not restrain or hinder its Subcontractors from entering into agreements with other prospective service providers for the delivery of supplies or services to the Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER.

**6. Transfer of Configuration Management Database**

6.1 6 (six) months prior to expiry or within 2 (two) week of notice of termination of this Agreement Service Provider shall deliver to the Bank a full, accurate and up to date cut of content from the Configuration Management Database (or equivalent) used to store details of Configurable Items and Configuration Management data for all products used to support delivery of the Services.

**7. Transfer of Assets**

7.1 6 (six) months prior to expiry or within 2 (two) week of notice of termination of the Agreement Service Provider shall deliver to the Bank the Asset Register comprising:

- (1) a list of all Assets eligible for transfer to the Bank; and
- (2) a list identifying all other Assets, (including human resources, skillset requirement and know-how), that are ineligible for transfer but which are essential to the delivery of the Services. The purpose of each component and the reason for ineligibility for transfer shall be included in the list.

7.2 Within 1 (one) month of receiving the Asset Register as described above, the Bank shall notify Service Provider of the Assets it requires to be transferred, (the "Required Assets"), and the Bank and Service Provider shall provide for the approval of the Bank a draft plan for the Asset transfer.

- 7.3 In the event that the Required Assets are not located on Bank premises:
- (1) Service Provider shall be responsible for the dismantling and packing of the Required Assets and to ensure their availability for collection by the Bank or its authorised representative by the date agreed for this;
  - (2) any charges levied by Service Provider for the Required Assets not owned by the Bank shall be fair and reasonable in relation to the condition of the Assets and the then fair market value; and
  - (3) for the avoidance of doubt, the Bank will not be responsible for the Assets.

7.4 Service Provider warrants that the Required Assets and any components thereof transferred to the Bank or Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER benefit from any remaining manufacturer's warranty relating to the Required Assets at that time, always provided such warranties are transferable to a third party.

## **8. Transfer of Documentation**

8.1 6 (six) months prior to expiry or within 2 (two) weeks of notice of termination of this Agreement Service Provider shall deliver to Bank a full, accurate and up-to date set of Documentation that relates to any element of the Services as defined in Annexure A.

## **9. Transfer of Service Management Process**

- 9.1 6 (six) months prior to expiry or within 2 (two) weeks of notice of termination of this Agreement Service Provider shall deliver to the Bank:
- (a) a plan for the handover and continuous delivery of the Service Desk function and allocate the required resources;
  - (b) full and up to date, both historical and outstanding Service Desk ticket data including, but not limited to:
    - (1) Incidents;
    - (2) Problems;
    - (3) Service Requests;
    - (4) Changes;
    - (5) Service Level reporting data;
  - (c) a list and topology of all tools and products associated with the provision of the Software and the Services;

- (d) full content of software builds and server configuration details for software deployment and management; and
- (e) monitoring software tools and configuration.

**10. Transfer of Knowledge Base**

10.1 6 (six) months prior to expiry or within 2 (two) week of notice of termination of this Agreement Service Provider shall deliver to the Bank a full, accurate and up to date cut of content from the knowledge base (or equivalent) used to troubleshoot issues arising with the Services but shall not be required to provide information or material which Service Provider may not disclose as a matter of law.

**11. Transfer of Data**

11.1 In the event of expiry or termination of this Agreement Service Provider shall cease to use the Bank's Data and, at the request of the Bank, shall destroy all such copies of the Bank's Data then in its possession to the extent specified by the Bank.

11.2 Except where, pursuant to paragraph 11.1 above, the Bank has instructed Service Provider to destroy such Bank's Data as is held and controlled by Service Provider, 1 (one) months prior to expiry or within 1 (one) month of termination of this Agreement, Service Provider shall deliver to the Bank:

- (1) An inventory of the Bank's Data held and controlled by Service Provider, plus any other data required to support the Services; and/or
- (2) a draft plan for the transfer of the Bank's Data held and controlled by Service Provider and any other available data to be transferred.

**12. Training Services on Transfer**

12.1 Service Provider shall comply with the Bank's reasonable request to assist in the identification and specification of any training requirements following expiry or termination. The purpose of such training shall be to enable the Bank or a Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER to adopt, integrate and utilize the Data and Assets transferred and to deliver an equivalent service to that previously provided by Service Provider.

12.2 The provision of any training services and/or deliverables and the charges for such services and/or deliverables shall be agreed between the parties.

12.3 Subject to paragraph 12.2 above, Service Provider shall produce for the Bank's consideration and approval 6 (six) months prior to expiry or within 10 (ten) working days of issue of notice of termination:

- (1) A training strategy, which details the required courses and their objectives;
- (2) Training materials (including assessment criteria); and
- (3) a training plan of the required training events.

12.4 Subject to paragraph 12.2 above, Service Provider shall schedule all necessary resources to fulfil the training plan, and deliver the training as agreed with the Bank.

### **13. Transfer Support Activities**

13.1 6 (six) months prior to expiry or within 10 (ten) Working Days of issue of notice of termination, Service Provider shall assist the Bank or Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER to develop a viable exit transition plan which shall contain details of the tasks and responsibilities required to enable the transition from the Services provided under this Agreement to the Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER or the Bank, as the case may be.

13.2 The exit transition plan shall be in a format to be agreed with the Bank and shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) a timetable of events;
- (2) resources;
- (3) assumptions;
- (4) activities;
- (5) responsibilities; and
- (6) risks.

13.3 Service Provider shall supply to the Bank or a Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER specific materials including but not limited to:

- (a) Change Request log;
- (b) entire back-up history; and
- (c) dump of database contents including the Asset Register, problem management system and operating procedures. For the avoidance of doubt this shall not include proprietary software tools of Service Provider which are used for project management purposes generally within Service Provider's business.

- 13.4 Service Provider shall supply to the Bank or a Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER proposals for the retention of Key Personnel for the duration of the transition period.
- 13.5 On the date of expiry Service Provider shall provide to the Bank refreshed versions of the materials required under paragraph 13.3 above which shall reflect the position as at the date of expiry.
- 13.6 Service Provider shall provide to the Bank or to any Replacement SERVICE PROVIDER within 14 (fourteen) Working Days of expiry or termination a full and complete copy of the Incident log book and all associated documentation recorded by Service Provider till the date of expiry or termination.
- 13.7 Service Provider shall provide for the approval of the Bank a draft plan to transfer or complete work-in-progress at the date of expiry or termination.

**14. Use of STATE BANK OF INDIA Premises**

- 14.1 Prior to expiry or on notice of termination of this Agreement, Service Provider shall provide for the approval of the Bank a draft plan specifying the necessary steps to be taken by both Service Provider and the Bank to ensure that the Bank's Premises are vacated by Service Provider.
- 14.2 Unless otherwise agreed, Service Provider shall be responsible for all costs associated with Service Provider's vacation of the Bank's Premises, removal of equipment and furnishings, redeployment of Service Provider Personnel, termination of arrangements with Subcontractors and service contractors and restoration of the Bank Premises to their original condition (subject to a reasonable allowance for wear and tear).

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**NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

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

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

And

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

And Whereas

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

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



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

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

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

2. **Restrictions**

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

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

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

3. **Rights and Remedies**

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

- (d) Disclosing Party may visit Receiving Party's premises, with reasonable prior notice and during normal business hours, to review Receiving Party's compliance with the term of this Agreement.

4. **Miscellaneous**

- (a) All Confidential Information and Confidential Materials are and shall remain the sole and of Disclosing Party. By disclosing information to Receiving Party, Disclosing Party does not grant any expressed or implied right to Receiving Party to disclose information under the Disclosing Party's patents, copyrights, trademarks, or trade secret information.
- (b) Confidential Information made available is provided "As Is," and disclosing party disclaims all representations, conditions and warranties, express or implied, including, without limitation, representations, conditions or warranties of accuracy, completeness, performance, fitness for a particular purpose, satisfactory quality and merchantability provided same shall not be construed to include fraud or wilful default of disclosing party.
- (c) Neither party grants to the other party any license, by implication or otherwise, to use the Confidential Information, other than for the limited purpose of evaluating or advancing a business relationship between the parties, or any license rights whatsoever in any patent, copyright or other intellectual property rights pertaining to the Confidential Information.
- (d) The terms of Confidentiality under this Agreement shall not be construed to limit either party's right to independently develop or acquire product without use of the other party's Confidential Information. Further, either party shall be free to use for any purpose the residuals resulting from access to or work with such Confidential Information, provided that such party shall maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information as provided herein. The term "residuals" means information in non-tangible form, which may be retained by person who has had access to the Confidential Information, including ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques contained therein. Neither party shall have any obligation to limit or restrict the assignment of such persons or to pay royalties for any work resulting from the use of residuals. However, the foregoing shall not be deemed to grant to either party a license under the other party's copyrights or patents.
- (e) This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. It shall not be modified except by a written agreement dated subsequently to the date of this Agreement and signed by both parties. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived by any act or acquiescence on the part of Disclosing Party, its agents, or employees, except by an instrument in writing signed by an authorized officer of Disclosing Party. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other provision(s) or of the same provision on another occasion.

- (f) In case of any dispute, both the parties agree for neutral third party arbitration. Such arbitrator will be jointly selected by the two parties and he/she may be an auditor, lawyer, consultant or any other person of trust. The said proceedings shall be conducted in English language at Mumbai and in accordance with the provisions of Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 or any Amendments or Re-enactments thereto. Nothing in this clause prevents a party from having recourse to a court of competent jurisdiction for the sole purpose of seeking a preliminary injunction or any other provisional judicial relief it considers necessary to avoid irreparable damage. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Republic of India. Each Party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Mumbai.
- (g) Subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties, their successors and assigns.
- (h) If any provision of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- (i) The Agreement shall be effective from \_\_\_\_\_ ("Effective Date") and shall be valid for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) thereafter (the "Agreement Term"). The foregoing obligations as to confidentiality shall survive the term of this Agreement and for a period of five (5) years thereafter provided confidentiality obligations with respect to individually identifiable information, customer's data of Parties or software in human-readable form (e.g., source code) shall survive in perpetuity.

5. **Suggestions and Feedback**

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

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

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

RFP for domestic Transactional, Informative and Promotional SMS services

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**Pre-Bid Query Format**  
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**Format for Submission of Client References**

**To whosoever it may concern**

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**Name & Signature of authorised signatory**

**Seal of Company**

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

General

This pre-Bid pre-contract Agreement (hereinafter called the Integrity Pact) is made on \_\_\_\_\_ day of the month of \_\_\_\_\_ 201 , between, on the one hand, the State Bank of India a body corporate incorporated under the State Bank of India Act, 1955 having its Corporate Centre at State Bank Bhavan, Nariman Point, Mumbai through its \_\_\_\_\_ Department / Office at Global IT Center at CBD Belapur, \_\_\_\_\_ 400614, (hereinafter called the "BUYER", which expression shall mean and include, unless the context otherwise requires, its successors) of the First Part

And

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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



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

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

**1. Commitments of the BUYER**

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

**2. Commitments of BIDDERS**

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

- immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducement to any official of the BUYER or otherwise in procuring the Contract or forbearing to do or having done any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the contract or any other contract with State Bank of India for showing or forbearing to show favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the contract or any other contract with State Bank of India.
- 2.4 Wherever applicable, the BIDDER shall disclose the name and address of agents and representatives permitted by the Bid documents and Indian BIDDERS shall disclose their foreign principals or associates, if any.
- 2.5 The BIDDER confirms and declares that they have not made any payments to any agents/brokers or any other intermediary, in connection with this Bid/contract.
- 2.6 The BIDDER further confirms and declares to the BUYER that the BIDDER is the original vendors or service providers in respect of product / service covered in the Bid documents and the BIDDER has not engaged any individual or firm or company whether Indian or foreign to intercede, facilitate or in any way to recommend to the BUYER or any of its functionaries, whether officially or unofficially to the award of the contract to the BIDDER, nor has any amount been paid, promised or intended to be paid to any such individual, firm or company in respect of any such intercession, facilitation or recommendation.
- 2.7 The BIDDER, at the earliest available opportunity, i.e. either while presenting the Bid or during pre-contract negotiations and in any case before opening the financial Bid and before signing the contract, shall disclose any payments he has made, is committed to or intends to make to officials of the BUYER or their family members, agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the contract and the details of services agreed upon for such payments.
- 2.8 The BIDDER will not collude with other parties interested in the contract to impair the transparency, fairness and progress of the bidding process, Bid evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.
- 2.9 The BIDDER will not accept any advantage in exchange for any corrupt practice, unfair means and illegal activities.
- 2.10 The BIDDER shall not use improperly, for purposes of competition or personal gain, or pass. on 'to° others, any -information provided by the BUYER as part of the business relationship, regarding plans, technical proposals and business details, including information contained in any electronic data carrier. The BIDDER also undertakes to exercise due and adequate care lest any such information is divulged.
- 2.11 The BIDDER commits to refrain from giving any complaint directly or through any other manner without supporting it with full and verifiable facts.
- 2.12 The BIDDER shall not instigate or cause to instigate any third person to commit any of the actions mentioned above.
- 2.13 If the BIDDER or any employee of the BIDDER or any person acting on behalf of the BIDDER, either directly or indirectly, is a relative of any of the officers of the BUYER, or alternatively, if any relative of an officer of the BUYER has financial

Interest/stake in the BIDDER's firm, the same shall be disclosed by the BIDDER at the time of filing of tender. The term 'relative' for this purpose would be as defined in Section 6 of the Companies Act 1956.

- 2.14 The BIDDER shall not lend to or borrow any money from or enter into any monetary dealings or transactions, directly or indirectly, with any employee of the BUYER.

**3. Previous Transgression**

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

**4. Earnest Money (Security Deposit)**

- 4.1 While submitting commercial Bid, the BIDDER shall deposit an amount (specified in RFP) as Earnest Money/Security Deposit, with the BUYER through any of the mode mentioned in the RFP / Bid document and no such mode is specified, by a Bank Draft or a Pay Order in favour of State Bank of India from any Bank including SBI . However payment of any such amount by way of Bank Guarantee, if so permitted as per Bid documents / RFP should be from any Scheduled Commercial Bank other than SBI and promising payment of the guaranteed sum to the BUYER on demand within three working days without any demur whatsoever and without seeking any reasons whatsoever. The demand for payment by the BUYER shall be treated as conclusive proof for making such payment to the BUYER.
- 4.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in the Bid document / RFP, the Earnest Money/Security Deposit shall be valid upto a period of five years or the complete conclusion of the contractual obligations to the complete satisfaction of both the BIDDER and the BUYER, including warranty period, whichever is later.
- 4.3 In case of the successful BIDDER a clause would also be incorporated in the Article pertaining to Performance Bond in the Purchase Contract that the provisions of Sanctions for Violation shall be applicable for forfeiture of Performance Bond in case of a decision by the BUYER to forfeit the same-without assigning any reason for imposing sanction for violation of this Pact.
- 4.4 No interest shall be payable by the BUYER to the BIDDER on Earnest Money/Security Deposit for the period of its currency.

**5. Sanctions for Violations**

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

1860 or Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 or any other statute enacted for prevention of corruption.

- 5.3 The decision of the BUYER to the effect that a breach of the provisions of this Pact has been committed by the BIDDER shall be final and conclusive on the BIDDER. However, the BIDDER can approach the Independent Monitor(s) appointed for the purposes of this Pact.

6. **Fall Clause**

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

7. **Independent Monitors**

- 7.1 The BUYER has appointed Independent Monitors (hereinafter referred to as Monitors) for this Pact in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission (Names and Addresses of the Monitors to be given).

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|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| नाम         | Dr. Parvez Hayat                                             | Ms. Minnie Mathew                                                    |
| संवर्ग      | IPS (Retd.)                                                  | IAS (Retd.)                                                          |
| संपर्क नंबर | Mobile No. 9810134469                                        | Mobile No. 9951035888                                                |
| ई-मेल आइडी  | <a href="mailto:phayatips@gmail.com">phayatips@gmail.com</a> | <a href="mailto:Minniethew635@gmail.com">Minniethew635@gmail.com</a> |

- 7.2 The task of the Monitors shall be to review independently and objectively, whether and to what extent the parties comply with the obligations under this Pact.
- 7.3 The Monitors shall not be subjected to instructions by the representatives of the parties and perform their functions neutrally and independently.
- 7.4 Both the parties accept that the Monitors have the right to access all the documents relating to the project/procurement, including minutes of meetings. Parties signing this Pact shall not approach the Courts while representing the matters to Independent External Monitors and he/she will await their decision in the matter.
- 7.5 As soon as the Monitor notices, or has reason to believe, a violation of this Pact, he will so inform the Authority designated by the BUYER.
- 7.6 The BIDDER(s) accepts that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction to all Project documentation of the BUYER including that provided by the BIDDER. The BIDDER will also grant the Monitor, upon his request and

demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access to his project documentation. The same is applicable to Subcontractors. The Monitor shall be under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the BIDDER/Subcontractor(s) with confidentiality.

7.7 The BUYER will provide to the Monitor sufficient information about all meetings among the parties related to the Project provided such meetings could have an impact on the contractual relations between the parties. The parties will offer to the Monitor the option to participate in such meetings.

7.8 The Monitor will submit a written report to the designated Authority of BUYER/Secretary in the Department/ within 8 to 10 weeks from the date of reference or intimation to him by the BUYER / BIDDER and, should the occasion arise, submit proposals for correcting problematic situations.

**8. Facilitation of Investigation**

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

**9. Law and Place of Jurisdiction**

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

**10. Other Legal Actions**

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

**11. Validity**

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

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

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

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For BUYER

Name of the Officer.

Designation

Office / Department / Branch

State Bank of India.

For BIDDER

Chief Executive Officer/

Authorised Signatory

Designation

Witness

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

**FORMAT FOR EMD BANK GUARANTEE**

To:  
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**EMD BANK GUARANTEE FOR  
NAME OF SERVICES TO STATE BANK OF INDIA TO MEET SUCH  
REQUIREMENT AND PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES AS ARE SET OUT IN THE  
RFP NO. SBI/GITC/Platform Engineering-II/2021/2022/788 dated 12/08/2021**

WHEREAS State Bank of India (SBI), having its Corporate Office at Nariman Point, Mumbai, and Regional offices at other State capital cities in India has invited Request to provide \_\_\_\_\_(name of Service) as are set out in the Request for Proposal SBI/GITC/Platform Engineering-II/2021/2022/788 dated 12/08/2021.

2. It is one of the terms of said Request for Proposal that the Bidder shall furnish a Bank Guarantee for a sum of Rs.\_\_\_\_\_/-(Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ only) as Earnest Money Deposit.

3. M/s. \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter called as Bidder, who are our constituents intends to submit their Bid for the said work and have requested us to furnish guarantee in respect of the said sum of Rs.\_\_\_\_\_/-(Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ only)

4. NOW THIS GUARANTEE WITNESSETH THAT

We \_\_\_\_\_ (Bank) do hereby agree with and undertake to the State Bank of India, their Successors, assigns that in the event of the SBI coming to the conclusion that the Bidder has not performed their obligations under the said conditions of the RFP or have committed a breach thereof, which conclusion shall be binding on us as well as the said Bidder, we shall on demand by the SBI, pay without demur to the SBI, a sum of Rs.\_\_\_\_\_/-(Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ Only) that may be demanded by SBI. Our guarantee shall be treated as equivalent to the Earnest Money Deposit for the due performance of the obligations of the Bidder under the said conditions, provided, however, that our liability against such sum shall not exceed the sum of Rs.\_\_\_\_\_/-(Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ Only).

5. We also agree to undertake to and confirm that the sum not exceeding Rs.\_\_\_\_\_/-(Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ Only) as aforesaid shall be paid by us without any demur or protest, merely on demand from the SBI on receipt of a notice in writing stating the amount is due to them and we shall not ask for any further proof or evidence and the notice from the SBI shall be conclusive and binding on us and shall not be questioned by us in any respect or manner whatsoever. We undertake to pay the amount claimed by the SBI, without protest or demur or without reference to Bidder and notwithstanding any contestation or existence of any dispute whatsoever between Bidder and SBI, pay SBI



forthwith from the date of receipt of the notice as aforesaid. We confirm that our obligation to the SBI under this guarantee shall be independent of the agreement or agreements or other understandings between the SBI and the Bidder. This guarantee shall not be revoked by us without prior consent in writing of the SBI.

6. We hereby further agree that –

- a) Any forbearance or commission on the part of the SBI in enforcing the conditions of the said agreement or in compliance with any of the terms and conditions stipulated in the said Bid and/or hereunder or granting of any time or showing of any indulgence by the SBI to the Bidder or any other matter in connection therewith shall not discharge us in any way our obligation under this guarantee. This guarantee shall be discharged only by the performance of the Bidder of their obligations and in the event of their failure to do so, by payment by us of the sum not exceeding Rs. \_\_\_\_\_/- (Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ Only)
- b) Our liability under these presents shall not exceed the sum of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_/- (Rupees \_\_\_\_\_ Only)
- c) Our liability under this agreement shall not be affected by any infirmity or irregularity on the part of our said constituents in tendering for the said work or their obligations there under or by dissolution or change in the constitution of our said constituents.
- d) This guarantee shall remain in force upto 180 days provided that if so desired by the SBI, this guarantee shall be renewed for a further period as may be indicated by them on the same terms and conditions as contained herein.
- e) Our liability under this presents will terminate unless these presents are renewed as provided herein upto 180 days or on the day when our said constituents comply with their obligations, as to which a certificate in writing by the SBI alone is the conclusive proof, whichever date is earlier.
- f) Unless a claim or suit or action is filed against us on or before \_\_\_\_ (date to be filled by BG issuing bank), all the rights of the SBI against us under this guarantee shall be forfeited and we shall be released and discharged from all our obligations and liabilities hereunder.
- g) This guarantee shall be governed by Indian Laws and the Courts in Mumbai, India alone shall have the jurisdiction to try & entertain any dispute arising out of this guarantee.

Notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove:

- (a) Our liability under this Bank Guarantee shall not exceed Rs. ....../- (Rupees .....only)
- (b) This Bank Guarantee shall be valid upto .....

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(c) We are liable to pay the guaranteed amount or any part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only and only if you serve upon us a written claim or demand on or before .....

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of

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Authorized official of the bank

(Note: This guarantee will require stamp duty as applicable in the State where it is executed and shall be signed by the official(s) whose signature and authority shall be verified)

# Data Processing Agreement (Data Controller – Data Processor)

VERSION NO. ##

Note: The agreement is based on gdpr.eu which is Project REP-791727-1 of the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme of the European Union.

This Data Processing Agreement ("**Agreement**") forms part of the \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Principal Agreement**") between: (i) \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Data Processor**" or "**Supplier**") acting on its own behalf and as agent for each Supplier Affiliate; and (ii) State Bank of India ("**Company**") acting on its own behalf and as agent for each Company Affiliate.

## 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 The following definitions shall apply in this Agreement, unless the context requires otherwise:

"**Controller**" has the meaning given to "data controller" in the UK Data Protection Act 1998 and "controller" in the General Data Protection Regulation (as applicable);

"**Client**" means a client of State Bank of India;

"**Data Protection Legislation**" means as applicable, the UK Data Protection Act 1998, Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and any laws or regulations implementing it, the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation) and any equivalent or replacement law in the UK and any other data protection and privacy laws applicable to the Services;

"**Data subject**" has the meaning given to it in the Data Protection Legislation;

"**Subprocessor**" means any person appointed by or on behalf of Processor to process Personal Data on behalf of the Company in connection with the Agreement;

"**Personal Data**" has the meaning given to it in the Data Protection Legislation and relates only to personal data processed by the Supplier on behalf of State Bank of India under the Agreement in relation to the Services;

"**Personal data breach**" has the meaning given to it in the Data Protection Legislation;

"**Personnel**" means the personnel of the Supplier, Subcontractors and Sub processors who provide the applicable Services;

"**Processing**" has the meaning given to it in the Data Protection Legislation;

"**Processor**" has the meaning given to "data processor" in the Data Protection Act 1998 and "processor" in the General Data Protection Regulation (as applicable);

"**Services**" means the services to be performed by the Supplier described in the Principal Agreement;

"**Supervisory authority**" has the meaning given to it in the Data Protection Legislation; and

"**Third country**" has the meaning given to it in the Data Protection Legislation.

## **2. PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA**

- 2.1 In the course of providing Services to State Bank of India, the Supplier may process Personal Data on behalf of State Bank of India;
- 2.2 Comply with applicable Data Protection Legislations; and
- 2.3 Do not process Personal Data other than on Company's documented instructions.

## **3. SUPPLIER OBLIGATIONS**

### **PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING**

- 3.1 Supplier shall take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability of any employee, agent or contractor who may have access to the Personal Data, ensuring in each case that access is strictly limited to those individuals who need to know/access the relevant Personal Data, as strictly necessary for the purposes of the Principal Agreement, and to comply with Applicable Laws in the context of that individual's duties, ensuring that all such individuals are subject to confidentiality undertakings or professional or statutory obligations of confidentiality.
- 3.2 The Supplier shall process Personal Data only on the documented instructions from State Bank of India from time to time. Where State Bank of India is a processor on behalf of a Client and the Supplier is State Bank of India's sub processor, State Bank of India's instructions to the Supplier shall include any additional instructions from the Client from time to time. State Bank of India shall notify the Supplier of any amendments to existing instructions or additional instructions from a Client in relation to the processing of Personal Data in writing and Supplier shall promptly comply with such instructions.
- 3.3 Notwithstanding clause 3.1, the Supplier (and its Personnel) may process the Personal Data if it is required to do so by European Union law, Member State law or to satisfy any other legal obligations to which it is subject. In such circumstance, the Supplier shall notify State Bank of India of that requirement before it processes the Personal Data, unless the applicable law prohibits it from doing so.
- 3.4 The Supplier shall immediately notify State Bank of India if, in Supplier's opinion, State Bank of India's documented data processing instructions breach the Data Protection Legislation. If and to the extent the Supplier is unable to comply with any instruction received from State Bank of India, it shall promptly notify State Bank of India accordingly.
- 3.5 The purpose of the Supplier processing Personal Data is the performance of the Services pursuant to the Principal Agreement.

### **SECURITY MEASURES**

- 3.6 The Supplier shall use appropriate technical and organizational measures to prevent the unauthorized or unlawful processing of Personal Data and protect against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, any Personal Data during processing activities. It shall implement and maintain the security safeguards and standards

based on the IS policy of State Bank of India as updated and notified to the Supplier by State Bank of India from time to time. The Supplier will not decrease the overall level of security safeguards and standards during the term of this Agreement without State Bank of India's prior consent.

#### **PERSONAL DATA BREACH**

- 3.7 Supplier shall notify State Bank of India without undue delay upon becoming aware of a Personal Data Breach, providing sufficient information to allow the Company to meet any obligations to report or inform Data Subjects (SBI NRI customers) of the Personal Data Breach under the Data Protection Laws.
- 3.8 Supplier shall co-operate with State Bank of India and take reasonable steps as are directed by the Company to assist in the investigation, mitigation and remediation of each such Personal Data Breach.

#### **DATA TRANSFERS**

- 3.9 The Supplier shall not transfer any Personal Data outside the India, European Union, the European Economic Area, or the UK (to the extent that the UK is no longer in the European Union or the European Economic Area), to a third country or to an international organisation without the prior written consent of State Bank of India.
- 3.10 Adequate safeguards in the form of but not limited to, EU approved Standard Contractual Clauses, EU-US Privacy Shield must be adopted.

#### **RECORDS**

- 3.11 The Supplier shall maintain written records of its data processing activities pursuant to providing the Services to State Bank of India in accordance with Data Protection Legislation.

#### **SUB PROCESSORS**

- 3.12 The Supplier shall not use any Subcontractors or Sub processors without prior written authorization from State Bank of India. The Supplier shall provide State Bank of India with [no less than [xx days'] prior written (including email) notice before engaging a new Sub processor thereby giving State Bank of India an opportunity to object to such changes. If State Bank of India wishes to object to such new Sub processor, then State Bank of India may terminate the relevant Services without penalty by providing written notice of termination which includes an explanation of the reasons for such objection.
- 3.13 The Supplier shall include in any contract with its Sub processors who will process Personal Data on State Bank of India's behalf, obligations on such Sub processors which are no less onerous than those obligations imposed upon the Supplier in this Agreement relating to Personal Data. The Supplier shall be liable for the acts and omissions of its Sub processors to the same extent to which the Supplier would be liable if performing the services of each Sub processor directly under the terms of this Agreement.

### **DATA SUBJECT RIGHTS**

- 3.14 Data subjects (SBI NRI customers) whose Personal Data is processed pursuant to this Agreement have the right to request access to and the correction, deletion or blocking of such Personal Data under Data Protection Legislation. Such requests shall be addressed to and be considered by State Bank of India or its Client depending on who is the controller responsible for ensuring such requests are handled in accordance with Data Protection Legislation. The Supplier will implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to assist State Bank of India (as appropriate) in complying with their obligations relating to data subject requests.

### **DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PRIOR CONSULTATION**

- 3.15 The Supplier shall provide reasonable assistance to State Bank of India or its Client, depending on who is the controller with any data protection impact assessments and prior consultations with Supervising Authorities or other competent data privacy authorities, in each case solely in relation to Processing of Personal Data by, and taking into account the nature of the Processing and information available to, the Processors.

### **AGREEMENT TERMINATION**

- 3.16 Upon expiry or termination of this Agreement or the Services for any reason or State Bank of India's earlier request, the Supplier shall: (i) return to State Bank of India; and (ii) delete from all computer systems and other data storage systems, all Personal Data, provided that the Supplier shall not be required to return or delete all or part of the Personal Data that it is legally permitted to retain. The Supplier shall confirm to State Bank of India that it has complied with its obligation to delete Personal Data under this clause.

### **AUDIT**

- 3.17 The Supplier shall make available to State Bank of India and any supervisory authority or their representatives the information necessary to demonstrate its compliance with this Agreement and allow for and contribute to audits and inspections by allowing State Bank of India, its Client, a supervisory authority or their representatives to conduct an audit or inspection of that part of the Supplier's business which is relevant to the Services [on at least an annual basis (or more frequently when mandated by a relevant supervisory authority or to comply with the Data Protection Legislation) and] on reasonable notice.

### **NOTIFY**

- 3.18 The Supplier shall immediately and fully notify State Bank of India in writing of any communications the Supplier (or any of its Sub processors) receives from third parties in connection with the processing of the Personal Data, including (without limitation) subject access requests or other requests, notices or other communications from individuals, or their representatives, or from the European Data Protection Board, the UK's Information Commissioner's Office (in the case of the United Kingdom) and/or

any other supervisory authority or data protection authority or any other regulator (including a financial regulator) or court.

**4. STATE BANK OF INDIA’S OBLIGATIONS**

State Bank of India shall:

- 4.1 in its use of the Services, process the Personal Data in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Legislation.
- 4.2 use its reasonable endeavors to promptly notify the Supplier if it becomes aware of any breaches or of other irregularities with the requirements of the Data Protection Legislation in respect of the Personal Data processed by the Supplier.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is entered into and becomes a binding part of the Principal Agreement with effect from the date first set out below.

**State Bank of India**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**[Supplier]**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_