



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
FOR
Selection of Application Service Provider (ASP) for General
Ledger/Accounting Solution

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1. Introduction

The North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi) is a Public Limited Company registered under the Companies Act 1956 on 9th August 1995 having its Registered office at "NEDFi House", G.S. Road, Dispur, Guwahati, Assam-781006 with branches at all the State Capitals of North Eastern Region of India. It is notified as a Public Financial Institution under Section 4A of the said Act and registered as an NBFC with RBI. The shareholders of the Corporation are IDBI, SBI, LIC, SIDBI, ICICI, IFCI, SUUTI, GIC and its subsidiaries. The management of NEDFi is entrusted upon its Board of Directors comprising representatives from shareholder institutions, Ministry of DoNER, State Governments and eminent persons from the NE Region and outside having wide experience in industry, economics, finance, and management.

2. Background

NEDFi provides financial assistance to micro, small, medium and large enterprises for setting up industrial, infrastructure and agri-allied projects in the North Eastern Region of India and also Microfinance through MFI/NGOs.

NEDFi wishes to carry out digital transformation of its lending operations by implementing Loan Origination System(LOS), Loan management System (LMS), Loan Collections System (LCS) along with Mobile Apps for BC/DSA and customers. **Along with the changes in lending software suite, NEDFi also intends to implement a modern, up-to-date and industry standard General Ledger/Accounting software solution which is intended to be integrated with LMS solution.**

Presently, NEDFi has 21 Branches and 12 Representative Offices and 4 Business Correspondent (BC)s across North East India. An in-house developed Loan Management and Finance & Accounting Management system software is being used for lending operation. This is a centralized application hosted at NEDFi Head Office. The Branches connect the application through SSL VPN (client software is installed at their respective devices). NEDFi is having DR site at Noida (Web Works India Pvt. Ltd.) and AWS.

The detailed scope is defined in Section 8 of this document. Eligible bidders are invited to submit their proposals as per the details given in this Request for Proposal (RFP) document.

3. Request for Proposal (RFP)

This RFP seeks to select a vendor who has the capability and exposure in the field of implementing and managing a modern, up-to-date and industry standard General Ledger/Accounting software solution in Application Service Provider (ASP) model on operating expenditure (opex) mode.

NEDFi is inviting proposals from prospective bidders through the process of Open Tendering to participate in the competitive bidding process for Selection of a vendor for implementation of an industry standard General Ledger/Accounting software solution in (ASP) model on operating expense(opex) mode.

The RFP document may be downloaded from the Corporation's website www.nedfi.com. The Corporation reserves the right to change the requirements. Any such changes will be posted on the Corporation's website. The bidder is required to regularly visit the website to keep track of the amendments in the RFP document.

The RFP document is not a recommendation, offer or invitation to enter into a contract, agreement or any other arrangement in respect of the services. The provision of the services is subject to observance of selection process and appropriate documentation being agreed between the Corporation and any successful bidder as identified by the Corporation after completion of the **selection process as detailed in**

Section 10.

Bidders may study the bid document carefully and in its entirety. Submission of bids shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the bid document and with full understanding of its implications. Bidders must ensure, prior to submission of bids, that such clarifications/ changes have been considered by them. NEDFi shall not be liable for any omissions on the part of any bidder. The terms and conditions of the RFP encompass all the terms and conditions mentioned in this document. The contents of this document are listed in the Table of Contents.

Bid related details are as mentioned below:

PARTICULARS	DETAILS
RFP Reference Number	RFP No.: NEDFi/RFP/IT/02/2025 Date: 19/08/2025
Fee for RFP document (non-refundable) by Demand Draft/ Banker Cheque/NEFT only	INR 5,000/- + INR 900/- (GST) = INR 5,900/- (Rupees Five Thousand Nine Hundred Only)
Earnest Money Deposit by Demand Draft/ Banker Cheque/RTGS	INR 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lacs Only)
Bank Details for NEFT/RTGS	Account Name: North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi) Bank & Branch: IDBI Bank Ltd. G.S. Road Branch Bank Account No: 136103000000019 IFSC Code: IBKL0000136
Last date of submitting pre bid queries	26/08/2025, up to 17:00 hours Email ID- it@nedfi.com
Date, Time, and Venue for Pre-bid Meeting	29/08/2025, 11:00 hours NEDFi House, G.S. Road, Dispur, Guwahati, Assam-781006
Last Date, Time, and Place for receipts of Bids	09/09/2025, up to 15:00 hours NEDFi House, G.S. Road, Dispur, Guwahati, Assam-781006
Date and Time of Eligibility cum Technical Bid opening	09/09/2025, 16:30 hours At the place of submission of Bids
Date and Time of Commercial Bid opening	Will be advised to the technically qualified bidders.
Address for Communication	The General Manager (IT), North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd NEDFi House, G.S. Road, Dispur Guwahati, Assam-781006
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The above dates are likely to remain unchanged. However, Bidders should check website <https://www.nedfi.com> for any changes/addendums to the above dates and/or any other changes to this RFP. Bidders to confirm with NEDFi the time & venue one day prior to any of the above scheduled event.

The bidder is required to submit the Tender Fees worth INR 5,900/- (Rupees Five Thousand Nine Hundred Only) vide Demand Draft/ Banker Cheque/NEFT on or before the Pre bid Meeting as mentioned above. Only those bidders who have submitted the tender fees will be allowed to participate in the pre bid meeting and allowed to raise the queries.

Eligibility cum Technical bid will be opened, in the presence of the vendor's representatives who choose to attend the opening of technical bid. No separate communication shall be sent in this regard. If vendor representatives could not attend the bid opening, the decision of tender committee in the presence of other vendors' representative will be final and binding to the bidder.

All bids must be submitted at the same time giving full particulars in separate sealed envelopes at NEDFi's address within the time specified above.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid security as specified in the RFP and must be delivered during office hours at the above address on or before the specified date and time indicated above.

No further discussion/interface will be granted to bidders whose bids have been technically disqualified.

Non-attendance at the Bid opening shall not be a cause for disqualification of a bidder.

NEDFi reserves the right to accept or reject in part or full any or all offers without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

4. Additional Information

4.1 Organization Details

Organization Name	North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi)
Application Details	Presently, an in-house developed Comprehensive Loan Management and Finance & Accounting Management system software is being used for lending operations along with General Accounting, Document Tracking, Legal operation etc. This is a centralized application hosted at NEDFi Head Office. The Branches connect the application through SSL VPN (client software are installed at their respective devices).
Any digital platform available	No
DC and DR Details	DC is on premise. DR site is in Co-location
Connectivity between DC and DR	DC and DR are connected through IP Sec VPN-Tunnel with bandwidth of 100 Mbps with monthly 5 TB data-limit.
Total Number of Branches	Presently, NEDFi has Total 22 Branches (21 Branches + HO) • Assam State – HO + 6 Branches • Arunachal State – 2 Branches • Manipur State – 2 Branches • Meghalaya State – 1 Branch • Mizoram State – 3 Branches • Nagaland State – 2 Branches • Sikkim State – 2 Branches • Tripura State – 3 Branches
Total Number of Users	Presently approx. 120 users are using the present Loan Management application, Document Tracking System, Legal and 30 users are using Finance & Accounting Management System
BC / RO Details	4 Business Correspondents and 12 Representative offices across North East India

4.2 Organization Structure

The management of NEDFi is entrusted upon its Board of Directors comprising representatives from shareholder institutions, Ministry of DoNER, North Eastern Council, State Governments and eminent person(s) from the NE Region and outside having wide experience in industry, economics, finance and management.

4.3 Business Projection & Software User Details

The loan outstanding of the corporation as on 31st March 2025 is INR 2020 Crore and it is expected to increase with a tentative average YoY growth rate of 10%

The software is estimated to have following users

- Branch Users – 50 Nos of users from branches will be involved in entering petty expense, bill payment, report generation etc.
- Admin/HR/IT Department Users – 10 users for making purchase orders, purchase invoices, sales orders, sales invoices.
- Accounts Department Users – 15 users for journal entry and approval, Fixed Asset, Vendor Payment, Bulk Upload (Salary, Rent etc.), Bank Reconciliation, GST, TDS, Budget
- Admin User – 3 nos. of users with Full access of the application.

5. Eligibility Criteria

Sr. No.	Eligibility Criteria	Supporting Documents
A. GENERAL		
1	The bidder should be the OEM of General Ledger/Accounting Solution or its authorized partner or system integrator and must be a Public Ltd. Company/Private Ltd. Company / LLP / Partnership Firm / Government Organization / PSU and operating in India for at least 3 years as on date of the RFP.	Certificate of Incorporation and other Documentary evidence to be attached. If the bidder is OEM of general accounting software, then the Bidder have to submit IPR or relevant documentation regarding the OEM of the software. If the bidder is not the OEM of General Ledger/Accounting software then it has to submit the MAF from OEM of general accounting software.
2	The bidder should have ISO 27001 certification.	Copy of the relevant certificates or Assessment certificate from Auditing agency.
3	The Bidder should not have been blacklisted/barred/disqualified by any Bank/NBFC/Financial Institution / PSU / GOI department as on date of submission of Bid	Self-declaration by competent authority of the bidder on Bidder's letterhead
4	The product or product version quoted by the bidder must not be declared End of Life or nearing End of Life within the next 1.5 years	Copy of the relevant certificate has to be submitted

B. FINANCIAL

1	The bidder shall have minimum average annual turnover of Rs. 10 Crore from the IT business only, for the last three financial years (i.e., 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25). This must be the individual company turnover and not of any group of companies.	Audited financial statement signed by statutory auditor or duly certified by chartered accountant consisting of balance sheet and profit and loss account statement for the last three financial years must be submitted i.e., 2022- 23, 2023-24, 2024-25. In case of 2024-25, provisional financial statement signed by statutory auditor or duly certified by chartered accountant will also be accepted.
2	The bidder should have positive net worth in the last three (03) financial (i.e., 2022- 23, 2023-24 and 2024-25). This must be the individual company net worth and not of any group of companies.	Audited financial statement signed by statutory auditor of balance sheet and profit and loss account statement for the last three financial years must be submitted i.e. 2022- 23, 2023-24, 2024-25. In the case of 2024-25, provisional financial statements signed by statutory auditor or duly certified by chartered accountant will also be accepted. The Net worth amount to be certified by Statutory Auditor along with the audited financial statement.
3	The bidder should be a Profit-making company for last three (03) financial years (i.e., 2022- 23, 2023-24 and 2024-25). This must be the individual company profit and not of any group of companies	Audited financial statement signed by statutory auditor of balance sheet and profit and loss account statement for the last three financial years must be submitted i.e. 2022- 23, 2023-24 and 2024-25. In the case of 2024-25 provisional financial statement signed by statutory auditor or duly certified by chartered accountant will also be accepted. The Profit amounts to be certified by Statutory Auditor along with the audited financial statement.

C. EXPERIENCE & SERVICE CAPABILITY

1	The bidder should have prior experience of Implementation / management of General Ledger/Accounting Solution in at least two (2) Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) or banks (excluding Co-operative Bank).	Credentials from clients, i.e. Purchase Order/ Contract Agreement supported with a satisfaction letter from the client have to be submitted. The credentials should be of the last five financial years. Project which is active will only be considered and Projects still under implementation will not be considered as credential.
2	The bidder must have prior experience in the implementation/management of General Accounting Software Solution along with successful integration with own/third party LMS/CBS in at least two (2) Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) or banks (excluding co-operative banks) in India	Credentials from in form of Purchase Orders/ Contract Agreement etc. supported with a satisfaction letter has to be submitted. The credentials should be of the last five financial years. Project which is active will only be considered and Projects still under implementation will not be considered as credential.

3	The bidder should have implemented the proposed General Accounting Software Solution with multiple bank API Integration for Payout, reconciliation and receiving Payments	Credentials from in form of Purchase Orders/ Contract Agreement etc. supported with a satisfaction letter has to be submitted.
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Note 1: In case the Bidder is a 100% subsidiary/entity formed from parent company by way of re-organization/separation of business/ in case of business transfer where Bidder(s) has acquired a Business from an entity ("Seller"), bidder(s) can utilize the experience and credential of the parent company/Seller to the acquired business for the purpose of meeting the eligibility criteria of this RFP, provided sufficient documentary proof of re-organization/ separation/ business transfer is produced.

Note 2: Credentials for proposed General Accounting Software Solution from Co-operative banks will not be considered in eligibility evaluation criteria.

Note 3: If the bidder is the authorized partner of OEM, then the OEM will not be eligible to participate in the tender process. Or if the bidder is the OEM of the solution, then its authorized partner will not be eligible to participate in the tender process.

Note 4: If any of the above eligibility criteria is not fulfilled, the bid will be treated as null and void and shall not be considered.

6. Project Details - Envisioned General Accounting Practice

NEDFi wishes to select a vendor who has the capability and exposure in the field of implementing and managing a modern, up-to-date and industry standard General Ledger/Accounting Software Solution in Application Service Provider (ASP)/SaaS model.

The envisioned software is expected to fulfill following minimum requirements

- Chart of Accounts
- Journal Vouchers
- Bank and Cash Management
- Integration with Loan Management System
- Vendor Management
- Sales and Purchase Invoice Management
- Fixed Asset Management
- GST, TDS and Income Tax Management with API integration.
- Budget
- Investment
- Bank Reconciliation
- Bank Integration
- Trial Balance
- Ledger Report
- Cash Report, Bank Report
- P&L and Balance Sheet
- Reports on Statutory & Regulatory Compliances.
- Audit Trail, etc.

7. Scope of Work

The scope of work is described below, and the bidder should go through all the requirements in detail. The bidder should propose a complete solution which considers all General Accounting related requirements of NEDFi. NEDFi reserves the right to change the scope of RFP considering NEDFi's requirements.

Sr. No.	Components	Purchase Model for NEDFi
1	Modern, up-to-date and industry standard General Ledger/Accounting Software Solution in Application Service Provider (ASP) model on opex mode.	Operating Expenditure
2	Application & Technical Support including information security, SOC integration etc.	Operating Expenditure
3	Implementation, customization & API integration (LMS, Banking API etc.)	Onetime Expenditure
4	Data Migration From existing GL including transactional data.	Onetime Expenditure
5	Training & Handholding	Onetime Expenditure

6	Network	NEDFi will itself maintain and manage the internet link at HO and Branches. However, DC & DR links shall be provided and managed by the bidder. NEDFi will connect to the DC/DR using IPSec and SSL VPN from Head Office and Branches Respectively.
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Note: Operating expenditure refers to a model wherein the expense will be leased over a definitive time and staggered. For all Operating expenditure items, NEDFi will sign any leasing agreements if required only with the bidder and the bidder needs to factor legal and operational implications and costs pertaining to this in this bid itself.

8. Detailed Scope of Work

This RFP seeks to select a vendor who has the capability and exposure in the field of implementing and managing a modern, up-to-date and industry standard General Ledger/Accounting software solution in Application Service Provider (ASP) model on operating expense mode.

The implementation services including, customization, configuration, parametrization, current state assessment, Business Requirement Description, User Acceptance Testing (UAT), Testing, installation, production roll out, Go Live and Implementation across all branch/HO locations shall be done by the selected vendor for the proposed solutions. The broad overview of the overall implementation model and it's different components mentioned in the RFP which includes but not limited to:

8.1 Scope of Work

i. The scope of the project is explained below:

- Requirement gathering and analysis with the respective departments/teams of NEDFi
- Prepare a Gap Statement which is mutually agreed upon.
- Prepare SRS/FSD/BRD document.
- Prepare project implementation Schedule.
- Quality Assurance Plan.
- Requirements Management process.
- Change Management process.
- Release Management process.
- Quality control /Testing Plan.
- Training.
- User manual and Technical Documentation.
- Documentation Management process.
- Progress Reporting (Format, content & frequency to be mutually agreed between NEDFi -Vendor) and distribution process.
- Project Communication plan.

ii. Implementing and managing a modern, up-to-date and industry standard General Ledger/Accounting software solution in Application Service Provider (ASP) model on operating expense mode fulfilling various requirements as described in **Annexure 14- Functional & Technical Requirements**.

- iii. Provide APIs for integration with various External Systems for Lending operation, KYC, Banking API, GST, TDS, Penny Drop, Bank Reconciliation etc.
- iv. Provide Ancillary Services like documentation and reporting toolkit. The report design/building access also needs to be given to NEDFi team.
- v. Business Requirement Document (BRD) – This includes Technical & Functional manuals for proposed software solution.
 - Solution Architecture Overview with technical stack details, Logical & Physical Data Base Design, System Interfaces design, Development Tools, APIs etc.
 - System configuration / set up parameters documentation
 - System Administration Manual
 - Module-wise user and administrator's manual on latest version of the software
 - Documentation for Master data set up, rating grades mapping, product types mapping, product configuration etc.
 - New/existing Model configuration, Facilities grading system configuration documentation
 - Data migration documentation.
 - Details of methodology for validation, parameters, data processing, formulas, algorithms, statistical models.
 - Test cases for User Acceptance Testing (UAT).
 - Customization details along with full process flow.
 - System Performance Benchmarks (response times, etc.).
 - Any changes due to "Non-Compliance" observed during UAT must be incorporated in base documents.
 - Reference material shall be provided before Training and User Acceptance Testing.
 - Critical/ sensitive data including PII data or account numbers shall be masked or encrypted.
 - In case CSP's keys are being used for encryption of NEDFi's data, such keys should be unique and not shared by other users of the cloud service.

8.2 Recommendation on Infrastructure part

- I. The proposed DC and DR hosting infrastructure (public/private cloud) should be of Tier-III (or higher) compliant or MeitY (Meghraj-GI cloud) empaneled, and it should be in India. The details are to be submitted with technical response.
- II. The bidder's proposed DC and DR should have ISO 27001 certifications for the proposed facilities. The certificates should be submitted with technical response.
- III. The bidder shall ensure that the solution provided, and hardware sized by the bidder is capable of meeting NEDFi's current and future transactions and business volumes.
- IV. The proposed DC and DR should be in different seismic zones.
- V. The proposed DC & DR should comply with all security standards defined by RBI, GOI and all statutory /semi-statutory authorities from time to time.
- VI. The proposed solution should have the ability to integrate with MS Azure AD for enabling Single Sign-On (SSO) facility.
- VII. SSL VPN facility offered by the bidder shall also work with MS Azure AD for enabling SSO login for

Branch/Remote Access.

- VIII. There should be a facility for SSL VPN user provisioning for Branch/Remote Access.
- IX. Software offered for NEDFi, must be hosted in Indian Territory only. The proposed DC and DR or Near DR should be in India and no data should be stored outside India.
- X. Bidder to size Bandwidth requirement, Directory Layout, Storage Size, Kernel Parameters, Database parameters, OS Hardening etc. as per statutory/regulatory guideline and industry best practice to meet NEDFi's requirements.
- XI. Bidder to size the adequate infrastructure requirement for better performance of the application at user level/transaction level.
- XII. Software offered is required to be on Opex Model where software as well as infrastructure shall be hosted and managed by the ASP.
- XIII. Beta versions of any software will not be accepted.
- XIV. The bidder should conduct successful DR drills and submit the detailed DR drill report to NEDFi within 7 days of completion of DR drill on quarterly basis or as per RBI guideline.
- XV. Bidder is required to supply, implement & maintain the links at DC & DR during the project tenure to ensure smooth and uninterrupted access from NEDFi HO and branches with proposed RPO of 15 minutes and RTO of 60 minutes. Bidder is also required to suggest the bandwidth requirement at NEDFi HO/branches.
- XVI. The bidder should ensure the required SLAs are being monitored & maintained for the Data Centre.
- XVII. There should be end-to-end encryption over the WAN network between Data Centre/DR, Branches & HO.
- XVIII. Preventive Maintenance should be carried outside business hours at frequent intervals but should not be less than once in a quarter.
- XIX. Bidders are requested to submit all the technical details as per point no. 8.2 related to DC & DR with technical response.
- XX. Bidder has to ensure real-time Synchronization of Data between DC & DR.
- XXI. Bidder to ensure that the infrastructure service provider / Cloud Management Team should not have access to any application data of the NEDFi.
- XXII. Remote access by administrators and privileged users to the cloud environment over the Internet, shall not be permitted without end-to-end encryption (VPN).
- XXIII. Bidder must submit complete technical architecture which covers proposed solutions. Technical Architecture should specify -
 - a. Data Architecture
 - b. Application Architecture
 - c. Infrastructure architecture for DC & DR (including Hardware/Network & Security)
 - d. Technology Stack
- XXIV. Bidder has to ensure PAM solution for critical servers to be used for the proposed solution.
- XXV. The bidder shall ensure that Production and UAT environment assigned to NEDFi is not shared with any other tenant/client.
- XXVI. The bidder shall ensure logical separation of NEDFi's data from other clients.
- XXVII. The bidder must ensure ISO 27001/SOC2, or equivalent certifications for cloud infrastructure.

8.3 Information/Cyber Security Requirement

- i. The proposed solution should have mechanism including but not limited to Firewall, IPS, Web Application Firewall, Antivirus, Network segmentation etc. for protecting, detecting, responding and recovering itself from cyber and information security threat(s) including but not limited to Virus, Malware, Trojans, Ransomware, Rootkit, phishing, hacking, zero day attack etc. to maintain the defined RTO, RPO and SLA.
- ii. Though NEDFi is the owner of data, the bidder shall be responsible for data protection, privacy, integrity, availability and confidentiality.
- iii. Bidder should manage and maintain SIEM tool for monitoring and analyzing the Cyber/ Information Security incidents of the proposed solution and same shall be also accessible to NEDFi for monitoring. The services for SIEM should be provided without any additional cost. Bidder shall also perform incident response and reporting procedure.
- iv. The entire setup including processes adopted for proposed applications by Bidder would be reviewed from Information Security angle like Vulnerability Assessment & Penetration Testing (VAPT), Forensic, Application Security Review, Code Review, Network Security Review, BCP, compliance with NEDFi specific IT & IS policies, Statutory and Regulatory / Semi-regulatory mandates, etc.
- v. The selected bidder should conduct first VAPT audit by CERT-IN empaneled VAPT Auditor before go-live of proposed software and submit the VAPT report to NEDFi after fixing all the findings. NEDFi will be responsible for periodical VAPT audit during the project tenure with the external auditors. The selected bidder will be responsible for mitigating all the identified non-compliant points of VAPT audit within 72 hours.
- vi. The bidder must follow OWASP Top 10 and CERT-In's Secure Coding Practices.
- vii. APIs must be secured with OAuth 2.0/OpenID Connect and rate limiting to prevent abuse.

8.4 Implementation and Customization

- i. Bidder should deploy and maintain required onsite resources for detailed system study, requirement gathering, UAT, training, go-live etc. till the stabilization period is over.
- ii. Installation & configuration of various components and functionalities of proposed applications.
- iii. The solution to be provisioned in high Availability mode in DC & in DR.
- iv. Customization in proposed applications is as per the required functionality mentioned in RFP, pre-deployment study and gap analysis, BRD/SRS/FSD. All the required customization to be done post go- live and up-to next six months without any additional cost to NEDFi.
- v. Any changes required for compliance with NEDFi's policies suggested by Regulatory authorities/semi-regulatory authorities (RBI, CAG Auditor. or NEDFi's Internal Auditor or any Third-Party Auditor shall be implemented without any additional cost to NEDFi during the project tenure.
- vi. Integration with External Systems such as Loan Management System, HR & Payroll Management System, Banking API, KYC API, Bank Reconciliation etc.
- vii. Support for UAT including preparation of test cases.
- viii. Training and handholding to business and IT users.
- ix. Provide support for Go Live. The bidder is required to deploy minimum one resource post GO-Live at NEDFi HO to provide additional support to NEDFi till the stabilization of the project without any additional cost to NEDFi.

- x. Bidder should provide one full-time onsite/remote resource (L2) at NEDFi HO during office hours (General Shift) for the entire project tenure. The resource shall be having minimum educational qualification of BE/B Tech/MCA/MSc.(IT/CS) minimum 5 Years of experience in similar role and projects. The bidders should provide the details of the resource in the format given in Annexure 16. NEDFi will interview the resource before allowing him/her to work at NEDFi, if required.
- xi. Hand-over as per the agreed project plan(s).
- xii. Provide Implementation, Parameterization and Customization Services along with Migration of existing Data.
- xiii. Perform Stress Testing and Performance Tuning on proposed applications & database and necessary steps shall be taken to address the bottlenecks.
- xiv. Support, Management, Maintenance & modification of the solution during the entire contract period with NEDFi
- xv. Documentation and knowledge bank.
- xvi. Vendor should provide a dedicated project manager who should continue till Go-Live and any change will require prior approval from NEDFi.

8.5 Integration with External Source Systems

The proposed applications shall support integration with various External Systems through APIs / straight through processing (STP) / upload functionality. NEDFi will require integration in a phase wise manner depending on the need within the project tenure. The APIs mentioned below should be delivered with proposed software solution. The proposed external Systems are listed below and NEDFi expects the below mentioned API integrations are readily available with the proposed products from day-1:

- I. Loan Management System. (NEDFi is in the process of implementing a Loan Management System (LMS) simultaneously. Bidder has to work hand-in-hand with LMS vendor for smooth integration with the LMS)
- II. 3rd Party KYC, Penny Drop etc.
- III. SMS, Email, WhatsApp
- IV. BRS (Solution to be provided by the Bidder)
- V. Partner Banks (upto 4, initially with YES Bank and ICICI Bank) with API Banking/CMS

The above lists are not exhaustive. If there is a change in requirements for digitisation process of the General accounting operation without impacting the overall proposed solution, then it will be identified and designed during BRD/FSD preparation stages and the same shall be implemented during implementation stage.

8.6 Functional Requirements

- i. Functional requirements will not be less than listed in **Annexure 14**. The requirements are illustrative but not exhaustive. NEDFi may change its requirement at any point of time. It is the responsibility of the successful bidder to resolve any deficiency identified in the performance of the proposed applications, as observed during the acceptance test. This includes replacement of some or all equipment or upgradation & tuning of underlying infrastructure at no additional cost to NEDFi, to ensure that the proposed applications meet the requirements of NEDFi as envisaged in the RFP.
- ii. All functional requirements shall be implemented in a manner that enables end users to access and operate the software through a web browser for their day-to-day activities.
- iii. The solution must support integration with the Loan Management System (LMS) via APIs or file

uploads, enabling a comprehensive financial view of the Corporation. It is mandatory that summarized and/or detailed accounting entries from the LMS are transferred to the General Accounting System either in real-time or on a batch basis. The LMS vendor shall be responsible for ensuring the transmission (pushing) of the accounting entries, while the General Accounting System vendor shall be responsible for receiving and posting the relevant transactions. A robust and failsafe mechanism must be implemented at both ends to prevent data inconsistency due to network downtimes or system failures. To ensure seamless coordination and accountability, both vendors are required to enter into a tripartite agreement with NEDFi.

- iv. It should support integrations through APIs/file upload with HRMS & Payroll for smooth payroll processing.
- v. Customer/Vendor should be able to view the account statement through Web Portal
- vi. The proposed software solution should be capable of Integration with NEDFi's Banking Partner (up to four (04) Banks, initially with YES Bank and ICICI Bank from day 1)
- vii. The system should have facility to store and verify the relevant documents, the actual documents will be decided at the time of BRD/FSD preparation with the final selected vendor. NEDFi Users should be able to check & verify the relevant documents as per the requirement on screen.
- viii. The proposed software solution should support IND AS accounting standard.
- ix. In addition to the functional and technical requirements listed by NEDFi, Bidder is required to bring in best practices prevalent in proposed applications in the BFSI industry.
- x. All applications/utilities/modules should be properly documented, and a copy of document(s) should be submitted to NEDFi. In case of any changes, the vendor shall be responsible for further amendment in the documents and a copy of the same must be shared with NEDFi.
- xi. It should have a fixed asset module to manage, track, and account for the lifecycle of fixed assets i.e., right from acquisition to disposal. It should automate calculation of depreciation based on the method chosen and automatically add recurring entries.
- xii. It should have a comprehensive log of all financial transactions for internal and external audit. It should enable real-time generation of financial statements (balance sheet, profit & loss statement, and cash flow statement). It should generate GST returns filing data and TDS filing data in accordance with the government regulation. It should be able to segment financials by branches.
- xiii. The bidder will also be responsible for the delivery of all updates, patches, version upgradation of proposed solution including underlying software & infrastructure components during the project tenure without any additional cost to NEDFi.
- xiv. Sensitive data (e.g., PAN, Aadhaar) must be masked in logs and non-production environments.
- xv. Data must be encrypted in transit (TLS 1.2/1.3) and at rest (AES-256).

8.7 Data Migration

The Bidder shall be responsible for successful data migration with all transaction's history including master and transactional data from the legacy application to the proposed software solution.

Data migration is primarily concerned with the transfer of data from the source system to the target system. It is a subset of Implementation. This section describes the scope for Data Migration from existing source systems to the proposed applications. The overview of the Bidder tasks is as follows:

- a) Formulating Data Migration strategy and process documentation
- b) Performing data validation and mapping exercise of existing solutions with the proposed applications
- c) Providing checkpoint reports to ensure thorough reconciliation of the data, while ensuring data integrity.
- d) Upload the data from existing systems including working excel file into the proposed applications and the other related data storage to proposed solutions for accurate and proper functioning.
- e) Data upload activity into the target systems
- f) Performing checks to ensure data migration success (by way of comparator tools etc.)
- g) NEDFi shall have the rights to carry out data migration audits by third party auditor appointed by NEDFi.
- h) Bidder shall provide Data Migration services until the data is migrated successfully into the production environment and data migration related identified points should be addressed post migration audit conducted by NEDFi's through external auditor.
- i) Bidder shall provide dedicated and constant support during the data migration exercise in the mock/staging environment.

8.8 Activities to be performed by the Bidder

The key activities for the proposed software solution mentioned above are described in this section, though this list is indicative but not exhaustive.

A. System Requirement Study

The bidder shall perform a detailed assessment of the functional & technical requirements as mentioned in **Annexure 14: Functional and Technical Requirements**. Based on the understanding and its own individual assessment, bidder shall develop & finalize the System Requirement Specifications (SRS)/Business Requirement Document (BRD)/Functional Specification Document (FSD) in consultation with NEDFi.

The bidder shall perform the following:

- i. Understand the NEDFi's policies, procedures, business processes and accounting practices (while framing the SRS/BRD/FSD) and validate the understanding from NEDFi.
- ii. Understand the current IT application landscape and its functionalities
- iii. Bring in domain experts during the SRS/BRD/FSD study
- iv. Bring in best practices prevalent in proposed applications in the BFSI industry and implement other process improvement suggestions in consultation with NEDFi and its consultant(s).
- v. Translate all the requirements mentioned in the document into System Requirements.
- vi. Follow standardized template for requirements capturing.

- vii. Maintain traceability matrix from SRS/BRD/FSD stage for the entire implementation
- viii. Get the sign off from functional divisions on finalization of SRS/BRD/FSD and conduct workshop with the relevant stake holders.
- ix. Requisite team members to present in NEDFi office for all discussions.

B. System Design

The bidder shall design the solution architecture and specifications for meeting the requirements mentioned as part of this RFP & SRS/BRD/FSD. The Bidder shall be entirely responsible for the design and architecture of the system to be implemented to satisfy all requirements of NEDFi. Bidder shall provide the best solution to address the requirements mentioned/captured in this RFP & SRS/BRD/FSD.

The system architecture shall be designed, developed & delivered as per following but not limited to:

i. General Guidelines

- a) The system should be designed to be fault tolerant, highly available, scalable and easily extendable
- b) The system should be flexible to cater to changing business, industry, and compliance requirements (including reporting requirements in proper format)
- c) The System should be both vertical and horizontal scalable.

ii. Develop

The bidder shall carefully consider the scope of work and propose the solution which best meets NEDFi's requirements with customization (if any). Considering the scope set in this RFP, the bidder shall carefully consider the solutions it proposes and explicitly mention the same in the technical proposal.

- a) The bidder shall be responsible for supplying the application, infrastructure, security, database and related software, integration tools and installing as well as maintaining the same on ASP Model to meet NEDFi's requirements.
- b) Bidder shall also supply any other tools & accessories required to make the Solution as per requirements.
- c) For the proposed solution, the Bidder shall supply:
 - i. Software solution on ASP model with underlying infrastructure including DC & DR.
 - ii. Bidder to provide report writing tools to NEDFi.
 - iii. Bidder to provide call logging /Ticket raise facility for raising complaints, feedback etc. during the project tenure.
 - iv. Bidders shall provide training on the same. Post call logging, ticket should be generated, and the ticket shall be closed once the issue is resolved.
 - v. Routine Patching of software solutions along with underlying infrastructure.
 - vi. Supply latest supported version of Database Software to support the proposed solution and any other software, tools, and built-in/add-on application.
 - vii. Product documentation to be supplied and shall include but not limited to following:
 - Technical manuals.
 - Technical Design for both infrastructure (including Hardware, Network & Security) and software architecture of the proposed solution.

- User manuals.
- System administrator manuals
- Toolkit guides and Troubleshooting guides

iii. Integration

Software solutions should have seamless integration across all its modules.

iv. Testing

The bidder shall provide the Testing strategy including traceability matrix, Test Cases and conduct testing of various components of the proposed solutions for user acceptance test. Details of the testing strategy and approach should be provided in the response. The bidder is responsible for identifying and inform NEDFi regarding testing requirements and impacts.

Bidder shall provide complete support to NEDFi teams or/and their representatives at the time of user acceptance testing. It would be bidder's responsibility to ensure that all issues raised during UAT are closed and signed off from respective authorities.

a. Testing and Acceptance Criteria

Bidder shall demonstrate the following mentioned acceptance criteria prior to acceptance of the solution in respect of scalability and performance. Bidder shall properly define all the envisaged requirement parameters for acceptance. In case required, parameters might be revised by NEDFi in mutual agreement with bidder and the revised parameters shall be considered for acceptance criteria.

b. Solution Acceptance Criteria

i. User Acceptance Test

- The solution must pass User Acceptance Test and issues raised during UAT are closed with proper sign-off. In case of any unresolved issues, the bidder needs to receive confirmation from NEDFi management before Go Live. For this there will be two reports compiled, one accepted by NEDFi, and another report not accepted by NEDFi. The report, which is not accepted by NEDFi, the bidder needs to incorporate required changes or redo functional requirement. These two reports should be signed by the functional head(s), the project manager of the bidder.
- The solution should meet the entire functional & Technical requirement as mentioned in RFP and finalized in SRS/BRD/FSD stage
- Any deviations / discrepancies / errors observed during the testing phase will be formally reported to the bidder and the bidder will have to resolve them immediately or within 2 working days.
- The bidder will be responsible for maintaining appropriate program change control and version control for all the modifications / enhancements carried throughout the project tenure.

v. Training

System Administration training, End users training, Training of Trainers (ToT), Core team training should be conducted in such a manner that sufficient knowledge is transferred to NEDFi to enable NEDFi independently take care of the implemented solution after end of the post go-live support period.

The Bidder needs to consider the following -

- i. For each application implemented, the bidder is required to train the designated

NEDFi's technical and end-user staff to enable them to effectively operate and perform the services using the proposed solutions. The bidder shall also be responsible for re-training of the employees whenever changes are made to the software.

- ii. Training plans must be prepared prior/or in parallel as desired by NEDFi for go-live of the solution.
- iii. Bidder should provide Product Training, Technical training, End User training, etc.
- iv. Training sessions are required to be conducted both prior and after the go-live of the applications and the location will be at Guwahati or as specified by NEDFi. No online/virtual training will be accepted.
- v. To achieve training objectives and appropriate knowledge transfer, hands-on computer-based training shall be a part of each training module.
- vi. Each training session must be accompanied with training material in soft copy/hardcopy, distributed in advance to the selected set of trainees.
- vii. All training manuals have to be updated with changes to the application after changes in the post Go-Live phase have been finalized.
- viii. The bidder will provide a detailed training methodology & schedule to NEDFi for review and sign – off prior to commencement of the training.
- ix. The bidder shall be responsible for preparing, circulating, and collecting training feedback forms from the participants.
- x. The feedback forms will be prepared by the bidder, reviewed, and given to NEDFi. The changes, if any, suggested by NEDFi or its consultants, should be incorporated and implemented by the Vendor.

vi. Go-Live Preparedness and Go-Live

- i. Bidder shall prepare and agree with NEDFi, the detailed plan for Go-Live with details of modules.
- ii. The Bidder shall define and agree with NEDFi, the criteria for Go-Live and the timelines for the same.
- iii. Corrective measures should be implemented by the bidder for the proposed solutions under technical supervision of NEDFi.
- iv. Bidder shall submit signed-off UAT report (issue closure report) ensuring all issues raised during UAT are being resolved/ or suitable workaround provided prior to go-live.
- v. Bidder shall ensure that Go – Live criteria as mentioned in Go – Live plan is met and take approval from NEDFi on the same.
- vi. Go-live of the application shall be done as per the finalized and agreed upon Go-Live plan.

8.9 To Provide Support Services by Bidder

a. Ongoing operations - This section of the on-going operations is broadly classified under three (3) categories of services that the bidder is required to offer:

- i. Application management services
- ii. Domain services

iii. Cross functional services

Bidder should provide portals for call logging/ticket generation for any issues, bug fixing, new features required by the end user. Users should be able to track the call till closure through this portal. SLA mentioned in the RFP for support services shall be calculated from this portal. SLA report should be generated from the same portal.

i. **Application Management Services**

- The bidder is required to ensure application performance based on the business availability through its proposed solution architecture and environment. Application performance needs to be observed, optimized based on the defined threshold of business operations.
- Support & management of middleware are also a part of bidder's scope.
- The bidder shall update the UAT & training servers with updated Integrated Solution data to ensure simulated current environment for UAT & testing of Integrated Solution functionalities
- Deliverables for Application support shall include but not limited to:
 - a) Performance monitoring & management of application.
 - b) Installation & configuration of application.
 - c) High availability installation & configuration.
 - d) Application patch management and version control.
 - e) Trouble shooting of all application/software solution related server(s)
 - f) Start, stop, and manage application services.
 - g) Configure and manage application web server.
 - h) Configure and manage HTTP/HTTPS.
 - i) Un-installation and reinstallation of application & middleware if required.
 - j) Service Improvement Plan (SIP) & performance management.
 - k) User management.
 - l) Support any errors and problems.
 - m) Perform DC – DR drills.
 - n) Monitor alert notifications, checking for impending problems, triggering appropriate actions
 - o) Provide support for integrated & other applications.
 - p) Support in parameterization of products; and
 - q) Resolution of VAPT findings.
- Bidder shall provide relevant reports for the previous month in the 1st week of every month and same needs to be jointly reviewed by bidder and NEDFi within next 3 working days. The reports shall be benchmarked against the service levels defined in Service Level Agreement, and the penalty shall be calculated based on the level of deviation from the service levels defined. The bidder is required to submit the list of reports to track performance on service levels for all services under scope of this RFP.

ii. **Database Management Services**

The scope of the database management services includes all data and database management activities on the production, non-production and disaster recovery environment that will be included as part of this service. The expected database management services can be further defined by the following high level service requirements:

Service Requirements	Description
Build, Installation	Definition/installation/creation of databases with suitable hardening procedures.
Database Performance Management	Fine tune and resolve performance issues through performance tuning and optimizations.
Database Capacity Management	Estimate & deploy database requirements based on performance and Business projections.
Database Monitoring and administration	Provide the required operational support to monitor NEDFi database environments. Bidder shall maintain DAM tool and provide database activity monitoring report to NEDFi on monthly basis or as and when necessary.
Backup and restore	Refers to the successful backup and restoration of the database instances as defined in point no. 8.10.
Access management	Management of the granting, removal, monitoring and editing of access rights allocated to the database environments in consultation with NEDFi.
Database ad hoc support	Processes to perform database upgrades, performance tuning and repairing a database.
DC and DR testing	Create, implement and validate database recovery solutions. Support during DR testing and during actual DR situations.

iii. Cross Functional Services

Over and above the defined scope of services within the above-mentioned services, the bidder shall provide the IT support service management activities required to effectively manage the services required in a consistent, efficient and reliable manner and is able to meet the desired service levels.

The cross functional services are mentioned below:

Service	Description
Incident management and IT Infrastructure Support Services	Incident management refers to an unplanned interruption to an IT service or a reduction in the quality of service. The objective of incident management is to restore normal operations as quickly as possible with the least possible impact on either the business or the user. All support will be the Bidder's responsibility. The bidder shall also take into account that a 24x7x365 support service is required. Bidder will raise tickets with respective OEMs & track the same till resolution.

Change Management and Release Management	Change management will protect the production environment and its services. All changes to configuration Items must be carried out in a planned and authorized manner. This includes identifying the specific configuration Items and IT services affected by the change, deploying the change, testing the change on UAT environment, and having a roll back plan shall the change result in an unexpected state of the Service. Release management will take a holistic view of a change to an IT service and to verify that all aspects of a Release, both technical and non-technical, are considered. Bidder is also responsible for implementing appropriate tool/software for smooth change management process.
Service Level Management	Service level management will maintain and gradually improve business-aligned IT service quality through a constant cycle of agreeing, monitoring, reporting, and reviewing IT service achievements and through instigating actions to eradicate unacceptable levels of service

a) Performance measurement and reporting

The bidder shall be required to provide reports on a regular basis relating to the performance and quality of the IT services provided and the performance of the service being delivered.

It will be expected that the bidder shall be proactive in identifying avenues for further improvements in the delivery of the services.

Service Requirements	Description
General Performance Management	Assess and publish matrixes on the quality of services being provided.
Reporting	Provide performance management reports to NEDFi as per the periodicity mentioned in the RFP or on the mutually agreed periodicity for reports wherein periodicity is not mentioned in the RFP.

The bidder is required to perform the performance analysis of the in-scope application and database.

b) Change management and release management:

As part of the change management process the bidder is expected to perform the following activities:

Service Requirements	Description
Initial user request	1. In case of changes required to application software, the user shall submit the requirements to NEDFi IT team in 'change requirement' form. 2. The requirements could relate to changes required in the operational infrastructure to support new/existing feature/requirements or frequent error messages indicating that some parts of the programs are incorrect. 3. The requirements could relate to additional features required to be built in the system or changes forced by the regulatory body as well as suggestions from the relevant stakeholders.

Approval of request	1. Once NEDFi provides the go ahead, the bidder along with the bidder team, shall conduct a feasibility analysis. 2. Subject to the outcome of the feasibility study, the request shall be forwarded to the relevant team. 3. An enterprise-wide, standard naming convention for each application's change requests must be adopted by the Bidder. This naming convention shall clearly and unambiguously highlight the respective application's name, module name and the version number. 4. The Bidder shall collate the relevant information to assist NEDFi in analyzing the change request based on the following: ➤ Criticality and need for program change ➤ Exploring new ways of getting the same functionality within the existing set up ➤ Building workarounds ➤ Effect on other modules/ menu options/ business process – impact analysis; and ➤ Any possible effect on existing control procedures. The bidder shall formally provide its recommendations to NEDFi.
Documenting the changes	1. The bidder shall maintain the documentation related to the Proposed Solution and accordingly make the necessary modifications/updates as and when changes are made to programs. 2. The bidder must ensure that the user operating manual as well as system documentation are updated on a timely basis. The responsibility of maintaining the above documents is with the bidder.

c) Service Level Management

The objective of the Service Level Management process is to manage and maintain the quality of IT services delivered to NEDFi's end-users. The process should also seek to improve the quality of service delivered to the end-users by reviewing the level of performance achieved by the facility service managers.

The bidder(s) is expected to design and implement a Service Level Management process to enable both the end-user and the bidder(s) to have a clear understanding of the expected level of delivered services by documenting these goals in formal documents.

The bidder is expected to perform the following activities in relation to Service Level Management with other IT processes:

1. Incident management service:
 - Monitoring and reporting on threshold breaches in agreements and notifying support officers, when escalations and breaches occur
 - Providing information on historical data and trends
 - Providing the interface with customers on the level of services provided
 - Recording escalation actions and activities to maintain the service commitment under an SLA with NEDFi.
2. Problem Management service:
 - Identifying the underlying cause of incidents and problems to minimize their recurrence
 - Providing statistics, trends and historical data and assisting with Service Level Management reporting.

3. Change management service:
 - Providing information on the effect of changes on the IT infrastructure and the impact on service level targets before and after these changes are implemented
 - Tracking improvement in services since service levels are clearly defined.
4. Configuration management service:
 - Identifying the services affected by faulty configuration implementations
 - Identifying components/ functions that combine to deliver a business function/service so that underlying agreements can be set up.

8.10 Backup Service

The Bidder shall define and fulfill the data backup and recovery requirements. These requirements should cover the following at a minimum:

1. Bidder will be responsible for providing all software and hardware requirements for fulfilling the Backup service requirement of the proposed software solution.
2. Identify the data backup technique which best suits the needs of NEDFi for the solution.
3. Install, configure, test and manage any tools that may be required for data backup and recovery, such as those for writing the same data to multiple storage devices at the same time.
4. Restore data to the database, as appropriate while ensuring that there is no loss of information / data.
5. Development of procedures and templates. Periodically conducting restoration drills, recording the results and reporting the results to NEDFi.
6. Execute backup and recovery procedures
7. Restore required files and data sets
8. Performing mock system failure and then data restoration drills on periodic basis
9. The Backup window should be less than 2 hours, and restoration window should not be more than 4 hours.
10. The Bidder should store the Backup data in proper format and the same is to be provided to NEDFi as and when required by NEDFi.

The expected data backup interval and data volume is mentioned below for sizing of solution. However, bidder may propose higher sizing with adequate justification.

Description	Data Retention (Copies)	Remarks
Daily (Incremental) Backup	7	
Weekly Backup	5	
Monthly Backup	4	
Quarterly Backup	5	
Yearly Backup	5	Milestone Backup
Expected Data Volume in Storage		Bidder to propose
Total Data size		Bidder to propose
Expiring buffer @20%		Bidder to propose
Recommended min capacity		Bidder to propose

9. Project Timeline

9.1 Scheduled Timeline

The project should Go-Live within 6 (six) months from the date acceptance of the work order by the selected bidder. An indicative schedule of activities with timeline to be carried out by the selected bidder is mentioned below, however, the bidder may plan their activities of their own, but the timeline

should not exceed 6 (six) months as defined by NEDFi. Bidders should propose their best approach along with the timeline and detailed plan in their RFP response.

S.no	Milestones	Activity	Timeline							
			1W	2W	4W	2M	3M	4M	6M	n....
1	Onboarding of Project Team including Project Team Leads	The Project Team along with leads should be mobilized and on-boarded within 1 week from the release of PO by NEDFi								
2	Current State & BRD Preparation	Business/System Analyst Team will understand the policies, procedures and current lending process of NEDFi and accounting practices, gather the requirements and will prepare the Business Requirement Document considering global best practice followed in BFSI Industry in consultation with NEDFi.								
3	Infrastructure readiness at DC & DR	Readiness of all proposed infrastructure at DC & DR including UAT platform								
4	Product Readiness as per NEDFi's requirements	Readiness of Software solution along with other applications as per NEDFi's requirements in line with FTR and BRD.								
5	Migration	The migration from legacy application data to new software solution with data cleaning, reconciliation								
6	UAT	The User Acceptance Test for software solution.								
7	Final Migration & GO LIVE	The final migration and go-live of all software solutions within 6 months of release of PO from NEDFi								
8	Ongoing Operations	The bidder will provide the ongoing operations support till the end of the contract.								

9.2 Liquidated Damages & Penalties & Termination on Default

NEDFi shall levy penalty/liquidated damages on the bidder to the extent of 0.5% of the value of the delayed deliverables for each day of delay in Go-live subject to maximum 10% of the total cost of ownership (contract value). However, imposing penalty shall be at the discretion of NEDFi.

In case of any delay beyond 3(three) months, NEDFi shall issue notice of termination, and cancel the contract on completion of one month of notice and also invoke the performance security.

10. Evaluation Process

The competitive bids shall be evaluated on three stages:

- Stage 1 – Eligibility criteria.
- Stage 2 – Technical Bid.
- Stage 3 – Commercial Bid.

10.1 Objective of Evaluation Process

- a. The objective of the evaluation process is to evaluate the bids to select an effective and right fit solution at a competitive price. The evaluation by NEDFi will be undertaken by an Internal Committee formed by NEDFi. NEDFi may also engage External Experts/ Consultants on the evaluation process. The decision of the committee shall be final.
- b. Each recipient acknowledges and accepts that NEDFi may, in its sole and absolute discretion, apply whatever criteria it deems appropriate in the selection of solution, not limited to those selection criteria set out in this RFP document.
- c. Through this RFP, NEDFi aims to select a bidder/ application provider who would undertake the supply, implementation and maintenance of the required solution. The bidder shall be entrusted with end-to-end responsibility for the execution of the project under the scope of this RFP. The bidder is expected to commit for the delivery of services with performance levels set out in this RFP in [Section 11: Service Level Agreement](#)

10.2 Normalization of Bids

NEDFi will go through a process of technical evaluation and normalization of the bids to the extent possible and feasible to ensure that bidders are on the same technical ground. After the normalization process, if NEDFi feels that such normalization has a bearing on the commercial bid; NEDFi may at its discretion ask all the technically shortlisted bidders to resubmit the updated technical and commercial bids for scrutiny. NEDFi can repeat this normalization process at every stage of technical evaluation till NEDFi is reasonably satisfied. The bidders agree that they have no reservation or objection to the normalization process, and all the technically short-listed bidders will, by responding to this RFP, agree to participate in the normalization process and extend their co-operation to NEDFi during this process. The bidders, by submitting a response to this RFP, agree to the process and conditions of the normalization process. Any non-compliance with the normalization process may result in disqualification of the concerned bidder.

NEDFi may drop any component of the proposed solution during normalization period prior to finalization of order or delay its procurement at NEDFi's sole discretion.

During evaluation and comparison of Bids, NEDFi 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.

The Bidder may highlight the noteworthy/superior features of their Software Solution/ services. The Bidder will demonstrate/substantiate all claims made in the technical Bid along with supporting documents, the capability of the Software Solution/ services to support all the required functionalities at their cost in their lab or those at other organizations where similar Software Solution/ services is in use.

10.3 Technical Bid Evaluation

NEDFi may call for any clarifications/ additional particulars required, if any, on the technical bids submitted. The bidder has to submit the clarifications/ additional particulars in writing within the

specified date and time. The bidder's offer may be disqualified, if the clarifications/ additional particulars sought are not submitted within the specified date and time. NEDFi reserves the right to call for presentation(s), product walkthroughs/demonstrations, on the features of the solution offered etc., from the bidders based on the technical bids submitted by them.

Technical Evaluation Process

The Technical Proposals of only those bidders shall be evaluated who have satisfied the eligibility criteria of the bid. NEDFi may seek clarifications from the any or each bidder as a part of technical evaluation. All clarifications received within stipulated time shall be considered for evaluation. In case a clarification is not received within the stipulated time, the respective technical parameter would be treated as non-compliant and the decision to qualify the bidder shall be accordingly taken by NEDFi.

The proposal submitted by the bidders shall, therefore, be evaluated on the following criteria:

Parameter	Maximum Score
Functional and Technical Requirements Evaluation	25
Bidder's capability & experience	25
Technical Presentation and Product Demonstration	50
Total	100

Bidder should ensure that any critical noncompliance against **Annexure 14 - Functional & Technical Requirements** may lead to disqualification.

Bidders scoring a minimum score of 60% i.e., an overall score of 60 marks or more will be declared technically qualified.

Detailed Technical Evaluation Parameters:

S. No.	Technical Evaluation	Evaluation Approach
1	Compliance to Annexure 14 – Functional & Technical requirements	➤ The Bidder is required to submit their compliances to Annexure 14- Functional & Technical requirements. (Max 25 Marks) Note: ➤ Deviations and non-conformance to requirements in the RFP shall be led to reduction in score. ➤ Unreasonable scope limitations which defeat the purpose of this RFP shall lead to reduction in scores or even possibility of disqualification of the bidder. This will be at the sole discretion of NEDFi ➤ The Software Solution shall comply with 100% requirement. ➤ The total marks of the annexure will be scaled down on a scale of 25 marks.
2	Bidder's capability and experience	Total Marks = 25 Bidder will get 2 marks for each implementation/management of General Ledger/Accounting Solution in NBFC/Bank up to a maximum of 8 marks. Bidder will get 2 marks for each implementation/management of General Ledger/Accounting Solution in Govt./Corporate entities in BFSI Sector up to a maximum of 7 marks. Bidder will get 2 marks for each successful integration of General

		Ledger/Accounting Solution with third party LMS/CBS Solution up to a maximum of 5 marks. Bidder will get 2 marks for each successful API integration of the proposed solution with any Indian Bank for payout and collections up to a maximum of 5 marks.
3	Technical Presentation & Product Demonstration	Maximum Marks 50 All eligible bidders will be required to make presentations to supplement their bids, showcase overall solution proposed. NEDFi will schedule presentations and detailed product walkthrough/demonstrations which shall showcase the functionalities of the proposed solution in a real time environment. The date, time and location for presentation and product walkthrough/demonstration will be communicated to the bidders. Failure of a bidder to complete a scheduled presentation to NEDFi may result in rejection of the proposal. Bidder is expected to cover the following points in its presentation: 1. Understanding of the project 2. Bidder's capability 3. Approach and Methodology 4. Technology & Solution Stack Details 5. Approach and Strategy for Integration with LMS 6. Project delivery plan 7. DC & DR Details and its arrangement. 8. Product/Proof of Concept Demonstration Vendor is expected to Demonstrate their product capability by referring functional requirements mentioned below: NEDFi is looking for a complete General Solution from which the final Balance sheet, P&L, Trial Balance, Bank Book, Cash Book etc. can be generated without any third-party application. The GL solution should support IndAS Accounting. Functionalities: 1. Chart of accounts (A, L, I, E) 2. Group, Ledger, Subledger 3. Financial Year Open and Close 4. Loan Accounting (integration with LMS – through EOD/Realtime process) 5. Journal entries (Payment Voucher, Receipt Voucher, Contra Voucher, Journal voucher) 6. Profit Centre and Cost Centre 7. Budget (GL Mapping, Budget Transfer, Budget vs Actual). 8. Vendor/Customer master 9. Vendor Payment – Purchase order, invoice processing 10. Vendor Portal 11. Customer – Sale Order, Invoice Generation, Payment Received

		12. Cash and Cash book 13. Bank, Bank Book, Banking API integration , Bank Reconciliation 14. Investment – NEDFi use to invest its idle lying amount of Current account from time to time. System should support to capture the details of investment such as FD, MF etc. For FD, invested amount, maturity date, maturity amount shall be captured, and system should be through an alert before expiring the FD. Similarly for MF, details of Fund house, NAV, Purchase unit etc. shall be captured. Also to capture redemption entry. 15. Fixed Asset – Depreciation, loss on sale, profit on sale, Asset Register, Asset Dispose. 16. Tax – TDS (Payment), GST with API integration, TDS/GST Reconciliation. 17. Reports – Balance sheet, P&L, Trial Balance, Schedules, Ledger Report, Sub Ledger Report, Voucher Printing, Vendor statement, Customer Statement, GST, TDS etc. 18. Bulk posting (Salary, Rent, Medical Reimbursement, Provident Fund Voucher Payment etc.) – Configurable.
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10.4 Commercial Bid Evaluation

It may be noted that commercial bids will be subjected to following evaluation process. Bidders scoring 60% (60 marks out of 100) or above in the technical evaluation will be only short-listed for commercial evaluation.

The envelope containing the Commercial offers of only those Bidders, who are short-listed after technical evaluation, would be opened. The format for quoting commercial bid set out in Annexure 15 “Commercial Bill of Material”. The commercial offer should consist of comprehensive Cost for proposed solution. Bidder must provide detailed cost breakdowns, for each category mentioned in the commercial bid. NEDFi will determine whether the Commercial Bids are complete and unconditional or unqualified.

The technically qualified bidders will be required to participate in the commercial bid opening. Omissions, if any, in costing of any item shall not entitle the Bidder to be compensated and the liability to fulfil its obligations as per the Scope of the RFP within the total quoted price shall be that of the Bidder.

Commercial Bid Evaluation Considerations

Commercial bid valuation shall be considered as below in case of any kind of discrepancy:

- If there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail.
- If there is a discrepancy between percentage and amount, the amount calculated as per the stipulated percentage basis shall prevail.
- Where there is a discrepancy between the unit rate and the line-item total resulting from multiplying the unit rate by quantity, the unit rate will govern unless, in the opinion of NEDFi, there is an obvious error such as a misplacement of a decimal point, in which case the line-item total will prevail.
- Where there is a discrepancy between the amount mentioned in the bid and the line-item total present in the schedule of prices, the amount obtained on totaling the line items in the Bill of Materials will prevail.
- The amount stated in the correction form, adjusted in accordance with the above procedure, shall

be considered binding, unless it causes the overall price to rise, in which case the bid price shall prevail.

- f. If there is a discrepancy in the total, the correct total shall be arrived at by NEDFi.
- g. In case the bidder does not accept the correction of the errors as stated above, the bid shall be rejected.
- h. At the sole discretion and determination of NEDFi, NEDFi may add any other relevant criteria for evaluating the proposals received in response to this RFP.
- i. During the process of technical/commercial evaluation, if NEDFi decides to withdraw any collateral item offered in the proposal, the commercial value of that item will be reduced from the commercial offer of all the bidders and TCO will be recalculated accordingly.
- j. NEDFi may drop any component of the proposed solution prior to finalization of order or delay its procurement at NEDFi's sole discretion.
- k. NEDFi may, at its sole discretion, decide to seek more information from the respondents in order to normalize the bids. However, respondents will be notified separately if such normalization exercise as part of the technical evaluation is resorted to.
- l. All liability related to non-compliance of these minimum wages requirement, and any other law will be responsibility of the bidder.
- m. NEDFi shall not incur any liability to the affected bidder on account of rejection of the bid.
- n. The commercials will be calculated till two decimal points only. If the third decimal point is greater than .005 the same shall be scaled up else, it shall be scaled down to arrive at two decimal points. NEDFi will make similar treatment for 4th or subsequent decimal point to finally arrive at two decimal points only.

10.5 Evaluation Mechanism

Final Evaluation – Weighted Techno-Commercial Evaluation

The score(s) will be calculated for all technically qualified bidders using the formula: -

$$S = \left(0.25 \times \frac{C_{\text{minimum}}}{C_{\text{quoted}}} \right) + \left(0.75 \times \frac{T_{\text{obtained}}}{T_{\text{highest}}} \right)$$

(Minimum Commercial Quote/Quoted Price) 25% + (Technical Score/Highest Technical Score) x 75%
(Technical will carry 75% weightage and Commercial will carry of 25%)

Highest scores obtained using the above method shall be declared as L-1 bidder. In case of tie-up in Techno-Commercial evaluation score, the bidder scoring highest technical score will be declared L-1 bidder.

Bidder who is declared as L1 bidder may be called for negotiation before awarding the contract. It may be noted that NEDFi will not entertain any price negotiations with any other bidder.

NEDFi reserves the right to float the RFP again. NEDFi shall not incur any liability to the bidder(s) on account of reissue of RFP. NEDFi shall not be obliged to inform the bidder(s) of the grounds for NEDFi's rejection. NEDFi reserves the right to modify any items of the scope of the RFP. The RFP may be reissued on account of the following:

- a) If none of the bidders qualify in the technical bid evaluation.
- b) If only one bidder qualifies in the technical bid evaluation.
- c) If selected bidder fails to execute the agreement within the time limit stipulated.

Any decision in this regard by NEDFi shall be final, conclusive, and binding to the bidders.

NEDFi may call upon the ultimate short-listed bidder to make a detailed presentation to the Board of Directors of NEDFi.

The L-1 vendor shall be decided based on the Techno-Commercial evaluation as mentioned in the RFP document.

The bidder should quote costs for all the lines items as per commercial bid. The cost quoted also includes the cost of deliverables for all the phases of the Project.

If any vendor fails to quote against any of the services sought by NEDFi, it will be presumed by NEDFi that the cost of such items is included in the overall cost and will not accept any plea or excuse from the vendors later and such services must be provided to NEDFi without any extra cost along with all other services.

11. Service Level Agreement (SLA)

11.1 Service Description

As a part of the Service Level Agreement, following are the description of the Services to be delivered under the agreed Statement of Work for Application Service provider Model.

11.1.1 Infrastructure & Application Support

a. Infrastructure Services:

- i. Infrastructure shall be monitored 24*7; and shall have 24*7 accessibility for raising incidents.
- ii. Bidder shall propose, provision, monitor, manage and maintain required Production Environment for DB Server, Middleware Server (if any), MIS Server (if any), Application Servers, Test/UAT environment, Training server, periodical data restoration environment, API gateways environment with adequate sizing for the proposed solution during entire project tenure for both Primary and DR Sites.
- iii. Uptime SLA for the application availability in production environment, excluding scheduled downtime shall be 99.95%
- iv. Uptime SLA for other business services / application availability in production environment, excluding scheduled downtime shall be 99.95%
- v. After the project go-live, the Service downtime in Application Service Provider Environment for scheduled system updates and maintenance operations shall be limited to 3 hours per year.

b. Application Support Services:

Bidder's application support services shall be as follows:

- i. 24*7 incident support for Application monitoring and cloud operations shall be provided
- ii. Application level 2 onsite support shall be provided during business working hours for all working days (9:00 AM to 7:00 PM)
- iii. Bidder's application monitoring service shall invoke the level 2 support teams round the clock for any emergency incidents
- iv. Bidder's Application support team shall co-ordinate directly with the infrastructure team for infrastructure related issues.

- v. Incidents should automatically log due to alerts raised in application monitoring with an appropriate severity level.

11.1.2 Performance of the Software in ASP Model

The software solution shall perform the functions as per NEDFi's requirements as defined in the Service Agreement and relevant Scope of Work.

This section describes the targets and SLAs for GUI, API and batch processing of the software Solution. In the context of GUI and APIs requests, the response time is measured from the time the request is received by the software Solutions Web Server till the time the response is returned from software Solution's Web Server.

The SLAs are applicable for standard product APIs out of the box and for custom APIs developed by the selected vendor for NEDFi. Considerations for Customer specific overheads like authentication, authorization and data access controls etc. needs to be reasonably accounted for on top of the below mentioned SLAs.

The SLA mentioned below is for a peak of 30 logged in users on GUI, peak business transaction per second of 50 from GUI and APIs.

- i. Response time for GUI functions related to business operations must not exceed 1 second for 80% of the requests and not exceed 1.5 seconds for 95% of requests.
- ii. 99% of requests for most critical APIs must have a response time of max 100 milliseconds.
- iii. NEDFi and selected bidder will discuss the APIs in detail during the implementation phase and classify them after understanding aspects related to business criticality - customer servicing, internet / mobile channel services, implementation, etc., and accordingly agree for classification.
- iv. Online API call SLA report shall be available to NEDFi on a daily level.

End of Day batch processing

End of day batch processing comprises of the batch processes that come under "end of day" or "begin of day" jobs that are run on the applications. The beginning of the end of day processing is dependent on completion of related processing in other applications in Customer's IT landscape. The batch processes have additional processing load at the end of month, end of quarter, or end of year. Hence a separate SLA is defined for these days.

- i. On a normal day, it should be completed within 60 minutes from the initialization of the end of day processing.
- ii. At the end of months, it should be completed within 120 minutes from the initialization of the end of day processing.

11.2 Service Levels:

The project is service-oriented and the operational portion of the agreement between NEDFi and the bidder will be in the form of a Service Level Agreement (SLA). The SLA specifies the expected levels of service to be provided by the bidder to NEDFi. This expected level is also called the baseline. Any degradation in the performance of the solution and services is subject to levying penalties as specified in the following sections.

This section indicates the suggested SLA between NEDFi and the selected bidder for the project. A set of parameters has been identified as key to the successful implementation of the Project. If the performance of the bidders in respect of any parameter falls below the prescribed tolerance limit, a penalty is imposed for the breach. All the payments to the bidder are linked to compliance with the SLA metrics specified below in this section. During the contract period, it is envisaged that there could

be changes to the SLAs, in terms of addition, alteration or deletion of certain parameters, based on mutual consent of both the parties i.e., NEDFi and the selected vendor.

This section describes the service levels to be established for the services offered by the selected vendor. Selected bidder should monitor and maintain the stated service levels to provide quality service.

Penalties & Service Level Agreement

Selected Bidder shall have to enter “Service Levels Agreement” with NEDFi covering all terms and conditions of this tender while providing the service support and onsite support. Once go live of application, the services should be available on 24*7*365 basis.

The selected bidder is expected to response and resolve the issue within prescribed time frame based on the severity description decided by NEDFi mentioned above and needs to strictly adhere to Service Level Agreement (SLA).

NEDFi would expect from the bidder to commit to the service level assurances. The bidder shall commit to maintaining uptime of 99.95% and above per month.

The SLA will be reviewed monthly. Penalties will be applicable due to downtime of software application.

The bidder shall guarantee 99.95% uptime required for the proposed solution. The bidder shall be liable for penalties for uptime maintained below 99.95% in a quarter. Penalties for downtime are as follows:

- Critical: Any incident which falls under the following categories will be termed as critical.
 - i. Any problem due to which Business transactions are getting hampered
 - ii. Failure of any of the middleware/interface components due to which the business facing solution is not functioning
 - iii. Interruption which makes any functionality inaccessible or services unavailable. There is no possible alternative to make the solution available to the end users
- Key: Any incident pertaining to User Management or any problem due to which non-business/non-client facing applications are getting hampered.
- Significant: Any incident which falls under the following categories will be termed as significant.
 - i. All other residuary incidents not defined in “Critical” and “Key” or.
 - ii. Any incident which is classified as “Key” for which an acceptable (by NEDFi) workaround has been provided or Any problem which does not have any major impact on daily operation however the same need to be resolved on priority.

Response/resolution time for technical problems in Application & infrastructure

Sr. No.	Type of Incident	Response Time	Resolution Time	Penalty
1	Critical	15 minutes from call logged	<= 0.5 Hours	- Incident Management: Critical Incidents to be addressed within 15 minutes of the occurrence of the issue and a workaround is to be provided within 30 minutes to mitigate the issue. Resolution for the issue is to be provided between 24 to 48 hours (maximum 2 days) of the occurrence of the issue. - Penalty: The bidder will be liable to pay a penalty of Rs. 7,000/- per day for the delay in providing permanent solutions beyond the resolution time of 2(two) days.
2	Key	30 minutes from call logged	<= 6 Hour from the time of incident logged at the Helpdesk	- Incident Management: Key Incidents to be acknowledged within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the issue and a workaround is to be provided within 6 hours to mitigate the issue. Resolution for the issue is to be provided between 24 to 72 hours (maximum 3 days) of the occurrence of the issue. - Penalties: The Bidder will be liable to pay a penalty of Rs. 5000/- per day for the delay in providing permanent solution beyond the resolution time of 3(three) days.
3	Significant	45 minutes from call logged	<=2 Days from time of incident logged at the Helpdesk	- Incident Management: Significant Incidents to be acknowledge within 45 minutes of the occurrence of the issue and a workaround is to be provided within 2 days to mitigate the issue. Resolutions for the issue is to be provided within 4 days of the occurrence of the issue. - Penalty: The Bidder will be liable to pay a penalty of Rs. 3,000/- per day for the delay in providing permanent solution beyond the resolution time of 4(four) days.

Uptime of Application & Infrastructure

Sl. No	Uptime availability	Penalties
1	Uptime $\geq$ 99.95%	No Penalty
2	99.5% $\leq$ Uptime < 99.95 %	2 % of total cost of quarterly payment (if any)
3	99% $\leq$ Uptime < 99.5	5 % of total cost of quarterly payment of or part there of
4	Uptime < 99%	10% of total cost of quarterly payment

The up-time percentage would be calculated on monthly basis, and the calculated amount would be adjusted from every subsequent payment. The SLA charges will be subject to an overall cap of 10% of the Quarterly Payment and thereafter, NEDFi has the discretion to cancel the contract. If Vendor materially fails to meet an uptime of 99 % for three (3) consecutive months, NEDFi shall have the right to terminate the contract. In case there is no pending invoices to be paid by NEDFi to the vendor, the vendor has to submit a pay order/ cheque/ NEFT-RTGS payable to NEDFi within 15 days from the notice period.

Note: SLA related to Reconciliation may change during the project tenure based on statutory authority regulation.

12. Instructions to the Bidders

12.1 Two-Bid System Tender

- Bidders are required to submit the Eligibility Bid, Technical Bid and Commercial bid in physical form as per the submission timeline. The Language of Bid should be in English.
- The bidder shall take care of submitting the Bid properly filed so that the papers are not loose. The Bids, which are not sealed as indicated above, may be liable for rejection.
- The tender not submitted in the prescribed format or incomplete in any aspect is liable for rejection. NEDFi is not responsible for non-receipt of bid within the specified date and time due to any reason including postal delays or Holidays.

12.2 Submission of Technical Bid

- The Bidders shall submit the Technical Bid in sealed envelope. If the bid is found to be not properly sealed, the bid is liable for rejection. The envelope containing technical bid shall be marked as **“TECHNICAL BID FOR SELECTION OF APPLICATION SERVICE PROVIDER (ASP) FOR GENERAL LEDGER/ACCOUNTING SOLUTION”**.
- All the formats need to be filled in exactly as per the pro-forma given in the Annexures and any deviation is likely to cause rejection of the bid.
- NEDFi shall not allow/permit changes in the technical specifications once it is submitted.
- The offer may not be evaluated by NEDFi in case of non-adherence to the format or partial submission of technical details as per the format given in the RFP.
- Non-submission or partial submission of the information along with the offer may result in disqualification of the bid of the concerned bidder.
- The Technical Bid must not contain any price information.

7. The Technical Bid shall comprise of:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Annexure / Documents
1	Bid Form	Annexure – 1
2	Earnest Money Deposit Form	Annexure – 2
3	Bidder's Information	Annexure – 3
4	Confirmation of Eligibility Criteria	Annexure – 4
5	Letter of Confirmation	Annexure – 5
6	Letter of Conformity with Hardcopy	Annexure – 6
7	Manufacturer's Authorization Form	Annexure – 7
8	Format of Pre-bid Query	Annexure – 8
9	Non-Disclosure Agreement	Annexure – 9
10	Format for Performance Bank Guarantee	Annexure – 10
11	Deviation Requested on the Terms & Conditions, Services and Facilities Provided	Annexure – 11
12	Reference Site Details	Annexure – 12
13	Authorization Letter	Annexure – 13
14	Functional and Technical Specifications	Annexure – 14
15	Masked Commercial Bill of Material	Annexure – 15
16	Proposed Onsite/Remote Resource Profile for FMS Support	Annexure – 16
17	Covering letter in Company's letter head duly signed by authorized signatory with name, title, and seal	Copy of Power of attorney to be submitted
18	Bidder's proposed methodology/approach for providing services to NEDFi with respect to the scope of work.	Approach Document
19	Balance sheet & P/L Statement of last three financial years	Audited Balance sheet, P&L
20	A true copy of Registration certificate & list of offices in India	For Company
21	Technical Offer Details	Technical Details
22	The Bidders are requested to provide the DC & DR details where the application will be hosted to comply the clause 8.2 and provide the technical details about infrastructure, application architecture, Database architecture etc. along with Technical bid.	True copy of all valid certificates along with Technical writeup.
23	Other documents / information as requested in this RFP	Other Documents

- The bidder shall also submit copy of the RFP duly stamped and signed on each page by the authorized official of the bidder's company.
- The bidder should submit the required documents with proper index and page number on each page
- The original and all copies of the bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the Bidder or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the Bidder to the Contract. All pages of the Bid except for un-amended printed literature shall be numbered serially and initialed and stamped by the person or persons signing the bid.
- The bid shall contain no interlineations, erasures or overwriting except as necessary to correct

errors made by the bidder, in which case such corrections shall be initialed by the person or person signing the bid.

12. Soft copy (in CD/Pen Drive) of complete technical bid shall also be submitted along with hard copy.
13. In addition to the above marking, each envelope must be super-scribed with the following information:
 - a. RFP Reference Number.
 - b. Name and Address of the Bidder.

This will enable NEDFi to return the bid unopened in case it is declared unacceptable for any reason whatsoever.

14. All the inner and outer envelopes shall be addressed to NEDFi at the address given below:

The General Manager (IT)
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited.
NEDFi House, G.S. Road, Dispur,
Guwahati, Assam-781006

15. If any inner envelope is found to contain both technical and commercial bids, then that bid will be rejected summarily.
16. Telex, Cable, Facsimile or E-mail Bids will not be accepted.

12.3 Submission of Commercial Bid

1. The Bidders shall submit the Commercial Bid in sealed envelope. If the bid is found to be not properly sealed, the bid is liable for rejection. The envelope containing commercial bid shall be marked as: **“COMMERCIAL BID FOR SELECTION OF APPLICATION SERVICE PROVIDER (ASP) FOR GENERAL LEDGER/ACCOUNTING SOLUTION”**.
2. The bidder should certify that the contents of the CD/Pen drive are the same as that provided by way of hard copy. Letter format for the Bidder's declaration is given in Annexure 6: “Letter of Conformity with Hardcopy”
3. Please note that if any envelope is found to contain both technical & commercial offer, then that offer will be rejected outright.
4. The envelope must be super-scribed with the following information:
 - a. RFP Reference Number.
 - b. Name and Address of Bidder.
5. Bidder are requested to submit the man days cost for customization effort as per Commercial Bill of Material which will be considered for overall TCO calculation. However, the same cost will be applicable as and when required basis during the tenure of the contract.

12.4 Non-Transferable Tender

This tender document is not transferable. Only the bidder who has submitted the necessary RFP price will be eligible for participation in the evaluation process.

All the terms and conditions mentioned in the RFP will be binding to all the bidders and will also form a part of the contract, to be signed with the successful bidder on the outcome of this tender process.

12.5 Erasures or Alterations

The offers containing unauthenticated erasures or alterations will not be considered. Therefore, there should be no unauthenticated handwritten material, corrections, or alterations in the offer. If such unauthenticated erasures or alterations are present these should be initialed by the person

or persons authorized for signing the bid. Any deviation may lead to the rejection of the bid.

12.6 Cost of Bidding

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

The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, annexures, scope of the work, terms and conditions etc. in the bidding documents. Failure to furnish all information required by the RFP or submission of a bid not substantially responsive to the RFP in any aspect will be at the Bidder's risk and may result in the rejection of its bid.

12.7 Clarification of RFP

A prospective bidder requiring any clarification of the RFP may notify NEDFi in writing, by e - mail at NEDFi's mailing address indicated in the Request for Proposal (RFP). NEDFi will respond to any request for clarification of the RFP which it receives prior to the date of Pre-Bid Meeting.

12.8 Pre-Bid Meeting

1. The prospective bidders, who wish to participate in this RFP/tender shall be permitted to attend a pre-bid meeting to be held as indicated in the RFP after publication of RFP and well before the last date for receipt of bids. The bidder is required to submit the non-refundable Tender Fees worth INR 5,900/- (Rupees Five Thousand Nine Hundred Only including GST) vide Demand Draft/ Banker Cheque/NEFT/RTGS on or before the Pre bid Meeting to participate in the pre-bid meeting. Maximum of 2 (two) representatives of each prospective bidder will be permitted to attend the pre-bid meeting. However, NEDFi, at its discretion, may permit any additional representative of any prospective bidder to attend the pre-bid meeting.
2. The purpose of the meeting is to clarify issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised up to that stage. The issues/questions to be raised must be submitted through email to it@nedfi.com . NEDFi will have liberty to invite any outside agency, wherever necessary, to be present in the pre-bid meeting to reply to the technical queries of the bidders in the meeting.
3. Any modification of the RFP, which may become necessary as a result of the Pre -bid meeting, shall be made by NEDFi exclusively through the issue of an addendum and will be published on the website of NEDFi.
4. Non-attendance at the Pre-bid Meeting will not be a cause for the disqualification of a bidder. However, the bidder may directly submit RFP response without participating in pre-bid meeting and in this case the non-refundable tender document cost should be submitted with technical bid response.

12.9 Amendment in RFP

At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, NEDFi, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective Bidder, may modify the RFP by amendment.

All prospective Bidders who have purchased the RFP will be notified of the amendment by e -mail or through addendum published on NEDFi's website and will be binding to them.

In order to provide prospective Bidders reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing their bid, NEDFi, at its discretion, may extend the deadline for the submission

of bid.

12.10 Language of the Bid

The bid prepared by the Bidder, all correspondence and documents relating to the bid exchanged by the Bidder & NEDFi shall be written in English.

12.11 Bid Validity

Bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of Technical Bid.

12.12 Bid Security - Earnest Money Deposit

- a. The bidder shall furnish as part of its bid, bid security of INR 2,00,000/- (Rupees two Lakhs Only).
- b. The bid security shall be denominated in INDIAN RUPEES only and should be in the form of DD /Banker Cheque issued by a Scheduled/ Commercial Bank or through RTGS/NEFT as per given format (**Annexure 2- "Ernest Money Deposit"**) provided in the RFP and valid for forty-five (45) days beyond the validity of the bid.
- c. Any bid not secured in accordance with **Clause -12.12(a) and 12.12(b)** above will be rejected by NEDFi as non-responsive.
- d. The Bid Security submitted by the bidder will be forfeited if:
 1. The bidder withdraws its tender before processing the same.
 2. The bidder withdraws its tender after processing but before acceptance of "Letter of appointment/Work order" issued by NEDFi.
 3. The selected bidder withdraws its tender before furnishing an unconditional and irrevocable Performance Bank Guarantee.
- e. The bid security will be refunded to:
 1. The successful bidder, only after furnishing an unconditional and irrevocable Performance Bank Guarantee amounting to 5% of the contract value for the period of Sixty-Six Months 66 months.
 2. The unsuccessful bidders, only after acceptance of the "Letter of Appointment/Work order" by the selected bidder.

12.13 Performance Bank Guarantee

1. As mentioned above, the Successful Bidder shall furnish an unconditional and irrevocable Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) amounting to 5% of the total cost of ownership for 5 years 6 months (including 6 months transition phase) and valid for 66 months, validity starting from its date of issuance. The PBG shall be submitted within 15 days from the acceptance of the work order.
2. The PBG shall be denominated in Indian Rupees. All charges whatsoever such as premium; commission etc. with respect to the PBG shall be borne by the Successful Bidder.
3. The PBG must be duly accompanied by a forwarding letter issued by the issuing bank on the printed letterhead of the issuing bank. Such forwarding letter shall state that the PBG has been signed by the lawfully constituted authority legally competent to sign and execute such legal instruments. The executor (BG issuing Bank Authorities) is required to mention the Power of Attorney number and date of execution in his / her favour with authorization to sign the documents.
4. Each page of the PBG must bear the signature and seal of the BG issuing Bank and PBG number.
5. In the event of the Successful Bidder being unable to service the contract for whatever reason,

NEDFi may invoke the PBG.

6. In the event of delays by Successful Bidder in implementation of software solution beyond the schedules given in the RFP, NEDFi may invoke the PBG.
7. Notwithstanding and without prejudice to any rights whatsoever of NEDFi under the contract in the matter, the proceeds of the PBG shall be payable to NEDFi as compensation by the Successful **Bidder for its failure to complete its obligations under the contract. NEDFi shall notify the** Successful Bidder in writing of the exercise of its right to receive such compensation within 14 days, indicating the contractual obligation(s) for which the Successful Bidder is in default.
8. NEDFi shall also be entitled to make recoveries from the Successful Bidder's bills, Performance Bank Guarantee, or any other amount due to him, the equivalent value of any payment made to him by NEDFi due to inadvertence, error, collusion, misconstruction, or misstatement.
9. The PBG may be discharged / returned by NEDFi after the period of 66 months from the date of issuing the PBG upon being satisfied that there has been due performance of the obligations of the Successful Bidder under the contract. However, no interest shall be payable on the PBG.

12.14 Deadline for Submission of Bid

Bids must be received by NEDFi at the address specified under **Clause - 12.2, point no:16** and not later than the time and date specified in the RFP or its subsequent addendums. In the event of the specified date for the submission of Bids being declared a holiday for NEDFi, the bids will be received up to the appointed time on the next working day.

NEDFi may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for submission of Bids by amending the RFP in accordance with **Clause - 12.9**, in which case all rights and obligations of NEDFi and Bidders previously subject to the deadline will thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

12.15 Late Bid

Any bid received by NEDFi after the deadline for submission of bids prescribed by NEDFi, in Request for Proposal, will be rejected and returned unopened to the Bidder.

12.16 Replacement and Withdrawal of Bid

The Bidder may replace or withdraw its bid after the bid's submission, provided that written notice of the substitution or withdrawal of the bids is received by NEDFi prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of bids.

The Bidder's substitution or withdrawal notice shall be prepared, sealed, marked, and dispatched in accordance with the provisions of **Clause – 12.2**. A withdrawal notice may also be sent by e-mail but followed by a signed confirmation copy, postmarked no later than the deadline for submission of bids.

No bid can be modified after the deadline for submission of Bids.

No bid may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of Bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Form. Withdrawal of the bid during this interval may result in the Bidder's forfeiture of its Bid security, pursuant to **Clause - 12.11**.

12.17 Bid Opening

1. NEDFi will open only the Technical Bids as per the schedule mentioned in RFP. The Commercial bids for technically qualified bidders only will be opened on a later date after the technical evaluation. NEDFi will notify the place, date, and time of opening of the Commercial bids to the technically qualified bidders.
2. Attendance of all the authorized representatives of the bidders who are present at Bid Opening will be taken against name, name of the company and with full signature.
3. Each Bid will be numbered serially, signed, and dated by the three Officers of NEDFi except printed literature, brochure, and reports.
4. Alterations in the bids, if any, made by the bidder should be signed legibly to make it perfectly clear that such alterations were present on the bids at the time of opening. It would be ensured that alterations are signed by the bidder's executive who has signed the bid or by the bidder's representative authorized by the executive who has signed the bid.
5. Wherever any erasing or cutting is observed, the substitute words would be encircled and initiated by NEDFi officer singly and the fact that such erasing / cutting of the original entry were present on the bid at the time of opening shall be recorded.
6. Bids and modifications if any that are not opened and read out at Bid opening shall not be considered further for evaluation, irrespective of the circumstances. Such Bids will be returned unopened to the Bidders.

12.18 Preliminary Examination

1. NEDFi will examine the bids to determine whether they are complete, whether any computational errors have been made, whether required sureties have been furnished, whether the documents have been properly signed and whether the bids are generally in order.
2. Arithmetical errors if any will be rectified on the following basis:
 - a. If there is discrepancy between the unit price and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected.
 - b. If there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words will prevail.
3. If the bidder does not accept the correction of errors as per clause 12.18(2), its bid will be rejected.
4. NEDFi, at its discretion, may waive any minor informality, nonconformity or irregularity in a Bid, which does not prejudice or affect the relative ranking of any Bidder. This shall be binding on all bidders and NEDFi reserves the rights for such waivers.
5. Prior to the detailed evaluation, NEDFi will determine the substantial responsiveness of each bid to the RFP. For purposes of these clauses, a substantially responsive bid is one which conforms to all the terms & conditions of the RFP without material deviations. Deviations from or objections or reservations to critical provisions such as those concerning Bid Security, Performance Security, Force Majeure, Applicable Laws and Taxes & Duties will be deemed to be material deviation. NEDFi's determination of a Bid's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the Bid itself without recourse to extrinsic evidence.
6. If a Bid is not substantially responsive, it will be rejected by NEDFi.

12.19 Non-Payment of Professional Fees

If any of the items/activities as mentioned in the price bid and as mentioned in **Annexure 15 - "Commercial Bill of Material"** are not taken up by NEDFi during the course of this assignment, NEDFi will not pay the professional fees quoted by the vendor in the Price Bid against such

activity/item.

12.20 Assignment

Neither the contract nor any rights granted under the contract may be sold, leased, assigned, or otherwise transferred, in whole or in part, by the bidder, and any such attempted sale, lease, assignment or otherwise transfer shall be void and of no effect without the advance written consent of NEDFi

12.21 Sub-Contracting

The vendor shall not subcontract or permit anyone other than its personnel or related firms / entities to perform any of the work, service or other performance required of the vendor under the contract without the prior written consent of NEDFi.

12.22 Limitation of Liability

The aggregate liability of the vendor in connection with this Agreement, the services provided by the bidder for the specific scope of work document, regardless of the form or nature of the action giving rise to such liability (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) and including all liability shall be the actual limited to the extent of the total contract value.

12.23 Indemnity

The bidder shall, at its own cost and expenses, defend and indemnify NEDFi against all third-party claims including those of the infringement of intellectual property rights, including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or industrial design rights, arising from the performance of the contract.

The bidder shall expeditiously meet any such claims and shall have full rights to defend itself therefrom. If NEDFi is required to pay compensation to a third party resulting from such infringement etc., the bidder will bear all expenses including legal fees.

NEDFi will give notice to the bidder of any such claim and shall provide reasonable assistance to the Bidder in disposing of the claim.

The bidder shall also be liable to indemnify NEDFi, at its own cost and expenses, against all losses/damages, which NEDFi may suffer on account of violation by the bidder of any or all applicable national/ international trade laws. This liability shall not ensue if such losses/ damages are caused due to gross negligence or willful misconduct by NEDFi or its employees.

12.24 Intellectual Property Rights

The bidder claims and represents that it has obtained appropriate rights to provide the Deliverables and Services upon the terms and conditions contained in this RFP.

The bidder shall be responsible at its own cost for obtaining all necessary authorizations and consents from third party licensors of Software used by bidder in performing its obligations under this Project.

If a third party's claim endangers or disrupts NEDFi's use of the Deliverables, the bidder shall at no further expense, charge, fee or cost to NEDFi, obtain a license so that NEDFi may continue use of the Deliverables in accordance with the terms of this RFP.

Bidder shall indemnify and keep fully and effectively indemnified NEDFi from all legal actions, claims, or damages from third parties arising out of use of software, designs or processes used by bidder or in respect of any other services rendered under this RFP.

12.25 Patent Rights

The Bidder shall indemnify NEDFi against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark or industrial design rights arising from use of the Goods, Software package or any part thereof in India and abroad.

In the event of any claim asserted by the third party of infringement of copyright, patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from the use of the Goods or any part thereof in India, the Bidder shall act expeditiously to extinguish such claims. If the Bidder fails to comply and NEDFi is required to pay compensation to a third party resulting from such infringement, the Bidder shall be responsible for the compensation including all expenses, court costs and lawyer fees. NEDFi will give notice to the Bidder of such claims, if it is made, without delay.

NEDFi will give notice to the bidder of any such claim without delay, provide reasonable assistance to the bidder in disposing of the claim, and shall at no time admit to any liability for or express any intent to settle the claim.

12.26 Force Majeure

The bidder shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, liquidated damages or termination for default, if any to the extent that it's delays in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the contract is the result of an event of Force Majeure.

For purposes of this Clause, "Force Majeure" means an event beyond the control of the bidder and not involving the bidder's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but are not restricted to, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions.

If a Force Majeure situation arises, the bidder shall promptly notify NEDFi in writing of such condition and the cause thereof within fifteen calendar days. Unless otherwise directed by NEDFi in writing, the bidder 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.

12.27 Escrow Mechanism

NEDFi and the vendor shall agree to appoint an escrow agent to provide escrow mechanism for the deposit of the source code for the entire software suite (including new version of the software solution as and when released) supplied by the vendor to NEDFi in order to protect its interests in an eventual situation. NEDFi and the vendor shall enter into a tripartite escrow agreement with the designated escrow agent, which will set out, inter alia, the events of the release of the source code and the obligations of the escrow agent. The cost for the escrow will be borne by the vendor. As a part of the escrow arrangement, the final selected vendor is also expected to provide a detailed code documentation of the software solution which has been duly reviewed by an external independent organization.

12.28 Bidder's Integrity

The bidder 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.

12.29 Bidder's Obligation

The bidder is obliged to work closely with NEDFi's staff, act within its own authority and abide by directives issued by NEDFi and implementation activities.

The bidder is responsible for managing the activities of its personnel or its representatives and will hold itself responsible for any misdemeanors. The bidder is obliged to provide all the services as per the contract.

The bidder will treat all data and information about NEDFi as confidential, obtained in the execution of their responsibilities, in strict confidence and will not reveal such information to any other party without the prior written approval of NEDFi.

12.30 Information Ownership

All information processed, stored, or transmitted by Vendor system belongs to NEDFi. By having the responsibility to maintain the system, the vendor does not acquire implicit access rights to the information or rights to distribute the information. The vendor understands the civil, criminal, or administrative penalties may be imposed for failure in protecting information appropriately.

12.31 Use of Contract Document and Information

The bidder shall not, without NEDFi's prior written consent, disclose the Contract or any provision thereof or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, or information furnished by or on behalf of NEDFi in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the bidder in the performance of the Contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence & shall extend only as far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.

The bidder shall not, without NEDFi's prior written consent, make use of any document or information except for purposes of performing the Contract.

Any document, other than the Contract itself, shall remain the property of NEDFi and shall be returned (in all copies) to NEDFi on completion of the bidder's performance under the Contract if so required by NEDFi.

12.32 Termination for Convenience

NEDFi, by written notice sent to the bidder, may terminate the Contract with a notice of 3 months, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The notice of termination shall specify that termination is for NEDFi's convenience, the extent to which performance of work under the Contract is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.

12.33 Effect of Termination

The Bidder agrees that it shall not be relieved of its obligations under the reverse transition mechanism notwithstanding the termination of the assignment.

Reverse Transition mechanism would typically include service and tasks that are required to be performed / rendered by the bidder to NEDFi or its designee to ensure smooth handover (**including data**) and transitioning of NEDFi's deliverables, data, credentials, maintenance, removal of NEDFi's all data from the system/ cloud and facility management.

Same terms (including payment terms) which were applicable during the term of the contract should be applicable for reverse transition services. The reverse transition phase shall be completed within 3 months.

The Bidder agrees that after completion of the Term or upon earlier termination of the assignment

the Bidder shall, if required by NEDFi, continue to provide maintenance services to NEDFi at no less favorable terms than those contained in this RFP. In case NEDFi wants to continue with the Bidder's services after the completion of this contract then the Bidder shall offer the same or better terms to NEDFi. Unless mutually agreed, the rates shall remain firm.

The bidder agrees that NEDFi at any point of time during tenure of contract may return/discontinue any of the Deliverables/services in whole or part thereof offered under this RFP. NEDFi shall not be liable to make any payment in respect of the Deliverables/services returned in whole or part thereof.

12.34 Renewal of Contract

In case NEDFi wants to continue with the bidder's services after the completion of this contract, the bidder shall offer the same services or enhanced services to NEDFi. Unless mutually agreed, the same rates shall apply.

12.35 Exit Management

- a. In addition to the requirements mentioned in RFP, the purpose of this section is to provide details of bidder's assistance during termination or expiration of the contract and exit plan strategy for NEDFi. The bidder shall also have to develop a detailed exit plan with its consortium partner(s) (if any) within 6(six) months of signing of contract. The exit plan should have the detailed product wise support services to be provided by the bidder and its consortium partner (s) (if any) during transition period. NEDFi shall have rights to review the exit plan submitted by the bidder and would suggest changes to be made in the exit plan, if any. After that, the exit plan shall be reviewed as and when required by the NEDFi.

12.35.1 Handover & Transition of Services

The following shall be covered as a part of the handover & transition of services at the end of contract period or in the event of termination:

- a. If any other agency or service provider is selected by NEDFi for providing in-scope services, the bidder selected through this RFP shall provide support for necessary handholding, transition, sharing of information and relevant documents and other related support to the complete satisfaction of NEDFi. In case, if NEDFi observe lack of willingness to manage transit/ sharing of information or lack of support from the bidder (selected through this RFP), NEDFi shall have an absolute discretion to impose penalties and make appropriate deductions from its billing or any other payables to the bidder.
- b. Bidder shall provide the termination/expiration assistance, regardless of the reason for termination or expiration. Six (6) months prior to the expiration of the term, or upon bidder's receipt of notice of termination of this contract for any reason, or six (6) months prior to the cessation of any service, and at NEDFi's request, bidder shall provide to NEDFi the staff and transition services necessary for NEDFi to affect an orderly transition to NEDFi or to a third party designated by NEDFi.
- c. The bidder shall provide the necessary transition for the period of 6 months. However, this period of transition could vary depending on the need of NEDFi and the same shall be communicated to the bidder.
- d. During transition phase, the bidder shall not change or remove their key resources deployed at NEDFi to enable the successful transition. In case, such instances occur, NEDFi shall have right to penalize the bidder appropriately.

- e. During the transition phase, the bidder shall deploy a dedicated transition resources to enable the successful transition.
- f. During the exit management process, it is the responsibility of the bidder to hand over all the data stored with them in such a format that it can be migrated to the new system (as per reverse transition mechanism mentioned above).
- g. The ownership of the assets (including soft and hard components existing and procured through this RFP) except for those which are taken as a service, at any point of time during the term of the contract or expiry of the contract, shall remain with NEDFi. In addition, any information/ data gathered or generated by the bidder during the term of the contract shall be the property of NEDFi and the same shall be handed over to NEDFi in native format at the end or termination of the contract; and
- h. During the contract period, the bidder shall ensure that all the documentation including diagrams,

policies, procedures, asset registers, configuration documents, procurement documentation, original license and all other documents in relation to the works as per the agreed terms are kept up to date and all such documents shall be handed over to NEDFi during the exit management process.

In case NEDFi decides to withdraw any services/components from the scope of work during the contract period, the bidder has to facilitate the transition of that service/components in compliance with the above Clauses.

12.35.2 Transfer of Documents

The bidder shall promptly on the commencement of the exit management period supply to NEDFi or its nominated bidder(s) the following:

1. Information relating to the current services rendered; and
2. Documentation relating to intellectual property rights

The bidder shall provide uninterrupted services on existing terms and conditions till an acceptable alternate solution is agreed by NEDFi.

Before the expiry of the exit management period, the bidder shall deliver to NEDFi or its nominated service provider or any other agency all new or updated materials from the categories set out in point (1) above, and shall not retain any copies thereof, except that the bidder shall be permitted to retain one copy of such materials for archival purposes only.

12.35.3 Transfer of Agreements

On request by NEDFi or its selected service provider or any other agency, the bidder shall affect such assignments, transfers, innovations, licenses and sub- licenses in favor of NEDFi or its nominated service provider or any other agency, in relation to any equipment lease, maintenance or service provision agreement between the bidder and selected service provider or any other agency, and which are related to the services and reasonably necessary for the carrying out replacement services.

The bidder is responsible for transferability of cloud outsourced services to a third party, another CSP or on premise to the NEDFi for continuity of service.

12.35.4 Addition or Deletion of Qualified Offerings

Both the parties agree that the intent of this tender is to establish an initial set of service offerings. NEDFi recognizes that, as the use of these services expands, it is possible that additional services and / or service categories will be needed. In addition, NEDFi recognize that from time-to-time hardware and software products that are provided as part of vendor services will be upgraded or replaced as technology evolves. Replacement and / or supplemental hardware and software products that meet or exceed the minimum proposal requirements may be added with the prior approval of NEDFi. For this purpose, a Change Order Procedure will be followed. NEDFi may request a change order in the event of actual or anticipated changes(s) to the agreed scope of work, services, deliverables, and schedules. The Vendor shall prepare a change order reflecting the actual or anticipated change(s) including the impact on deliverables schedule. The Vendor shall carry out such services as required by NEDFi at mutually agreed terms and conditions.

The vendor shall agree that the price for incremental offering cannot exceed the original proposed cost and NEDFi reserves the right to re-negotiate the price. At the unit rates provided for TCO calculations NEDFi has the right to order as much as it wants at those rates.

The vendor shall agree to submit the request to add new services or service categories on its letterhead signed by a representatives authorized to bind the organization.

NEDFi is under no obligation to honor such requests to add services categories or amend this contract.

As a method for reviewing Vendor services and NEDFi requirement, NEDFi will sponsor regular reviews to allow an exchange of requirements and opportunities

12.36 Conflict of Interest

The Bidder shall disclose to NEDFi in writing, all actual and potential conflicts of interest that exist, arise or may arise (either for the Bidder or the Bidder's team) in the course of performing the Service(s) as soon as practical after it becomes aware of that conflict.

12.37 Arbitration

The Bidder and NEDFi shall endeavour their best to amicably settle all disputes arising out of or in connection with the Contract in the following manner:

- a. The Party raising a dispute shall address to the other Party a notice requesting an amicable settlement of the dispute within seven (7) days of receipt of the notice.
- b. The matter will be referred for negotiation between Authorized Official of NEDFi and the Authorized Official of the Bidder. The matter shall then be resolved between them, and the agreed course of action documented within a further period of 15 days.

In case any dispute between the Parties, does not settle by negotiation in the manner as mentioned above, the same may be resolved exclusively by arbitration and such dispute may be submitted by either party for arbitration within 20 days of the failure of negotiations. Arbitration shall be held in Guwahati and conducted in accordance with the provisions of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof. Each Party to the dispute shall appoint one arbitrator each and the two arbitrators shall jointly appoint the third or the presiding arbitrator.

The "Arbitration Notice" should accurately set out the disputes between the parties, the intention of the aggrieved party to refer such disputes to arbitration as provided herein, the name of the person it seeks to appoint as an arbitrator with a request to the other party to appoint its arbitrator within 45 days from receipt of the notice. All notices by one party to the other in connection with the arbitration shall be in writing and be made as provided in this tender document.

The arbitrators shall hold their sittings at Guwahati. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in English language. Subject to the above, the courts of law at Guwahati alone shall have the jurisdiction in respect of all matters connected with the Contract/Agreement even though other Courts in India may also have similar jurisdictions. The arbitration award shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the Parties and judgment may be entered thereon, upon the application of either party to a court of competent jurisdiction. Each Party shall bear the cost of preparing and presenting its case, and the cost of arbitration, including fees and expenses of the arbitrators, shall be shared equally by the Parties unless the award otherwise provides.

The Bidder shall not be entitled to suspend the Service/s or the completion of the job, pending resolution of any dispute between the Parties and shall continue to render the Service/s in accordance with the provisions of the Contract/Agreement notwithstanding the existence of any dispute between the Parties or the subsistence of any arbitration or other proceedings.

12.38 Jurisdiction

The courts of law at Guwahati alone shall have the jurisdiction in respect of all matters connected with the Contract/Agreement

12.39 Bidder's Liability

Bidder aggregate liability in connection with the obligations undertaken as a part of RFP regardless of the form or nature of the action giving rise to such liability (whether in contract or otherwise), shall be at actual and limited to the value of the total Contract. This limit shall not apply to third party claims for

- a. IP infringement indemnity.
- b. Bodily injury (including death) and damage to real property and tangible personal property caused by bidder's gross negligence.

Bidder's liability in case of claims against NEDFi resulting from misconduct/fraud or gross negligence of bidders, its employees, and sub-contractors or from infringement of patents, trademarks, copy rights or such other Intellectual Property Rights or breach of confidentiality obligations shall be unlimited.

Bidder will declare and undertake that NEDFi shall not be held liable for and shall stand absolved of any responsibility or claim/litigation arising out of the use of any third-party equipment/software supplied by bidder as a part of the RFP.

Bidder shall not be liable or responsible for any delay or failure to perform Services under this Agreement to the extent that such delay or failure to perform has arisen because of any delay or failure by NEDFi or its employees or agents to perform any of its duties and obligations as set out in this Agreement. If Bidder is delayed or prevented from performing its obligations due to such failure or delay on the part of NEDFi, Bidder shall be allowed an additional period to perform its obligations and unless otherwise agreed the additional period shall be equal to the amount of time for which Bidder is delayed or prevented from performing its obligations due to such failure or delay on the part of NEDFi. Any cost escalation because of delays or failures on the part of NEDFi shall be referred to Senior Management of both parties for its resolution.

12.40 Payment Term

The Payment terms will be applicable for all components of the software solution in ASP Model on operating expenditure mode after execution of Contract Agreement are as follows:

1. Application along with Infrastructure in ASP Model on Opex mode:

General Ledger/Accounting solution, Third Party APIs Integration in ASP model on Opex mode with Per Month Basis will be paid Quarterly in arrears. The payment cycle will start from the date of Go-Live of the solution.

2. Network Connectivity:

The bidders must establish network connectivity between bidder's certified DC/DR with NEDFi's Head office and Branches. The bidder is required to propose the required bandwidth, needed to establish IPSec/SSL VPN tunnel from NEDFi HO/branches to bidder's DC & DR.

However, the DC-DR Connectivity and internet bandwidth required for entire software solution with ancillary applications hosted at bidder's DC/DR must be provisioned by the bidder and there should be no issue regarding the internet bandwidth availability and utilization without any additional cost to NEDFi.

3. One Time Setup Cost (including license fee, implementation cost, customization cost, integration cost etc.):

100% onetime setup cost will be paid after success full GO LIVE, sign off and acceptance from NEDFi

4. Data Migration Cost:

70% of migration charges will be paid after successful GO LIVE and sign-off from NEDFi.
30% of migration charges will be paid post migration audit through third party auditor.

5. Training Cost:

100% of training charges will be paid after completion of the particular training schedule with the sign-off by NEDFi.

6. Customization Cost (After Stabilization Period)

- 70% of customization cost on actual will be paid after successful implementation post UAT of the customization point and sign off and acceptance by NEDFi.
- 30% of the customization cost will be paid after 3 months post completion of customized points and sign off and acceptance by NEDFi
- Customization Cost shall be considered only after six months post successful implementation/Go-Live as per FTR and BRD/FSD and Sign Off from NEDFi.

7. Interface/API Integration Cost (for integration with LMS Solution)

NEDFi is in the process of implementing a standard LMS software solution simultaneously. Bidder has to work hand-in-hand with LMS vendor for smooth integration with LMS solution.

100% Interface cost will be paid after successful integration, sign off and acceptance from NEDFi.

In the event of any unforeseen delay in the selection or finalization of the LMS solution provider, the integration of the LMS solution will be carried out once the vendor is finalized. Any delays resulting from the vendor selection process from NEDFi side will not warrant any additional payments or compensation to the selected bidder. The agreed-upon payment structure remains unchanged, and no further payments will be made due to such delays

8. FMS Charges

- The bidder is required to provide quotations for both Onsite and Remote L2 Resources, as per the Commercial Bid format. However, NEDFi will confirm the required deployment model (onsite or remote) for L2 resources based on actual needs post project Go-Live. Payments will be made accordingly, based on the deployment model utilized.
- The annual amount to be paid towards resource cost deployed for the entire tenure of the project would be divided into four equal installments, to be paid quarterly at the end of each quarter. The first quarter would begin after go-live of the project. In the first year the payment will be released pro-rata basis.
- Quarterly payouts for ongoing services will be made to successful bidder on the basis of resource and corresponding invoice raised for each quarter, adjusting the applicable penalties.
- Any addition/reduction in the resources for addition/deletion in scope of work will be on pro-rata basis arrived from the existing Bill of Material.

Note: It is the responsibility of the vendor to make the necessary estimated tax payments throughout the year, if any, and the vendor is solely liable for any tax obligation arising from the vendors performance of this engagement. The vendor hereby agrees to indemnify the NEDFi against any demand to pay taxes arising from the vendors failure to pay taxes on compensation earned pursuant to this engagement. If NEDFi requested, the vendor needs to produce necessary evidence w.r.t. depositing of GST/other taxes collected from NEDFi to Govt. authorities.

ANNEXURES

ANNEXURE 1: BID FORM

To,
The General Manager (IT),
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
NEDFi House, G.S. Road, Dispur
Guwahati, Assam-781006

Having examined the RFP (RFP No: NEDFi/RFP/IT/02/2025-26 Dated 19/08/2025) including all annexure, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned, offer to deliver services in conformity with the said RFP and in accordance with our proposal and total cost indicated in the Commercial Bid and made part of this bid.

We undertake, if our bid is accepted, to deliver services and complete the project in accordance with the scheduled timelines.

If our bid is accepted, we will provide the guarantee of a Bank in a sum equivalent to 5% of the contract price for the due performance of the Contract in the form prescribed by NEDFi.

We agree to abide by this bid for the period of 180 days from the date fixed for technical bid opening and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period.

Until a formal contract is prepared and executed, this bid, together with NEDFi's notification of contract and written acceptance thereof constitute a binding Contract between us.

We undertake that, in competing for (and, if the award is made to us, in executing) the contract, we will strictly observe the laws against fraud and corruption in force in India namely "Prevention of Corruption Act 1988".

We also undertake that the application will be hosted in Indian Territory only. The proposed DC and DR should be in India and no data will be stored outside India.

We understand that NEDFi is not bound to accept the lowest or any bid it may receive.

Place:

Dated: this day of 2025ss.

(Signature) (In the Capacity of)

Duly authorized to sign bid for and on behalf of

(Name & Address of Bidder)

ANNEXURE 2: EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT

RFP No: NEDFi/RFP/IT/02/2025-26 Dated 19/08/2025

Date: _____

To,
The General Manager (IT),
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
NEDFi House, G.S. Road, Dispur
Guwahati, Assam-781006

Subject: Earnest Money Deposit

We, _____ having our registered office at _____ (hereinafter referred to as "the Bidder") have submitted our proposal and response dated _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Bid") for the supply of all the requirements described in the Request for Proposal along with its amendments/annexures and other ancillary documents (hereinafter referred to as "RFP") as issued by North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.

1. That the BIDDER is hereby submitting the security deposit of Rs.2,00,000 /- (Rupees two Lacs Only) vide [demand draft / pay order issued by a scheduled/Commercial bank or through bank transfer(NEFT/RTGS/IMPS)] bearing Reference No. _____ dated _____ [drawn on/ issued by] _____

(Hereinafter referred to as "Earnest Money Deposit") favouring '**North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.**' for consideration of the Bid of the above mentioned Bidder.

2. The Bidder hereby specifically acknowledges and agrees that the Bidder has furnished his Bid on the understanding and condition that, if the Bidder:
 - a) Withdraws its Bid prior to the validity period of the Bid for any reason whatsoever or
 - b) Fails to accept and sign the contract as specified in this document for any reason whatsoever; or
 - c) Fails to provide the performance guarantee within 15 days from the date of placing the order by North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. or signing of the contract, whichever is earlier, for any reason whatsoever.

North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. has the right to forfeit the entire Earnest Money Deposit amount merely on the occurrence of one or more of the foregoing events without demur or a written demand or notice to the Bidder.

3. The Bidder understands, agrees and acknowledges that the Earnest Money Deposit will be refunded to the unsuccessful bidders only after acceptance of the "Purchase Order" and execution of agreement by the successful bidder. The bidder also agrees and acknowledges that the Earnest Money Deposit shall be returned to the successful Bidder upon furnishing of Performance Bank Guarantee.
4. The Bidder undertakes that it will not cancel the Earnest Money Deposit referred to above till the Bidder is returned the Earnest Money Deposit from North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. in accordance with the foregoing conditions.

5. The Bidder represents and warrants that the Bidder has obtained all necessary approvals, permissions and consents and has full power and authority to issue this Earnest Money Deposit and perform its obligations hereunder, and the Bidder has taken all corporate, legal and other actions necessary or advisable to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Earnest Money Deposit. The absence or deficiency of authority or power on the part of the Bidder to issue this Earnest Money Deposit or any irregularity in exercise of such powers shall not affect the liability of the Bidder under this Earnest Money Deposit.

Yours faithfully,

Signature

Name:

Designation:

Date:

ANNEXURE 3: BIDDER'S INFORMATION

Name of the Bidder	
Registration No of Certificate of Incorporation & Date / Shop Act License Establishment date	
Address for Correspondence: Registered Office: Corporate Office: Landline No.: Fax: Email-ID:	
Organization Status of Registration Government Organization / PSU / Partnership / LLP or a Public / Private Limited Company	
Number of Years in the Business	
PAN number GSTIN	
Single Point of contact for this RFP Name: Designation: Mobile No.: Landline No.: Fax: Email-ID: (Any changes in the above should be informed in advance to NEDFi)	
Gross annual turnover of the bidder (not of the group): Amount in INR Crore 2022-23: 2023-24: 2024-25:	
Net Profit of the bidder (not of the group): Amount in INR Crore 2022-23: 2023-24: 2024-25:	

ANNEXURE 4: CONFIRMATION TO ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Sr. No.	Eligibility Criteria	Supporting Documents
A. GENERAL		
1	The bidder should be the OEM of General Ledger/Accounting Solution or its authorized partner or system integrator and must be a Public Ltd. Company/Private Ltd. Company / LLP / Partnership Firm / Government Organization / PSU and operating in India for at least 3 years as on date of the RFP.	Certificate of Incorporation and other Documentary evidence to be attached. If the bidder is OEM of general accounting software, then the Bidder have to submit IPR or relevant documentation regarding the OEM of the software. If the bidder is not the OEM of General Ledger/Accounting software then it has to submit the MAF from OEM of general accounting software.
2	The bidder should have ISO 27001 certification.	Copy of the relevant certificates or Assessment certificate from Auditing agency.
3	The Bidder should not have been blacklisted/barred/disqualified by any Bank/NBFC/Financial Institution / PSU / GOI department as on date of submission of Bid	Self-declaration by competent authority of the bidder on Bidder's letterhead
4	The product or product version quoted by the bidder must not be declared End of Life or nearing End of Life within the next 1.5 years	Copy of the relevant certificate has to be submitted
B. FINANCIAL		
1	The bidder shall have minimum average annual turnover of Rs. 10 Crore from the IT business only , for the last three financial years (i.e., 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25). This must be the individual company turnover and not of any group of companies.	Audited financial statement signed by statutory auditor or duly certified by chartered accountant consisting of balance sheet and profit and loss account statement for the last three financial years must be submitted i.e., 2022- 23, 2023-24, 2024-25. In case of 2024-25, provisional financial statement signed by statutory auditor or duly certified by chartered accountant will also be accepted.
2	The bidder should have positive net worth in the last three (03) financial (i.e., 2022- 23, 2023-24 and 2024-25). This must be the individual company net worth and not of any group of companies.	Audited financial statement signed by statutory auditor of balance sheet and profit and loss account statement for the last three financial years must be submitted i.e. 2022- 23, 2023-24, 2024-25. In the case of 2024-25, provisional financial statements signed by statutory auditor or duly certified by chartered accountant will also be accepted. The Net worth amount to be certified by Statutory Auditor along with the audited financial statement.
3	The bidder should be a Profit-making company for last three (03) financial years (i.e., 2022- 23, 2023-24 and 2024-	Audited financial statement signed by statutory auditor of balance sheet and profit and loss account statement for the last three financial years must

	25). This must be the individual company profit and not of any group of companies	be submitted i.e. 2022- 23, 2023-24 and 2024-25. In the case of 2024-25 provisional financial statement signed by statutory auditor or duly certified by chartered accountant will also be accepted. The Profit amounts to be certified by Statutory Auditor along with the audited financial statement.
C. EXPERIENCE & SERVICE CAPABILITY		
1	The bidder should have prior experience of Implementation / management of General Ledger/Accounting Solution in at least two (2) Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) or banks (excluding Co-operative Bank).	Credentials from clients, i.e. Purchase Order/ Contract Agreement supported with a satisfaction letter from the client have to be submitted. The credentials should be of the last five financial years. Project which is active will only be considered and Projects still under implementation will not be considered as credential.
2	The bidder must have prior experience in the implementation/management of General Accounting Software Solution along with successful integration with own/third party LMS/CBS in at least two (2) Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) or banks (excluding co-operative banks) in India	Credentials from in form of Purchase Orders/ Contract Agreement etc. supported with a satisfaction letter has to be submitted. The credentials should be of the last five financial years. Project which is active will only be considered and Projects still under implementation will not be considered as credential.
3	The bidder should have implemented the proposed General Accounting Software Solution with multiple bank API Integration for Payout, reconciliation and receiving Payments	Credentials from in form of Purchase Orders/ Contract Agreement etc. supported with a satisfaction letter has to be submitted.

ANNEXURE 5: LETTER OF CONFIRMATION

To,
The General Manager (IT),
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
NEDFi House, G.S. Road, Dispur
Guwahati, Assam-781006

RFP No: NEDFi/RFP/IT/02/2025-26 Dated 19/08/2025

Dear Sir,

We confirm having submitted the Bid and annexures in accordance with the said RFP. The details submitted by us are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and if it is proved otherwise at any stage of execution of the contract, North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. has the right to summarily reject the proposal and disqualify us from the process.

We confirm that we will abide by the conditions mentioned in the Tender Document (RFP, corrigendum and annexure) in full or in accordance with the deviations in "Terms & Conditions" accepted by NEDFi.

We, hereby acknowledge and confirm, having accepted that the NEDFi can at its absolute discretion, apply whatever criteria is deemed appropriate, not just limiting to those criteria set out in the RFP and related documents, in short listing of bidders.

We shall observe confidentiality of all the information passed on to us in course of the tendering process and shall not use the information for any other purpose than the current tender.

We also confirm that we /Our consortium partners have not been blacklisted by any Govt. Department/ PSU/PSE or Banks or Any Financial Institution or otherwise not involved in any such incident with any concern whatsoever, where the job undertaken/performed and conduct has been questioned by any authority, which may lead to legal action.

Place:

Date:

SEAL

(Authorized Signatory)

ANNEXURE 6: LETTER OF CONFORMITY WITH HARDCOPY

To,
The General Manager (IT),
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
NEDFi House, G.S. Road, Dispur
Guwahati, Assam-781006

RFP No: NEDFi/RFP/IT/02/2025-26 Dated 19f/08/2025

Dear Sir,

Further to our proposal dated ___/___/2025, in response to the Request for Proposal (NEDFi's tender no. RFP No: NEDFi/RFP/IT/02/2025-26 Dated 19/08/2025 hereinafter referred to as "RFP") issued by North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd ("NEDFi") we hereby covenant, warrant and confirm as follows:

The soft-copies of the proposal submitted by us in response to the RFP and the related addendums and other documents including the changes made to the original tender documents issued by NEDFi, conform to and are identical with the hard-copies of the aforesaid proposal required to be submitted by us, in all respects.

Yours faithfully,

Authorized Signatory

Designation

Bidder's corporate name

ANNEXURE 7: MANUFACTURER'S AUTHORIZATION FORM

Note: This authorization letter should be printed on the letterhead of all the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and should be signed by a competent person having the power of attorney to bind the manufacturer.

RFP No: NEDFi/RFP/IT/02/2025-26 dated 19/08/2025

Date: __/__/2025

To,
The General Manager (IT),
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
NEDFi House, G.S. Road, Dispur
Guwahati, Assam-781006

Dear Sir,

Sub: RFP No: NEDFi/RFP/IT/02/2025-26 dated 19/08/2025

We the established and reputable OEM / producers of _____ having development facilities at (address of development facility) do hereby authorize with exclusivity to M/s _____ (Name and address of the bidder) to submit a Bid and sign the contract with you against the above Bid Invitation.

We hereby extend our full guarantee and warranty for the Solution, Products and services offered by the above Organization against this Bid Invitation.

We also undertake to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to the Products manufactured or distributed by the Bidder:

- Such Products as the NEDFi may opt to purchase from the Bidder, provided, that this option shall not relieve the Bidder of any warranty obligations under the Contract; and

In the event of termination of production of such Products:

- Advance notification to NEDFi of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the NEDFi to procure needed requirements; and
- Following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the NEDFi, the blueprints, design documents, operations manuals, standards, source codes and specifications of the Products, if requested.

We duly authorize the said firm to act on our behalf in fulfilling all installations, implementation, technical support and maintenance obligations required by the contract.

We further certify that, in case the authorized partner/ system integrator is not able to meet its obligations as per contract during contract period, we, as the OEM, shall perform the said obligations with regard to their items by ourselves or through alternate & acceptable service provider.

Place:

Date:

Seal and signature of the OEM

ANNEXURE 8: FORMAT FOR PRE-BID QUERY

Tender Ref No.: RFP No: NEDFi/RFP/IT/02/2025-26 Dated 19/08/2025

If, bidder, desiring to respond to RFP for Selection of Application Service Provider (ASP) for General Ledger/Accounting Solution requires any clarifications on the points mentioned in the RFP, it may communicate with North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. using the following format (in an Microsoft excel (xls/ xlsx) format).

All queries received within the last date of receiving Pre-bid queries mentioned in the RFP will be formally responded to and queries/points of clarification and the responses will be circulated to all participating bidder if required. The source (identity) of the bidder seeking points of clarification will not be revealed. Alternatively, NEDFi may at its discretion, may or may not answer all queries in the Pre-bid meeting.

Section Number	Page Number	Point Number	Original Clause	Query	NEDFi Response

ANNEXURE 9: NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

(On Rs.100 non-Judicial stamp paper)

This Non-Disclosure Agreement made and entered into at... Thisday of 2025

BY AND BETWEEN

....., a company/..... incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956/.....
having its registered office at (Hereinafter referred to as the Vendor which
expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof be deemed to include its permitted
successors) of the ONE PART;

AND

North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd., a NBFC having its Registered Office at NEDFi house, G.
S Road, Dispur, Guwahati - 781006 (hereinafter referred to as "NEDFi" which expression shall unless it be
repugnant to the subject, meaning or context thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and
assigns) of the OTHER PART.

The Vendor and NEDFi are hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties" and individually as "the Party"

WHEREAS:

1. NEDFi is engaged in the business of providing financial services to its customers and intends to engage Vendor for Implementation and Management of General Ledger/Accounting solution in Application Service Provider (ASP) model on opex mode.
2. In the course of such assignment, it is anticipated that NEDFi or any of its officers, employees, officials, representatives or agents may disclose, or deliver, to the Vendor some Confidential Information (as hereinafter defined), to enable the Vendor to carry out the aforesaid assignment (hereinafter referred to as "the Purpose").
3. The Vendor is aware and confirms that all information, data and other documents made available in the RFP/Bid Documents/Agreement /Contract or in connection with the Services rendered by the Vendor are confidential information and are privileged and strictly confidential and or proprietary of NEDFi, The Vendor undertakes to safeguard and protect such confidential information as may be received from NEDFi

NOW, THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSED THAT in consideration of the above promises and the NEDFi granting the Vendor and or his representatives to have specific access NEDFi property / information and other data it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. Confidential Information:

- (i) "Confidential Information" means all information disclosed/furnished by NEDFi to the Vendor whether orally, in writing or in electronic, magnetic or other form for the limited purpose of enabling the Vendor to carry out the proposed Implementation assignment, and shall mean and include data, documents and information or any copy, abstract, extract, sample, note or module thereof, explicitly designated as "Confidential"; Provided the oral information is set forth in writing and marked "Confidential" within seven (7) days of such oral disclosure.
- (ii) The Vendor may use the Confidential Information solely for and in connection with the Purpose and shall not use the Confidential Information or any part thereof for any reason other than the Purpose stated above.

Confidential Information does not include information which:

- (a) is or subsequently becomes legally and publicly available without breach of this Agreement by either party,
- (b) was rightfully in the possession of the Vendor without any obligation of confidentiality prior to receiving it from North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd,
- (c) was rightfully obtained by the Vendor from a source other than North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd without any obligation of confidentiality,
- (d) was developed by for the Vendor independently and without reference to any Confidential Information and such independent development can be shown by documentary evidence, or is/was disclosed pursuant to an order of a court or governmental agency as so required by such order, provided that the Vendor shall, unless prohibited by law or regulation, promptly notify North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd of such order and afford North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd the opportunity to seek appropriate protective order relating to such disclosure.
- (e) the recipient knew or had in its possession, prior to disclosure, without limitation on its confidentiality.
- (f) is released from confidentiality with the prior written consent of the other party.

The recipient shall have the burden of proving hereinabove are applicable to the information in the possession of the recipient. Confidential Information shall at all times remain the sole and exclusive property of the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. Upon termination of this Agreement, Confidential Information shall be returned to North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd or destroyed, if incapable of return. The destruction shall be witnessed and so recorded, in writing, by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

Nothing contained herein shall in any manner impair or affect rights of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd in respect of the Confidential Information.

In the event that any of the Parties hereto becomes legally compelled to disclose any Confidential Information, such Party shall, as may be legally permissible and reasonably practicable, give sufficient notice to the other party to enable the other Party to prevent or minimize to the extent possible, such disclosure. Neither party shall disclose to a third party any Confidential Information or the contents of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. The obligations of this Clause shall be satisfied by handling Confidential Information with the Similar degree of care, which the receiving party applies to its own similar confidential information but in no event less than reasonable care.

The obligations of this clause shall survive the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Agreement

2. Non-disclosure: The Vendor shall not commercially use or disclose any Confidential Information, or any materials derived there from to any other person or entity other than its directors, partners, agents, affiliates, associates, bidders or persons in the direct employment of the Vendor (collectively as “Representatives”) who have a need to have access to and knowledge of the Confidential Information solely for the Purpose authorized above. The Vendor shall take appropriate measures by instruction and written agreement prior to disclosure to such representative to assure against unauthorized use or disclosure. The Vendor may disclose Confidential Information to others only if the Vendor has executed a Non-Disclosure Agreement with the other party to whom it is disclosed that contains terms and conditions that are no less restrictive than these presents, and the Vendor agrees to notify North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd immediately if it learns of any use or disclosure of the Confidential Information in violation of terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, the bidder shall disclose the Confidential Information to such other parties who conduct bidder’s internal risk management procedures, facilitate bidder’s administration of business and support bidder’s infrastructure. The bidder shall disclose Confidential Information to its

professional indemnity insurers in which event any such disclosure shall be subject to confidentiality obligations provided herein.

Notwithstanding the marking and identification requirements above, the following categories of information shall be treated as Confidential Information under this Agreement irrespective of whether it is marked or identified as confidential:

- a) Information regarding North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd and any of its Affiliates, customers and their customer Information. For purposes of this Agreement, Affiliate means a business entity now or hereafter controlled by, controlling or under common control. Control exists when an entity owns or controls more than 10% of the outstanding shares or securities representing the right to vote for the election of directors or other managing authority of another entity; or
- b) any aspect of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd., business that is protected by patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other similar intellectual property right; or
- c) business processes, procedures and policies; or
- d) current and future business plans; or
- e) personnel information; or
- f) financial information.
- g) Customer/Vendor Information
- h) technology information including architecture, framework, infrastructure design, DC & DR information etc.
- i) all data stored in the application

3. **Publications:** The Vendor shall not make news releases, public announcements, social media announcement, give interviews, issue or publish advertisements or publicize in any other manner whatsoever in connection with this Agreement, the contents / provisions thereof, other information relating to this Agreement, the Purpose, the Confidential Information or other matter of this Agreement, without the prior written approval of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.

4. **Term:** This Agreement shall be read together with the principal agreement as may be executed between the Parties for the Purpose and shall be effective from the date hereof and shall continue till expiration of the Purpose or termination of this Agreement by North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd, whichever is earlier. The Vendor hereby agrees and undertakes to North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd that immediately on termination of this Agreement it would forthwith cease using the Confidential Information and further promptly return or destroy, under information to North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd, all information received by it from North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd for the Purpose, whether marked Confidential or otherwise, and whether in written, graphic or other tangible form and all copies, abstracts, extracts, samples, notes or modules thereof. The bidder further agrees and undertake to North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd to certify in writing upon request of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd that the obligations set forth in this Agreement have been complied with. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the bidder shall be allowed to retain sufficient documentation that is necessary to support any advice, reports, or opinions provided by the bidder or as may be required by law. Any such retention shall be subject to confidentiality obligations contained herein.

Any provisions of this Agreement which by their nature extend beyond its termination shall continue to be binding and applicable for three (3) years post termination of this Agreement or until such information enters the public domain

5. **Title and Proprietary Rights:** Notwithstanding the disclosure of any Confidential Information by North

Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd to the Vendor, the title and all intellectual property and proprietary rights in the Confidential Information shall remain with North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.

6. **Remedies:** The Vendor acknowledges the confidential nature of Confidential Information and that damage may result to North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd if the Vendor breaches any provision of this Agreement and agrees that, if it or any of its directors, officers or employees should engage or cause or permit any other person to engage in any act in violation of any provision hereof, North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd may suffer immediate irreparable loss for which monetary compensation may not be adequate. North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd shall be entitled, in addition to other remedies for damages & relief as may be available to it, to an injunction or similar relief prohibiting the Vendor, its directors, officers etc. from engaging in any such act which constitutes or results in breach of any of the covenants of this Agreement. Except for the contracting Parties to this Agreement, no third party shall have any right to enforce or rely on any provision of the Agreement. In no event shall, either Party be liable for any indirect or consequential losses or damages.

Any claim for relief to North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd shall include North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.'s costs and expenses of enforcement (including the attorney's fees), as may be awarded by court of competent jurisdiction in its final judgment

7. **Entire Agreement, Amendment and Assignment:** Unless the principal agreement is executed between the Parties, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the matters discussed herein and supersedes any and all prior oral discussions and / or written correspondence or agreements between the Parties. This Agreement may be amended or modified only with the mutual written consent of the Parties. Neither this Agreement nor any right granted hereunder shall be assignable or otherwise transferable.

8. **Governing Law:** The provisions of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of India and the competent court at Guwahati, Assam shall have exclusive jurisdiction in relation thereto even though other Courts in India may also have similar jurisdictions.

9. **General:** The Vendor shall not reverse - engineer, decompile, disassemble, or otherwise interfere with any software disclosed hereunder.

All Confidential Information is provided "as is". In no event shall the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd be liable for the inaccuracy or incompleteness of the Confidential Information. None of the Confidential Information disclosed by North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd constitutes any representation, warranty, assurance, guarantee or inducement with respect to the fitness of such Confidential Information for any particular purpose. However, North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd understands that any inaccurate or incomplete Confidential Information may have adverse/material impact on the Purpose for which it is being used. North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd discloses the Confidential Information without any representation or warranty, whether express, implied or otherwise, on truthfulness, accuracy, completeness, merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, title or anything else.

10. **Waiver:** A waiver (whether express or implied) by North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd of any of the provisions of this Agreement, or of any breach or default by the Vendor in performing any of the provisions hereof, shall not constitute a continuing waiver and such waiver shall not prevent North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd from subsequently enforcing any of the subsequent breach or default by the Vendor under any of the provisions of this Agreement.

11. **Unpublished Price Sensitive Information:** NEDFi shall inform bidder in writing if, in the course of the Purpose, the Representatives of bidder will have access to any unpublished price sensitive information, whether of NEDFi or any other entity. NEDFi agrees that bidder shall not be responsible for determining

the difference between price sensitive and non-price sensitive information that would form part of the information disclosed to bidder. All information supplied to bidder (in whatever form) which is not in the public domain will be treated as Confidential Information for the Purpose. Further, NEDFi shall be responsible to obtain legal advice to ensure that information disclosed to bidder is not in contravention of any applicable laws and regulations.

In witness whereof, the Parties hereto have executed these presents the day, month and year first herein above written.

For and on behalf of

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(Designation)

For and on behalf of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd

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(Designation)

ANNEXURE 10: FORMAT FOR PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE

FORMAT OF BANK GUARANTEE (BG) FOR PERFORMANCE SECURITY (ON A NON-JUDICIAL STAMP PAPER OF RS.100.00)

To,
The General Manager (IT),
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. NEDFi
House, G.S. Road, Dispur
Guwahati, Assam-781006

WHEREAS (herein after called "the Bidder") has submitted its bid dated (date of submission of bid) for providing the _____ (Scope of Work) in response to North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.'s Request for Proposal (RFP) No. RFP No: NEDFi/RFP/IT/02/2025-26 Dated 19/08/2025 (hereinafter called "the Bid").

KNOW ALL PEOPLE by these presents that WE ____ (name of bank) of _____ (name of country) having our registered office at (address of bank) (herein after called "the Bank") are bound unto North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (herein after called "the Beneficiary") in the sum of INR _____/- (Rupees _____ only) for Which payment will and truly to be made to the said Beneficiary, the Bank binds itself, its successors and assigns by these presents. Sealed with the common seal of the said Bank this _____ day of _____, 2025.

THE CONDITIONS of this obligation are:

If the Bidder, having been notified, by the beneficiary, as selected bidder for Implementation and management of General Ledger/Accounting Solution in ASP model on Opex mode, during the period of contract fails to provide services or perform obligations in accordance with the aforesaid RFP and Contract, as bidder.

We undertake to pay the Beneficiary up to the above amount upon receipt of its first written demand, without the Beneficiary having to substantiate its demand, provided that in its demand the beneficiary will note that the amount claimed by it is due to it owing to the occurrence of above condition, specifying the occurred condition.

This guarantee will remain in force up to 66 months from the date of signing the contract i.e. up to _____ (date of expiry which should be a minimum of contract period), and any demand in respect thereof should reach the Bank not later than the above date. Notwithstanding any other term contained herein:

1. This guarantee shall be valid only up to.....(Guarantee End Date) whereupon it shall automatically expire irrespective of whether the original guarantee is returned to the Bank or not; and
2. The total liability of Bank under this guarantee shall be limited to INR.....(Rupees only)

Place: SEAL

SIGNATURE.

Code No.

NOTE:

1. BIDDER SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE SEAL & CODE NO. OF THE SIGNATORY IS PUT BY THE BANKERS, BEFORE SUBMISSION OF BG.

2. STAMP PAPER IS REQUIRED FOR THE BG ISSUED BY THE BANKS LOCATED IN INDIA.

ANNEXURE 11: DEVIATIONS REQUESTED

Date:

To,
The General Manager (IT),
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
NEDFi House, G.S. Road, Dispur
Guwahati, Assam-781006

RFP Ref. No.: RFP No: NEDFi/RFP/IT/02/2025-26 Dated 19/08/2025

[Please provide your comments on the Terms & Conditions in this section. You are requested to categorize your comments under appropriate headings such as those pertaining to the Detailed Scope of work, Service levels, Instruction to Bidders, Experience in related projects, etc. You are also requested to provide a reference of the page number, state the clarification point and the deviation that you propose as shown below.]

Sr. No.	Page No#	Point / Section No #	Clarification points as stated in the tender document	Deviations requested	Justification
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Yours faithfully,

Authorized Signatory

Designation

Bidder's name

ANNEXURE 12: REFERENCE SITE DETAILS

RFP No: NEDFi/RFP/IT/02/2025-26 Dated 19/08/2025

Sl No.	Name and Complete Postal Address of the Customer	Name, Designation, Telephone, Fax, Telex Nos., email address of the contact person	Nature and description of the business during last 3 years	Purchase order and Letter of Satisfaction to be enclosed

Yours faithfully, Authorized
Signatory

Designation
Bidder's name

ANNEXURE:13 AUTHORIZATION LETTER
(On the Organization's Letter Head)

To,
The General Manager (IT),
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
NEDFi House, G.S. Road, Dispur
Guwahati, Assam-781006

SUB: Authorization Letter for attending the Pre-Bid Meeting/Bid opening.

Ref: Your RFP No: NEDFi/RFP/IT/02/2025-26 Dated 19/08/2025

Dear Sir,

This has reference to your above RFP for **Selection of Application Service Provider (ASP) for General Ledger/Accounting Solution in ASP model on opex mode**, of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd., we hereby authorize Mr. / Ms.

_____ to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting / Bid opening & to discuss with you on the subject RFP on behalf of our organization.

The specimen signature is attested below:

Specimen Signature of Mr. /Ms.

Signature of Authorizing Authority

Name & designation of Authorizing Authority

Place:

Date:

Note: This Authorization letter is to be carried in person and shall not be placed inside any of the Bid covers.

ANNEXURE: 14 FUNCTIONAL AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The Functional and Technical Specification has been attached in a separate file named “Annexure 14-Functional and Technical Requirements”.

ANNEXURE: 15 COMMERCIAL BILL OF MATERIAL

The Commercial Bill of Material has been attached in a separate file named “Annexure 15-Commercial Bill of Material”

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ANNEXURE: 16 PROPOSED ONSITE/REMOTE RESOURCE PROFILE FOR FMS SUPPORT

Name of the resource	Educational and professional Qualification	Number of years of experience	Name of Organization where the resource worked	Number of projects involved with details	Role of the resource	Profile attached (Yes/No)