NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY NIFT-HEAD OFFICE

MINUTES OF THE PRE-BID MEETING FOR HIRING THE AGENCY FOR ASSISTING NIFT FOR CONDUCTING ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMMES OF NIFT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023.

Time and Date: 03.30 PM 07.09.2021 Venue: ONLINE AT ZOOM APPLICATION

The pre-bid meeting for hiring of Agency for assisting NIFT in conducting Entrance Examinations for various programmes of NIFT for the academic year 2022-2023 held on 07.09.2021 at 3:30 pm through Zoom application in the presence of following members and bidders.

Participants:

1. M/s Merit trac

2. M/s. Vensysco Infra Private Limited

3. M/s. All India Management Association (AIMA), New Delhi

Committee Members:-

- 1. Ms.Rajbala, DD Admission, NIFT-HO
- 2. Mr. Vikram Verma, AD(Purchase), NIFT-HO
- 3. Mr.Avinash Gupta, Sr. Asstt(Accounts), NIFT-HO

Director (HO) was also present for the meeting.

M/S AIMA

S. No.	NIT Document Reference	Details as per NIT	Clarification Sought	Clarification by Committee Members
1		Signature and Stamp of Tenderer	Being Covid situation, it is suggested that the document, proposal, etc. to be digitally signed instead of putting stamp and signing manually. Kindly	Yes, documents can be signed digitally and uploaded.

			confirm.	
2	7.9 / 13	Experience of conducting / handling Group Discussion and Personal Interview for minimum 1500 candidates in each year in last three years as on 31/03/2021. (Submit scanned copy online). Agency will conduct Group Discussion (GD) and Personal Interview in Delhi / NCR.	pandemic, which restricts the conduct of Group Discussions. Only online interviews being conducted. Hence the clause may be	The amended clause is as below:- Experience of conducting / handling Group Discussion and Personal Interview for minimum 1500 candidates in three years over last four years i.e. 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 as on 31/03/2021. (Submit scanned copy online). Agency will conduct Group Discussion (GD) and Personal Interview in Delhi / NCR.
3	7.14 / 13	Firms registered under Company's Act – 2013.	AIMA is a society registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. The above constitution is requested to be included in the Bid Document	There is no change to the existing criterion.
4	8.18 / 15	The successful Bidder would be required to design a high-performance system and conduct performance tests to verify successful conduct of the exam.		The hosting services including required software certification will be provided by Agency.
5	9.2 iii / 17	Vendor capability to develop the required software	Kindly elaborate the software	The process system designed for all activities related to Entrance Exam. It will be evaluated by the Technical Committee.
6	12.1 c / 18	30% of the Contract value will be paid within two weeks after completion of all Entrance Examinations		

		successfully.		3) GDPI & Interview 4) Studio test(for Artisan/children of Aritsan) 5) Written Exam for Ph.D 6) Research Proposal Presentation and Interview 30% of the Contract value will be paid within two weeks after the complete conduct of all Entrance Exams successfully.
7	17 / 20			The time frame is fixed.
8	27	The approximate number of candidates given is for reference only. Payment will be made on pro-rata basis based on number of candidates who appear in the Entrance Examination.	number of candidates who have been issued the admit cards	The request has been considered.
9	1 A and 1 B		Cost for Covid to be quoted is in addition to 1 A	Yes, the operational cost of implementation of Social Distancing measures is separate.
10	4/28	Have secure server services for data collection, hosting etc. along with requisite software licenses/ certificates for the assignment.		Licence and certificate for Programming language, Database software used as well as Proprietary software, security audit certification as per requirement at the time of development of

				software.
11	8 / 28	Provide access to the authorised representative of NIFT to the application online (admin control).	Kindly elaborate	Authorised personnel to be able to access software as Admin, observe all processes real time and generate MIS reports.
12	10/28	Provide a dedicated helpline number with adequate number of lines as required to handle at least 10 calls simultaneously and e-mail ID for resolving queries / difficulties occurring while applying online. Helpline will be manned during working hours as decided. All queries shall be resolved on a daily basis within 24 hours at maximum.	switchboard additional lines?	
13	14/28	Sending e-mail and SMS to the candidates on all occurrences either specifically related to the Candidate or general information or announcement as decided by NIFT i.e. successful application, admit card, date, venue and result for all Test etc.	sending SMS/emails should be defined as there is cost involved to it. Ideally, it should be once	The requirement of generation of sms/email alert will be on all major occurrences/events and changes as required.
14	26/29	Finalise the Examination Centres under intimation to NIFT. The final list of Exam Centres will be approved by NIFT at least 4 weeks in advance of the date of conduct of the examination. The tentative list of cities where examination may be conducted is mentioned at Annexure- V (may change). While fixing the examination centres convenience	least 16 weeks prior. Also, at the time of approval (i.e. 4 weeks before the event, if any changes are required, we need to freeze it 3 weeks prior to the testing date). So, in principal, no changes once the approval is in	Not accepted.

		of the Candidates, pattern and demand of the test will be taken in to account.			
15	28 / 29	papers at all the test centres,	the air travel, excess baggage,	Included inBidder quote.	
16	44 / 30	Procure and prepare kits (minor items for making of model by candidate) containing the material for the situation test and position at the assigned Centres.	the finalization of material and quantity by NIFT, this may be	are:- 2021 – Rs. 8,98,0	110/- 152/- of items for
				Material	Quantity
			116	Mount Board (A-4 size)	One
				Coloured Clay (50 Gram) One Color	One
				Corrugated Sheet (A-4 size)	Two
				Tracing Paper Sheet (A-4 size)	Two
				Thick Pastel Sheets (A-4 size) One of each color (Biege, Navy Blue, Neon Pink & Neon Green)	Four

				Paper Plate Quarter Size - White Color	Two
				Stiff Net Fabric- White Nylon (25cms x 25 cms - Approx.)	One
				Fine Jute Rope One Meter Appx	One
				Long Sticks (8 inches Appx.)	Eight
				Tooth Pick Wodden	Ten
				Transparency Sheet A-4 Size	Two
				All Pins Twenty Pieces Appx.	One
				Cotton Balls	Two
				Easy Twist Silver Wire	One
				Box Board (A-4 size Size)	Two
				No reimbursement	will be made.
17	45 / 30		local conveyance may be	Not accepted.	
18	51 / 31	In case of pandemic situation and restrictions on physical conduct the agency should be able to conduct the Interviews online. Group Discussions will not be held in this case.	on the cost or it will be in the	There is no impact vendor conducts P	

19	67 / 33	Evaluation of CAT (Creative Ability Test) question paper:	Any honorarium to be given to experts for evaluation, if yes kindly specify.	
20	Point e/33	CAT (Creative Ability Test) question paper to be printed on 110 gsm paper. It will contain a set of three pages of A4 size and will be used for drawing and coloring.	It is a 3-pages booklet or 8-pages booklet. Please clarify.	It will be 8 pages booklet.
21	8 / 35	Agency will position the confidential test material containing question papers at earmarked NIFT Campuses,	Cost of travel (To & Fro) towards the air travel, excess baggage, lodging & boarding, local conveyance may be reimbursed as per actuals.	Not accepted
22		NLEA, Artisian, Ph.D Examinations	Kindly confirm if the online Registration website to be developed or not?	
23	39	Annexure IV	Details of MFM, MFTECH program not available. Please clarify PWD Program (It should be the part of each offered program.)	All masters' program are included (M.Des, MFM, MFT). At page no.39 point no. 2:- For M.Des read as M.Des, MFM and MFT. PWD is category of candidate not programme.
24	13/43		state/ district administration guidelines may change in due course of time and might impact conduct of exam and change in test center could be necessary; also specify the penalty.	Any change necessitated by Govt. orders will be implemented without any penalty.

		bidder, the bidder shall be liable to penalty.		
25	19/44	The selected bidder shall obtain candidates feedback through online Feed Back Form, after the examination is over.	Does the candidate need to visit the registration portal after the exam or agency needs to send mails or conduct survey; kindly clarify.	taken through the registration
26	9b/46	on the admitcard. This will display the information required to verify the candidate detailswithout	be through different types of printers on different quality	large size displays for relevant information be placed. There should be no crowding of
27	4 / 48	For fair and smooth conduct of examination, NIFT is authorised to take any step as deemed fit in the test centre(s) and the selected bidder unconditionally agree to it.	Table 1	Yes, the centres for conduct of Examination have to meet the inspection by NIFT. If not upto the mark the vendor to make necessary changes at no additional cost.
28	6 / 48		Such arrangements required for PBT, kindly confirm.	
29		Financial Information - Certificate of net worth from Bankers of Bidder.		Chartered Accountant certificate will be valid.

M/s Merit trac

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1	Scope ofWork page no. 9 Clause -6	Exams to be conducted by theagency	We request you to sharethe syllabus for the teststhat need to beconductedbytheagency. GroupDiscussion/Interview –We understand that thetopics for theGD/Interview will begenericinnature.Please clarify.	The details will be shared with successful agency.
2	Bachelor of FashionTechnology Test Page no. 10 Clause no.6	TechnicalAbilityTest- Practical	Request you to please providedetails on what kind of practicaltest needsto beconductedby theagency	Required only for NLEA practical test which is conducted at NIFT Campuses by Faculty of NIFT. All administrative requirement and smooth conduct will be ensured by vendor.
3	Technical Eligibility Page no. 13 Clause no.7.4	The Proof of Annual turnoverwhich should not be less than Rs.2 Crore per year for the last three financial years i.e.2018-19,2019-20 & 2020-21 in the form of the Audited Financial Statement duly certified by Chartered Accountant.	Financial audit for the year 2020-21 is still under process and should be completed in due course. Hence, we request you to consider audited financial statements for the financial years 2017-18,2018-19 &2019-20	Yes. Audited result for the financial years2017-18,2018-19 &2019-20 and unaudited results of year 2020-2021 certified by the firm will be accepted.
4	Technical Eligibility Page no.13 Clause no.7.9	Experience of conducting /handling Group Discussion and Personal Interview for minimum1500 candidates in each year in last three	We request you to relax this as under "Experience of conducting /handling Group Discussion and Personal Interview for minimum1500 candidates in atleast one of the last three years as	Accepted

		years as on 31/03/2021.	on 31/03/2020"		
5	Technical Eligibility Page no.13 Clause no.7.11	The Agency must have thefacilityforin-housescanningand processing of OMRForms	Request more clarity on thispoint. What kind of proof needsto besubmittedforthisclause.	may be provide the agency.	
6	Conduct of Situation Test Page no. 30 Clause no.44	Procure and prepare kits (minoritems for making of model bycandidate) containing thematerialforthesituationtest and position at the assigned Centres.	Request you to provide details onthe kind of kits need to beprocured for the conduct of thistest.	The details with successful biddendicative list items for pradmission test below:-	the der. st of revious t is as
		assigned centres.		Material	Quantity
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7	Annexure-XVII Page no.59 Clause no.3.1	Average annual turnover in INRduring 2018-19, 2019-20 and2020-21 in INDIA from Entrance Examinations only. Organization must be profitable in at least last 3 financial year sending 31Mar2021	We request you to change theclause as under "Average annual turnover in INRduring 2017-18, 2018-19 and2019-20 in INDIA from EntranceExaminations only. We requestthis as the audit for FY 20-21 isstillunderprocess Organization must be profitable/having positive net worth in at least last 3 financial years ending 31 Mar2020	Accepted. Audited annual turnove during 2017-1 19 2019-20 unaudited for 2020-2021 cer the firm accepted.	8, 2018- or year

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1.4 Billion. Therefore, MeritTrac enjoys the financial strength being part of MEMG group and strong brand name of Manipal Group. Merittrac is a reputed assessment organization having undertaken large scale and credible projects and successfully implementing them in the lats 20 years of its existence. MeritTrac Performance in FY 2019-20: MeritTrac's revenue for the financial year 19-20 is Rs 58.94 crore. However, we had confirmed orders of Rs 50 crore in hand which could not be executed due to various reasons such as government elections in Delhi & Jharkhand, protests in various parts of the country against CAA/NRC bills and COVID 19 lockdown from mid of March. Therefore, in view of strong parental strength of the company and quick come back on profitability front in H2 of FY2020-21, we hereby sincerely request you to reconsider and allow us to participate in the bid.

M/s. Vensysco Infra Private Limited

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1	Point No 7.7 & page no 12	Experience of conducting entrance exam of at least three programs for a minimum20000 candidates each year in the last		

		3 years as on 31/ 3/ 2021. Minimum experience of 3 years of conduct of examination work (Copy of Work Order to be attached / Copy of Successfully Completion Certificate to be attached). (Submit scanned copy online).		
2	Point No 7.10 & page no 13	The agency must have operational office in New-	Is it compulsory to be office in New Delhi or our office is in Noida based out and having technical and operational manpower resources. please clarify for the same.	Operational office can be in Delhi-NCR.
3	Point No 7.11 & page no 13	The Agency must have the facility for in-house scanning and processing of OMR Forms.		It should be in house only.