

Kindly find below a list of questions/queries with regards to the solution to be proposed against the RFP of the DigiSkill Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Project:

1. Will the training content (Curriculum) developed by the implementing partner also be required to be reviewed as part of deliverable review for the M&E organization?
 - The training content (curriculum) review would not be part of the deliverable review.
2. Have the Digiskills training and Digiskills outreach organizations been selected/finalized?
 - No, the Digiskills Training project is being finalized where as Digiskills outreach is open.
3. Has the training curriculum been developed?
 - No, the project is yet to be initiated.
4. Where will site visits take place? How many are there? (any indication of geographic region?)
 - There are no specific site visits predefined. However, visits related to outreach activities monitoring may require one to two visits per quarter in multiple major cities along with visits to the headquarter of the executing agency of training Project.
5. Is there a sample size where physical verification of trainees needs to take place, or should this be proposed by the consultant?
 - Since the model followed in Training Project is online so no physical verification is required of the trainees.
6. Is there an indicative budget / maximum budget which can be shared for the M&E component?
 - The Budget cannot be disclosed.
7. Is it possible to share the overall project (all three components) funding amount?
 - The Budget cannot be disclosed
8. What are the Proposed/Selected Tools & Technologies (Softwares, Backend Database, Middleware) of the Successful Bidder of DigiSkills Training Project & DigiSkills Outreach Project?
 - The top level details are available in the DigiSkills Training Project RFP. The LMS, web Portal have not been developed so no more details can be provided at this stage. The RFP for Digiskills Outreach is still open.
9. What is the Proposed Application Deployment Model (Cloud / On-Premise / Hybrid) of the Successful Bidder of DigiSkills Training Project & DigiSkills Outreach Project?
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10. What is the estimated data size of DigiSkills Training Project & DigiSkills Outreach Project (Structured Data Size and Content/Unstructured Data Size) for the first year, second year, and beyond second year?
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11. What database (MS SQL Server, MySQL, Postgress, Oracle Database, IBM DB2) is proposed by Successful Bidder of DigiSkills Training Project & DigiSkills Outreach Project?
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12. Is the data source of DigiSkills Training Project & DigiSkills Outreach Project Modules over the Cloud or On-Premises or Both?
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13. Are there any other data sources, which might need to be integrated into the solution (other than DigiSkills Training & DigiSkills Outreach Project)? If Yes, Please provide details.
 - No
14. What are the Planned High Level Project Development / Implementation timelines for DigiSkills Training Project & DigiSkills Outreach Project?
 - Tentative Timelines for both the projects are available in the relevant RFPs.
15. Will vendor be allowed to work through VPN for Off-Site Support?
 - There is no such restriction in the RFP.
16. What is the requirement of Disaster Recovery Site for M&E Solution Portal?
 - No requirement for disaster recovery site has been specifically mentioned in the RFP. However, prospective bidders may propose on their requirement.
17. What are the estimated Number of BI Users (Total and Concurrent)? (Breakdown: Senior Management, Middle Management and Daily Report Viewer)?
 - At least access for 08 concurrent users.
18. What are estimated Number of Dashboards required?
 - Bidder may propose the dashboards as per ToRs mentioned in RFP
19. What are estimated Number of Analytics Users / Advance users for adhoc querying/reporting?
 - Bidder may propose the number of Analytics Users / Advance users for adhoc querying/reporting as per their methodology.
20. General - What is total budget for Training and Outreach Program?
 - The Budget cannot be disclosed.
21. General - Will disbursement/payment to Partner linked to our monitoring report?
 - No, However monitoring reports will be used to make decisions regarding payments.
22. Section 19.3.1 – What will be the frequency of these deliverables from executing partners of Training and Outreach program?
 - The frequency of deliverables will be on quarter basis.
23. Section 19.3.2 – What are the locations in which trainings will be provided which are to be physically verified?
 - Since the model followed in Training Project is online so no physical verification is required.
24. Section 19.3.2 – Is there a minimum sample of visit per month to be carried out by M&E team? This is important to assess the strength of M&E team for the project and develop our financial proposal.

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25. Section 19.3.3 – What is expected frequency of this review? We understand under both programs (i.e. Training and Outreach) there will be only 1 Implementing Partner each or there could be multiple?
- Quarterly. There will be 1 implementing partner for each Project.
26. Section 19.3.4 – What is expected frequency of the surveys and extent of sampling for the survey?
- Bidder has to propose the frequency and sample size for the survey.
27. Is there any type of Bid Security required for the M&E RFP bidder?
- NO
28. In case of Joint bid of two partners, is it necessary for one of them to be Prime/Lead bidder or both can bid jointly on responsibility basis? e.g. JBR (Joint Business Relationship) on defined roles basis so that each JBR partner is held responsible for its agreed roles?
- There is a requirement of lead bidder
29. Can existing Ignite consultants /auditors participate in the M&E RFP?
- Yes, they can part
30. In case of any one or both of the contractors of Training & Outreach projects either fail or delay to deliver, what could be the impact on M&E Project.
- If Digiskills Training & Outreach Projects gets impacted, M&E may also be impacted.
31. Number of software Licenses/Users required for M&E Project are seems to be not mentioned in the M&E RFP, may we request to share this information for
- 1- Data integration
 - 2- Business intelligence
 - 3- Cloud and
 - 4- Others e.g. Operating System, MS Office etc.
- At least access for 08 concurrent users.
32. What is the preferred model for Cloud hosting:
- a. Cloud (Public Cloud)
 - b. On-premises (Private Cloud)
 - c. Hybrid
- Bidder may propose the preferred deployment model for cloud hosting.
33. Which Cloud Services are required for M&E Project:
- a. Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)
 - b. Platform as a Service (PaaS)
 - c. Software as a Service (SaaS)
 - d. Others

- Bidder may propose the cloud services as per their methodology.
34. Referring to point 18.3.2 of M&E RFP, will only Structured [processed] data or All data (e.g. Source data from Training & Outreach Projects) has to be stored on Cloud?
- All data has to be stored on cloud.
35. Please provide an estimated data size and it's growth (monthly) for Training & Outreach Projects
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36. Will the Training & Outreach Projects data be provided to M&E Project on realtime basis?
- No, the data will not be provided on real time