Corrigendum 1: Response to Pre-Bid Queries

Gujarat State Aviation Infrastructure Company Limited

Project Name: Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Airline Operator for Providing Connectivity between Sabarmati Riverfront & Statue of Unity through Seaplane Services

1. Response / Clarifications / Remarks to the Queries raised by the prospective Bidders

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1.	Query/Suggested Amendment (Para 5.8 (b) ii pg 26)	Please refer to the modified Pre-
	Submission of Proposed Aircraft Details and Registration Documents along	qualification criteria and marking table in
	with BID	section 2 & 3 respectively.
	As stated in the tender document, bidder should have at least one aircraft on	
	ownership or lease hold basis at the time of tender submission and need to submit	
	its Airworthiness Certificate and other certificates issued by DGCA.	
	However, this type of project is new in Gujarat and also in India and such amphibian or seaplane won't be readily available in India. Furthermore, bidder	
	cannot enter into lease agreement or purchase the aircraft solely on the basis of	
	RFP, until they are selected as preferred bidder because there is very huge	
	amount involvement and probability of getting selected as preferred bidder is	
	unknown for everyone,	
	To overcome this, as per the standard industry practice, bidder shall be asked for	
	submission of configuration of the aircraft they wish to deploy along with bid	
	submission and bidder shall be given reasonable time to deploy the aircraft if they	
	are selected as preferred bidder and in case they fails to deploy within stipulated	
	time, penal action shall be taken on them as may deem fit to the Authority.	
2.	Query/Suggested Amendment: (Para 5.4 Pg 31)	Please refer to the clarification provided at
	Beginning of Service within 30 days of Agreement	point number 1.
	As stated in the tender document, bidder is required to begin the service within	
	30 days of the agreement. However, as stated earlier there is no aircraft available	

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	and based on our past experience and industry trend, compliance fulfilment and induction of the aircraft from foreign country cannot be completed and begin the service in less than 5 months considering multiple authority involvement such as DGCA, MHA, RBI, MEA, import permission and many others. Hence, bidder should be given reasonable time of 6 months so that they can thoroughly make due diligence of each and every aspects of the aircraft, maintenance, service, operation etc. and begin the long lasting service	
3.	Query/Suggested Amendment: Clause 5.11.2 – The Preferred Bidder should be given at least 6 months period after execution of agreement to commence services. This is required since induction of aircraft on NSOP will take at least 3 to 4 months and clearance of FATA pilot takes any time between 3 to 6 months.	Please refer to the clarification provided at point number 1.
4.	Query/Suggested Amendment: Agreement Execution Within 30 days is not possible as discussed by so many bidders. It should be Min. 90 days from signing of Final Agreement or 60 days from all clearances from DGCA.	Please refer to the clarification provided at point number 1.
5.	Query/Suggested Amendment: Commencement of Service Its not possible to commence services within 30 days from the date of Signing of Agreement. As discussed in the meeting, it should be 90 days or ASAP once DGCA clears everything.	Please refer to the clarification provided at point number 1.
6.	Query/Suggested Amendment: (Para 5.8 (b)iv Pg 27) Experience of Pilot and Senior Manager As stated in the tender document, "Bidder should have at least 1 pilot trained in flying seaplane or amphibian plane with a minimum 500 hours of flying experience." Having minimum 500 hours experienced pilot on roll of the operator is valid to understand the capabilities of the operator. However, there are no amphibian or	In an event, the Bidder does not have pilots on its rolls as per the requirements of the Tender, they may submit commitment letter for a Pilot as per the terms of the RFP, they wish to deploy with bid submission. The format of the same (New Form 9) is placed at Section 4 of this document.

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	seaplane available in the country, hence availability of trained pilot of seaplane or	Pilots shall meet DGCA requirements at the
	amphibian is not possible.	time of operating the said aircraft.
	Hence, this requirement of trained pilot should be redrafted in a way pilot meets	
	DGCA requirements at the time of operating the said aircraft.	Note: No two bidders can submit details of
		the same Pilot. Authority will be at its
		liberty to treat all such bids invalid
		wherein it discovers that details of same
		pilot has been provided by more than one
		bidder in its bid.
7.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	Please refer to the clarification provided at
	Clause 5.8.1 (b) (iv) a. – The Pre-qualification criteria to have at least 1 Pilot on its	point number 6.
	rolls at the time of submitting the Bid, who is trained in flying seaplanes and has	
	a minimum of 500 hrs of flying experience, needs to be removed. No experienced	
	pilots available in India and getting a FATA pilot on rolls will take about 3 to 6 months period for clearance from MHA.	
8.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	Please refer to the clarification provided at
0.	(As per RFP 5.8.B stage 2 point no. IV- this paragraph is required after bidding,	point number 6.
	before bidding it can be relaxed.	point number of
9.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	Please refer to the clarification provided at
	Team	point number 6.
	Pilot confirmation without Tender allotment is not possible.	•
	Any Pilot as per DGCA rules with of Min. 500 Hrs. seaplane Flying experience can	
	be appointed once Tender allotted to the Operator before commencement of	
	Commercial operations starts.	
10.	Query/Suggested Amendment: (Para 2,12 Pg 6)	The said clause is being modified as below:
	Performance Security equivalent to 3 months VGF	
	Submission of Performance security equivalent to 3 months VGF will become very	Preferred Bidder shall submit Performance
	huge capital investment at the beginning hence it should be kept in line with other	Security in the form of an unconditional
	tenders of the country nearly for one month VGF to avoid additional capital cost	and irrevocable Bank Guarantee for an
	of bidder ultimately ending with high VGF bid.	amount equal to 2 months' VGF as quoted

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		by the Bidder and as accepted by the
		Authority with a validity of 42 months from
		signing of the Operations Agreement.
11.	Query/Suggested Amendment: (Para 6.2.4)	No change
	Mobilisation Advance	
	We request you to kindly provide mobilization advance against submission of	
	performance security to the tune of 75% so that operator can get better fund	
	liquidity which will boost their performance. The same can be repaid in equal	
	instalment over the tender period of 36 months	
12.	Query/Suggested Amendment: (Para 6.2.1 Pg 35 and Para 6.1 Pg 34)	No change
	Fuel Escalation	
	As per the tender document, there is no provision for providing fuel escalation	
	throughout the tender period. Fuel cost is major cost for any airline and price	
	fluctuation in the fuel affects directly on the costing of an airline. As there is long	
	tender duration of 3+3 years, ATF price can neither be overlooked nor can	
	consider the future prediction of price.	
	Hence, in line with the standard industry practice accepted in all the tenders, fuel	
	escalation payment shall be made for the increase above 5% because ticket price	
	is also capped and bidder cannot recover ATF cost increase as adopted by other	
40	airline companies,	PILL I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
13.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	Bidders are requested to take note, that in
	Request for Addition of other sectors under project	an event, the Operations in the said sector
	There is only one sector of operation under the tender and expecting 100 hours	is stopped by the Authority, the Authority
	of flying under VGF which will increase the cost per hour of operation. However,	may, at its discretion direct the Operator to
	based on our internal analysis of the passenger demand, there are many other	operate in a different sector (e.g.
	sectors which can be covered within the state and if aircraft is utilized for higher	Ahmedabad – Dharoi OR Ahmedabad –
	flying hours, cost will become lower and project will reach to more citizens of the	Surat).
	state as well as viability will remain successful.	The VGF for this alternate sector shall be
	Hence, we request you to kindly add one another sector such as Surat-Statue of	capped at the VGF per seat per minute as
	Unity-Surat based on the public demand.	

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		per the discovered rates of Preferred
		Bidder in this tender.
		In an event, the Operator declines to
		operate in such an alternate sector, the
		Authority shall be at the liberty to
		terminate the Agreement hence releasing
		the Authority from the obligation of paying
		the Monthly 'Aircraft Leasing Cost,' as per
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14.	Query/Suggested Amendment: (Para 6.1,(c) (i) Pg 33)	1) Point (i) under clause 6.1 is being modified as below:
	Leverage from Minimum flight operation 1) As stated in the tender document, "VGF Should be given only if there is at least	The minimum trips to be covered by the
	one fare-paying passenger in any round trip. In case of no fare-paying	Operator in a month shall be 70 to avail the
	passenger in a round trip, the operator is at liberty to operate the flight,	VGF. The VGF shall be paid on a pro-rata
	however, VGF shall not be paid for such trips".	basis for such trips. No VGF will be paid
	In such instances, leverage shall be given from operation of minimum number	to the Operator if total trips in a month are
	of flights for all such days/trips when no fare paying passengers are booked.	lesser than the minimum number as given
	2) Furthermore, to remove future ambiguity, the clause should be drafted to	above. It is further clarified that the VGF
	reflect that, if passenger is not booked in both the sector of round trip, then	shall be applicable for a maximum of 100
	only VGF shall not be paid. If any passenger is booked in any sector (either to	trips per month for the identified sector
	or fro) then VGF shall be paid for complete round trip	only. No VGF will be provided for
		additional trips beyond the maximum limit
		of 100 trips.
		2) The Clause in unambiguous in nature
		and no further clarification is needed.
15.	Query/Suggested Amendment: (Para 6.1,(c) (i) Pg 33)	Please refer to the clarification provided at
	Request for clarification of Minimum days and minimum flight operation	point number 14.
	As stated in the tender document clause 6.1 (c), bidder shall operate minimum 25	It is also being clarified that one round trip
	days and 2 round trips (4 flights) daily which becomes 100 trips of single sector.	shall be considered Ahmedabad-
	Whereas in clause 0.1 (i), it is	Ektanagar-Ahmedabad.

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	mentioned that, bidder shall operate minimum 80 trips only and maximum 100 trips will be paid for VGF. We request you to kindly clarify on the minimum requirement as it is 80 or 100? Furthermore, to avoid future ambiguity, please streamline the point in all the clauses of the tender documents either in sectors or in round trips (to and fro of any sector is considered as one round trip) so as to avoid ambiguity in future.	
16.	Query/Suggested Amendment: Request for clarification of VGF Calculation Flight duration is dependent on multiple operational factors and it does not remain constant in all the season and all the days. Bidder's cost is directly associated with the duration of flight and hence in line with other tenders, VGF should be calculated based on the actual flight duration. Authority may keep upper limit of 50 round trips but per minute cost shall be arrived on the basis of estimated duration submitted by the Bidder on inception of service based on their proposed aircraft and per minute VGF shall be multiplied with the actual duration to avoid any additional cost either to bidder or to the authority.	No change. Bidders are expected to account for such uncertainties into their Financial Bid.
17.	 Query/Suggested Amendment: (Para 6.1, (o) Pg 34) Request for clarification of VGF and time period for replacement of aircraft due to any event 1. It is mentioned that, "operator shall deploy another aircraft within 72 hours having minimum 50% capacity in case the aircraft is grounded and same aircraft shall be replaced within one month." We wish to bring to your kind consideration that, scheduled or unscheduled maintenance, snags etc. do come in any aircraft and in some instances, it takes long time to make the aircraft in airworthy condition as per DGCA Guidelines. In such cases, there shall be relaxation to operator as the event is not under control of operator and safety is involved in case operator does not maintain the aircraft as per guidelines of manufacturer and DGCA. To sum up, all kind of maintenance, snags etc. shall be allowed and given leverage. 	Point (o) under Clause 6.1 is being modified as below: (o) The Operator shall be required to deploy the aircraft, having specifications as per the original aircraft within a maximum period of 01 month. The services shall be temporarily suspended during that period. No grant during the period of such suspended services shall be paid to the Operator. In case a larger aircraft is being provided as a replacement aircraft, the VGF shall

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	 Moreover, No such amphibian or seaplane aircrafts are readily available in India as of now hence replacement within 72 hours is beyond possibility in case of any such unfortunate event and if the aircraft becomes permanently operational then inducting new aircraft will again take 5 months hence the reasonable time shall be given to the operator for aircraft deployment, As stated in the tender, operator shall deploy another aircraft within 72 hours having minimum 50% capacity in case the aircraft is grounded and VGF shall be paid on pro rata basis based on the daily available seats. However, it should be considered that, calculation of VGF on pro-rata base will not justify the cost recovery to bidder as there will be multiple additional cost in such unfortunate event as the deployment will be for short period and it will be costlier than routine operating aircraft. Furthermore, there are many cost which remains constant irrespective of the seating and majority of the cost are fixed so the VGF shall be continued as per the tender as less seating capacity will also end up with less revenue and ultimately bidder will end up with high cost. If bidder is upgrading the aircraft with higher capacity then pro-rata increase in VGF should also be considered and VGF shall not be restricted to the original VGF. 	be paid on the basis of the seats of the Aircraft being originally provided.
18.	Query/Suggested Amendment: Provision of Cost Inflation There is no provision of cost inflation in the tender. However, considering the long term of the tender period and increasing cost of all the sectors, there should be provision to incorporate cost inflation indexation of the VGF as being provided in UDAN scheme of the government and similarly ticket price capping of Rs.5000 should also be increased every month in line with Cost inflation Index.	Point number (w) under clause 6.1 is being modified as below: (w) Ticket prices (all-inclusive fare) including standard luggage allowance for one way journey shall be capped as below: • First year of operations: Rs. 5,000/- • Second Year of operations: Rs. 6,000/- Third Year of operations: Rs. 6,000/- The Operator is free to charge less than the same to enhance ridership.

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19.	Query/Suggested Amendment: (Annexure 1 Pg.56) Request for clarification towards submission of financial bid with break up To avoid confusion, We seek your kind clarification as if we need to submit bid price along with all the break ups as given in Annexure I (Format for financial bid) or do we need to submit only VGF sought per round trip as single amount and later on we should submit the details when asked by the Authority during negotiation meeting or otherwise.	The format given in "Annexure 1: Format for Financial Bid" has to be filled up by the Bidders. The details in Page 58 of the RFP shall be submitted only when the same is sought by the Authority. Bidders are requested to take note that the Financial Bid shall be submitted online
20.	Query/Suggested Amendment: (Para 6.1(x) Pg.35) Sharing of Ticket Revenue In line with other tenders, We request you to kindly relook and remove the revenue sharing of Rs.750 per ticket as ticket price will be dynamic to attract the passenger demand and sharing of the revenue will add additional cost burden on bidder	only. No change
21.	 Query/Suggested Amendment: (Para 2(s) Pg.4) Provision for Payment of lease rent for 3 years in case of premature closure 1. As stated in the tender, authority will guarantee to pay minimum 3 years Aircraft leasing cost in case the service is stopped by authority before 3 years. However, there will be many other cost associated at the time of inception of service and which are planned to be recovered in 3 years operation period and in unfortunate event those cost will adversely affect the bidder. 2. Furthermore, if bidder plans to purchase the aircraft and not taking on lease, then how the cost will be paid to bidder in such instance? We seek your kind clarification please, 	

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22.	Query/Suggested Amendment: (Para 6.1(q to v) Pg.35)	The following facilities (on a non-exclusive
	Requirement of basic facilities and transportation at water aerodrome	basis) shall be provided by GUJSAIL Free of
	As stated in the tender, any new development required by operator at the water	cost to the Operator, for providing services
	aerodrome terminal would be created by the operator at their cost after	under this mandate:
	permission from authority. However, authority	- Security arrangement
	shall provide basic required facility as per various guidelines of DGCA, BCAS, AAI,	- Terminal Building,
	etc. if not available and we request you to kindly provide list of available infrastructure so as to estimate the requirement of other Development, if any,	- Ambulance, Security equipment like X-Ray machine, HHMD, DFMD,
	Furthermore, transportation of passengers, crew, ATF unto water aerodrome	Weather station, Beacon, Jetty,
	should be provided by authority through their arrangement as there will be no	Firefighting equipment
	refuelling facility available at both the water aerodromes as generally available in	i mongacing equipment
	other airports.	
23.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	It is being clarified that the Government
	Promotion of the service by Authority	shall promote the services on a best effort
	We appreciate the support to promote the service across various media from time	basis.
	to time. However, based on our past experience of various government projects,	A provision of "Advertising and publicity
	we request you to kindly incorporate media plan along with budget as in practice,	expense" is already made into the Financial
	there come multiple department involvement and lack of support is observed by	Bid format for supporting the Bidders.
	other departments to promote the initiative in past projects. Alternatively, Authority may allow operator with specific budget per month	
	based on market trend and operator may plan the campaigns to get its maximum	
	reach and citizens of the state and country can be benefitted at large	
24.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	No change
	Relief from Governmental Charges	
	We request you to kindly incorporate provision to allow operator to operate	
	without payment of any charges to various authority such as AAI, ATC, Ground	
	handling agency etc. in line with the UDAN Scheme of the country. Because, as per	
	the latest provisions, NSOP holders can not undertake ground handling service on	
	their own and they are bound to take the service from AAI designated service	
	provider which is very much costly and it will affect the cost of the bidder.	

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	Furthermore, there are few other relaxations available under (UDAN scheme such	
	as NIL VAT on ATF, self-handling of the flights by operator etc. shall also be	
	incorporated for this noble project.	
25.	Query/Suggested Amendment: (Para 6.8(b)(iii) Pg.27)	No change.
	Net Worth of the Bidder	
	As per the tender documents, bidder is required to have minimum net worth of	
	Rs. 2.00 Crore as on financial year end. However, we wish to bring to your kind	
	consideration that, In airline companies, it is not possible to have positive net	
	worth specifically in small or mid-size airline companies because of the heavy	
	outflow of capital expenditure and large portion of lease cost outflow in initial 10-	
	12 years as per lease structure. Hence, if bidder is capable of fulfilment of other	
	financial and non-financial criteria of the tender and able to submit the	
	performance security then he shall be allowed to bid for more competitive	
	bidding. Else, many small airline companies will not be able to participate in the	
	tender and chances of heavy VGF Demand by bigger airline remains very high.	
	Alternatively, amount invested by the promoters/directors as long term loan to	
	the company shall also be allowed to be included as capital (subordinate capital)	
	if bidder undertakes not to return that amount to directors during the tender	
	validity because as per the financial structuring of the small airline, there remains	
	huge investment by way of long term loan of directors but it is not being capitalized due to multiple compliance involvement and cost involvement.	
26.	Query/Suggested Amendment: (Para 5.8(b)(iii) Pg.27)	Please refer to the modified pre-
20.	Data of Financial Year 2022-2023	qualification criteria in Section 2 below
	As per the tender documents, net worth and other data to be considered as on	and corresponding Modified Form in
	year ending 2020/2021/2022 but the financial year 2023 is already ended 2	Section 4 below.
	months ago so 31st March 2023 balance sheet and figures shall also be accepted,	200000000000000000000000000000000000000
	if audited and submitted by bidder.	
27.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	The Operator is free to deploy aircrafts
	Our query is pertaining to RFP document, Pt#4 Brief Introduction clause-I -	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	seaplane connectivity through 09-19 Seater Sea Plane or Amphibian Plane. Kindly	per the tender.

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	inform if a Twin engine Twinotter Aircraft (capable of landing in water) is	
	permitted to provide Air services as per the scheme.	
28.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	Please refer to the modified Pre-
	Clause 5.8.1 (b) – The criteria on Age of aircraft to be revised to not more than 20	qualification criteria and marking table in
	years. There are very few seaplanes that are younger than 15 years	Section 2 & 3 respectively.
29.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	No change
	Clause 5.8.2 – There should be provision for yearly escalation on the quoted VGF	
	to cover the fluctuation in the fuel rates and the conversion rate for US dollar.	
30.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	No change
	Clause 6.1 (m) – the term of the agreement should be revised to have initial terms	
	of 6 years and further extended to a period of 3 years + 3 years.	
31.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	No change
	Clause 5.4.1 (4) & (5) – Last date for submission of bid to be extended.	
32.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	Please refer to the modified Pre-
	As per RFP point no. 5.8 B stage 2 pre-qualification criteria no. I- requirement of	•
	NSOP before bidding has been given in RFP so it is requested to provide some	Section 2 & 3 respectively.
	flexible room to participate in tender and some specific relaxation is required in	
	the technical bidding system, encouraging more and more operators and	
	investors in the aviation field. Without NSOP nobody can operate aircraft in	
	Indian territory, in our pre-qualification criteria in tender copy there is	
	requirement of NSOP while in India there is no aircraft that is registered in sea	
	plane category in any NSOP/any company. So the requirement of NSOP will come	
	after tender finalisation hence, the requirement given in tender should be relaxed	
	before bidding.	
	Justification- any organization that shall be the final successful bidder should	
	have to endorse/include/induct sea plane aircraft (if existing NSOP) then it will	
	take at least 3-4 months of time. So, this requirement before tendering/pre-bid is	
	not mandatory and is being relaxed as new NSOP will also take the same time as	
	the time taken by old endorsement of aircraft.	
33.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	No change

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	As per RFP 5.8.B- notes given is mandatory for all aircrafts, helicopters or any flying machine as per guideline given by DGCA, without DGCA guideline no one can fly the aircraft.	
34.	Query/Suggested Amendment: (3) As per RFP 5.8.B stage 2 point no. III- it is a NSOP requirement given in CAR, then what is the need of a balance sheet?	No change
35.	Query/Suggested Amendment: As per RFP 5.8.B stage 2 point no. V- It may also imply after bidding.	No change
36.	Query/Suggested Amendment: For MSME registered organizations, would they take EMD or is there any relaxation for EMD?	No change
37.	Query/Suggested Amendment: There are no Operators for Seaplane in India, so it's very difficult to get NSOP registered Operators, who are interested in Seaplane Operations to Take-off. Any Major Airlines are not interested even to participate in the Pre-Bid meeting too. So, we have to do joint venture with foreign companies having rich experience, but they don't have valid NSOP. ICOA approved Operators should be qualified, subject to obtain DGCA approval ASAP once they got the Work Order	Please refer to the clarifications provided in point number 32 above.
38.	Query/Suggested Amendment: We should not compromise in it, because our flights are not flying only above the water bodies. In all Seaplanes flying countries are using it to fly on water bodies, which are safe to float any seaplane, but our routs are completely different. Age of Aircraft should be Max. 12 Yrs. And Priority to be given for Newest Aircraft at higher VGF rate too. Which will reduce the Break down time too	No change. Please also refer to the clarification provided at point number 28 above.
39.	Query/Suggested Amendment: Deployment of Service Plane As you aware that, availability of the Seaplanes is very serious issue. To operate only 1 route it's quite difficult to keep a Standby Aircraft. Any Operator would not like to suspend the operations due to any General maintenance issues. But in case	

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SI. NU.	of any unforeseen circumstances and due to any major issues, we will be completely dependable on Aircraft provider. So, It's very difficult to arrange Equivalent or better configuration Aircraft. It's a very huge liability on any Operator if Govt. imposes any penalty on us. It's our Revenue and Opportunity loss too. So, If any operator found lacking in any scheduled services or any mistake by Pilot during Taxing, could be penalize. But due to any Act of God, Bird Hit, Major Accidental issues (Which can be done by anyone unknowingly) shall be avoided till you offer Min. 5 Aircrafts to operate in India to any single Operator. So, he can afford to have a back up aircraft. Also mention about the Penalty clause if any. So, bidder can decide up on the Risks & Rewards.	
40.	Query/Suggested Amendment: Consortium Major Airlines are not interested in Seaplane operations. We are interested in invest in Seaplane Operations Business in India with a new company, but we don't have any experience of Seaplane so we are partnering with Foreign Operator having all Eligibility criteria. But, they don't want to invest in Indian Business being Lead Member of the Consortium. Any Consortium Member or Jointly should fulfil all Eligibility criteria's in parts or together. India Company may become the Lead Member of the Consortium, which will solve the safety issue as well.	Please also refer to the clarification provided at point number 32 above
41.	Query/Suggested Amendment: Negotiations To appoint best Bidder to Operate on Long-term basis. QCBS would have been the best option here. If suppose, we are working for only 5 yrs. Old Aircraft and asking for Highest VGF, having vast experience and Being one of best Operators in the world. But, if any other Bidder brings down oldest Aircraft, and being L-1, not having Evaluation points as much as we have!	No change

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	Bidder who has earned Highest Points in Evaluation process, should get the	
	priority to Match L-1 rates, if its bidder agrees at the L-1 technical specifications.	
42.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	The Draft Air Service Operations
	Performance Security Forfeited	Agreement shall be uploaded shortly,
	No body would like to fail in their business due to Negligence or Non-Observance.	
		shall invite penalty provisions.
	observance of any terms and conditions of the Agreement or for unsatisfactory	Bidders are also requested to refer to the
	performance by the Selected Bidder. 3 Months VGF amount seems to be almost	
42	half of the Aircraft Value! It's not justified at all.	above.
43.	Query/Suggested Amendment: Release of Performance Security	No such commitment can be given.
	On due performance and completion of the Agreement Period in all respects, the	
	Performance Security will be returned to the Preferred Bidder without any	
	interest, on the presentation of an absolute 'No Demand Certificate' issued by the	
	Authority.	
	It should be released within Maximum 30 days.	
44.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	No Change
	Seating Capacity	S I
	It will unfair to the bidder who is quoting for 19 seater Aircraft as its Cost of	
	Ownership and Maintenance will be almost 3 times higher than any single engine	
	Aircraft. Rent of Maruti being Small Engine Vs. Rent of Mercedes having Double	
	capacity engine and Safety features, Rent	
	of Per Km. is not same.	
	Either you should fixed the Seating Capacity in tender	
	OR	
	Invite Separate VGF as per Aircraft Model as per UDAN scheme currently	
4.5	operating routes.	
45.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	The Draft Air Service Operations
	Operators Role as Airlines	Agreement shall be uploaded shortly,

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	Operator shall be required to manage the entire airline role, including but not	including the roles and responsibilities of
	limited to the sale of tickets on their e-platform, passenger handling at both	both parties.
	destinations, ground handling, compliance with the requirements of the airport	
	terminals.	
	Need to elaborate the Role of Bidder and Role of Authority.	
46.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	No change.
	Minimum Trip	Bidders are free to operate provided it does
	Minimum Trips commitment will give safety on ROI to Bidder to avail good quote	not limit its capabilities to fulfil the various
	from the Aircraft company and also for getting finance to acquire better Aircraft.	terms and conditions and commitment
	Min. 120 trips should be covered for VGF per month to be operated in Weekends,	under this mandate.
	Festive seasons and Government Events periods. We can't depend up on	
	Chartered flights as DGCA will not permit us to fly in non-flying zones.	
	OR	
	We should be eligible to land on other Airports as this is Amphibious Aircraft.	
47.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	No change
	Agreement Period	
	3 Yrs. Agreement period is not secure for any Finance option. Any OEM is not	
	giving us priority on getting Aircraft on Lease also. India Market is already	
	negative for Seaplane. So if Govt. Gives Min. 9 years contract then only its viable.	
	Min. 9 Yrs. Contract is required to get the best deal and Priority on Aircraft	
40	availability.	No cook commitment of the cook
48.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	No such commitment can be given as of
	Hanger for Maintenance	now. GUJSAIL hangar at Ahmedabad
	It was decided to create Maintenance Facility at Sabarmati Riverfront, but it has	airport can be provided for maintenance.
	not been completed yet. Need to have Maintenance Hanger by GUJSAIL at Sabarmati Riverfront.	
49.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	The Operator shall be required to provide a
47.	Luggage Allowance	luggage allowance of up to 15 kg per
	Seaplane has the limitation of Space and not having the overhead storage space	passenger per ticket, or as per DGCA norms,
	like other Aircrafts.	whichever is higher.
	incomerance.	willenever is inglier.

Sl. No.	Queries	Response / Clarification
	So, operator shall allow to be charged extra on all baggage, to reduce the baggage	The Operator shall be free to charge for
	load.	additional luggage as per DGCA norms.
50.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	No change
	ATF escalation	
	Fuel cost is a major cost to be considered. ATF cost escalation has to be considered	
	as on date of bidding	
51.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	Payment shall be made, at the earliest,
	Monthly Payment	following the submission of Monthly
	Payment date should be fixed as per UDAN scheme payment schedule. Payment	Invoice, on a best effort basis.
	shall be made within Max. 15 days from the date of monthly Invoice.	
52.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	Bidders are free to access and avail loans,
	Bank loan	provided the same complies to the
	Bank loan is mandatory to operate viable business ventures. Bank loan should be	•
	permitted	Services Agreement.
53.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	No change
	Charter Service	
	Charter Service duration may vary so, what if anyone wants it for more time. If	
	charter services are anyways not going to be calculated for VGF. Chartered	
	services rates will depends up on time to time, so cant be fixed.	
	Charter services without any restrictions shall allowed and its rates should be	
	open and at sole discretion of the Operator. It can't be fixed.	
54.	Query/Suggested Amendment:	No change
	Format of the Forms	
	Forms might be changed if any terms and conditions are getting changed	

2. Modified Pre-qualification criteria

Clause 5.8.1, Pre-qualification Criteria is being modified as below:

(a) Stage 2: Pre-qualification Criteria

A Bidder shall be eligible to participate in the Bidding Process only upon compliance and fulfilment of the below-mentioned criteria ("**Pre-qualification Criteria**"):

(i) The Bidder, in case bidder being a Sole Bidder, should have a legally valid Scheduled / Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit (NSOP/NOC) from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India (MoCA), as on the Bid Due Date.;

OR

The Bidder, in case bidder being a Consortium, should conform to the following:

Any member of the Consortium should have a legally valid Scheduled / Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit (NSOP/NOC) from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India (MoCA), as on the Bid Due Date.;

OR

Other member of the Consortium should have an Equivalent Operator's Permit from the National Aviation Government Authority (Equivalent) from a Foreign Country, with an experience of providing seaplane operations, for Government Client, for at least one year in the last three years, as on the Bid Due Date.

Note: A maximum two-member consortium, with the Lead Member being an Indian Legal entity, only will be allowed. No member of the consortium shall be changed after submission of the Bids and before termination of the Agreement or expiry of the Agreement Period.

(ii) The Bidder (Sole bidder / any Member of the Consortium) should have at least 1 (one) Seaplane OR Amphibian aircraft having a configuration of 09-to-19-seater Single Engine Aircraft, or a higher configuration, it wishes to operate, as per the following,

Under its ownership / lease / Valid and Binding Agreement (which it intends to deploy for the Services).

OR

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Note:

- Age of aircraft, as on Bid Due Date, shall not be more than 20 years and shall meet all the other requirements (Performance, Safety parameters, airworthiness etc) laid down by the DGCA / equivalent competent authority.
- The services as per the requirements of the tender shall commence within a maximum period of 06 months from the signing of Agreement. The Operator shall ensure that all approvals, procurement in this regard, including but not limited to taking an NSOP (if already not there), deployment of aircraft, bringing pilot(s), setting up booking platform (website / mobile app), taking all approvals and NOCs etc, are completed within the maximum period of 6 months from the signing of Agreement.
- Copies of currently valid Certificate of Airworthiness, Certificate of Registration, Weight Schedule etc, issued by DGCA and other competent authorities, for the operation of the Seaplane OR Amphibian Plane on offer, must be furnished along with the Technical Bid.
- O It is expected that the Bidder will deploy the same Seaplane OR Amphibian Plane (as provide in its bid) for the services under this tender. If Bidder fails to depute the same Seaplane OR Amphibian Plane (due to reasons beyond its control), it will be allowed to depute another Seaplane OR Amphibian Plane, having equivalent or better configuration than the proposed in the Bid, only after written approval of the Authority.
- Bidders must ensure that the aircraft, as submitted by them, must be Unique. Authority will be at its liberty to treat all such bids invalid wherein it discovers that same aircraft has been provided by more than one bidder in its bid.
- O The Preferred Bidder shall be required to submit a Deployment Plan following the issuance of LoA and as a precursor of signing of the Agreement. The Deployment Plan shall be discussed and finalized with the Authority and the same shall be legally binding and form a part of the Agreement. The Deployment plan shall clearly list all the activities and time required for the same that the Preferred Bidder proposes to undertake to ensure initiation of operation within a maximum period of 6 months from signing of the Agreement.
- Following the signing of the Agreement, the Preferred Bidder / Operator shall be required to submit a progress report & Action Plan, every

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- o It is being clarified that the Operations Period shall commence from the date of Commercial Operations and shall be for a period of **3 years**.
- (iii) The Bidder (Sole bidder / any Member of the Consortium) should have had a Minimum Net Worth of Rs. 2.00 cr. (Rupees Two Crores only) {(Subscribed and Paid-up Equity Share Capital + Free Reserves) (Revaluation Reserves + miscellaneous expenditure not written off + reserves not available for distribution to equity shareholders)} or equivalent as on last date of the last Accounting Year OR last date of penultimate Accounting Year, as per Audited Balance Sheet;

Note: In case the Bidder is submitting the net-worth details in INR equivalent, the conversion rate shall be taken as on the last date of the Accounting Year, for which the Net Worth details are being submitted.

- (iv) The Bidder (Sole bidder / any Member of the Consortium) should have the following minimum team:
 - a. **Pilots (1 no.)-** trained in flying Seaplane OR Amphibian Plane with a minimum 500 hrs of flying experience, on its rolls at the time of submitting the Bid OR submit a commitment letter as per the format placed in **New Form 9** of this corrigendum.
 - b. **Senior Manager (1 no.)-** having at least 5 (five) years of experience in managing civil air service operations, on its rolls;

3. Revised Marking Table

S. No.	Evaluation Criteria	Documentary Evidence to be Provided as part of Technical Bid	Marking
1	Net worth of Bidder / any Member of Consortium as per the modified Pre- qualification criteria	 Audited balance sheets for corresponding year and Details as per Form 4. 	 Net worth in (INR) is: ≥ 2.00 Cr and < 5.00 Cr - 10 marks ≥ 5.00 Cr and < 10.00 Cr - 15 marks ≥ 10.00 Cr - 20 marks
2	Age of aircraft proposed to be deployed	Proof of ownership / copy of lease / valid and binding Agreement	Age of aircraft in years > 12.5 years & ≤ 20 years - 10 marks > 5 years & ≤ 12.5 years - 15 marks Up to 5 years - 20 Marks
3	Status of ownership of the Proposed Aircraft to be deployed	 Proof of ownership OR Copy of lease / valid and binding Agreement OR Commitment Letter as per the New Form 8 	 If owned as on the Bid Due Date - 10 marks If under lease as on the Bid Due Date- 7.5 marks If under valid and binding Agreement as on the Bid Due Date- 5 marks If submitting a Commitment Letter- 2.5 marks
4	Status of Bidder with respect to Operator's Permit	 Scheduled / Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit from Government Authority NOC from MoCA 	 Scheduled / Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit from Government Authority – 10 marks NOC from MoCA- 5 marks
5	 Technical Presentation Previous experience of providing similar services Operations Plan for Agreement Period, Seaplane's capability to land on 	Refer Note below	40 marks

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S. No.	Evaluation Criteria	Documentary Evidence to be Provided as part of Technical Bid	Marking
	/ take off from water as well as land		
Total Marks			100

Note:

- 1. While Bidders are not required to include the Technical Presentation, with their Technical Bid submission, they must take note that the Authority may invite for technical presentation at a short notice and Bidders should be prepared with the same. No extension in this regard shall be given at a later stage
- 2. It is advised that Team Leader / Senior Team Members from the Pre-Qualified Bidder's Organization to remain present for making the Technical Presentation to the Committee. Failure of the bidder to be available for the Technical Presentation as per the schedule, may lead to disqualification of the Bidder, forfeiting of the EMD and blacklisting for further tenders.

4. Revised and New Formats

Over and above the forms as given below, Bidders are requested to take note, that for all forms (wherever relevant), the bidders shall be required to give details of both the parties, in case bidder is a consortium.

Modified Form 1: Format of Bid Submission Cover Letter

(To be furnished by the Bidder or Lead Member of the Consortium on its letterhead)

Date:

To.

The Chief Executive Officer,

Gujarat State Aviation Infrastructure Company Limited GUJSAIL Complex, Near Torrent Sub Station, SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad - 380 004

Sub: Submission of Bid for Selection of Airline Operator for providing connectivity between Sabarmati Riverfront & Statue of Unity through Seaplane Services

Sir,

In response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for **Selection of Airline Operator for providing connectivity between Sabarmati Riverfront & Statue of Unity through Seaplane Services,** going through all the information and terms and Conditions given in the Tender document including addendums, we are submitting our Bid as under.

1. We are submitting this Bid (Proposal) on our own.

(or)

We are submitting this Bid (Proposal) as the Lead Member of a Consortium consisting of the following members, for and on behalf of the Consortium.

S. No.	Names of Consortium Members	Address
1.		
	(Lead Member)	
2.		
	(Member)	

As a Lead Member, we understand the obligations of the Project. We are enclosing Consortium Agreement signed by all the members of the Consortium, nominating, and authorizing us to act as 'Lead Member' for implementing the Project.

2. The required general information and details along with supporting documents are enclosed along with this Bid. The undersigned declares that the statements made

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- 3. We acknowledge that Office of CEO, GUJSAIL will be relying on the information provided in this Bid and the documents accompanying such Bid for qualification of the Bidders for the aforesaid project, and we certify that all information provided in the Bid and in the Annexures are true and correct, nothing has been omitted which renders such information misleading and all documents accompanying such Bid are true copies of their respective originals.
- 4. All the required documents as per format provided in the RFP, duly signed, are enclosed.
- 5. I/We, hereby irrevocably waive any right which we may have at any stage at law or howsoever otherwise arising to challenge or question any decision taken by Office of CEO, GUJSAIL in connection with the selection of Bidders, or in connection with the Bidding Process itself.
- 6. I/ We acknowledge the right of the Authority to reject our Application without assigning any reason or otherwise and hereby waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, our right to challenge the same on any account whatsoever.
- 7. I/ We certify that in the last 3 (three) years, we or our affiliates or associates have neither failed to perform on any contract, as evidenced by the imposition of a penalty by an arbitral or judicial authority or a judicial pronouncement or arbitration award, nor been expelled from any project or contract by any public authority nor have had any contract terminated by any public authority for breach on our part.
- 8. I / we agree and undertake to abide by all the terms and conditions of the RFP.
- 9. We also understand that:
 - (a) Office of CEO, GUJSAIL is not bound to accept the Bid of any Bidder, either in part or in full. If the Office of CEO, GUJSAIL rejects any Bid or does not shortlist any Bidder, it may do so without assigning any reasons thereof.
 - (b) Office of CEO, GUJSAIL has the right to change or alter the details of the Services or scope of work.
 - (c) Office of CEO, GUJSAIL reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, at any stage without prior notice and without giving any reasons, to terminate further participation in the Bidding process by any party, change the structure, procedures, and timing of the Bidding process, alter the terms of participation in the Bidding process at any stage of the Bid process and to suspend or terminate the Bid process.
 - (d) Authority may seek any additional information it may find necessary or require to be supplemented for authenticating the information provided as part of our Bid.

10. I/We hereby confirm that we have the following resources (on rolls or Commitment Letter), at the time of submitting the Bid. The details of the personnel are as below:

Position	Name	Experience	Status
Pilots (with minimum flying experience of 500 hrs. of Seaplane OR Amphibian Plane)	Mr. / Ms	(in hours)	On Rolls OR Commitment Letter* (tick the appropriate)
Senior Manager (with at least 5 years of experience in managing civil air service operations)	Mr. / Ms	(in years)	On rolls (compulsorily)

^{*} Note: In an event, the Bidder does not have pilots on its rolls, as per the requirements above, they can submit a Commitment Letter as per the format "New Form 9- Commitment Letter for Pilot" placed in this corrigendum.

11.	In the event of my / our being declared as the Preferred Bidder, I/We shall deploy a
	seaplane by as per the details below:

(2)	Tune	of craft	· cean	lane or	amnl	nihian

- (b) Seats:
- (c) Owned / Leased / Plan to purchase / Plan to Lease:
- (d) Age:
- (e) Airworthiness certificate valid till:
- 12. We have held the Operator's permit from a Government Body, as per the details below:
 - (a) Type of permit: scheduled or non-scheduled or other (please specify)
 - (b) Issuing Authority, Country*:
 - (c) Permit number:
 - (d) First issued on:
 - (e) Validity of the current permit:

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- (a) Issue date:
- (b) Permit / registration number:
- (c) Validity:
- 13. We have provided Seaplane Operations for _______(name of the client), for a period of DD/MM/YYYY to DD/MM/YYYY The work order, agreement and completion certificate is attached in the Bid at page number ____.

(Note: these details are to be filled up only by bidders who hold an Operator's Permit from the National Aviation Government Authority (Equivalent) from a Foreign Country. For other Bidders please strike off this point).

- 14. In the event of my / our being declared as the Preferred Bidder, I/We agree to enter into the Agreement in accordance with the draft that has been provided to me/us prior to the Bid Due Date. We agree not to seek any changes in the aforesaid draft and agree to abide by the same.
- 15. If negotiations are held during the period of the Bidding Process, we undertake to negotiate. Our Bid is binding upon us and subject to the modifications resulting from negotiations.
- 16. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the RFP.
- 17. We understand you are not bound to accept any Bid you receive.

Yours Sincerely,

Authorized Signature (in Full and Initials)
Name and Title of Signatory:
Name of Firm: Address:

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Modified Form 4: Format for Net-worth Details

[To be furnished on the letterhead of the Audit firm]

All figures	in Equivalent Currency (in INR)	
Descript	ion	As on last date of the last Accounting Year OR last date of penultimate Accounting Year
Subscrib	ed and paid up equity share capital	
(add) Fr	ee Reserves	
(refer po	oint 3 under Note below)	
Net-wor	th	
the respect Accountin This is to co the respect UDIN / Equ Signature Name of th Membersh Designatio FRN	tive Accounting Year, as on the Bid Issu og Year: DD/MM/YYYY to DD/MM/YYY ertify that (name of the lative/s accounting year/s. uivalent ee Statutory Auditor & Audit Firm ip no n	
(Seal of the		
Date Note:		
1.	sheets, profit and loss account, notes to duly certified by statutory auditor/s	nnual reports (financial statements: balance o accounts etc.) in support of the financial data s. In case, company does not have statutory hartered accountant that ordinarily audits the
2.	on last date of the previous / penultime the purpose of this RFP, net worth she equity share capital and reserves	ors specifying the Net Worth of the Bidder, as nate Accounting Year (as the case may be). For nall mean the sum of subscribed and paid-up from which shall be deducted the sum of expenditure not written off and reserves not areholders.
Signature Name Designatio Company S Date		

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New Form 8: Format of Commitment Letter for Aircraft

(To be furnished by the Bidder or any Member of the Consortium on its letterhead)

Date:

To,

The Chief Executive Officer,

Gujarat State Aviation Infrastructure Company Limited GUJSAIL Complex, Near Torrent Sub Station, SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad - 380 004

Sub: Commitment letter for deployment of Aircraft as per the requirements of the tender.

Ref: Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Airline Operator for Providing Connectivity Between Sabarmati Riverfront & Statue Of Unity Through Seaplane Services (Tender id: 591874)

Sir,

In response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Airline Operator for providing connectivity between Sabarmati Riverfront & Statue of Unity through Seaplane Services, we hereby commit that in an event we emerge as the Preferred Bidder, we shall deploy the following aircraft:

- (a) Type of craft: seaplane or amphibian:
- (b) Seats:
- (c) Plan to purchase / Plan to Lease:
- (d) Age:
- (e) Airworthiness certificate valid till:
- (f) Country of origin:

We are enclosing all relevant documents and certificates of this aircraft with this letter for your kind perusal.

In an event, we fail to provide an aircraft as per the specifications above, we shall provide an aircraft with equivalent or better configuration. The same shall be got duly pre-approved by the Authority.

We commit that in an event, we emerge as the Preferred Bidder we shall initiate Commercial Operations within a maximum period of 6 months from the date of signing of Agreement, failing which the Authority may execute all actions and remedies available to it under the provisions of this RFP and Agreement, including but not limited to termination of the Agreement and / or forfeiting of the Performance Security and / or blacklisting of our Company.

Yours Sincerely,

Authorized Signature (in Full and Initials) Name and Title of Signatory: Name of Firm: Address:

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New Form 9: Format of Commitment Letter for Pilot

(To be furnished by the Bidder or Lead Member of the Consortium on its letterhead)

Date:	
Gujarat S GUJSAIL	ef Executive Officer, State Aviation Infrastructure Company Limited Complex, Near Torrent Sub Station, port, Ahmedabad - 380 004
Ref: F	Commitment letter for deployment of Pilot as per the requirements of the tender. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Airline Operator for Providing Connectivity Between Sabarmati Riverfront & Statue of Unity Through Seaplane Services (Tender id: 591874)
Sir,	
connecti hereby c	nse to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Airline Operator for providing vity between Sabarmati Riverfront & Statue of Unity through Seaplane Services, we commit that in an event we emerge as the Preferred Bidder, we shall deploy the pilot as details below:
(a) Na	ame:
(b) Fl	ying experience of Seaplane OR Amphibian Plane:(in hours)
(c) Li	cence details:
(d) Co	ountry of Issuance of License:
/ Ms	f the Licence is annexed with the Letter. In an event, we fail to engage to services of Mr, we shall provide a replacement pilot with equivalent or better als. The pilot shall be got duly pre-approved by the Authority.
Yours Si	ncerely,
Name an	zed Signature (in Full and Initials) nd Title of Signatory: Firm: Address: