

CORRIGENDUM NO. 01

TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

“Assessment of Ecosystem Services provided by Forest Ecosystem in Jharkhand State for Ecosystem and Human Well-Being”

RFP Reference No.:	State CAMPA / Ecosystem Services Assessment / 2026
Original RFP Date:	21/05/2026
Pre-Bid Meeting Date:	02/06/2026
Date of this Corrigendum:	12 June 2026
Issued By:	APCCF & CEO, State CAMPA, Jharkhand

1. PREAMBLE

This Corrigendum is issued by the APCCF & CEO, State CAMPA, Government of Jharkhand, in exercise of the authority vested in the Competent Authority, pursuant to the Pre-Bid Meeting held on 02/06/2026 and the pre-bid queries raised by prospective bidder M/s PricewaterhouseCoopers Services LLP.

The following amendments are made to the RFP. All other terms, conditions and clauses of the original RFP shall remain unchanged and in full force, except as expressly modified herein.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE RFP

The text in Column 2 (Existing Text) is hereby deleted/superseded and replaced by the text in Column 3 (Amended Text). All other sub-clauses not referenced below remain unchanged.

Clause / Section	Existing Text (Deleted / Superseded)	Amended Text (Substituted)
Clause 7.1.2(a) <i>Pre-Qualification Eligibility Criteria</i>	Must have been involved in the preparation of at least three (03) Tiger Conservation Plans, including corridor-related components for Tiger Reserves in accordance with NTCA guidelines.	Must have been involved in the preparation of at least three (03) Tiger Conservation Plans (TCPs) in accordance with NTCA guidelines, including corridor-related components for Tiger Reserves. Provided that: Where a bidder has not prepared three (03) TCPs, an equivalent number of Forest Conservation Plans or Forest Management Plans of comparable scope and complexity shall be considered as acceptable substitutes. The substituted plans must demonstrate a comparable level of scientific rigour, stakeholder engagement, and field-level implementation. Such substitution shall be subject to scrutiny and final acceptance by the Technical Evaluation Committee. <i>Note: This relaxation does not affect the separate requirement under Cl. 7.1.2(b) and (c) for State-Level Strategic Plans/Action Plans for Biodiversity Conservation and Corridor Conservation, which continue to apply independently.</i>
Clause 7.1.2(d)(i) <i>Pre-Qualification Eligibility Criteria</i>	At least one retired senior Forest Officer on its Board of Directors.	At least one retired Forest Officer, not below the rank of Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) , associated with the organisation, either: (a) as a Statutory Director on the Board of Directors as per the Companies Act; OR (b) in a formal advisory or consultant capacity, evidenced by: i. a notarised letter of advisory/consultant

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		<p>engagement; AND</p> <p>ii. documentary evidence of substantive and regular past engagement with the organisation (such as prior project reports, co-authored publications, or official meeting records).</p>																
<p>Clauses 10, 11 & 12 <i>Selection Process, Evaluation of Financial Bid & Selection of Bidder</i></p>	<p>Clause 10: Maximum three (3) technically qualified bidders shortlisted as R1, R2, R3. R1 given right to match lowest financial bid; if R1 declines, offer cascades to R2, then R3.</p> <p>Clause 12: Bidder ranked R1 (highest technical score) considered for award provided financial quote is the lowest.</p>	<p>Revised Evaluation Methodology — QCBS (Quality and Cost Based Selection) Weighting: Technical 70 : Financial 30</p> <p>Evaluation of responsive bids shall be on a combined score computed as follows:</p> <p>Technical Score (T): 70 marks (minimum qualifying score: 49 marks, i.e., 70% of 70) Financial Score (S): 30 marks, computed by:</p> <p>$S = (F_m / F) \times 30$</p> <p>Where: <i>S = financial score of the bidder; F_m = lowest consultancy fee quoted among all responsive valid bids; F = consultancy fee quoted by the specific bidder.</i></p> <p>Combined Score = T + S</p> <p>The bidder securing the highest combined score shall be recommended as the successful bidder. In the event of a tie, the bidder with the higher technical score shall be preferred.</p> <p><i>Note: The 'Technical Ranking with L1 Price Match' mechanism in Clauses 10, 11 and 12 of the original RFP is hereby superseded and replaced in its entirety by the QCBS methodology above.</i></p>																
<p>Clause 1 <i>Due Date of Submission of RFP</i></p>	<p>Due date of Submission of RFP: 17/06/2026</p>	<p>Due dates are revised as below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="831 1301 1399 1581"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl.No.</th> <th>Particulars</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Time</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Submission of RFP</td> <td>06.7.2026</td> <td>4.00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Opening of Technical Bid Followed by Technical Presentation</td> <td>8.7.2026</td> <td>11.00am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Opening of financial Bid</td> <td>13.7.2026</td> <td>11.00 am</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Place of Meeting – office of the APCCF, Development, Jharkhand, Ranchi. Van Bhawan Doranda Ranchi.</p>	Sl.No.	Particulars	Date	Time	1.	Submission of RFP	06.7.2026	4.00pm	2.	Opening of Technical Bid Followed by Technical Presentation	8.7.2026	11.00am	3.	Opening of financial Bid	13.7.2026	11.00 am
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<p>Annexure II Part III <i>Personal Strength</i></p>	<p>S.No. A —</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Association of a Ph.D. Degree holder in the field of forestry or wildlife in the Board of Directors — 4 marks Association of Retired Forest Officers (Gazetted Officers) in the Board of Directors — 4 marks Association with at least Two Overseas Experts in Ecosystem 	<p>S.No. A — Revised Scoring:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ph.D. Degree Holder in Forestry / Wildlife — Board of Directors <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Experience up to 5 years — 1 mark Experience 5 to 10 years — 2 marks Experience more than 10 years — 3 marks Retired Forest Officer — Board of Directors <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rank CCF — 1 mark Rank APCCF — 2 marks 																

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	Services who have contributed to National Ecosystem Assessment of any country and who are on the Team of Advisers — 2 marks	<p>c. Rank PCCF — 3 marks</p> <p>3. Overseas Experts in Ecosystem Services <i>(Desirable but not mandatory; experts must have contributed to a National Ecosystem Assessment of any country)</i></p> <p>a. No Overseas Expert — 0 marks b. One Overseas Expert in Team — 2 marks c. Two or more Overseas Experts in Team — 4 marks</p>
Annexure II Part II <i>Technical Experience</i>	Association in preparation of Tiger Conservation Plans addressing corridor issues for Tiger Reserves as per guidelines issued by the NTCA — 5 marks each for one Tiger Reserve.	<p>Association in preparation of Tiger Conservation Plans addressing corridor issues for Tiger Reserves as per guidelines issued by the NTCA — 5 marks each for one Tiger Reserve.</p> <p>Or an equivalent number of Forest Conservation Plans or Forest Management Plans of comparable scope and complexity (as per the relaxation under Cl. 7.1.2(a) above).</p>
New Clause (Monitoring) <i>Added to the Monitoring / Reporting provisions of the RFP</i>	<i>(New requirement — no existing text.)</i>	Monitoring — Fortnightly Progress Reporting: The selected agency shall furnish fortnightly progress reports with documentary evidence of actual field work, methodology adopted, data collected, locations covered, and outputs generated, within three (3) working days of the close of each fortnight. The Department may require supporting raw data and verification records to ensure that the reports are complete, accurate, and based on actual work done.

3. CLARIFICATIONS (No RFP Text Amended)

The following clarifications carry binding interpretive authority and shall be read as part of this Corrigendum. They do not amend any clause text.

3.1 Clause 7.1.1 — Consortiums, JBR and Sub-Consultants

Position: Consortiums, Joint Ventures, and JBR arrangements as bidding structures are **NOT PERMITTED**. The bidding entity must be a single legal entity registered under the Companies Act.

However, the selected bidder may engage individual subject matter experts, specialist professionals, or sub-consultants as resource persons to supplement its internal project team, provided:

- The primary bidding entity retains full and sole contractual accountability for all deliverables.
- Credentials of such resource persons/sub-consultants shall NOT count towards meeting the Pre-Qualification Eligibility Criteria under Clause 7.1.2.
- Such resource persons may be presented as part of the proposed project team for Technical Evaluation scoring under Clause 7.2.4 (Team Composition) only.

3.2 Clauses 7.1.2(b) & (c) — Definition of 'State-Level Strategic Plan'

For the purposes of this RFP, the term 'State-Level Strategic Plan/Strategy and Action Plan' means a formally commissioned, completed, and accepted plan or strategy document prepared for and covering the full geographic jurisdiction of an entire State Government.

District-level plans, regional sub-plans, sector-specific documents, watershed plans, or project-level plans shall NOT qualify under Clauses 7.1.2(b) and (c). This definition applies solely to the requirements under those sub-clauses and does not affect the relaxation under Clause 7.1.2(a) as amended above.

3.3 Clause 7.1.2(e) — Overseas Experts

Status of the criterion: It is hereby clarified that the requirement under Clause 7.1.2(e) relating to Overseas Experts is a **desirable, scored criterion and not a mandatory pre-qualification (pass/fail) condition**. Accordingly, the absence of an Overseas Expert shall not render a bid ineligible; such association shall be assessed only for Technical Evaluation scoring under Annexure II, Part III.

Conditions where claimed: Where a bidder chooses to claim marks for an Overseas Expert, the expert must have specialisation in Ecosystem Services Assessment and an established, substantive, and recurring professional association with the bidder agency for at least two years, evidenced by prior collaborative work, co-authored publications, or formal long-term engagement letters. Associations created solely for the purpose of this bid shall not be accepted.

3.4 Clause 5.1.2 — Valuation Framework

The VALUE+ framework is recommended as a structured reference. Bidder agencies may propose an equivalent or superior framework with adequate justification in their Technical Proposal.

3.5 Clause 5.9 — Stakeholder Engagement & Field Work

A sampling-based strategy may be used; sampling intensity and design is the prerogative of the bidder agency, subject to technical acceptability.

- i. Number of stakeholders to be decided by the bidder agency, keeping the fulfilment of project obligations under the Scope of Work in mind.
- ii. All relevant permissions as may be required within the scope of work will be granted by the Department.
- iii. The Department will facilitate introductions to key government and institutional stakeholders. Engagement with local/tribal communities will be the responsibility of the bidder agency, with cooperation from Field/Range Forest Officers. Formal scheduled meetings may be arranged as per a mutually agreed calendar.
- iv. Venue, official communications, and formal catering for formal meetings will be provided by the Department.
- v. All ecologically relevant areas within the project scope are accessible. Access to Protected Areas will be facilitated through the Department. Any area under specific legal restriction shall be communicated to the bidder agency in advance.

3.6 Clause 5.10 — Data Collection & Methodology

- i. Data available with the Department broadly includes: Forest cover and land-use GIS layers, Protected Area and Reserved Forest boundaries, Working Plan documents, Wildlife Survey data, Forest Compartment maps, administrative maps, and satellite imagery. Socioeconomic datasets will be drawn from published government sources (Census of India, SECC, NFHS, etc.).
- ii. GIS datasets pertaining to forests and wildlife shall be provided at project commencement.
- iii. Approximate resolution and currency of available GIS data will be communicated to the selected agency at the time of contract signing.
- iv. Any specific dataset not available with the Department shall be arranged by the bidder agency at its own cost. The Department will extend all reasonable facilitation in accessing Government sources.

4. EFFECT OF THIS CORRIGENDUM

This Corrigendum shall be read conjointly with the original RFP. In the event of any conflict between the original RFP and this Corrigendum, the provisions of this Corrigendum shall prevail.

All prospective bidders who have downloaded the RFP are required to take note of the amendments contained herein. No further claim on account of ignorance of these amended provisions shall be entertained.

Issued under the authority of the Competent Authority:

APCCF & Chief Executive Officer

State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority
Government of Jharkhand, Van Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi – 834002

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