

Replies to Bidder's Queries (Batch-1)
Project IDs: NG-BSD/Lot1-Dadu/2018

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1	Can a Bidder propose voice and/or data services (as per Schedule C) using any technology without restricting voice to 2G and Data to 3G/4G/LTE.	Clause 2(b) of Schedule A of SSA (Annex-6 of RFA)	USF is technology neutral and bidders are free to chose any technology for provision of USF voice and data services as per requirements of RFA.
2	<p>Clause 3 (f) of Annex-5: It is mentioned that only 2% of 60% papulation will require DL data rate of 512Kbps & UP data rate of 128Kbps.</p> <p>Clause 2(a) Schedule B: It is mentioned that DL data rate of 512Kbps & UP data rate of 128Kbps is a minimum requirement</p> <p>Clause 2(a) Schedule B: It is mentioned that internet services Need to comply with PTA requirements.</p> <p>PTA obligation for 3G is 256 Kbps .Please confirm that broadband services are required for how many subscriber and with which data rates DL\UL.</p>	Clause 3 (f) of Annex-5, Clause 2(a) and 6 of Schedule B of SSA (Annex-6 of RFA)	<p>512 Kbps Downlink and 128 Kbps uplink is minimum requirement.</p> <p>PTA has specified minimum data rate requirements for different licenses, however there is no restriction to provide higher data rates in PTA licenses.</p> <p>Broadband network coverage should be provided to 60% of the each mandatory mauzas and network should cater for 2% of 60% of total population of each Mandatory Mauza.</p>
3	Reference Schedule C of the RFA. USF requires provision of only Broadband internet in majority of the Mauzas in Dadu Lot; can USF facilitate in providing a list of sites that cover voice services for such Mauzas.	Schedule C of the SSA (Annex-6 of RFA)	<p>Please refer to Telecom coverage map provided as part of Schedule C of SSA (Annex-6 of RFA). Existing telecom infrastructure locations including exchanges, cellular BTSs, OFC Nodes and WLL sites are provided in the telecom coverage map for reference only.</p> <p>As per NDAs signed with Telecom Operators sharing of BTSs' detailed information is not possible. The potential bidders are advised to engage other telecom operators for relevent information in respective areas.</p>
4	Reference clause 13 of the RFA, please confirm our understanding that alternate energy solution shall not be mandatory on all non-USF funded BTS sites.	Clause 13 of RFA	<p>Please refer to clause 13.5 which states that: "13.5-The USF Service Provider must use Renewable Energy Solutions as primary source for powering the new BTS sites deployed as part of USF Network. Secondary source of power must also be used as a backup to primary source of power for all of USF Network. a) Service provider will ensure that at least two power sources (Primary & Secondary) are available at existing/upgraded BTS/Repeater sites. However use of alternate energy will not be mandatory for upgrade BTS/Repeater sites."</p> <p>Alternate energy solution as primary source of power will be mandatory for all newly build BTS sites (SP owned or Shared).</p>