

Replies to Bidder's Queries (Batch-3)

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1	Please specify the format of highlighting the additional project cost for enabling roaming, including the LI solution?	Clause 16.4 of RFA	There is no specific format for additional project cost. Bidders should mention the national roaming as a separate line item in detailed Financial BoQ.
2	Consolidation of LI systems of all roaming partners is an important pre-requisite to national roaming. Marking capacities of each potential Roaming Partner would be required for capacity expansion requirements at winning service provider end. The clarity on the requirements of the end user (i.e. confirmation of the acceptable mechanism with End User) and agreement on cost sharing model among the roaming partners is required for calculating the subsidy amount objectively. Considering unknown LI system specifications with no clear agreement among CMOs regarding implementation of Lawful Intercept solution for National Roaming; PTML requests USFCo to deliberate the above with the stakeholders including potential roaming partners, regulator and End User in order to reach a viable solution for LI for National Roaming. Being the most important pre-requisite, if solution is not agreed till a reasonable time before bid submission date; the bid submission date be further extended accordingly.	Clause 16.4 of RFA	USF will subsidize capex part of the project cost only including enabling National Roaming with all other potential service providers. The Bidder is responsible for the technical solution to provide National Roaming and LI with all other service providers. USF has already conducted a pre-bid conference with stakeholders (including CMOs and regulators) to discuss National Roaming and other queries related to bidding documents and process. Detailed answers to all the questions raised during pre-bid conference were also shared with the registered bidders. Bid submission timeline has already been extended by three weeks and no further extension is under consideration.