Replies to Bidder's Queries (Batch-1) Project ID: BSD/Small Lot-1/2017

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1	We understand that there are 80 Mandatory Mauzas and the optional Mauzas also include the "Mauzas within 10km of International Border". The "Mauza within 2km of International Border" also seems impractical due to requirement to curtail signals 1-2 Km short of international border. Therefore; mauzas which are tagged as "Within 10 km" or "Within 2 km" in Schedule C, must be considered "optional" as per the prescribed SOP. In view of above, Kindly confirm our following understanding so that we may proceed further: 1. Bidders may prepare bid with coverage to mandatory mauzas only; 2. Bidder must put efforts to plan coverage of maximum number of mauzas under the category "within 10 km" from International Border; however, coverage to these mauzas will remain an optional requirement; and 3. In case of proposal submitted with no coverage in the mauzas lying within 2 to 10 kms from International Border, there will be no adverse impact w.r.t. evaluation of bidders' Qualifications & Services as well as Subsidy proposal.	Schedule C to draft SSA	As per section 3(b)(3) of the latest SoP "Establishment of Base Transceiver Station in Pakistan including Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJ & K) / Gilgit Baltistan (GB)" issued by Pakistan Telecommunication Authority; "Operators will be allowed to construct BTS site three kilometer away from international border / LOC and inside border towns like Taftan, Chamman, Miranshah, Wana, Landi Kotal and AJ & K etc. Operators will ensure restricting the signal till international border/LOC through latest technology as per ITU's regulations" Bidders must prepare compliant nominal plans which can cover maximum number of mauzas lying 3 kms away from International Border. An updated Schedule C (Rev A) has been issued and will be provided to the registered bidders.
2	Following are the observations regarding Mauzas/Villages in schedule C. Population for one Mauza is not visible on Google Earth. Mauza names for some of the mauzas can't be found on Google Earth or Gazetteer Some mauzas are located very close to each other.	Schedule C to draft SSA	The mauzas/Dehs may also have scattered inhabitation and there may be some mauzas without population as well. Bidders should plan their network keeping in view scattered nature of mauzas. Bidders are required to serve all the mandatory mauzas mentioned in Schedule C (Rev. A) of the draft SSA. An updated Schedule C (Rev A) has been issued and will be provided to the registered bidders.