

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL(RFP)**

**USE OF OUTSIDE PLANT, IN-BUILDING CABLING AND UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES**

**Replies to Queries on RFP**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>RFP Clause</b>	<b>Query</b>	<b>PTA Response</b>
1	Advertisement	Extension in RFP Submission deadline by 30 days.	Ample time of 65 days was already given for submission of proposals. Further extension cannot be provided at this point in time.
2	Clause 3.6	Due to the existing worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, it is requested that the time for completion of the task may be increased by 60 (Sixty) working days, (which is currently 150 working days).	The timeline as per RFP is intact. Furthermore, please refer to clause 6.1 and General Condition 2.5.3 of Contract given in RFP.
3	Clause 3.1	Is the purpose of this RFP to produce a report or guidelines for future specifications /standards?	Please refer to objectives/TORs given in RFP which clearly specify to <b>design an outside plant code</b> , and to identify <b>standards for in-building telecom cabling</b> and <b>guidelines for use of utility infrastructure for telecom services</b> .
4	Clause 3.2.2	In-building Telecom Cabling, is it to cover the general buildings or specifically for motorway/traffic control centres?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please refer to 3.2.2 of RFP (SoW) for more clarity.</li> <li>• General buildings including Multi dwelling/commercial/residential buildings.</li> </ul>
5	Clause 3.2.1	Outside plant code, is it required for the motorways or local roads?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please refer to 3.2.1 of RFP (SoW) for more clarity.</li> <li>• An advisory code for all new or re-building roads (motorways as well as local), footpaths and railway tracks.</li> </ul>
6	Clause 3.2.2	What other relevant local codes, standards and frameworks are available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please refer to 3.2.2 of RFP for more clarity. The consultant should consult with Pakistan Engineering Council and Telecom operators for existing codes and standards.</li> </ul>
7	Clause 5.2.2	What are the expectations of the level of our Legal Council - are they for interpretation & advice of current and future legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please refer to clause 5.2.2 of RFP (Proposal evaluation criteria - Legal /Regulatory/ Policy Expert).</li> <li>• Experience to provide input on similar assignments like development of effective legal regulatory instruments i.e. codes, standards, guidelines, dispute settlements, litigation &amp; regulatory issues.</li> </ul>

8	Clause 3.2.4 (b)	The RFP also asks for the comparison of 5 different countries in Europe and Asia but in essence there are only two standards (European and American). What is the preference of PTA? Also, does the project require visiting the 5 countries if yes how many delegates? Does bid price need to include these visits?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please refer to clause 3.2.4 (b) of RFP (SoW).</li> <li>• Consultant to study the International Best practices of 5 different countries from Asia and Europe. <b>Visits are not mandatory.</b></li> </ul>
9	Clause 5.4	When will the contract be awarded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It shall be awarded after going through due process of technical and financial evaluation of bids/proposals.</li> </ul>