

## PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA (PQC)

To ensure neutrality, transparency, and the prevention of any Conflict of Interest (COI) in the oversight of India's national data infrastructure, the following entities are strictly ineligible to participate in this tender:

1. The Application Stack Vendor(s) whose software or proprietary platforms are being utilized in the NDR 2.0 environment.
2. The Cloud Service Provider (CSP) and the Managed Service Provider (MSP) currently involved in providing cloud infrastructure or operational support for NDR 2.0.
3. Any entity that has previously provided design, advisory, or consulting services to DGH in connection with the NDR 2.0 programme's conception, procurement, or contract structuring, where such involvement could result in a conflict of interest or unfair informational advantage.

A Conflict of Interest Declaration to the above effect shall be submitted on the letterhead of the Bidder, duly signed by an authorised signatory.

The following Pre-Qualification Criteria are MANDATORY. Bidders who do not meet any one of the applicable conditions shall be disqualified. Documentary evidence supporting the below-mentioned criteria shall be submitted along with the bids. Bids not accompanied by the requisite documentary proof will be liable for rejection during technical evaluation.

The Commercial Proposal of Bidders who fail to meet the Pre-Qualification Criteria shall not be opened.

### 1. Legal Entity and Registration

The Bidder shall be a company registered in India under the Companies Act 1956 or 2013.

### 2. National Data Repository (NDR) Experience

The Bidder must satisfy at least one of the criteria described below, within the last 10 years reckoned from the originally scheduled date of opening of the techno-commercial bid:

**(a) Installation / Commissioning of an NDR (Cloud-based):** The Bidder must have successfully completed the installation and commissioning of at least one (1) National Data Repository (NDR) specifically dedicated to Upstream Oil & Gas / Hydrocarbon Exploration & Production (E&P) data in a cloud environment in any country within the last 10 years.

OR

**(b) Advisory / Audit / O&M Experience in an NDR Environment:** The Bidder must have experience in operating, maintaining, or providing independent audit assurance, advisory, quality assurance, or data governance services for a National Data Repository (NDR) in a cloud environment in any country within the last 10 years.

To this effect, the Bidder shall submit copies of the respective engagement letters / contracts along with documentary evidence of satisfactory execution / completion, in the form of any of the following: (i) satisfactory completion / performance certificate issued by the client; or (ii) proof of release of performance security after satisfactory completion; or (iii) proof of settlement / release of final payment; or (iv) any other documentary evidence substantiating satisfactory execution of the engagement(s) cited.

### 3. Financial Eligibility

- Average Annual Turnover: The Bidder shall have an average annual turnover of at least ₹ 2.5 Crore (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Lakhs) during the last three (3) financial / accounting years, certified by a practising Chartered Accountant.
- Net Worth: The Bidder must have a positive Net Worth for the preceding financial / accounting year.

### 4. Declaration for Non-Blacklisting

The Bidder shall not be blacklisted by any Central / State Government / agency of the Central / State Government of India or any other country in the world, any Public Sector Undertaking, or any Regulatory Authority in India, for any kind of fraudulent activity. Failure to submit the requisite declaration, or submission of a false declaration, shall make the bid liable for rejection.

A declaration to this effect shall be submitted on the letterhead of the Bidder, duly signed by an authorised signatory.

### 5. Checklist of Documents to be Submitted

The following documents shall be submitted by the Bidder along with the bid:

| Sl. | Document to be Submitted                                                                                                                             |
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| 1   | Certificate of Incorporation / Registration under the Companies Act 1956 or 2013                                                                     |
| 2   | PAN, GSTIN and other applicable statutory registrations                                                                                              |
| 3   | Work order(s) / contract(s) and client-issued completion or performance certificate(s) evidencing NDR experience as per Clause 2                     |
| 4   | Audited financial statements for the last three (3) financial years                                                                                  |
| 5   | Certificate from a practising Chartered Accountant certifying average annual turnover of at least ₹ 2.5 Crore and positive net worth as per Clause 3 |
| 6   | Declaration for Non-Blacklisting as per Clause 5, on letterhead duly signed by an authorised signatory                                               |
| 7   | Conflict of Interest Declaration as per Section A, on letterhead duly signed by an authorised signatory                                              |

*DGH reserves the right to seek clarification or additional documentation from any Bidder in respect of the above, and to verify any information submitted, at any stage of the process.*