Clarifications of Pre-bid queries for Appointment of Consultant Firm for processing of GBI claims

Query	Clarification
Our firm was established in 1988 and we have 30 years of experience in the Audit field. Since this assignment requires the technical work also we would like to carry out this assignment in consortium with our technical consultants. So kindly provide us the approval for the same so that we can fill the empanelment on the timely basis i.e. before 15 September 2020.	The assignment of Consultancy services for GBI Schemes as mentioned in the scope of work and it is mainly require Verification and authentication/confirmation of depreciation availed by the GBI claimant based the scrutiny of Financial documents submitted by the claimant, such as Balance Sheet, ITR, Tax Audit Report, etc. Examination and verification of Joint Meter Reading (JMR), Invoices raised with the Discoms by the claimant, based on which the Incentives are released. Hence, may kindly note that a Charted Accountant (CA) firm is require for this assignment which is stipulated in the Eligibility Criteria. Therefore, as such this assignment require mainly thorough knowledge of Finance & Accounts. As per RFP the consortium is not allowed.
We are meeting the technical eligibility criteria of the said tender. Our firm is empanelled/registered under MSME / NSIC but we are deprived of the financial benefit as per the MSME Act 2006 vide 2006/jyaistha 26,1928(saka) dated 16-06-2006 and because of this, although we meet the technical eligibility, but due to financial conditions, we are not able to bid in the said tender. Most of the companies working in the service category of MSME are not having the turnover of 2 Core in every last three financial years. We request you to kindly provide the exemption in the financial conditions for the bidders for registered under MSME so that bidding can be more competitive.	May kindly note that this bid is invited for a Consultancy services for GBI Schemes from the bidders who are necessarily a registered Charted Accountant (CA) Firm including other eligibility criterion. The assignment require verification/authentication of various financial documents based on which incentives are being released to the claimant. As per section-6 (2) (b) (ii) Exemption on submission of EMD is allowed. However, **bidder has to submit the copy of valid Certificate clearly mentioning that they are registered with any of the above-mentioned authorities or as per SME guidelines.** May kindly note that any exemption in the eligibility criterion of this bid is not possible.