

Response to Queries - Accounting and Billing Software Eol : Technical Evaluation and Commercials

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1	<p>Mode of submission: Do we need to send hard copies of the signed documents? Can the soft copies be signed and sent by 11th June and the hard copies, if required be sent later.</p>	<p>You need to submit hard copies with signature and stamp of Authorized Signatory. Bids submitted in soft copy format will not be accepted</p>
2	<p>Commercial bid: Since the accounting package is targeted at taxpayers below 1.5 cr, the commercial bid format doesnt cover two important aspects for this segment</p> <p>a) It doesn't cover GSTR4 filing done by composite taxpayers</p> <p>b) Since regular taxpayers upto 1.5 crs turnover also can opt for quarterly GSTR1 filings, a provision for this in the commercial bid format isn't provided.</p>	<p>The return filing cost to be quoted by the bidders, should be for "per return", which covers all types of returns.</p> <p>The rate quoted should be on "per return" basis.</p>
3	<p>a) There is no mention of GSTR 4 in the document. If the intention is to provide an accounting software to the small and medium users free then a major audience would be the composition dealers (below the 1.5 cr turnover mark). Is it intentionally not mentioned or it is an error? Please confirm. The accounting software will need to be developed with or without that option as the tax treatment is very different for the composition dealer.</p>	<p>The return filing cost to be quoted by the bidders, should be for "per return", which covers all types of returns.</p> <p>The rate quoted should be on "per return" basis.</p>
4	<p>b) Normal tax payers can file monthly or quarterly returns. Price schedule given in Annexure II talks about giving "Rate per return". Do we give 2 rates for Monthly and quarterly seperately as there will only 4 returns in case a tax payer opts for quarterly option?</p>	<p>There is no segregation between monthly / quarterly return filing. The rates quoted should be on "per return" basis.</p>

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5	<p>c) It is not very clear whether the accounting software needs to enable creation of Json for filing on the GST portal seperately or whether the json needs to be uploaded from the accounting software itself? Please clarify as the development for the latter option will need integration of API's etc.</p>	<p>This will be dictated by the respective product design of each product of bidder. The ease of filing should be taken into consideration of the tax payer.</p>
6	<p>d) There is no mention of GSTR2A downloading and reconciliation with the purchases. Please let us know whether it will be a basic feature or a value added service.</p>	<p>Please refer to Scope of Work as defined in the Eol.</p>
7	<p>1. Queries in Consent Form, point No 5: The product will be available for at least the complete financial year and will be supported free of cost to the tax payers. Refer Pg no:3</p> <p>Q1: Which complete financial year you are referring to? 2018-19 or 2019-20.</p> <p>Q2: Free of cost to taxpayers was only for first 3 months, as per earlier EOI, please clarify free of cost for FY.</p>	<p>1. For entire Financial Year 2018-19 and subsequently every Financial Year.</p> <p>2. The product will be offered free of cost for tax payers for all filings, since GSTN will pay for each return filed (as per the final commercial negotiation for the duration of the contract).</p>

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8	<p>Queries in Price Schedule for Commercial Bid of EoI Ref: GSTN/12-2017/001 (Annexure II). Refer Pg no:4</p> <p>Q1: Cost of entire project duration (2years): Do we have to quote per return/per month or for complete two years or both?</p> <p>Q2: As we would be quoting price combined for GSTR1 and GSTR3B and there could be some taxpayers who would file only one of the returns in a month, still you would be paying the complete amount for that month for that taxpayer</p> <p>Q3: In point no.1 we have to mention figures or cost in figures column we have to mention the price</p> <p>Q4: GSTN has mentioned only GSTR1 and GSTR3B, will this not be applicable for composite dealers who would be filing GSTR4.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cost to be quoted is for "per return" basis, which could be monthly/ quarterly. 2. Payment to the bidder shall be for each successful return filed. 3. In point no.1, please mention cost in figures. 4. Please refer to answers to similar queries above.
9	<p>Queries in Price Schedule - Value Added Services (VAS):Refer Pg No:6</p> <p>Q1: Is validity of VAS packages also for 2 years? Do we quote for VAS per month basis or per Annum basis or for two years.</p> <p>Q2: Can we keep updating VAS packages and pricing from time to time</p> <p>Q3: For VAS packages you have asked for total cost in figures you mean to say cost of silver, gold and platinum all put together</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The VAS package cost should be valid for 2 years. 2. The cost will be valid for 2 years of contract duration and cannot be changed. 3. The cost for each of the package should be given separately.
10	<p>General Questions:</p> <p>Q1: For Technical evaluation, are sandbox details will be same as current sandbox environment of GSTN given to GSP's and ASP's or is it going to be different?</p> <p>Q2: What will be the criteria or instructions for technical evaluation, should we be ready with dummy data for evaluation.</p> <p>Q3: When will be this technical evaluation? (tentative dates).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This will be provided by GSTN prior to beginning of testing. 2. The dummy data will be brought by the testers who will be professionals provided by ICAI. 3. It is tentatively planned for last week of June, subject to bids being received by due date.

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11	<p>Per EOI, Section II: Product Information, Sl. No. 5 Returns (Pg 16), certain requirements outlined in EOI are not applicable today as below. Will these will be considered for evaluation as part of maximum technical score of 1000 Marks?</p> <p>1. GSTR-9 annual return. This is currently not available</p>	<p>Payment will be made to successful bidder on "per return" basis.</p>
12	<p>2. Generate mismatch report between GSTR2A and local purchase register to help prepare GSTR2. Since GSTR2 is not being filed today and will be become obsolete with the new filing, this is no more applicable.</p>	<p>N.A.</p>
13	<p>Will GSTN be sharing any revised set of criteria to Basic Version criteria same as in Revised EOI, 2.1.3 Basic Version. Page 8-9? if yes, by when is the revised criteria expected?</p>	<p>No change to Scope of Work of Eol.</p>
14	<p>Do we have to offer 3 Value Added Services Packages or we can choose to offer 1 Package only?</p>	<p>Number and types of category of packages to be offered is left to the discretion of the bidder / participant.</p>

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15	What is the start date of the Technical Evaluation by invited evaluators? When is the Technical evaluation of all bidders expected to be completed?	It is tentatively planned for last week of June, subject to bids being received by due date.
16	What date is GSTN planning to launch the free product for users post LOA?	On successful conclusion of the bidding, commercial negotiation process and on issue of LOA.