No.	Question	Response
1	Who will be responsible for the veracity of the data used in the PoC?	The state forest department will be responsible for the veracity of data provided by them.
2	Can the visualization be done on software applications such as ArcGIS?	The PoC is to be developed as an independent application and not on any existing software application. The long-term vision is to build this into a comprehensive digital forest stack and expose elements of it as a DPG. Thus, the development has to be on an independent application.
3	Who will provide the data that is required for the PoC?	All the necessary data required for PoC implementation will be provided by the state forest department. The digital partner is expected to convert the data in a usable format, clean it and build the necessary APIs for enabling smooth data exchange as part of the PoC implementation.
4	Is there a list of parameters to be showcased in the PoC?	The key parameters and features to be included in the PoC have been listed in the RFP. Beyond these, there could be addition of up to 3 additional parameters or features (subject to data availability) to the PoC, if requested by the state forest department as has been indicated in the RFP. These are not expected to affect the timelines of implementation.
5	Will the digital partner have to use AI on the satellite imagery to identify forest areas or will the boundaries be provided?	The digitized forest boundaries (shapefiles) will be provided to the digital partner for PoC implementation.
6	Are Consortium bids allowed?	Yes, consortium bids will be allowed. Please refer to the corrigendum for the criteria and conditions for consortium bids.
7	How much revision in the scope of work is expected in the development period?	The key parameters and features to be included in the PoC have been listed in the RFP. We do not anticipate any major changes to these. However, there could be addition of up to 3 additional parameters or features (subject to data availability) to the PoC, if requested by the state forest department as indicated in the RFP. These are not expected to affect the timelines of implementation.
8	How much independence will the digital partner have in implementing the PoC, in terms of choice of resources, working model, etc.?	The digital partner is expected to work closely with the state forest department and incorporate their feedback as has been indicated in the RFP. To the extent possible, the digital partner is expected to collocate with the state forest department officials during the PoC implementation period. The digital partner is expected to adhere to the timelines and deliverables specified in the RFP.
9	Will we have to demonstrate the PoC with real data or we can do it using illustrative data?	To the extent actual data is available, the digital partner is expected to utilize it for the PoC. Only in cases where actual data is not available, illustrative data can be used. The same has been indicated in the RFP.
10	How rigid is the choice of technology specified in the RFP? Can we use other platforms instead of Angular for the front-end development?	The frontend technology specified in the RFP was decided basis existing resource capabilities of the state, to ensure long-term sustainability of the solution. However, the digital partner can discuss this with the state and come to a mutual agreement on the choice of technology prior to commencement of the PoC implementation.
11	Is there any advantage of linking the two RFP submissions, if a digital partner is applying for both PoCs? Or will these be independent applications?	Both the PoCs will have an independent application process, and there is no added advantage in linking them together. However, the digital partners are encouraged to demonstrate how the PoCs can be scaled up and built into a comprehensive forest stack.
12	Is all the data required for PoC implementation available in digital format? Is there any requirement to create new data registries and populate it?	The details of the data available have been provided in the RFP. Majority of the data required is available in digital format with the state forest department or other departments such as the revenue department. Some registries such as farmer contracts may need to be created for the PoC. The data entry for such registries will be handled by the state forest department.
13	Are the APIs required for PoC implementation available or will have to be created?	The digital partner is expected to build the necessary APIs for PoC implementation, as currently they are not available. For a few registries such as land records, APIs are available which can be leveraged. The specific details have been provided in the RFP.
14	What are the criteria for the performance and security of the PoC application?	Performance criteria expectation for the PoC application has been set as 97.5% uptime. Specific security certifications will be specified at the time of contract commencement (Digital partners are expected to receive certificate of VAPT testing)
15	What are the expectations of a backup plan for PoC data? Will it need to be done by our team or will it be done by the data center team?	Backup server facilitation will be handled by the data centre at each state. The digital partner is expected to replicate the code on the server.
16	What level of access will be provided to the servers in data centers at the time of deployment of the PoC application?	Code read/write access will be provided. Any specific requirements from the digital partner can be raised with the respective state department teams at the time of PoC implementation.
17	When it comes to the security of the application, apart from application level security (business logic of application) what will be the level of security expectation from our team? Who will be responsible for server and network security?	Server and network will be handled by respective teams at OFSDS and RFD. The digital partner is free to share any recommendations at the time of PoC implementation. The digital partner is expected to handle application level security certifications (VAPT).
18	Is disaster recovery of application applicable for the PoC?	Respective teams at OFSDS and RFD will provision for server. The digital partner can deploy the code and do necessary testing.
19	Multiple APIs are going to be data sources for the application. Are we allowed to access data from the APIs in real time or do we need to store data in PoC data stores by fetching data from the APIs using schedulers?	Project-level data can be accessed real-time. However, existing state systems are not API-driven, hence APIs need to be developed by Digital Partners to fetch project-level data. Storage of data for further exchange via APIs can be discussed on a use-case basis. Outside of state forest department, certain APIs already exist to fetch data in real-time on satellite imagery from sentinal and soil and ground water data from Open Government data portal already exist. For land ownership records in Odisha - existing APIs exist with state revenue department. The complete details on the same have been provided in the RFP in attachment 2 of the Rajasthan RFP and attachment 4 of Odisha RFP.
20	In case any licensed application needs to be used in the development of the PoC, who will be responsible for the license cost? In case it's a recurring cost what happens in that case?	Initial estimates suggests that no major licenses that will need to be procured. During the PoC implementation, the Digital Partner shall hold discussions with the state forest department to suggest technical design options with and without licenses, with clear implications on cost and efficacy. In the case that a licensing option is agreed upon, the cost of licenses during the PoC implementation shall be borne by the Digital Partner and a discussion shall be had with the state forest departament and JICA on the recurring cost of licenses after the conclusion of the PoC.
21	What are each states' specific technical requirements in terms of hardware, software, and infrastructure?	The digital partner is expected to share server requirement details for the PoC implementation. The respective state entities would be procuring or provisioning the required server capacity, processing power and security and support accordingly.
22	What are the specific data security or privacy concerns that need to be addressed?	Specific security certifications will be specified at the time of contract commencement (Digital partners are expected to receive certificate of VAPT testing).
23	What level of technical support and training would be required to ensure the successful implementation and maintenance of the PoCs in both states?	Details on documentation required at project handover stage and necessary training details have been mentioned in the RFP