



ANDHRA PRADESH GRAMEENA BANK

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1	Page 60			Pertaining to the requirement for a permanent office in Hyderabad / Chennai.	Permanent Office can be located anywhere in India, but the audit is to be completed strictly within the stipulated timelines.
2	5	Schedule [a]: important dates and information on RFP submission	The commercial bids submitted by the bidders will be opened as per GeM terms and the reverse auction will be conducted among those bidders who satisfy the eligibility criteria and qualify in technical evaluation. Further H1 elimination may be done as per the GeM guidelines defined in the GeM Bid Document (if more than 3 bidders are technically qualified).	Request to consider commercial evaluation based on submitted bid price (L1) without conducting a Reverse Auction, as the scope is qualitative and effort-driven.	Please adhere to the terms and conditions of RFP
3	30	26. A	Indicative count of applications, servers, etc. of the Bank at DC/DR/HO and other offices / branches	Please confirm the total number of applications categorized under Black box and Grey box.	The indicative count of applications to be considered under black box is 50 and under Grey Box is 150
4	30	26. A	Indicative count of applications, servers, etc. of the Bank at DC/DR/HO and other offices / branches	Kindly share details on the application size classification (small, medium, or large) along	Most of the applications falls under Small Category Only. With indicative number of 4



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				with the corresponding count of configured roles.	configured roles per each application
5	30	26. A	Indicative count of applications, servers, etc. of the Bank at DC/DR/HO and other offices / branches	Kindly confirm the type of mobile application, whether it is Android, iOS, or both.	Both
6	30	26. A	Indicative count of applications, servers, etc. of the Bank at DC/DR/HO and other offices / branches	Are the in-scope applications available for testing via VPN, or can they only be accessed within the office location?	To be accessed within office location
7	30	26.A	Indicative count of applications, servers, etc. of the Bank at DC/DR/HO and other offices / branches	Along with static IP's, do we need to perform Infra testing for servers, databases, network devices, VM and sample branch endpoints	Yes
8	30	26.A	Indicative count of applications, servers, etc. of the Bank at DC/DR/HO and other offices / branches	Could you please clarify whether the code review should be conducted manually or using an automated tool? If a tool-based code review is permitted, are open-source tools acceptable, or are only licensed tools allowed? Additionally, if licensed tools are	The Code review conducted Should be Automated , Licensed and cost to be borne by bidder.



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				required, should the cost of these tools be borne by the bidder?	
9	30	26.A	Indicative count of applications, servers, etc. of the Bank at DC/DR/HO and other offices / branches.	Please confirm the detailed scope of internal and external applications to be tested on a quarterly or half-yearly basis.	Indicative count of external applications is 5 to be done quarterly and 135 internal applications Half-yearly
10	30	26.A	Indicative count of applications, servers, etc. of the Bank at DC/DR/HO and other offices / branches	Kindly share total number of Internal and external network IPs from all the locations	Static IP count is 10 Indicative count of Internal and External IP's is Approximately 7500 where in the audit will be conducted on sample basis.
11	30	26.A	Indicative count of applications, servers, etc. of the Bank at DC/DR/HO and other offices / branches	API endpoints associated with a single application or with multiple integrated applications? Also, could you please clarify whether the 90 APIs are part of one application or distributed across multiple applications?	API end points are associated with multiple applications 90 APIs are Distributed across Multiple applications
12	30	26.E	Indicative count of applications, servers, etc. of the Bank at DC/DR/HO and other offices / branches	Could you please clarify whether the AePS application (including eKYC and Aadhaar Vault) is part of the 140 applications in scope, or if it is considered a separate	Included in 140 applications. The number of Data Vaults and data platforms



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				application? Additionally, kindly provide the number of Data Vaults/data platforms included in scope, along with the respective environments and their approximate size (in terms of tables/schemas).	Included will be informed to the successful bidder after completion of the tender process.
13	30	D	Overall Architecture Review should be done on yearly.	Kindly confirm the number of network architecture diagrams to be reviewed as per the network locations.	One Architecture
14	30	D	D. Overall Architecture Review should be done on yearly.	Please clarify the scope of architecture review and infrastructure in scope. Additionally, under which header in "PRICE SCHEDULE" it cost is to be considered as it is not specifically mentioned in any header in the "PRICE SCHEDULE".	All the Items/devices pertaining to Network Infrastructure are to be covered under Overall Architecture Review The cost to be included in Column no 4 in the Price Schedule.
15	30	E	AePS Application includes eKYC and Aadhaar Vault	Please clarify the frequency of this audit. Additionally, under which header in "PRICE SCHEDULE" it cost is to be considered as it is not specifically	Half yearly To be included under Column 3



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				mentioned in any header in the "PRICE SCHEDULE".	
16	31	27.i	Execute Vulnerability Assessment/External Attack Penetration testing of the entire network including Internet Banking, Wireless network etc. as per the scope of VAPT on the written permission of the Bank and in the presence of Bank's Officials, without disturbing operations.	Request to confirm if wireless network devices are to be tested as part of Infra VAPT.	No such devices Exist
17	33	28.i	The deliverables are as under, as applicable to VAPT assignment entrusted.	What are the locations/ offices that are in scope?	Head Office -Guntur Data Centre, -Hyderabad Disaster Recovery centre - Chennai, Regional Offices -23 branch systems- conducted in sample basis of approximately 25 branches per each quarter
18	1	Last Date for receipt of bids	13/07/2026 at 11:00 AM	We kindly request you to extend the bid submission deadline by two weeks to allow us sufficient time	The last date for submission of Bid is extended up to 24-07-2026



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				for a comprehensive review and preparation for our bid submission.	
19	76	X	Entire ICT environment has to be scanned actively to identify and address potential problems and after corrective actions have been taken, to ensure that vulnerabilities were actually eliminated. Vulnerability Scanning to be performed in authenticated mode with remote scanners that are given administrative rights on the system being tested.	What is the scope in ICT environment for Vulnerability Scanning	Network Infrastructure , Servers, Endpoints, Applications, Databases
20	78	E	Indicative count of applications, servers, etc. of the Bank at DC/DR/HO and other offices / branches	Please confirm whether the total 10K lines of code are distributed across 140 applications, or if each application contains 10K lines of code.	10k lines of code for each application
21	Page 78			Will remain fixed, or if there is a possibility of variation (increase / decrease in percentage).	There may be variation up to 10% Increase/Decrease



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22				Will the Bank provide a dedicated test environment, or is testing expected to be conducted on production systems?	Testing is expected to be conducted on both the systems
23				Kindly confirm how many rounds of remediation validation will be required.	Till closure of all the vulnerabilities.
24				Please clarify whether pricing should be quoted as a lump sum for the entire two-year period or per assessment cycle.	Per assessment cycle , on submission of corresponding final report
25				What level of access will be provided to auditors (VPN, onsite, remote)?	Onsite
26				Will technical scores be weighted in commercial evaluation, or will it be strictly L1 after reverse auction?	L1 after Reverse Auction
27				Please define the no. of manpower required?	Adequate number of qualified manpower should be deployed



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					to ensure the audit is completed within the given time lines.
28				Mode of execution: Onsite / Offsite / Hybrid -(A bidder can choose accordingly as hybrid).	Onsite
29				Types of Manpower -L1, L2 & L3?	Adequate number of qualified manpower should be deployed to ensure the audit is completed within the given time lines.
30		Indemnity		The Client shall indemnify and hold harmless the bidder for all Losses incurred in connection with any third-party Claim, except to the extent finally judicially determined to have resulted primarily from the fraud or bad faith of such bidder.	Please Adhere to the terms and conditions of the RFP
31		Limitation of the Bidder's Liability towards the Purchaser		The Client (and any others for whom Services are provided) shall not recover from the Bidder, in contract or tort, under statute or otherwise, any amount with respect to loss of profit, data or	Please Adhere to the terms and conditions of the RFP



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				goodwill, or any other consequential, incidental, indirect, punitive or special damages in connection with claims arising out of this Agreement or otherwise relating to the Services, whether or not the likelihood of such loss or damage was contemplated. The Client (and any others for whom Services are provided) shall not recover from the Bidder, in contract or tort, including indemnification obligations under this contract, under statute or otherwise, aggregate damages in excess of the fees actually paid for the Services that directly caused the loss in connection with claims arising out of this Agreement or otherwise relating to the Services The Client (and any others for whom Services are provided) shall not recover from the Bidder, in contract or tort, under statute or otherwise, any amount with	



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				respect to loss of profit, data or goodwill, or any other consequential, incidental, indirect, punitive or special damages in connection with claims arising out of this Agreement or otherwise relating to the Services, whether or not the likelihood of such loss or damage was contemplated. The Client (and any others for whom Services are provided) shall not recover from the Bidder, in contract or tort, including indemnification obligations under this contract, under statute or otherwise, aggregate damages in excess of the fees actually paid for the Services that directly caused the loss in connection with claims arising out of this Agreement or otherwise relating to the Services.	
32		Non-solicitation		During the Restricted Period, no Engagement Personnel of either party shall solicit for employment any Engagement Personnel of the	Please Adhere to the terms and conditions of the RFP



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				other party. “Engagement Personnel” shall be defined as only those personnel of either party who a) are directly involved in the provision of Services under the applicable Statement of Work , or b) are the direct recipients of such Services. The “Restricted Period” shall be defined to include a) the Term of the applicable Statement of Work, b) a period of 12 months after the expiration of such Term, and c) for those Engagement Personnel whose involvement as a direct provider or recipient of Services ends prior to the expiration of the Term, for 12 months after such involvement ends	



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				Provided, that this restriction shall not apply to a) Engagement Personnel of a party who respond to general advertisements for positions with the other party, b) Engagement Personnel of either party who come to the other party on their own initiative without direct or indirect encouragement from the other party's Engagement Personnel, or c) generic recruiting activities by non-Engagement Personnel, including direct outreach by recruiters of either party who have sourced the individuals in the ordinary course of recruiting through the use of research, agencies, social media and/or other technology or tools	
33		Force Majeure		I. To the extent that the provision of the Services is impacted by a pandemic (including COVID19) and	Please Adhere to the terms and conditions of the RFP



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				any reasonable concerns or measures taken to protect the health and safety interests of either Party's personnel, the Parties will work together to amend the Agreement to provide for the Services to be delivered in an appropriate manner, including any resulting modifications with respect to the timelines, location, or manner of the delivery of Services. II. Where the Bidder Personnel are required to be present at Client's premises, the Bidder will use reasonable efforts to provide the Services on-site at Client side, provided that, in light of a pandemic the parties agree to cooperate to allow for remote working and/or an extended timeframe to the extent a) any government or similar entity implements restrictions that may interfere with provision	



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				of onsite Services b) either party implements voluntary limitations on travel or meetings that could interfere with provision of onsite Services, or c) a bidder's resource determines that he or she is unable or unwilling to travel in light of a pandemic-related risk	
34		Termination for Convenience		In case of termination, Client shall pay the Bidder for all work-in progress, Services already performed, and expenses incurred by the Bidder up to and including the effective date of the termination of this Agreement.	Please Adhere to the terms and conditions of the RFP
35		Retention of copies		On payment of all bidder fees in connection with this Contract, the Client shall obtain a non-exclusive license to use within its internal business, subject to the other provisions of this Contract, any Deliverables or work product for the purpose for which the	Please Adhere to the terms and conditions of the RFP



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				Deliverables or work product were supplied. Bidder retains all rights in the Deliverables and work product, and in any software, materials, know-how and/or methodologies that Bidder may use or develop in connection with this Contract.	
36		Non-Exclusivity		It is agreed that the services are being rendered on a non-exclusive basis and the Bidder shall have the right to pursue business opportunities that it may in its sole discretion deem appropriate.	Please Adhere to the terms and conditions of the RFP
37		Confidential Information		I. Confidential Information shall include any information which is identified by you at the time of disclosure as being of a confidential nature (including, but not limited to, business plans, products, trade secret processes or methodologies, software, documentation, design specifications, other technical	Please Adhere to the terms and conditions of the RFP



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				documents and other proprietary rights or information) or that is disclosed to us under circumstances that would lead a reasonable person to understand that such information is confidential or proprietary in nature. Confidential Information does not include information that a) is or becomes generally available to the public without breach by us of our confidentiality obligations under this Services Contract, b) is received by us from a third party without restriction against disclosure, c) was known to us without restriction prior to disclosure, or d) is independently developed by us without subsequent use of Confidential Information II. We shall protect the Confidential Information in a manner consistent with the treatment that we accord to our	



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				own Confidential Information of a similar nature, and we shall use and reproduce Confidential Information only to perform our obligations under this Services Contract or for our internal collection, analysis and training purposes. We may disclose Confidential Information to bidder Persons and to our employees, agents and subcontractors, who have a need to know, and employees of our Affiliates who have a need to know. We may also disclose Confidential Information as may be necessary by reason of legal, accounting and regulatory requirement and to our professional indemnity insurers and advisers. Notwithstanding, anything contrary agreed under the Services Contract, you agree that our obligations under the clause of Confidential Information shall survive and will be in force only during the term of the	



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				Engagement Letter and shall not in any event survive post completion of Services or termination or expiration of the Engagement Letter, whichever is earlier III. For the purposes of marketing and publishing or selling our services, we may wish to disclose that we have performed work for you without disclosing any Confidential Information	
38		Variation in Scope of Contract		For any changes in the scope beyond the stipulated scope of services mentioned in the RFP, we would request the Client to consider additional professional fees as per mutually agreed terms and conditions.	Yes, additional professional fee will be paid if there is any increase in scope, on per application basis. Hence, L1 bidder has to provide break up of per item per instance price, which will be applicable throughout the contract period.
39				We kindly request an extension of the bid submission deadline until 24th July 2026. This	The last date for submission of Bid is extended up to 24-07-2026



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				extension will help us complete our internal quality and risk review processes, enabling us to submit a more comprehensive and high-quality proposal aligned with your requirements.	
40		Payment -terms		As per the RFP, payment shall be released after submission of the final compliance report. However, since the engagement spans multiple activities over a two-year contract period (Quarterly VAPT, Half-Yearly VAPT, Annual Source Code Review, Annual Baseline Configuration Review, etc.), we request clarification on the following: 1.Will payments be released separately upon completion of each individual activity/assessment cycle and submission of the corresponding final compliance report? 2.Or will payment be released only upon completion of all activities	Payments shall be released separately upon completion of each individual activity/assessment cycle on submission of the corresponding final compliance report The milestone mechanism is 100% payment related to each activity (Quarterly/Halfyearly/yearly etc) on submission of corresponding Final compliance report



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				under the entire two-year contract period? 3.If payments are activity-based, kindly confirm the payment milestone mechanism applicable for the engagement.	
41				The RFP states that compliance testing/revalidation may be conducted in multiple iterations until closure of all identified vulnerabilities. We request clarification regarding: 1.Whether revalidation/compliance verification efforts are expected to continue without any limit until all vulnerabilities are closed. 2.Whether there is any defined cap on the number of revalidation cycles for a particular assessment. 3.Whether vulnerabilities identified in one assessment cycle need to be revalidated in	1)The bidder expected to continue without any limit until all vulnerabilities are closed. 2)There is no defined cap. 3)yes 4)Please adhere to the terms and conditions of the RFP



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				subsequent assessment cycles until closure, irrespective of the duration involved. 4.Any timelines, assumptions, or expectations that bidders should consider while estimating the effort associated with compliance verification activities.	
42				The RFP does not provide a separate bifurcation of infrastructure and application counts for internet-facing and internal applications. However, the commercial bid format requires separate pricing for: 1.Internet-facing applications along with the associated infrastructure, and 2.Internal applications along with the associated infrastructure. Kindly clarify the respective counts for each category.	Indicative count of internet facing applications(external)-5 Indicative count of internal applications- 135



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43				For the Source Code Review activity, kindly confirm whether the Bank will provide the required source code review tool/licenses, or whether the bidder is expected to use its own licensed tool as part of the engagement.	The bidder has to use own licensed source code review tool as part of the engagement
44	26	Section 25(A)(a)&(b)	VAPT of public-facing applications & associated infrastructure — quarterly basis; VAPT of other applications & associated infrastructure — half-yearly basis.	Kindly provide a location-wise bifurcation of the in-scope devices/applications (servers, databases, network & security devices, etc.) counts clearly indicating which are to be audited on a quarterly basis and which on a half-yearly basis, along with the site/location at which each is hosted.	Please refer to ATC document for details.
45	30	Section 26 (D)	“Overall Architecture Review should be done on yearly [basis].”	Kindly specify the total number of locations/sites (DC, DR, HO, Zonal/Regional Offices, sample branches, etc.) to be covered under the Network Architecture Review, along with a list of such	DC- 1-Hyderabad DR- 1-Chennai HO-1- Guntur Regional Office-23



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					sample branches will be approximately 25) The list of branch locations on sample basis for each quarter will be shared to the successful bidder after completion of the tender process.
46	30	Section 26 (A) & (B)	Indicative count of Servers (150), Network devices (65), Databases (20), VM (30) and 25 Sample Branch End Points at DC/DR/HO and other offices/branches.	Are all in-scope devices centrally accessible from a single location for the purpose of the audit (e.g., remotely from DC/DR)? If yes, kindly specify the exact location from which the assessment will be performed. If on-site presence is required at multiple branches/offices, kindly confirm the same and share the list of such locations.	All applications are to be accessed on-site from DC and DR. Onsite Presence is required. The list of branch locations on sample basis(approximately 25 branches) for each quarter will be shared to the successful bidder after completion of the tender process.



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47	20	Eligibility Criteria, Sl. No. 7	The bidder should have capability and willingness to depute competent resources, at their own cost at Bank's DC/DR Sites in Hyderabad/Chennai & Head Office, Guntur continuously as and when required."	Kindly confirm whether the Bank requires deployment of a dedicated resident auditor/resource on a continuous manpower basis for the entire contract period, or whether resource deployment is need-based (i.e., only during the course of each VAPT cycle/audit engagement). If manpower-based deployment is required, kindly specify the number of resources and minimum man-days to be considered for commercial bid purposes.	Audit to be completed within the stipulated time lines. The auditor can engage during the course of each VAPT cycle/audit engagement
48	31,32	Section 25(2) & Section 27 - Phase III	"Every VAPT should be followed by compliance testing..." and "Compliance Review...undertaken by the vendor in the first week of every month."	Kindly confirm whether Compliance Audit is required to be conducted for the Quarterly VAPT, Half-Yearly VAPT and Annual (Source Code Review/Baseline Configuration Review/Architecture	Please adhere to the terms and conditions of the RFP



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				Review) exercises independently and in line with the same periodicity as the respective audit, or whether a single monthly Compliance Review is sufficient to cover all these periodic audits collectively.	
49	30	Section 26 (C)	Source Code Review of 140 applications on an annual basis.	Kindly confirm the location(s) from which source code will be shared/accessed for review (e.g., onsite at Head Office/DC, or remotely through a secure repository access), and whether any physical visit to a specific location is mandatory for this activity.	Source code will be accessed for review from DC/DR(Onsite) Physical visit is mandatory DC-Hyderabad DR-Chennai
50	26–30		Scope of VAPT covers DC/DR/HO/DNC/NDR and Third-Party Vendor locations (Section 25 xiii, Page 29).	Kindly provide the complete list of all locations/sites (DC, DR, HO, DNC, NDR, Zonal Offices, Third-Party Vendor locations, sample branches, etc.) to be covered	DC- Hyderabad DR-Chennai HO- Guntur



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				under the overall scope of this RFP, indicating the applicable periodicity (quarterly/half-yearly/annual) for each location.	Third party Vendor locations indicative count is 3 Regional Offices-23 The list of branches where audit to be conducted on sample basis (approximately 25 branches/quarter) would be shared after finalization of the auditor.