

UCE RFP FAQs

Sl.No.	Question	Answer
1	Could you please share detailed carpet area (sq.ft) requirements for each of the functions mentioned in <i>PROJECT FACILITIES</i> ?	Provided in the Information Downloads section on the webpage.
2	Please share the estimated total construction (built up) area including lobbies, service areas, etc?	
3	Please explain 4. <i>U-Hub - Should accommodate 200 start-ups – 10000 sq. ft (can be at 2-3 locations).</i>	
4	Could you please share the maximum building heights on the plot and open space requirements?	There is no height restriction as the site is abutting 100 feet road. Refer to pages 9 to 13 in the GO 168 (Provided in the Information Downloads section).
5	Please explain if every entrant will be paid remuneration? <i>This international/national design competition entails a remuneration of Rs. 2 lakhs each (2000 euros for overseas firms) for all participating firms whose designs are submitted in time and meet the basic criteria as decided by the internal committee.</i>	For all participating firms whose designs are submitted in time and meet the basic criteria as decided by the internal committee.
6	Please explain the meaning of: basic criteria as decided by the internal committee.	1)Uniqueness of Design 2) Green Concept 3) Functional Utilisation of space
7	The Scope of work for the fee to be quoted does not mention the deliverables like Engineering Design Services (MEP), Structural Design, Landscaping, Interior Designing, Site visits during execution etc. Kindly clarify whether the above services are to be included in the fee or a separate consultant will be appointed by the client for designing of those services who shall be paid by the client directly.	Yes. Detailed designs are part of scope of work. All consultants required shall be appointed from your end.
8	Service Tax: Please clarify whether Service Tax is to be included in the quoted fee or it will be reimbursed separately over and above the quoted fee.	Proposals shall be exclusive of Taxes. And the taxes will be given as applicable at that point of time.
9	We would like your clarification regarding SH No. 4 under the Deliverables section where it says "2 to 3 project case studies showing relevant experience, role and other teams/consultants/partners involved". It is unclear to what nature of the case studies is asked for exactly and needs to be further elaborated.	Similar projects such as planning for institutions and relevant in terms of the scale and parameters given.
10	We would like to know if the winning entry will be appointed as the consultant(s) for the Project as per the Council of Architecture terms and conditions as it is quite unclear from the RFP document if the winning entry is going to be awarded the Project. It is standard procedure to engage the winning entry as Project Consultant for all National and International Projects.	Yes. Subject to fulfilment of all other conditions.
11	Whether institutional projects such as hospitals and schools qualify?	Hotels, convention centre, research institutes, 40 acre land projects (w.r.t their works completed...not for case studies)
12	Is there a desired area of construction for each project that qualifies?	40 acres land projects

13	Do competition entries or unbuilt projects count.	Unbuilt projects do not count. Yet if it was among the top entries for a design proposal for a competition at national level for similar scale it counts.
14	What is the scope of the design firm in the various stages of the project listed on page 10? Will the selected firm be responsible for the entire work including project management and construction co-ordination?	The selected design firm will be fully involved in all the stages of the project mention on page 10. The selected firm will be responsible for site coordination, client coordination and construction coordination. There would be a different process for the firm selection for Project management services.
15	Based on the scope can consultants form a consortium for the project? How many firms are allowed in the consortium?	Forming a consortium is the firms' internal decision. However, the point of contact and further dealings would be with the registered firm only.
16	We believe liaison work for securing approvals from various agencies and appointment of the contractor will be done by the client. Please confirm.	Yes, the liaison work for securing approvals will be done by the client, however, the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and further process of sustainability of the project would be done by the selected firm.
17	Is the project seeking a sustainability certification? If so, what are the targets?	Please refer the point 14 on page no. 8, of the RFP for the sustainability targets.
18	What is the timeline of submission of design deliverables and construction for the project?	Please refer the table in page no. 9, of the RPF for the design deliverables timelines. The timelines for the construction of the project would be discussed and disclosed in further stage.
19	Who will be stakeholders from the client side reviewing progress and giving approvals for the design and project development? Please elaborate on review and approval process.	The Stakeholder from the client side would be Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA). The review and approval process would be discussed in further stages.
20	What would be the overall project cost.	The approximate estimate of the project is to be provided by the consultant firm based on the design concept.
21	Where should be the hard copies sent?	The last date for submitting proposal (in soft /hard form) is August 30th 2021. The hard copies should be sent to the following address -National Institute of Urban Management (NIUM), AC Guards Office 3rd Floor, MA&UD Campus, ENC (PH) Building Complex, Kashana Building, Opp: PTI Building, AC Guards, Masabtank, Hyderabad – 500008.
22	As there are parcels of land on either sides on the road. Is there a priority in developing any parcel of the land? If yes which one?	No there is no priority as such. The client is looking at an overall development
23	It is mentioned in the RFP about the submission of 10 A0 panels. Is it around or maximum no. of panels? And any physical model submission?	It is maximum of 10 A0 panels and the physical model is not necessary as on now. But if the need arises, we will definitely let you know beforehand.
24	Is there already a facility catering to the requirements of urban management research and meetings? Or the proposal is a one of a kind in the city?	The proposal is one of a kind and for reference a list of similar projects around the globe has been provided in the information tab in the website.
25	As we can see there is a parcel of land which seems to be agricultural land. And from the concept of sustainability, the best use of the land could be agriculture only and the concept doesn't allow to construct on the agricultural land. I would like to know what is your thinking or opinion on the	The client is looking at the concept of sustainability on the overall project. The agricultural land you see in the files was used as research land for the rice research institute previously. The land use of the agricultural land would be changed by the client. Coming to the concept of sustainability, the firms are welcome to adapt or introduce any sustainability concept.

	development of that agricultural land? Also would like to have a discussion on the concept of sustainability the client is looking at. Could we come to an understanding that how much of that land be used or how much should be untouched. Because as per the concept of sustainability the lesser the land is used the more sustainable it is.	
26	Could we also have a collaboration with the institute next door? It could help in having more facilities. Could we think of integrating few facilities between the two institutions or this Urban Excellence Centre should be a standalone centre?	The institute next door is a land and water management institute. The activities of that institute and the Urban Excellence centre is different. Any synergy required would be discussed at Policy making level at a later stage. For now, treat this as a standalone one.
27	About the experience of past project, how particular are you about the projects of scale 40 Acres?	We are looking at the relevance of characteristics of the project. The scale of the project could vary.
28	The site profile provided in various files differs. Could you guide us to which file is to be referred as final?	The survey file with contours is to be considered as final.
29	Are there any height restriction in the plot, or in the agricultural plot?	No, since the abutting road is 100ft, there is no height restriction. About the agricultural plot, the land use would be in line with the centre's purpose and land use changes if any required would be handled by the client.
30	In the RFP it is mentioned that the submission should be done in A0 size portrait sheets. Is there a specific reason or is there any chance we could change the sheet orientation?	During the drone survey and other surveys it was observed that the site was lengthier. Hence it was decided by the team to have the submissions in portrait format only for better visibility of the design.
31	Is it necessary to team & certain experience for the same as specified in the frequently asked questions? Also, if the new individual entry of the architect (no experience) will it be allowed/ accepted?	It is completely up to the firm or individual to team up with others. Having relevant experience would give more weightage to the entry. As the competition is open to all, we welcome all the entries. However, the selection of entries completely depends on the committee and the jury members.
32	Is it possible for you to announce the names and designation of the Jury members anytime soon?	The jury members would be renowned architects, urban planners, academicians, and sustainability experts. The jury names will only be announced after the selection of top entries.
33	Since there is a proposed road as per the master plan 2031, can we change/alter the position/profile of proposed road (within the site), which is dividing the site?	No the road cannot be altered. The reference coordinates for the proposed road would be provided as soon as possible.
34	As per project Facility document Point no-11, Kindly clarify number of Different courts required. We understand that we are allowed to propose as per our concept, but proposing more no of courts would increase the cost of construction, hence affecting our weightage for estimate.	The proposal for providing different courts as per the point -11 from the RFP, should depend on the design approach and based on the calculation of the proposed foot print. The cost estimate provided by the firm would be compared to the design proposal, not with other design firms.
35	Will the road authority hinder if a underpass or over bridge is proposed for connection between the two sites? What is this road width proposed for 2031?	The proposal of an underpass or an over bridge for connecting both the sites is welcome.

36	Which areas will be accessible to public? The Hub of Urban Innovation: Is it intended for public viewing? Will this proposal also include architectural tourism or similar?	The project would be accessible to the public. Facilities such as Hub of innovation, Convention centres, Open air performing area and Relaxation Hubs would be accessible to the public, rest all facilities would be semi-public.
37	Will Vastu & other I influences be considered under "practicality"?	Vastu would be considered under practicality
38	What could be the grading weightage for the "sustainable" approach of design concept?	Since the Govt is keen on the concept of sustainability, the over all weightage for the concept of green and sustainability would be a part of the category 1, in evaluation criteria.
39	With regards to the estimate and fee; As the program is not specific; the estimate can vary wildly and hence, the fees quoted will do the same. Request you to look into this as percentage would work better	The fee should be quoted in lump sum. Since the program is not specific, the quoted fee would be evaluated as per the proposal submitted, it won't be compared with other firms.
40	Is airport located near the site? Is there any future provision for any such development coming up?	The airport is at a distance of 17 kms from the site and could be accessed through the outer ring road.
41	Submission of entry is either: a. Physically in hand OR b. Vide E-mail OR c. Physically and vide E-mail both. Clarification is required.	The entries should be submitted in both formats. (Physically in High resolution prints and Via Email In high resolution compressed format). The hard copy should reach the mentioned address by August 30th, 3:00 pm.
42	Towards fair justice in calibrating the potential of bidder, how is it planned. The sheets bearing name/logo of the bidder or would be provided with code number....clarification required. Secrecy towards identification of bidder is to be maintained otherwise it could influence the judges.	The participating firms will have to register to receive a UNIQUE code, which should be placed on the A0 design sheets during submission. <u>Participation and Registration Form – https://tinyurl.com/UCeHyd</u>
43	As we are progressing on the Project towards design and development one point contact person/name/e-mail could be shared as one could not wait for the Project Briefing schedule which will end by 22th July 2021, after that.....?	For further queries please contact Ar. Asim Umar, 9701431177, NIUM
44	Is there any chance of extension in the submission date, the time given is short for the given Project scale. Few weeks of extension can help in coming out with potential design proposals.	As of now there won't be any extension. We will keep you updated on this.
45	In case of participation by consortium / joint venture /Associates do we need to submit a short of Agreement on non-judicial stamp paper stating Roles and Responsibility of individuals. If you have format, could it be shared.	Forming a consortium is completely the participating firms' decision. The entry would be submitted on the name of one firm, which will be the point of contact for further discussions.
46	Number of research labs isnt provided? Is it upto our discretion?	Around 6 – 7 No. Of Urban research labs.
47	Are we allowed to add programs and whats the flexibility on number of buildings ?	Yes, new programs concept proposals are welcome
48	Are the conference and meeting halls a standalone building or your requirements ?	All proposals area welcome
49	Do you require only schematic costing or detailed breakup?	A preliminary estimate is required.

50	Please give an idea about documentation to be provided for IGBC Rating?	For the firm submission on 30th August, concepts on the process of achieving IGBC green campus rating.
51	2 to 3 project case studies showing relevant experience, role and other teams/consultants/partners involved. What do you mean by "case studies" in this?	Case studies of the projects executed by the firm. (Previous Experience)
52	Does the area for future requirements need to be located in one zone or we can provide parcels throughout the site?	Its up to the concept proposal
53	Any limitation on making basements or under ground structures for services / storage	As per the building regulation of the State (G.O. 168), the no. Of basements permissible depends on the plot size.
54	Who all are going to use the Residential accommodation?	The staff/ Research working at the UCE, Scholars visiting UCE, dignitaries visiting
55	The 30m wide road connects the 60m wide road to what ? This is to understand the nature of traffic	The proposed road connects the interior part of the village to the main road.
56	what is the deadline for registration?	The registration date is open till August 25th
57	Do we need to provide any overall project budget (as you just mentioned) or just design consultancy fees ?	Both should be provided separate. The budget would be a preliminary estimate. The design consultancy should be presented as mentioned in the RFP.
58	Please provide us with a survey map of the existing boulders and the trees	The file has been uploaded on to the website under the Site Survey section.
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