BSIP/S&P/16/INQUA/2025-2026   09th Oct 2025

Corrigendum

Subject: Amendment in RFP, Change of Deadline Dates and Reply to the Queries

Reference RFP No: BSIP/S&P/16/INQUA/2025-26 dated 26th Sep 2025. Following amendments has been made in Annexure-III column No:03 due to administrative reasons.

As per RFP	Amended
Events/exhibition/conclaves/conferences organized for Central/State Govt of the Union	Events/exhibition/conclaves/conferences organized for Central/State Govt of the Union, Govt. of India Departments/PSUs/Autonomous/Inter Govt./Organisation and Associations

Dead Line dates are extended as below:

Sl No:	Description	Extended Dates
01	Last date for submission of Bid/Tender	24th Oct 2025
02	Date of Technical Bid Opening	27th Oct 2025
03	Date of Presentation	05th Nov 2025

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Replies to the queries.

Sl. No.	Query	Reply
1.	Venue IT Backbone Integration: The RFP specifies coordination with the IGP venue management for LAN/Wi-Fi deployment. Could you clarify whether the existing venue network infrastructure (cabling, routers, access points) can be used or if the PCO must lay an entirely independent network?	Services to be provided as mentioned in Para-4.1 IT Services of RFP. Bidders are suggested to visit the venue to access and to meet the requirement.
02	Payment Gateway Integration: For the registration/payment system, do you require integration with Indian payment standards (UPI, RuPay) in addition to international gateways (Visa, MasterCard, PayPal, SWIFT transfers).	AS per RFP clause 4.1 (A)-iii.
03	Accommodation Handling: The document mentions the PCO will "facilitate accommodation." Please clarify if hotel booking payments will flow through the PCO's system or if the PCO is only expected to create a booking interface and coordinate.	Please refer to our earlier RFP queries Sl No: 09 hosted on BSIP website and provided to all bidders.
04	Hybrid Participation Capability: Will the INQUA 2027 congress include hybrid participation (virtual presenters, online attendees), and if yes, should the PCO provide remote presentation systems, virtual networking, and chat/Q&A integration?	As per RFP Clause 4.1-A-iv.
05	Digital Identity and Access Control: For ID card/barcode-based access control, is there a requirement for RFID/NFC-based entry tracking integrated with the registration system, or will printed barcode scanning be sufficient?	As per RFP clause-4.4.
06	Venue availability: RFP document (page 6) says that venue will be available from 25 January 2027. Is there a possibility to get the venue for a few more days for the setup?	Please refer to our earlier RFP queries Sl No:36 hosted on BSIP website and provided to all bidders.
07	Delegation of Staff to HCS Secretariat: The PCO must provide two staff members for Host Country Secretariat support. Please confirm whether these staff will work full-time from BSIP Lucknow and for how many months before and after the congress.	As per RFP clause: 4.21.
08	Banquet meal and pricing: Food costs are mandated at DoE-approved rates. Since DoE rates may change by 2027, will the approved rates prevailing at the time of the event be considered, or are bidders expected to quote on current rates only?	Please refer to our earlier RFP queries Annexure-II Sl No: 01 hosted on BSIP website and provided to all bidders.
09	Delegate Analytics Dashboard: Is the PCO expected to develop a real-time analytics dashboard (showing registration data, geographic distribution, payment summaries, attendance, etc.) accessible to BSIP/HCS administrators?	As per RFP Clause 4.4.
10	Payment Schedule: The document mentions payments as per GFR 2017, but not the specific milestone-linked payment schedule (e.g., % on signing, % post venue readiness, % after Congress, % after final settlement). Can you provide the exact disbursement plan?	Please refer to our earlier RFP queries Annexure-I Sl No:01 hosted on BSIP website and provided to all bidders.
11	Accessibility Standards: Are there specific accessibility requirements for delegates with disabilities that must be built into the plan?	AS per RFP and guidelines on the subject issued by the Govt. of India.
12	Projection Standards and Aspect Ratios: For LED and projector-based setups, is there a required uniform display aspect ratio (e.g., 16:9) for all halls, or will the PCO have flexibility based on hall geometry?	As Per RFP clause 4.1.2.
13	Video Recording Format: For video documentation, should the deliverables be in 4K broadcast quality or is Full HD (1080p) sufficient for both archival and streaming purposes?	As Per RFP clause 4.2.

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