Minutes of Pre-bid meeting for PROCUREMENT OF HIV RAPID TEST KITS (Immuno Concentration Technology) against: IFB No. RITES/MSM/NACP/01/2017/Rebid2 held on 26.03.2019 at 14:30 hr at RITES office.

1. The following were present:-

I) From RITES
S/Shri
Chandan Kumar JGM/MSM– In Chair
Nitin Jain AM/MSM
Abhishek Sanklan, Engineer/MSM

II) Firms which attended the pre bid conference are as follows:

S. No.	Name of representative S/Shri	Name of Firm
1	Anil Yadav Raju Venugopal	M/s Abbott
2.	Bhaskar Malladi	M/s Alere Medical
3.	Mridul Nautiyal	M/s PISPL
4.	Anshuman Samaiyar	M/s Meril Diagnostics

2. Initiating the discussion, chairperson welcomed the participants. It was explained that purpose of Pre-bid meet is to educate the bidders regarding various important provisions of the bidding documents and also to clarify any queries that the bidders may have in the subject bidding documents. All the prospective bidders were requested to get themselves registered with Central Public Procurement (CPP) portal (https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app) as early as possible.

3. The issues raised during the pre bid meeting and clarifications are as under-

S. No.	Query Raised	Clarification
	Section I: ITB Clause 6.1.1 (c): (pg 13)	
1.	As per the Bid Document, "For all regulated products, the bidder should have **at least two (2) years of manufacturing and marketing experience** of the particular items as a manufacturer for each regulated product quoted in the tender. One of the firm has requested to relax manufacturing and marketing experience from 2 years as they are having experience of 19 months.	No change in the Bid Document.
	Section IV: Technical Specifications (pg 73)	
2.	As per the Bid Document, HIV Rapid Test Kits based on Immuno Concentration Technology but it is not mentioned in the Technical Specifications, which means any technique will be acceptable. Kindly clarify. Lateral Flow technique is more advanced than Immuno Concentration Technology and meets tender specifications. Can a firm supply kits with this technique?	Only Immuno Concentration (Flow Through) Technology is acceptable.
3.	Point no. 2 in Technical Specification states that "The assay should **detect & differentiate** between HIV 1 & 2 antibodies in plasma, serum or **whole blood.**" As per firm the sample type as **Whole blood** can be done only with Lateral flow technique. Kindly Clarify. Another firm has requested to amend the specification by removing the word **differentiate**.	No change in the Bid Document. Testing of Whole Blood is not compulsory as it is mentioned in the specification, "in plasma, serum **OR** whole blood."
4.	CRC/FAC are not issued on time from the consignees due to which bills get delayed for the submission and payment will also be delayed subsequently. This issue is from last several years. Kindly resolve.	Efforts are being made for smoothening the process of issuing CRC/FAC.

Meeting concluded with thanks to the participant for their active participation.