





NEPAL RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMME



SECF Portal Guide













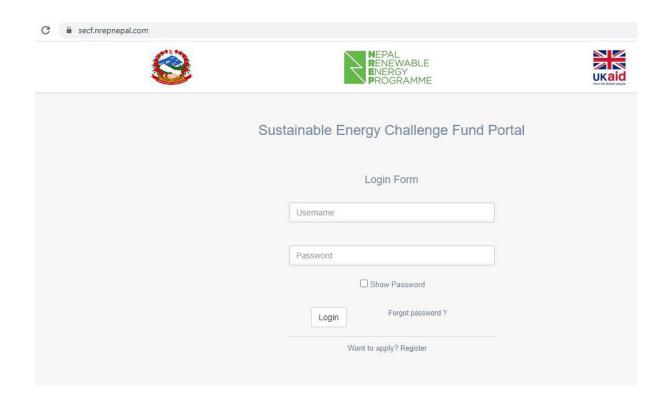
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1. Accessing the SECF Portal

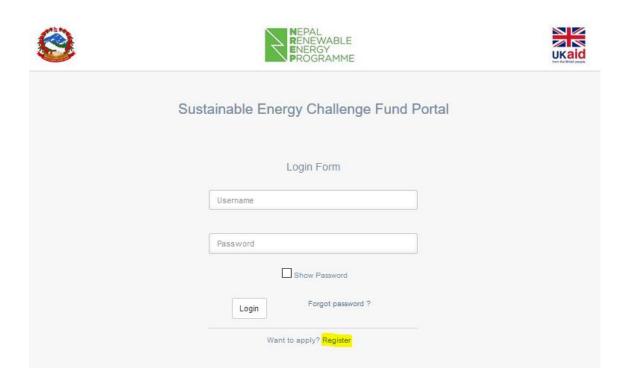
Accessing the portal from a web browser

 Open a web browser in your computer, and access the URL https://secf.nrepnepal.com

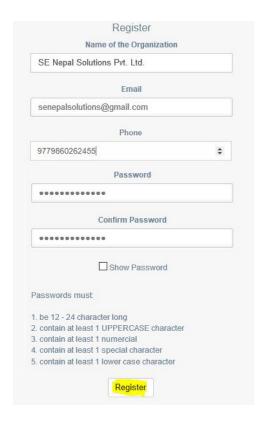


Registration of the applicant organization and logging on to the portal

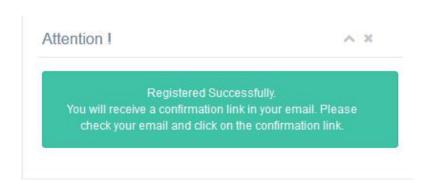
1. Click on the Register link.



2. On the ensuing form, fill up the Name of the Organization, Email, Phone, Password and Confirm Password fields and click on Register.



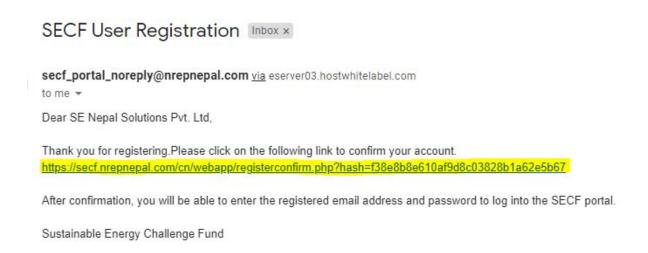
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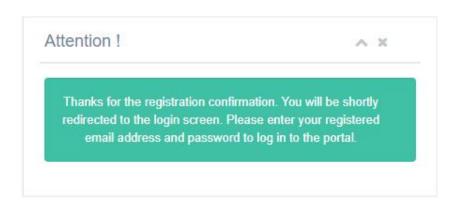
4. When you open the inbox of the **registered email address**, you should receive an email from the SECF Portal with the subject **SECF User Registration**



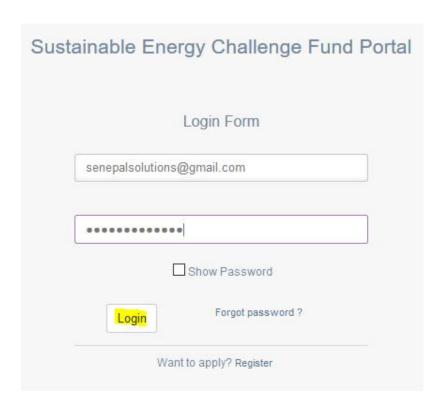
5. Open the email and click on the confirmation link.



6. You will see the following notification box.



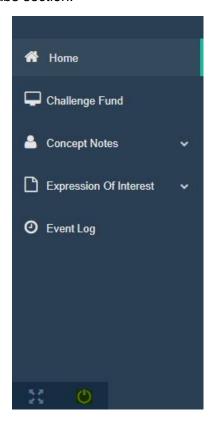
7. You can now log on with the registered username and password.



8. Bookmark the URL of the log on page of the portal for future ease of access.

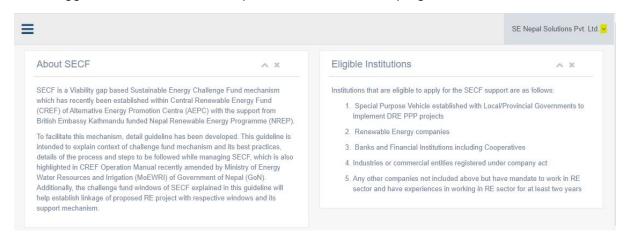
Logging out of the portal

1. Once logged on, click on the logout button at the bottom left of the portal's navigation tabs section.

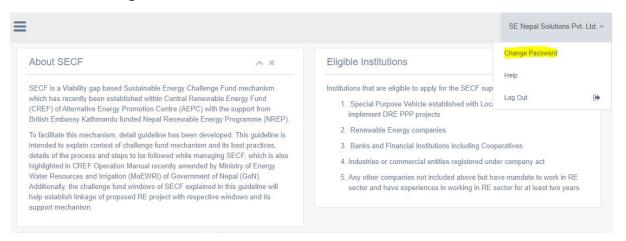


Changing portal user password

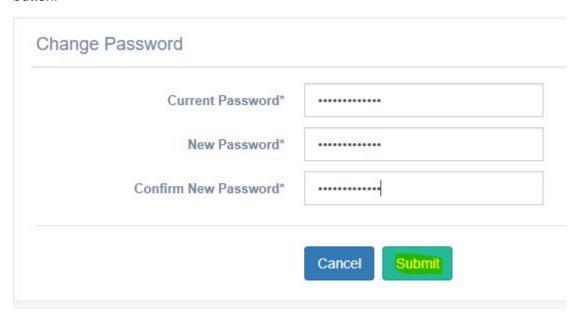
1. Once logged on, click on the down pointed button on the top right.



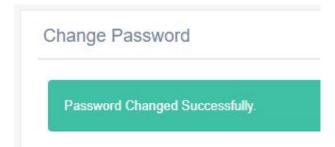
2. Click on the Change Password button.



3. Enter your **current password** once and **new password** twice and click on **Submit** button.



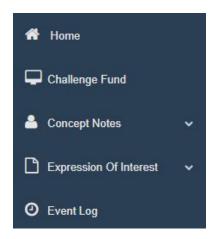
4. You should then receive the password changed successfully notification.



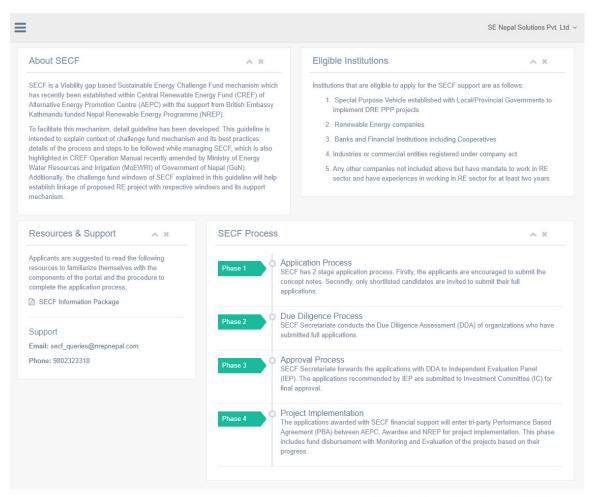
2. Understanding the sections of the portal

The different sections of the portal

The SECF portal consists of 5 sections all of which serve specific purposes:

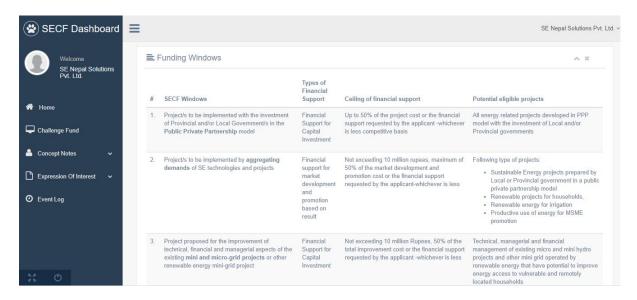


1. **Home:** This section provides a brief overview about Sustainable Energy Challenge Fund, institutions eligible to apply, the SECF process and information on application resources and support.

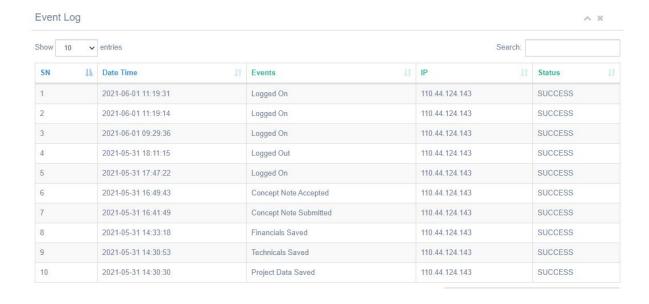


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2. **Challenge Fund:** This section provides further information about SECF.

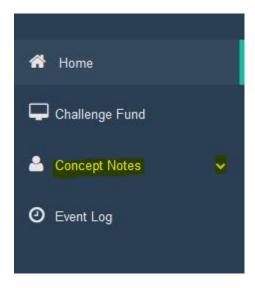


- 3. **Concept Notes:** This section provides access to the new concept note application form, the ongoing, shortlisted and not shortlisted concept notes.
- Expression of Interest: This section provides access to the new application forms for Expression of Interest for First Loss Guarantee and Reverse Auction as well as the previously submitted ones.
- 5. **Event Log:** This section provides access to the information about events like log on to the portal, logging out of the portal, section update of concept note forms etc. It also displays the date/time of the event and the IP Address of the portal user.



The concept notes section

- 1. Log on to the portal.
- 2. Click the Concept Notes navigation tab located on the left of the dashboard.



- 3. The **Ongoing** sub-navigation tab lists the yet to be submitted concept notes that are at various stages of form filling as well as the ones that have been submitted and are awaiting approval.
- 4. The **Shortlisted** tab lists the submitted concept notes that have been shortlisted by the Initial Screening Committee and can proceed to full application.
- 5. The **Not Shortlisted** tab lists the submitted concept notes that have been not been shortlisted by the SECF.
- 6. The New Concept Note tab loads a blank concept note form.

The different collapsible sections of the concept note form

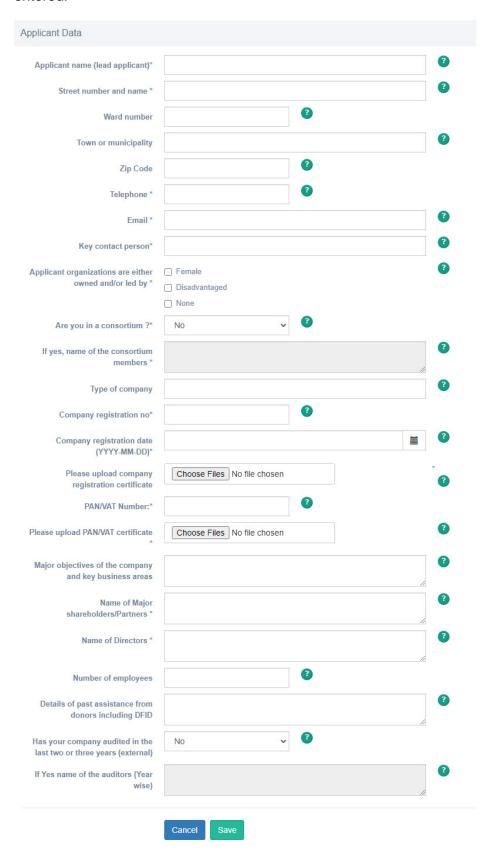
The concept note form is basically a collection of 6 different collapsible sections serving specific purposes. Clicking on the section will either show or hide the content of that section.

To view the concept note form, click on the **Concept Notes** tab and then click on **New Concept Note** sub tab.

Applicant Data
Project Data
Technicals
Economics
Financial Status of the Lead Organization
Declaration

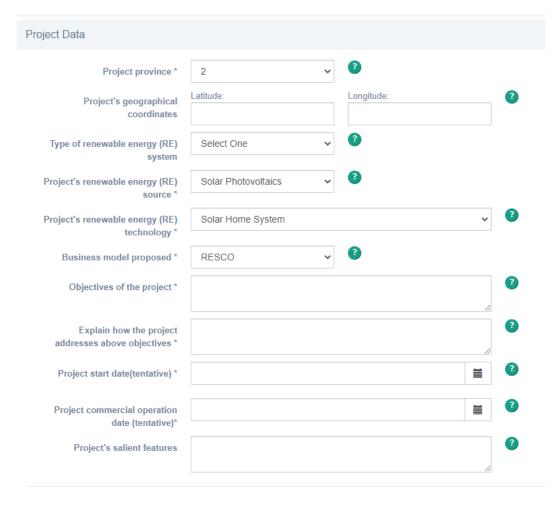
Applicant Data:

This section consists of the fields related with the details of the applicant organization. In the case of a consortium, information about the partner organizations also needs to be entered.



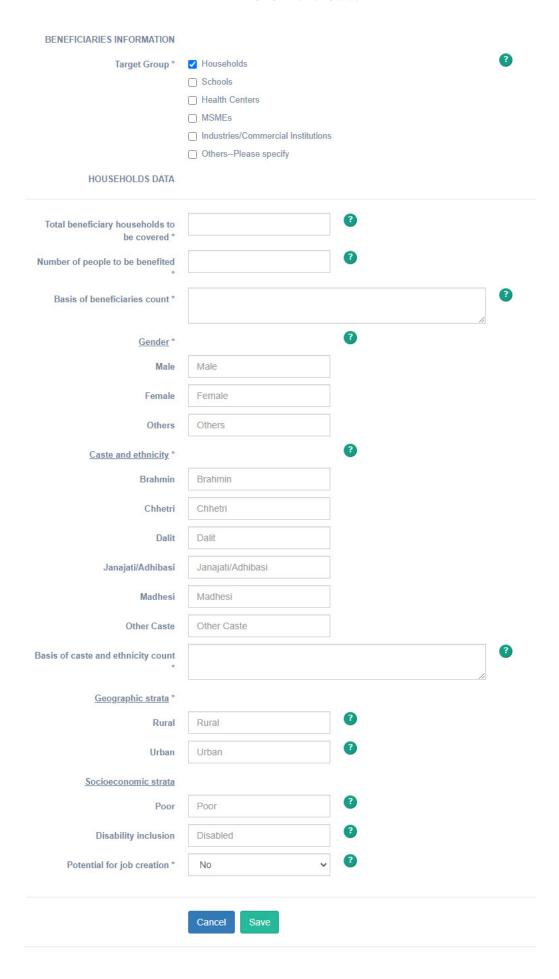
Project Data:

This section consists of the fields related with the details of the project along with the beneficiaries. The applicant is also provided the option to choose the project's renewable energy technology.



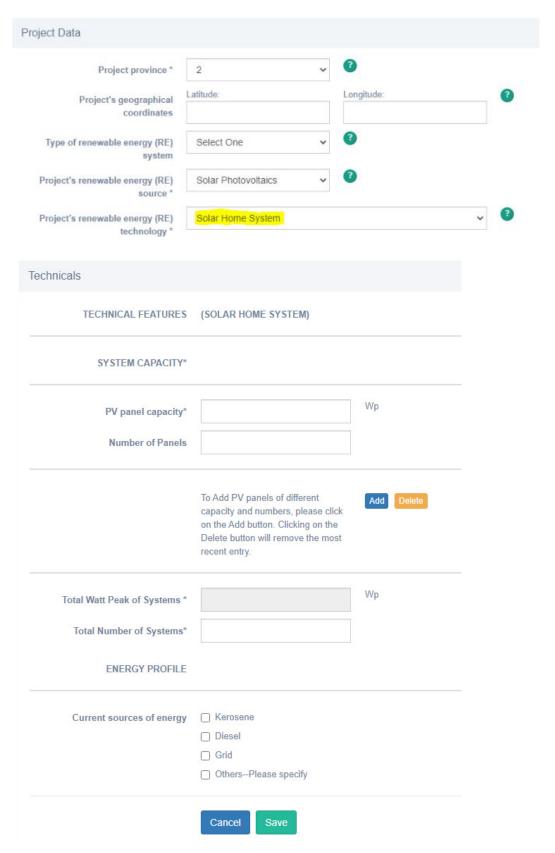
As a part of the project data section, we have a section where we will have to enter the details about project **beneficiaries**. There are option to select/multi select the types of beneficiaries. If the type of beneficiary is not mentioned in the form, the applicant can choose the **Others-Please Specify** option, mention the type of beneficiary and fill up the details.

The data to be filled up for beneficiaries vary according to the selected target beneficiary group. So applicants are advised to check the **help** content located to the right of the form field before entering the details.



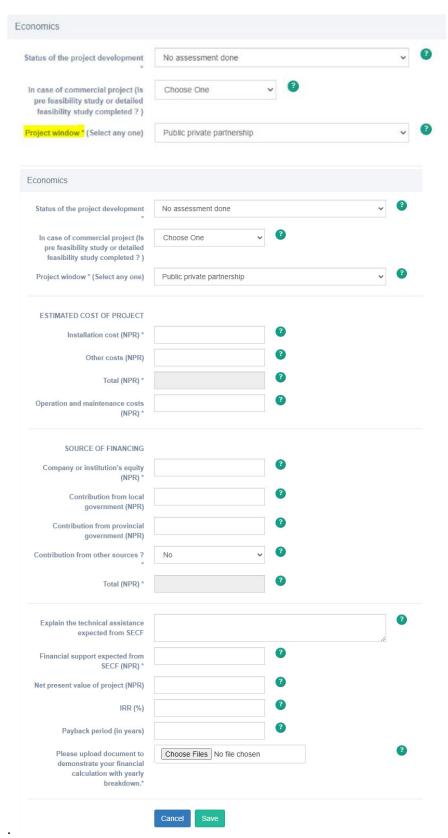
Technicals:

This sections consists of the technical details related with the project. The type of the loaded form is dependent upon the **Project's Renewable Energy Technology** chosen in **Project Data** section.



Economics:

This sections consists of the details of economics related with the project. The fields related with the **Estimated Cost of Project** and **Source of Financing** vary according to the chosen **project window**.

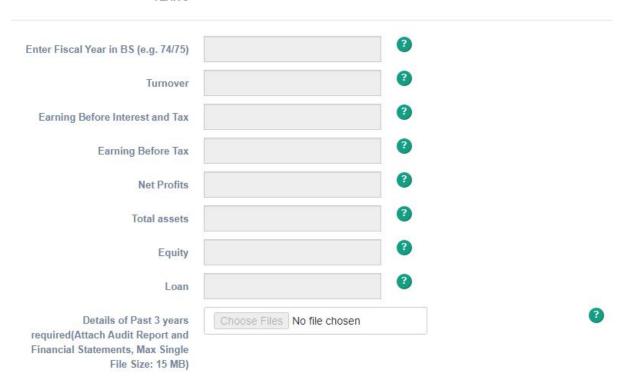


Financial Status of the Lead Organization:

This section consists of the details related with the financial status of the lead organization. If the organization's financial statement has been audited in the last two or three years, the applicant will have to enter the financial data. Along with the financial data of the audited years, the **audit report** as well as the **financial statements** also need to be uploaded.

Financial Status of the Lead Organ	nization	
	ase enter the amount in NPR) We, SE Nepal Solutions Pvt. Ltd	applying for the SECF do not have the
	financial data of the previous three	years.
YEAR 1		
Enter Fiscal Year in BS (e.g. 74/75)		?
Turnover		3
Earning Before Interest and Tax		3
Earning Before Tax		3
Net Profits		?
Total assets		3
Equity		3
Loan		②
YEAR 2		
Enter Fiscal Year in BS (e.g. 74/75)		?
Turnover		3
Earning Before Interest and Tax		3
Earning Before Tax		3
Net Profits		3
Total assets		3
Equity		?
Loan		?

YEAR 3



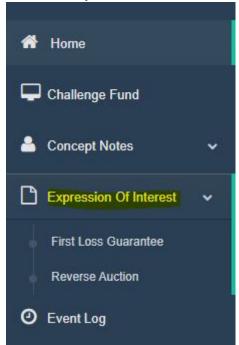
Declaration:

This section consists of the final declaration consisting of mandatory clauses which the applicant needs to select in checkboxes before he/she can proceed with the submission of the form.

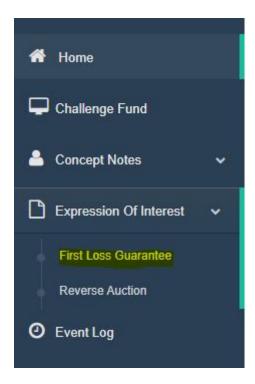
hereby certify that we SE Nepal Solu	utions Pvt. Ltd.	
Are a registered Firm company on 2 members are also legally registered	2014-03-11 with necessary approval/certification and our consortium I in Nepal	
Have the relevant permissions/conse areas for proposed institution from lo	ents to promote and produce Renewable Energy services in the proposed ocal governments	
Are willing to abide by the requirement	ents of the SECF, AEPC and NREP	
Are willing to provide all reasonable	information as requested by NREP, SECF and AEPC.	
=	out support/subsidy received from other Development Partners / Entity / Local Government / Province Government.	
Not blacklisted by any Government a	agencies	
Name & Designation		
Date	2021-05-24	
	will no longer be able to modify any sections of the form. You will receive a confirm that link to confirm the concept note.	ation email which contains a

The EOI for first loss guarantee section

- 1. Log on to the portal.
- 2. Click the **Expression of Interest** navigation tab located on the left of the dashboard.

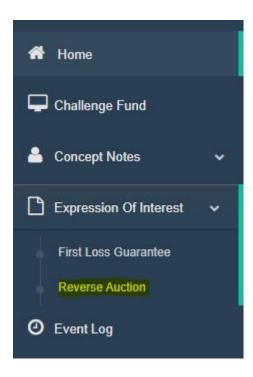


3. Click the First Loss Guarantee sub tab.



The EOI for reverse auction section

- 1. Log on to the portal.
- 2. Click the **Expression of Interest** navigation tab located on the left of the dashboard.
- 3. Click the Reverse Auction sub tab



Common types of fields in the different sections

While filling the different sections of the Concept Note/Expression of Interest application forms, the applicants will come across various types of fields. The most common of them are as below:

Text Box



A **text box** is small box that is used to enter a single line of text. It is used for entering basic values, such as a name, number, or short phrase.

Text Area



A **text area** is a larger box that allows you to enter multiple lines of text. Pressing Enter in a text area creates a line break. Users can stretch the corner on the bottom right to increase the width and height of the text area.

Number Box Ward number

A **number box** accepts only numerical characters. It also provides stepper arrows on the right to let the user increase and decrease the value using their mouse or by tapping with a fingertip.

Optional Checkbox Group

Applicant organizations are either	
owned and/or led by *	Disadvantaged
	None

An **optional checkbox group** is a group of checkboxes where you can choose to select a single or all of the listed options. If the field is not mandatory to be attended to you can also omit selection of all options.

Mandatory Checkbox Group

I hereby certify that we SE Nepal Solution	ons Pvt. Ltd.
Are a registered Firm company on 20 legally registered in Nepal	14-03-11 with necessary approval/certification and our consortium members are also
Have the relevant permissions/conser proposed institution from local govern	nts to promote and produce Renewable Energy services in the proposed areas for ments
Are willing to abide by the requirement	its of the SECF, AEPC and NREP
Are willing to provide all reasonable in	formation as requested by NREP, SECF and AEPC.
Have provided all the information about including Government Entity / Local G	ut support/subsidy received from other Development Partners / Organisation Government / Province Government.
Name & Designation	
Date	

A **mandatory checkbox group** is a group of checkboxes where you have to select all options to save/submit forms.

Date Picker



A **date picker** is an interactive dropdown that makes it easy to choose the date from a calendar (located on the right) instead of typing it manually. It's a great way to avoid user errors because you can see the corresponding day of the week for each date.

File Upload Button



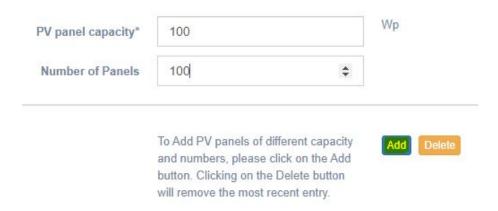
A file upload button provides the user with the option to upload single/multiple documents.

Drop-down



A **drop-down** box provides an option to list down various options in the form of drop-down list, from where a user can select a single option.

Dynamic Input Number Boxes



A **dynamic input number box** is a block of number boxes that is loaded when you click on the add button. This box is used where the same type of number fields are asked multiple times.

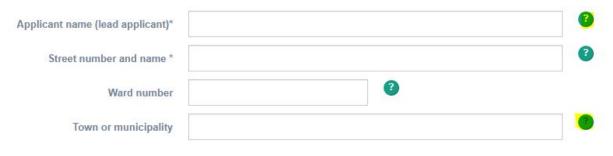
Auto Calculate Number Box

PV panel capacity* Number of Panels To Add PV panels of different capacity and numbers, please click on the Add button. Clicking on the Delete button will remove the most recent entry. Total Watt Peak of Systems * 1000 Wp Add Delete

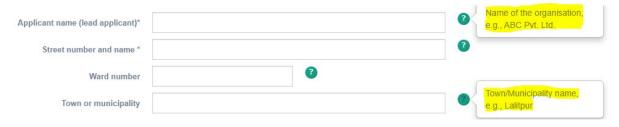
An **auto calculate number box** is a box which displays the calculated value obtained from one or more number boxes using predefined formula.

Accessing help content for different fields

To the right of every form field, there is a ? button.



When you click on the ? button, help information for that field is displayed in a text box.



When you click on the ? button again, the text box closes.

Supported documents types and maximum size for file upload

In the different file upload fields, the applicant can upload files with the extensions PDF, Doc, Docx, Xls, Xlsx, JPEG, PNG and Zip. The maximum size of the uploadable file/files dependent upon the field type range from 5 MB to 25 MB.

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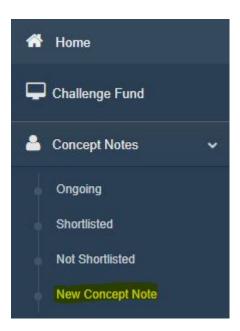
Things to understand before starting to fill Concept Note/EOI application forms

- 1. All form fields ending with * are mandatory. For mandatory numerical fields, either the relevant value or 0 should be entered.
- 2. The applicant won't be able to save a certain collapsible section without filling up mandatory fields.
- While filling concept note form, applicants must first fill up and save Applicant Data section before they can fill other sections. After that they should fill up Project Data, Technicals, Economics, Financial Status of the Lead Organization and Declaration respectively before submitting the form.
- 4. Applicants can fill up all sections and submit in a single session or they can fill up particular sections and return to that form later (by clicking on the Ongoing sub tab under Concept Notes tab and clicking on the **Continue** button, modify data of any section if needed, fill up remaining sections and then submit.
- 5. Applicants can select any particular technology in **Project Data** section and check the form fields that load up the **Technicals** section.
- 6. Once the applicant fills up and saves **project data** section and reloads the entire form again (either by clicking on refresh button on the browser or clicking on the **Ongoing** sub tab under **Concept Notes** tab), he/she won't be able to modify **Project's renewable energy (RE) source** and **Project's renewable energy (RE) technology** fields in that section.
- 7. Activation of certain fields on a certain section is dependent upon the selection of option in the same or another section. For e.g. How will the project be managed between consortium members? field in Project Data section gets activated only if Are you in a consortium? field's option is chosen as yes in Applicant Data section.
- 8. Applicants are advised to refer to the help content available for each field in the **Beneficiaries** section to collect and submit accurate data.
- 9. Every time you save a certain section of the concept note form, it does a background validation check on the data entered by the applicant. If there are error/inconsistencies in the entered data, it displays an error message pointing to the field whose data needs to be corrected.
- 10. Once the applicant submits the Concept Note form, an email with a confirmation link will be sent by the portal to his/her mailbox. He/She should click on the link before 3 hours to complete the submission process.
- 11. Once the applicant submits the EOI form, an email with a confirmation link will be sent by the portal to his/her mailbox. He/She should click on the link as soon as possible to complete the submission process.
- 12. Once logged on, if the applicant remains idle for more than **2 hours**, he/she is logged off.

- 13. Applicants are advised to familiarize themselves with SECF by going through the resource documents listed in the **Resources and Support** section of **Home** Tab.
- 14. SECF will keep on posting SECF guidance materials in the portal as well as https://www.nrepnepal.com/secf-guidance/ section of NREP's website.

Creating a new concept note

- 1. Log on to the portal.
- 2. Click the **Concept Notes** navigation tab located on the left of the dashboard.
- 3. Click the **New Concept Note** sub-navigation tab.



4. You can now start filling up the concept note form by entering data into the fields of different collapsible sections.

How to edit data of fields of completed sections

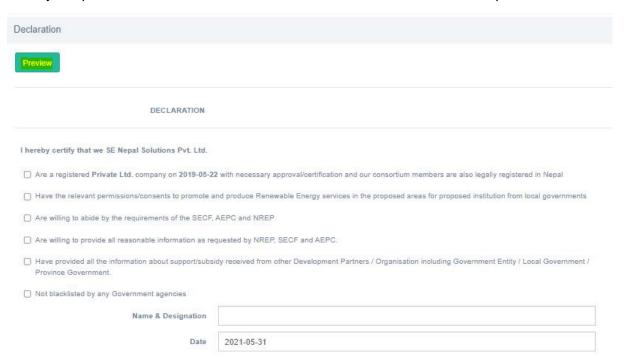
The nature of the concept note form is such that barring certain fields mentioned earlier in this guide, applicants can always return back to the completed sections and edit the data in the fields of their choice.

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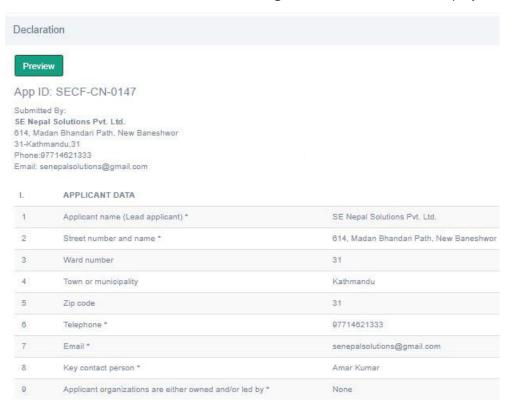
Let's say a fictitious applicant SE Nepal Solutions Pvt. Ltd. wants to apply for the SECF and has filled up all of the sections of the form. Before submission, the applicant previews and prints the filled up form. After reviewing the form, he/she notices that the **PAN/VAT number** previously saved in the **Applicant Data** section is not correct. He/she can click on the Applicant Data section and modify the PAN/VAT number and save the form.

Preview and print the filled up form for review before the final submission

1. After you have filled up the **Financial Status of the Lead Organization** section, when you open the **Declaration** section, there is a **Preview** button at the top left.



2. Once you click on the **Preview** button, the entire contents of the form from **Applicant Data** to **Financial Status of the Lead Organization** sections are displayed.

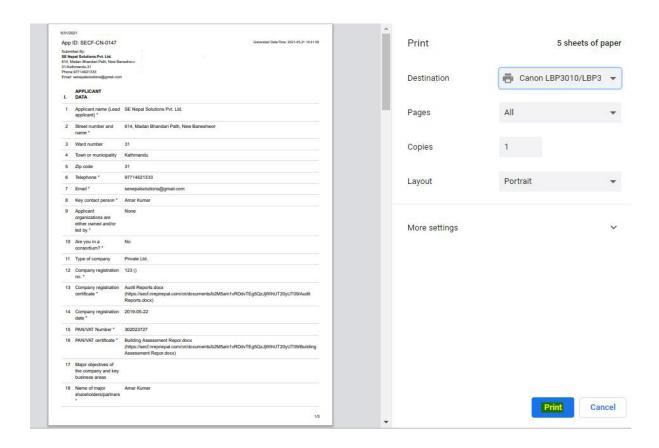


3. When you scroll down to the end of the **Preview** section, there is a Print button to the left.

	Financial Status Of Lead Organisation data not entered yet.	
V.	FINANCIAL STATUS OF LEAD ORGANISATION	
18	Demonstrate your financial calculation with yearly breakdown	SECF Economics Test Docum.docx
17	Payback period (in years)	7
16	IRR (%)	12
15	Net present value of project (NPR)	56000000
14	Financial support expected from SECF (NPR) *	1000000
13	Explain the technical assistance expected from SECF	
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DECLARATION

4. Clicking on the **Print** button will load a window where you can select your printer and print the filled up form contents.

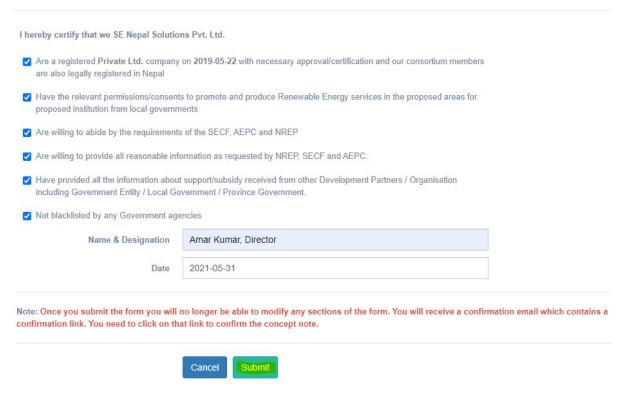


5. You can now review the printed document, correct any errors/modify existing data and proceed to the submission of the form.

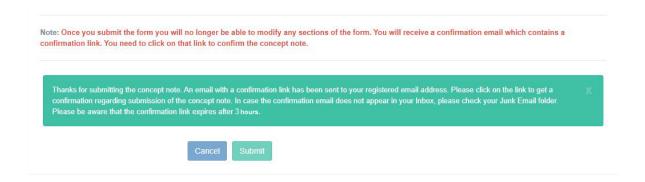
How to submit the completed form

- 1. After the form has been reviewed and is ready for submission, proceed to the **Declaration** section, check all of the clauses, enter the name and designation of the authorized person and then click on the **Submit** button.
 - Once the form is submitted, the applicant will no longer be able to change data of any section of the form.

DECLARATION



 Clicking on the Submit button will first send a confirmation link to the registered email address's Inbox/Junk Email folder and display a message about it to the applicant. He/She will now have to click on that confirmation link to complete the submission process.



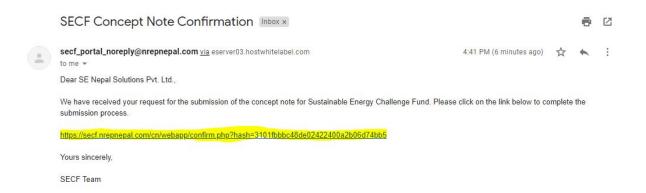
3. You will then be redirected to the Ongoing concept notes section



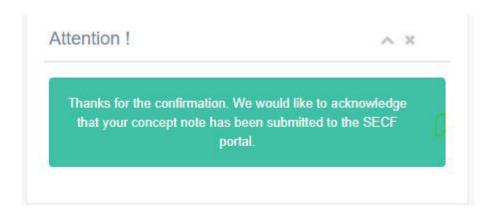
4. When you check the Inbox/Junk Email folder, you should be able to see an email from the SECF Portal with the subject **SECF Concept Note Confirmation**.



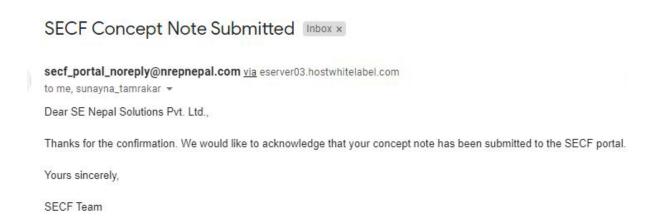
5. The applicant will now have to click on the confirmation link provided in that email.



6. Clicking on the confirmation link will finally submit the concept note application to the portal and the user will get an acknowledgement in a pop up window.

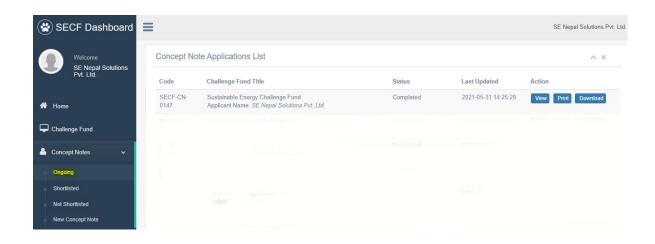


7. You will also receive an email with the confirmation about your concept note submission.

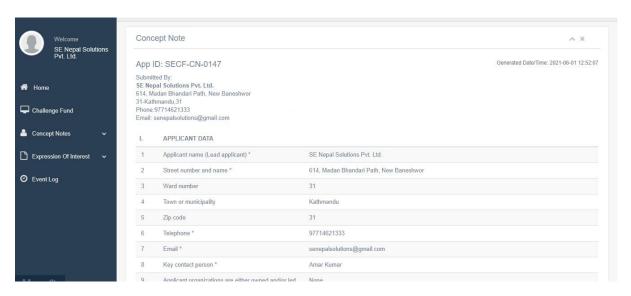


How to view/print/download the previously submitted concept note forms

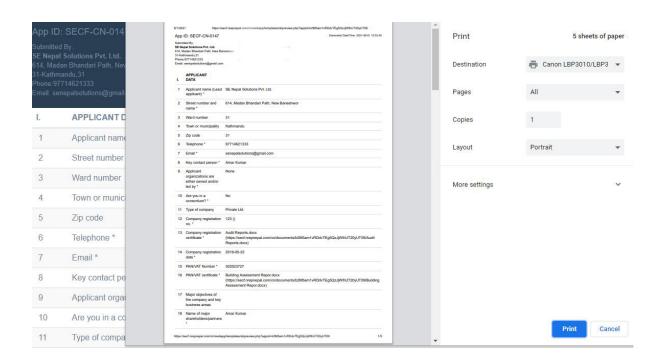
1. Once logged on to the portal, click the **Ongoing** sub tab under **Concept Notes** tab.



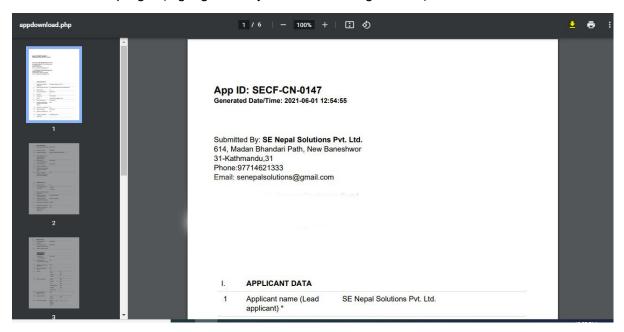
2. Clicking on the **View** button for any of the completed application, will open the application document in view mode.



3. Clicking on the **Print** button will open a window where you can select your printer and print the application document.

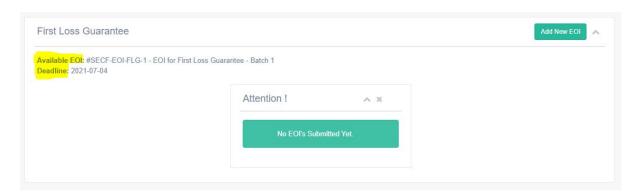


4. Clicking on the **Download** button will open a window with a download button located at the top right (highlighted in yellow in the image below).

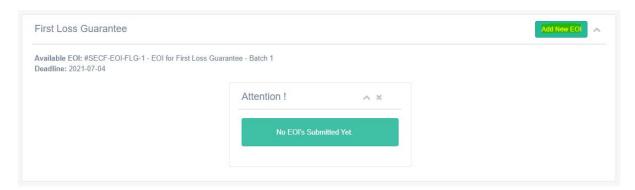


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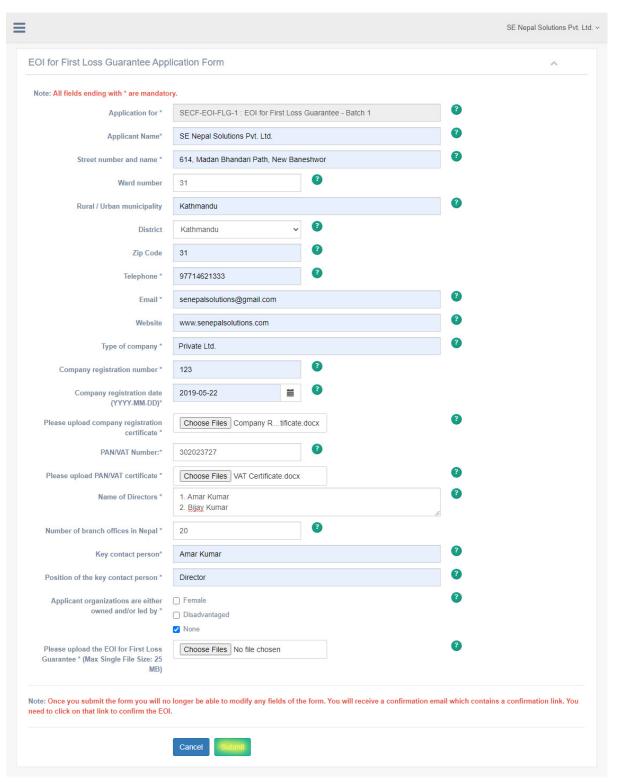
- 1. Log on to the portal.
- 2. Click the **Expression of Interest** navigation tab located on the left of the dashboard.
- 3. Click the First Loss Guarantee sub tab.
- 4. If EOI applications are available, a page with the **available EOI** and **deadline** should load.



5. Click on the Add New EOI button located on the top right.

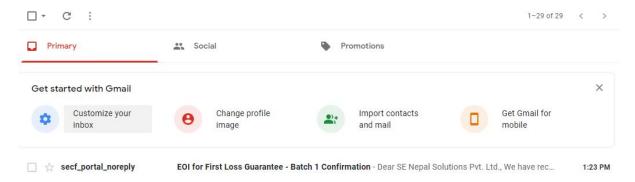


6. Fill up the different form fields, review the data that you have entered and then click on **Submit** button.

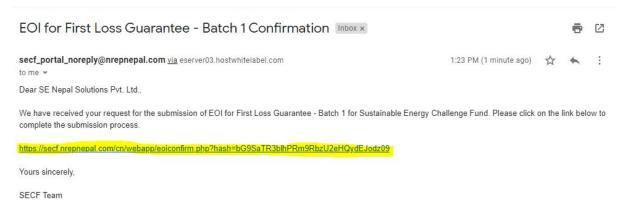


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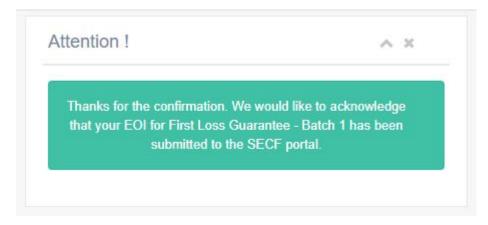
7. When you check the inbox of the registered email address, you should be able to see an email from the SECF portal with the confirmation link.



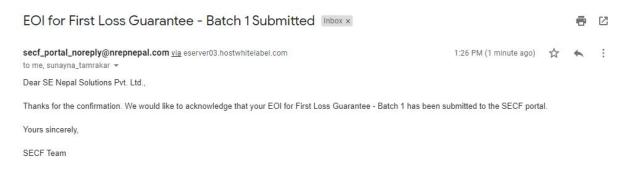
8. You should click on the confirmation link to complete the EOI submission process.



9. Clicking on the confirmation link will finally submit the EOI application to the portal and you will get an acknowledgement in a pop up window.



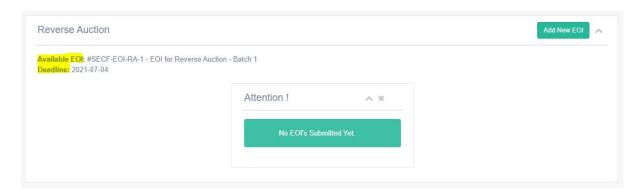
10. You will also receive an email with the confirmation about your EOI submission.



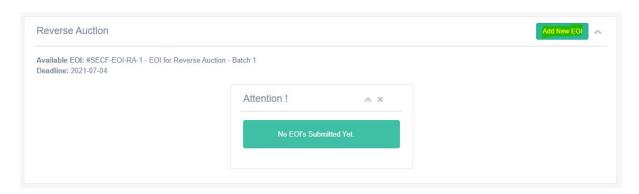
11. You should now be able to **view/print/download** the submitted EOI from the First Loss Guarantee sub tab.

How to create and submit a new EOI for Reverse Auction application

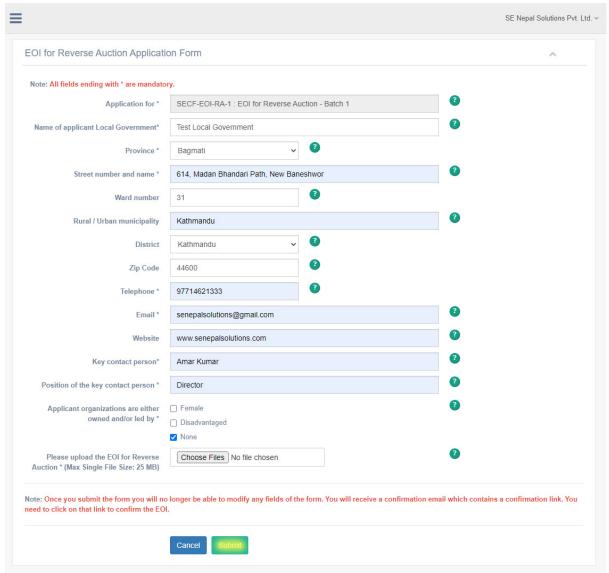
- 1. Log on to the portal.
- 2. Click the **Expression of Interest** navigation tab located on the left of the dashboard.
- 3. Click the **Reverse Auction** sub tab.
- 4. If EOI applications are available, a page with the **available EOI** and **deadline** should load.



5. Click on the Add New EOI button located on the top right.

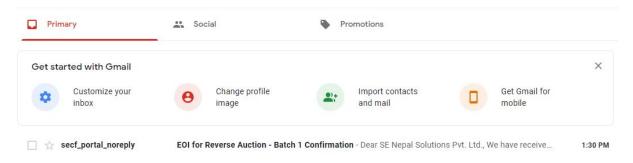


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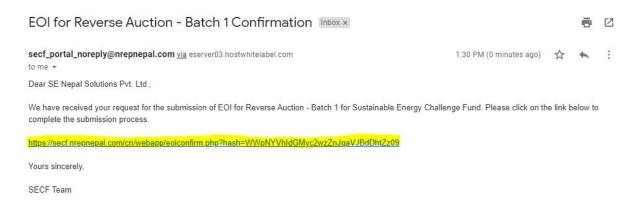


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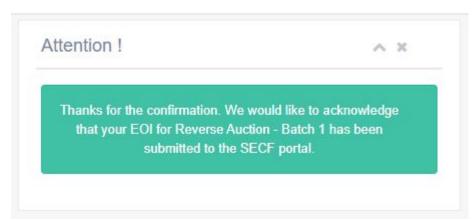
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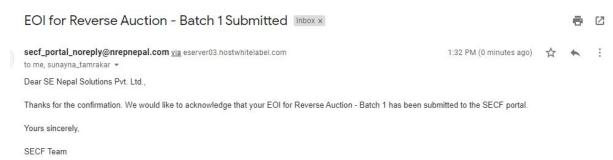
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11. You should now be able to **view/print/download** the submitted EOI from Reverse Auction sub tab.