

NHIDCL/HQ/DPR/NH210/Melli-Singtam/2025-Part(1)/ 260053/3445

20/04/2026

To,

All the Prospective Bidders,

Name of the work: "Consultancy services for preparation of Detailed Project Report and Pre-construction activities for Melli to Singtam section of NH-210 in the state of Sikkim" - Reply to Pre-Bid Queries reg.

Tender ID: 2025_NHIDC_890653_1

Reply to Pre Bid Queries

Sl. No	Reference to RFP/Corrigendum	Query raised/Clarification Sought	Existing Provision	Proposed Reply of NHIDCL
1.	Enclosure II (Qualification and Experience Requirement of Key Personnel)	As per the latest corrigendum issued by National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, it has been stipulated that the CVs of nine key personnel must be submitted along with proof of completion of the mandatory training course conducted by Indian Academy of Highway Engineers. In this regard, we respectfully submit that the requirement for all proposed experts to have already completed the IAHE training poses a significant practical challenge. The pool of qualified and experienced highway professionals who simultaneously meet the stringent eligibility criteria and have also completed the specified IAHE training is limited. Given the highly specialized nature of these assignments and the urgent timelines typically associated with such projects, it becomes difficult for consultancy firms to mobilize a complete team wherein every expert has already undergone this specific certification. Furthermore, it is pertinent to note that the IAHE training programs are conducted periodically with limited intake capacity, and scheduling constraints often prevent immediate participation of all identified experts. As a result, strict enforcement of this requirement at the proposal stage may inadvertently restrict competition and limit the participation of otherwise highly competent and experienced professionals.	It is mandatory for the key personnel to have attended training course on "Preparation of Feasibility Study and DPR for Highway Projects" conducted by Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) or any other institute specifically approved by MoRTH for minimum 6 days duration.	(i) The key personnel has to undergo training course within a period of 02 months from commencement of services on "Preparation of Feasibility Study and DPR for Highway Projects" conducted by Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) or any other institute specifically approved by MoRTH for minimum 6 days duration. (ii) It is hereby clarified that in accordance with MoRTH Circular no. RW/NH-33044/29/2021-S&R(P&B) dated 07.04.2025, "Officers who have superseded in th

	<p>In view of the above, we humbly request that NHIDCL may consider allowing the submission of CVs of qualified personnel who have not yet completed the mandatory IAHE training at the time of bidding. To ensure compliance with capacitybuilding objectives, we propose that such personnel, once engaged for the assignment, shall mandatorily undergo the relevant IAHE training course—specifically “Preparation of Feasibility Study and DPR for Highway Projects”—within a period of three (3) months from the commencement of services. This approach would strike a balance between maintaining quality standards and ensuring adequate participation from competent consultancy firms, while also allowing sufficient time for the nominated experts to acquire the required certification. We would also like to draw your kind attention to Annexure-A, wherein we have listed relevant projects/tenders in which the requirement of mandatory IAHE training at the proposal stage has been relaxed or removed. This demonstrates a consistent and pragmatic approach adopted in similar assignments, and we request that a similar consideration may kindly be extended in the present case as well.</p>	<p><i>the last 5 years at the level of Chief Engineers (CEs) and above, from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH), State PWDs, Border Road Organisation, Chief General Manager, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) are exempted from the mandatory training course conducted by the Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) or any other institute or DPR key personnel”.</i></p>
2.	<p>We respectfully request your kind consideration to remove the mandatory requirement of IAHE certification for the following positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Survey Engineer • Environment Specialist • Quantity Surveyor <p>We would like to highlight that it is extremely challenging to find suitably qualified and experienced professionals with IAHE certification for the above-mentioned roles. This condition may significantly limit the availability of competent experts and restrict wider participation in the tendering process.</p> <p>Further, experienced and qualified professionals are available in the industry who can effectively car</p>	<p>Refer Reply of Para no 1.</p>

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	<p>ry out the required services. Removing this requirement will help in better participation and smooth execution of the project.</p> <p>In view of the above, we sincerely request you to kindly reconsider and remove the IAHE certification requirement for the mentioned positions.</p>			
3.			<p>Bid Due Date: 20.04.2026 (upto 1700 hrs)</p> <p>Opening of Technical Bids: 21.04.2026 (after 1530 hrs)</p>	<p>Bid Due Date: 27.04.2026 (upto 1700 hrs)</p> <p>Opening of Technical Bids: 28.04.2026 (after 1530 hrs)</p>

Yours faithfully,



(Ankush Mehta)
General Manager (T)