

**REPLY TO PRE-BID QUERIES**

Authority's Engineer for *Widening and upgradation to 2-lane with paved shoulder configuration and geometric improvements* from km 125.000 to km 250.000 (**Section-2**)

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1.	Section 3, Form TECH-2, Page TF-5	<p><b>Consultant's Organisation and Experience</b></p> <p><b>A- Consultant's Organisation</b></p> <p>As the Client is aware that in INFRACON portal there is no space provided to upload a brief description of the organization of the Consultant, it is therefore requested to kindly allow Consultants to upload this information on CPP portal <a href="https://eprocure.gov.in">https://eprocure.gov.in</a> instead of Infracon.</p> <p>This may please be modified accordingly.</p> <p><b>B- Consultant's Experience</b></p> <p>With regard to Tech-2 B Consultant's Experience, since there is no format provided for the Consultant's experience, the Consultants understand only a list of the projects as per criteria given clause 14.2 in Section-2 Data Sheet, should be enclosed in the proposal. The listed projects will be referred and evaluated through INFRACON portal. The Consultants are not required to print the project sheets from INFRACON and attached in the proposal to be submitted on CPP Portal <a href="https://eprocure.gov.in">https://eprocure.gov.in</a> and hard copy.</p> <p>This may kindly be confirmed.</p>	<p>(i) About two (2) pages introducing the Consultant's organization and general experience (Form TECH-2A), to be uploaded on CPP Portal (<a href="https://eprocure.gov.in">https://eprocure.gov.in</a>).</p> <p>(ii) Consultant's relevant experience of relevant completed projects, to be uploaded on INFRACON Portal (<a href="http://infracon.nic.in/">http://infracon.nic.in/</a>). The experience of a project shall be considered only if an experience certificate containing the requisite details and issued/ authenticated by the concerned Competent Government Department/ Authority is also uploaded with the project details.</p> <p>In case of any additional data required for this project, which are not covered in the input details of INFRACON and the uploaded certificate; then the additional requisite certificate issued/ authenticated by the concerned Competent Government Department/ Authority may be submitted to INFRACON Division of NHIDCL (contact details available on INFRACON Portal) for uploading as an additional/ supportive document for the respective project and a copy of such submission alongwith the copy of the certificate may be uploaded on CPP Portal.</p> <p><b>Please refer Amendment no.3.</b></p>
2.	Section 2, Data Sheet, Clause 2.5, Page DS-2	<p><b>Reporting</b></p> <p>The Client will provide the following inputs, project data, reports, etc. to facilitate the preparation of the Proposals:</p> <p>Project Report of widening and upgradation to 2-lane with paved shoulder configuration and geometric improvements of NH-54 in the State of Mizoram from km 125.000 to km 250.000 (Section-2: comprising 3 Civil contract packages).</p> <p>The Client is requested to kindly provide the Project Report stipulated for reference.</p>	<p>Bids for civil works were received by NHIDCL on 27.08.2018 (for Pkg. 2-8) and 04.09.2018 for Pkg. 1. The details of works including project report are available and may be assessed/ downloaded from NHIDCL website (Link: <a href="https://nhidcl.com/tender-2018/">https://nhidcl.com/tender-2018/</a>) [Please select location as Mizoram].</p>

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3.	General <b>Section – 1, Section – 2 and Section – 3</b>	<p>The Consultants have been shortlisted for three different sections for which RFPs have been issued by the Client for each section.</p> <p>The Client is requested to kindly confirm the number of packages to be awarded to a single Consultant, if proposed different teams in each section.</p> <p>Further, the Consultants would also like to confirm whether same team can be proposed for all the three sections.</p> <p>This may please be confirmed.</p>	<p>Based on Technical and Financial Evaluation, the first ranked (H1) Consultant will be invited for Contract Negotiation.</p> <p>If it is observed that any of the Key Expert in the team of the declared H1 Consultant in one section, is also a Key Expert of the proposed team of any of the applicant consulting firms in other section, then technical score of such Key Expert of that team in other section shall not be considered to determine the revised Technical Score. In such case if such revised Technical Score of the team becomes less than 75 then financial proposal of that team in other section shall not be opened. The financial bids will be opened in sequence of Section- 1, 2 &amp; 3.</p>
4.	Section 5, TOR, Clause 3.2.1, 3.2.3, Page TOR-1 and TOR-2 <i>and</i> Clause 12 Performance Clause, Page TOR-7	<p><b>Performance Clause</b></p> <p>There is no man-month provision for Authorized Representative of the Authority's Engineer.</p> <p>As per Clause 3.2.3, the Authority's Engineer shall not delegate its duty to TL / other Experts against Clause 3.2.1.</p> <p>Further, as per Clause 12, the Authorized Representative of the Authority's Engineer has the responsibility to issue of Provisional Completion Certificate and shall be fully responsible for all its duty under EPC Contract.</p> <p>It is proposed that provision of input of Authorized Representative may please be considered as 6 months during construction phase of 42 months and 4 months during Defects Liability Period of 48 months.</p>	<p>The services of Authorized representative are to be provided by the Consultant as per the requirement at their own cost within the Contract Amount.</p>
5.	Section 2. QCBS - Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet: Clause 14.2 (iii) (3) Page No. DS-13-14  <i>and</i>	<p><b>Resident Engineer/ Highway cum Pavement Engineer /Safety Manager</b></p> <p>As per Data Sheet, similar capacity includes:</p> <p>i) On behalf of Consultant: On behalf of Consultant: Team Leader/ Resident Engineer/ Assistant Resident Engineer/ Highway Engineer (Construction Supervision/ IE/ AE).</p> <p><i>and</i></p>	<p>Yes. Position of Highway Engineer (Construction Supervision/ IE/ AE) on behalf of Consultant shall also be considered as similar capacity for <b>Resident Engineer/ Highway cum Pavement Engineer/ Safety Manager</b>.</p>



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	Section 5. TOR, 14.2, Page No. TOR-9	<p>As per TOR, similar capacity includes:</p> <p>i) On behalf of Consultant: Team Leader/ Resident Engineer/ Assistant Resident Engineer/ (Construction Supervision/ IE/ AE).</p> <p>Considering the discrepancy in similar capacity in Data Sheet and TOR, the Consultants understand that working experience in the capacity of "Highway Engineer" will be considered.</p> <p>This may please be confirmed.</p>	
6.	<p>Section 2. QCBS - Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet: Clause 14.2 (iii) (4) Page No. DS-14 &amp; DS-15</p> <p>and</p> <p>Section 5. TOR, 14.2, Page No. TOR-10</p>	<p><b>Bridge / Structure Engineer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experience in Supervision of Rehabilitation and Repair of 2 No. bridges with aggregate period 1 year or more.</li> </ul> <p>The Consultants would like to bring to the notice of the Client that most of the experts have worked on road projects which involve number of bridges. The Experts are involved in supervision of all bridges including construction of new bridges and Rehabilitation and Repair of existing bridges. It is therefore practically impossible to segregate the duration of construction supervision of new bridges or Rehabilitation and Repair duration for each bridge involved in the project.</p> <p>If the project involves all the components, then the entire duration of the assignment should be considered and full marks should be given.</p>	Yes. As per RFP.
7.	<p>Section 2. QCBS - Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet: Clause 14.2 (iii) (4) Page No. DS-14 &amp; DS-15</p> <p>and</p> <p>Section 5. TOR, 14.2, Page No. TOR-10</p>	<p><b>Bridge / Structure Engineer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision of 2 Major Highway Bridges on pile / well foundation with aggregate period 2 years or more with minimum 1 year for each bridge.</li> </ul> <p>As per the given criteria, the Consultants would like to mention that if one road project involves three major bridges which are simultaneously constructed within the duration of the assignment which is more than 2 years. However, it is very difficult to assess the exact duration the expert had spent on each bridge during construction. Therefore, it is requested that the entire duration of the assignment should be considered.</p> <p>Further, the Consultants would also like to confirm that if one project includes 2 major bridges, it will be counted as 2 bridges and will score full marks.</p>	Yes. As per RFP.



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8.	Section 2. QCBS - Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet: Clause 14.2 (iii) (4) Page No. DS-17 & DS-18 <i>and</i> Section 5. TOR, 14.2, Page No. TOR-11	<p><b>Environmental Expert</b> <b>General Qualification</b> Graduate in Civil Engineering/ Environment Management or Sociology. Preferably Post Graduate in Environmental Engineering/ Environmental Management / Environmental Science.</p> <p>The Consultants would like to bring to the notice of the Client, that there are several experts who might have vast experience in carrying out similar assignments, but might not possess Graduate degree in Civil Engineering/ Environment Management or Sociology. But having Post Graduate degree in Environmental Engineering/ Environmental Management / Environmental Science.</p> <p>Thus, the Consultants would like to confirm, that such experts will be considered and will be allocated 25 points against the sub-head of General Qualification.</p> <p>This may please be confirmed.</p>	As per RFP.
9.	Section 2. QCBS - Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet: Clause 14.2 (iii) (4) Page No. DS-17 & DS-18 <i>and</i> Section 5. TOR, 14.2, Page No. TOR-11	<p><b>Environmental Expert</b> Experience in related field: i) Minimum 15 years</p> <p>The Consultants would request the Client to reconsider the minimum experience keeping in view the terrain and location of the project area. Apart from this, the input is on full time basis and most of the experts having 15 years or more experience are engaged on various ongoing projects and providing intermittent inputs. Therefore, the Consultants request the Client to amend the requirement to minimum 10 years or more instead of 15 years or more.</p> <p>This may please be accepted and confirmed.</p>	As per RFP.
10.	Section 2. QCBS - Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet: Clause 14.2 (iii) (4) Page No. DS-18 to DS-19 <i>and</i> Section 5. TOR, 14.2, Page No. TOR-11	<p><b>Environmental Expert and Senior Contract Specialist</b> Required Minimum 1 year period / Minimum 9 months period for each project.</p> <p>As the Client is aware most of the experts for the position of Environmental Expert and Senior Contract Specialist are already registered and their CVs are uploaded on INFRACON. As per INFRACON procedure once CV is submitted on the portal, the same cannot be enhanced or modified.</p> <p>Since the details sought in the RFP for these positions were not the requirement of</p>	In case of any additional data required for experience of the Key Expert(s), which are not covered in the input details of INFRACON and the uploaded certificate; then the additional requisite certificate issued from Employer(s) or Self-Undertaking from the Key Expert(s) may be submitted to INFRACON Division of NHIDCL (Contact details: email- <a href="mailto:support-infracon@gov.in">support-infracon@gov.in</a> , Tel. 011-2346 1673) for uploading as an additional/



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		<p>the past projects, therefore, these details are not added on INFRACON.</p> <p>Keeping in view the above, the Consultants request the Client to allow the Consultants to provide additional details i.e. inputs provided in the eligible assignment in a separate sheet to be incorporated in the bid to upload on CPP portal <a href="https.eprocure.gov.in">https.eprocure.gov.in</a> alongwith the CVs or add a new sheet on INFRACON.</p> <p>This may please be considered and confirmed.</p>	<p>supportive document for the respective project and a copy of such submission alongwith the copy of the Certificate/ Self-Undertaking may be uploaded on CPP Portal.</p> <p><b>Please refer to Amendment no. 3.</b></p>
11.	<p>Section 2. QCBS - Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet: Clause 14.2 (iii) (3) Page No. DS-11 and DS- 19</p> <p><i>And</i></p> <p>Section 5. TOR, 14.2, Page No. TOR-8 and TOR-11</p>	<p><b>Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment</b> <i>and</i> <b>Qualification of Key Experts</b></p> <p>There is a discrepancy in experience requirement between "Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment" &amp; Qualification of Key Staff.</p> <p>The Consultants understand that Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment" will be considered for evaluation.</p> <p>This may please be confirmed.</p>	Yes.
12.	<p>Section 5. TOR, 14.2, Page No. TOR 9 - 11</p>	<p><b>Professional (B) Staff (i.e. Other Key Expert)</b></p> <p>The Consultants understand that for Other Key Experts, the Consultants are free to propose experts other than Resident Indian.</p> <p>This may please be confirmed.</p>	Yes.
13.	<p>Section 2. QCBS - Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet: Clause 11.1 (i) Page No. DS-6</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>Section 2. QCBS - Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet: Clause 14.2 (iii) (3) Page No. DS-19</p>	<p>However, amount in Foreign Currency is permitted to be quoted in JPY, USD or EURO for only International Expatriate Key Experts (i.e. only for Team Leader cum Sr. Highway Engineer or for Sr. Slope/ Safety Engineer of nationality <b>other than Resident Indian</b>)</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>Note:</p> <p>3. The positions of (i) Team Leader cum Senior Highway Engineer and (ii) Sr. Slope /Safety Engineer are for International Expert and shall be considered those who have worked in at least 3 countries (which may include their home country) with minimum two years in each country.</p> <p>The Consultants understand that for International Key Expert, the Consultants are free to propose Resident Indian who have worked in at least 3 countries (including India) with minimum two years in each country.</p>	Yes. As per RFP.



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14.	Section 3, Form TECH-6, Page TF-10 to TF-12	<p><b>Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Key Experts</b></p> <p>Certification by the Candidate (To be uploaded on INFRACON portal).</p> <p>As the Client is aware that in INFRACON portal there is no space provided to upload such documents. Therefore, the Consultants understand that the Certification needs to be signed by the expert and Authorized representative of the Firm and same needs to be uploaded along with the Bid documents on <a href="https://eprocure.gov.in">https://eprocure.gov.in</a>.</p> <p>This may please be confirmed.</p>	<p>Certification by the Candidate (as amended by Amendment no. 3) is to be uploaded on CPP portal.</p> <p><b>Please refer Amendment no. 3.</b></p>
15.	Section 3, Form TECH-6, Page TF-12	<p><b>Note:</b></p> <p><b>(iii) Experience Certificates from Clients</b></p> <p>As the Client is aware that most of the CVs of the experts are already uploaded on INRACON along with their supported documents i.e. Experience certificates from Employer or Self-Undertaking. However, as per the INFRACON procedure, once CVs and supported documents submitted cannot be modified, it is therefore requested to kindly consider the CVs and Experience certificates from Employer or Self-Undertaking of the experts as uploaded on INRACON.</p> <p>This may please be accepted and confirmed.</p>	<p>In case of any additional data required for experience of the Key Expert(s), which are not covered in the input details of INFRACON and the uploaded certificate; then the additional requisite certificate issued from Employer(s) or Self-Undertaking from the Key Expert(s) may be submitted to INFRACON Division of NHIDCL (Contact details: email-<a href="mailto:support-infracon@gov.in">support-infracon@gov.in</a>, Tel. 011-2346 1673) for uploading as an additional/ supportive document for the respective project and a copy of such submission alongwith the copy of the Certificate/ Self-Undertaking may be uploaded on CPP Portal.</p> <p><b>Please refer Amendment no. 3.</b></p>
16.	Section 2. QCBS - Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet: Clause 11.1 (i) Page No. DS-12-13	<p><b>Sr. Slope / Safety Engineer</b></p> <p>The Consultants request the Client to add position of Sr. Slope / Safety Engineer on INFRACON portal as the same is not presently appearing on INFRACON.</p>	Position of Sr. Slope / Safety Engineer on INFRACON Portal has been created.
17.	Form FIN-2 format of BOQ, Sr. No. 4, Transportation (Fixed Cost), Page FF-6	<p><b>Provision of Transport</b></p> <p>Sr. No. 4.01 – 2 Innova</p> <p>Sr. No. 4.02 – 4 Bolero</p> <p>The Consultants would like to state that this project comprises 3 teams which include 1 TL, 3 RE, 3 Material Engineer, other Key Experts including huge team of sub-</p>	As per RFP.



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		professionals with full time inputs. Due to hilly terrain, it is very difficult to move the vehicle from one package to another. Therefore, it is requested to increase the no. of Bolero from 4 to 8 for smooth and effective implementation of the project.	
18.	Appendix G-1, GCC, 5.4 (a), Appendix G-1, Para 1.1.2 (i), Page A-10	<p><b>Appendix G-1, Para 1.1.2 (i), Services, Facilities and Property to be made available to the Consultants by the Client</b></p> <p><b>Maintaining and Servicing of the Offices</b></p> <p>It states that new office building for the Authority's Engineer shall be ready within 60 days since the date of commencement of the contract.</p> <p>Kindly confirm that the Contractor shall provide the rented office accommodation till the construction of the new office building is completed for the Authority's Engineer.</p>	As per RFP.
19.	Appendix G-1, Para 1.2.1, Temporary Accommodation (2), Housing Types, Page A-11 to A-13	<p><b>Temporary Accommodation (2), Housing Types</b> Kindly confirm that suitably furnished and equipped housing accommodation shall be provided by the Contractor to the Consultants Team.</p>	As per RFP.
20.	Furniture for offices of Authority's Engineer, Item 6 of Form FIN-2, Format of BOQ, Page FF-8-9	<p><b>Office Furniture and Equipment</b></p> <p>The TOR is silent on the quantity of office furniture and equipment. However, the quantities are generally provided by NHAI and other Authorities in the RFP. You are requested to kindly specify the same to keep uniformity in the Financial Proposal of the bidders.</p> <p>A sample list generally used by NHAI is enclosed as <b>Annexure 'A'</b> for ready reference.</p>	Consultant shall procure/ arrange office furniture and equipment as per the requirement of work.
21.	Section 2, QCBS, Data sheet, Sub-Clause 15.4 (ii), Contract negotiations, Page DS 21	<p><b>Contract Negotiations</b></p> <p>Sub-Clause 15.4 (ii) is as below:</p> <p>(ii) All such Key Experts (whose CV scores less than 75% or who does not fulfill the minimum qualification) will have to be replaced by the firm at the time of contract negotiations by persons scoring at least 75% marks. The reduction in remuneration of such replacements shall be 5% for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> replacement and 10% for 3<sup>rd</sup> replacement.</p> <p>The Consultants understand that it is a twin cutting requirements. The Consultants have secured H-1 position through some of its Key Experts have secured less than 75% marks, which means proposed Key Expert is less qualified / experience. The</p>	As per RFP.

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		<p>Client desires that such Key Experts be replaced by persons scoring atleast 75% and remuneration reduced by 5% of such experts. Though, new proposed Key Experts will be better qualified and experienced than the original Expert, the better qualified and experienced Experts will be available at higher remuneration than the original proposed Experts remuneration but the remunerations are proposed to be reduced by 5%.</p> <p>It would be fair for the Employer to ask for replacement with better qualified experts but, with no reduction in remuneration.</p>	
22.	Clause No. 6.2 (C) of SCC, Page SCC-4-5	<p><b>Price Adjustment</b></p> <p>As per Clause No. 6.2 (c) of SCC, it is stated that Remuneration paid in foreign and/or local currency on the basis of the rates set forth in Appendix C shall be adjusted every 12 months (and, the first time, with effect for the remuneration earned in the 13th calendar month after the date of submission of Proposal) by applying the formula mentioned therein.</p> <p>We would like to submit that there is an escalation every year in the cost of all items such as vehicle hire, office rent, consumables, furniture etc. of the contract in addition to remuneration of the staff.</p> <p>Appreciating the same, MORT&amp;H vide their letter no. RW-NH-35071/2/2013-S&amp;R(B) dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 has issued instruction to all concerned to extend the escalation @ 5% per year to cover all items of the contract, i.e., remuneration as well as reimbursable items such as vehicle hire, office rent, consumables, furniture, etc.</p> <p>Hence, the Client is requested to kindly provide price adjustment on all items NOT only remuneration.</p>	As per RFP.
23.	Clause No. 15.4 (iv) of Instructions to Consultants, DS-21-22 and Clause No. 4.5 of SCC, Page SCC-2 & SCC-3	<p><b>Replacement of Key Personnel</b></p> <p>As per Clause No. 15.4 (iv) of Instructions to Consultants, it is stated that Replacement of Key Expert shall be considered only in unavoidable circumstances. In no case more than four replacements of Key Expert shall be permitted during negotiation and in such cases Consultant and such Key Expert shall have to submit affidavit to the effect that during the period of assignment of the project, the replaced Key Expert shall not be professionally employed anywhere in Client's works. Client shall not further consider CV of such Key Expert directly or indirectly for any of its projects for this period. The reduction in remuneration of such replacements shall be</p>	As per RFP.



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		<p>5% for 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> replacement and 10% for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> replacement within validity period of Proposal. In case during negotiations held within validity period of Proposal, more than four replacements are sought by the H1 Consultant; his proposal shall be considered as Non-Responsive.</p> <p>And as per Clause No. 4.5(a), it is written that, except as the Client may otherwise agree, (i) the Consultants shall bear all additional travel and other costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement, and (ii) the remuneration to be paid to any of the Key Expert provided as a replacement shall be 90% of the remuneration which would have been payable to the Key Expert replaced. However, for the reason other than death/extreme medical ground (certified by a competent registered medical practitioner), (i) for total replacement upto 33% of Key Expert, remuneration shall be reduced by 10% (ii) for total replacement upto between 33% to 50%, remuneration shall be reduced by 15% and (iii) for total replacement upto between 50% to 66%, remuneration shall be reduced by 20% (iv) For total replacements beyond 66% of the Key Expert the Client shall initiate action of higher penalty / termination / debarment upto 2 years as considered appropriate. However, no reduction in the remuneration shall be applicable for the Key Expert whose replacement is sought after he/she has been deployed for at least 50% of his/her scheduled Man-months.</p> <p>The Consultants would like to mention that this project is in remote location and tough terrain.</p> <p>Therefore, it is requested that the following Clause may please be inserted in the RFP:</p> <p><i>"No reduction in the remuneration shall be applicable for the Key Personnel whose replacement is sought after he/she has been deployed for at least 50% of his/her scheduled Man-month"</i>.</p> <p>The above Clause is also accepted by NHIDCL in the recently issued RFP for Zozila Project.</p> <p>The Consultants would also like to mention that as per model RFP of NHAI <i>"In case of extension of contract, the Consultant can propose one time replacement of each key personnel without attracting any penalty or reduction in remuneration, subject to approval of the Authority taking into consideration the progress of work at site. Qualifications of replacements shall be better or equivalent to the original key</i></p>	

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		<p><i>personnel</i>.</p> <p>Hence, it is requested that these Clauses may please be inserted and Consultant be allowed to propose alternate equivalent or better candidate in case, a replacement is required at the same rate of remuneration.</p>	
24.	Clause 6.5(a) of SCC, Page SCC-7	<p><b>Interest Bearing Advance Payment</b></p> <p>As per Clause no. 6.5(a) of SCC, the Client shall cause to be paid to the Consultant an interest bearing advance payment with interest @ 2%.</p> <p>Contrary to JICA standard documents, imposing interest on advance payment will cause financial burden to Consultants, which nullifies the benefit of advance payment.</p> <p>The Client is requested to change it to interest free advance payment as JICA standard.</p>	As per RFP.
25.	17. Performance Security, TOR-23	<p>The successful consulting firm shall have to submit a Bank Guarantee (BG) for an amount of 2.50% of the Contract Value within 15 days of issue of LOA.</p> <p>JICA Standard documents do not request Performance Guarantee for consultancy service, whereas request it to Contractors.</p> <p>Unlike Contractors, who are able to get payment for materials and equipment, Consultants will not get any payment which is potentially misused to other purposes than this project. Besides this, Consultant's Service is time-based contract and all payments are verified by attendance sheets.</p> <p>Request of Performance Guarantee for consultancy service doesn't bring benefit to the Employer and Consultant. That is, increase of bidding price should be shared between Employer and Consultant, whereas an issuer of the guarantee gets fee.</p> <p>The Client is requested to kindly remove the provision of Performance Security.</p>	As per RFP.
26.	Form TECH-7, TF-13	<p><b>Days for one month</b></p> <p>One month equals 26 working days. One working day shall be not less than 8 hours.</p> <p>That condition seems to be a deviation from Assam shop and establishment. That is, one and half day holiday per week is specified for commercial establishment.</p> <p>The Client is requested to kindly replace this provision with "number of days per month shall be equal to the same applied to NHIDCL's regional office".</p>	As per RFP.

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27.	Additional Point	<p><b>Extension of Date</b></p> <p>It is requested that the date of submission of the proposal may please be extended and a period of at least 3 weeks may please be granted for the preparation of the proposal from the date of issue of clarifications so that our Experts can prepare a comprehensive proposal addressing all the issues of the RFP document / ToR.</p>	As per Amendment No. 3.
28.	LO1-1, Clause 1	A firm who is already shortlisted with an associate partner can also add one more associate company /sub-consultant, please confirm.	No, but can change Associate Partner. Please refer Amendment No. 3.
29.	LO1-2, Clause 9	Bid Security of INR 2 Lakhs in form of DD need to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of proposal, which in this case is 120 days, but as per RBI guideline, DD Validity is only for 3 months. Kindly clarify	DD will be encashed by NHIDCL on the receipt of proposal. The same shall be returned to unsuccessful Consultant in the form of DD/ online payment.
30.	DS-14 and DS-14 Detailed Evaluation Criteria: (iii) Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment, 4. Bridge/Structure Engineer, Clause (c) (i),	<p>Supervision of 2 Major Highway Bridges on pile / well foundation with aggregate period 2 years or more with minimum 1 year for each bridge</p> <p>Please clarify if single construction supervision project having project duration of more than 1 year comprising of multiple major bridges or more than one major bridge, then under experience criteria for Bridge/Structure Engineer during evaluation, will it be considered as only 1 bridge or all the major bridges under that project.</p>	As per RFP. It is clarified that number of major Bridges may be considered as per the actual number of major bridges in the project in which the Key Expert has been engaged, and the entire duration of the assignment shall be considered for the Aggregate period.
31.	DS-14 and DS-14, Detailed Evaluation Criteria: (iii) Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment, 4. Bridge/Structure Engineer, Clause (d),	<p>Experience in Supervision of Rehabilitation and Repair of 2 No. bridges with aggregate period 1 year or more</p> <p>Please clarify in Rehabilitation and Repair of 2 No. bridges, Bridge should be Major or Minor or both.</p>	Bridges should be Major bridges. Please refer Amendment no. 3.
32.	DS-5 (V) (i)	<p><b>Identity proof</b></p> <p>In case of foreign national, we can mention passport no. instead of Aadhaar, please clarify.</p>	Yes, and also upload a copy of the same.
33.	DS-6 11.1 (ii)	<p><b>Contingency</b></p> <p>No provisional sum and only INR Ten Million Contingency - From where the escalation amount will be provided for foreign currency (i.e. for any currency apart from INR).</p>	The same may be provided from the available sanctioned funds for the project.
34.	DS-6 11.1 (ii)	<p><b>Provisional Sum</b></p> <p>No provisional sum but in FF-12, it is mentioned ""provisional sums" (e.g. workshop, seminar amounts, etc.)".</p>	As per RFP. Expenditure towards workshop, seminar, etc. may be met out from the Contingency and/or from the available sanctioned funds for the project.



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35.	DS-7 12.5	Original hard copy of the requisite document needs to be submitted to NHIDCL. Request you to clarify the documents which are requisite. In DS-4,10.1(v), it is mentioned "In addition to above, hard copy of following documents in original are to be submitted." We request you to give the clarity on the same.	Please refer to NOTE in Clause 10.1(v) of Data Sheet at Page DS-4.
36.	DS-12 TL cum Sr. Highway Engineer	Please accept "Technical director/ Project Director" as a similar capacity on behalf of consultants	Yes. Please refer Amendment No. 3.
37.	DS-12 Sr. Slope/Safety Engineer	Even person having BS/M. Sc. Degree can be geologist in other countries. Kindly accept the same.	As per RFP.
38.	DS-12 Sr. Slope/Safety Engineer	There are other degrees related to slope/safety, kindly modify as "Post Graduate in Structural / Geotechnical / Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering or Related Field."	As per RFP.
39.	CPP/INFRACON	We can upload the document thorough associate firm in India as we have done in EOI stage.	Yes. A person having POA may upload the documents.
40.	Section 5, TOR-8.	<b>Resident Engineer cum Highway Engineer/ Safety Manager</b> RE position is a National position, we suggest removing the "preferably at least one project with minimum 2 years in any other country than his home country in his professional experience.	As per RFP.
41.	Section 5, TOR-8.	<b>Bridge/ Structure Engineer</b> Bridge / Structure is a National position, we suggest removing the "preferably at least one Major Bridge project with minimum 2 years in other country(ies) than his home country" in his professional experience.	As per RFP.
42.	Section 5, TOR-8.	<b>TL Cum Senior Highway Engineer</b> We suggest incorporating Deputy Team Leader / Highway Engineer also in the similar capacity positions on behalf of consultants for considering equivalent position for TL Cum Senior Highway Engineer.	As per Amendment No. 3
43.	Section 5, TOR-8.	<b>Resident Engineer cum Highway Engineer/ Safety Manager</b> We suggest incorporating Highway Engineer also in the similar capacity positions on behalf of consultants for considering equivalent position for Resident Engineer cum Highway Engineer/ Safety Manager. We also suggest incorporating Deputy Project Manager position in the similar capacity positions on behalf of contractor for considering equivalent position for Resident Engineer cum Highway Engineer/ Safety Manager.	As per Amendment No. 3.



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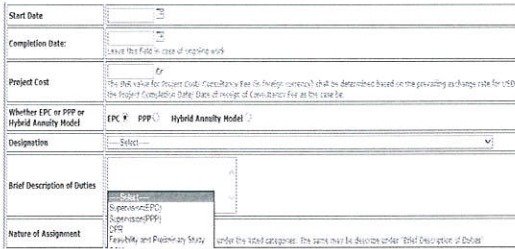
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44.	Section 5, TOR-11.	<b>Other Key Expert (Pro B)</b> We suggest having separate position of Social Expert as Environmental Expert will not be able to do Social (R&R) studies also his experience in Labour health program (STI, STD and HIV/AIDS) will not be there. Suggest dividing the man months in two positions, one environment and one social.	As per RFP.
45.	Section 5, TOR 22, Clause 15.	<b>Technology Transfer</b> We understand we need to submit Training Plan and Training report as per reporting requirements, has the client finalized the training module under the Technology Transfer. Kindly clarify the requirements.	As per RFP. Training Plan may be submitted by the Consultant at appropriate timing in accordance with the Inception Report.
46.	Section 5, TOR-23.	<b>PERFORMANCE SECURITY</b> Further, in cases where the Proposals of the successful consulting firm is less than 85% of the average of all Proposals received, the successful consulting firm shall have to submit an Additional Performance Security (APS) in the form of a Bank Guarantee for 30% of the differential value between the successful Proposal and average of all Proposals received. → We understand it can be read as " less than 85% of the average of all Financial Proposals". Kindly confirm.	Yes.
47.	SCC-6, Section 6. – III. Special Conditions of Contract, Clause 6.2(c).	The price adjustment is given for remuneration only, escalation on reimbursement is not considered. Please clarify the same.	As per RFP.
48.	SCC-6, Section 6. – III. Special Conditions of Contract, Clause 6.5(a).	The advance Payment bears the interest rate of 2%, however in JICA funded project it is without any interest. Request to waive off the same.	As per RFP.
49.	FF-9	Contingency amount (fixed 10000000) is part of Non-competitive component. Kindly remove the table.	As per RFP.
50.	General	Can a consultant submit more than one package with the same team, please confirm?	Please refer reply above at Sr. No. 3 and Amendment No. 3.
51.	General	Any key person who have already registered his/her CV on INFRACON and have missed some information on INFRACON portal. We request such required information should be allowed to submit in the form of undertaking in technical proposal. Please consider.	Please refer reply above at Sr. No. 15 and Amendment No. 3.
52.	General	Our Global Headquarter was closed for two weeks due to Christmas and New year holidays during period of RFP issuance, we request to grant 3 weeks extension for submission of bid so as to prepare quality proposal on this prestigious project.	As per Amendment No. 3.



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53.	Infracon	<p>In Infracon, the project type is only, EPC/PPP and Hybrid Annuity Model, Please create separate head for Item rate / BOQ and other kind of projects. Please clarify the same.</p> 	The information regarding Item rate / BOQ projects of Highway Construction/ development/ upgradation may be uploaded under project type EPC.
54.	Clause 2.5 of Section-2, Data Sheet, Page no. DS-2	We understand that Office Accommodation and residences including all furniture, fitting, equipment and all other utilities for Consultant's Personnel shall be provided and maintained by the Contractor except the cost of telephone calls only.	As per RFP.
55.	Clause 10.1 (v) (i) of Section-2, Data Sheet, Page no. DS-5	<p>We understand the only highways related assignments to be submitted.</p> <p>Also, please provide the format for the declaration by the firm for all Key Experts in the existing contracts have been deployed in such projects during the last 3 months.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>As per RFP. In the table given in this sub clause, Passport Number may be provided in place of Aadhar number for foreign nationals.</p>
56.	Clause 14.2 of Section-2, Data Sheet, Page no. DS-8 to 10	<p>The weightage given for experience of a firm against their role in the respective assignments is not mentioned.</p> <p>It is requested to kindly consider the weightage given for experience of a firm is as follows:</p> <p>Sole firm: 100%                      Lead partner in a JV: as per the JV share*                      Other partner in a JV: as per the JV share*                      As Associate: 25%</p> <p>*In absence of clear demarcation of JV share in client certificate, the weight age will be treated as 60% for lead partner and 40% for minor partner.</p>	As per Amendment no. 3.

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Sl. No.	Clause No. as per RFP	Consultant's Query	NHIDCL's Reply
57.	Clause 14.2 of Section-2, Data Sheet, Page no. DS-11 to 13	<p>There is no option on INFRACON profile to upload/ fill such criteria (advance slope protection technology such as landslide prevention, reinforcement embankment wall in steep mountain, concrete crib protection) in road sector project of key personnel.</p> <p>Hence, it is requested to evaluate the CVs of Key Experts thorough hard copy and according please provide the CV format for the same.</p>	Please refer to reply above at Sr. No. 15 and Amendment No. 3.
58.	Clause 14.2 of Section-2, Data Sheet, Page no. DS-12	<p>It is requested to consider the PG in Mining Engineering also and according kindly the amend the clause as follows:</p> <p>(ii) Post Graduate in Structural/ Geotechnical/ Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering/ Mining Engineering</p>	As per RFP.
59.	Clause 14.2 of Section-2, Data Sheet, Page no. DS-12	For the position of Sr. Slope/ Safety Engineer, project experience on similar capacity is not required hence, we understand that the experience in any capacity will be counted under the evaluation for the same.	As per RFP.
60.	Clause 14.2 of Section-2, Data Sheet, Page no. DS-9 to 19	<p>There is no option on INFRACON profile to upload/ mention the familiarity with the language of key personnel.</p> <p>Hence, it is requested to evaluate the CVs of Key Experts thorough hard copy and according please provide the CV format the same.</p>	As per RFP.
61.	Form Tech-6: CV for Proposed key Experts, Page no. TF-11	There is no option on INFRACON to upload such certificate. Kindly clarify.	Please refer to reply above at Sr. No. 15 and Amendment No. 3.
62.	General	It is requested to kindly relax the age limit of key Experts upto 70 years of age as on bid submission date.	As per RFP.
63.	General	Can the consultant apply for all three packages with single team of key expert? Kindly confirm.	Please refer to reply above at Sr. No. 3.
64.	<p>Section – 2</p> <p>QCBS – Instructions to Consultants</p> <p>QCBS Data Sheet</p>	<p>10.1 (v) (i) The details of ongoing assignments, in the format given below, with a declaration that all Key Experts in the existing contracts have been deployed in such projects during the last 3 months:</p> <p>Please clarify whether we should submit the details of Key Personnel deployed in ongoing assignment of NHIDCL Projects only or other Client also.</p>	Firm is required to submit details of Key Personnel deployed for NHIDCL Projects as well as other projects.



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65.	Data Sheet Clause 11.1 (i)	<p>International Expert shall be considered those who have worked in at least 3 countries (which may include their home country) with minimum two years in each country</p> <p>We request you to modify the clause as "International Expert shall be considered those who have worked in at least <b>2 countries</b> (which may include their home country) with minimum <b>one year</b> in each country.</p>	As per RFP.
66.	Data Sheet Clause 14.2 Criteria, sub-criteria, and point system for the evaluation are: (i) Experience of the Consultants relevant to the assignment in Highway Projects (2 lane or more)* during last 10 years from Bid Due Date:	<p>b) Number of DPR** projects of minimum 25% of Project length in Mountainous/ Hilly regions (3 Points)</p> <p>d) Experience in Project Supervision as Independent Consultant/ Independent Engineer/ Authority's Engineer/ Project Supervision Consultants of minimum 25% of Project length in Mountainous/Hilly regions (3 Points)</p> <p>We request you to reduce the weightage from 3 points to 1 point each for clause (b) and (d)</p>	As per RFP.
67.	<p>Detailed Evaluation Criteria (i) Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the assignment</p> <p><b>Team Leader cum Senior Highway Engineer</b></p>	<p>ii) Post Graduate in Construction Management/ Highway Engineering/ Traffic/Transportation Engineering/ Pavement Engineering/ Structural Engineering/ Geotechnical Engineering/ Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering</p> <p>We request you to consider Post Graduation in Environment Engineering also;</p> <p>2 a i) Aggregate minimum 20 years experience in minimum 3 countries (which may include their home country) with minimum two years in each country.</p> <p>We request you to consider aggregate minimum 20 years Experience in minimum 2 countries with minimum one year in each country.</p> <p>b) Experience of construction supervision of Highway/ Expressway projects in similar capacity*</p> <p>ii) Minimum 2 Projects with minimum 2 years period in each project</p> <p>We request you to consider "minimum 2 projects with minimum one year period in each Project"</p>	<p>As per RFP.</p> <p>As per RFP.</p> <p>As per RFP.</p>

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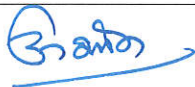
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		<p>c) Experience of design of road sector project of 2 laning or more Minimum 2 Projects with minimum one year period in each project We request you to consider "Minimum 2 Projects with minimum Six months period in each project"</p> <p>d) Experience in road sector project under mountainous/steep terrain including advance slope protection technology such as landslide prevention, reinforcement embankment wall in steep mountain, concrete crib protection i)Minimum 2 projects (with minimum one year period in each project) We request you to consider "Minimum 1 project (with minimum one year period in each project)"</p> <p>3)Familiarity with the language and the conditions of India including North East Region ii) Experience in North East Region Please consider J&amp;K, Uttarakhand and other hilly states also. For All Positions.</p>	<p>As per RFP.</p> <p>As per RFP.</p> <p>As per RFP.</p>
68.	<p>Detailed Evaluation Criteria (i) Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the assignment</p> <p><b>Sr. Slope/Safety Engineer</b></p>	<p>ii)Post Graduate in Structural / Geotechnical / Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering Please consider Post Graduate in Highway/Transportation Engineering also</p> <p>a i) Aggregate 15 years or more in minimum 3 countries (which may include their home country) with minimum two years in each country. We request you to consider" minimum 2 countries (which may include their home country) with minimum one years in each country.</p> <p>b) Experience of construction supervision of Highway/ Expressway projects ii) Minimum 2 Projects with minimum 2 years period in each project We request you to consider " Minimum 2 Projects with minimum 1 year period in each project"</p>	<p>As per RFP.</p> <p>As per RFP.</p> <p>As per RFP.</p>



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Sl. No.	Clause No. as per RFP	Consultant's Query	NHIDCL's Reply
		<p>c) Experience of design work in road project under mountainous/steep terrain including advance slope protection technology such as landslide prevention, reinforcement embankment wall in steep mountain, concrete crib protection. (i) 3 projects with minimum one year period in each project</p> <p>We request you to consider "Experience of Supervision work in road project under mountainous/steep terrain including advance slope protection technology such as landslide prevention, reinforcement embankment wall in steep mountain, concrete crib protection." (i) We request you to consider 2 projects with minimum one year period in each project</p> <p>Familiarity with the <b>language</b> and the conditions of India including North East Region: Experience in North East Region</p> <p>Please consider J&amp;K, Uttarakhand and other hilly states also. Please consider for all positions.</p>	<p>As per RFP.</p> <p>As per RFP.</p> <p>As per RFP.</p>
69.	<p>Detailed Evaluation Criteria (i) Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the assignment</p> <p><b>Resident Engineer/Highway Cum Pavement Engineer/Safety Manager</b></p>	<p>b) Experience of construction supervision of Highway/ Expressway projects in similar capacity*: ii) Minimum 2 Projects with minimum 2 years period in each project Please consider Minimum 1 Project with minimum one years period in each project</p> <p>c) Experience of construction supervision of road project under mountainous/steep terrain i) 2 projects (with minimum one year period in each project) Please consider "1 project (with minimum one year period in each project)"</p>	<p>As per RFP.</p> <p>As per RFP</p>
70.	<p>Detailed Evaluation Criteria (i) Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the assignment</p> <p><b>Bridge /Structural Engineer</b></p>	<p>2 e) Minimum 5 years Experience of design work of bridge structure:</p> <p>Please modify the clause as "Minimum 5 years' Experience of supervision work of bridge structure:</p>	<p>As per RFP</p>



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Sl. No.	Clause No. as per RFP	Consultant's Query	NHIDCL's Reply
71.	Detailed Evaluation Criteria (i) Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the assignment  <b>Material Engineer</b>	b) iii) 2 projects with minimum 2 years period in each project  We request you to modify the clause as "2 projects with minimum 1 year period in each project"	As per RFP.
72.	Detailed Evaluation Criteria (i) Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the assignment <b>Senior Quantity Surveyor</b>	c) i) 2 projects with minimum 2 years period in each project  We request you to modify the clause as "2 projects with minimum 1 years period in each project"	As per RFP.
73.	Form Tech – 6 : Curriculum Vitae (CV) for proposed Key Experts	As international expert not owning PAN CARD and AADHAR CARD, we won't be able to upload the same in the INFRACON. Please inform us what information to be uploaded in place of AADHAR and PAN CARD.  Also note that we could not upload basic information of International Expert whose native place is outside of India. The INFRACON is made for Indian Candidates only. Please clarify.  Sr. Slope/Safety Engineer designation is not mapped in INFRACON.	For foreign nationals, Passport number may be mentioned and a copy of the same may be uploaded in place of PAN CARD or AADHAR CARD.  As per RFP. International Experts, whose native place is outside India, may also get themselves registered on INFRACON Portal. In case of any additional data required for experience of the Key Expert(s), which are not covered in the input details of INFRACON and the uploaded certificate; then the additional requisite certificate issued from Employer(s) or Self-Undertaking from the Key Expert(s) may be submitted to INFRACON Division of NHIDCL (Contact details: email- <a href="mailto:support-infracon@gov.in">support-infracon@gov.in</a> , Tel. 011-2346 1673) for uploading as an additional/ supportive document for the respective project and a copy of such submission alongwith the copy of the Certificate/ Self-Undertaking may be uploaded on CPP Portal.  Please refer to reply above at Sr. No. 16.
74.	Qualification of International Experts	International Experts, who is having only Master's Degree in Civil and other streams, please clarify whether he is eligible for getting full marks. (As outside India they study integrated course for both)	As per RFP. It is clarified that Degree of Integrated course in Civil Engineering comprising both Bachelors



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			and Masters course shall be considered.
75.	Section 2 of Data Sheet, Clause 14.2 Note 3	<p>The positions of (i) Team Leader cum Senior Highway Engineer and (ii) Sr. Slope /Safety Engineer are for International Expert and shall be considered those who have worked in at least 3 countries (which may include their home country) with minimum two years in each country. If this condition is not met their CV will not be evaluated and shall be assigned 0 (Zero) mark.</p> <p>We once again request you to modify the clause as "The positions of (i) Team Leader cum Senior Highway Engineer and (ii) Sr. Slope /Safety Engineer are for International Expert and shall be considered those who have worked in at least 2 countries (which may include their home country) with minimum one years in each country.</p> <p>Also request you to delete the clause "If this condition is not met their CV will not be evaluated and shall be assigned 0 (Zero) mark."</p>	<p>As per RFP.</p> <p>As per RFP.</p>

  
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