

NHIDCL/ASSAM/S-D/JICA5/AE/2021/199467/ 2534

Date: 28.06.2023

REPLY TO PRE-BID QUERIES

Name of Work: AUTHORITY'S ENGINEER FOR SUPERVISION OF "Upgradation /widening and construction of 4 - lane with paved shoulders from Srirampur to Dhubri (Length 54.154 km) of NH127B in the State of Assam under JICA ODA Loan assistance (Phase - V) on EPC mode." [3rd Call].

Tender ID: 2023_NHIDC_756621_1

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1.	In the RFP, Datasheet, ITC Clause 14.8	Please refer ITC Clause 14.8 Data sheet selection criteria with Technical weightage of 80 points and Financial weightage of 20 points. While prima facie role of Authority's Engineer is to maintain the quality of the project, it is expected that the custodian of quality in the project i.e. Consultant's Firm and the Authority's Engineer Team do possess quality system, approach and manpower to ensure quality service and best engineering practices. It is therefore requested to consider 90:10 weightage for Technical (T) & Financial (F) respectively to encourage and ensure better quality of Consultants and it's services. Please consider	As per RFP.
2.	In the RFP, Datasheet, ITC Clause 14.7, 14.8 & 15.1	Please refer ITC Clause 14.7, 14.8, 15.1 of Data sheet selection criteria. For a reasonable and justified financial commensurating to market rate, we propose to introduce a price band of $\pm 15\%$ of average of all bids. The H1 Bidder of combined score falling in the price band of $\pm 15\%$ of average of all bids may be selected as "Preferred Bidder". This will ensure rational pricing, neither too low nor too high, for the desired quality. Please consider and confirm	As per RFP. Refer Datasheet ITC Clause 14.7, 14.8 & 15.7
3.	In the RFP, Section - 8, GCC, Clause 6.5(a)	Please refer GCC clause 6.5(a) of Special Conditions of Contract of the RFP, which states that Advance Payment will be set off by the Client in equal instalment against the statements for first 12 months from the third month of the services until the	As per RFP.

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		<i>Advance payment has been fully set off. And Interest rate shall be 10% per annum (on outstanding amount) for local currency. We request you to pay the Mobilization Advance interest free. Please consider and clarify.</i>	
4.	In the RFP, Section – 3, Technical Proposal Forms, Form Tech-2, B -Consultant's Experience	<i>Please note for Form Tech-2 B Consultant's Experience no format/template in the RFP is provided. We would request you to kindly provide the template/format for submission of Form Tech-2 B consultant's Experience in the Proposal. Please consider and provide.</i>	As per RFP.
5.	In the RFP, Section – 4, Financial Proposal Forms, Form FIN-2: Format of BoQ	<i>Please refer to FIN- 2 Format of BoQ (4) Transportation (Fixed cost) "Innova or equivalent (not more than 3 years old) – 2 no. of Construction Periods and 1 no. of Maintenance periods. 3 nos. of the vehicles during the construction period for the Supervision of at least 60% of the quantity or number of tests for 2 nos. Construction Packages are inadequate. More no of vehicles required for day & night duties (24 hours). A minimum 4 no. of vehicles are required. Please consider.</i>	As per RFP / BoQ.
6.	In the RFP, Section – 4, Financial Proposal Forms, Form FIN-2: Format of BoQ	<i>Please refer to Form FIN-2 Format of BoQ (2) Remuneration for Sub Professional our experience of handling such projects tells that the Quantity Surveyor is required to continuously carry out progress monitoring and cash flow, checking measurement & quantity, examining claims and Change of Scope (COS) of the Concessionaire & evaluate Impact on Cost due to Modified Designs, Scrutinising Concessionaire's submissions on quantity and cost, Checking project milestone payment & recommend payment, and other pending works throughout both the Construction and Defect Liability Period. We therefore request to upgrade man-month of Quantity Surveyor position as full-time position in (Construction period + Maintenance periods) (2*24+60=108 months) instead of Construction period (2*24=48 months). Kindly consider & confirm.</i>	As per RFP / BoQ.
7.	General	<i>Suppose Consultancy Period is extended beyond the stipulated period as started in ITC 2.1 of Data Sheet, Assignment period (months). In that case, the Consultant should be given an opportunity to enhance the rate or may be allowed to leave the project with mutual agreement. Please consider.</i>	As per RFP.

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8.	General	<p>Please let us know the current status of land acquisition, forest clearance etc. of the project. Also inform about expected commencement of AE services.</p>	<p>Award under Section 3G of NH Act, 1956 has been declared for both the packages.</p> <p>No forest / environment clearance is required for the project.</p> <p>Commencement of AE services would be priority.</p>
9.	In the RFP, Datasheet Clause 14.3	<p>Please refer DS(B)-12 & Detailed Evaluation Criteria: (iii) Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment, DS(B)- 14 to 20 of clause ITC 14.3 of the RFP. As per the Detailed Evaluation Criteria, International Experience is required for only the position of Team Leader cum Sr. Highway Engineer (Refer Sl. No. b(ii) and Resident Engineer/ Highway Engineer (Refer Sl. No. b(iii)).</p> <p>Generally, the positions like Senior Contract Specialist, Senior Environmental Expert and Senior Social Safeguard Expert have intermittent input in all projects. To meet the two years of international experience in each country by accumulating the intermittent inputs in projects is too difficult. Also no International Experience has been asked in the Detailed Evaluation Criteria for these positions.</p> <p>Further, all these positions are available in India to handle such type of projects and contracts. Also knowledge of local rules & regulations, cultures are very important for this project.</p> <p>Therefore, we would like request you to kindly consider Team Leader cum Sr. Highway Engineer and Resident Engineer/Highway Engineer as "International Expert" and Senior Contract Expert, Senior Environmental Expert and Senior Social Safeguard Expert as "National Expert". Please consider and confirm.</p>	As per RFP.
10.	10. Technical Proposal format & content (b) Vol. (10.4) Page Limit	<p>Please refer clause 10: Technical Proposal Format and Content, b. Volume 10.4, Sl. No. 6, Instruction to Consultants of the RFP, the page limitation for each Key Expert's CV is 5.</p> <p>Also refer TPF-10: Form TECH-6: Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Key Experts. As per the Sample snap shots for details of CV, the Basic details,</p>	As per RFP. Refer Datasheet, ITC Clause 10.4.

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		<p>Company experience, Qualifications details and Work Experience details will be inserted in JPG format.</p> <p>Please note that Infracon CVs are already uploaded by the individuals for all assignments through MoRT&H/ NHAI/NHIDCL/PWD projects. Most of the CVs are more than 5 (five) pages. It can't be restricted to 5 pages as per the RFP format.</p> <p>Therefore, we would like to request you to kind relax the page limit or allow to submit the CVs as per Tech-6 Format. Please consider and confirm.</p>	
11.	In the LOI, Para 9	<p>In reference to the above cited subject, we would like to bring to your notice that we are very keen to participate in the above-mentioned Tender and have initiated the process of preparation of our Proposal. Responding to notice requires preparation, finalization and compilation of various critical Information and documents for preparing a Comprehensive Bid Document.</p> <p>We request you to allow an extension of 3 weeks from today date of the submission, to enable us to prepare and submit a Comprehensive Bid Document.</p> <p>Keenly looking forward to your response and for your favor with an extension of submission date.</p>	As per RFP.

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