

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग एवं अवसंरचना विकास निगम लिमिटेड
National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.

Sub: Consultancy services for Authority's Engineer for Design, Engineering, Procurement, Supply And Construction For Construction Of Four Lane Bridge Including Approaches Over River Brahmaputra Between Dhubri On North Bank And Phulbari On South Bank In Assam/ Meghalaya On NH-127B (Length 19.282 km)-

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Sl. No.	Section	Queries from Bidders	Response by Employer
1	SECTION-1 Letter of Invitation to Consultants Clause 29. x. f (Page no. 10) & QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (Page no. 45)	In the Letter of Invitation to Consultants, it is mentioned that on non-fulfilment of qualification related to experience, zero marks will be awarded for that sub criteria and the marks of that key expert will be carried forward to maximum 6 no. Key Experts. Also, in case of 6 CVs scoring less than 75% or Team leader scoring less than 75%, the proposal shall be considered non-responsive. Whereas in Data Sheet it is mentioned that on non-fulfilment of qualification related to experience, zero marks will be awarded for that sub criteria and the marks of that key expert will be carried forward to maximum 3 no. Key Experts. Also, in case of 3 CVs scoring less than 75% or Team leader scoring less than 75%, the proposal shall be considered non-responsive. These clauses are contradictory to each other and therefore Client is requested to suggest the correct clause.	Noted, please refer the Corrigendum-II
2	SECTION-1 Letter of Invitation to Consultants Clause 29. Vi. (Page no. 9) & SECTION-5 Terms of Reference Clause 5.10 (Page no. 81) & Form FIN-2: Format of BOQ (Page no. 73)	The RFP in the Letter of Invitation asks to indicate the ownership/ outsourcing details for the Road Survey Equipment. Similarly, in the Terms of Reference, the RFP mentions the Road Survey Equipment. Kindly clarify that the Ownership or outsourcing of equipment doesn't have any effect on the Technical marks of a consultant. Also, Client is kindly requested to specify the frequency and number of times these tests are to be carried out using these equipment so that there is no disparity in the calculation of the survey cost for all the Consultants.	Please refer Corrigendum-II
3	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 2.1 (Page no. 17)	The loan amount for the project is mentioned in the Data Sheet. We request the Client to provide the Budget of the Consultancy Services so that there is no disparity between the Consultants.	The bidders are required to assess the cost of the consultancy services w.r.t. the scope of work accordingly
4	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 23) & QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 45) & QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 27-45)	In the Data Sheet, there's a discrepancy in the definition of International Experience. In the note, it is mentioned that the International Experts should have worked in at least 3 countries which may include their home country with minimum 2 years in each country. Whereas, in the qualification of the Key experts, it is mentioned that the Key experts should have experience of two years in foreign country. This means that the International experts shall have total of 2 Years of foreign experience. Kindly clarify.	International Experts should have worked in at least 3 countries which may include their home country with minimum 2 years in each country.
5	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 27-45)	The qualification asked for each of the professionals is quite stringent and very few experts with such experience are available. We therefore kindly request you to relax the age limit to "not more than 70 Years".	As per RFP
6	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 31)	There seems to be a discrepancy in this qualification. It says that the expert should have minimum experience in more than Two Bridge (i.e. at least 3 Projects) Projects, whereas minimum marks are allotted for 2 Projects. Kindly clarify. Also, it seems too stringent for a Senior Contract Expert to be working on Bridge projects with cost more than Rs. 1750 Crores. We request to kindly relax this criterion to cost of Contract more than 500 Crores.	Key personal should have minimum experience in two bridge projects
7	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 28) QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 29) QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 36) QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 38) QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 41)	The criterion for each span of bridge not less than 125 m is too stringent. Usually in Cable Stayed Bridge projects, the central span is long, and the side spans are shorter. This criterion may please be modified as "multi span Cable stayed or Cable suspension or Extra-dosed or prestressed bridge having at least one span more than 125 m".	As per RFP
8	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 32)	It is too stringent for a Chief QA/ QC Engineer to have 5 Years or more experience/ 2 or more Project experience either Cable stayed or Cable suspension or Extradosed or pre-stressed bridge. We therefore request you to kindly relax this criterion and remove the specific condition of Cable stayed or Cable suspension or Extradosed or pre-stressed bridge. This may be modified as Cable stayed or Cable suspension or Extradosed or pre-stressed bridge or any Major bridges.	As per RFP
9	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 33)	Various Safety Experts in Highway/ Bridge Projects are from a different engineering background other than Civil Engineering. Therefore, we request you to kindly allow Mechanical Engineering also as minimum qualification.	Safety Experts in Highway/ Bridge Projects with engineering background other than Civil Engineering can be considered subject to fulfilling the eligibility criteria. Please refer Corrigendum 2.
10	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 33) QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 35)	The Safety Expert and Social & Environmental Experts are usually not specific to Cable stayed or Cable suspension or Extradosed or pre-stressed bridge Projects. We therefore request you to kindly relax this criterion and consider the experience in normal Highway/ Bridge/ Metro/ Rail Projects as well for these experts.	As per RFP
11	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 36)	A single bridge project usually either involves well foundation or pile foundation. But the criterion asks for both well foundation & pile foundation. It seems to be a typographical error and it may be modified as well foundation or pile foundation over Sea/ Creek/ Perennial River/ Estuary.	As per RFP
12	Enclosure-A (Page no. 87-89)	We request to kindly provide the breakup of input for each staff during Construction Period and Maintenance Period.	The tentative man-month of engagement of key-peronnel has been annexed. However, this may vary as per the actual site requirement.
13	Form FIN-2: Format of BOQ (Page 65-73)	We request you to kindly provide the breakup of man-month for each line item of Remuneration & Reimbursable mentioned in the Financial BoQ.	Refer Modified BOQ
14	Financial BoQ (Excel Sheet)	The formula for Basic Rate x Quantity = Amount is not correct in the excel sheet. On filling the Basic Rate, the amount column is showing the basic rate only and not the product with quantities.	Modified/corrected BOQ has been uploaded on online portal
15	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 5.1 Page no. 18	In line with requirement of funded projects, it is requested to allow to include/ add associate member at RFP stage. Kindly consider.	As per RFP

16	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) Page no. 27 and 29	Since the qualification asked for each of the professionals is quite tough and very few experts are available with such qualification. It is requested to kindly relax these criteria for both professionals as given below: 1. General Qualification (i) Graduate in Civil Engineering (ii) Post Graduate in Civil Engineering/ Construction Management / Highway Engineering / Transportation Engineering / Structural Engineering / Geotechnical Engineering/ Soil Mechanics/Foundation Engineering	As per RFP
17	QCBS – Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) Page no. 27	We understand that Construction as well as Construction Supervision project will be considered under this criteria.	As per RFP
18	QCBS – Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) Page no. 27 – 45	For additional marks for each additional projects of all experts, under some head no. years of experience required for each additional project is not mentioned. We understand that those projects are not required any minimum inputs/ duration. Kindly clarify. Further, it is requested that under the requirement of experience for all criteria, the experience of metro viaduct/ bridge project may be considered as well. Kindly confirm.	As per RFP
19	Clause 4.5 of SCC Page no. 129	Requested to allow at least 3 key experts replacement every two years without any deduction in remuneration.	As per RFP
20	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 23-24) Enclosure-A (Page no. 87-89)	Required qualification and experience of Design Team/ Highway Team is not mentioned in the RFP. Kindly provide the same.	Please Refer RFP, Section 5, TOR, Cl. 15.0, Enclosure A & B. The selection of the sub-key and other staff shall be based on the criteria given by the Authority.
21	B. Preparation of Proposals, Clause 29 (viii), Page 9 of 214 In case the Consultant envisages outsourcing any or all of the above services to the expert agencies, the details of the same indicating the arrangement made with the agencies need to be furnished.	We need clarification whether technology partner / agencies can also provide Key Expert / Sub- Key expert. Please Clarify.	As per RFP
22	C. Submission, receipt and opening of proposals; Clause II; Page 11 & 12 of 214 The successful bidder shall submit the original documents specified above at “C” (Submission, Receipt and Opening of Proposals), point no. (II) (i) (a), (b), (c) & (d) above together with their respective enclosures to the Authority before signing of the Agreement.	In Section 1: Letter of Invitation to Consultants it is mentioned that the mode of submission of proposal is online submission through CPP portal. However, in Section 2 - QCBS - Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet Clause 10.1 (v) Page 18 of 214; it is mentioned as “A scanned copy of all the above documents is to be uploaded on CPP Portal (https://eprocure.gov.in) in addition to that, hard copy of the following documents, in original, is to be submitted at the address mentioned at Para 7 of the Letter of Invitation (LoI) by due date and time of submission. Please clarify whether Original Hard copy of the requisite documents is to be submitted to the Client within the due date.	Yes, as per the RFP, the bidder's are requested to submit hard bound copy (spiral bound copy not to be submitted) of the uploaded document. The documents submitted should be legible and serially arranged with page number..
23	C. Submission, receipt and opening of proposals; Clause III; Page 12 of 214 The Applicant shall upload scanned copies of the Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal as specified in point nos. C (II) (i), (ii), (iii) & (iv) above on the E-tendering portal of Employer before 15:00 hours Indian Standard Time on the Bid due date i.e. on 05.11.2020	We request you kindly extend the submission date by at least 3 weeks upon receipt of pre-bid clarifications. Please Consider.	Please refer Corrigendum-II
24	Performance Security, Clause H, Page 14 of 214 The successful consulting firm shall have to submit a Bank Guarantee (BG) for an amount of 10% of the Contract Value within 15 days of issue of LOA.	Performance Security at 10% of contract value is very much on the higher side for Services contract of such big projects. Therefore, we request you to consider reducing the Value of Performance security Bank Guarantee (BG) to an amount of 2.5% of the Contract Value to be submitted within 30 days of issue of LOA.	Please refer Corrigendum-II
25	Detailed Evaluation Criteria with Ref. to 14.2(i) QCBS Datasheet; (ii) Criteria for Adequacy of assignment of firm; Page 25 & 26 of 214; Clause 1.2 Firm should have minimum experience of preparation of Detailed Project Report/Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report of Bridge Projects either Cable Stayed or Cable suspension or Extradosed or pre-stressed bridge of 2**/4***/6# lanes for highway or Expressways or Rail cum Road bridge @ projects over sea/creek/perennial river/ estuary in a single/multiple Contract of equal or more than the aggregate length\$ of bridge minimum 20 Km and should have completed at least one bridge project of 500mtr with span length not less than 125 mtr for which RFP invited is mandatory (in last 10 years)	We request you to consider Metro or Railway projects also as relevant experience. Further we request you to consider projects over any type river also. Please Consider.	As per the RFP
26	Detailed Evaluation Criteria with Ref. to 14.2(i) QCBS Datasheet; (ii) Criteria for Adequacy of assignment of firm; Page 26 of 214; Clause 1.2 Based on number of projects of minimum one bridge of 500mtr with span length not less than 125mtr a) 1 project - 3 Marks b) 0.5 marks for every additional project - 2 Marks	The requirement of 5 Projects having experience of preparation of Detailed Project Report/Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report of Bridge Projects in last 10 years seems to be very stringent. We request you to please consider revising the criteria as: a) 1 project - 4 Marks b) 0.5 marks for every additional project - 1 Mark Please consider.	As per RFP

27	Detailed Evaluation Criteria with Ref. to 14.2(i) QCBS Datasheet; (ii) Criteria for Adequacy of assignment of firm; Page 26 of 214; Clause 2 Based on aggregate length a) Minimum 20 Km - 10 Marks b) 1.0 marks for every additional 0.5 times Project Lengths - 5 Marks	The requirement of aggregate length equal to 70 Km in last 10 years seems to be very stringent. We request you to please consider revising the criteria as: a) Minimum 20 Km - 13 Marks b) 1.0 marks for every additional 0.5 times Project Lengths - 2 Marks Please consider.	As per RFP
28	Detailed Evaluation Criteria with Ref. to 14.2(i) QCBS Datasheet; (ii) Criteria for Adequacy of assignment of firm; Page 26 of 214; Clause 3.1 Based on Project Completed a) One project having 20% of the bridge length (4 Km) - 7 Marks b) 1 Mark for every additional 2.0 Km of bridge length - 3 Marks	The requirement of 4 projects having experience of preparation of Detailed Project Report/Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report of Bridge Projects in last 10 years seems to be very stringent. We request you to please consider same project for b) every additional 2.0 Km of bridge length (or) please consider revising the criteria as: a) One project having 20% of the bridge length (4 Km) - 7 Marks b) 1 Mark for every additional 1.0 Km of bridge length - 3 Marks (or) please consider revising the criteria as: a) One project having 20% of the bridge length (4 Km) - 8 Marks b) 1 Mark for every additional 2.0 Km of bridge length - 2 Marks Please consider.	As per RFP
29	Detailed Evaluation Criteria with Ref. to 14.2(i) QCBS Datasheet; (ii) Criteria for Adequacy of assignment of firm; Page 26 of 214; Clause 3.2 Project having minimum span length of 125mtr. a) One Bridge Project - 7 Marks b) 1 Mark for every additional Project - 3 Marks	The requirement of 4 projects having experience of preparation of Detailed Project Report/Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report of Bridge Projects in last 10 years seems to be very stringent. We request you to please consider revising the criteria as: a) One Bridge Project - 8 Marks b) 1 Mark for every additional Project - 2 Marks Please consider.	As per RFP
30	Detailed Evaluation Criteria with Ref. to 14.2(i) QCBS Datasheet; (ii) Criteria for Adequacy of assignment of firm; Page 26 of 214; Clause 4 a) One project having 20% of the bridge length (4 Km) - 15 Marks b) 1 Mark for every additional 1.0 Km of bridge length - 5 Marks	The requirement of 6 projects having Project Supervision as Independent Consultant/Independent Engineer/Authority Engineer/Project Supervision Consultants for Bridge Project in last 10 years seems to be very stringent. We request you to please consider same project for b) every additional 1.0 Km of bridge length (or) please consider revising the criteria as: a) One project having 20% of the bridge length (4 Km) - 17 Marks b) 1 Mark for every additional 1.0 Km of bridge length - 3 Marks Please consider.	As per RFP
31	Detailed Evaluation Criteria with Ref. to 14.2(i) QCBS Datasheet; (ii) Criteria for Adequacy of assignment of firm; Page 27 of 214; Clause 5 Experience of the firm in Multi Development Bank (MDB)/WBG/JICA/ADB and any other multilateral/bilateral agency funded projects in last 10 years	We request to consider projects funded by local government/authority since projects undertaken/completed in developed countries are not funded by multi-development bank/agencies. Please consider.	As per RFP
32	Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment Ref. to 14.2(iii) QCBS Datasheet; Page 27 & 29 of 214; Team Leader cum Sr. Bridge Engineer & Deputy Team Leader cum Sr. Bridge Engineer	Additional Desirable Qualification as Doctorate seems to be very stringent. We request you to please consider Bachelor's degree as minimum and Masters' degree as highest qualification. Please Consider.	This is as per the JICA requirement.
33	Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment Ref. to 14.2(iii) QCBS Datasheet; Page 28 of 214; Team Leader cum Sr. Bridge Engineer; e) Experience in Operation & Maintenance of Major Bridge projects in similar capacity	We request you to consider repair and rehabilitation works carried out during DLP period as O&M experience. Please Consider.	The bidder should submit the details in support of his claims against the Repair & Maintenance work carried out as per the RFP.
34	Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment Ref. to 14.2(iii) QCBS Datasheet; Page 29 of 214 Team Leader cum Senior Bridge Engineer Note: (1) Similar Capacity includes the following positions i) On behalf of Consultant: Team Leader/Resident Engineer (Construction Supervision/IE/AE).	In case of projects delivered internationally, designations such Project Manager/Project Lead/ Project Director are alternatively used in lieu of Team Leader. For projects delivered domestically Construction Manager/Senior Bridge Engineer should be considered as similar capacity. We request you to consider that alternate designation as suggested above should be included for similar capacity and further request the client to evaluate the candidates based on the experience and not specifically in according to the designation. Please Consider.	The details submitted by the bidder against the experience shall be examined w.r.t. eligibility criteria set forth in the RFP
35	Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment Ref. to 14.2(iii) QCBS Datasheet; Page 32 of 214; Chief QA & QC Engineer; d) Experience in Operation & Maintenance of Major Bridge projects in similar capacity	We request you to consider revising this criteria as given below: Experience of O&M of Bridges/Highway/Rail projects with at least 1 year on each project. Also, we request you to consider repair and rehabilitation works carried out during DLP period as O&M experience. Please Consider.	As per RFP
36	Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment Ref. to 14.2(iii) QCBS Datasheet; Page 27 to 45 of 214; All Positions; Minimum bridge length of 500 mtr having span not less than 125 mtr each.	This requirement seems to be quiet challenging and stringent. We request you to consider revising the same as given below: Minimum bridge length upto 500 mtr having span not less than 80 mtr each. Please consider	As per RFP

37	Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment Ref. to 14.2(iii) QCBS Datasheet; Page 27 to 45 of 214; All Positions; Project funded by Multilateral/ Bilateral Funding Agency(ies) where value of ICB Contract is more than Rs. 1,750 Crore.	We request you to consider revising this criteria since experience on projects funded by Multilateral/ Bilateral agencies with cost of Rs. 1,750 Crore will be a challenge for bridge projects. Please remove value from the criteria. Please Consider.	As per RFP.
38	Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment Ref. to 14.2(iii) QCBS Datasheet; Page 27 to 45 of 214; All Positions; Familiarity with the language and the conditions of India including North East Region	We request you to consider revising this criteria as familiarity in similar geographical region (Asia/South East Asia including India). Please Consider.	Please refer Corrigendum-II
39	Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment Ref. to 14.2(iii) QCBS Datasheet; Page 27 to 45 of 214; All Positions; Age on bid due date: Not more than 60 years.	We request you to consider Age on bid due date as Not more than 65 years. Please Consider.	As per RFP
40	Note: Following documents are also to be uploaded; Page 57 of 214; (iii) Experience Certificates from Employers.	We presume client will consider experience certificates issued by private Contractors/Concessionaires which was accepted at the EOI stage for shortlisting of consultants.	Yes. The financial document should be as per the relevant RFP Clause.
41	Construction Period; Clause 4.1; Page 77 of 214; During the Construction Period, the Authority's Engineer shall review the drawings furnished by the Contractor along with supporting data, including the geo-technical and hydrological investigations, characteristics of materials from borrow areas and quarry sites, topographical surveys, and the recommendations of the Safety Consultant in accordance with the provisions of as per the Contract Agreement. The Authority's Engineer shall complete such review and send its observations to the Authority and the Contractor within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of such drawings.	1. To review the design and drawings of the extradosed bridge, time duration of 30 days is very short. Therefore, we request to increase the allotted duration to at least 60 days. Please consider. 2. It is presumed that the following special investigations, which are required for this extradosed bridge, will be carried out before design of the bridge. • Special seismic studies like site specific response spectrum and report as per requirement of IRC: SP-114-2018. • Hydraulic/mathematical model studies to estimate the scour depth. 3. It is presumed that the Contractor will not carry out any construction work before approval of structural design and drawings by the Authority Engineer.	As per RFP
42	Enclosure A; Man-Month input for Key/Sub-key Professional and Support Staff; Page 87 of 214;	Please provide bifurcation of man-month input for Construction Period and Maintenance period separately for better understanding and utilisation of Key/Sub-key Professional and Support Staff. Please Provide.	The tentative man-month of engagement of key-personnel has been annexed. However, this may vary as per the actual site requirement.
43	Enclosure B; Qualification of Key Experts; Page 90 & 91 of 214; Point no.3 Professional experience in minimum 3 countries (which may include their home country) with minimum two years in foreign country (other than home country).	Requirement of experience in at least 3 countries is too stringent. We request you to reduce it to experience in 2 countries including their home country. Please consider.	As per RFP
44	General: Navigational Span requirement	What is the minimum Navigational span and vertical clearance for this Extra-dosed bridge across River Brahmaputra? Please Clarify.	Kindly refer Gazette Notification notified for waterways by IWAI
45	General Conditions of Contract; 2.6.1 (b) Modifications or Variations In case of substantial modifications or variations, the prior written concurrence of JICA is required.	We request you to please define substantial modifications or variations? Please Clarify.	As per the RFP. This is not anticipated at this stage
46	Special Conditions of Contract; Clause 6.2 (c); Page 130 of 214; Price adjustment on the remuneration: 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...	We request you to consider price adjustment for reimbursable items also to meet the actual market inflation, considering the current economic scenario and situation of COVID 19 effect. Please Consider.	As per RFP
47	Clause 6.5 (a); Page 131 of 214; Advance Payment The Advance Payment shall be payable maximum @ 10% of the Contract Price against submission of irrevocable and unconditional Guarantee from a Bank for an amount equivalent to 110% of the such installment	We request you to consider unconditional bank guarantee equivalent to contract price and that advance payment shall be interest free as done for most of the funded projects. This will ease cashflow constraints of the consultants. Please Consider.	Please refer Clause 6.5 (a) and the corrigendum-II
48	Clause 3, Section 1, Page 3.	The bidder understands that the shortlisted firms have satisfied the eligibility criteria during the EOI stage and no further eligibility proof is required at the RFP stage and beyond. Please confirm.	As per RFP

49	Clause 4, Section 1, Page 4.	Please confirm that the limits of shares of Associate members mentioned in the EOI stage shall have to be maintained at the bidding stage and throughout the project duration.	As per RFP
50	Clause 6, Section -1, Page 4.	The bidder understands that Format for Monthly Progress Report attached with RFP shall also be part of RFP.	No, the format is for reference. However, the monthly report should be project specific and can be accordingly modified.
51	Clause 8, Section -1, Page 4.	The bidder could not find any format for the said declaration against Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) / National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)/CDR/SDR process to be submitted with proposal. Please provide the format for declaration.	The bidder to provide the information in his own format.
52	Clause 15, Section -1, Page 6.	The said provision is contradictory to Clause 11.1(i) of Section - 2 Data Sheet (Page 19). Please clarify.	As per the RFP
53	Clause 29 iii & v, Section -1, Page 8 & 9.	The bidder understands that the format of "1.5 space and 12 font" of standard fonts like Arial to be used in all the Technical and Financial Forms. Please confirm.	As per RFP
54	Clause 29 vi, Section -1, Page 9	The instruments mentioned in this sub-clause is not relevant to the scope of the services. As such, it is requested to delete the sub-clause. Please confirm.	As per RFP
55	Clause 29 viii, Section -1, Page 9	Involvement of specialised subconsultants are not envisaged in this project. As such, it is requested to delete the sub-clause. Please confirm.	As per RFP
56	Clause 29 x. f., Section -1, Page 10	In order to maintain the Quality Basis of the proposal, it is requested to limit the number of Key Experts scoring below 75% to 3 instead of 6.	As per RFP
57	Clause C (II) (iv), Section -1, Page 12. & Clause 9, Section -1 Page 5	These two clauses are in contradiction with one another. Please confirm which one to follow.	Please refer Corrigendum-II
58	Clause H (i), Section -1, Page 14.	As per RBI Circular RBI/2004-05/68 DBOD No. Dir. C.18/13.03.00/2004-05 dated July 23, 2004, Point No. 2.1, No bank guarantee should normally have a maturity of more than 10 years. Whereas, the present RFP requires for approx. 12 years, which is restricted by above RBI provision. Considering the above, we request you to accept the BG in parts. Please modify the Clause accordingly.	The selected bidder to provide the Bank guarantee (BG) initially for the Construction period and shall submit fresh or extend the BG for 60 days beyond the DLP
59	Clause 7.8(b), Section -2, ITC Page ITC-10	The bidder would like to propose to use CPI for All Commodities Indices issued by RBI instead of manpower Indices (Official Consumer Price Index for salaries maintained by Central Statistical Office), for updating as mentioned in this clause, if any.	As per RFP
60	Clause 9.1(i), Section 2 ITC, Page ITC-11	This clause allows change in structure of the short-listed associations/ JV. This is contradictory to Clause no 4 of Section 1, LOI, page 4. It is requested to clarify whether the LOI clause shall supersede this clause.	As per RFP
61	Clause 33, Section 1 Page 11; Clause 11.3, Section 2 Data Sheet Page 20; & Clause 6.4, Section 6, Annex 1 Page 131.	Please confirm that the Consultant may use both foreign and local currencies in the Financial Proposal.	As per RFP
62	Clause 10.0, 10.1, 10.1(i), 10.1(iv) Section 2, Data Sheet Page 18.	For 10.1, please clarify if only (i) and (iv) are to be deleted, or the entire 10.1 clause is to be deleted. Also, there is no 10.0 in the JICA Standard Request for Proposals under Japanese ODA Loans, Selection of Consultants dated October 2012, please clarify what this is referring to.	As per RFP
63	Clause, 11.1 (i), Section -2 Data Sheet, Page 19 BOQ excel	Bidder understand that the currency for quotation as well as payment can be INR, JPY, USD or EURO. Please confirm. Please note that the BOQ excel "Total Quotation" doesn't calculated different currency separately. Please confirm if Associate partner can raise separate invoices and get paid directly from the client.	Kindly refer BOQ. As per RFP
64	Clause 11.1 (i) (1), Section -2 Data Sheet, Page 19	The bidder request that per diem not be included in Experts' remuneration and be paid separately, in line with other JICA loan projects in India.	As per RFP
65	Clause 11.2, Section -2 Data Sheet, Page 20	In order to have smooth process and in order to avoid discrepancies in GST reimbursement, bidder propose to have Proforma Invoice/Draft Invoice certification by NHIDCL at first instance and based on the same the Consultant will deposit the GST to Tax Authorities, thereafter, submit the proof for reimbursement.	As per RFP
66	Clause 12.3, Section -2 Data Sheet, Page 20	It is requested to clarify whether the signed RFP should also be submitted along with the Technical Proposal.	As per Clause 12.6 of Section 2
67	Clause 12.5, Section -2 Data Sheet, Page 20	Bidder would like to request extension of the deadline by 2 weeks due to several holidays in India in October, as well as delays in couriering documents affected by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.	As per RFP
68	Clause 14.2, Section -2 Data Sheet, Page 21	The bidder understands that the Technical Scores shall be distributed only under the following heads: Firm's experience and qualification 20marks Adequacy of assignment of firm 20marks CVs 60marks Total Technical marks 100marks Please clarify whether the understanding is correct.	As per RFP
69	Clause 14.2 (ii), 1,2,3,4 and 5 Section 2 -Datashet Page 21 & 22	Bidder understands that "last 10 years" shall be considered, calculating from date of publish of the RFP document. Please confirm.	As per RFP.
70	Clause 14.2(iii)(b), Section 2 Data Sheet, Page 23 & Clause 15.1, Section 5, Page 86	The CVs of other professional staff shall not be evaluated at the bidding stage. As such, the bidder understands that these CVs need not be submitted along with Technical Proposal. Please clarify whether the understanding is correct.	As per RFP
71	Clause 14.2(i)c), Section 2 Data Sheet, Page 25	It is understood that any professional having bachelor's degree in Engineering would be considered as Key Expert for the purpose of this clause. Please confirm whether the understanding is correct. Please confirm do we need to produce any credentials as a proof of employment of the Key Experts associated with the Firm.	As per RFP

72	Clause 14.2(iii)1, Section 2 Data Sheet, Page 27	As a global practice, an International Professional Engineering (International PE) Certification, Chartered Engineering from Institute of Civil Engineering (ICE CEng), Membership of The Institution of Structural Engineers, UK (MIStructE) is considered as an additional qualification like Post Graduation and PhD. Please confirm whether the same consideration shall be followed while evaluating the CVs for this bid.	No. The eligibility criteria given in the RFP shall be followed.
73	Clause 17.2, Section 2, Data Sheet Page 47.	Please indicate expected date of commencement of consulting services.	Shall be intimated later.
74	Form Tech-2 B, Section 3, Page 52	In order to maximise the points on Firm's experience, the bidder would be submitting Project Data Sheets along with client certificates of as many projects as possible. As such, it is requested that the page restriction for this Form to be waived.	As per RFP
75	Form Tech-4, Section 3, Page 54 & Clause 29 v, Section -1, Page 9.	The page limit for Approach and Methodology is in variance from Clause 29v of Section 1, page 9. It is requested to confirm whether the Approach and Methodology is to be kept within 6 pages or 50 pages.	As per RFP.
76	Form Tech-7, Section 3, Page 59	As per the standard norms of all JICA projects, the distribution of Home and Field inputs is decided by the bidder, based on their Approach and Methodology. Please clarify whether the same principle shall be followed in this bid as well.	As per RFP.
77	Appendix Clause 2, Section 5, Page 74	It is requested to change the one-day equivalent to 1/22nd of a month, to capture the actual working time excluding the weekends. In this way there shall be a substantial savings in billing rates of staff having intermittent inputs. It is requested that the working hours per month for key & non key personnel having continuous deployment to be considered as 22 x 8 hrs = 176 Hrs.	As per RFP
78	Clause 3.2.1, TOR, Section -5, Page 76	Bidder understand that the Variation to be issued under the Construction Contract also requires prior approval from Client. Please confirm.	As per RFP
79	Clause 4.1, TOR, Section - 5, Page 77	Please clarify that whether the Construction drawings after review by Consultant will be forwarded to Authority for its review and subsequently issued to Contractor by Authority?	As per RFP
80	Clause 18, TOR, Section - 5, Page 117	Please define & elaborate, as the roles and responsibilities defined under this Clause is not clear.	As per RFP
81	Clause 2.8.1, GCC, Section -6 Page GCC-10	Bidder understand that in case of suspension, Consultant shall be compensated for any costs incurred by it, from the date of suspension notice to its resumption.	As per RFP.
82	Clause 6.2 (c), GCC, Section - 6. Page GCC-22	Price Adjustment for the reimbursable cost is not mentioned in SCC. As per Clause 6.6 of Manual of Procurement of Goods 2017, "For high value (more than Rupees three crore) tenders with deliveries longer than 18 (eighteen) months, PVC may be provided to protect the purchaser's interests also." We therefore request you to please provide the Price Adjustment for reimbursables also.	As per RFP.
83	Clause 6.5 (c), GCC, Section - 6. Page GCC-24	Bidder understand that certification of invoices by Client shall be made within 30 days to its submission, however, payment can be released as stated within 56 days. Please confirm.	As per RFP.
84	Clause 2.9, SCC, Section - 6, Page 127	Since the SCC will be the part of the Contract with the successful Consultant only, this line shall be deleted as it does not have any legitimacy.	As per RFP.
85	Clause 4.5(c), SCC Section 6, Page 128 & 129.	On the one hand maximum three replacements are allowed and on the other the replacement penalties are specified for replacements subsequent to the third replacement. Please clarify.	As per RFP.
86	Clause 4.5(f), SCC Section 6, Page 129.	Both the sentences seem to be contradictory to each other. It is requested to clarify the same.	As per RFP.
87	Clause 6.5(a), SCC Section 6, Page 131	Please confirm the currency of bank guarantee.	As per Clause H of Section 1 Performance Security
88	Clause 6.5(a), SCC Section 6, Page 131	We request you to please re-look into the 28 days payment period since it is linked with the Commencement date and will delay the commencement date of Assignment.	As per RFP
89	Clause 6.5(a), SCC Section 6, Page 131	Please confirm whether the mobilisation advance shall be interest-free, as mentioned in the corresponding clause of the GCC.	Please refer Corrigendum-II
90	Clause 6.5(a), SCC Section 6, Page 131	Bidder understands the Advance Payment will be recovered from 03rd month from the receipt of Advance Payment. Please confirm the rate of recovery from the monthly Invoices.	As per RFP.
91	Clause 6.5(a), SCC Section 6, Page 131	Bidder understands that the Advance BG shall be returned to Consultant immediately after the Adv payment is fully set off. Also, Consultant can reduce the amount of Adv BG corresponding to unrecovered part of Advance payment.	Yes. Bank Guarantee will be released after recovery of the Advance Payment
92	Clause 8.2(b), SCC, Section - 6, Page 132	Bidder could not find any Clause 8.4 in RFP as stated/referred in this provision. Please clarify.	Please refer Corrigendum-II
93	Clause 8.2(b), SCC, Section - 6, Page 132	Bidder could not find any Clause 8.4.2 in RFP as stated/referred in this provision. Please clarify.	Please refer Corrigendum-II
94	Clause 8.2(b), SCC, Section - 6, Page 132	Bidder understands that the cost of Arbitration shall be shared equally between the parties. Please confirm.	As per Arbitration Act.
95	Appendix - H, PBG Format, Section - 6, Page 138	In the present RFP Clause 17 of TOR is related to Reporting Requirements. Also, the validity mentioned herein is 02 years, whereas as per Clause 19 of TOR validity is 143 months. Please clarify.	Please refer Corrigendum-2
96	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 23) & QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 45) & QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 27-45)	Given the complexity of the project and for the fact that such projects have majorly done in developed economies, expatriate having extensive experience in such projects should be deployed for these projects. On the contrary, we could see that substantial weightage is given for India experience whereas such experts are not readily available in India. Technology transfer being important aspect of the project, it is requested to include Developed economies criteria in expert's requirement and relax India experience criteria.	As per RFP
97		We wanted to visit the site and client as well. However, there are travel restrictions in Russia. Also, given the COVID situation, we need more time to find suitable experts for this project. So, request you to allow extension of at least 3 weeks from the date of receipt of pre-bid queries.	Please refer Corrigendum-II
98	Clause 4.5 of SCC Page no. 129	In line with JICA guideline and looking at tenure of the project, request you to remove the penalty on replacement of key experts.	As per RFP.
99	Clause No. 14.2.1 of TOR (Page No. 85)	It is requested to reduce DLP period to 12 months.	No. As per RFP.
100	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 23) & QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 45)	We understand that National expert need not fulfill "At least 3 countries experience". However, all Key experts are required to fulfill "at least 3 countries" experience as per detailed evaluation criteria. Kindly clarify. Also, let us know which all positions mandatorily come under "International Expert" category.	As per RFP.
101	SECTION-1 Letter of Invitation to Consultants Clause 29. x. f (Page no. no. 10) & QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (Page no. 45)	Both of these clauses are contradictory to each other and therefore Client is requested to suggest the correct clause. Also, should we understand that experts must meet minimum experience for each and every sub-criterion. For example, in Team Leader CV, is it mandatory to meet minimum criteria given in each sub-criterion (related to experience) 2(a), 2(b), 2 (c), 2(d), 2(e), 2(f) & 2(g) & 3 i) & 3 ii). And the CVs not meeting even a single sub-criterion shall not be carried forward beyond a certain number. Kindly clarify.	As per RFP
102	QCBS - Data Sheet Clause 14.2 (iii) (Page no. 28-45)	We understand that projects of Design, DPR, detailed design shall fall under the category of "Design". Kindly confirm.	As per RFP



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