

**Pre-bid query reply**

**Sub: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR AUTHORITY'S ENGINEER (2<sup>nd</sup> Call) FOR**

- i. Construction of (i) 154m span Steen Superstructure Bridge at Km 145.09 over River Barak and (ii) 122 m span Steel Superstructure Bridge at Km 189.80 over River Makru on Jiribam- Barak road on NH-53 in State of Manipur. (Pkg-I)
- ii. Short Term Improvement & Routine Maintenance of Imphal-Jiribam Road from Km 3.00 to Km 220.00 (Length= 217 Km) of NH-53 (New NH-37) in the state of Manipur on Percentage Rate basis. (Pkg-II).
- iii. Restoration/Reconstruction of Tamenglong-Khonsang Road (Km 0.00 to Km 39.50) in the State of Manipur.(Pkg-III)”— **Reply to Pre-Bid queries -Reg.**

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1	Cl , 4. 5 (c) Removal and/or Replacement of Personnel, page 79	The project period is of a longer duration i.e. 84 months including 48 months of maintenance period. In such a case the replacement clause is highly onerous for the Consultants, as it is very difficult for the Consultant to retain key professionals especially with such specialized and stringent requirements/ criteria. Moreover continuing with the same personnel of higher skills and proficiency during the maintenance period is a waste of national human resources. <u>We suggest that the requirement of key professionals for construction period and maintenance may be made different or the provision for penalty of replacement may be done away with if the replacement happens upon completion of the construction period.</u>	As per RFP
2	Cl. 6.2 (a) (i) SCC, Page 86-87	As per RFP there are two defined period, Construction Period of 36 months and Maintenance Period of 48 months, whereas maintenance period remains fixed, construction period may vary on account of clearances and Land Acquisitions for which Employer is responsible or the failure to execute the project as per scheduled completion by the Civil Works Contractor. In either case Consultants cannot be held responsible. All the components of the cost as defined in Cl 6.2 (a) of SCC are fixed monthly charges and therefore any delay in completion of construction by the Contractor either on his own failure or an account of the clearances and other factor for which Employer or other central and state agencies are responsible, Consultants should not be held responsible, <u>therefore, it is requested to review the proposition, so that competitive/transparent bids are received by the Client and delete the clause all together.</u>	As per RFP

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3.	Cl 6.2 (a) (i), SCC, page 86-87	As the project duration is 84 months and the rate of inflation is too high in comparison to escalation of 5%. <u>We request Client to kindly link the escalation with CPI/WPI.</u>	As per RFP
4.	Enclosure-A MAN - MONTHS INPUT FOR KEY PROFESSIONAL STAFF- AUTHORITY ENGINEER, Page no. 55	During the Maintenance period of 48 months a few Key persons are required for intermittent input. It is very difficult for the Consultant to retain such key persons during Maintenance period and /or bring them back for very short spells as is being stipulated in the RFP as of now. In this regard, we request you to either the qualification requirement for Construction period and Maintenance period should be different and the clause of replacement (4.5 of GCC) should be made void during the Maintenance Period. Moreover, the current provisions regarding other inputs like office, vehicles and other ancillaries as provided in the RFP do not match with the maintenance period of 48 months. <u>We request that the entire manning schedule as also provision for office, transport , other bear essential facilities may kindly be reviewed keeping in view the maintenance period of 48 months.</u>	As per Corrigendum - II
5.	Cl. 13, Performance Security, Page no. 54	<u>Request Client to kindly accept the BG for Performance Security 3 months beyond the Construction period, as longer periods attracts more cost to Company.</u>	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. The BG for Performance Security may be submitted with validity period of 3 months beyond the contract period. However, the BG submitted has to be extended for validity upto 2 months beyond the expiry date of the contract period, 2 months prior to the validity of the submitted BG.

  
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