

# National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited

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**Sub: CONSULTANCY SERVICES AS AUTHORITY'S ENGINEER FOR SUPERVISION OF :-**

(I) Construction of a 4 lane flyover with paved shoulder configuration for along with service road from 4th Tawi bridge (D.Ch. 0.000) near Bhagwati chowk to Canal Head (D.Ch. 1.350) on Jammu-Akhnoor road section of NH-144A in UT of J&K on EPC mode.(P-I).&

(II) Upgradadtion of Existing 2-lane Highway to 4 lane with Paved Shoulder configuration from Km 26.350 (Design Chainage 26+615) (Khati Chowk) to Km 30.097 (Design Chainage 30+359) (Hanuman Chowk) including bridge on Chenab river of Jammu - Akhnoor Section of NH 144A in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on EPC basis. (Pkg - IIIB).

## Reply to Queries of Bidders

S. N.	Clause	Description	Suggestions/Query	Reply
1	Clause-26	<p>The bidder including individual or any of its JV members or its related parties, who are already having three or more on-going Authority's Engineer Consultancy contract(s) in NHIDCL, as on date of financial bid opening, shall not be eligible to bid for this project.</p> <p><b>Explanation :</b></p> <p>(i) An LOA issued for any project shall be counted as an on-going project.</p> <p>(ii) Projects with consultancy fee of Rs. 1.5 Crores or less shall not be counted for this purpose.</p> <p>(iii) In case of a company, the Related Parties means Related Parties as defined in the Companies Act' 2013, and in case of a bidder other than a company, the Related Parties means bodies in which the bidder or its partners are partner, trustee or directors in other bodies whether incorporated or not. To substantiate this, the bidder shall provide an undertaking giving list of all such</p>	<p>We request you to delete this clause and not to restrict the bidder to participate in this tender. As to maintain the healthy competition in the EOI and to encourage participation in the EOI and to encourage participation we request to delete this clause.</p> <p>The similar type of clause was mentioned in previous NHIDCL tender where later through amendment the said was deleted considering the request of bidders. For your kind reference please find attached Annexure-I.</p>	As per RFP.

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		Related Parties and projects being executed by the Related Parties in NHIDCL. A certificate in this regard from Statutory Auditor (with UDIN) shall also be provided by the bidder.		
2	A).Eligibility criteria for sole applicant firm Project Supervision/IC (NH/SH/Equivalent)	The firm should have minimum experience of Project Supervision/ Independent Engineer/ Consultant of 2/4/6**- laning/Bridge project of aggregate length equal to 3 times or more of similar category** for which RFP is invited i.e. [15.27] km	We request you to consider Project Management Consultancy projects also for the mentioned experience criteria.	As per RFP.
3	A).Eligibility criteria for sole applicant firm	Experience of the firm in last 7 years	We request to consider 10 years. For the Special Bridge Project, NHIDCL & MoRT&H has approved 10 years experience criteria for their Authority Engineer Projects like Jogighopa Bridge, Elevated Corridor at Hubli, M G Setu Bridge, Vikramshila Stu Bridge, Phphamau Bridge etc.	As per RFP.
4	Sub criteria for Relevant Experience of the firm for the assignment	Experience as Independent Engineer/Authority Engineer/Construction Supervision in Number of Highway Projects of length equal to 40% of project length of similar category for which RFP invited of 2/4/6**laning or more in last 7 years preceding bid submission date*	As the project is Bridge Project, we request you to remove the criteria of 2/4/6 laning of highway projects. Kindly consider the similar Project as elevated corridor /Major Bridge/Flyover to get proper competition.	As per RFP.
5	General		As per standard practice in all MORT&H projects, we request you to allow Railway Bridge. The Standard Note in all tenders of Ministry for Bridge projects,	As per RFP.




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			<p>We request you to add a note stating, Note: Bridge shall not include Irrigation Bridge, Water Supply Bridge, and Sewerage Bridge but will include Railway Bridge.</p> <p>For the Special Bridge projects, NHIDCL &amp; MORTH has approved Railway Bridge criteria for their Authority Engineer Projects like Jogighopa Bridge, Elevated Corridor at Hubali, M G Setu Bridge, Vikramshila Setu Bridge, Phaphamau Bridge etc.</p>	
6	Sub criteria for Experience in use of technology for road inspection	<p>ii. Sub criteria for Experience in use of technology for road inspection (20)</p> <p>Marks for - Owned or on hiring basis or through Associate</p>	<p>As per MORTH circular Letter No.RW/NH-33044/24/2020-S&amp;R (P&amp;B), "The marks for equipment is rationalized and full score be accorded for either of ownership or hire purchase or other option such as leasing as the intent of contract is to get the services of the Consultant for using the equipment for the given assignment".</p> <p>Request you to incorporate the same.</p>	Please refer to sub para-xiv of Para 3.4 of Section 2: letter of invitation to consultants.
7		<p>(ix) The weightage given to technical proposal is [70%.] The weightage given to financial proposal is [30%.]</p>	<p>As per Standard Practice, we request you to Consider the Overall Weightage as Technical Proposal 80% &amp; Financial Proposal 20%.</p>	As per RFP.
8	Performance Security	<p>The successful consulting firm shall have to submit a Bank Guarantee (BG) for an amount of 5% of the Contract Value within 15 days of issue of LOA</p>	<p>As per the Performance security reduction circular of Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Procurement Policy Division dated 12th November 2020, it is decided to reduce performance Security from 5-10% to 3% of the value of the contract. Same has enclosed for your reference.</p>	As per RFP.



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		The BG shall be valid for a period of [144+2] i.e. upto 2 months beyond the expiry of the Contract period of [144 Months].	No bank issues the Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) for a period of 21 years. Banks only issues the Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) for maximum period of 3 years. Hence, we request you to kindly keep Minimum Bank Guarantee period upto 24 Months Construction Period.	As per RFP.
9.	General	Extension of date for submission of proposal in respect of above tender notice by 10 days	To complete the required documentation, it is requested to extend the date of submission by 10 days.	Please refer to Amendment No-I

  
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