

Reply to Pre-Bid Queries

NHIDCL/HQ/DPR/Hilli-Mahendraganj/2022

Date: 12.12.2022

Name of Work: Consultancy Services for Carrying out Feasibility Studies (FS) and preparation of Feasibility Report in respect of "Up-gradation & Widening of road to two lane with paved shoulders from Hilli (West Bengal) to Mahendraganj (Meghalaya) through Bangladesh (approximate length of 80.00 Km).

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1.	RFP/TOR/Clause 4.1(xiii); 4.12; 5.3(1); 9.2	The subject bid entails "Carrying out Feasibility Studies (FS) and preparation of Feasibility Report". However, the referred clauses of TOR envisage Detailed Design. Please clarify whether detailed design has to be carried out for the subject project?	The scope of the Consultant shall be as per ToR i.e. Stage-I (Inception) and Stage-II (Feasibility) only. Preliminary design details required for feasibility report shall be delivered by the Selected Consultant as per ToR. Also, Please refer Corrigendum-II.
2.	RFP/LOI/Annex-I "Details of the stretch proposed for DPR preparation"	The completion period of the subject assignment has been kept as 4 months. However, in view of the extent of activities mentioned in Terms of Reference, location and complexities of the Project, the duration is insufficient. It is requested to increase the completion period to at least 8 (eight) months.	Time period has been extended from 4 months to 6 months.
3.	RFP/Data Sheet/Clause 12.1; 12.2 read with Appendix-II/Form-E2/T3 read with Appendix-V/Detailed Evaluation	• Since aggregate length of DPR/Feasibility study of 2/4/6 lane of Major Bridge of more than 3 times the indicative length of the bridge, i.e., 45000m is required for full marks, it is requested to consider experience of last 10 years for the purpose of evaluation of Technical	As per RFP.

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	Criteria	<p>Proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is also requested to consider experience of Preparation of DPR/Feasibility Study of elevated road/metro/ROB/RUB as well for the purpose of evaluation of Technical Proposal. • As per RFP, "Firm should have prepared DPR/Feasibility Study Report (FSR) for atleast one River Bridge project of 2000 m length". It is requested to reduce the minimum eligibility to preparation of DPR/Feasibility Study Report (FSR) for at least one River Bridge project of 1000 m length. 	
4.	<p>RFP/Appendix-V/Clause 2.4.11 (Team Leader cum Senior Bridge Engineer)</p> <p>"Experience in Similar Capacity- As Team Leader/ Project Manager or similar capacity of at least Two projects in Construction Supervision/IC involving 4 laning/ 6 laning/ Expressway of minimum 50km length and atleast two major bridge of a length 500 mtr. (Excluding approaches)" of more than</p>	<p>Since the subject bid is regarding Feasibility Study, it is requested to include experience of Feasibility Study/DPR in similar capacity in this criterion.</p>	<p>Experience in similar capacity as TL has been amended. Please Refer Corrigendum-II.</p>

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5.	RFP/NIT/Clause 8(iv) (Deadline for Submission of bids)	<p>In view of the stringent eligibility requirements stipulated in the RFP, it is very difficult for any firm to participate in the bid in sole capacity.</p> <p>It is, therefore, requested to extend the bid due date by 21 days, i.e., till 10th January 2023 to allow sufficient time for identification of suitable JV partner and preparation and submission of comprehensive proposals.</p>	Bid due date has been extended by 21 days. Please Refer Corrigendum-III.															
6.	RFP/Form-III/Clause IX (B) (11) (Sub-Soil Investigation)	<p>This being a Feasibility Study, do we need to perform Geotechnical Investigations?</p> <p>If yes, then how many boreholes need to be taken for the investigation as it will be mandatory for the financial proposal?</p> <p>Generally for DPR projects, the below table can be taken into account for financial proposal and not at feasibility stage.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 1332 965 1908"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="459 1332 497 1444">11</th> <th data-bbox="497 1332 657 1444">*Sub-Soil Investigation (Boring)</th> <th data-bbox="657 1332 705 1444">Rate</th> <th data-bbox="705 1332 874 1444">Qty.</th> <th data-bbox="874 1332 965 1444">Amount (Rs)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="459 1444 497 1635"></td> <td data-bbox="497 1444 657 1635">a) Boring in all type of soils (other than hard rock)</td> <td data-bbox="657 1444 705 1635"></td> <td data-bbox="705 1444 874 1635">1500m (for projects of length < 110 km) or 2000m (for projects of length > 110 km)</td> <td data-bbox="874 1444 965 1635"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="459 1635 497 1908"></td> <td data-bbox="497 1635 657 1908">b) Boring in hard rock</td> <td data-bbox="657 1635 705 1908"></td> <td data-bbox="705 1635 874 1908">200m (for projects of length < 110 km) or 300m (for projects of length > 110 km)</td> <td data-bbox="874 1635 965 1908"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In case Geotechnical investigations of</p>	11	*Sub-Soil Investigation (Boring)	Rate	Qty.	Amount (Rs)		a) Boring in all type of soils (other than hard rock)		1500m (for projects of length < 110 km) or 2000m (for projects of length > 110 km)			b) Boring in hard rock		200m (for projects of length < 110 km) or 300m (for projects of length > 110 km)		<p>Geotechnical investigation requirement has been amended as per requirement of Feasibility requirement. The sub-soil investigation at every 100 m or part thereof in river bed and one in approach should be carried out as per IRC: SP: 54-2018. Please refer to Corrigendum-II.</p>
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		<p>the amount as mentioned above are to be carried out, the 4 months of Feasibility time is very less.</p> <p>Time period should be atleast 10 months.</p>	
7.	<p>RFP/Data Sheet/Clause 12.2 (B)</p> <p>(Material testing, survey and investigation, equipment and software proposed to be used)</p>	<p>Many Govt. bodies like NHAI, MORTH, NHIDCL, decided according to circular letter no. RW/NH-33044/24/2020-S&R (P&B), that "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>We request you to incorporate the same.</p>	<p>Provision of full score for either of ownership or hire purchase or other option such as leasing etc. has been made. Please refer Corrigendum-II.</p>
8.	<p>RFP/Data Sheet/Clause 12.4</p> <p>(Third stage - Evaluation of Financial proposal)</p> <p>"The weight given to Technical Proposal (T) = 0.70. The weight given to Financial Proposal (f) = 0.30"</p>	<p>Request you to make evaluation as per standard practice of Technical- 80 and Financial- 20.</p>	<p>Evaluation criteria has been amended for 80 (Technical) and 20 (Financial) % weightage. Please refer Corrigendum-II.</p>
9.	<p>General</p>	<p>Please specify the local authority who will provide permissions for Topography Survey, Traffic Survey etc.</p> <p>Who is the authority of Bangladesh for this project and who will be the funding authority?</p> <p>Also, which NHIDCL office will</p>	<p>The Project shall be taken up with the consent of Government of Bangladesh through Ministry of External Affairs. The Local Authority shall be designated by Government of Bangladesh. NHIDCL shall facilitate the Selected Consultant.</p>



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		facilitate the project ?	
10.	General	Is there any connection to Bangladesh since end-to-end connector will be required?	
11.	General: Location	We request you to provide the KMZ file of this project. Tentative alignment. Is this a total Greenfield sections.	This is within the Scope of the Consultant as a part of feasibility report requirement.
12.	General: Hydrology information	Bathymetry survey has to be carried out? Or is there any available data.	As per RFP.
13.	General: Visa	Will client facilitate multiple Visa entry provision for this project.	Yes, NHIDCL shall extend all the facilitation to the Selected Consultant.
14.	General: The time and date of submission: Dt. 19.12.2022 up to 15:00 Hrs.	We request you to extend the bid date submission by 2 weeks from the date of issuance of clarifications as per standard practice.	Bid due date has been extended by 21 days. Please Refer Corrigendum-III.

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