

The representative of firms sought certain clarifications on evaluation criteria fixed for empanelment in the pre bid meeting held on 18.01.2017 and 23.01.2017.

A) The details of criteria fixed, clarification sought and clarification from NHIDCL on the respective point is as under:

S. No.	Parameters	Clarifications sought	Clarification given
1.	Length of experience of providing legal services in Highways/ Infrastructure sector of Govt. of India/ State Govt./ Autonomous bodies. (The applicants/ firms have to submit documentary proof thereof and a list of clients).	Whether the length of experience is required of the firm or of the Lawyers.	Length of experience of only Firms will be considered for evaluation under this point.
2. (a)	Number of qualified lawyers enrolled in respective state bar council (Please indicate enrolled number and enclosed a copy of the same) engaged in the firm, having experience of more than 10 years in providing legal services in highways/ Infrastructure sector Govt. of India/ State Govt./ Autonomous bodies. (The applicants/ firms have to furnish CVs of the lawyers/ Law Consultant firm engaged in the firm.	Whether the length of experience is required of the firms or of the Lawyers.	The criteria relates only to lawyers engaged with firm under this point.
2 (b)	Number of professional(s) having B.Tech (Civil/ Diploma in Civil Engineering engaged in the firm. The applicant/ firms must submit proof thereof along with their proposals and enclosed CVs of such professionals).	What proof is required to be furnished for 2(b)	Document relating to engaging an expert having requisite qualification be submitted. Where the law firm are hiring such services on case to case basis, the CVs of empanelled consultant being hired by them be provided.
4.	Level of client satisfaction (certificate from clients organization to be attached)	What document to be accepted as client satisfaction.	Certificate(s) issued by clients towards their satisfaction level will only be accepted.
5.	Sound financial standing of the applicants/ firms in terms of annual turnover, during the last three years i.e. 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 (relevant certificate from CA must be appended.	As the criteria of evaluation are high with respect to rates offered in EOI, the criteria may be reconsidered for reduction.	Criteria for evaluation remains unchanged.

B) Additional queries regarding schedule of charges work raised which were clarified as under:

S.No.	Query	Clarification given
1.	Regarding fixed schedule of fees (S.No. 9) clarification was sought whether the rates of Rs.7500/-, Rs.5,000/- and Rs.2,500/- for conference meeting are on "Per conference basis" or are "in respect of multiple conferences/meetings in respect of a particular or single court case".	The rates are notified in EOI are for per activity (each event).
2.	Regarding fixed schedule of fees (S.No. 10) clarification was sought whether the rates of Rs.9,000/-, Rs.9,000/- and Rs.2,500/- for appearance (Advocates upto 15 years of practice) are on per appearance or are in respect of multiple appearance in respect of particular/single court case.	The rates are notified in EOI are for per activity (each event).
3.	Clarifications was also sought to know whether proprietorship firm can apply and what proof they need to submit.	Propriety firm can also apply with a proof of their incorporation duly certified by qualified Chartered Accountant supported by IT returns.
4.	What all areas shall be considered as Infrastructure Sector.	Sector must be infrastructure but the work can be of general in nature.
5.	What would be the charges fixed for appearing before the tribunals.	National Green Tribunal to be treated at par with High Court

Note: It is further notified that the work will be awarded to the firms who fulfills the criteria indicated in EOI and clarification(s) to the pre bid meeting notified on NHIDCL's website, initially for a period of two years which can be extended for another period of one year upon satisfactory performance, on the same terms & conditions.