

Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report and providing Pre-Construction activities for the Construction of a Road Tunnel and its approaches Enabling All Weather Connectivity along the Mughal Road in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Reply to Queries of Bidders

Sl. No.	Clause	Description	Suggestions/Query	Reply
1.	Additional Point	<p>Taxes</p> <p>As per the Notification dated 31st March 2015, Finance Department, Civil Secretariat, Government of Jammu and Kashmir (copy attached) state that:</p> <p>SRO 105 - In exercise of powers conferred by Section 4 of the Jammu and Kashmir General Sales Tax Act, 1962, the Government hereby direct that in schedule "B" to notification SRO 117 of 2007 dated 30.03.2007, the following amendments has been made to include namely:</p> <p>(II) - Point 26</p> <p>Services provided by Consultants, including survey, feasibility, exploration and impact assessment including technical testing / analysis services other than those already included in this schedule.</p>	<p>By this Notification, Consultants understand that 12% tax (General Sales Tax) shall be applicable on Consultancy Services and same shall be deducted by the Client while making payment to Consultants invoices.</p> <p>Kindly confirm that our understanding is correct.</p>	As per RFP.
2.	Clause 6.3(a) of SCC	<p>Advance Payment</p> <p>As per Clause 6.3 (a) of GCC and SCC, no advance payment shall be made to the Consultant.</p>	<p>In this regard, we would like to submit that based on revised Payment Schedule issued by the Client in Annexure "B" for Amendment No. 4, the Consultants shall have to invest large amount of funds to carryout Geotechnical and other Investigations during initial stage of the project. For this, the Consultants shall have to make arrangement to</p>	As per RFP

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			<p>mobilize drilling rig & other specialized equipment in difficult terrain area of the J&K involving large investment.</p> <p>Since, payment for this task shall be made only after submission and approval of Geotechnical Report, it is difficult for the Consultants to arrange funds from their own resources which is difficult and will affect their cash flow.</p> <p>Keeping in view, the nature of the work involved in carrying out the aforesaid assignment, the Client may consider to provide minimum 10% as mobilization advance against submission of Bank Guarantee of the equivalent amount, which will remain effective till the advance payment has been full set-off during subsequent payments.</p>	
3.	Sr. No. 2 of Uploaded Financial Format	<p>Sub Professional Staff Sr. No. 2.01 to 2.05 – 7.0 man months given in each row.</p>	In the uploaded Financial Format, man months of Sub-Professional Staff are given. In this regard, it is requested to kindly provide the appropriate Positions for the same or the Consultants' should be given the flexibility to enter the positions and their respective man-months as per their methodology.	As per RFP
4.	Amendment No.4, S. No. 26	<p>Manning Schedule The man months of Tunnel Design Expert has been modified from 6 to 4. However in the uploaded Financial Format, same has not been modified.</p>	<p>Kindly modify the input of Tunnel Design Expert in the uploaded financial format also as:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">At Site - 1 mm At Design Office - 3 mm Total - 4 mm</p>	As per the Amendment no.4. The bidders are requested to upload their financial bids as per the format. Necessary correction as to the man month shall be made in the financial bids as per Amendment no 4.
5.	Amendment No. 4, Clause 2.4.2 Page 5/15 and Annexure C of Amendment No.4,	<p>Tunnel Design Expert As per Amendment No. 5, Enclosure II, Page 2 of 9, Post Graduation in Tunnel / Structural Engineering or equivalent is required.</p> <p>Whereas, as per amendment No. 5, Clause 2.4.2 Page no. 5/15, Post Graduation in Tunnel/ Mining</p>	<p>The Consultants understand that amended Clause 2.4.2 - Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment will be considered for evaluation.</p> <p>This may please be confirmed.</p>	It is confirmed that amended clause 2.4.2 - Evaluation criteria, will be considered for evaluation.

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	Enclosure II, Page 2 of 9	Engineering is required.		
6.	Amendment No. 4, Clause 2.4.3 Page 7/15 <i>and</i> Annexure C of Amendment No. 4, Enclosure II, Page 3 of 9	Senior Geologist As per Amendment No. 5, Enclosure II, Page 3 of 9, Post Graduation in Geology/related field is required. Whereas, as per amendment No. 5, Clause 2.4.3, Page 7/15, Post Graduation Degree in Geology / Geotechnical Engineering / related field is required.	The Consultants understand that amended Clause 2.4.3 - Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment will be considered for evaluation. This may please be confirmed.	It is confirmed that amended clause 2.4.3 - Evaluation criteria, will be considered for evaluation.
7.	Amendment No. 4, Clause 2.4.4 Page 8/ 15 <i>and</i> Annexure C of Amendment No. 4, Enclosure II, Page 4 of 9	Senior E&M Expert As per Amendment No. 5, Enclosure II, Page 4 of 9, minimum 15 years experience on Tunnel Projects is required. Whereas, as per Amendment No. 5, Clause 2.4.4, Page 8/17, minimum 10 years experience on Tunnel Projects is required.	The Consultants understand that amended Clause 2.4.4 - Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment will be considered for evaluation. This may please be confirmed.	It is confirmed that amended clause 2.4.4 - Evaluation criteria, will be considered for evaluation.
8.	Amendment No. 5, Clause 2.4.6 Page 10/ 15 <i>and</i> Annexure C of Amendment No. 5, Enclosure II,	Material cum Geotechnical Engineer As per Amendment No. 5, Enclosure II, Page 8 of 9, minimum 8 years experience on Tunnel projects in design and/or construction is required. Whereas, as per amendment No. 5, Clause 2.4.6, Page 10/15 minimum 8 years experience on Highway projects in design and/or construction is required.	The Consultants understand that amended Clause 2.4.6 - Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment” will be considered for evaluation. This may please be confirmed.	It is confirmed that amended clause 2.4.6 - Evaluation criteria, will be considered for evaluation.

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9.	Additional point	Extension of date	We request your goodself to please accord us at least 3 weeks' time extension after responding to our above queries. This will enable us to address these issues and comply with the amendments made.	As per Amendment no 5.

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