

NATIONAL HIGHWAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

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REPLY TO PRE-BID MEETING HELD ON 03.08.2023

NHIDCL/DPR/Assam/Brahmaputra/Numaligarh/172830/ 2607

Date: 09.08.2023

Sub: Consultancy Services for preparation of Detailed Project Report and for Pre-Construction activities towards Construction of 4-lane Tunnel Connectivity across River Brahmaputra between Gohpur (on NH-15) and Numaligarh (on NH-715) in the State of Assam.

Tender ID: 2023_NHIDC_763416_1

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>Reference item in RFP</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Detailed Description/Query</u>	<u>NHIDCL Reply</u>
1	Letter of Invitation (LOI); Clause 6; Performance Security	The consultant will furnish within 15 days of the issue of Letter of Acceptance (LOA), an unconditional e-Bank Guarantee (eBG) only equivalent to 5% of the total contract value from Public Sector Banks or Scheduled Private Banks having the Net Worth of Rs 1,000/- crores or more as per the latest annual report of the bank, in favour of the Authority. The e-BGs issued by 'Foreign Banks' and Banks not mentioned in the given list shall not be accepted.	We request you to please allow consultants to submit e-Bank Guarantee equivalent to 3% of the total contract value, as allowed in other DPR projects of NHIDCL from scheduled Banks or may also allow consultants to submit Performance Security in the form of Insurance Surety Bonds on yearly renewal basis. Very few banks are mentioned in the given list or may be the banks mentioned in the given list is incomplete. Please check and confirm. The Government of India; Ministry of Finance has issued an Office Memorandum No. F.1/1/2022-PPD dated 02.02.2022 for furnishing Performance Security in the form of Insurance Surety Bond. We request you to please check and may amend.	As per RFP.
2	Data Sheet; Evaluation Criteria; Table-1: Min. Eligibility Requirements;		We understand that "consultant should have Experience of preparation of Detailed Project Report of two/four/six lane for Road / Railway / Metro using TBM / NATM / Immersed Tunnel of aggregate length more than 12 Kms." will be considered for minimum eligibility requirement. Please confirm. Further, we understand that "Submerged/ underwater tunnel" experience is not mandatory under minimum eligibility requirement and Second stage technical evaluation. Please confirm and request you to give the clarity on the word "preferably".	As per RFP.
3		Additional Request	We request you to please consider DPR / Design tunnel projects for under minimum eligibility requirement and Second stage technical evaluation.	As per RFP.
4	Data Sheet; Evaluation Criteria; 12.2: Second stage technical evaluation (Refer 4.2)		we understand that "under river/sea/creek tunnel" experience is not mandatory under this criteria. Request you to please give clarity on the word "preferably".	As per RFP.
5	Data Sheet; Evaluation Criteria; 12.2:Second stage technical evaluation (Refer 5.2)		We request you to please ammend this criteria and award same marks on Owned facility for Material and field investigation as well as on Outsourced (hire basis) facility for Material and field investigation. MoRT&H and NHAI has allotted full marks for Outsourced (hire basis) facilities.	As per RFP.

6	Detailed Evaluation table for Key Personnel	1) Team Leader cum Senior Tunnel Expert 2) Tunnel Design Engineer 3) Senior Geotechnical Expert 4) Senior Geophysicist ** Similar Category in case of Tunnels means Tunnels for Road, Railway or metro using TBM / NATM/ Immersed Tunnel preferably under river/sea/creek having single tube (including tunnel(s) for roads/Railway /Metro/ Railways) having any one cross sectional dimension of atleast 6 meter for which RFP is invited. For this project experience of Twin tubes (including tunnel(s) for Roads/Railway /Metro rail etc.) having any one cross sectional dimension of atleast 6 meter also to be considered with a multiplication factor of 1.5.	For the mentioned position no. 1,2 & 3, under Experience in Similar capacity the required Experience in construction/construction supervision/ preparation of DPR/feasibility report of major tunnel** projects (Road/Rail/metro) using TBM/Immersed tunnel. We request you to please consider NATM tunnel experience also. In Similar category, request you to please consider Hydro tunnel also with cross sectional dimension of atleast 6 meter	As per RFP.
7	Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)	Bid submission End Date: 14.08.2023 1500 Hrs	We request you to please provide at-least 3 weeks' time to prepare and submit competitive bid after issuing of pre-bid replies.	As per RFP.
8	General	Eligible Firms	Will the firm who has prepared the Draft DPR of this project be eligible to bid for this assignment?	Yes.
9	Clause 6, Page No. 17	Performance Security The consultant will furnish within 15 days of the issue of Letter of Acceptance (LOA), an unconditional Bank Guarantee in the form E-Bank Guarantee (E-BG) equivalent to 5% of the total contract value.....	We suggest that it should be relaxed to 25 days. It takes a longer period for international firms to prepare and submit a Bank Guarantee.	As per RFP.
10	Clause 6, Page No. 17	Performance Security: The e-Bank Guarantee will be released by NHIDCL upon expiry of 3 years beyond the date of completion of services.....satisfactory report by NHIDCL in this regard is issued.	The time period of maintaining this security is not mentioned in the RFP. Request you to please provide the same.	As per RFP.
11	DATA SHEET, Sl. No. 3, Page No. 23	Duration of the Project: 6 months	In case requirement to carry out further surveys and investigations arises; more time will be required to complete the services mentioned in the scope. Will the client extend the project in that case? Please confirm.	As per RFP.

12	<p>Table-1: Minimum Eligibility Requirements, Page No. 25</p> <p>Clause 12.2, Second stage technical evaluation, A., Firm's relevant experience in last 15 years, S. No. 1 & 4, Page No. 26-27.</p> <p>Appendix-V, Detailed Evaluation Criteria, Page No. 163-164</p>	<p>Experience of preparation of Detailed Project Report/ Feasibility Study</p>	<p>Please note that Internationally Consultants carry out detailed design assignments and there is no DPR nomenclature. Kindly, therefore accept and evaluate detailed design assignments instead of DPR assignments.</p> <p>In the same logic, please allow Preliminary design assignments even if the word Feasibility is not mentioned in the name of the assignment or as a scope item.</p> <p>Even in India, DPR for Rail & Metro projects does not even involve preliminary design. This nomenclature (DPR) is not common even in India. They also term it as Detailed Design.</p>	As per RFP.
13	<p>Table-1: Minimum Eligibility Requirements, Page No. 25</p>	<p>DPR of two/ four/ six lane Highway/ Bridges/ Tunnel** for either Road, Railway or metro using TBM / NATM/ Immersed Tunnel preferably under river/ sea/ creek projects of aggregate length more than 65 kms in case of Highways/ Bridges or more than 12 kms in case of Tunnels** or more of 'Similar Category' for which RFP is invited.</p>	<p>Since this is majorly a Tunnel Project and Tunnel specialising firms are required for this complex assignment, we request that either only Tunnel projects should be considered or both Tunnel and Highway /Bridge projects.</p> <p>Please consider since the experience of Highways and Bridges is already being evaluated in the second stage evaluation.</p>	As per RFP.
14	<p>Clause 12.2, Second stage technical evaluation, A., Firm's relevant experience in last 15 years, S. No. 4.1A & 4.2A, Page No. 26-27.</p> <p>Appendix-V, Detailed Evaluation Criteria, Note, Page No. 163-164</p>	<p>DPRs of number of Tunnels** using TBM / NATM/ Immersed Tunnel for Rail/Metro/Road preferably under River/ Sea/ Creek</p>	<p>We understand that the Tunnel Projects considered here should also have the minimum length of tunnel as specified in the Table-1: Minimum Eligibility Requirements, Page No. 25 and it should be length of the single continuous tunnel in a project and not the aggregate tunnel length in a single project.</p> <p>Please confirm.</p>	As per RFP.
15	<p>Table-1: Minimum Eligibility Requirements, Note (iv) at Page No. 25</p>	<p>Similar project in case of highways/bridges means 2/4/6 lane as applicable for the project for which RFP is invited. For 2-lane projects experience of 4/6 lane also to be considered with a multiplication factor of 1.5. Experience of 4/6 lane shall be considered interchangeably for 4/6 laning projects. For 4/6 laning projects, experience of 2 lane will be considered with a multiplication factor of 0.4, but only for those 2 lane projects whose cost of consultancy services was more than Rs. 1.0 crore</p>	<p>As per std. RFP conditions applicable hitherto, this note mandates fee value of more than Rs. 3.0 crore.</p> <p>We request you to please modify the note accordingly.</p>	As per RFP.
16	<p>Clause 12.2, Second stage technical evaluation, B., Sl. No. 1-2, Page No. 28-29.</p> <p>Appendix-V, Detailed evaluation Criteria, B. Page No. 165-166</p>	<p>Material testing, survey and investigation, equipment and software proposed to be used.</p> <p>1. Material Testing Facilities 2. Field Investigation Facilities</p>	<p>We request that the experience of associate partner should be considered to get full marks for this criterion.</p> <p>Please confirm.</p>	As per RFP.

17	Clause 12.2, Second stage technical evaluation, C-3, Page No. 30 Appendix-V, Detailed Evaluation Criteria, Table No. 2.4.13, 2.4.14, 2.4.15, 2.4.16, 2.4.17 Page No. 186-191	Qualification and relevant experience of the proposed key personnel. The number of marks assigned during the evaluation of qualification and competence of key staff..... SI. No. 3 Employment with the Firm- 5 Marks	5 marks has been allotted for Employment with the firm in this clause. However, Table Nos. 2.4.13 (Team Leader cum Senior Tunnel Engineer), 2.4.14 (Tunnel Design Engineer), 2.4.15 (Senior Geotechnical Engineer), 2.4.16 (Senior Geophysicist), 2.4.17 (Senior E&M Expert) under Qualification and Competence of the Key Staff for adequacy of the Assignment at Page Nos. 186-191, each profile is carrying 10 marks under this criterion. But for 2.4.1 (Highway cum Pavement Engineer) & 2.4.12 (Bridge Structural Engineer) 5 marks has been allotted for Employment with the firm. Please clarify which table shall be applicable.	Refer Appendix-V of the RFP.
18	Appendix-I (TOR), Clause 4.1, SI. No. viii, Page No. 38	Detailed topographic surveys using LiDAR equipped with minimum engineering.....	Client to clarify if detailed Bathymetry survey is required to be conducted and a special BoQ item be added in this regard	As per RFP.
19	Appendix-I (TOR), Clause 4.11.1, Page No. 46	Reconnaissance and Alignment	Since the Draft DPR is already submitted, kindly confirm if the Alignment is finalised and no changes will be entertained by the Client.	Yes.
20	Appendix-I (TOR), Clause 4.13, Page No. 66	Environment and Social Impact Assessment	This section correctly defines the effort to be different for projects funded by the Gol and by ADB/WB. We understand that this Project will be Gol funded. There is a difference in the ESIA procedures to be adopted for the two. Hence please clarify if the EIA & SIA will be as per WB/ADB procedures or the EC from MoE&F is required to be obtained	As per RFP.
21	Appendix-I (TOR), Clause 4.13.1, Page No. 66	Environment Social Impact Assessment	Kindly let us know if a Wildlife impact assessment study and a Biodiversity Impact study has been conducted by the previous DPR Consultant since this is not part of the document uploaded by the Client? This is a very detailed and time taking exercise involving specific Subject Experts, especially for the underwater portion of the precarious Brahmaputra biodiversity.	All studies to be conducted to fulfil client requirements or for procuring clearances for the project based on requirement from any department.
22	Appendix-I (TOR), Clause 4.13.1, Page No. 66	Environment Social Impact Assessment	Kindly confirm if the Environment Clearance and Forest Clearance has been applied and approval received by the Client for this Project.	Environment Clearance and forest clearance needs to be applied.
23	Appendix-I (TOR), Clause 8, SI. No. 4, Page No. 82	The Consultants shall establish an office at the project site manned by senior personnel during the course of the surveys and investigations.	This work requires specialised Experts, software and Hi-end computing facilities. So, we request that: - The presence of Key personnel for specific time period (as specified in Enclosure-I, Manning Schedule, C, Pg. 112) should not be made mandatory at site. However, their presence for project review meetings should be made mandatory. This being a lumpsum contract, time-based assessment of Experts should not be made mandatory. -The DPR consultant is allowed to carry out their office-based work from their offices in India or any part of the World.	As per RFP.

24	Appendix-I (TOR), Clause 8, Sl. No. 5, Page No. 82	All key personnel and sub professional staff of the DPR Consultants shall use the fingerprint based (biometric) attendance system.....	As this assignment is Lumpsum contract, we request you to not insist on biometric attendance. Key personnel can be mandated to attend the meeting / discussions as desired by your good self on prior notice	As per RFP.
25	Appendix-I (TOR), Clause 9.2, Page No. 83	Preliminary design work should commence without waiting for feasibility study to be completed. Stage 3, 5 and 6 shall run in parallel with Stage 2 and 4	Fee for these scope items should be paid to the Consultant in case work is terminated early (Post Feasibility Study). Kindly confirm	As per RFP.
26	Appendix-I (TOR), Clause 10.3 3 iv) a) vii), Page No. 87	High resolution satellite/airborne imagery of the region	Please let us know if the Client will provide the same since this would have been procured at the DPR stage and available with the Client. And will the Client also provide the LiDAR data and previously prepared Digital Elevation Model?	As per RFP.
27	Appendix-I (TOR), Clause 10.7, Page No. 91	Utility Relocation Plan	Kindly inform us if this is available and the DPR consultant to be appointed need not take up this scope?	Utility Relocation Plan & Approvals from integral part of subject DPR Consultancy work.
28	Form III, Item No. IX, Page No. 155-156	Topographical Survey and Investigation	Please confirm that the payments will be made as per actual quantity and not as per quantity stated by Consultant in this Form, since quantities may increase or decrease as per ground conditions	As per BoQ & provisions in the Contract.
29	Form III, Item No. IX B, Page No. 155-156	Investigation (Fixed cost), S. No. 1-9	Since Draft DPR is already prepared and most of the investigation items listed in this table have already been taken up. Hence, we request that the client makes each of this item on actual as per assessment at site. Only rate may be quoted by the Consultant	As per RFP.
30	Appendix-V, Detailed Evaluation Criteria, Clause 2.4, Page No. 167-195 Major Tunnel projects.....	Kindly define 'major tunnel' projects to be considered for Key Personnel projects. Either in terms of length or Area / diameter.	As per RFP.
31	Appendix-V, Detailed Evaluation Criteria, Clause 2.4.13, Page No. 185-187	2.4.13- Team Leader cum Senior Tunnel Engineer, Criteria- II b) (d1) Experience in construction/ construction supervision/ preparation of DPR/ feasibility report of major tunnel** projects (Road/Rail/metro) using TBM/ Immersed tunnel	On the similar lines which are being followed in the firm experience, we request you to please modify these criteria as under. Criteria- II b) (d1) Experience in construction/ construction supervision/ preparation of DPR/ feasibility report of major tunnel** projects (Road/Rail/metro) using TBM/ NATM Immersed tunnel	As per RFP.

32	Appendix-V, Detailed Evaluation Criteria, Clause 2.4.14, Page No. 188-189	2.4.14- Tunnel Design Expert Criterion- II c) (iv) a) Experience as Tunnel Design Engineer (Structural) in preparation of DPR/ Feasibility report of major tunnel projects (Road/Rail/Metro) using TBM/Immersed Tunnel	On the similar lines which are being followed in the firm experience, we request you to please modify these criteria as under. Criteria- II c) (iv) a) Experience as Tunnel Design Engineer (Structural) in preparation of DPR/ Feasibility report of major tunnel projects (Road/Rail/Metro) using TBM/ NATM/ Immersed Tunnel	As per RFP.
33	Appendix-V, Detailed Evaluation Criteria, Clause 2.4.15, Page No. 190-191	2.4.15- Senior Geotechnical Engineer Criterion- II c) (iv) a) Experience in construction/ construction supervision/ preparation of DPR/feasibility report of major tunnel** projects (Road/ Rail/ metro) using TBM/Immersed Tunnel	On the similar lines which are being followed in the firm experience, we request you to please modify these criteria as under. Criteria- II c) (iv) a) Experience in construction/ construction supervision/ preparation of DPR/ feasibility report of major tunnel** projects (Road/Rail/metro) using TBM/NATM/ Immersed Tunnel	As per APPENDIX - V pf the RFP, "2.4.15 Senior Geotechnical Engineer has been mentioned.
34	Appendix-V, Detailed Evaluation Criteria, Clause 2.4.16, Page No. 192-193	2.4.16 Senior Geophysicist I General Qualification i) Graduate in Geophysics/Geo science/ Earth science or equivalent ii) Post Graduation in Geophysics/Geo science/ Earth Science or equivalent	We assume that Geology will be considered under this criterion since it is a Geo Science discipline. Please confirm.	Geology will be considered as equivalent stream in this case.
35	Appendix-V, Detailed Evaluation Criteria, Clause 2.4.16, Page No. 190-191	2.4.16 Senior Geophysicist evaluation criteria No. b(ii), b(iii) and b(iv) AEM survey for tunnelling/ mineral and oil exploration or any other similar work	We kindly request that the experience of resistivity survey and seismic refraction survey be included instead of AEM Survey. It is important to note that AEM Survey is not within the scope of the DPR Consultant. Uptill now, in NHIDCL all Indian Geophysicist CVs have failed since they cannot meet this requirement. Also, if we nominate an Expat there is no AEM to be carried out, so they will not be interested to come to India for just an electrical and resistivity/seismic refraction survey. Realising this, for the recently submitted (and now Retendered) Sheshnag Tunnel RFP, NHIDCL has allowed inclusion of Geophysical investigations along with AEM in the criterion for the Geophysicist's position. A copy of the same is enclosed for your reference. We hope the Client will, this time, heed our request.	The key personal should have experience in carrying out survey using refractometric /geophysical technique/AEM and interpreting, generating report from the raw data for tunneling/miniral exploration and for major tunnel work for road/railway/metro.
36	Appendix-V, Detailed Evaluation Criteria, Clause 2.4.17, Page No. 194-195	2.4.17 - Senior E&M Expert Sl. No. II c) (ii), c) (iii) & c) (iv) Experience as Tunnel Design Engineer (Structural)	Since the position is Senior E&M Expert, we understand that at Sl. No. II c) (ii), c) (iii) & c) (iv), Experience as E&M Expert/ E&M Engineer will be considered instead of Tunnel Design Engineer (Structural). Please confirm.	As per RFP.
37	Appendix-V, Detailed Evaluation Criteria, Clause 2.4.17, Page No. 194-195	2.4.17- Senior E&M Expert Criterion- II c) (iv) a) Experience as Tunnel Design Engineer (Structural) in preparation of DPR/ Feasibility report of major tunnel projects (Road/Rail/Metro) using TBM/ Immersed Tunnel	On the similar lines which are being followed in the firm experience, we request you to please modify these criteria as under. Criteria- II c) (iv) a) Experience as Tunnel Design Engineer (Structural) E&M Expert/ E&M Engineer in preparation of DPR/ Feasibility report of major tunnel projects (Road/Rail/Metro) using TBM/ NATM /Immersed Tunnel	As per RFP.

38	Appendix-V, Detailed Evaluation Criteria, Clause 2.4, Page No. 167-195	Major tunnel** projects	<p>In the evaluation criteria of most of the key positions, major tunnel** projects (Road/Rail/metro) using TBM/ Immersed Tunnel are being considered.</p> <p>However, the definition of ** below is as under. "Tunnels for Road, Railway or metro using TBM / NATM/ Immersed Tunnel preferably under river/sea/creek having single tube (including tunnel(s) for roads/Railway /Metro/ Railways) having any one cross sectional dimension of atleast 6 meter."</p> <p>By this, we understand that wherever Metro Tunnel** projects is written, Tunnels for Road, Railway or metro using TBM / NATM/ Immersed Tunnel will be considered.</p> <p>Please confirm.</p>	As per RFP.
39	General	Bid Submission Date	We request you to please extend the submission date by at least 2 weeks (from the date of release of Pre-bid minutes) to allow us to prepare a competitive bid as the documents have to be translated, apostilled and notarised which takes some time for international firms.	As per RFP.
40	Clause 2.1, TOR Appendix 1 Clause 3. Pg No. 33, 34,85	<p>The main objective of the consultancy service is "for review, optimization and value addition to the draft DPR prepared for providing 4 lane Tunnel Connectivity across River Brahmaputra between Gohpur and Numaligarh, establish the technical, economic and financial viability of the project and prepare detailed project reports for 4-lane tunnel connectivity".</p> <p>Scope of Services through Clause 10 (indicate full DPR scope including surveys and investigations.</p>	The above scope of services, as specified in the DPR, is not consistent with Clause 2.1 of the TOR. As the Draft DPR has already been made available to the bidders, it is requested to reconsider/revise the scope of services under point 2 above, to make it consistent with the main objective of the DPR.	As per RFP.
41	General Query		Given the importance of this unique project, for tunnelling under the Brahmaputra, and providing critical connectivity to cities in Assam, on either side of the river, to submit a technically strong proposal, it is requested to extend the deadline for submission by at least three weeks from the issuance of clarifications.	As per RFP.
42	Point No. V Bid Security Pg No. 10		Bid Security of Rs. 2,00,000/- shall be furnished in electronic form (e-BG) and not in the physical form. We request the client that all Schedule Commercial Banks including Foreign Bank to be included.	As per RFP.

43	SCC Cl. 2.1 (a) Page No. 17	Point No. 6 Performance Security	Performance Security @3% of the Contract Amount shall be furnished in electronic form (e-BG) and not in the physical form. We request the client that all Schedule Commercial Banks including Foreign Bank to be included.	As per RFP.
44	SCC Cl. 2.4 Pg. 211	Expiration of Contract	The duration of contract not mentioned. We request the client to share the duration of contract	As per RFP, 6 months.
45	SCC Cl. 3.4 Pg. 232		Period of Liability is not provided. We request the client to consider it to be 12 months from the last date of completion of Project.	Refer GCC, Cl. 7.2
46	SCC Cl. 3.5.C.(iv) Pg. 233	Risk and coverage	The Consultant shall provide to NHIDCL Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) for a period of Five years beyond completion of Consultancy services or as per Applicable Law, Five years beyond the Completion period is too long. The policy period shall be for the Project duration only. We request the client to consider the same. Further, the JV member shall be allowed to submit the PLI in their respective ratio as the BID will be submitted by the Unincorporate Consortium.	As per RFP.
47	GCC Cl. 4.5.2 & 4.5.6: Pg. 224	Removal and/or Replacement of Key Personnel.	Replacement of the Team Leader will not normally be considered and may lead to disqualification of the Applicant or termination of the Agreement. Replacement of one Key Personnel shall be permitted subject to reduction of remuneration equal to 5 % (five per cent) of the total remuneration specified for the Key Personnel who is proposed to be replaced. In case of second replacement the reduction in remuneration shall be equal to 10% (ten per cent) and for third and subsequent replacement, such reduction shall be equal to 15% (fifteen per cent). The maximum age limit of replaced key personnel shall be 65 years as on the date of submission of proposal for such replacement.	As per RFP.
48			If any member of the approved team of a consultant engaged by NHIDCL leaves that consultant before completion of the job, he shall be barred for a period of 6 months to 24 months from being engaged as a team member of any other consultant working (or to be appointed) for any other NHIDCL/ MoRTH projects. We request that there should be no replacement penalty in case of replacement CV with equal or better qualification and experience.	As per RFP.

49	SCC Cl. 6.3.a, Pg. 233	Advance Payment,	<p>No advance payment will be made.</p> <p>Please consider the inclusion of 10% Advance Payment</p>	As per RFP.
50	SCC Cl. 6.3.h, Pg. 222	Payment Schedule,	<p>Proof of salary transfer through electronic mode shall be submitted by the consultants with each bill. We request the client to please remove this provision</p>	As per RFP.
51	GCC Cl. 7.2, Pg. 229	Retention Money,	<p>An amount equivalent to 10% of the contract value shall be retained at the end of the contract for accuracy of design and quantities submitted and the same will be released after the completion of civil contract works or after 3 years from completion of consultancy services, whichever is earlier. The retention money will however be released by the Client on substitution by Bank Guarantee of the same amount valid upto the period as above. Out of this 15%, 10% shall be in the form of Bank Guarantee and 5% shall be the amount retained from Consultancy fee payable to the Consultant.</p> <p>Please confirm whether the retention amount is 10% or 15% as there is contradiction in the above said clause.</p>	As per RFP.
52	GCC Cl. 7.3 and 7.4, Pg. 224-225	Penalties and Debarments,	<p>There are different penalties for errors/variations and delay totaling to 15% of consultancy fees (Cl. 7.3.3).</p> <p>Further as per Cl. 7.3.4., the performance rating of the current work shall be considered for technical evaluation of the future DPR project.</p> <p>As per Cl. 7.4.2, In the case of major deficiencies in the Detailed Project Report involving time and cost overrun and adverse effect on reputation of NHIDCL, the firm shall be declared as non-performing and the firm will not be eligible for participating in future projects of the Ministry (including NHAI, NHIDCL, BRO, etc.) for a period of 5 years.</p> <p>We request the client to kindly remove the clause.</p>	As per RFP.
53	SCC Cl. 9.2.1 Pg. 233	Selection of Arbitrator,	<p>Here for dispute resolution, the Sole arbitrator is to be appointed and in case of failure to appoint such sole arbitrator, the Roads Congress, new Delhi has been entrusted with the authority to appoint the sole arbitrator. There is no provision of amicable settlement, neither of conciliation. Further there must be a tribunal of at least three arbitrators and the same must be neutral.</p>	<p>SCC Clause deleted. GCC Clause 9 to be referred.</p>
54	Note to Financial Proposal Format Pg. 153		<p>No escalation will be payable during the services Please include escalation in the price in case of consultancy period is more than 18 months</p>	As per RFP.

55	SCC Cl. 6.3.c, Pg. 227	Payment Schedule	No payment shall become eligible for the next stage till the consultant completes to the satisfaction of the client the work pertaining to the preceding stage.	As per RFP.
56	Appendix-V Detailed Evaluation Criteria Pg. 164, 165	<p>2. Second Stage Evaluation - Technical Evaluation (Para 12.2 of Data Sheet)</p> <p>A Firm's Relevant Experience (50)</p> <p>4.1A DPRs of number of Tunnels** using TBM / NATM/ Immersed Tunnel for Rail/Metro/Road preferably under River/Sea/Creek</p> <p>4.2A Aggregate length of DPR/ Feasibility study for Tunnel** using TBM / NATM/ Immersed Tunnel for Rail/Metro/Road preferably under River/Sea/Creek</p>	The maximum marks for the points 4.1A and 4.2A are mismatching with the bifurcation in the "Sub-Points" column. The maximum marks are 5 however the subpoints mentions that 4 marks will be awarded in case a consultant meets the criteria fully. Please clarify	As per RFP.
57	Clause 3.2.4 CVs of Key Persons	<p>Point (i) The CVs of four key personnel as mentioned in para 3.2.3(x) aboveis to be submitted...."</p> <p>....."CV must indicate the work in hand and the duration till which the person will be required to be engaged in that Assignment"</p> <p>Point (xi) "It may please be noted..... In case of Key Personnel proposed by the foreign company, they should be on its pay roll for at least last six months (from the date of submission of bids)</p>	We understand these references in clause do not have specific for this proposed RFP and hence are not applicable under the proposed RFP, we therefore request to kindly delete these phrases from the Point (i) and Point (xi) of Clause 3.2.4 of the RFP	As per RFP.
58	Clause 12.2 & APPENDIX-V:	<p>DETAILED EVALUATION CRITERIA</p> <p>Second Stage Technical Evaluation: A Firm's Relevant experience in last 15 yrs</p> <p>Point 5 (5A, 5B & 5C) ; RFP page No. 29</p> <p>Tunnel professionals, Bridge Professionals & Highway Professionals working with firm</p>	We understand for this specific RFP the CVs (In-House) submitted with Proposals on E-procurement portal will be considered against these sub clauses – kindly confirm	As per RFP.
59	Clause 12.2 & APPENDIX-V:	<p>DETAILED EVALUATION CRITERIA</p> <p>Second Stage Technical Evaluation : Material testing, survey and investigation, equipment and software proposed to be used (10); RFP page No. 29 /30</p>	We understand the Material testing, survey and investigation, equipment and software and Experience in LiDAR, GPR and Digitization of Cadastral Maps can be arranged from an Associate Firm by entering into an agreement (MoU) for providing such services and experience and full marks will be considered (if the Associate partner have such facilities and experience) for evaluation – Kindly confirm.	As per RFP.
60	APPENDIX-V:	<p>DETAILED EVALUATION CRITERIA</p> <p>Second Stage Evaluation -Technical Evaluation</p> <p>A. Firm's Relevant Experience (50)</p> <p>Sr. No. 3 Specific experience of firms in terms of turnover, RFP Page 167</p>	the marks mentioned are in reverse order, may kindly be corrected.	Ref. Corrigendum-I

61	APPENDIX-V:	<p>DETAILED EVALUATION CRITERIA (Page 167-168) Second Stage Evaluation -Technical Evaluation (Para 12.2 of Data Sheet) A. Firm's Relevant Experience (50) Sr. No. 4.1A, 4.2A</p>	<p>Maximum '5' marks are allocated for the Category. However, the breakup is given only up to the Maximum 4 Marks. Kindly reconcile.</p>	Ref. Corrigendum-I
62	APPENDIX-V:	<p>DETAILED EVALUATION CRITERIA Second Stage Evaluation -Technical Evaluation Clause 2.4.13 Team Leader cum Senior Tunnel Engineer S. No. (d1) "Experience in construction/ construction supervision/ preparation of DPR/ feasibility report of major tunnel** projects (Road/Rail/metro) using TBM/Immersed tunnel" <10 years - 0 marks >=10 – 12 years - 3 marks >12 years - 5 marks</p>	<p>We request to kindly reduce the experience by 2 years in each of the options of scoring under this sub-criteria; given the fact that total experience in the tunnel projects asked for the expert is 15 years and max. 12 years for TBM only, is little bit on higher side, we therefore request to kindly amend the sub-criteria as under: S. No. (d1) "Experience in construction/ construction supervision/ preparation of DPR/ feasibility report of major tunnel** projects (Road/Rail/metro) using TBM/Immersed tunnel". < 7 years - 0 marks >= 7 – 9 years - 3 marks >9 years - 5 marks</p>	As per RFP
63	APPENDIX-V	<p>DETAILED EVALUATION CRITERIA Second Stage Evaluation -Technical Evaluation •2.4.13 Team Leader cum Senior Tunnel Engineer •2.4.14 Tunnel Design Expert •2.4.15 Senior Geotechnical Engineer •2.4.16 Senior Geophysicist •2.4.16 Senior Sr. E&M (Tunnel) Experience in preparation of DPR or Feasibility report of major tunnel**projects(Road/Rail/Metro)</p>	<p>We request to kindly consider the experience in 'Design' of tunnels along with the DPR/Feasibility for these profiles under respective clauses of Second Stage Evaluation of Technical Proposal under Appendix -V</p>	As per RFP
64	APPENDIX-V	<p>DETAILED EVALUATION CRITERIA Second Stage Evaluation -Technical Evaluation Sr. No. III " Employment with Firm •2.4.13 Team Leader cum Senior Tunnel Engineer •2.4.14 Tunnel Design Expert •2.4.15 Senior Geotechnical Engineer •2.4.16 Senior Geophysicist •2.4.16 Senior Sr. E&M(Tunnel)</p>	<p>We have noted that the marks here for these positions are being considered '10' instead of '5' as standard practice of MoRTH, NHIDCI and NHA, even for other positions, itself in this very RFP, viz. Sr. Highway cum Pavement Engineer, Sr. Bridge/Structural Engineer, Environment Engineer, and all other position being considered '5' marks. We therefor request to kindly consider the marks under this sub-criterion for these positions '5' marks instead of 10 marks, more so this being the fact that age limit for these positions is upto 70 years and most of the experts will of post to superannuation of their services in individual capacity.</p>	As per RFP.

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66	APPENDIX-V	<p>DETAILED EVALUATION CRITERIA Second Stage Evaluation -Technical Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •2.4.16 Senior Geophysicist <p>(I) General Qualification (ii) Graduate in Geophysics/ Geo science/ Earth science or equivalent (iii) Post Graduation in Geophysics/Geo science/ Earth Science or equivalent</p>	<p>We understand the "Graduate in Science" will be consider under 'Equivalent' Criteria for this position if the person has Post Graduation in Geophysics/Geo science/ Earth Science or equivalent; since graduate in Geophysics/ Geo science/ Earth science are mostly crafted on University curricula on lateral stages and many professional who have Post Graduation on Geophysics/Geo science are Graduate in Science which has also been recognised by reputed Institutions like IIT Roorkee, etc. in the country.</p>	Graduation in science will be considered as equivalent stream in this case.
67	APPENDIX-V:	<p>DETAILED EVALUATION CRITERIA Second Stage Evaluation -Technical Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.4.16 Senior Sr. E&M (Tunnel) 	<p>We have observed that under Sub-Criteria Sl. No. c) onwards the experience has been asked for E&M Expert of Tunnel Design Engineer, which may kindly be corrected.</p>	As per RFP.
68		<p>Assumptions to be made regarding Similar Capacity for various Positions; RFP Page 192-164</p>	<p>We understand, if any proposed person has performed the tasks similar to position asked under Similar Capacity, those projects of the proposed persons will be considered under experience of Similar position – kindly confirm.</p>	As per RFP.
69	Clause 12.2	<p>Second stage technical evaluation A.Firm's relevant experience in last 15 years (50); RFP Page 29 & APPENDIX – V Detailed Evaluation Criteria; RFP Page 167</p> <p>Sr. No. 1,1,2,4 : Experience in DPR /Feasibility Report</p>	<p>In the Letter of Invitation (LOI) Clause No. 3.1.1 (ii) "Firm's Relevant Experience and performance for the last 15 years, where the 'Design' Experience has been considered as eligible project.</p> <p>We therefore request to kindly consider the Design experience along with DPR and Feasibility Reports as Eligible assignment for evaluation and scoring under Second stage evaluation.</p>	As stated above.

70	Data sheet clause 12.1 (iv)	<p>** Similar Category in case of Tunnels means Tunnels for Road, Railway or metro using TBM / NATM/ Immersed Tunnel preferably under river/sea/creek having single tube (including tunnel(s) for roads/Railway /Metro/ Railways) having any one cross sectional dimension of atleast 6 meter for which RFP is invited. For this project experience of Twin tubes (including tunnel(s) for Roads/Railway /Metro rail etc.) having any one cross sectional dimension of atleast 6 meter also to be considered with a multiplication factor of 1.5.</p>	<p>Tunnel projects from MoRTH/ BRO/NHIDCL/NHAI had minimum cross-sectional dimension/ diameter of 4.5 / 5 meters. It is requested that similar experience in last 15 years shall have tunnels (one tube) of diameter atleast 5 meters. Also, preference for underwater experience shall be</p>	As per RFP.
71	GCC Clause 7.2 Retention Money	<p>An amount equivalent to 10% of the contract value shall be retained at the end of the contract for accuracy of design and quantities submitted and the same will be released after the completion of civil contract works or after 3 years from completion of consultancy services, whichever is earlier. The retention money will however be released by the Client on substitution by Bank Guarantee of the same amount valid upto the period as above. Out of this 15%, 10% shall be in the form of Bank Guarantee and 5% shall be the amount retained from Consultancy fee payable to the Consultant</p>	Please accept the retention amount to 5% of the Contract Value.	As per RFP.
72	GCC Clause 7.3.2 Penalty for delay	<p>In case of delay in completion of services, a penalty equal to 0.05% of the contract value will be imposed and shall be recovered from payments due/performance security. However, in case of delay due to reasons beyond the control of the consultant, suitable extension of time will be granted on case-to-case basis.</p>	Please clarify the scenario if delay is caused due to non-receipt of payment to consultant as per the payment schedule.	As per RFP.
73	A. Firm's relevant experience in last 15 years	DPR of Bridge having length more than 200 m	<p>Similar to clause 1.2 scoring criteria, wherein either DPR or Feasibility study projects with longer length are acceptable, we request you to consider feasibility projects for Bridges as well.</p> <p>We request the client to modify the criteria as: •DPR of bridge having length more than 200m or Feasibility Study of bridge having length more than 400m</p>	As per RFP.
74	Clause 12.2 B- Material testing, survey & investigation, equipment, and software proposed to be used	Material testing, survey & investigation, equipment and software proposed to be used (10 Points)	We would like to draw your attention to the fact that as per the NHAI Guidelines, marks allocation for Owned /Outsourced should be same for material testing, survey and investigation & equipment's. Accordingly, we request you to modify the criteria in this RFP as well.	As per RFP.

75	Table 1 and clause 12.2	Table-1: Minimum Eligibility Requirements and 12.2 Second stage technical evaluation	As clarified in the previous call, we understand that Detailed Design consultancy works will be considered equivalent to DPR Consultancy work and Preliminary Design Consultancy work will be considered equivalent to Feasibility Study consultancy works. We request your kind confirmation.	As stated above.
76	Detailed CV requirement	1.Team Leader cum Senior Tunnel Engineer 2.Tunnel Design Expert 3.Senior Geotechnical Engineer 4.Senior Geophysicist 5.Tunnel E&M Expert	As per the existing criteria for the Key Professionals, there is a requirement for the candidate to have a long experience covering both supervision as well as Design stage. It is very difficult for a candidate with extensive design experience to also have extensive construction/construction supervision experience and vice-versa. We therefore strongly suggest the Client have a relook at the evaluation criteria for the Key Professionals.	As per RFP.
77	2.4.17 Detailed CV requirement	Sr. E&M Expert Position	We have observed that the detailed evaluation mentioned on page number 193 is different from the Minimum qualification mentioned on the page 123 for E&M Position. Request you to provide correct detailed evaluation for Senior E&M Position. Our suggested criterion for the Tunnel E&M Position is provided at Annexure 1	As per RFP.
78	2.7 Force Majeure	(a) For the purposes of this Contract, "Force Majeure" means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, and which makes a Party's performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible in the circumstances, and includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action (except where such strikes, lockouts or other industrial action are within the power of the Party invoking Force Majeure to prevent), confiscation or any other action by government agencies	Please confirm that the Covid-19 (Pandemic/Epidemic) and imposition of lockdown/lockdown restrictions by State/Central Govt. will remain to be considered as FM event so Consultant will be exempted from any penalties, extension of time granted, and related costs will need to be granted.	As per RFP.
79	3.6 Accounting, Inspection and Auditing	The Consultants (i) shall keep accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services hereunder, in accordance with internationally accepted accounting principles and in such form and detail as will clearly identify all relevant time charges and cost, and the bases thereof (including the bases of the Consultants' costs and charges), and (ii) shall permit the Client or its designated representative periodically, and up to one year from the expiration or termination of this Contact, to inspect the same and make copies thereof as well as to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Client.	Please clarify if internationally accepted accounting principles (Ind-As) are not applicable to the Consultant Company. Further please specify the grounds on which inspection can be called for.	As per RFP.


80	4.4 (b) Working Hours, Overtime, Leave, etc.	Any taking of leave by Personnel shall be subject to the prior approval of the Client by the Consultants, who shall ensure that absence for leave purposes will not delay the progress and adequate supervision of the Services.	Requiring the Consultant to submit individual leave applications for approval by the Client for each Key Personnel would impose unnecessary compliance burdens. Hence, we request you to remove this clause.	As per RFP.
81	Clause 7.1.1 Responsibility for Accuracy of Project Documents	The Consultant will also be responsible for correcting, at his own cost and risk, the drawings including any re-survey / investigations and correcting layout etc. if required during the execution of the Services.	We understand that the Consultant's liability under this Clause is covered by the provision of Clause 3.4 of Special Condition. Please confirm.	As per RFP.
82	Clause 7.1.2 Responsibility for Accuracy of Project Documents	The Consultant shall indemnify the Client against any inaccuracy / deficiency in the designs and drawings of the bridges and structures noticed during the construction and even thereafter and the Client shall bear no responsibility for the accuracy of the designs and drawings submitted by the Consultants.	We understand that this indemnity towards the Client is limited to the Contract value with reference Clause 3.4 of Special Condition. Please confirm.	As per RFP.
83	Clause 7.3.2 Penalty for delay	In case of delay in completion of services, a penalty equal to 0.05% of the contract price per day subject to a maximum 5% of the contract value will be imposed and shall be recovered from payments due/performance security. However, in case of delay due to reasons beyond the control of the consultant, suitable extension of time will be granted on case to case basis.	Please clarify the scenario in case the delay due to non-receipt of payment to the Consultant.	As per RFP.
84	Clause 7.4.1 Consultants' liability towards the Client	Consultant shall be liable to indemnify the client for any direct loss or damage accrued or likely to accrue due to deficiency in service rendered by him.	We understand that the Consultant's liability under this Clause is covered by the provision of Clause 3.4 of Special Condition. Please confirm.	As per RFP.
85	Clause 3.5 The risks and the coverage shall be as follows:	(i) The Consultant shall provide to NHIDCL Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) for a period of Five years beyond completion of Consultancy services or as per Applicable Law, whichever is higher.	A period of 5 years is unreasonably high. We suggest that the PLI duration be reduced to 2 years beyond completion of Consultancy services. Please accept.	As per RFP.

86	Clause 7.3.2 & 7.3.3	<p>7.3.2 Penalty for delay In case of delay in completion of services, a penalty equal to 0.05% of the contract price per day subject to a maximum 5% of the contract value will be imposed and shall be recovered from payments due/performance security. However, in case of delay due to reasons beyond the control of the consultant, suitable extension of time will be granted on case to case basis.</p> <p>7.3.3 Total amount of recovery from all penalties shall be limited to 15% of the Consultancy Fee</p>	<p>Clause .7.3.2 states penalties for delay as max 5% of the contract value whereas Clause 7.3.3 states total amount of recovery from all penalties is 15% of the Consultancy fee. Please clarify what other items of recovery includes in Clause 7.3.3 or Clause 7.3.2 figure will stand.</p> <p>In addition, we request that the maximum recovery shall be limited to 5% on account of all penalties applicable under this assignment</p>	As per RFP.
87	Clause 7.3.1 (iii) Penalty for error /variation	Variation of quantities of various items of Utilities shifting	<p>Consultant will define the Utility shifting quantities in discussion with Utility agencies during the time of finalizing of the DPR. If the project execution delays and additional utilities are warranted, it is our understand that this clause will then be not applicable.</p> <p>Please confirm.</p>	As per GCC Clause 7.3.1 (iii).
88	General	Proposal submission date	<p>Considering that this proposal will be heavily dependent on the inputs from international experts and teams, we request you to provide at least 2 weeks of time period for submission after reply to pre-bid queries are issued</p>	As per NIT/RFP.
89	6.3 Mode of Billing and Payment	(b) Payment Schedule	<p>The Client is kindly requested to review and modify the payment schedule as in the present form the payment items primarily relate to approvals of milestones and completion of works, over which the Consultant has no control regarding the timeline. It is our humble suggestion that the payment milestone be bifurcated as upon submission and upon approval.</p>	As per RFP.
90	TOR Clause 3 Page 34-110	Scope of Services	<p>Cl. 3.1 – ROW and Land related Aspects – Being a Validation of an existing DPR, the scope of ROW and Land Related Aspects may be modified as - "review and validation of the existing topographic survey, output in accordance with the requirements with IRC SP 84, and review and finalize the final topo survey" Clauses 3.1.1 through 3.3 may be deleted as the alignment is finalized.</p>	As per RFP.
91	TOR Clause 3.4 to 3.16	Approach to the provision and specification for structures	<p>As the Draft DPR already completes the structure design and being a validation study of the existing DPR, Clause may be modified as "review, validation of the existing structure provisions, specifications for structures, tunnels and highways, in accordance with the relevant IRC codes, and provide final designs" for EPC Contract "EIA, SIA EMP will be reviewed and any pending clearances from statutory and regulatory agencies will be done by the Consultant" Existing Clauses may kindly be deleted</p>	As per RFP.
92	Clause 4.1 to 4.10	General	<p>Other than Clause 4.7, the remaining clauses are not relevant to the study and may kindly be deleted. "The Consultant will review all the documents, validate and prepare the final documents"</p>	As per RFP.

93	Clauses 4.11.2, 4.11.2.1		Existing clauses may be deleted and replaced with "Review, Validate and finalize the DPR for the items under Clauses 4.11.2 and 4.11.2.1"	As per RFP.
94	Clause 4.11.3.2 Page 52	Pavement investigation	Existing clause may be deleted and replaced with "Review, Validate and finalize the Pavement design for the items under Clauses 4.11.3.2"	As per RFP.
95	Clause 3	Pavement Roughness	Clause is not relevant as there are no existing highways in this area. Clause may please be deleted	As per RFP.
96	Clause 4	Pavement Structural Strength	Clause is not relevant as there are no existing highways in this area. Clause may please be deleted	As per RFP.
97	Clause 4.11.3.3	Subgrade Characteristics and Strength	Clause is not relevant as there are no existing highways in this area. Replaced with "Consultant will review existing geotechnical and pavement materials data and validate"	As per RFP.
98	Clause 4.11.3.4	condition surveys for Bridges, Culverts and Structures	Existing clause may be deleted and replaced with "Review, Validate and finalize the condition survey in the DPR for the items under Clauses 4.11.4"	As per RFP.
99	Clause 4.11.4.4	Geotechnical investigations and Sub soil exploration"	Clause is not relevant as the geotechnical data is already available. May be Replaced with "Consultant will review existing geotechnical investigations and validate/finalize"	As per RFP.
100	Clause 4.11.5	Material Investigations	Clause is not relevant as the materials data is already available. May be Replaced with "Consultant will review existing material investigations and validate/finalize". Existing clause may please be deleted	As per RFP.
101	Clauses 4.12.3 -4.12.7		Existing clauses are not relevant and may be deleted, and replaced with "Detailed design will be reviewed, validated and finalized"	As per RFP.
102	Clauses 4.12.8 -4.12.11		Existing clauses are not relevant to the scope of this study and may be deleted, and replaced with "Road Safety design, Abroriculture and Landscaping design. Toll Plaza and its systems will be reviewed, validated and finalized in accordance with the relevant codes"	As per RFP.
103	Clause 4.13, pages 67-70		Existing clauses are not relevant to the scope of this study and may be deleted, and replaced with "Existing EIA, EMP, SIA, RAP will be reviewed, validated and finalized in accordance with the relevant codes"	As per RFP.
104	Clause 5.1.1-5.1.9, pages 70-78		Existing clauses are not relevant to the scope of this study and may be deleted, and replaced with "Existing LAP will be reviewed, validated and finalized in accordance with the requirements, and assist NHIDCL with clearance of 3A"	As per RFP.

105	Clause 5.2, pages 78-79		Existing clauses are not relevant to the scope of this study and may be deleted, and replaced with "Utility Shifting plan proposed in the DPR will be reviewed, validated and finalized in accordance with the relevant codes. Review and Validate the existing estimation and Cost Approval from the Client will be done"	As per RFP.
106	Clause 5.3-6.2, Pages 79-81		Existing clauses are not relevant to the scope of this study and may be replaced with "Existing Quantities, Project Costs, Viability and Financing Options and Bidding Process/Economic analysis and Financial Analysis will be reviewed, validated and finalized in accordance with the requirements of the project"	As per RFP.
107	Clause 9, Pages 83		Reports to be submitted by the Consultant to NHIDCL Given the scope of the study, there is no time or possibility to submit 8 reports in 6 months duration. Accordingly a maximum of two reports may be considered – Inception report and Final report	As per RFP.
108	Stage 1, Page 86		May please be deleted and replaced with "Review, validate and finalize QAP report"	As per RFP.
109	Stage 2	Feasibility Report	May kindly be deleted as this is not relevant to the scope of this study	As per RFP.
110	Stage 3 – Page 89-92		May kindly be deleted as this is not relevant to the scope of this study	As per RFP.
111	Stage 4 –Stage 8 pages 93-99		All stages may kindly be replaced with a single stage of Final report which will review, validate and provide the following 1. Final Design drawings for EPC contract 2. Final EIA, EMP, SIA, RAP 3. Final Technical Specifications to be followed by the EPC contractor 4. Final Cost Estimation 5. Final Works schedule 6. Final Construction Methodology for TBM 7. Final LA report 8. Utility report	As per RFP.
112	12. Payment Schedule		In view of the proposal above, the stage payment may be simplified into Inception Report – 40% Final Report – 50% Bidding Support – 5% Retention – 5% to be released upon award of works contract	As per RFP.
113	Supplement 1	Additional points for Hill Roads	May be deleted as this has no relevance to the project topography	As per RFP.
114	Supplement II	Additional Requirements for Bridges	May be deleted as this has no relevance to the project which is a tunnel and not bridge structure	As per RFP.

<u>115</u>	Supplement III	Additional Requirement for Safety Audit	May be deleted as this issue has been addressed in DPR stage	As per RFP.
<u>116</u>	Enclosure III	Schedule for submission of reports and documents	May be revised to Inception Report and Final Report after 1 month and 6 months from commencement date	As per RFP.
<u>117</u>	Enclosure IV	Formats for submissions of reports and documents	May kindly be deleted as the data is already addressed in DPR	As per RFP.


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