

**National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited**

**Reply to Pre-Bid Queries**

**Name of the Project: Consultancy services for Authority's Engineer for Supervision of Construction, Operation and Maintenance of 2-Lane bi-directional Zojila Tunnel with Parallel Escape (Egress) Tunnel excluding approaches on Srinagar-Leh Section connecting NH-1 at km 95.00 and at km 118.00 in the State of Jammu & Kashmir on EPC Basis.**

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2)	Amendment 3, Point 28, Sl. IV	<p>Detailed Evaluation Criteria</p> <p>2.1 Firms Relevant Experience</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>IV</td> <td>Experience in DPR preparation/Design/Feasibility Study of tunnel projects of tunnel length equal to or more than 4.29 Km in a single stretch in last 12 years.</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(i)</td> <td>1 project: 4 marks</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(ii)</td> <td>Add 0.5 (zero point two five) marks extra for each additional project subject to maximum 1 mark.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	IV	Experience in DPR preparation/Design/Feasibility Study of tunnel projects of tunnel length equal to or more than 4.29 Km in a single stretch in last 12 years.	5	(i)	1 project: 4 marks		(ii)	Add 0.5 (zero point two five) marks extra for each additional project subject to maximum 1 mark.		<p>The Consultants would also like to clarify that the additional marks allotted for each additional project is 0.5 or 0.25.</p> <p>This may kindly be clarified.</p>	Please refer to Amendment no. 7.
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3)	Point 9, Amendment 3, Modified Provision issued by NHIDCL	<p>Goods and Services Tax as applicable minus input tax credit as objectively determined and effective with effect from 01.07.2017 shall be paid to the consultant while making payment for services rendered. The consultants shall then deposit the same with the tax authorities and provide a proof of having done so within next 90 days in line with policy circulars issued by Employer.</p>	<p>In the current framework of GST, provisions and rules made thereunder, the Client is liable to pay the whole amount of GST charged on the Invoices without deducting any amount related to the Input tax credit booked by the supplier. No provisions in the IGST Act, SGST Act or UTGST Act allow the deduction of Input tax credit by the customer while making payment of GST to the supplier.</p> <p>Further, the GST has introduced a</p>	Please refer to Amendment no. 7.									

		Employer shall pay only the GST input tax credit as applicable.	computerized process under which each registered tax payer gets a dashboard on the GST website where they get 3 electronic ledgers namely, E Cash ledger, E Credit Ledger & E liability Ledger. These ledgers reflect the amount of tax payable, input credit balance and on adding money to the cash ledger the tax payer will be able to settle the tax liability online. With the introduction of digitization & computerized process in GST the requirement of submission of tax challans and/or duly certified by Chartered Accountant should hence become redundant. Therefore the Clause of submission of challans should be paid along with Invoice Payments without any Caveat. In view of the above, we request the Client to modify the Clause as given below: “Goods and Services Tax applicable with effect from 01.07.2017 shall be paid to the Consultant in full along with the Invoice amount as per the prevailing law while making payment for services rendered”	
4)	Additional point	Extension of Date	It is requested that the date of submission of the proposal may please be extended and a period of at least 3 weeks may please be granted for preparation of the proposal from the date of issue of clarifications so that our Experts can prepare a comprehensive proposal addressing all issues of the RFP document/ ToR.	Please refer to Amendment No. 6.
5)	Clause 10.1	Firms that have been incorporated in such countries having common	We would like to submit below facts: 1. During discussion in pre-bid conference	It is confirmed that the said clause shall not be operable in respect of



		border with India are covered under this clause. However, it is clarified that the clause shall continue to apply in respect of persons/personnel who have their citizenship of such countries.	<p>on 06.09.2017, it was clarified by NHIDCL that the mentioned clause shall be evoked but the reply has different outcome.</p> <p>2. AECOM is a global engineering consultancy firm (No.1 ranked by ENR) listed in USA and operating in 150 countries through different geographical regions.</p> <p>3. Indian operation comes under Asian region whose registered office is in Hong Kong.</p> <p>4. This office was registered in 1986.</p> <p>5. AECOM Asia Co. Lt. is executing number of projects with various Indian Government authorities i.e. NHIDCL, NHAI, Indian Navy, Railways, and Metros etc.</p> <p>Keeping all in view we understand that this clause shall not operate in our case. -Please confirm.</p>	<p>the firms incorporated in Hong Kong.</p> <p>However, the clause shall continue to apply in respect of citizen of the countries having common border with India.</p>
6)	Extension of Bid Due Date		<p>We understand that this is a huge project of national importance and to putting up a suitable team of professionals for the project is crucial and it is rather a time consuming task also. Further, in view of the latest amendment to the RFP and replies to queries issued by NHIDCL, we need time to review our tender preparations again. Therefore, it is requested that the date of submission of proposal may please be extended by atleast by 3 weeks enabling us to compile a competitive bid.</p>	<p>Please refer to Amendment no. 6.</p>
7)	Extension of Bid Due Date		<p>Considering the recent publication of Amendment. 5 and the Reply to pre-bid</p>	<p>Please refer to Amendment no. 6.</p>

			queries on 21.09.2017 and the upcoming occasion of festivals, we would like to request for extension of the last date of submission for atleast 10 days more.	
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