

Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report and providing Pre-Construction activities in respect of the following stretches on NH-244 (old NH-1B) in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

- (i) **Sudhmahadev- Dranga Tunnel of approx. length 4.5 Km and its approach roads on Chenani - Sudhmahadev – Goha road portion.**
- (ii) **Vailoo Tunnel of approx length 10.00 Km under Sinthan Pass and its approach roads on Goha- Khellani- Khanabal road portion.**

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, the 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.

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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. 5, 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 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 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 providing 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>	As per RFP.
3.	Sr. No. 2 of Uploaded Financial Format	<p>Sub-Professional Staff</p> <p>Sr. No. 2.01 to 2.05 – 8.0 man months given in each row.</p>	<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.</p>	As per RFP.
4.	Amendment No. 5, S. No. 28	<p>Manning Schedule</p> <p>The man months of Tunnel Design Expert has been modified from 7 to 5. However, in the uploaded Financial Format, the same has not been modified.</p>	<p>Kindly modify the input of Tunnel Design Expert in the uploaded Financial Format also as:</p> <p>At Site - 1 mm At Design Office - 4 mm Total - 5 mm</p>	<p>As per the Amendment no.5 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.5</p>
5.	Amendment	Tunnel Design Expert	The Consultants understand that amended	It is confirmed that amended clause

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	No. 5, Clause 2.4.2 Page 7 of 17 <i>And</i> Annexure C of Amendment No.5, Enclosure II, Page 2/9	As per Amendment No. 5, Enclosure II, Page 2/9, Post Graduation in Tunnel / Structural Engineering or equivalent is required. Whereas, as per Amendment No. 5, Clause 2.4.2, Page 7 of 17, Post Graduation in Tunnel / Mining Engineering or equivalent is required.	Clause 2.4.2 - Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment will be considered for evaluation. This may please be confirmed.	2.4.2 - Evaluation criteria, will be considered for evaluation.
6.	Amendment No. 5, Clause 2.4.3 Page no. 9 of 17 <i>and</i> Annexure C of Amendment No. 5, Enclosure II, Page 3/9	Senior Geologist As per Amendment No. 5, Enclosure II, Page 3/9, Post Graduation in Geology / related field is required. Whereas, as per Amendment No. 5, Clause 2.4.3, Page 9 of 17, 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. 5, Clause 2.4.4 Page 10 of 17 <i>And</i> Annexure C of Amendment No. 5, Enclosure II, Page. 4/9	Senior E&M Expert As per Amendment No. 5, Enclosure II, Page 4/9, minimum 15 years experience on Tunnel Projects is required. Whereas, as per Amendment No. 5, Clause 2.4.4, Page 10 of 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 12 of 17 <i>and</i>	Material cum Geotechnical Engineer As per Amendment No. 5, Enclosure II, Page 8/9, minimum 8 years	The Consultants understand that amended Clause 2.4.6 - Evaluation Criteria for assessment of Key Staff for the Assignment will be considered for evaluation.	It is confirmed that amended clause 2.4.6 - Evaluation criteria, will be considered for evaluation.

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	Annexure C of Amendment No.5, Enclosure II, Page. 8/9	experience on Tunnel projects in design and/or construction is required. Whereas, as per Amendment No. 5, Clause 2.4.6 Page 12 of 17, minimum 8 years experience on Highway projects in design and/or construction is required	This may please be confirmed.	
9.	Additional point	Extension of date	We request your good self 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 6.

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