

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.	Sr. No. 1 of Pre Bid Reply dated 26.05.2017	<p>Taxes:</p> <p>At Sr. No.1 of Pre Bid Reply of 26.05.2017, we had raised following query on taxes. On the same the Client's response is "As per RFP".</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</p>	<p>The Consultants would like to mention that it has remain unanswered that 12% tax (General Sales Tax) is applicable on Consultancy Services or not.</p> <p>Further, as per RFP, there is FORM-II Summary of Cost in Local Currency given in Financial Format at Page 135, where we shall show the applicable taxes. However, in Uploaded Financial Format i.e. "BOQ_200582" do not have any Summary Sheet where we shall cater for applicable Taxes.</p> <p>Therefore, kindly modify the uploaded Financial Format and add the Summary Sheet where Consultants shall be able to cater for applicable taxes, if any.</p>	<p>Please refer Amendment no. 8. Employer shall reimburse only service tax. Consultant has to asses all other taxes and should quote the amounts in financial proposal including all taxes (except service tax), duties, fees, levies and other impositions levied under the existing, amended or enacted laws (prevailing 7 days before the last date of submission of bids). These taxes shall not be paid/ reimbursed separately and the Client shall perform such duties in regard to the deduction of such tax as may be lawfully imposed.</p> <p>Please refer to clause 1.10 of the Special Conditions of Contract under Appendix-VI (Draft Contract Agreement) of RFP.</p>

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		<p>services other than those already included in this schedule.</p> <p>By above 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 our understanding is correct.</p>		
2.	<p>Sr. No. 3 of Pre Bid Reply dated 26.05.2017</p>	<p>Man Month of Sub-Professional Staff</p> <p>The Client's reply is "As per RFP".</p>	<p>Kindly note that as per RFP (Page 136), Man Months for Sub-Professional Staff are not given, but in the uploaded Financial Format, "BOQ_200582", 8 man-months are given against Sr. no.2.01 to 2.05</p> <p>In this regard you are requested to kindly remove the man month given in Uploaded Financial Format and the Consultant's should be given the flexibility to enter the positions and their respective man-months as per their methodology.</p>	<p>Please refer Amendment no. 8. The Consultant should quote the amounts in financial proposal as per the man-months given in the uploaded Financial Format.</p>

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3.	Sr. No. 4 of Pre Bid Reply dated 26.05.2017	<p>Man-Month of Tunnel Design Expert</p> <p>The Client's response is:</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>	<p>The Consultant observed that Man-Month of Tunnel Design Expert is not updated in Uploaded Financial Format "BOQ_200582" as per Amendment No.5.</p> <p>You are kindly requested to modify the man-months of Tunnel Design Expert in the uploaded Financial Format</p>	As per amendment no 8
4.	Additional point	Extension of date	We request your goodself to please accord us at least 2 weeks' time extension after responding to our above queries. This will enable us to address these issues and comply with the amendments made.	Please refer to Amendment no 7

It may please be noted that the bid due date, 15.06.2017 (1700 hrs) remains unchanged.

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