

## Reply to Pre Bid Queries

**Name of work: Consultancy Services for Feasibility Study, Preparation of Detailed Project Report and providing pre-construction services for construction of new 2-lane Road Bridge across River Brahmaputra in Jogighopa in the State of Assam.**

Sl. No.	Clause No	Context	Query	Reply
1	Clause 2, Page-3	<b>Construction of new 2-Lane Bridge</b> In the NIT it is mentioned that proposed consultancy is for construction of new 2-lane bridge across river Brahmaputra at Jogighopa.	As there is an already existing 2-lane road cum rail bridge at Jogighopa, is the new bridge additional 2-lane bridge or a new bridge at a different site.	Yes
2	Annex-1, Page 20	<b>Package Length</b> Package length (in Km) – 2.3 Indicative length (in Km) (For Evaluation Purpose only) – 46 km.	The indicative length of the package for evaluation purpose only is not clear. The same may be clarified.	As the Eligibility has to be determined based on the Highway Length, a multiplication factor of 20 has been considered to convert Bridge length into equivalent highway length on the basis of capital cost involved.
3	Table-1: Minimum eligibility requirements, Page 24	<b>Annual Average Turnover</b> Annual average turnover for last 5 years of the firm should be equal to or more than Rs. 5.00 Crores.	In the case of proposed bridge across Brahmaputra, the total cost will be huge. Therefore the annual average turnover for the last 5 years indicated as Rs. 5 Crores appears to be less and may be raised to Rs. 25 Crores.	As per RFP
4	Table-A (Firm's relevant experience in last 7 years (25), Page 26	DPR for Special Bridge Projects	With the given criteria, the Consultants understand if any single contract has more than one Cable Stayed, Extradose, Segmental and Balance Cantilever bridge, <b>each single bridge is that single contract will be considered as one single project.</b> This may please be confirmed.	Yes
			Further, the number of projects required under DPR of Special Bridges projects is on higher side.	As per RFP.
5	Clause 3.4.1,	Structures on Roads The structures on roads viz. Bridges, ROBs (Road Over Bridges and	As per Manual all the bridges and structures are to be designed for 100 year life.	As per RFP.



	Page 34	Flyovers), RUBs (Road Under Bridges) etc. are designed for more than 50 years.																																						
6	Clause 3.4.1, Page 34	<b>Structure including Approaches</b> It is mentioned that all the structure including approaches of retaining structures shall be of 6-lane configuration on all the four lane highway.	As it is mentioned that the new bridge will be of 2-lane, why six lane configuration is mentioned in ToR. It may therefore, be clearly spelt out whether proposed structure will be of 2-lane or 6-lane configuration. The IRC Manual for design of structures may also be indicated.	The proposed Bridge is going to be of 2 lane configuration alongwith the compatible approaches in accordance with IRC Guidelines.																																				
7	Clause 6.3 (b), Page 201	<b>Payment Schedule</b>	The payment schedule is not realistic since most of the work is completed at the time of approval of final DPR report documents and drawings stage. But the total payment provided upto this stage is only 42.5%. It is felt that the same may be increased to 60% and payment schedule may be revised as below:	Please refer Corrigendum no.- 1A																																				
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			9	Approval of bid documents and draft civil works contract agreement along with technical schedules.	5%	5%
			10	3D publication for all land parcels identified in item 4 above and submission of Land Acquisition II report	10%	10%
			11	Stage II clearance approval and submission of final clearances II report	5%	2.5 %
			12	Final approval of utilities shifting estimates and submission of Utilities II report	2.5%	2.5%
			13	Completion of award declaration (3G) for 90% of land parcels identified in item 9 and submission of Land Award report	10%	5%
			14	Earlier of award of package to contractor/ concessionaire or 6 months from launch of tender process	10%	5%
			15	Receipt of land possession certificates (3E) for 90% of all land parcels identified in LA II report and submission of Land Possession report	10%	5%
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8	ToR, Appendix x- V, Page No. 177	<p><b>Assumptions to be made regarding Similar Capacity for various positions:</b> Team Leader cum Senior Bridge Engineer</p> <p>(i) On behalf of Consultant / Contractor: Team Leader / Senior Highway Engineer.</p>	<p>The Consultants would like to submit that the project is bridge based and the position is Team Leader cum Senior Bridge Engineer. Hence, the Consultants request the Client that "Senior Bridge Engineer and Senior Bridge Design Engineer positions" may also be considered under similar capacity with the existing requirement.</p>	<p>Agreed. Please refer Corrigendum no. 1A</p>																				
9	ToR, Enclosure II, Page No. 115 - 124 and ToR, Appendix V, Clause 2.4 Page No. 166 - 177	<p><b>Qualification and Experience Requirement of Key Personnel</b></p> <p><b>and</b></p> <p><b>Qualification and Competence of the Key Staff for adequacy of the Assignment</b></p>	<p>There is a discrepancy in experience requirement between "Enclosure-II - Qualification and Experience Requirement of Key Personnel" &amp; Appendix-V - Qualification and Competence of the Key Staff for adequacy of the Assignment.</p> <p>The Consultants understand that "Appendix EC - Qualification and Competence of the Key Staff for adequacy of the Assignment" will be considered for evaluation. This may please be confirmed.</p>	<p>There is no discrepancy. The Qualification &amp; Experience Requirement of key personnel mentioned in Enclosure- II are indicative with Detailed Evaluation Criteria mentioned in Appendix-V which shall be the basis of Evaluation.</p>																				

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10	Clause No. 4.5.2 of GCC, Page 197	<p><b>Removal and / or Replacement of Personnel</b></p> <p>It is stated that the in case notice to commence services is given within 120 days of signing of contract the replacement shall be as below:-</p> <p>a. Replacement up to 33%: Replacement shall be by an equal or better scoring person. Reduction in remunerations for the balance period shall be @ 5% of the monthly rate.</p> <p>b. Replacement of more than 33% and up to 50%: Replacement shall be by an equal or better scoring person. Reduction in remunerations for the balance period shall be @ 10% of the monthly rate.</p> <p>c. Replacement beyond 50% and upto 66%. Replacement shall be by an equal or better scoring person. Reduction in remunerations for the balance period shall be @ 15% of the monthly rate.</p> <p>d. Replacement beyond 66 %shall normally not be considered. However in exceptional circumstances, where it becomes absolutely essential the remunerations of the substitute shall be reduced by 50 % of the original person replaced. Replacement shall be by an equal or better scoring person, The Department may initiate action for termination/debarment of such consultant for future projects of NHIDCL/ MoRTH for a period of 6 months to 24 months depending upon the severity of case.</p>	<p>The Consultants would like to mention that in most of the projects funded by Multilateral agencies such as ADB, World Bank, etc. there is no penalty for replacement of Key Personnel. The Consultants shall have to provide a suitable replacement, a person of equivalent or better qualification and experience at the same rate of remuneration.</p> <p>Since, a large number of Consulting assignments are ongoing and being proposed in the country, individuals tend to shift jobs frequently and resign. This is beyond the control of the consulting firm &amp; thus any penalty to be imposed on the firm for replacement of staff, in such cases, which is beyond their control, is unfair. Instead, the Client may consider debarring the concerned nominated member of the team for certain period who has given the consent and does not complete his input on the assignment.</p> <p>Hence, it is requested that these paras may please be deleted and Consultant be allowed to propose alternate equivalent or better candidate in case a replacement is required at the same rate of remuneration.</p>	As per RFP
11	Clause 2.3 of SCC, Page 208	<p><b>Commencement of Services</b></p> <p>It is stated that the Consultant shall commence the services within 15 days from the Effective date of the Contract.</p>	<p>Time period of 15 days to commence the services from the date of effective date of the Contract is inadequate for mobilization of staff on the project, as the Consultants need more time to mobilize their staff. The Client may kindly provide at least 3 weeks to the Consultant to commence their services from the date of signing the Contract.</p>	As per RFP



12	Clause 6.3 (a) of SCC Page 209	<p><b>Advance Payment</b></p> <p>As per Clause 6.3 (a) of SCC, no advance payment shall be made to the Consultant.</p>	<p>In this regard, Consultant needs funds to mobilize their staff and maintain cash flow. Hence, Client is requested to kindly provide interest free advance payment @ 10% of the Contract amount and the same can be set off by the Client in equal portions against the payment schedule.</p>	As per RFP
13	Additional Point	<p><b>Extension of Date</b></p>	<p>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 the preparation of the proposal from the date of issue of clarifications so that our Experts can prepare a comprehensive proposal addressing all the issues of the RFP document / ToR.</p>	As per Corrigendum I-B

  
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