

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

Date: 11.12.2020

Sub: Consultancy services for Authority's Engineer for Supervision of "Construction and Upgradation of existing road on NH-510 between Rabangla to Gyalshing to 2-lane with paved shoulder configuration in the State of Sikkim under SARDP-NE Phase 'A' on EPC mode for

- (i) Km 32+500 to Km 33+600 (Package-III), (ii) Km 33+600 to Km 58+840 (Package IV),
 (iii) Km 58+840 to Km 75+000 (Package V) & (iv) Km 75+000 to Km 90+210(Package VI)" (2nd Call)

Tender Ref. No. : NHIDCL/AE/Sikkim/NH-510/2020

Tender ID : 2020_NHIDC_595414_1

REPLY TO PRE-BID QUERIES

S. No.	Reference Item	Brief of Clause under reference	Query / Clarification sought by Prospective Bidder	Reply
1.	<p>In the RFP, Section 1; Clause 16 (A) 'Eligibility criteria for Sole applicant firm'</p> <p>&</p> <p>(B) 'Eligibility criteria for partners in case of JV'</p>	<p>A) Eligibility criteria for Sole Applicant Firm</p> <p>1 (a) Preparation of DPR <i>The firm should have minimum experience of preparation of detailed Project Report/ Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report of 2/4/6**laning/Bridge project of aggregate length equal to 2 times or more of similar category for which RFP is Invited. i.e. Minimum length of (57.71 Km x 2) for Highway and (0.422 Km x 2) for Bridge/ viaduct/ ROB/Grade Separators and (0.3 Km x 2) for Tunnel.</i></p> <p>Project Supervision/IC <i>The firm should have minimum experience of Project Supervision/Independent Engineer/Consultant of 2/4/6**laning /Bridge project of aggregate length equal to 3 times or more of similar category** for which RFP is invited., i.e. Minimum length of (57.71 Km x 3) for Highway and (0.422 Km x 3) for Bridge/ viaduct/ ROB/Grade Separators and (0.3 Km x 3) for Tunnel.</i></p> <p>Annual Turnover</p>	<p>As there are 3 different components in the eligibility criteria viz. Highway, Bridge and Tunnel. Highway and Bridges criteria are common whereas Tunnel is specialized criteria. Hence, we request you to consider the qualification criteria of 1 (a) and 1 (b) to be fulfilled by both the JV partners together.</p>	<p>As per the RFP.</p>

		<p><i>Annual turnover (updated average of last 3 years) of the firm from consultancy business should be equal to or more than 2% of Estimated project Cost.</i></p> <p>1 (b) <i>Firm should also have experience of Project Supervision/ Independent Engineer/ Authority' Engineer of atleast one project of similar category of two/four/six** laning/Highway work of length equal to 40% of project length i.e. (40% of 57.71 Km) for highway and (40% of 0.422 Km) for Bridge/viaduct/ROB/Grade Separators and (40% of 0.3 Km) for Tunnel.</i></p> <p>B) Eligibility Criteria for partners in case of JV (not more than 1 JV partners shall be allowed) shall be as under:</p> <p><i>The lead partner must fulfill atleast 50% of requirements at 1(a) of table in para (A) above and other JV partner should fulfill atleast 30% of eligibility criteria as indicated at 1(a) of table in para (A) above. Also the lead partner and JV partner jointly should meet the eligibility criteria as mentioned at 1(a) of table in para (A) above. Lead partner should meet the criteria 1 (b) of table in para (A) above.</i></p>		
2.	<p>In the RFP, Section 1; In the Table under Clause 16 (A) 'Eligibility criteria for Sole applicant firm'; S.No. 1(a)</p>	<p>Please refer Clause 16 A, 1 (a) wherein Experience of the firm in last 7 years for Preparation of DPR (NH/SH/Equivalent) is specified as <i>"The firm should have minimum experience of preparation of detailed Project Report/Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report of 2/4/6**- laning/Highway project of aggregate length equal to 2 times or more of similar category for which RFP is invited. i.e. Minimum length of (57.71 Km x 2) for Highway and (0.422 Km x 2) for Bridge/ viaduct/ ROB/Grade Separators and (0.3 Km x 2) for Tunnel."</i></p>	<p>You would appreciate that being Authority's Engineer Project intended for Supervision of the Subject Work, the requirement of preparation of detailed Project Report/Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report of 2/4/6**- laning/Highway project of aggregate length equal to 2 times or more of similar category for which RFP is invited for (0.422 Km x 2) for Bridge/ viaduct/ ROB/Grade Separators and (0.3 Km x 2) for Tunnel may be modified as either of these.</p> <p>Accordingly, we request to modify the clause as "The firm should have minimum</p>	<p>Modified Provisions should be read as : <i>" The firm should have minimum experience of preparation of detailed Project Report/Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report of 2/4/6**-laning/Highway project of aggregate length equal to 2 times or more of similar category for which RFP is invited. i.e. Minimum length of (57.71 Km x 2) for Highway and (0.422 Km x 2) for Bridge/ viaduct/ ROB/Grade Separators or (0.3 Km x 2) for Tunnel."</i></p>

			experience of preparation of detailed Project Report/Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report of 2/4/6**- laning/Bridge project of aggregate length equal to 2 times or more of similar category for which RFP is invited. i.e. Minimum length of (57.71 Km x 2) for Highway and (0.422 Km x 2) for Bridge/ viaduct/ ROB/Grade Separators or (0.3 Km x 2) for Tunnel.”	
3.	In the RFP, Section 1; In the Table under Clause 16 (A) ‘Eligibility criteria for Sole applicant firm’; S.No. 1(b)	Please refer Clause 16 A, 1 (b) wherein Experience of the firm in last 7 years for Project Supervision/IC (NH/SH/Equivalent) is specified as <i>“Firm should also have experience of Project Supervision/ Independent Engineer/ Authority’ Engineer of at least one project of similar category of two/four/six** laning/Highway work of length equal to 40% of project length i.e. (40% of 57.71 Km) for highway and (40% of 0.422 Km) for Bridge/viaduct/ROB/Grade Separators and (40% of 0.3 Km) for Tunnel.”</i>	You would appreciate that it is quite uncommon/rare that a single project is having entire component i.e. (40% of 57.71 Km) for highway and (40% of 0.422 Km) for Bridge/viaduct/ROB/Grade Separators and (40% of 0.3 Km) for Tunnel. Accordingly, we request to modify the clause as “Firm should also have experience of Project Supervision/ Independent Engineer/ Authority’ Engineer of at least one project each of similar category of two/four/six** laning/Highway work of length equal to 40% of project length i.e. (40% of 57.71 Km) for highway and (40% of 0.422 Km) for Bridge/ viaduct/ ROB/ Grade Separators and (40% of 0.3 Km) for Tunnel.”	Modified Provisions should be read as : <i>“Firm should also have experience of Project Supervision/ Independent Engineer/ Authority’ Engineer of at least one project each of similar category of two/four/six** laning/Highway work of length equal to 40% of project length i.e. (40% of 57.71 Km) for highway and (40% of 0.422 Km) for Bridge/viaduct/ROB/Grade Separators and (40% of 0.3 Km) for Tunnel.”</i>
4.	In the RFP, Section 1; In the Table under Clause 16 (A) ‘Eligibility criteria for Sole applicant firm’; S.No. 1(a)	<i>The firm should have minimum experience of preparation of detailed Project Report/Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report of 2/4/6**-laning/Bridge project of aggregate length equal to 2 times or more of similar category for which RFP is Invited. i.e. Minimum length of (57.71 Km x 2) for Highway and (0.422 Km x 2) for Bridge/ viaduct/ ROB/Grade Separators and (0.3 Km x 2) for Tunnel.</i>	Kindly confirm if the requirement for Highway, Tunnel and Bridge can be fulfilled in separately. (All in separate projects).	Yes. Subject to the aggregate length criteria being met out by the prospective bidder for all respective similar categories as per the details mentioned in the clause to be eligible for the bidding process.

5.	In the RFP, Section 1; In the Table under Clause 16 (A) 'Eligibility criteria for Sole applicant firm'; S.No. 1(a)	<i>The firm should have minimum experience of Project Supervision/Independent Engineer/Consultant of 2/4/6** laning/Highway project of aggregate length equal to 3 times or more of similar category** for which RFP is invited., i.e. Minimum length of (57.71 Km x 3) for Highway and (0.422 Km x 3) for Bridge/ viaduct/ ROB/Grade Separators and (0.3 Km x 3) for Tunnel.</i>	Kindly confirm if the requirement for Highway, Tunnel and Bridge can be fulfilled in separately. (All in separate projects)	Yes. Subject to the aggregate length criteria being met out by the prospective bidder for all respective similar categories as per the details mentioned in the clause to be eligible for the bidding process.
6.	In the RFP, Section 2; Clause 7; Sub-clause 7.1	Performance Security <i>The successful consulting firm shall have to submit a Bank Guarantee (BG) for an amount of 10% of the Contract Value within 15 days of issue of LOA</i>	For Consultants to provide 10% of Contract value for such projects is very high and such high PBG are stipulated for Contractors. Hence request you to consider 5%.	As per the RFP.
7.	In the RPF, Section 7; GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT; Clause 4; Sub-clause 4.5; Part 4.5.1	Removal and/or Replacement of Personnel.	The Project Duration is almost 2 years and 5 years of DLP for Package I 1.5 Years and 5 Years of DLP for Package II 2.5 Years and 5 Years of DLP for Package III 1.5 Years and 5 Years of DLP for Package IV. We request you to consider the Limitation of penalty towards replacements till the Construction Period. And Apply Clause No.4.5.4 for DLP period and further.	As per the RFP.
8.	In the RFP, Section 2; In the 'Annexure-EC'; in the Table under Clause 3.5 'Sr. Tunnel Engineer cum Excavation Expert'; S. No. II- a. ii)	<i>Experience in construction supervision of tunneling projects (Road/Rail/Metro/Hydro Tunnel) of similar capacity In developed countries & Middle East Countries</i>	We Request you to consider Projects in India also.	As per the RFP.
9.	In the RFP, Section 2; In the 'Annexure-EC'; in the Table under Clause 3.6 'Geologist'; S. No. II- a. ii)	<i>Experience in similar capacity Tunnel construction/construction supervision Projects (Road/Rail/Metro) in Himalayan Region using NATM technology.</i>	We Request you to Consider Experience in using TBM Technology in any hilly terrain.	As per the RFP.

10.	No Reference to the RFP.	*GENERAL*	For Rational Financial (Nor too Low or too High) and good quality, we propose to introduce a price band of $\pm 15\%$ of average of all the bidder Financial Proposals.	As per the RFP.				
11.	In the RFP; section 2; Clause 3; Part: 'Financial Proposal'; Sub-Clause 7.1	<i>Beginning 13th months from the last date of submission of bid, billing rates shall be increased to cover all items of the contract i.e. remuneration, vehicle hire, office rent, consumables, furniture etc. @5% every 12 months</i>	We request you to consider at least 8% or link to WPI for all commodities to meet the actual market inflation considering the current economic scenario and situation of COVID 19 effect in future.	As per the RFP.				
12.	BOQ	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Column Heading Title :</td> <td>Unit RATE Including all taxes excluding GST In Figures to be entered by the Bidder Rs. P</td> </tr> </table>	Column Heading Title :	Unit RATE Including all taxes excluding GST In Figures to be entered by the Bidder Rs. P		Modified Provisions to be read as: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Column Heading Title:</td> <td>Unit RATE (Excluding GST) In Figures to be entered by the Bidder Rs. P</td> </tr> </table>	Column Heading Title:	Unit RATE (Excluding GST) In Figures to be entered by the Bidder Rs. P
Column Heading Title :	Unit RATE Including all taxes excluding GST In Figures to be entered by the Bidder Rs. P							
Column Heading Title:	Unit RATE (Excluding GST) In Figures to be entered by the Bidder Rs. P							
13.	BOQ	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Column Heading Title :</td> <td>TOTAL AMOUNT Including all taxes excluding GST</td> </tr> </table>	Column Heading Title :	TOTAL AMOUNT Including all taxes excluding GST		Modified Provisions to be read as: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Column Heading Title :</td> <td>TOTAL AMOUNT (Excluding GST)</td> </tr> </table>	Column Heading Title :	TOTAL AMOUNT (Excluding GST)
Column Heading Title :	TOTAL AMOUNT Including all taxes excluding GST							
Column Heading Title :	TOTAL AMOUNT (Excluding GST)							


(Vivekanand Jaiswal)
Dy. General Manager (T)