

**National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited**

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**Sub:** CONSULTANCY SERVICES AS AUTHORITY'S ENGINEER FOR SUPERVISION OF i) Up-gradation to two lane with Paved shoulder from Km. 12+850 to Km.20+300 of 7.450 Km. length on Goha-Khellani section and a link road to Goha Village of 2.016 Km on NH-244 in Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on EPC mode. (ii) Up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder from Km 20+300 to Km29+030 of 8.730 Km length on Goha-Khellani section on NH-244 in Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on EPC mode. (iii) Construction of Bi-directional Tunnel at "Km 83" of Length 495 m along with approach road of 664 m and a Major Bridge of 110 m between Km 82+675 to Km 82+925 on NH-244 in Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir on EPC mode.

**Reply to Queries of Bidders**

S. No.	Clause & Description	Suggestions/Query	Reply
1.	General	Currently construction in all 3 packages going on. Is it required for AE to verify and approve the design of under construction work?	The designs already approved by existing AE (duly assisted by Consultant) has also to reexamined by the newly appointed Authority Engineer and any further improvement/ rectification measures has to be suggested by them. In addition AE shall be responsible for approval of design & drawing and supervision of all works under construction and to be constructed.
2.	General Requirement of Key Personal for construction Period of 12 months and DLP of 60 months	Requirement of Key Personal for Construction Period of 12 months and DLP of 60 months  As you are aware, there are multiple tunnel projects going on in India and there is real scarcity of availability of engineers on Infracon portal. It is difficult to bring these key Personal for the project of 12 months duration. Requesting you to dilute qualification criteria's of key personal to have availability of large pool of engineer on Infracon portal. Consultant can try and engage engineers with less no. of experience who are willing to join project for such a short duration.	As per RFP
3.	General Intermittent Input- Tunnel Safety Expert	Tunnel Safety Expert is very crucial post for tunnel project and their input is of 4 months out of 12 months. It is not possible to have such high qualification expert on intermittent input. Requesting you to remove post of Tunnel Safety Expert and instead put Tunnel Safety	As per Amendment No. III

		Engineer as sub-professional Staff for 4 months out of 12 months.	
4.	General Intermittent Input- <b>Senior Contract Specialist</b>	Instead of having intermittent input on site, please allow as full time input from home office as all the communications/meetings are possible online.	As per RFP
5.	General- Tunnel Design Engineer	Instead of having on site post of Tunnel Design engineer, please allow to have it from home office and 4 days of site visit in 2 months should be made mandatory for billing purpose. The same concept is followed on Z -Morh and Zojila Tunnel Project.	As per RFP
6.	General- Time limit for submission	It is requested to extend the bid submission date by at least 3 weeks post response to Pre Bid queries to make good competitive bid.	As per Amendment No. <b>III</b>
7.	General	Kindly Clarify that can International Firm take part as a JV in the bid, will their Credentials be counted in Technical and Financial evaluation of this bid as JV ?	As per Cl. 1.11 of Section-2 of RFP
8.	General	Kindly Clarify that there is the restriction of 3 project as a Authority's Engineer in NHIDCL Projects as per new rule. Is this rule applicable for this bid as there is no clause mentioned in RFP?	As per RFP
9.	RFP, Section-1, Clause 7	As per NIT and BOQ, assignment period is of 12 months plus 60 months of maintenance period but in this clause, it is mention 18 months for first 2 packages and 24 month for 3rd Packages.  Please clarify the duration of assignment whether it is for 12 months or for 18/24 months plus 60 months of maintenance period.	As per RFP
10.	General	Based on our inquiry, we understand that all the packages are under construction, and it is supervised by SO-Khellani. Work in all the packages have been completed more than 30%. Please clarify the same.	All construction in the three packages are under progress being Supervised by M/s Anandjiwala Infa Advisory Pvt. Ltd. as the AAE under So Khellani.
12.	Section-6, TOR, Clause 5	<b><i>"During the Construction Period, the Authority's Engineer shall review and approve the Drawings furnished by the Contractor along with supporting data including the geo-technical and hydrological investigation characteristics of materials from borrow areas and quarry sites, topographical surveys, and the recommendations of the Safety Consultant in accordance with the provisions of Clause 10.1.6 of EPC Agreement."</i></b>	Please refer to reply as per para 1 above

Replies of pre Bid (GK -83<sup>rd</sup> Tunnel)



		<p>Currently if contractors are working in the field, who will be responsible for the approved design and executed work. It is not possible to take a liability of work which is under execution since more than one and half years.</p> <p>Consultant can take liability of execution of work from the date of handover of the site for quality of construction. We cannot take responsibility for the design of EPC contractor.</p>	
13.	General	<p>Please remove the essential qualification of no. of years of experience for all key personnel. It is not possible to engage such high experience personnel for such short duration time and again they would not like to take a liability of work executed without their supervision.</p> <p>Consultant can try and engage engineers with less no. of experience who are willing to join project for such a short duration.</p>	As per RFP
14.	General	<p>It is requested to extend the bid submission date by at least 3 weeks to identify willing personnel to provide their consent to be part of team.</p>	As per Amendment No. III

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