

Project Title: Expression of Interest for Authority's Engineer for construction "Four lane Bridge including approaches over river Brahmaputra between Dhubri on North Bank and Phulbari on South Bank on NH-127B (Design length 19.282 km) in the State of Assam/ Meghalaya under the scheme of' North-East Road Network Connectivity Project on EPC mode under JICA Phase-03"

Reply to Pre-Bid Queries dated 12.02.2019

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1	(a) EOI Clause 10, page no. 15: Financial Statement of the last three Financial years	The financial statements of last three years are required but in table the list given for 5 years. We understand that any of three from 5 years may be chosen for submission of Financial Statement.	Financial Statement of the last Five (5) Financial years will be required. Refer corrigendum
	(b) EOI page no. 17: Annual Turnover specifies that the Annual Turnover should be 10% of project cost, whereas the evaluation criteria on page 23, point 2 (a) says that Annual Turnover is 15% of estimated project cost.	Please confirm annual turnover of the firm.	Refer corrigendum
	(c) EOI Clause 1(A) Annex-IV of page no. 17: Eligibility criteria for Sole Applicant firm or lead partner in case of JV	In sub clause 1 (a) and 1 (b) the criteria for eligibility for firms of DPR and for supervision/ IC is given for span length 125m in EOI. These criteria of experience create a limitation and minimize the chances of availability of suitable consultants because there are very few firms in India who having such stringent experience. We request client to reduce this criteria of length to single span to 50m in case of JV, as the lead partner would be fulfilling this criteria in 1 (B).	Refer Corrigendum
	(d) EOI page no. 18: Eligibility criteria B point (iv), the associate member shall satisfy 15% of eligibility criteria for turnover.	We request client to relax the eligibility criteria for Associate member to 10% instead of 15%	As per EOI, refer Corrigendum
2	(a) EOI point no. 4 & 5 of page no. 2: Submission of Hard copy	We understand in addition to CPP Portal online submission, the bidder needs to submit one (1) original and one (1) copy in a hard bound. Please confirm.	Refer corrigendum
	(b) EOI point no. 2 (i) of page no. 3 & point 3 (a) 6 of page no. 4: Review activities associated with Design and Design review of bridge/ highway	It is our understanding that the design team in to be proposed solely for the purpose of design review and no designing is sought. Please confirm.	As per EOI.
	(c) EOI point no. 3 of page no. 8: Power of Attorney (on stamp paper and duly notarized)	We understand in case of foreign firm; stamp paper is not applicable but need to be notarized only. Please confirm.	Power of Attorney (POA) submitted by the foreign firms should be legally valid and should be apostatized as per Hague Convention-1961 or verified by relevant authorities, wherever applicable..
	(d) EOI page no. 12 through 14: Table: Qualification of Key Experts	It is our understanding that "International/ National expert" means personnel with international experience. Please confirm.	As per EOI. Indian expert with international experience with required qualifications & experience will also be eligible.
	(e) EOI page no. 16: "Subscribed and sworn to before me this...date of,2017... at....	Please remove this as bidders will submit the certificate and authorized representative will sign on it.	Refer corrigendum
	(f) General: JV Partners	It is requested that minimum 3 members may please be permitted to form JV. Please consider.	Maximum 3 (three) members will be permitted to form a JV which includes One Lead + 2 JV Partner or One lead + One JV partner + One associate at the discretion of the prospective bidder.

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	(g) General: Regarding Key International Professionals at RFP Stage.	It is requested that Key International personnel at the stage of RFP should not necessarily have Indian experience rather should bring international expertise to the project.	Refer corrigendum. As per EOI.				
3	(a) EOI point no. 7 of Notice Inviting Tender	Both the dates for submission of the EOI through e-tendering portal and by hard copy are 28 th February 2019. Request you to extend the date of submission of hard bound copy of the EOI till 4 th March considering the online submission date remains unchanged. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Last date of uploading/ submission of completed EOI Proposal</td> <td style="width: 50%;">28.02.2019 at 17:00 hrs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EOI Proposal Opening date and time</td> <td>01.03.2019 at 17:30 hrs</td> </tr> </table>	Last date of uploading/ submission of completed EOI Proposal	28.02.2019 at 17:00 hrs	EOI Proposal Opening date and time	01.03.2019 at 17:30 hrs	Agreed. 2 nd pre - proposal meet scheduled on 22.02.2019 (Friday) at 11.30Hrs at Conference Room of NHIDCL, Parliament Street, New Delhi Refer the Corrigendum:
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	(b) General: Regarding Key International Professionals at RFP Stage.	Engagement of a DPR Consultant as Independent/ Authority Engineer can participation in the proposal.	There is no 'Conflict of Interest' between the service provider by the DPR Consultant and the services to be provided by the Independent/ Authority Engineer.				
4	(a) EOI Clause 1(A) Annex-IV of page no. 17: Eligibility Criteria	We request you to consider Independent Checking of designs of large bridges on sea/ creek/ perennial river/ estuary also along with DPR/ Feasibility Report/ Preliminary Design.	As per EOI.				
	(b) EOI point no. 4 of page no. 8: Instructions for submission of Expression of Interest (EOI)/ Proposal	1. Please allow JV of more than 2 firms.	Maximum 3 (three) members will be permitted to form a JV which includes One Lead + 2 JV Partner or One lead + One JV partner + One associate at the discretion of the prospective bidder. Refer corrigendum				
		2. Please consider experience for Rail/ Rail Road bridges also instead of only 2/4/6 lane highway/ Expressway projects.	Rail cum Road bridge with same span configuration may be considered. Refer the Corrigendum uploaded				
	(c) EOI point no. 1 (A) Annex-IV of page no. 17: Eligibility Criteria 1a	As per RFP, aggregate length of 20km is required in a single contract. We request you to allow experience of aggregate length through multiple contracts instead of single contract. We also request you to relax 20km length to 10 km considering constructions of such large bridges are generally very few.	As per EOI.				
5	(a) EOI Annex-II, Clause 11 of page no. 10: Guidelines for preparation of Expression of Interest	Attach service completion certificates or any equivalent proof to substantiate the experience. The firm should furnish the project wise supporting statement which best illustrates the experiences of the firm to the project. Kindly let us know as to what can be considered as equivalent proof against completion certificate.	As per EOI. Clause 11, Pg-25				
	(b) EOI Annex-I, Sub Clause 6 of page no. 8: "Instructions for submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) proposal"	We understand that only company having requisite experience should be allowed to participate in this bid and must not through 100% owned subsidiary or sister concern etc for following reasons: 1. It becomes very difficult for client to get access to the technology of parent company, in case the parent company is not the assigned consultant or part of consortium. 2. It is also leads to loss of revenue to Govt. of India from the perspective of taxes.	Deleted. Refer corrigendum				
	(c) EOI Annex-VI, sub clause 7 of page no. 24:	Firm should also have experience of one Project Supervision as Independent Consultant/ Independent Engineer/ Authority Engineer/ Project Supervision Consultants for Bridge Project either Cable Stayed or Cable suspension or Extradosed or pre-stressed bridge of 2 / 4 / 6 lane for highway or Expressways projects in a single Contract should have completed one bridge of 500metre with span length not less than 125m with minimum 20 % length of the project over sea / creek / perennial river /estuary highway or Expressways projects for which RFP is invited. a) 2 times the aggregate length of bridge 20km	Refer Corrigendum				

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		b) 1 mark for every additional aggregate length of bridge 20km Since these criteria mentions about number of projects, we understand the additional marks should be based on number of projects rather than the aggregate length of the bridge. Kindly clarify.	
	(d) EOI Annex-I, clause 7 of page no. 8: "Instructions for submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) proposal"	Consultant who has been barred by MoRTH/NHIDCL/NHAI or any other state government PWD or road development corporations in India for works pertaining to National Highways (NH), or debarred under the cross debarment decision by the Multilateral Development Banks or by the World Bank Group or by JICA (A list of debarred firms and individuals is available at the World Bank's website:www.worldbank.org/debarr) and the bar subsists as on the date of Application should not apply. 1. We understand that apart from cross debarment, if a company is debarred by any MBD/WBG/JICA/ADB, the same shall not be allowed in participating in EOI. 2. We understand that if a 100% owned subsidiary company in India claims the credentials of parent foreign company, and if such parent foreign company is debarred by Multi Development Bank (MDB)/WBG/JICA/ADB, then such company shall not be allowed to participate in the EOI.	Refer Corrigendum
6	(a) EOI point no. 8 of Notice Inviting Tender, page no. 2: Eligibility of nationality	Please clarify if Hong Kong based firm is eligible or not as per this provision.	Hongkong based firms are eligible. However, personnel holding passport issued by countries referred in Clause 8 of NIT shall not be eligible.
	(b) EOI point no. 14 LOI at page no. 7 : Entity for Submission	Since it will take time to register a new firm on CPP Portal (https://eprocure.gov.in). Please allow a member of consortium to upload EOI on behalf of consortium with the authorization letter given by the lead member.	As per EOI
	(c) EOI Annex-I, point 6 of page no. 8: Utilization of parent firm's credential	As JICA funded project, this provision is material deviation from JICA procurement guideline Section 1.04. (1) (b). Besides this project will be one of longest bridge project in India and significantly important to bring physical involvement of firms unlike simple road/highway project. Therefore we request you to please remove the condition to secure technically reasonable selection.	Deleted. Refer corrigendum As per EOI
	(d) EOI Annex-IVA, 1(a) of page no.17: Definition of DPR	Please consider JICA's preparatory study as DPR, in case the scope of preparatory studies is similar to DPR preparation.	As per EOI
	(e) EOI Annex-IVA, 1(a) and (b) of page no.17: Requirement of one bridge project with span length of 125 meter	"Completed on bridge of 500 meter with span length not less than 125 meter" can be met by one of member of JV/consortium. It is too stringent to request such specific requirement to all members of JV/consortium. Please remove the condition from (a), whereas, applying (b) as requirement to be met by one member of JV/consortium.	As per EOI
	(f) EOI Annex-IVA, 1 (b) of page no.17: Span Length of 125m	Requirement of 125 meter span is stringent. Please change 125 meter to 100 meter, since technical requirements for design review and supervision remain same.	As per EOI
	(g) EOI Annex-IV B, (i) & (ii) of page no.18: Condition for JV/ consortium partner	As mentioned in query No 4 above, separate types of expertise are required to well manage the project. JV with firms who have same expertise for this significantly large and complicated project will not be effective. Please remove condition to each member of JV/consortium. Instead, we would like to propose to replace (i) and (ii) with the followings; (i) JV lead partner must fulfill at least 50% of requirements at 1 (a) of table in para (A) above. (ii) One member of JV/consortium must fulfill 100% of requirements at 1 (b) of table in para (A) above. (iii) Associate member with minimum 10% of eligibility criteria for annual turnover is allowed. However, the technical credentials of JV partner shall only be considered.	Refer corrigendum
	(h) General:	Please hold 2 nd pre-application meeting for proper understanding of corrigendum which will be issued.	2 nd proposal for pre-bid meeting proposed on 22.02.2019

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	2 nd Pre-application meeting		(Friday) at 11.30Hrs at Conference Room of NHIDCL, Parliament Street, New Delhi Refer corrigendum
7	(a) EOI page no. 19, point no. 1, Sr no. 8: Points Allocated for evaluation	Experience of the firm as Independent Consultant/ Independent Engineer/ Authority's Engineer/ Project Supervision Consultants for any one Bridge Project either Cable Stayed or Cable suspension or Extradosed or pre-stressed bridge 2 / 4 / 6 lanes highway or Expressways projects over sea / creek / perennial river / estuary during the last 10 years in WB/ADB/JICA funded projects.	Project is being executed on loan assistance with JICA and provisions of MoRTH.
	(b)	As this project is Authority's Engineer project, we request you to consider EPC projects also in this criteria.	As per EOI
	(c) EOI page no. 24, point no. 2, Sr no. 5: Evaluation to be carried out separately for each consultancy package for which EOI proposal is submitted and meets the minimum eligibility criteria as per first stage evaluation.	The firm should have minimum experience of Project Supervision/ Independent Engineer/ Authority's Engineer of Bridge Project either Cable Stayed or Cable suspension or Extradosed or pre-stressed bridge of 2** / 4*** / 6# lanes for highway or Expressways projects over sea / creek / perennial river / estuary in a single Contract of equal or more than the aggregate length\$ of bridge minimum 20km and should have completed one bridge of 500mtr with span length not less than 125mtr for which RFP is invited. (For Sole applicant or both the JV partners combined together) a) Equal to the aggregate length of bridge 20km b) 1 mark for every additional aggregate length of bridge 2.0km As the cost of the projects with cable stayed suspension or Extradosed or pre-stressed bridge is high. Hence, we request you to kindly reduce it from 20km to 4km even as retaining the rest of the criteria.	Refer corrigendum
	(d) EOI page no. 24, point no. 2, Sr no. 7: Evaluation to be carried out separately for each consultancy package for which EOI proposal is submitted and meets the minimum eligibility criteria as per first stage evaluation.	Firm should also have experience of one Project Supervision as Independent Consultant/ Independent Engineer/ Authority Engineer/ Project Supervision Consultants for Bridge Project either Cable Stayed or Cable suspension or Extradosed or pre-stressed bridge of 2** / 4*** / 6# lane for highway or Expressways projects in a single Contract having span length not less than 125mtr with minimum 20 % length\$ of the project over sea / creek / perennial river / estuary for highway or Expressway project for which RFP is invited during the last 10 years. a) Length of Bridge 4 Km b) 1 mark for every additional length of bridge 0.5 km We request you to stipulate the criteria for supervision also on the lines similar to that of DPR i.e., 7.1 based on projects completed. a) One project having 25% of the bridge length of km - 7 b) 1 marks for every additional 2km of bridge length – 3 7.2 Project having minimum span length of 125 mtr. a) 1 project – 7 b) 1 marks for every additional project – 3	Refer corrigendum
8	(a) EOI Annex-IV, page no. 17: Eligibility Criteria.	Annual turnover (updated average of last 5 years) of the firm from Consultancy business should be equal to or more than 10% of Estimated Project Cost. Request to kindly consider Annual Turnover of Rs. 25 Cr.	As per EOI.

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(b)	EOI Annex-IV, page no. 23: Evaluation, Eligibility criteria & Annual Turnover.	In the table, Sr No. 2 Average Annual Turnover of Last Five financial years. a) Minimum 15% of project cost. And Annual Turnover Annual turnover (updated average of last 5 years) of the firm from Consultancy business should be equal to or more than 10% of Estimated Project Cost. As per above clauses, the Turnover percent i.e., 15% and 10% are not in similar with one another. Please clarify.	Refer corrigendum
(c)	EOI Annexure-V, page no. 19, point no. 1, Sr no. 8: Points Allocated for evaluation	1. Points allocated for Evaluation criteria, Sr No. 8 Experience of the firm as Independent Consultant/ Independent Engineer/ Authority's Engineer/ Project Supervision Consultants for any one Bridge Project either Cable Stayed or Cable suspension or Extradosed or pre-stressed bridge 2 / 4 / 6 lanes highway or Expressways projects over sea / creek / perennial river / estuary during the last 10 years in WB/ADB/JICA funded projects. We request you to consider EPC projects as follows: Experience of the firm as Independent Consultant/ Independent Engineer/ Authority's Engineer/ Project Supervision Consultants for any one Highway Bridge Project (either cable stayed or Cable Suspension or pre-stressed bridge) 2 / 4 / 6 lanes highway or Expressways projects over sea / creek / perennial river / estuary during the last 10 years in WB/ADB/JICA/ MoRTH/ State Government funded projects.	Refer corrigendum
(d)	EOI Annexure-IV, Cl. 1 (a), Column No. 3 Eligibility Criteria, Eligibility Criteria of Project Supervision / IC (NH/ Expressway / Equivalent)	A) Eligibility criteria for sole applicant firm. The experience should have minimum experience of project Supervision / Independent Engineer / Authority's Engineer of Bridge Project either Cable Stayed or Cable Suspension or Extradosed or Pre-stressed bridge 2** / 4*** / 6# lanes for highway expressways projects over sea / creek / perennial river / estuary in a single/multiple Contract of equal or more than the aggregate length\$ of bridge minimum 20 Km and should have complete one bridge of 500 mtr with span length not less than 125 mtr for which RFP is invited. Considering this as a significant and prestigious project. The requirement is special in nature. Also, there are very few such projects executed in India. We request you to kindly consider the eligibility criteria as follows: "The experience should have minimum experience of project Supervision / Independent Engineer / Authority's Engineer of Bridge Project either Cable Stayed or Cable Suspension or Extradosed or Pre-stressed bridge 2** / 4*** / 6# lanes for highway expressways projects over sea / creek / perennial river / estuary in a single Contract of equal or more than the aggregate length\$ of bridge minimum 10 Km and should have complete one bridge of 500 mtr with span length not less than 125 mtr for which RFP is invited."	Refer corrigendum
(e)	EOI page no. 12 through 14: Table: Qualification of Key Experts	<u>Education:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post Graduate in Civil Engineering <u>Experience</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience in bridge related field: 20 years or more Experience of construction supervision for at least two highway bridge projects in ICB contract, of which each contract amount is more than USD 250 million. 	As per EOI

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		<p>We request you to consider the eligibility criteria as follows</p> <p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation in Civil Engineering <p>Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in bridge related field: 15 years or more <p>Experience of construction supervision for at least One highway bridge projects in ICB contract, of which each contract amount is more than USD 50 million.</p>	
(f)	<p>EOI, Sr. No. 6, Page No. 13: Qualification of Key Experts, Senior Contact Expert 1 International / National</p>	<p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Experience as a procurement specialist for bidding document preparation and tender assistance in more than Two bridge projects, of which contract amount is more than USD 250 Million. <p>We request you to kindly consider the eligibility criteria as follows:</p> <p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Experience as a procurement specialist for bidding document preparation and tender assistance in more than One bridge projects, of which contract amount is more than USD 50 Million. 	As per EOI
(g)	<p>EOI, Sr. No.7, Page No. 14: Qualification of Key Experts, Chief Bridge Engineer (Foundation / Substructure) International / National</p>	<p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Experience in design or construction of Bridge: 20 years or more * Experience of more than two bridge Construction projects, out of which at least one is for well foundation, as a bridge specialist or structure engineer <p>We request you to kindly consider the eligibility criteria as follows:</p> <p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Experience in design or construction of Bridge: 10 years or more * Experience of more than two bridge Construction projects, out of which at least one is for well / pile foundation, as a bridge specialist or structure engineer 	As per EOI
(h)	<p>EOI, Sr. No.8, Page No. 14: Qualification of Key Experts, Chief Bridge Engineer (Substructure - Extradozed bridge)- Design Team International / National</p>	<p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Experience in design or construction of Bridge: 20 years or more * Experience of more than two extradozed bridge design or construction projects, as a bridge design specialist or structural engineer. <p>Considering this as a significant and prestigious project. The requirement is special in nature. Also, there are very few such projects executed in India.</p> <p>We request you to kindly consider the eligibility criteria as follows:</p> <p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Experience in design or construction of Bridge: 15 years or more * Experience of more than One extra dozed bridge design or construction projects, as a bridge design specialist or structural engineer. 	As per EOI
(i)	<p>EOI, Sr. No.9, Page No. 14: Qualification of Key Experts, Chief Resident Engineer (Main Bridge) - Execution Team International / National</p>	<p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Experience in design or construction of Bridge: 20 years or more * Experience of more than two bridge construction projects funded by the International agency in a similar position. <p>Considering this as a significant and prestigious project. The requirement is special in nature. Also, there</p>	As per EOI

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