

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 queries received after 2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Proposal Meeting held on 22.02.2019

Sr No	Clause No., Section & Reference	Issues raised	Reply to	
1	(a)	Clause (B) (i) page No.18 of 25	"JV lead partner must fulfill least 50% of requirements at 1 (a) of Table in Para (a) above and other JV member should fulfill at least 30% of the eligibility criteria as indicated of 1 (a) of table (A)", in which (DPR & Supervision) ".....at least One Bridge Project of 500mtr with span length not less than 125mtr".	JV member share 30% replaced with 25% Refer Corrigendum No.-1, Sr. No. 9 modified provisions and Corrigendum No.-4.
		Kindly confirm whether other JV member should fulfill 30% of the criteria stated in Clause 1 (a) of Table in Para (a) as illustrated below: (a)... at least One Bridge Project of 30% of 500mtr i.e. 150mtr (approx.) (b).. with span length not less than 30% of 125mtr i.e. 40mtr (approx.)	Any one of the JV members has to fulfill the requirement of having completed at least One Bridge Project of 500mtr with span not less than 125mtr for which RFP is invited.	
	(b)	As per Clause (B) (ii)	"JV lead partner must fulfil at least 50% of requirements at 1 (b) of table in para (A) above and other JV member should fulfill at least 30% of the eligibility criteria as indicated of 1 (b) of table in pare (A)", in which (DPR & Supervision) "... Single Contract having span not less than 125mtr with minimum 20% length ... ,, .."	JV member share 30% replaced with 25% Refer Corrigendum No.-1, Sr. No. 9 modified provisions and Corrigendum No.-4.
		Kindly confirm whether length of each span of the Bridge under consideration should have 125mtr or more.		
(c)	As per Clause (B) (ii)	"JV lead partner must fulfill at least 50% of requirements at 1 (b) of table in pare (A) above and other JV member should fulfill at least 30% of the eligibility criteria as indicated of 1 (b) citable in para (A)", in which (DPR & Supervision) "... Single Contract having span not less than 125mtr with minimum 20% length .....	Refer Corrigendum No.-4. <u>Annexure IV</u> .	
		Kindly confirm whether other JV member should fulfill 30% of the criteria stated in Clause 1 (b) of Table in Para (a) as illustrated below: (a)... having span not less than 30% of 125mtr i.e. 40mtr (approx..) (b).. with minimum 30% of 20% of length of Project i.e. 1.200 Km.		
(d)		We would request you to kindly extend the Expression of Interest submission date by at least 15 days i.e. up to 22" March 2019 for your kind consideration.	The proposal is to be uploaded online latest by 1700Hrs on 28.03.2019 (Thursday).  Refer in Corrigendum No.- 3.	

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2	(a) Corrigendum 2 – clause no 2	Please confirm whether total bridge length can be considered when some of the internal span length is 125m or more.	Refer Corrigendum No.-4.
	(b) Corrigendum 2 – clause no 8 (Evaluation table serial no 4.2)	4.2 Based on number of projects of minimum one bridge of 500mtr with span length not less than 125mtr with minimum 20% length 1-0"  The length of the bridge mentioned in the clause is 500mts as well as minimum 20% length. Please confirm the requirement is 500mtr length with 125mtr span only.	Refer in Corrigendum 4
3	(a) EOI Annex-IV, A) Clause 1a, Also in Reference to Corrigendum 2, \$ symbol Firm should have minimum experience of preparation.....	In corrigendum 2 the project reference for this clause states that "project length for each consultancy package shall be design length of that package with minimum span length of 125m ". It is requested that it be reinstated to the original clause on the FOL document "project length for each consultancy package shall be design length of that package". Please consider.	As per EOI, refer in Corrigendum 4
	(b) Page 17 of 25, S No. 1a & 1b Regarding Eligibility Requirement	It is requested that the aggregate length of bridge may please be considered as 12.625 km (Extra Dosed Bridge Portion) and not 20 km as mentioned on Page 2 of 25 Point no. 2. Please consider.	Refer Corrigendum No. - 4
	(c) General Regarding Eligibility Requirement	As we have observed in similar EOI/RFP documents issued by NHIDCL that similar past project experiences are evaluated for last 12 years. It is requested that project experiences of last 12 years instead of 10 years; may please be considered for meeting eligibility requirements. Please consider.	
	(d) EOI Annex-IV, B) Clause 1a, Also in Reference to Corrigendum 2, Eligibility Criteria for partner in case of JV	It is requested that all the JV members be evaluated jointly and not individually as per clauses i, ii, iii & iv. This would enable best design and supervision to jointly bid for the project. Thereby enhancing the expertise for implementing the consulting services thereby benefiting the client. The clause should only read as: "The lead partner and JV partner jointly must fulfill 100% of the eligibility criteria". Please consider	
4	Para 1(A), Sr. no. 1 - Annex-IV, Eligibility Criteria - Page 17 of 25 and Corrigendum 2 - Page 2 of 9:	Preparation of DPR (NH/Expressway/Equivalent "Firm should have minimum experience of preparation of Detailed Project Report / Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report / Independent Checking of Bridge Projects either Cable Stayed or Cable suspension or Extradosed or pre-stressed bridge of 2**/4** /6 lanes for highway or Expressways or Rail cum Road bridge @ projects over sea / creek / perennial river / estuary in a single / multiple Contract of equal or	Refer Corrigendum No.- 4

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		more than the aggregate lengths of bridge minimum 15 km and should have completed at least one bridge project of 500 mtr with span length not less than 125 mtr for which RFP is invited"	
5	(a) Formation of JV	Currently NHIDCL allows maximum of 3 firms (3JV or 2JV + 1 associate). We would like to recommend 4 (4JV or 3JV +1 associate or 2JV + 2 associates) for ensuring flexibility of formation of JV partners and associations and ensuring participation of local consulting firms to some extent.	Refer Corrigendum No.-1, Page-3, Sr. No. 6 under modified provisions
	(b) Requirement of eligibility criteria of JV members	While we totally understand the requirement that JV consortium must fulfil 100% of the eligibility criteria as mentioned at 1(a) and 1(b) of table in para (A) is mandatory, requirement NHIDCL set to JV (50%) and JV partner (25%) respectively may not be very suitable for an extra dosed bridge project as different JV members may bring in complementary skill sets as observed by JICA in JICA supported MTHL project. For example a JV partner with strong expertise in design review may not have fulfilled supervision experience, but can contribute with its expertise in design review.	Refer Corrigendum No.-1, Page-4, Sr. No. 9 under modified provisions and also refer Corrigendum No.-4.
6	(a) EOI point No. 3 of Annexure-I; 2(c ) of Pre-bid- 1 Power of Attorney	We understand that Power of Attorney issued by a Foreign company Notarized as per legal law of that Foreign company shall be considered. 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.
	(b) Corrigendum- 1, Page 1 of 10 & Point No. 5 of Reply to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pre proposal dtd. 22.02.2019 Annual Turnover should be duly certified by statutory body like Chartered Accountant or Independent who are competent to do so as recognized by the State concerned shall be considered.	(i) Kindly clarify whether the format of Financial Statement for last five years should be certified by statutory body like Chartered Accountant or Independent Auditors who are competent to do so as recognized by the State concerned or only Audited Balance sheets for last five is to be mandatorily submitted along with the proposals.  (ii) In case of a foreign firm, the Financial Year is January-December. And, therefore, audited balance sheet is not available for 2018. In such a case, please clarify whether they can submit un-audited balance sheet or figures for FY 2018 duly certified by Independent Auditor.	Refer Corrigendum No.4 , Annexure-IV, Eligibility Criteria.  Financial Year to be Financial Year of the bidding entity. Refer Corrigendum No.-1, Page-1, Sr. No-1 under modified provisions.
	(c) EOL, NIT point no. 4 , 5 & 7 of Page No. 2 EOI should be uploaded on CPP Portal: <a href="https://eprocure.gov.in">https://eprocure.gov.in</a>	We understand that the EOI proposal may be uploaded through Associate firm in India. As per our information NHIDCL has allowed to do so in previous project viz. "Authority's Engineer for "Widening to Two lane with Geometric Improvements of Tura Dalu road from Km 85.00 to 95.00 & 101.00 to 145.00 to 2-lanes with paved shoulder of	We understand International Company can upload and submit the EOI documents using their Indian subsidiary company's/JV Partner/ Associate Partner on CPP Portal ID if the International Company issue

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		Tura-Dalu section of NH-51 in the state of Meghalaya on Engineering. Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode, with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) loan assistance." Please confirm.	Power of Attorney to the Indian Company's representatives.
(e)	Annex-IV Eligibility Criteria Page No. 17 A) Eligibility Criteria for Sole applicant firm or lead partner in case of JV	Please clarify as to how cable bridge / cable suspension / extradosed bridge length would be counted. For e.g. If a continuous bridge has a total length of 3000 Meters with cable portion 1000 meters and remaining bridge is non pre-stressed one, then, the length of the bridge shall be taken as 3000 meters or only 1000 meters for the purpose of qualification.	Refer Corrigendum No.-4.
	<b>Note:</b>	Detailed eligibility criteria referred at Annexure-IV, V and VI of EOI have been modified and stipulated in Corrigendum-4.  In case of any ambiguity on eligibility criteria among cross referred clauses in this EOI, eligibility criteria referred in Corrigendum-4, of Annexure-IV shall prevail.	

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