

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 2nd Pre-Proposal Queries dated 22.02.2019

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1	(a) EOI , page no. 17 of 25: Para 1, A) – annex-IV, Eligibility Criteria – Sub Criteria 1a	As per RFP, aggregate length of 20 Km 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 20 km length to 10 km considering constructions of such large bridges are generally very few.	Refer Corrigendum -1
	(b) EOI , page no. 17 of 25: Para 1, A) – annex-IV, Eligibility Criteria – Sub Criteria 1b	As per RFP, single contract having span not less than 125 mtr with minimum 20% length of the project. We request you to allow experience of single contract having span not less than 125 mtr with minimum 10% length of the project.	Refer Corrigendum -2
2	(a) Corrigendum – 1, Page 4 of 10 Sr. No. 9, Modified Provision, (B), (ii)	B. eligibility Criteria for partner in case of JV (Not more than one partner shall be allowed) (ii) Any of the JV Lead Partner must fulfil of requirements at 1(b) (single contract) of table in para (A) above. => We request you to kindly clarify whether it means " any of the JV Partner or Lead partner must fulfil of requirements"	Refer Corrigendum -1
	(b) Annual Turnover* Corrigendum – 1, Page 6, 7 of 10 Modified Provision	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. And As per Corrigendum-1, Page 7 of 10 B. Eligibility Criteria for other JV partner, Page No. 6, 7 of 10, In the table Column No. 10, Other partner 25% _ 15% of eligibility criteria for Annual Turnover In the table Column No. 11, Lead Partner+ Other partner 100% 10% of eligibility criteria for Annual Turnover => It means that the lead partner and JV Partner both are require jointly 100% Annual Turnover. Also, the JV partner need not require to satisfy 25% Annual turnover separately. Kindly clarify	Refer Corrigendum -1, It is clarified that JV partner and associate member has also to fulfill the minimum turnover criteria individually as applicable.
	(c) Annual Turnover* Corrigendum – 1, Page 6, 7 of 10 Modified Provision	Annual Turnover* As per Corrigendum-1, Page 7 of 10 B. Eligibility Criteria for other JV partner, Page No. 6, 7 of 10, In the table Column No. 10, Other partner 25% 15% of eligibility criteria for Annual Turnover In the table Column No. 11, Lead Partner+ Other partner 100% 10% of eligibility criteria for Annual Turnover => Kindly clarify the whether the "15% of eligibility criteria for Annual turnover" has to be satisfied by the JV partner and "10% of eligibility for Annual turnover" by the lead partner.	Minimum Financial Turnover eligibility criteria is as below; (a) Single entity (10% of the Project Cost) (b) For Joint Venture: (Lead Partner Minimum 50% of 10% of Project Cost and other Partner minimum 25% of 10% of Project Cost, Jointly Lead & JV Partner (s) should fulfill 10% of the Project Cost). (c) In addition to above, the Associate Partner has to fulfill the minimum eligibility criteria of 15% of 10% of Project cost .
	(d) Annual Turnover* Annexure – IV, Eligibility Criteria, Annual Turnover, In table the Column No. 4	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. => We request you to kindly consider Annual Turnover of Rs. 25 Cr	Refer Corrigendum -1

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	(e) Annexure – IV, Eligibility Criteria, Eligibility Criteria of Project supervision /IC (NH/Expressway/Equivalent) Cl. 1(a), Column No. 3	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 seal creek / penennial river / estuary in a single or 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.	Refer Corrigendum -1
	(f) EOI Clause 1(A)Annex –IV; Sr. No. 3 of Corrigendum -1, Eligibility Criteria: 1(a) & 1(b)	The qualifying criteria is stringent. Therefore, please relax the qualifying criteria.	Refer Corrigendum -1
	(g) 6(a) of Corrigendum -1 Hong Kong Based Firms are eligible	We understand that if Hong Kong based firm which is part of China is allowed to bid. Then, other Chinese firms should also be allowed to participate in the bidding process. Please consider.	Reply to Pre-Bid Query dated12.02.2019 at Sr. No. 6(a) is withdrawn and Clause 8 of NIT of EOI persist i.e. as the project is of strategic importance, the firms/personnel of neighbouring country having common land border with India are not eligible for this project.
	(h) Annex-IV of EOI Completion certificates	Kindly let us know whether work done for Private client is allowed or not for claiming the qualification.	Refer Corrigendum.- 2
3	(a) Corrigendum -1, Page -4, Cl. B (i)	In accordance with Corrigendum-1, Page 4, Clause B(i), "JV lead partner must fulfill at least 50% of requirements at 1(a) (Aggregate Length) of table in para (A) above and other JV member should fulfill at least 25% of the eligibility criteria as indicate of 1(a) (Aggregate length) table in para (A) is mandatory." 1(a) requires both Preparation of DPR and Project Supervision experience in the last 10 years. In Europe, such unique bridges as cable stayed or cable suspension or extradosed or pre-stressed with such span lengths and overall lengths are designed by specialized technical consulting companies and it's very unlikely for these consulting companies to perform both technical design and site supervision of such bridges. Considering involving participation of more technical international companies specialized in bridges would benefit the contracting authority in receiving the highest quality bid, we hereby kindly request Clause 1(a) to be changed where either Preparation of DPR or Project Supervision experience to be accepted as eligible.	Refer Corrigendum -2
	(b) Corrigendum -1, Page -2, Cl. 1(a)	In accordance with Couigendum-1, Page 2, Clause 1(a), minimum span length of 125 m is required for bridge references to be eligible. Also in Clause 1(a) pre-stressed bridges are accepted as eligible. Span length of 125 m is over the general standard 100 m span length of pre-stressed concrete bridges and more towards steel bridges. In order to include participation of more international consulting companies specialized in concrete bridges instead of steel bridges, for high quality and competition bidding and more pre-stressed concrete bridge references for higher technical evaluation, we hereby kindly request Clause 1(a) minimum pre-stressed concrete bridge span length criteria to be changed in 100 m instead of 125m.	Refer Corrigendum -2
	(c) Corrigendum -1, Page -3, article 7	The proposal submission deadline is indicated as 07.03.2019. Most of the international government authorities do not include details like bridge structure type, span length, crossing over the river, etc. in the work completion certificates. We, as international consultants, will have to write official letter to the government authorities requesting these additional details and it takes considerable time for the government authorities to issue these official letters. Therefore, we hereby kindly request the proposal submission deadline to be extended to 21.03.2019 to provide time for international consultants to obtain such official letters from the government agencies.	Refer Corrigendum -2

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4	(a) EOI Annex-I, Sub Clause 6 of Page No. 8 " Instruction for Submission of EOI	As per the Corrigendum-1, the Foreign Companies with 100% subsidiary are not allowed to Submit the EOI by claiming the experience of the parent company. As per Corrigendum-1 it becomes inevitable for the parent company to bid/submit the EOI directly. The present restriction also relives the purpose of forming of Subsidiary Company as per the companies act. The present clause splits the WOS and Parent company, which will further lead to the limitation of the competition as the Foreign company/ parent company is treated separately and the WOS cannot utilize the credential, expertise and Technology of the parent company. The present amendment will have direct impact on the competition size, and reduction in competition will lead to the increase in the cost of services. Increase in the cost of the services will be a loss to the government of India. Accordingly, it is requested to reinstate the original condition.	Refer Corrigendum -1
	(b) EOI, Annexure I, Clause 4, Page-8	The present project is mega project considering the cost, type of infrastructure and time. The size of project also has its own challenges and risk. The present amendment restricts majority of Indian Companies to participate as Associate Company to the Joint Venture and also to be noted that majority of the Indian Companies do not hold experience to qualify as Joint Venture Partner. The advantage of the Indian companies as associate will bring together local expertise available with them specially in context to the Regional experience and also provide an opportunity to develop local consultant capacity. The inclusion of Associate company will increase the competition and bring down the services cost. The involvement of the associate company during the construction stage will be of prime importance as post construction and DLP period, the associate company will be in capacity to assist for long term maintenance/Emergency Maintenance cases. Therefore, it is requested to allow two associate companies with present composition to participate in the EOI.	Refer Corrigendum -1
5	(a) Corrigendum – 1, Page 1 of 10 Financial Statement of the last Five Financial Years	We are an International company and follow financial calendar from Oct to Sep. Currently our Audited financial statement for FY 2017-18 is not available. We understand that unaudited Financial statement for FY 2017-18 shall be consider in case audited financial statement is not available.	Refer Corrigendum -1, Sr. No. 1, EOI Clause – 10 of Annexure – iii,, Note (iv) Financial Year to be Financial Year of the bidding entity
6	(a) EOI Clause 1(A) Annex-IV of Page 17 and Sr. No. 3 of Corrigendum - 1 (Page No. 2) Eligibility Criteria: 1(a) & 1(b)	Since superstructure of Rail-cum-Road bridges are generally of steel, we understand that steel bridges will also be considered whether Road or Rail. Kindly confirm.	Rail cum Road Bridge Projects either cable stayed or cable suspension or extra-dosed or pre-stressed with concrete superstructure shall be considered, other conditions .remains same. Refer Annex-IV of Corrigendum - 2
	(b) EOI Clause 1(A) Annex-IV of Page 17 and Sr. No. 3 of Corrigendum - 1 (Page No. 2) Eligibility Criteria: 1(b)	We understand that 20% of the bridge length i.e. 4 Kms is single continuous bridge required in single contract with span not less than 125 mtr. Kindly confirm.	Refer Corrigendum -2
	(c) Sr. No. 9 of Corrigendum – 1 (Page No. 4) B (ii). Eligibility Criteria for Partners in case of JV	We understand that any partner i.e. either Lead or JV Partner may fulfill the criteria mentioned in 1(b) (single contract) of table in para (A) of eligibility criteria.	Refer Corrigendum -2

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	(d) Note: ***, EOI Annex-IVB, (i) & (ii) of page no. 18The weightage will be treated as 50% for lead partner and 25% for minor partner. Annual Turnover duly certified by Chartered Accountant shall be accepted.	As per the prevalent practice and MoRTH guidelines please allow for the weightage to be treated as 60% for lead partner and 40% for JV partner and 25% for associate partner, in case JV demarcation is not given in client certificate. Kindly consider.	Refer Corrigendum -2
	(e) EOI Clause 1(A) Annex-IV of Page 17 and Sr. No. 3 of Corrigendum – 1(Page No. 2) Eligibility Criteria: 1(a) & 1(b)	It is submit that minimum eligibility criteria are quite to tough to meet with as these kinds of credentials are very limited which will consequently limit he participation, eventually leading to higher price and less option to the client for technical deliveries. Therefore, in the interest of work, it is requested that more participants in the bid may be encouraged by relaxing the minimum eligibility criteria. Kindly consider.	Refer Corrigendum -2
7	(a) EOI Clause 1(A) Annex-IV; Sr. No. 3 of Corrigendum -1 Eligibility Criteria: 1(a) & 1(b)	If you look at the number of similar works done in last 10 years in entire world, you will find that are few works of such magnitude done. Therefore, there would be very few consultants having such criteria. So, Please relax criteria and reduce the aggregate length as well as single project length and span length so that you have more bidders on board. Also, please remove lane restriction so that more and more bidders submit proposals.	Refer Corrigendum -2
	(b) EOI point no. 3 of Annexure -I; 2(c) of Pre-bid -1 Power of Attorney	We think that Duly Notarized Power of Attorney will be considered. Please confirm.	Refer Pre-Bid Reply dated 12.02.2019
	Note:	<p>Detailed eligibility criteria for the firms have been modified and stipulated in Corrigendum-2, of Annexure-IV, V and VI of EOI may be referred.</p> <p>In case of further ambiguity on eligibility criteria among cross referred clauses in this EOI, Eligibility referred in Corrigendum-2, of Annexure-IV from Page 2 to 9 shall prevail.</p>	