

**National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited**

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**Reply to Pre-Bid Queries**

S.No.	Clause	Description	Suggestion/Query	Reply
1	Cl. 12.2 (C)- Stage II : Technical Evaluation Pg. 32	Total 5 Numbers of the Key Professional are proposed along with weightage for Stage II Technical Evaluation, which is based on Qualification and relevant experience as per Enclosure II.	It is to be noted that Qualification and relevant experience required for the position of Highway Cum Payment Engineer is Missing / not mentioned in the Enclosure II. Request you to kindly provide the same as at the earliest.	As per Amendment no. 2.
2	General	-	Further we are requesting to extend the bid submission End date 18.01.2021 at least for one to two weeks period considering a. Above mention observations b. Pandemic condition due to Covid-19 c. Non availability of the Key professional due to holiday on Makarsankranti / pongal/ugadi festival in continuation to the week end holidays	As per Amendment no. 2.
3	Page 32 Page 193, Appendix V	A. Firm's relevant experience in last 7 years Appendix V	There is a discrepancy in detailed experience criteria mentioned on Page 32-32 and in Appendix V given on page 193-194. Kindly correct and confirm.	As per Amendment no. 2.
4	Page 145 Page 20	Manning Schedule Total Project Assignment – 10 Months Annexure 1 Completion Period- 08 Months	There is a discrepancy in duration of project mentioned in the RFP document.  Kindly correct and confirm.	As per Amendment no. 2.
5	Table-1:	(iii) If the applicant firm has / have prepared the	The Consultants understand that in case project has	In case if the applicant firm



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	Minimum Eligibility Requirements, Page 32	DPR/FS projects solely on its own, 100% weightage shall be given. If the applicant firm has prepared the DPR/FS projects as a lead partner in a JV, 75% weightage shall be given. If the applicant firm have prepared the DPR projects as the other partner (not lead partner) in a JV, 50% weightage shall be given. If the applicant firm have prepared the DPR/FS projects as an associate, 25% weightage shall be given.	been undertaken in Association (with Sub-Consultant) and not in Joint Venture then the lead partner will be given 100% weightage of the experience.  Kindly confirm.	has / have prepared the DPR/FS projects solely or in association, 100% weightage shall be considered.
6	Data Sheet, Qualification and relevant experience of the proposed key professional staff, Clause 2 (II)(b)(iv), Page 39 & TOR, Enclosure-II, Clause II (b) (iv), Page No. 147	<b>Senior Tunnel Expert</b>  Experience in DPR preparation of minimum 5 km tunnel length	The Consultants understand that Total Professional Experience required for the position is on higher side.  The Client is requested to consider 40% (2.4 km) of length of individual tunnel in case of DPR and 60% (3.6 km) of individual tunnel in case of Feasibility Study as the same is also considered under Minimum Eligibility Requirement for the firm's experience. This has been followed in similar projects of NHIDCL/NHAI.  Kindly consider and confirm the above.	As per RFP.
7	Data Sheet, Assumptions to be made	<b>Assumptions to be made regarding Similar Capacity for various positions, Page 46</b>  • Senior Tunnel Expert	The Consultants request the client to consider the below mentioned positions also in similar capacities. Same is being considered by NHIDCL and other Clients	As per Amendment no. 2.



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	regarding Similar Capacity for various positions, Page 46-48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tunnel Design Expert</li> <li>• Senior E&amp;M</li> <li>• Senior Geologist</li> <li>• Senior Geotechnical Engineer</li> </ul>	<p>for similar bids :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Senior Tunnel Expert</b> <i>On behalf of Consultant / Contractor: Tunnel Engineer / Tunnel Expert</i> <i>In Government Organizations : Executive Engineer</i></li> <li>• <b>Tunnel Design Expert</b> <i>On behalf of Consultant / Contractor: Tunnel Engineer / Tunnel Expert</i> <i>In Government Organizations : Executive Engineer</i></li> <li>• <b>Senior E&amp;M</b> <i>In Government Organizations : Executive Engineer</i></li> <li>• <b>Senior Geologist</b> <i>In Government Organizations : Executive Engineer</i></li> <li>• <b>Senior Geotechnical Engineer</b> <i>In Government Organizations : Executive Engineer</i></li> </ul> <p>Kindly consider and confirm the above.</p>	
8	Page 46-49	Assumptions to be made regarding Similar Capacity for various positions – for <b>Sub-professionals</b>	<p>Client is kindly requested to also accept Retired PWD Executive Engineers under the respective positions.</p> <p>Kindly consider and confirm.</p>	As per RFP.
9	Enclosure II, Page 152	<p><b>Material Engineer.</b></p> <p><b>ii) Desirable Experience</b></p> <p><b>b) Experience in Highway Projects:</b> Minimum 8 years on Tunnel projects in design and / or construction. Experience on Tunnel projects shall be preferred.</p>	<p>The Consultants request the Client to consider highway experience also against the said requirement. Experience on Tunnel projects shall be preferred.</p> <p>Kindly confirm the same.</p>	As per RFP.
10	Data Sheet, Qualification and relevant experience of	<p><b>Senior Geotechnical Engineer</b></p> <p>i) Degree in Civil Engineering / Mining Engineering / Engineering Geology or equivalent Approved by AICTE</p>	<p>i) The Consultants request the Client to consider <b>Post Graduation in Geology / Geoscience</b> also with the existing requirement.</p> <p>ii) Post Graduation in Geotechnical Engineering /</p>	As per RFP.

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	the proposed key professional staff, Page 44	ii) Post Graduation in Geotechnical Engineering / Foundation Engineering / Rock Mechanics / Geo science or equivalent Approved by AICTE	Foundation Engineering / Rock Mechanics/ equivalent Approved by AICTE or Ph.D. in Geo science.  Kindly confirm the same.	
11	Data Sheet, Qualification and relevant experience of the proposed key professional staff, Page 37-46	<b>Degree / Post Graduation Qualification Approved by AICTE is considered under General Qualification</b>	It is understood that the criteria "Approved by AICTE" shall not be applicable for National / foreign experts who have done graduation/ post-graduation from Universities outside India.  Kindly confirm.	Degree / Post Graduation Qualification should be from a recognised College / University of that Country for the national / foreign experts.
12	Lol, Clause 3.2.4 (xi), Page 13	In case of key personnel proposed by the foreign company, they should be on its pay roll for at least last six months (from the date of submission).	Since, foreign companies are not allowed to participate in this RFP, this clause may kindly be deleted	As per RFP.
13	Additional Point	Extension of Due date of Proposal submission	We would like to request that the date of submission of the proposal may please be extended and a period of at least 10 days may please be given for preparation of the proposal from the date of issue of clarifications.	As per Amendment no. 2
14	Clause 4 & 4.1, Page 11/12	A consultant can apply for a particular package with one team only. The packages for which a Consultant with "a Particular Team" applies should be clearly mentioned in their proposal. However, Consultants are required to submit a copy of Proof of Eligibility and Technical Proposal online separately for each package.	The packages are not mentioned in RFP. We understand that locations/ Roads as mentioned in Annex-1 on page 20 are to be considered as one package for all locations	As per RFP.
15	Clause 6.1,	The Bank Guarantee will be released by NHIDCL upon expiry of 3 years beyond the date of	We request client to release this Bank Guarantee after the final review of DPR by IE/AE and making	As per RFP.

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	Page 17	completion of services, or end of civil works contract, whichever earlier, provided rectification of errors if any, found during implementation of the contract for civil work and satisfactory report by NHIDCL in this regard is issued.	rectification of errors in DPR and completion of pre-construction activities before Construction work starts.	
16	Clause 12.2, Page 33	A Firm's relevant experience in last 7 years Table S.No. 2 "DPR of Bridge having length more than 200 m"	We understand that Bridge includes following works of (i) Elevated Highways/ Roads (ii) Grade Separators/ Flyovers (iii)Major Bridges/Minor Bridges (Standalone or Part of Highways ) (iv) ROB's / RUB's (v) VUP, PUP, CUP (vi) Via-ducts	As per RFP.
17	Clause 12.2A, Page 34	*The professionals who possess degree in Civil Engineering / Transport Planning / Transport Economics / Traffic Management / Geology / Environment Science or Engineering and 8 years Experience in highway/bridge/tunnel with employment in the firm for more than one year. The current Employment Certificate shall be uploaded by Key Personnel on INFRACON.	The desirable qualification is not matching with the qualification of key experts as given in Enclosure-II. We understand that the professionals who possess graduate degree in Civil Engineering and preferably degree in Civil Engineering/ Transport Planning/ Transport Economics/ Traffic Management/ Geology/Environment Science or Engineering	As per RFP.
18	Senior Tunnel Expert, Page 39	b (iv) Experience in DPR preparation of minimum 5 km Tunnel length	We understand that the DPR preparation of minimum 5 km Tunnel length is aggregated length	As per RFP.
19	Clause 14, Page 49	Commencement of Assignment (Date, Location): The Consultants shall commence the Services within fifteen days of the date of effectiveness of the contract at locations as required for the project stretch stated in TOR	Time period to commence the services after the effective date is inadequate for mobilization of staff on the project, as the consultant needs more time to mobilize their staff. The client may kindly provide at least 30 days to the consultant to commence their services from the date of effectiveness of the contract	As per RFP.
20	Clause	"If at feasibility stage, employer desires to terminate the contract, the contract will be	The said clause is very much detrimental and carries great amount of risk. Termination of the contract at the	As per RFP.



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	2.6,TOR, Page 51	terminated after payment up to that stage. "	feasibility stage is neither in the interest of client nor to the consultant. We request that balance activities may be continued to be used later on irrespective of present status.																									
21	Clause 3.11, Page 56	The DPR consultant may be required to prepare the Bid Documents, based on the feasibility report, due to exigency of the project for execution if desired by the NHIDCL	This statement is ambiguous, we request the clients, please clearly specify, if tender design and specification are the part of assignment. The bid value will then accordingly be quoted by consultant	As per RFP.																								
22	Clause 4.9.1, Page 70	The type of traffic surveys and the minimum number of survey stations shall normally be as under, unless otherwise specifically mentioned. <table border="1" data-bbox="533 678 1064 1173"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl. No.</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Number of Survey Stations</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Classified Traffic Volume Count</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Origin-Destination and Commodity Movement Characteristics</td> <td>Minimum 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Axle Loading Characteristics</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>Intersection Volume Count</td> <td>All Major Intersections</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.</td> <td>Speed-Delay Characteristics</td> <td>Project Road Section</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6.</td> <td>Pedestrian/animal cross traffic count</td> <td>All major inhabitations along the highway</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7.</td> <td>Turning movement surveys</td> <td>For all major intersections</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The number of survey locations indicated in the table above is indicative only.</p>	Sl. No.	Description	Number of Survey Stations	1.	Classified Traffic Volume Count	3	2.	Origin-Destination and Commodity Movement Characteristics	Minimum 2	3.	Axle Loading Characteristics	2	4.	Intersection Volume Count	All Major Intersections	5.	Speed-Delay Characteristics	Project Road Section	6.	Pedestrian/animal cross traffic count	All major inhabitations along the highway	7.	Turning movement surveys	For all major intersections	We request the Authority to kindly provide an upper limit of the number of surveys to be conducted as it will have a bearing on the financial part.	The consultants are requested to assess the site conditions and bid accordingly.
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23	Clause 8(4),TOR Page 112	All the project related office work shall be carried out by the consultant in their site office unless there are special reasons for carrying out part of the office work elsewhere for which prior approval	Since the project requires a lot of Input of various multi disciplinary experts, we request the Client to kindly allow the consultant to work from its head office which is sufficiently equipped with various other support staff	As per RFP.																								



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		of NHIDCL.	and equipment for better delivery of project However a project coordinators office shall be established for intimate interaction with the client.	
24	Enclosure III, table rows S. No. 8. Page 155	Land Acquisition III, Award determination (3G)	The Consultants would like to mention that No. of copies which are not given in relevant column.	Where ever no. of copies is not mentioned, 3 nos. of copies have to be submitted.
25	Page 46	1. Team Leader cum Senior Highway Engineer i) On behalf of the Consultant/Contractor: Team Leader/Senior Highway Engineer. ii) In Government Organizations:	We request client	As per RFP.
26	Page 47	As per Assumptions to be made regarding Similar Capacity for various positions Senior Survey Engineer i) On behalf of Consultant Senior Survey Engineer/Survey Engineer/Senior Surveyor	The consultants would like to submit that the nomenclature of the said position is also termed as surveyor in various projects. Therefore, the consultants request you to kindly consider position of Surveyor on behalf of Consultant / Contractor with the existing requirement. This may please be confirmed.	As per RFP.
27	Page 47	As per Assumptions to be made regarding Similar Capacity for various positions on page 179 of RFP Material Engineer Cum Geo Technical Engineer Geologist I) On behalf of Consultant Material Engineer / Material Expert	There are number of experts who are having vast experience in undertaking similar assignments and have worked in the capacity of Geologist, Thus, the Consultants is requested to the Client to also consider position of Geologist on behalf of Consultant with the amt existing requirement. This may please be accepted and confirmed.	As per RFP.
28	Page 48	Note: While carrying out evaluation of key personnel, the experience in similar capacity is also a criteria of evaluation and assumptions to be made regarding similar capacity have been mentioned above. However, if a key personnel has worked in next lower category to the similar capacity, the marks allotted to key personnel in the category 'experience in similar capacity' shall be	We request the client to consider and provide next lower category to the similar capacity for all key experts.	As per Amendment no. 2



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		reduced to two thirds of marks in this category. This shall be applicable for evaluation of all key personnel.		
29	Page 50	Ministry has recently awarded works of consultancy services for construction of ROB for replacing level crossings in various states. In case a level crossing exists in a project reach, consultant is required to co-ordinate with those consultants and finalize the alignment & configuration of road accordingly.	Any delay in finalization of ROB by other consultant may not be attributed on our part and there shall not be any hindrance in releasing our payment.	As per RFP.
30	GCC, Clause 7.3.2, Page 228	Penalty for delay, "In case of delay in completion of services, a penalty equal to 0.05% of the contract price per day subject to a maximum 5% of the contract value will be imposed and shall be recovered from payments due/ performance security"	The consultant request that the Penalty Clause or any deductions on account for the delay, shall be operated only if the delay is exclusively attributed on the part of the consultant.	As per RFP.
31	Clause 3.5(c), SCC, Page 224/225	(i) The Consultant shall provide to the NHIDCL Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) for a period of Five years beyond completion of Consultancy services or as per Applicable Law, whichever is higher.	It is requested to amend the clause as "the consultant shall provide the PLI up to 6 months from the completion of services."	As per RFP.
32	Page 20 annexure-1,	completion period	Scope of work included 339 Km road in hilly region with sizable tunnels also. It is difficult to finish assignment in 8 months. Please consider duration of at least 15 months for the assignment.	As per RFP.
33	Page 4, Clause 6 of NIP,	Proposal Due Date	As it is a special project, so many firms require to for a JV. In formation, arranging documents from the foreign partner is a time taking process, so we request client to extend the submission date atleast by 2 week from current submission date.	As per Amendment no. 2.
34	General	-	We are looking forward to participating in this project with one of our International Partner who is based in Europe. Our partner has excellent expertise in carrying	As per Amendment no. 2.



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			<p>out such type of works in similar geographical areas. As precautionary measures taken to prevent spreading of Corona Virus their offices are not operating in its 100% capacity. All the teams including Proposals team who contribute to the preparation of bid are staying put at home. Due to this, exchanging of documents is taking a bit longer time than anticipated. Therefore the preparation of quality proposals will not be possible.</p> <p>Taking this matter into consideration, we request your kind self to please extend the due date of submission of the RFP for a reasonable amount of time.</p>	
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**25.01.2021**

