

Notice Inviting Tender

Name of Work : Appointment of Safety Consultant for “Construction, Operation & Maintenance of **Z-Morh tunnel** including approaches on Srinagar Sonamarg section connecting National Highway no. 1 in the UT of J&K on DBFOT annuity basis”

1. Background

- (i) National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) is engaged in development of National Highways entrusted to it by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. As part of this endeavour, the Authority has taken up development of the highways through Public Private Partnership (PPP) on DBFOT basis.
- (ii) The Model Concession Agreements (MCA) stipulate that the Concessionaire shall develop, implement and administer a surveillance and safety programme for providing a safe environment on or about the Project Highways and / or shall comply with the safety requirements set forth in Schedule ‘L’ of Model Concession Agreement (MCA) for DBFOT.
- (iii) The Agreements also envisage that NHIDCL shall appoint an experienced and qualified firm or organization as a “Safety Consultant” for carrying out safety audit of the Project Highway in accordance with the safety requirements set forth in Schedule-L of Concession Agreement for the aforesaid Phases of Project.
- (iv) MoRT&H had invited applications from the interested firms for empanelment as safety consultant for providing consultancy to the project highway in accordance with the safety requirement set forth in the Schedules mentioned above. **Only those consultants who have been empaneled by MoRT&H are eligible to submit their financial proposal and work shall be awarded on least cost basis. The lists of empaneled consultants are listed in Appendix IV.**

1.2. Requests for Proposal

- 1.2.1. MoRT&H had invited applications from the interested firms for empanelment as safety consultants for carrying out safety audit of the project highway in accordance with the safety requirement set forth in Schedule ‘L’ of MCA of the PPP projects.
- 1.2.2. NHIDCL now intends to appoint the empanelled firms or organizations for the subject project on DBFOT basis. The detail of the project for which safety consultant are to be appointed are given in the RFP at **Schedule-I & II**. Some survey activities as detailed in this RFP, which are vital to know Road condition and having direct bearing on Road Safety Audit are part of the Scope of work. Survey results are to be co-related with other Road Safety Audit Reports.
- 1.2.3. The proposal has been invited through e-tendering portal i.e., <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. The interested Firm may download the RFP document from the e-tendering portal of the Employer. The Firm who downloads the RFP document from the website will be required to pay the non-refundable fee of **Rs. 5900/-** towards cost of RFP, through online facility provided by the IndusInd Bank. No amount towards tender fee should be deposited directly in the bank account of NHIDCL. Bidders may refer step by step process for payment of tender fee by visiting Indus Collect website:

<https://induscollect.indusind.com/pay/index.php>

For further details and step by step process regarding e-BG and online payment, NHIDCL Office Order 516 dated 22nd March 2023 available on NHIDCL Website. A copy of payment receipt (RTGS/NEFT/Other online mode) must be submitted along with bid.

Note: Tender fee shall be mandatorily deposited through online facility provided by IndusInd Bank only.

- 1.2.4. Bidder will have to deposit the Bid Security of **Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Only)** in favour of NHIDCL in the form of Insurance Surety Bond, Account Payee Demand Draft, Banker's Cheque or Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-Bank Guarantee). The Insurance Surety Bond shall be verified from the specific portal created for this purpose. The e-Bank Guarantee shall be transmitted through SFMS Gateway to NHIDCL's Bank. Details of designated bank account are as under:

S. No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of the Beneficiary	National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited
2	Beneficiary Bank Account No.	90621010002659
3	Beneficiary Bank Branch	IFSC CNRB0019062
4	Beneficiary Bank Branch Name	Transport Bhawan, New Delhi
5	Beneficiary Bank Address	Syndicate Bank, Transport Bhawan, 1 st Parliament street, New Delhi-110001

The formats of e-Bank Guarantee and Insurance Surety Bonds are given at **Appendix-I and Appendix-II respectively**.

- 1.2.5. The RFP is open to all the empanelled consultants who may apply for only those projects in which they do not find or anticipate conflict of interest as defined in this RFP. However, if a bidder applies for DPR Consultancy, Independent/ Authority Engineer and Safety Auditor, the project awarded first shall prevail. Each team of two key personnel and one Sub Key Personnel of a firm shall not be eligible for award of more than four Project Packages at any point of time. Further, firms empanelled for more than one team shall be eligible for award of multiple no. of packages depending on the no. of empanelled teams. However, a firm shall also not be allowed to propose more than one team for the same Project Package.
- 1.2.6. Payments will be made on the basis of deliverables and not on man months. However, for ensuring proper output and deliverables, minimum number of key personnel required for carrying out the task and their experience and qualification has been detailed in this RFP document.
- 1.2.7. The Performance Security to be submitted by the successful bidder will be **5% (Five percent)** of the contract value. The Performance Security should be valid for the duration of Services plus 28 days. The conditions regarding award of the work to firms are stipulated in the RFP.

1.3 Due diligence by Applicants

Applicants are encouraged to inform themselves fully about the assignment and the local conditions before submitting the Proposal by paying a visit to the authority and the project site, sending written queries to the authority, and attending a Pre-Proposal Conference on the date and time specified in Clause 1.10.

1.4 Sale of RFP Document

RFP document can also be downloaded from the Official Website of the Authority from **11:00 hours on 25.04.2024 to 17:00 hours on 24.05.2024** or as indicated on e-tender portal. In case of conflict/confusion in critical date(s) for tender, date(s) shown on e-tender portal will prevail.

1.5 Validity of the Proposal

The Proposal shall be valid for a period of not less than 120 days from the Bid Due Date (24.05.2024).

1.6 Brief description of the Selection Process

Selection for project specific work will be done on least cost basis.

1.7 Currency of Financial Quotes

- 1.7.1 For the purposes of evaluation of Applicants, all financial quotes shall be made in INR and quotes in other currencies shall not be accepted.
- 1.7.2 All payments to the Consultant shall be made in INR in accordance with the provisions of this RFP. The Consultant may convert INR into any foreign currency as per Applicable Laws and the exchange risk, if any, shall be borne by the Consultant.

1.8 Schedule of Selection Process -

The Authority would endeavor to adhere to the following schedule:

Sl. No.	Description	Date & Time
1	Invitation of RFP (NIT)	25.04.2024
2	Last date of receiving queries	10.05.2024 upto 1500 Hrs
3	Pre-bid meeting at venue	10.05.2024 at 1500 Hrs
4	Authority response to queries latest by	15.05.2024
5	Bid Submission Start date	18.05.2024
6	Bid Due Date	24.05.2024 at 1700 Hrs
7	Opening of Technical BIDs at venue	27.05.2024 at 1130 Hrs
8	Submission of Physical Bid	24.05.2024 at 1700 Hrs
9	Declaration eligible / qualified bidders	To be intimated later
10	Opening of Financial BID	To be intimated later
11	Letter of Award (LOA)	To be intimated later
12	Validity of BID	120 days from bid due date
13	Signing of Agreement	Within 15 days of issuance of LOA

1.9 Deleted.

1.10 Communications

1.10.1 All communications including the submission of Proposal should be addressed to:

Shri Subodh Kumar
General Manager(T),
National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited,
2nd Floor, PTI Building, 4 Parliament Street,
Sansad Marg Area, New Delhi, Delhi 110001

Email: subodhkr2@gmail.com, gmt8@nhidcl.com

1.10.2 **The Official Website of the Authority is:** <https://www.nhidcl.gov.in> and the e-tender portal is <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Applicants shall upload their proposal on the e-tender portal as per the procedure specified in this RFP.

1.10.3 **All communications should contain the following information, to be marked at the top in bold letters:**

“RFP Notice No. NHIDCL/J&K/Z-MorhTunnel/Bidding/2023-24”

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