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All Prospective Bidders

Subject: Independent Engineer Services for Development, maintenance, management and operation of Greenfield High-Speed Corridor of 166.80 km (NH-6) from Mawlyngkhung (near Shillong) in Meghalaya to Panchgram (near Silchar) in Assam on Hybrid Annuity Mode- Reply to Pre Bid Queries-reg.

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1.	SECTION 1: Information to Consultants, Sl. 14 (Page No. 9)	Consultants may apply as a sole firm only. Formulation of any JV/associate shall be treated as non-responsive. Bidders request- for allowing JV/Association	No Change.
2.	Enclosure A: Input for Key Professional Staff (Page No. 116)	The requirement of Man Power in each Package	No Change.
3.	A. Eligibility Criteria for sole applicant firm (Page No. 10)	Annual turnover (updated average of last 5 years or in each of the preceding two years) of the firm from consultancy business should be equal to or more than 2% of Total Project Cost (TPC). Bidders request- to reduce the minimum eligibility requirement for Average Annual Turnover from consultancy business from 2% or more to 1% or more for the last five (5) financial years.	No Change.
4.	SECTION 3: FORMATS FOR SUBMISSION OF FIRMS CREDENTIALS (Page No. 56)	2. Average annual turnover (last five years) Note: The Firm shall submit Certificate of Incorporation and audited balance sheet for the last five financial years (FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21, FY 2021- 2022, FY 2022- 2023 and FY 2023-24). Query: we need to submit audited balance sheet for the last five financial years which is (FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22, FY 2022-2023, FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-25) as it is asked under point (f) of Appendix-A "Financial Statement of the last five years. ***"	The audited balance sheet for last financial year shall be for FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22, FY 2022-2023, FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-25. Please refer Revised RFP (Page No. 56)

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		<p>3.3 Steno cum Computer Operator – 54 month</p> <p>3.4 Office Boy (1 No.) - 54 month</p> <p>It is essential to provide support staff, as detailed below, to ensure the smooth functioning of the respective offices of the four Packages. Therefore, it is kindly requested to increase the number of support staff and the corresponding man-months accordingly.</p> <p>Support Staff Requirements:</p> <p>3.1 Office Manager – 4 × 54 man-months</p> <p>3.2 Accountant-cum-Cashier – 4 × 54 man-months</p> <p>3.3 Stenographer-cum-Computer Operator – 4 × 54 man-months</p> <p>3.4 Office Boy – 4 × 54 man-months</p> <p>The Client may please be consider the above and upload the revised BoQ of Financial Format.</p>	
8.	Enclosure-A: Note: 2 @ Page 117 of 298	<p>Query1: We request that this point may please be modified as hereunder: "The Eligibility criteria for Project Coordinator shall be similar to Team Leader & only those will be considered having >=80% marks for interview by Standing Expert Committee; for remaining 2 KP, minimum qualifying marks shall be 75%." Please accept and amend</p> <p>Query 2- The Eligibility criteria for Project Coordinator shall be similar to Team Leader & only those will be considered having >=90% marks for interview by Standing Expert Committee; for remaining 2 KP, minimum qualifying marks shall be 75%.</p> <p>Query3- No marks in technical evaluation for Project Coordinator, Senior Contract Specialist & Environmental Expert.</p> <p>It is clearly mentioned that there is no Evaluation for these Positions. Therefore we need to clarify that do we need to submit CV for these Positions along with Bid or after Award and before signing of Contract.</p>	<p>1,2- No Change.</p> <p>3- The CV shall be approved during agreement / before mobilisation.</p>
9.	Enclosure –A @ Page 116-117 of 298 & Enclosure- B	<p>Query1-SUB PROFESSIONAL Qualification & Experience required for the following Sub Professional is not given in Enclosure-B</p> <p>1. Highway Design Engineer</p> <p>2. Bridge/ Structural Design Engineer</p>	<p>Please refer corrigendum No. 1 & Revised RFP (Page No. 127-128)</p>

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	@page 112-127 of 298	3. Assistant Environmental Engineer 4. Assistant Geotechnical Engineer 5. Assistant Geologist / slope Stability Engineer Please provide the same. Query2 Appendix C-3 & as well as in Enclosure-A, position Mentioned is "Assistant Environmental Engineer" however in Enclosure-B Qualification & Experience is given for "Environmental Expert". Please clarify which one we should follow iii. There is no details about Qualifications & Experience required for the "Contract Specialist"	
10.	Clause 6.4 (g) of GCC @ page 268 of 298	(g) Independent Engineer will make payment of salary to all key personnel in their respective bank accounts through electronic mode only. No cash transaction wrt salary will be made. Proof of salary transfer through electronic mode shall be submitted by the Independent Engineer with each Bill. Query: We would like to inform you that we always pay salary of Staff through Electronic transaction to all the staffs. However, if we submit the same with the bill then some time it creates differences among staffs deployed on the projects as it discloses the salary of staffs being paid. Therefore, to avoid such circumstances we should allow submitting an undertaking for this. Please accept the same.	No Change.
11.	Appendix-EC (Page No. 35)	2. Evaluation Criteria for assessment of experience in use of technology for road inspection Experience in NSV, FWD, MBIU, Retro Reflectometer and Automatic Traffic Counter cum Classifier (ATCC) Marks are only for Own Equipment Bidders request- to consider marks also & equally for equipment on MoU with associate or on hiring basis	No Change.
12.	Appendix-EC (Page No. 35)	Evaluation of Key Experts 3.7 Senior Geotechnical Expert b. Experience in Similar Capacity b. (i). Experience as Geotechnical engineer or similar capacity in construction/ construction supervision of at	Query1- No Change.



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		least 4 tunnel projects (Road/Rail/Metro) of length equal to or more than 4 km.	
		<p>b. (ii). Experience as Geotechnical engineer or similar capacity in design/project preparation of tunnel projects (Road/Rail/Metro) of at least 4 km length.</p> <p>Query1- request the Client to revise the eligibility criterion by reducing the minimum tunnel length requirement from 4 km or more to 1.5 km or more,</p> <p>Query2- Similar Capacity Request for "Similar Capacity includes the following positions i) On behalf of Consultant/ Contractor: Geotechnical Engineer/ Geotechnical Expert ii) In Government Organizations: Executive Engineer (or equivalent) and above.</p>	Query2- No Change
13.	Appendix-EC (Page No. 35)	<p>Evaluation of Key Experts</p> <p>3.8 Senior Geologist</p> <p>b. Experience in Similar Capacity</p> <p>b. (ii). Experience in similar capacity in project preparation/DPR involving of major tunnel projects (Road/Rail/Metro). (Min 1 year experience in a project)</p> <p>Request- to relax the requirement of min. 1 Year project duration to 6 months project duration in project preparation/DPR involving of major tunnel projects.</p> <p>Request 2</p> <p>It is requested that following position may please be considered as similar capacity for this position: (1) Similar Capacity includes the following positions</p> <p>a. On behalf of Consultant: GEOLOGIST</p> <p>b. On behalf of Contractor: GEOLOGIST / Project Manager (Tunnel Construction/ Construction Supervision)</p> <p>c. In Government Organizations: Executive Engineer (or equivalent) and above</p>	As per revised RFP (Page No. 51)
14.	Appendix-EC (Page No. 35)	<p>Evaluation of Key Experts</p> <p>3.8 Senior Geologist</p>	As per revised RFP (Page No. 53)

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		<p>b. Experience in Similar Capacity</p> <p>b. (iii). Experience in similar capacity in highway tunnel construction/construction supervision with minimum length of 4 Km</p> <p>Query1- to revise the eligibility criterion by reducing the minimum tunnel length requirement from 4 km or more to 1.5 km or more,</p> <p>Query2- to request you to kindly modify/ delete the requirement of Tunnel Experience for the position of Senior Geotechnical Expert and Sr. Geologist in the Self Evaluation and Enclosure-B. Please provide the revised/ modified Self Evaluation for submission of the Proposal.</p>	
15.	Appendix C-3: Breakdown of Local Currency Costs (Page No. 91)	<p>Remuneration for Local Professional Staff</p> <p>6. Road Safety Expert (4 nos.) – 4 x 54 nos.</p> <p>Query1: Request for revising this requirement by changing the Road Safety Expert position from full-time to intermittent. & reduction of no. of Road safety expert to one</p> <p>Query2- RFP states as "It is mandatory for the Road Safety Expert to have completed at least 15 days' certification course on Road Safety Audit from IAHE/IITs/NITs/CRRRI. The CV of the proposed key personnel not having completed minimum 15 days certification course shall not be evaluated. For avoidance of doubt, it is clarified herein that the certification training course may be either from a single institution or from multiple institutions."</p> <p>Request is for modification of clause At least 1 out of 4 required Road Safety Expert must have undertaken this Training.</p>	No Change.
16.	Appendix-EC 3.6 Road Safety Expert at page	<p>(1) Similar Capacity includes the following positions</p> <p>i) behalf of Consultant / Contractor: Road Safety Expert</p>	No Change.

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	no. 50 of 298	Request: We request you that under similar capacity "Traffic Safety Expert/ Safety Expert" may please also be considered.	
17.	General	Tunnel Location, Length and its structure components Request/Query- To either remove these positions from the key personnel requirements or provide detailed information regarding the proposed tunnel length, type, and structural components involved in the project.	There is no tunnel in the project.
18.	Section 1. Para 1 General (Detail of Project), Page no.5 in RFP.	It is observed the RFP does not explicitly state whether the proposed project is categorized as a 2- lane or 4-lane project.	The project is access controlled, 4 lane.
19.		That RFP does not explicitly state whether the consultant may utilize the financial and technical credential of its parent / holding company. Query- Request is to add the following clause in the eligibility criteria section: "A subsidiary company registered/ incorporated in India may utilize the financial and technical credentials of its parent/holding company having more than 90% share in the subsidiary company, either directly or combined through one or more of its subsidiary companies. The technical credentials of subsidiary(ies) in which the parent/holding company holds more than 90% shareholding (directly or indirectly) shall be treated as the credentials of the parent/holding company".	No Change.
20.	Clause 18 of Section-1 – ITC, Page no. 11 of 298	"The Bidder should, in the last 2 years, have neither failed to perform for the works of Expressways, National Highways, ISC (Inter State Connectivity) & EI (Economic Importance) works, as evidenced by imposition of a penalty by an arbitral or judicial authority or a judicial pronouncement or arbitration award against the Bidder including individual or any of its Joint Venture Member, as the case may be, nor has been expelled or terminated by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways or its implementing agencies for breach by such Bidder including individual. Consultants (sole firm) who do not fulfil the aforesaid condition as on last date of submission of proposal, need not apply as their RFP proposal will not be entertained."	No Change.

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		Request is for replacing 2 years by 1 year.	
21.	Clause 4.1 iii of Section-2, (Page No. 23)	<p>ii. The successful bidder shall submit the original documents specified above in point no. 4.1 B (I) (a), (b), (c), (d), (g) & (h) above together with their respective enclosures & Original of Integrity Pact to the Authority after declaration of bid evaluation result by Authority.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>To inform the authority that there is no point no. (g) & (h) mentioned in the said clause. Therefore we understand that this is just typographical error. Please Confirm the same.</p>	As per revised RFP (Page No. 24)
22.	<p>Clause 12 of ITC section -1 at page no. Page no. 8 of 298</p> <p>&</p> <p>Clause 5.8 of Section -2 at page no. 26 of 298 & Point V of data sheet at page no. 34 of 298</p>	<p>Clause 12 of ITC section -1</p> <p>..... The weightage of Technical and Financial score shall be 80% & 20% respectively.</p> <p>Clause 5.8 of Section -2</p> <p>"..... Where S is the combined score, and Tw and Fw are weights assigned to Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal that shall be 0.70 and 0.30 respectively."</p> <p>Point V of data sheet</p> <p>"The weightage given to technical proposal is 80%. The weightage given to financial proposal is 20%."</p> <p>There is an ambiguity in these two clauses and we understand that this is typographical error and the correct weightage of Technical Proposal and Financial proposal is 0.80 & 0.20 respectively. Please Confirm the same.</p>	No Change.
23.	<p>Pg 38-54</p> <p>Appendix-EC</p> <p>Evaluation Criteria (Applicable to all key personnel)</p>	<p>Experience in similar capacity involving length 40% of project length or more of similar configuration (2/4/6**laning) and above</p> <p>Request- for modifying the project length to average length of each 4 package as 41.7 km or to max or the project length 55.7 km, for the purpose of evaluation of Key personnel</p>	As per revised RFP (Page No. 38)

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24.	SECTION 1: – Sub- Clause 1 RFP Page No. 5	Considering the length and complexity of the high-speed corridor, we request NHIDCL to kindly consider bifurcating the project into two packages. This will facilitate efficient handling and better project management by the Independent Engineer.	As per revised RFP (Page No. 38)
25.	Section 2 Clause 3 (Page 20) & Data Sheet 10 INVITATION TO CONSULTANTS	Key Personnel Package Structure: RFP mentions "four (04) Key Personnel" positions. Clarification is sought for- (a) Project site locations for each of the 4 contracts – This is critical for manpower deployment planning and office establishment requirements. (b) Intended office locations to be established within the project –Central office, field offices at each contract site, or distributed arrangement. (c) Whether 4 key personnel for each positions required PER CONTRACT (32 total across 54 months). (d) Manpower deployment strategy – Are all 4 contracts managed from single central location or requires dedicated sub-teams per contract. (e) Contract Execution- Do all 4 contracts run simultaneously or sequentially.	(a)&(b) As per revised RFP (Page No. 38 & 93) (c) No Change. (d) as per revised RFP (Page No. 93) (e)- separately
26.	Data Sheet 10(ii) (Page No. 32)	Major Structures Definition: RFP requires "Experience in Construction Supervision of Major structures having length >500m in last 7 years." Request for Clarification: Confirm "Major structures" includes Major bridges >500m, Elevated highways/ROB structures, Interchange structures, Complex tunnel entries >500m.	No Change.
27.	Draft Contract – Clause 3.1.3 (Page No. 256)	Service Deficiency Penalties: RFP mentions penalties per "Clause 3.1.3 of General Conditions of Contract" but specific penalty matrix is not provided in RFP. Query RFP mentions penalties per "Clause 3.1.3 of General Conditions of Contract" but specific penalty matrix is not provided. Without clarity on penalty structure, accurate risk assessment and financial proposal preparation is not possible. Request for Clarification:	No Change.

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		<p>(a) Provide detailed penalty matrix defining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific service failures that trigger penalties. • Quantum of penalty per deficiency. • Whether penalties are per-occurrence or cumulative <p>(b) Confirm maximum penalty cap – Typically not exceeding:</p> <p>10% of monthly fee per single deficiency, OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% cumulative monthly cap • Clear limit on total deductible penalties during contract period <p>(c) Include waiver/partial penalty clause allowing mitigation if consultant can demonstrate justified reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concessionaire-caused delays/ • Force majeure events (extreme weather, natural disasters). • Third-party action beyond consultant control. Clear penalties reduce contract disputes and allow proper risk pricing in financial proposal. 	
28.	2 ii) Page no. 41 of the RFP	<p>3.2 Resident cum Highway Engineer Experience as Resident Engineer/ Project Director/Project Manager/ Superintending Engineer or equivalent/ Executive Engineer or equivalent on construction works/Independent Engineer Projects (similar configuration (2/4/6 laning*) and above).</p> <p>< 5 years -0 5 years -16</p> <p>Add 1 marks extra for each additional year of experience subject to maximum 4 (four) marks.</p> <p>Query-</p> <p>Experience as Highway Engineer/Resident Engineer/ Project Director/ Project Manager/Superintending Engineer or equivalent/ Executive Engineer or equivalent on construction works/Independent Engineer Projects (similar configuration (2/4/6 laning*) and above).</p> <p>< 5 years -0</p>	No Change.



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		5 years -16 Add 1 marks extra for each additional year of experience subject to maximum 4 (four) marks Kindly consider and confirm	
29.	2 ii) Page no. 41 of the RFP	<p>3.3. Bridge/Structural Engineer</p> <p>Experience in similar capacity in supervision of Major Highway Bridges/ROB/Flyover/ Interchanges/ any other structures</p> <p>< 2 Bridges -0 02 Bridge -16 Add 2 mark extra for each additional bridge subject to maximum 4 marks</p> <p>Query-</p> <p>Experience in similar capacity in Construction/supervision of Major Highway Bridges/ROB/Flyover/ Interchanges/ any other structures</p> <p>< 2 Bridges -0 02 Bridge -16 Add 2 mark extra for each additional bridge subject to maximum 4 marks. Kindly consider and confirm.</p> <p>Query2- Experience in similar capacity in supervision of Rehabilitation and repair of Major Bridges/ROB/Flyover/ Interchanges/ any other structures</p> <p>< 2 - 0 2 nos -07 3 or more -10</p> <p>Request-</p> <p>Experience in similar capacity in Construction/supervision of Rehabilitation and repair of Major Bridges/ROB/Flyover/ Interchanges/ any other structures</p> <p>< 2 - 0 2 nos -07 3 or more -10</p>	No Change.

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		Kindly consider and confirm.	
30.	2 iii) Page no. 45 of the RFP	<p>3.4. Senior Pavement Specialist</p> <p>Experience in similar capacity as Pavement/Geo-technical Engineer in construction/ construction supervision of Major Highway projects (of length 40% of project length or more of similar configuration (2/4/6 laning**) and above)</p> <p>< 2 nos -0 2 nos -16</p> <p>Add 2 marks extra for each additional project subject to maximum 4 marks.</p> <p>Query-</p> <p>Experience in similar capacity as Highway Engineer/ Pavement/Geo-technical Engineer in construction/ construction supervision of Major Highway projects (of length 40% of project length or more of similar configuration (2/4/6 laning**) and above)</p> <p>< 2 nos -0 2 nos -16</p> <p>Add 2 marks extra for each additional project subject to maximum 4 marks.</p> <p>Kindly consider and confirm.</p>	No Change.
31.	Page Nos. 53-54 of the RFP	<p>Similar capacity is not clearly defined for the Senior Geologist position.</p> <p>We would request that the position of Geologist may also be considered as the similar capacity of Senior Geologist.</p> <p>Kindly consider and confirm</p>	No Change.
32.	Clause 10 (i) of Data Sheet on page 31	<p>Sub criteria for Relevant Experience of the firm for the assignment</p> <p>"Experience as Independent Engineer/ Authority Engineer/ Construction Supervision in Number of Highway Projects of length equal to 40% of project length of similar category for which RFP invited of 2/4/6**-laning or more in last 7 years*</p> <p>"Experience in DPR preparation for Number of Highway Projects (of length 40% of project length of similar</p>	No Change.

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		<p>category for which RFP invited of 2/ 4/6**-laning or more) in last 7 years"</p> <p>Request :</p> <p>In Clause 10(i) of Data Sheet 2, the term "laning" has been struck through. However, as per the notes under the Eligibility Criteria and Appendix-EC, it is stated that "for 4/6-laning projects, experience of 2-lane projects shall be considered with a multiplication factor of 0.4."</p> <p>Accordingly, we understand that experience in 2-lane projects shall be considered with a multiplication factor of 0.4, provided that the cost of such consultancy services exceeds Rs. 3.0 crore.</p> <p>We request you to kindly confirm whether our understanding is correct.</p>	
33.	<p>Clause 3.7 of Section-2, Lol, Page 22</p> <p>And Clause 6.2(a)(i) of SCC (Page No. 276)</p>	<p>For the first 12 months from the Date of Commencement of Services, Consultants shall be paid billing rates as indicated above. Beginning 13th months of the services provided, billing rates shall be increased on all items of contract inter alia including vehicle hire, office rent, consumables, furniture etc. @ 5% every 12 months for local currency for the subsequent period of services rendered by the personnel of all categories namely (i) key Personnel; (ii) sub-Professional personnel and (iii) Support staff.</p> <p>Request for amending the clause as</p> <p>"For the first 12 months from the Date of Submission of Bid, Consultants shall be paid billing rates as indicated above. Beginning 13th months of the services provided, billing rates shall be increased on all items of contract inter alia including vehicle hire, office rent, consumables, furniture etc. @ 5% every 12 months for local currency for the subsequent period of services rendered by the personnel of all categories namely (i) key Personnel; (ii) sub-Professional personnel and (iii) Support staff."</p>	No Change.



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