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REPLY TO PRE-BID QUERRIES

Name of Work: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR AUTHORITY'S ENGINEER FOR SUPERVISION OF "Construction of New Two-Lane Bridge with its approaches from Km 0+000 to Km 4+385 across River Brahmaputra on NH-17 at Jogighopa in the State of Assam on EPC mode."

Tender ID: 2021_NHIDC_637105_1

S. No.	Reference Item	Query/Clarification Sought	Reply
1.	In the RFP, Section-1, Table under Clause 15 (A): S. No. 1(a) - Preparation of DPR	<p>The firm should have minimum experience of preparation of detailed Project Report / Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report of 2/4/6** laning / Bridge project of aggregate length equal to 2 times or more of similar category for which RFP's invited.</p> <p>As the project is extradosed bridge we understand that similar category includes extradosed/cable stayed bridges. Please confirm our understanding.</p>	<p>The project is Standalone Bridge Project.</p> <p>Similar Bridge category includes Extradosed/ Cable-stayed/ Cable Suspension Bridges.</p>
2.	In the RFP, Section-1, Table under Clause 15 (A): S. No. 1(a) - Project Supervision / IC	<p>The firm should have minimum experience of Project Supervision / Independent Engineer / Consultant of 2/4/6** laning / Bridge project of aggregate length equal to 3 times or more of similar category** for which RFP is invited.</p> <p>As the project is extradosed bridge we understand that similar category includes extradosed/cable stayed bridges. Please confirm our understanding.</p>	As above.
3.	In the RFP, Section-1, Table under Clause 15 (A): S. No. 1(b) -Project Supervision / IC	<p>The Firm should also have experience of Project Supervision / Independent Engineer / Authority' Engineer of at least one project of similar category of two/four/six** laning/bridge work of length equal to 40% of project length.</p> <p>As the project is extradosed bridge we understand that similar category includes extradosed/cable stayed bridges. Please confirm our understanding.</p>	As above.

4.	In the RFP, Special Conditions of Contract, Clause 2.4	<p>The time period shall be 78 months (18 months for construction period and 60 months for Maintenance period)</p> <p>Section-1: 'Information to Consultants' it is mentioned '36 months of construction + 120 month of Maintenance period'</p>	<p>Construction Period is 36 months and Maintenance/Defect Liability Period is 120 months.</p>
		We request you to please confirm on the correct duration of the Project.	Refer Corrigendum - II.
5.	In the RFP, Appendix-EC: Table under Clause 3.1, Team Leader cum Senior Bridge Engineer, S. No. 1 ii)	<p>It is mentioned that "Post-Graduation in Structural Engineering or equivalent Specialised stream of civil engineering"</p> <p>We understand that, Specialised stream of civil engineering would include Transportation / Highway / Bridge / Geotechnical Engineering etc. Please confirm our understanding.</p>	Post Graduation in Structural Engineering only.
6.	In the RFP, Appendix-EC: Table under Clause 3.1, Team Leader cum Senior Bridge Engineer, S. No. 2 a) (ii)	<p>It is mentioned that "Experience as Team Leader or similar capacity in Highway Development Projects of similar configuration (2/4/6laning** and above)"</p> <p>As the project is extradosed bridge, we feel the experience requirement should be of similar bridge type such as extradosed/cable stayed instead of Highway Development Project. Please consider.</p>	As per conditions under Section-1, Clause 15 (A) and footnote.
7.	In the RFP, Appendix-EC: Table under Clause 3.1, Team Leader cum Senior Bridge Engineer, S. No. 2 a) (iii)	<p>It is mentioned that "Experience as Team Leader or similar capacity in Highway Development projects (of length 40% of project length or more of similar configuration (2/4/6 laning**) and above."</p> <p>As the project is extradosed bridge, we feel the experience requirement should be of similar bridge type such as extradosed/cable stayed instead of Highway Development Project. Please consider.</p>	As above.
8.	In the RFP, Appendix-EC: Table under Clause 3.1, Team Leader cum Senior Bridge Engineer, S. No. 2 b)	<p>It is mentioned that "Experience as Team Leader or similar capacity of at least Two projects in Construction Supervision / AE / IE / Project preparation involving at least one major bridge (minimum 300m length without approaches) in the project (of length 40% of project length or more of similar configuration 2/4/6 laning**)"</p> <p>We understand major bridge would be of similar category (extradosed/cable stayed) Please confirm.</p>	As above.

9.	In the RFP, Appendix-EC: Table under Clause 3.1, Team Leader cum Senior Bridge Engineer, S. No. 2 b)	<p>It is mentioned that "Experience as Team Leader/ Project Manager or similar capacity in Operation and Maintenance of Major Bridge (minimum 300m length without approaches) in the project (of length 40% of project length or more of similar configuration 2/4/6 laning **)"</p> <p>We understand major bridge would be of similar category (extradosed/cable stayed) Please confirm.</p>	As above.
10.	In the RFP, Appendix-EC: Table under Clause 3.2, Resident cum Pavement Specialist, S. No. 2 iii)	<p>It is mentioned that "Experience in similar capacity in handling major 2/4/6- laning** projects (of length 40% of project length or more of similar configuration (2/4/6 laning**) and above)"</p> <p>As the project is extradosed bridge, we feel the experience requirement should be of similar bridge type such as extradosed/cable stayed instead of Highway Development Project. Please consider.</p>	As above.
11.	In the RFP, Section-1, Clause 26	<p>We would like to submit that this clause is quite limiting as it restricts the best firm win the project. We understand that the restriction for bidding on number of projects should be based on capacities of individual consulting firm instead of imposing blanket restriction. In fact, NHAI has introduced such bid capacity formula based on Turnover, number of permanent staff and no. of ongoing projects. We understand that similar methodology may be adopted by NHIDCL as well exempting special/complex projects. Removing such blanket restriction will ensure healthy competition.</p> <p>Moreover, NHAI has exempted complex projects from such restrictions.</p> <p>Also, please bids invited for Contractors wherein the clause of 3 on-going projects have already been removed in interest of healthy competition.</p> <p>In view of aforesaid, it is requested that this being a long bridge project involving extradosed portion, is a complex project may be exempted from such restrictions.</p>	Refer modifications as per Corrigendum - II.
12.	In the RFP, Section-1, Clause 26	<p>"The bidder including individual or any of its JV members or its related parties, who are already having three or more on-going Authority Engineer Consultancy contract(s) in NHIDCL, as on date of financial bid opening, shall not be eligible to bid for this project." is seems like restricting to bid with the good project experience firms.</p> <p>In this regard, we would like to submit that the restriction for bidding depending on ongoing projects with NHIDCL may be removed and replace with the bidding calculation on the basis of capacities of consultants in such way NHAI has introduced such bid capacity formula based on Annual Financial Turnover, no. of permanent staff and no. of ongoing projects.</p>	As above.

13.	In the RFP, Section-1, Clause 26	<p>"The bidder including individual or any of its JV members or its related parties, who are already having three or more on-going Authority Engineer Consultancy contract(s) in NHIDCL, as on date of financial bid opening, shall not be eligible to bid for this project." is appears the restriction for participating of qualified bidders who has very much good experience for the same project. In this regard, we would like to bring to your kind notice that as per latest RFP floated by NHAI, bidding capacity of the consultant is calculated on basis of technical bid capacity formula based on Firm's Annual Financial Turnover along with permanent staff and no. of ongoing projects. Hence, it is requested that NHIDCL may be implemented with similar method implemented by NHAI for bidding capacity instead of restriction on three or more on-going Authority's Engineer Consultancy contract(s) in NHIDCL.</p>	As above.
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