

REPLY TO PRE-BID QUERY

RFP for the work of "Improvement & Widening of existing NH-08 from Champaknagar to Khayerpur to Four lane with paved shoulder (design Km 242+500 to Km 261+610) in the state of Tripura on EPC basis".

Following is the query and reply/clarification for the tender no. 2023_NHIDC_782593_1 in reference to Pre-Bid meeting held on date 19.12.2023.

S. No	Clause/reference	Observation raised on Pre-bid queries	Reply of NHIDCL
1	RFP	Please provide soil investigation / geotechnical reports for all minor bridge, major bridge, and underpass locations, which are not provided in the tender documents.	As per RFP
2	RFP/Drawings	Please provide plan & profile for the service road with details of FRL.	The details of Service Road have been given in Schedule-B. The Service Road is to be built as per the specification in the schedule D. The plan and profile of the project is already attached on the NHIDCL website.
3	Schedule B & TCS-7	In Schedule "B", we find no scope for RCC Cover drain cum footpath for slip road location; however, in TCS "7" it is showing 1.5m wide RCC Cover drain. Please confirm the same.	TCS-7 has been modified. Kindly refer to Corrigendum-I.
4	Section-7 (i)(b) & 7(iii)(a)(i) of Schedule B	Overall width in schedule B for minor bridge at CH 253+676 & 249+859 is 2x12.50m i.e., 25.0m whereas in the attached GAD drawing, its 41.812m & 35.300m respectively. Please clarify the same.	Please refer corrigendum-I.
5	DCA	As per 'Schedule C' 4000 numbers tree to be felled and plantation as per the relevant manual to be done by the contractor, but there is no payment provision as per 'Schedule H' – Please clarify the same.	Please refer to corrigendum-I.
6	DCA	As per Annexure II (Schedule A), ROW (90%) will be provided on the appointed date. Please confirm LA with 3A and 3D has been notified as on date or not.	90% RoW shall be made available on appointed date, as per RFP.
7	DCA	Please confirm whether forest clearance has been taken or not.	Forest clearance is not required for the project.
8	Schedule B	In TCS 3, no MS railing is there in between main carriageway and service road. There is no payment provision for payment in schedule "H". Please clarify.	Please refer TCS -3
9	Schedule-H	As per Schedule-B, 27 culverts are new/Reconstruction Constructions & 7 culverts are widening. But in Schedule-H, there is no payment for widening of culverts (Percentage allotted in Schedule-H only for New Construction & Reconstruction of culverts).	May please refer the Corrigendum-I
10	Schedule-H	We noticed in Schedule-H, there is more percentage of Weightage mentioned for	

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		Widening and Strengthening of existing road & less percentage of Weightage mention Reconstruction/New four lane alignment/bypass (Flexible pavement). Whereas as Schedule-B total length of the project is 19.11Km, i.e., widening is 5.352 Km and New Construction/Reconstruction is 13.758 Km, but you allotted Percentage Weightage are not matching. Kindly clarify the same.	
11	Schedule-H	DBM for Service Road/Slip Road, Percentage weightage not mentioned in Schedule-H.	Please refer Corrigendum-I.
12	Drawings	All DPR Drawings (Plan & Profile, All Types of Structure and other Miscellaneous Drawings)	Please refer Corrigendum-I.
13	RFP	DPR Cost Estimate, Design Report,	Being an EPC contract, contractor has to carry out investigation and prepare design and drawings after detailed study and survey at site. Bidders have to quote as per their own survey.
14	RFP	KMZ File and also required all related Projected related DPR Documents.	Being an EPC contract, contractor has to carry out investigation and prepare design and drawings after detailed study and survey at site. Bidders have to quote as per their own survey.
15	RFP/NIT	Bid submission date & opening date specified as 8/1/2023 & 9/1/2023- <i>Year is mentioned wrongly, may please be corrected</i>	Please refer Corrigendum-I.
16	Schedules	The Feasibility Report / Detailed Project Report prepared by the Authority/ consultants of the Authority (the "Feasibility Report/Detailed Project Report") is also enclosed. - <i>Not found in the web site. Please arrange to upload at the earliest.</i>	Please refer Corrigendum-I.
17	RFP	BID Security shall be submitted 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 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 Bank.- <i>Physical form of Bg option may also be included(in line with para 1.2 11) in view of the latest model of E-BG being new and all</i>	Please refer Corrigendum-I

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		<i>the banks may not have this option presently.</i>	
18	RFP	Note: - For further details and step by step process regarding e-BG and online payment, NHIDCL Office Order dated 22nd March 2023 may be referred which is attached as Appendix-A- <i>Appendix -A is not found, Please upload.</i>	Please refer Corrigendum-I.
19	DCA	commit the approximate share of work to be undertaken by each member conforming to sub-clause 2.1.11 (e) mentioned above; - <i>Please Clarify whether the share of work, of Lead partner/Partner can be disproportionate to their technical score? For example if partner of JV is having 20% of the qualification requirement, can he have 49% of share in work?</i>	As per RFP
20	RFP	The draft Agreement and the Feasibility / Detailed Project Report provided by the Authority as part of the BID Documents shall be deemed to be part of this RFP. - Feasibility/DPR documents are not uploaded. Please do. - <i>Feasibility/DPR documents are not uploaded. Please do.</i>	Please refer Corrigendum-I.
21	RFP	The E-BGs shall be as per the format specified in Appendix N of this RFP document and shall be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid. The bank details (Bank Name, IFSC etc.) are given below: - Appendix N is not uploaded. Please do.	Please refer Corrigendum-I.
22	RFP	Pre-BID conference of the Bidders shall be convened at the designated date, time, and place. - designated place may please be defined	Please refer Section 7 of the RFP
23	Schedule H	More weightage is given for widening and strengthening of existing road. Since the project is four laning, as per the methodology, first the bidder need to complete new 2 lane, divert the traffic and then take up the strengthening of existing two lane. It is time consuming and hence payment is required to be made proportionately when new/existing two lanes are completed. This will improve the cashflow and smooth progress of the project. - <i>Proportionate payment may be considered after completion of new/existing two lanes work subject to 10% length completion.</i>	Kindly refer to corrigendum-I

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24	Schedule-H	Condition for bye pass is stipulated as completion of 5 km to be eligible for payment. - <i>Looking to the length of the project 5 km condition is too stringent and detrimental for the project progress. This may be modified as 10% of project length in line with widening and strengthening of existing road.</i>	Kindly refer to corrigendum-I
25	Schedule-K	Clause 1 & 2 specifies the tests to be conducted on completion and clause 3 provides for issue of completion certificate. Clause 5 stipulates certain tests, which are required to be done during maintenance period. - <i>Considering clause 2(iv) and foot notes after clause 5, it is presumed that the tests specified in clause 5 are to be conducted during maintenance period. Please confirm.</i>	As per RFP.

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