NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

SECTION 1: INFORMATION TO CONSULTANTS

Sub: Consultancy Services for Authority's Engineer for Supervision of "Rehabilitation and upgradation to two lane with earthen shoulder of Nongstoin-Wahkhaji road section from existing km 0.00 to km 43.100 [Design chainage Km. 0.00 to Km. 43.060] (design length 43.060 km) in the state of Meghalaya under SARDP-NE".

GENERAL:-

1. The National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL) (the 'Employer') invites proposals for supervision for engaging Authority's Engineer (AE) from **empanelled** Consultants for the following contract package in the State of Meghalaya.

TABLE 1: DETAILS OF PROJECT

S.	NH	Consultancy Package	State	Project	Project	Assignment
No.	No.			stretch	Length	Period
					(km)/	(months)
					Project	
					Cost	
					(Cr.)	
1	State Road	Consultancy Services for Authority's Engineer for Supervision of "Rehabilitation and upgradation to two lane with earthen shoulder of Nongstoin- Wahkhaji road section from existing km 0.00 to km 43.100 [Design chainage Km. 0.00 to Km. 43.060] (design length 43.060 km) in the state of Meghalaya under SARDP-NE"	Meghalaya	Nongstoin- Wahkhaji road section	43.06 / 265.91	78

2. Selection of AE shall be as per selection procedures given in the Model Agreement for Engineering Procurement and Construction. The selected AE shall be intimated to the Contractor.

- **3.** The proposal shall be submitted in English Language and all correspondence would be in the same language.
- 4. National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) *intends to appoint a Consultant to act as Authority's Engineer for implementation of this EPC project.* As per the Terms and Conditions of the EPC Agreement (s), the Authority's Engineer shall perform all the duties as per TOR given in this RFP along with any amendment thereof. The selection of Authority's Engineers shall follow the laid down procedures given in the Contract Agreement signed between Employer and Contractor.
- 5. The interested consultancy firms may download the RFP document from the E-procurement portal of the NIC i.e. eprocure.gov.in w.e.f. the scheduled date and time as mentioned in critical date sheet. The Consultant who downloads the RFP document from the website will be required to pay the non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000/-at the time of the submission of the Bid proposal, in the form of Demand Draft. The RFP will be invited through e-tendering portal. The NHIDCL invites proposals through e-procurement portal of NIC i.e eprocure.gov.in (on-line financial bid submission) and technical bid submission by using the INFRACON* portal. The complete BID document can be viewed / downloaded from www.eprocure.gov.in and can be viewed on official portal of NHIDCL http://www.nhidcl.com also.

As per schedule as given in Critical Date Sheet as under:-

CRITICAL DATE SHEET

Bid Document /NIT Publishing Date	23.02.2017 (1700hrs)
Bid Document Download / Start Date	23.02.2017 (1730 hrs)
Clarification Start Date (Pre bid queries)	23.02.2017 (1100 hrs)
Clarification End Date(Last date for receipt of pre bid query)	02.03.2017 (1100 hrs)
Pre bid meeting	06.03.2017 (1500 hrs)
Bid Submission start Date	08.03.2017 (1000 hrs)
Bid submission End Date (online & physical Copy)	23.03.2017 (1700 hrs)

Opening Date of Technical Bid	2 4.03.2017 (1730 hrs)
Date of uploading of list of Technically Qualified Applicants	To be intimated later
Date of Opening of Financial Bids of Qualified Applicants	To be intimated later

*In order to make the evaluation process more objective, user friendly and transparent, NHIDCL has developed INFRACON portal (www.infracon.nic.in) which is a comprehensive National Portal for Infrastructure Consultancy firms & Key Personnel. The Portal has facility to host Consulting Firms' & Personnel Credentials online with linkage to Aadhar & Digilocker for data storage, validation & purity. The Information available on the portal would also be made available in Public Domain.

Based on the above stated objective, it has been decided that while calling RFPs for Authority's Engineer, NHIDCL would receive technical proposals through INFRACON portal by making it mandatory for firms & personnel to register on the portal. This would lead to reduction in paper work during bid submission & evaluation and shall bring transparency & accountability to the submission process. The applicants (hereinafter called as the Consultants) are hereby invited to submit proposals in the manner prescribed in the RFP.

- 6. The Applicant shall furnish as part of its Proposal, a bid security of Rs. 1,00,000/(Rupees One Lakh only) in the form of a Bank Guarantee (as per the format specified in Appendix N of this RFP document) or in the form of Demand Draft (the "Bid Security"), valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid. The Bid submitted without Bid Security will be summarily rejected. The Bid Security of the successful Bidder will be returned when the Bidder has signed the Contract Agreement with the Employer and has furnished the required Performance Guarantee as specified in the document within 15 days from the receipt of the Letter of Acceptance. The Bid Security will be forfeited:
- (a) If a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity. Or
 - (b) If the Bidder fails to accept the Employer's corrections of arithmetic errors in the Bidder's bid (if any), or
 - (c) If the Successful Bidder fails to sign the contract agreement with the Employer within the prescribed period, or
 - (d) If the Successful Bidder fails to furnish the Performance Security within the stipulated time. Unqualified bidders would be informed regarding their non-qualification,

without any explanation and thereafter Bid Security would be returned unopened after the evaluation of the financial proposal and signing the contract agreement with the successful bidder.

- 7. The proposal should be submitted by consultancy firms through the INFRACON. The two parts of the proposal are <u>Part1</u>: Technical Proposal and <u>Part2</u>: Financial Proposal. For a given EPC Project, Stage -1 of the Evaluation shall consider the evaluation of the Technical Proposal (i.e. Part 1). The firms scoring the qualifying marks (minimum 75%) as mentioned in RFP shall only be considered for further evaluation. Under stage 2, the financial proposal of such firms as selected above shall be opened and evaluated. Proposals will finally be ranked according to their combined technical and financial scores as specified in clause 5 of section 2. The first ranked Applicant shall be selected for negotiation (the "Selected Applicant") while the second ranked Applicant will be kept in reserve.
- 8. The total time period for the assignment as Authority's Engineer will be for Construction Period of 30 months and Maintenance period for 48 months with reduced man power (for EPC projects).
- 9. Consultants may apply either as a sole firm or forming Joint Venture with other consultants. In case of Joint Venture, the maximum number of Joint Venture partners is limited to 2 (i.e. one lead + 1 JV partner). Formulation of more than one JV/association with different partners for the same work is not allowed and all such proposal involving the firms shall be treated as non-responsive. If the consultant submits bids as sole applicant and also in JV/Association with another consultant, both bids shall be summarily rejected. No consultant shall submit more than one bid.
- 10. The Applicant whether a sole applicant or lead member with joint venture(s) may include an Associate company also. Credentials of associate firm, except key personnel, if any will not be considered for evaluation. Associate firm need not be MoRT&H empanelled consultant. The applicant shall submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Associate regarding the role and responsibilities of the Associate Company along with the

proposal. Maximum numbers of key personnel of the associate during the RFP Proposal and implementation of contract is limited to $\bf 3$.

- 11. Consulting firms meeting the following criteria are only eligible for applying for this assignment. Firms not meeting these criteria or not empanelled by MoRT&H as supervision consultant, need not apply.
- A). Eligibility criteria for sole applicant firm.

S.No.	Experience of the firm in last 7 years		Annual Turnover***
	Preparation of DPR (NH/SH/Equivalent)	Project Supervision/IC (NH/SH/Equivalent)	
1 (a).	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 is invited i.e 86.12 Km	The firm should have minimum experience of Project Supervision /Independent Engineer /Authority's Engineer of 2/4/6**-Laning /Bridge project of aggregate length equal to 3 times or more of similar category for which RFP is invited i.e. 129.18 km	Annual turnover (updated average of last 3 years) of the firm from consultancy business should be equal to or more than 2% of Estimated Project Cost i.e. 5.31 Cr.
1 (b)	Firm should also have prepared DPR/Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report for at least one project of similar category of two/four/six** Laning/bridge work of 40% of project length i.e.	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	

17.224 km	length i.e. 17.224 km	

**2/4/6 lane as applicable for the project for which RFP is invited. For 2-lane projects experience of 4/6 lane also to be considered with a multiplication factor of 1.5. Experience of 4/6 lane shall be considered interchangeably for 4/6 laning projects. Experience of 2 lane will be considered for 4/6 laning projects with a multiplication factor of 0.75. For standalone bridge projects, experience in bridge work (either standalone project or as a part of road project) only be considered.

B) Eligibility Criteria for partners in case of JV (not more than 1 JV partners shall be allowed) shall be as under:

The lead partner must fulfill at least 50% of requirements at 1(a) of table in Para (A) above and other JV partner should fulfill at least 30% of eligibility criteria as indicated at 1(a) of table in Para (A) above. Also the lead partner and JV partner jointly should meet the eligibility criteria as mentioned at 1(a) of table in Para (A) above. Lead partner should meet the criteria 1 (b) of table in Para (A) above.

Note: The weightage given for experience of a firm would depend on the role of the firm in the respective assignments. The firm's experience would get full credit if it was the sole firm in the respective assignment. If the applicant firm has completed projects as JV with some other firms, weightage shall be given as per the JV share***. However if the applicant firm has executed the project as associate with some other firms, 25% weightage shall be given to the applicant firm for the projects completed under such association.

***For weightage of experience in any past Consultancy assignment, experience certificate from the client shall be submitted. In absence of clear demarcation of JV share in client certificate, the weight age will be treated as 60 % for lead partner and 40% for minor partner. Annual turnover duly certified by Chartered Accountant shall be accepted. In case of non-availability of such documents no weight age of turnover/experience will be considered.

12. Following enhancement factor will be used for the cost of services provided and for the turnover from consultancy business to a common base value for works completed in India:

Year of completion of services / turnover	Enhancement factor
Financial year in which RFP invited	1.00
or to RFP	1.10
or to RFP	1.21
rior to RFP	1.33

Applicant should indicate actual figures of costs and amount for the works executed by them without accounting for the above mentioned factors.

In case the financial figures and values of services provided are in foreign currency, the above enhancement factors will not be applied. Instead, current market exchange rate (State Bank of India BC Selling rate as on last date of submission of the bid) will be applied for the purpose of conversion of amount in foreign currency into Indian Rupees.

- 13. Consultants (sole firm or lead firm and any of the JV partners) who have been debarred by NHIDCL/NHAI or any other central/state government organization and the debarment is in force as on last date of submission of proposal, need not apply as their RFP proposal will not be entertained.
- 14. Employer will not be responsible for any delay, loss or non-receipt of RFP document sent by post/courier. Further, Employer shall not be responsible for any delay in receiving the proposal and reserves the right to accept/reject any or all applications without assigning any reason thereof.
- 15. The two parts of the Proposal (Technical proposal and financial proposal) **m**ust be sub**m**itted on-line with all pages numbered serially, along with an index of submission as

per procedure under e-tendering. The technical proposal is also required to be submitted in a hard bound form exactly as per submission made online with all pages numbered serially along with an index of submission. (Hard bound implies binding between two covers through stitching or otherwise whereby it may not be possible to replace any paper without disturbing the documents). Spiral bound form, loose form, etc. will be not accepted. The Financial proposal is to be submitted online only. Submission in any other form shall not be acceptable. In the event, any of the instructions mentioned herein have not been adhered to; the Employer may reject the Proposal.

- 16. Employer will be at liberty to keep the credentials submitted by the Consultants at bidding stage, in public domain and the same may be uploaded by Employer on Employer's web-site. Consultants should have no objection if Employer uploads the information pertaining to their credentials as well as of their key personnel.
- 17. The individual key personnel proposed in the bid by the consultants or any replacement thereof should undertake that they shall have no objection in uploading/hoisting of their credentials by Employer in public domain.
- 18. RFP submission must be received not later than the scheduled date and time as mentioned in critical date sheet in the manner specified in the RFP document at the address given below.

Address of Employer:

ATTN: Mr. Anand Mohan Prasad DESIGNATION: General Manager (Tech)

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Delhi.

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