

Reply for the queries

Name of Work: - Proposal for invitation of Expression of Interest (EOI) for selection of Authority's Engineer for "Improvement and Widening to two lane with paved shoulder of Kailashahar - Khowai section of NH-208 in the state of Tripura on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) mode - starting near Kirtanthali (near Kailashahar town) at km 21.100 and ending near Ganki in Khowai district at km 101.300 under JICA ODA loan Phase-IV on Engineering, Procurement, Construction (EPC) Mode

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Sr. No.	Clause No., Section No. & Page No.	Original Clause in Tender	Clarification/Suggestion by the bidder	NHIDCL's Reply
1	S. No. 2 of Page 3 and S No. 4 of LOI (page 4) and Annexure-I, point 1	<p>Notice for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Short-listing of Consultants for Authority's Engineer, S. No. 2 indicates that the Completion period for each of the civil contract package shall be 18 months and Maintenance cum Defect Liability Period shall be 60 months. The total time period for the assignment as Authority's Engineer for each consultancy package shall be for Construction Period of 18 months and Maintenance period of 60 months with reduced manpower.</p> <p>S No. 4: The total time period for the assignment as Authority's Engineer for consultancy package shall be for Construction Period of 18 months and Maintenance Period of 60 months with reduced manpower. Annexure-I (1): The EOI document shall be the basis of drawing up a shortlist of Consultants who will submit proposals for the services required. The short listing of the Consultants shall be done separately for the consultancy packages mentioned in the Letter of Invitation.</p>	<p>Kindly clarify that the projects for Five AE packages are as that mentioned in the table given under S No. 1 of page 2 & 3 of the EOI, and do we have to apply EOI for each package or for a single EOI for all packages</p>	<p>The EOI is for a single Package for all the five civil work packages.</p>

2	5. Clause Participation of Contractors in bidding process of NHIDCL, Page 4	No Consultancy firm will be awarded more than 03 (three) projects of Consultancy services as Authority's Engineer/ Independent Engineer in NHIDCL. If any consultancy firm either as a sole bidder or as JV partner/Associate has already been awarded or ongoing 03 consultancy projects as Authority's Engineer/Independent Engineer in NHIDCL, then that consultancy firm will not be eligible for bidding for this work	If any consultancy firm has 3 ongoing assignment (AE/IE) with NHIDCL, then they may not participate for subject EOI, kindly clarify	As per RFP.
3	Reg. person-months for each AE packages	Kindly clarify the International Experts person-months and Local Experts person-months for each of the 5 packages As per RFP.		As per RFP
4	Reg. submission	Consultant has to submit only online EOI documents through Portal: https://eprocure.gov.in Or/and also need to submit Hard Copy, kindly clarify Since due to COVID-19 pandemic situation, all signed copy of MoU & stamp paper etc., may not be available on date of submission. It may be submitted at a later stage, after online Submission, kindly allow the same.	If consultant has to submit hard copy, then both the dates for submission of the EOI through e-tendering portal and by hard copy are 24th August 2020. We request you to extend the date of submission of hard bound copy of the EOI till 4th Sept 2020, considering the online submission date remains unchanged	Submission of hard copy is not required at this stage.
5	Submission of EOI	Since it will take time to register a new firm on CPP Portal (https://eprocure.gov.in). Please allow a member of consortium to upload EOI on behalf of consortium with the POA/authorization letter given by the lead member. We understand that the EOI proposal can be uploaded through an Associate firm in India. As per our information, NHIDCL has allowed to do so in previous project viz. "Authority's Engineer for "Widening to Two lane with Geometric Improvements of Tura Dalu road from Km 85.00 to 95.00 & 101.00 to 145.00 to 2-lanes with paved shoulder of Tura-Dalu section of NH-51 in the state of Meghalaya on Engineering. Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) funded loan assistance."		Bidders can upload EOI through member of consortium with POA/Authorization..

6	Annexure-I S No. 4	A particular Consulting Engineering firm is allowed to be an eligible applicant provided it has applied either as a sole firm or in Joint Venture. In case of Joint Venture, the maximum number of Joint Venture partners is limited to 2 (i.e. one lead + 1 JV partners). In case of the application made by a Joint Venture, either Joint Venture MOU/Agreement or the Letter of Intent to form the Joint Venture shall be attached along with all necessary details. The Applicant whether a sole applicant or Joint Venture applicant may include an Associate company during RFP stage. The applicant may include as Associate company during EOI stage as well by submitting letter of Consent from the Associate company."	Kindly clarify if the EOI submission can be done with a combination of Lead Partner & Associate Partner, at the EOI stage.	Yes EOI Submission can be done with a combination of Lead Partner & Associate partner at the EOI stage.
7	Annexure-III S.No-1	In the 4 th Column of the table, Under heading "Design Length (km)", it is mentioned 80.20, however, for each of the 5 packages it may vary, package wise, kindly clarify.		Please refer Clause 1 of Notice of Expression of Interest for detailed package wise length of the Projects. The length of each package may vary after submission of Final Design by the EPC Contractor.
8	Regarding key International Professionals at RFP Stage.	It is requested that Key International Personnel at the stage of RFP should not necessarily have Indian Experience rather should bring international expertise to the project.		As per RFP.
9	EOI Point no.3 of Annexure1; 2 (C) of Pre-Bid -1 Power of Attorney.	We understand that Power of Attorney issued by a Foreign Company Notarized as per Legal Law of that Foreign Company shall be considered. Please Confirm.		Yes, it will be Considered
10	Page 19, table on "Second Stage Evaluation....." S.No. 3 (3.1)	Number of Key Personnel (Employed with firm for at least 1 Year)-Number of Key Personnel having experience between 5 to 10 years. Can Key Personnel with experience more than 10 years also be eligible to be included/ considered in the age slab of 5 to 10 years (to qualify for S No. 3 (3.1)), as it may be appreciated that in consultancy of infrastructure projects, normally the CVs fo experts having more than 10 years of Project experience are generally		Evaluation criteria for Key Personnel more than 10 years already specified in Page 19, table on "Second Stage Evaluation....." S.No. 3 (3.2)

		required. Kindly Consider our request and confirm.		
11	Page 19, table on "Second Stage Evaluation....." S.No. 3 (3.3)	Number of key personnel having minimum 1-year experience in WB/ADB/JICA Projects. Kindly confirm if the Key Personnel having minimum 1-year experience in Government of Japan Projects can qualify under S.No 3(3.3)		As specified in RFP Experience in WB/ADB/JICA funded projects will be considered.
12	Page 19, table on "Second Stage Evaluation....." S.No. 6	Experience of Firm in DPR Preparation/ design review/Supervision of major highway structures/bridge, Kindly specify/define the things that would qualify as "major highway structure/bridge.		Major highways – NH/SH/Expressways Major Structures – Major Bridge/Flyovers/RoBs with span length more than 60m.
13	Page 19, table on "Second Stage Evaluation....." S.No. 9	Number of Highway projects as Independent Consultant/Independent Engineer/Engineer/Project Supervision Consultants of 2* laning during last 10 years (WB/ADB/JICA funded projects)	Kindly confirm if Government of Japan projects can be qualified under S.No.9	As specified in RFP Experience in WB/ADB/JICA funded projects will be considered.
14	Clause 1(a) Annual Turnover under Para 1A of Eligibility Criteria under Annex-IV of REoI Document and subsequent Format provided at Page 10 under Point 9 under Annexure-III of EoI Submission Form	As per note provided for Clause 1(a) Annual Turnover under Para 1A of Eligibility Criteria, the Consultants need to submit CA Certified Annual Turnover for last three years in the prescribed format provided at Point 9 "Financial Statement of the Last Three Financial Years" of EoI Form at Page 10, (i.e. for the FYs 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020)	The Consultant would like to bring to your esteemed notice that our financial figures for the FY 2019-2020 are under finalization, thus, Consultants may be allowed to submit the CA Certified Financial Statement for the last Three Financial Years (i.e. FYs 2016-2017, 2017- 2018, 2018-2019).	In case the Financial Figure for the year 2019-20 is not finalized then the consultant is required to submit an undertaking in this regard duly certified by Statutory auditor for the Financial year 2019-20. The Turnover for the year 2019-20 in that case will be considered as Nil and Certified financial statement for the last three Financial years (i.e FYs 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19) will be considered. If the bidder fails to provide the undertaking, the turnover for the year 2019-20 will be considered as nil and further evaluation will be carried out accordingly.


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