

Pre-bid query reply

Name of Work: Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report for Construction of 2-Lane Bridge for Connectivity of Chatham Island and Bambooflat in the Union Territory region of Andaman Nicobar Islands.

Sl. No.	Clause No. as per RFP	Query	Reply
1.	Enclosure-II	Desirable Qualification for Team Leader cum Sr. Bridge Engineer is post graduate in Civil Engineering (Highways/Bridge/ Structures /Traffic and Transportation/Soil Mechanics and foundation engineering/Construction Management/Transportation). Please confirm the same as position is for Sr. Bridge Engineer.	Please refer to Corrigendum No.1
2.	Para 3.2.3 (vi) (Form-T6)	The composition of the proposed team to be submitted through INFRACON. Please confirm.	Please refer to Corrigendum No.1
3.	Form-V	Tentative quantities for sub-soil investigation, the quantity of boring is 8m in bridge and 8 m in approaches. Please confirm.	Please refer to Corrigendum No.1
4.	As per the NIT, Sl. No. 4	Bid Submission Date Bid Submission start date 29.08.2016 As the Pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 15/09/2016, the bid submission date should be rectified accordingly.	The Bid submission start date is 29.08.2016 & Bid submission end date is 17.10.2016. This implies that the Bids can be submitted within the period from 29.08.2016 and 17.10.2016. However, the Bid submission date has been extended till 26.10.2016. Please refer Corrigendum No.1
5.	Appendix-1-ToR	Engineering survey and investigations Sub Para 5 (iii) to 5 (x) – Investigation about deflection, provision of hinges and imparting external prestressing, etc	Please refer Corrigendum No. 1



		As the proposed bridge is a new bridge {at present crossing is through ferries}, it is not clear as to why such investigations are required.	
6.	General, 4 (Primary Task) of the ToR General [Background – (i), (ii) and (iii)] Detailed Design of Bridges of the ToR	Standard and code of practice Scope of Services Investigation for Bridges and structures Design standards In this reference, it is advised that the IRC:SP:73 – 2015 should be incorporated. This may kindly be accepted.	Please refer Corrigendum No. 1
7.	Supplement I, Additional point, 4.1 (v)	Strip Plan The Client is requested to correct this typographical error to read “Site plan”.	Please refer Corrigendum No. 1
8.	Supplement I, sub –point 7 (4.11.4.4)	Geotechnical Investigation and Subsoil explorations The Client is requested to specify the criteria for the number of boreholes to be drilled and the depth of each borehole.	Please refer Corrigendum No. 1
9.	Enclosure – 1, Page 47	Managing Schedule Bridge Design Engineer The Consultants would like to state that for the project of this nature, the Bridge Design Engineer person months should be increased from 3 months to 5 months.	As per RFP
10.	Form –IX B of the ToR	Sub-Soil Investigations (Boring) In Bridge 8; and ‘In approaches 8’ The Client is requested to specify the approximate quantity of boring in Soil and the boring in rock that is required to be done.	Please refer Corrigendum No. 1
11.	Form II of Financial Format	IV. Duty Travel to Site (Fixed Costs) Trips No. – 6 Since, there are 9 Key positions along with Sub-Professional Staff, 6 trips seems on lower side. This may kindly be increased.	As per RFP
12.	Supplement I	Hydraulic model study Hydraulic model study has been mentioned in Supplement 1 but not in the ToR. Please confirm whether hydraulic model study is envisaged or not. If yes, the time period of the study may be revised as physical hydraulic model study takes 4-5 months.	Please refer Corrigendum No. 1
13.	Supplement I, Clause 4.1, 4.7, 4.11.1, 4.11.2, 4.11.2.1,	Additional Points to be considered for Bridges in addition to points covered in main ToR. As the text for these clauses is incomplete, the Client is requested to	Please refer Corrigendum No. 1

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	4.11.4.2, 4.12.1, 4.11.4.4	provide the same.	
14.	Clause 1.10 of Letter of Invitation (LoI)	Bid Security It is stated that the Consultant shall submit Bid Security of Rs. 2 Lakhs in the form of Demand Draft only. In this regard, the Client is requested to kindly accept the Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee and provide a format for the same.	As per RFP
15.	Clause 6.3 (d) of GCC	Mode of Billing and Payment It is stated that the Client shall cause the payment of the Consultants in Para 6.4 (b) as given in schedule of payment. Since the referred Clause 6.4(b) does not exist, it is felt that the stated Clause no. Clause 6.4(b) should be read as 6.3(b). The Client is requested to modify this Clause.	Please refer Corrigendum No. 1
16.	Clause 2.3 of SCC	Commencement of services It is stated that the consultant shall commence the services within 15 days from the Effective date of the Contract. Time period of 15 days to commence the services from the date of effective date of the Contract is inadequate for mobilization of staff on the project, as the Consultants need more time to mobilize their staff. The Client may kindly provide at least 3 weeks to the Consultant to commence their services from the signing the Contract.	As per RFP
17.	Clause 6.3 (a) if SSC	Advance Payment As per Clause 6.3 (a) of SCC, no advance payment shall be made to the Consultants. In this regard, the Consultant needs funds to mobilize their staff and maintain cash flow. Hence, the Client is requested to kindly provide interest free advance payment @ 10% of the contract amount and the same can be set off by the Client in equal portions against the payment schedule.	As per RFP
18.	Clause 9.2.4 of SCC	Qualifications of Arbitrators In the Clause 9.2.4 of SCC, there is a reference of Clause 8.2.1(a) through (c). Since the referred Clause 8.2.1 (a) through (c) does not exist, it is felt that the stated	Please refer Corrigendum No. 1

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		<p>Clause no. Clause 8.2.1 (a) through (c) should be read as 9.2.1 (a) through (c). The Client is requested to modify this Clause.</p>	
19.	<p>Clause 6.6 of LoL and Clause 4.5.2 of GCC</p>	<p>Removal and/or Replacement of Personnel</p> <p>It is stated that the replacement of Key Personnel shall be considered only in unavoidable circumstances. Any normal replacement by the Consultant (i) upto 33%, the remuneration shall be reduced by 5% (ii) upto between 33% to 50% the remuneration shall be reduced by 10% and (iii) upto between 50% to 66%, the remuneration shall be reduced by 15% (iv) for total replacements beyond 66% the client may initiate action of debarment of such Consultant for future projects of MoRTH/NHIDCL for a period of 6 months to 24 months.</p> <p>If for any reason beyond the reasonable control of the Consultant, it becomes necessary to replace any of the personnel, the Consultant shall forthwith provide a replacement a person of equivalent or better qualification and experiences.</p> <p>The Consultants would like to mention that in most of the projects funded by Multilateral agencies such as ADB, World Bank, etc. there is no penalty for replacement of key Personnel. The consultants shall have to provide a suitable replacement, a person of equivalent or better qualification and experience at the same rate of remuneration.</p> <p>Since a large number of Consulting assignments are ongoing and being proposed in the country, individuals tend to shift jobs frequently and resign. This is beyond the control of the consulting firm & thus any penalty to be imposed on the firm for replacement of staff, in such cases, which is beyond their control, is unfair, Instead, the Client may consider debarment of the concerned nominated member of the team for certain period who has given the consent and does not complete his input on the assignment.</p> <p>Hence, it is requested that these paras may</p>	<p>As per RFP</p>

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		please be deleted and consultant be allowed to propose alternate equivalent or better candidate in case a replacement is required at the same rate of remuneration.	
20.	<p>Clause 7 of Lol- Performances Security Clause 7.2 of GCC- Retention Money Clause 7.3 of GCC-Plenty Clause 7.4 of GCC- Action for Deficiency in Services.</p>	<p>Performance Security The client has asked the Consultant to provide all the above instruments with the sole purpose to guard the client's interest against deficiency / non performances of services. It is submitted that, in most of the cases, the firms are reputed and are sincere in their desire to carry out their part of the work as knowledge partners with the Client. The demand for all the above instruments vitiates this atmosphere as it tends to introduce an element of total distrust and adds considerable cost to the Consultants, but indirectly to the project. It is, therefore suggested that the client may consider modifying the RFP to seek from Consultants only on instrument which should fully guard the interest of the Client.</p>	As per RFP
21.	Clause 4 of the ToR	<p>Clauses 4.1 to 4.7 It is noted that Clauses 4.1 to 4.7 have not been provided in the ToR. The Client is requested to provided the same.</p>	Please refer Corrigendum No. 1
22.	Enclosure-II	<p>Qualification and Experiences Requirement of Key Personnel Material cum Geotechnical Expert Desirable Masters in highway engineering/Transportation Engineering / Foundation Engineering /Soil Mechanics/ Geotechnical Engineering or MSc in Geology Quantity Surveyor Desirable Masters in Highway engineering/ Transportation Engineering Pavement Design Expert Desirable Masters in Highway/Transportation Engineering. The Consultants would like to submit that a professional with a post graduate degree in any related field to civil engineering along with relevant experience as laid down in the RFP shall be equally competent. Therefore, Post Graduate Degree in Civil/other Civil Engineering related field</p>	As per RFP



		may also be considered with the existing requirement. This may please be consider and confirmed.	
23.	Enclosure-II	Revenue/Survey Experts Graduation in any discipline As the number of Experts are available with Diploma in civil/surveying and are capable for carrying out similar assignments, therefore, the Consultant request to also consider Diploma in Civil/ Surveying with existing requirement. This may please be considered.	As per RFP
24.	Enclosure-II	Revenue/Survey Experts Total Professional Experiences: Min. 20 years The Consultants would like to state that 20 years minimum professional experience for Revenue/Survey Expert is on higher side, therefore, the Consultants request the client to relax the minimum professional experience from 20 years to 15 years . Kindly confirm.	As per RFP
25.	Enclosure-II	Qualification and Experiences Requirement of Key Personnel For all the key personnel, mentioned- "Similar Capacity position: As mentioned in the input sheet of Infracon" The Consultants request the Client to provide the "input sheet" mentioned similar capacity positions as it is not available on the Infracon portal.	As per Annexure A
26.	Additional Point	Extension of Date It is requested that the date of submission of the proposal may please be extended and a period of at least 3 weeks may please be granted for preparation of the proposal from the date of issue of clarifications so that our experts can prepare a comprehensive proposal addressing all issues of the RFP document/ToR.	Please refer Corrigendum No. 1
27.	Sr. no.1, 2, 3	Back Ground, Objectives, Scope of Services of the tender documents We understand that DPR is to be prepared for new 2-lane Bridge and repair and rehabilitation of the existing works in approaches.	Please refer Corrigendum No. 1
28.	Clause 7.3.1 GCC	It is requested that in case of penalty for delay maximum of 5% of the contract value and clause 7.3.1 should not be applicable as the work is proposed to be procured on	As per RFP

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		EPC/PPP mode.	
29.	Clause 7.2 GCC	It is proposed to have the performance @ 10% and retention money @ 5% upto three years beyond the completion of services. In this way lot of money is with held against BG by banks and causes cash crunch to the consultant. It is to request that only retention money should be withheld and performance security be refunded after declaration of appointed date.	As per RFP
30.		It has been stated that all activities will be carried out at site office which is to run at least 12 weeks (50% of time of completion of services). This seems to be impracticable as the as the key persons will not be fully occupied during this time. Moreover in finalizing the DPR lot discussions is needed with persons at head office of the consultant and client. It is to request that key persons related to field investigations to be kept at site up to the period as required and preparation of DPR should be as per facilities available with consultant	Please refer corrigendum no. 1
31.		At one place in mentioned that project is to be procured on EPC/PPP mode and Good for construction Drawings (GFC) are to be given. It is to bring to your kind notice that GFCs are not required in EPC/PPP mode hence it may be clarified that GFC are not required.	Please refer corrigendum no. 1
32.		The time period of 180 days to complete the services is less it should be increased to 270 days	As per RFP
33.		For evaluation purpose how much SSI is to be considered is not clear, please clarify and specify the quantity for binding purpose.	Please refer corrigendum no. 1

