

**NATIONAL HIGHWAYS & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.**

**Subject:** Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report and Providing Pre-Construction activities for Construction of Highway Tunnel including Approaches across Shinkun La, Tanglang La & Lachalung La in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Pre-Bid Queries Replies 3					
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1.	Cl. 7.2 of SCC, S.No 3,4 of Pre Bid Replies- 2	Performance Bank Guarantee of 10% and release of Retention Money (10%) after 3 years of completion of project	Considering the stringent timeline and quantity of horizontal drilling, consultant must deploy multiple drill rigs. Going through all pre bid response, it is evident that none of the bidders are getting drilling set up require to do such work locally from India. We are planning to bring set up from Europe/Canada which has capability to work at such high altitude and for higher depth. This would increase the project cost. Access to proposed portal locations would also be required to made for transfer of drill rigs and designers. None of the drilling site would be lower than 4200 m altitude.  Considering all parameters, we estimate an extremely high value of schedule B.  If consultant bid for single project, initial investment and cash flow blockage envisaged still would be very high for PBG and retention. It is not possible for any consulting organisation to have such high value of non fund based banking facility.	You have distributed financial bid in 2 schedules. Schedule A: (Fixed Lump sum Cost) Bid for design of tunnels. Schedule B: (Item Rate Cost) for drilling and LA activity. Requesting to have separate mode of PBG for both the schedules considering the economic shock caused by COVID19 which has brought the economic activity to a grinding halt. Globally and in India Central Banks are infusing credit liquidity into the system as they witness severe liquidity crunch faced by companies both large and small. In the light of this would request you to keep the retention money as minimal as possible  Hence, requesting to keep PBG @ 2.5% for Schedule A at the time of contract signing.  Schedule B payment is based on quantity executed. Hence, considering high numbers of equipment mobilisation, you may retain 2.5% from RA bill towards PBG of Schedule B instead of any PBG at the time of contract signing.  Retention for both the schedule should be kept at 2.5% only.	Please refer Amendment 3



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2.	-	General	As we are planning to mobilise foreign drill rigs for the project, due to COVID 19 scenario, we are unable to get timeline to shift equipment to India and also the pricing for the same as currently freight houses are not working for non essential products	Requesting to extend bid date till the time clarity is available.	As per RFP
3.	-	General	The bid is in the ICB format and COVID 19 scenario worldwide would influence the entire process of documentation and hence the bidding.	Request to extend the bid submission date till the time a clarity is available globally.	As per RFP

