

## National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited

### Reply to Pre-Bid Queries

**Name of the Project:** Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report and providing Pre-Construction activities:

- (i) For construction of Approach Roads with Avalanche Protection Works to West and East portal of the proposed Zojila Tunnel between (between Baltal and Minamarg) from km 82.00 to km 95.00 on Srinagar-Leh road (NH-1) and;  
(ii) For making the NH-1 from Z-Morh Tunnel to proposed Zojila Tunnel (approx. 20 km) all weather road in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

Sr. No.	Clause	Description	Suggestions/Query	Reply
1.	Table-1: Minimum Eligibility Requirements, Page 22	Minimum experience and performance of Preparation of DPR of Highways / Bridges in the last 7 years (NH/SH/ Equivalent) (for past performance attach undertaking for any litigation history/ and arbitration).	You will agree that the previously floated DPR projects of same Geographical region i.e. J&K required minimum experience of DPR projects of Highways / Bridges in the last 10 in years qualifying criteria. While, in the given clause the experience of DPR sought is in the last 7 years. So, we will request you to revise it to DPR experience in last 10 years.	As per RFP.
2.	Page 146 , Clause 3.2, GCC	Conflict of Interests 3.2.2 Consultants and Affiliates not to be otherwise interested in Project	We believe that there will be no conflict of interest if any consultant selected in subject project also got selected for the supervision of same project in later stage. Please clarify.	Agreed. Please refer to Amendment No.1.
3.	Firm's relevant experience in last 7 years	Aggregate length of DPR/ Feasibility study for 2/4/6 lane in the hilly and mountainous terrain	Generally certificates issued by Government authorities mention the number of lanes, project location, length of project etc. but not the type of terrain and project elevation above MSL. So, in case terrain and elevation details are not mentioned in certificate we would request you to allow consultants to submit the details of terrain and elevation in form E2/T3 with supporting documents from internet.	The bidders may mention the details in the Input sheet of INFRACON under 'Brief Description of Project'.
4.	Clause 6.6, Page 15	The Client will not consider substitutions during contract negotiations except in cases of incapacity of key personnel for reasons of health. Similarly, after award	As the project location is tough and challenging along with harsh weather in winters, consultant during negotiation may feel it difficult to make available /retain all key personnel	As per RFP.



		<p>of contract the Client expects all of the proposed key personnel to be available during implementation of the contract. The client will not consider substitutions during contract negotiations/ contract implementation except under exceptional circumstances. For the reason other than death/extreme medical ground, where replacement is proposed by the Consultant due to non-availability of the originally proposed key personnel or in cases where replacement has become necessary as a key personnel proposed by the Consultant has been found to be unsuitable for the project by NHAI during contract negotiations/ contract implementation, the following shall apply</p> <p>(i) for total replacement upto 33% of key personnel, remuneration shall be reduced by 5% (ii) for total replacement between 33% to 50%, remuneration shall be reduced by 10% (iii) for total replacement beyond 50% and 66% remuneration shall be reduced by 15% (iv) for total replacement beyond 66% of the total key personnel, the Client may initiate action for debarment of such consultant for future projects of NHAI for a period of 6 months to 24 months.</p>	<p>during contract negotiation. So we will request you to allow at least 2 replacements at the time of negotiation. Also, it is general practice of NHAI/ Ministry of Road to allow at least 2 replacements at the time of Negotiations.</p>	
5.	Data sheet, point no 3	Duration of Project — 6 months	<p>As the project location is difficult and challenging along with harsh weather i.e. heavy snow fall, avalanche etc. during winters, we believe that it will be very difficult for selected consultant to finish the survey &amp; Investigations in given time duration. So, we request you to increase the project duration to min 8 months instead of current duration.</p>	As per RFP.
6.	Clause 3.2.4 (iv)	The availability of key personnel Must be ensured for the duration of the project as per proposed work	We would request you to allow consultants to submit an undertaking certificate stating that the personnel worked with firm continuously for a	As per RFP.

		programme. If a firm claims that a key personnel proposed by them is a permanent employee of the firm (the personnel should have worked in the firm continuously for a period of at least 1 year), a certificate to the effect along with pay slips are required to be submitted.	period of 1 year and the requirement of Pay slip should be deleted because many key personnel working with consultants don't want to make their income document public and feel offended in case those documents may be used in proposal submission.	
7.	Performance Security Page 16	An amount equivalent to 10% of the contract value shall be retained at the end of the contract for accuracy of design and quantities submitted and the same will be released after the completion of civil contract works or after 3 years from completion of consultancy services, whichever is earlier. The retention money will however be released by the Client on substitution by Bank Guarantee of the same amount valid up to the period as above.	Would request client to return bank guarantee of equal amount (i.e. 10% retention value) after 6 month of completion of service or after approval and proper checking of submitted report by client.  Retaining the amount for 3 years will be levy heavy financial burden on consultant.	As per RFP.
8.	Enclosure-II , page -80	Highway cum Pavement Engineer Educational Qualification-Masters in highway engineering/ Transportation Engineering	Most of the Highway cum Pavement Engineer available in Market have Graduate degree in Civil Engineering and Masters in Civil/Highway Engineering. So, we request you to add Masters in Civil Engineering in the current requirement.	As per RFP.
9.	2.4.8 - Quantity Surveyor/Documentation Expert, page 129	Sr. No I (i) and (ii) — Essential -Graduation or equivalent in civil engineering Desirable -Graduation or equivalent in civil engineering	Sr. No I (i) and (ii) states the same requirement. Please clarify.	As per RFP.
10.	Appendix-II, page 91	Financial Capacity of the Applicant Please do not attach any printed Annual Financial Statement.	You will agree that the annual financial statement i.e. balance sheet is an authenticated document which is already audited/certified by Statutory auditor/ Chartered accountant of firm. So, we will request you to allow submission of annual balance sheet to fulfil the Financial capacity requirement of applicant.	As per RFP.

