

National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited

Reply to Pre-Bid Queries-2

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	In general, 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 years in 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.	Bid submission end date: 27.12.2017	We would like to apprise that the bid submission date of the subject project is falling in the last week of this year and it may be possible that consultants bidding for this project feel it difficult to get consent from competent key personnel as they might be travelling with their family to celebrate Christmas and New year.	So, we would request your good self to extend the bid due date by 2 weeks from current date.	Please refer to Amendment No. 3.
3.	Clause 4.1, Page no. 24	MSL Experience	INFRACON is blocked therefore we can't do any changes/updation to our existing PDS uploaded to portal. Kindly suggest how to showcase our experience particularly for MSL.	Bidders are requested to submit a hard copy mentioning therein serial numbers of the particular category of projects mentioned in the INFRACON input sheet, undertaken at MSL 2000 and above. The soft copy of the same should also be uploaded on CPP.
4.	Supplement -1, Page no. 67	Tunnels and other points associated with tunnels	We believe that the consultants are required to only limit themselves with the DPR of the Approach roads. Designing of	The approach roads are between the eastern portal of the Z-Morh Tunnel at Vill. Shetkari at km 82.00 to the western portal of the Zojila Tunnel at km 95.00 of NH-1 and approach road to eastern portal of the Zojila Tunnel



			tunnels and the cost associated to it is not to be envisaged at this moment in the submission of our techno-commercial proposal.	with the take off point at existing NH-1 at km 118.00. However, Avalanche Protection works and slope stabilization measures are required to be provided to make it all weather road to ensure seamless travel throughout the year. The advice regarding bypassing the Avalanche prone points along the highway either through the 'bypass tunnel' or 'snow galleries' or combination whereof or buried snow gallery (partly within the mountain) or any sound cost effective engineering solution needs to be given by the consultant. If the client agrees with a particular proposal including say, 'bypass tunnel' of Avalanche prone point, the work will also involve the complete tender design thereof.
5.	Appendix-V, Clause 1.2, Page no. 117	Eligibility criteria for Lead Partner/ Other Partner in case of JV	We understand that the experience gained by the Associate partner can also be used to meet the technical eligibility criteria, especially as required under clause 2.3, Page no. 121.	No, the experience gained by the Associate partner cannot be used to meet the technical eligibility criteria.
6.	General	How to use parent company's experience through INFRACON	SMEC India is 100 % subsidiary of SMEC International. Both are registered on INFRACON. There is "NO Provision" on INFRACON to source Parent Company's experience. Kindly suggest how should we claim the experience through INFRACON?	Please refer to para 1.8.2 and 1.8.3 of LOI and clause 12 of the datasheet of the RFP.
7.	LOI, Clause: 1.4, Page No 5/178.	The consultants shall submit proposals either in sole capacity or in JV or in Association. Joint Venture/Association shall not have more than two firms.	We understand that incase of JV there should be 2 firms apart from the associate consultant. Being the DPR project we need to carry out the survey & investigation activities, it is kindly requested to please allow one associate also. For your kind information NHAI	It is clarified that the firm can submit the proposal either in sole capacity or in JV (Maximum size of JV is limited to two members i.e. Lead member and other member) with one member as an Associate member.

			also allows one associate consultant apart from one lead plus JV member. This suggestion may please be considered.	
8.	Refer LOI, Clause: 3.1.1, ii Page No 8/178	Firm's relevant experience and performance for the last 7 years: Certificate should indicate clearly the firms Design/DPR experience, in 2/4/6- laning of highway, structures like bridges, Viaducts, tunnels, hill slope stabilization, rock bolting, ground improvement, etc	Sir the completion certificates issued by the clients in India or elsewhere rarely shows the detail scope carried out by the consultant and as such the details pertaining to, hill slope stabilization, rock bolting, ground improvement, etc might be not be available in the client certificates. In such case we request you to kindly refer the hard copy of the project data sheets where all the details pertaining to the scope will be highlighted by the consultant. This suggestion may please be considered.	The Technical proposal shall be evaluated in accordance with the Detailed Evaluation Criteria laid down in Appendix-V of RFP. However, the consultant may submit the detail in individual project sheet in support of the project having been located in the hilly and mountainous terrain and that the scope also included hill slope stabilization etc.
9.	Enclosure- II, Page No 79/178	Enclosure-II-Qualification & Experience required for Team Leader cum Sr Highway Engineer. Essential Experience: For hill roads, respective hill road experience is required.	There is an ambiguity as under Enclosure-II on page no 79 it states for hill roads respective hill road experience is required. However, if we go through the Qualification and Competence of Team Leader cum Sr. Highway Engineer on page no 122 of 178 it doesn't state any requirement of hill roads. Kindly clarify.	Appendix-V shall prevail over Enclosure-II while the Technical evaluation is undertaken.
10.	Page No 22/178	Qualification and Competence of the Key Staff. Team Leader cum Senior Highway Engineer	Sir it is impossible to find any Team Leader who has been only involved in Planning, Project	As per RFP.



		Experience in Highway Projects- Experience in Planning, project preparation and design of Highway Projects (2/4/6 laning of NH/SN/Expressways) >25 years full marks.	Preparation and design of highway projects for 25 years. It is kindly requested to please allow the experience in the range of 10 to 15 years in the Planning, Project Preparation and Design of highway projects subject to the overall experience of 20 years in highway projects. This suggestion may please be considered.	
11.	Refer Page No 125,126,127/178	Qualification and Competence of the Key Staff. Experience in similar projects	Under the Qualification and Competence of the Key Staff for the position of Traffic & Safety Expert/Material cum Gee-Technical Engineer & Sr Survey Engineer, It is written experience in similar projects. We understand that the experience in similar projects should be the experience in highway project only or else kindly define the term experience in similar projects for our clarity.	It is clarified that the similar projects shall mean highway projects of 2/4/6 laning of NH/SH/Expressways.
12.	Refer Page No 113/178	Financial Proposal (Form-III) Survey & investigation Boring in Hard Rock: 300 m	Since the length of project is less than 110 kms the quantity of boring under hard rock shall be 200 m only. Kindly clarify	As per RFP. The payment shall be made on actual basis.
13.	General	Break down of Investigations & Surveys	The Consultants suggest that in order to maintain the uniformity of bids, a provisional sum towards all investigations & surveys may be earmarked which will be done an actuals. This suggestion may please be considered.	As per RFP.

14.	General	MOU in case of Joint Venture with the firm	It is kindly requested to please provide us the format for the MOU which needs to be submitted in the bid.	As per RFP. Please refer to clause 1.8.2 and 1.8.3 of RFP in this regard.
15.	General	MOU in case of Association with the firm,	Whether we have to submit the MOU in case we take any firm as an associate. If yes kindly provide us the desired format.	As in Sr. No.14.
16.	General	Date of submission of proposal:27/12/2017	<p>Due to the complexity of the works, an extension of the time for submission will be appreciated in order to evaluate properly the scope of the works and also the cost.</p> <p>Also being the multinational a lot of documentation like Bank Guarantee, Client Certifications, Legal Documents, Translations and POAs, etc., are required which is a time taking work.</p> <p>An extension of 2 weeks after the issue of the response to the queries will be appreciated.</p>	Please refer to Amendment no. 3.



