

National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited

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Sub : Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report and providing Pre-Construction activities for Construction of 8.5 Km. Highway Tunnel and approaches at Pir Ki Gali Pass From Km.31.100 to Km.49.300 on Mughal road connecting Shopian with Bafliaz in Poonch District road in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir- **replies of pre bid queries(2nd) - reg.**

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1.	Clause 2.4.4 &	Some of the observations against the Senior Ventilation and Fire Safety Expert needs your attention: 1) The total marks kept in the CV are adding upto 95 only which needs to be looked into by the client. 2) As per sr. no b(iv) under Relevant experience & Adequacy of the project”, 14 marks are assigned for “Experience in Fire & Life Safety Design for tunnelling projects having design HRR of 200 MW or more on major Tunnel”. The HRR of 200 MW is applied very seldom and even on paper it is hard to design for such a fire load. Standard for road tunnels is 50MW because Capital cost for the equipment to be installed, running cost for the maintenance and cost for the electrical supply will be highly expensive and it will directly impact the overall costing of the project and the maintenance cost of maintaining such equipment will be very high. The problem in ventilation, in case of fire load/incidental fire can be solved differently, like a strict separation of vehicles with hazardous goods, from the rest, will reduce the risk of an incident when many people are in the tunnel. A convoy of petrol tankers could have minimum distances between the vehicles and must go separately. In brief - troops cannot go together with petrol through the tunnel. First the one, then the other. In view of the above, you are requested to relax this criterion for having designed the tunnelling Projects having a HRR of 50MW instead of 200 MW. 3) Also, as per the criteria laid down in Amendment 1 reg. Relevant Experience in last 10 years Page7, Clause 4.1 , it is mentioned that marks will be awarded for “DPR for number of Special bridges/tunnels”, it is requested to clarify which kind of Special Bridges/tunnels (if Applicable) are required in this category.	182. As per Amendment No. IV.	3. Only Tunnel works will be considered.
2.	Sl no 5 of Table B of clause no 12.2, Second Stage Technical Evaluation	Experience in using GPR and Induction Locator or better technologies for sub-surface utilities detection of (Infrastructure sector).	It is requested to clarify whether Associate firm’s experience in GPR will be accepted for technical evaluation to allocate prescribed marks.	Yes

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3.	Clause 1.8.5	Only Indian firms are allowed to participate in the bid and no International Bidder is eligible as individually or as a member of a Joint Venture or as an associate. However the firms may propose foreign nationals (maximum 02 Nos.) as key personnel. (1) The following provisions shall apply: (a) A firm/company having 25% (Twenty Five percent) or more of the aggregate issued, subscribed and paid up equity share capital is held by persons resident outside India or is controlled by persons resident outside India, is not eligible for the project/Bid.	We are working in India as Geo consult India Pvt. Ltd. Since last 14 years as an Indian company with full technical/professional support from our parent/holding company abroad. We have successfully prepared many highways tunnel DPRs in India as Geo consult India 1. Therefore, we would like to request to kindly remove the above restriction enabling wider participation of consultancy firms in the interest of the project. 2. Also request you to kindly extend the bid due date by at least a week.	1. As per RFP. 2. Please refer to Amendment No-III.
4.	The critical date sheet for bidding process is to be followed for this assignment	Bid submission End Date (online & physical Copy)- 09.09.2021 (1100 hrs)	Kindly confirm if the Hard Copy of Technical Proposal needs to be submitted by the consultant. You are requested to kindly extend the BID due date at least for three weeks.	Please refer to Amendment No-III


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