

SECTION-1

Letter of Invitation

To

All short listed Consultants (As listed at Para 3 below).

1. The National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) invites proposals from the short-listed Consultancy firms for engaging an Authority's Engineer (AE) on the basis of International Competitive Bidding for ***"Widening to Two lane with Geometric Improvements of Tura Dalu road from Km 85.00 to 95.00 & 101.00 to 145.00 to 2-lanes with paved shoulder of Tura-Dalu section of NH-51 in the state of Meghalaya on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode, with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) loan assistance."*** (hereinafter called **"the Project"**). The Government of India (hereinafter called **"Borrower"**) is receiving financing from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) toward the cost of the Project under the Scheme "North East Road Network Connectivity Improvement Project (Phase 1)".
2. More details on the services are provided in the **Terms of Reference**.
3. NHIDCL had earlier invited Expression of Interest (EoI) dated 10.07.2019 evaluation form the interested consultant and received proposal from 16 firms by due date and time (07.08.2019, 1700 Hrs). Following **5 (five)** firms have been shortlisted based on the eligibility in consultation with JICA, which are now invited to participate in the competitive bidding process for engagement as AE:
 - (i) M/s Intercontinental Consultants & Technocrats Pvt. Ltd.
 - (ii) M/s TPF Getinsa Euroestudios S. L In JV With M/s Rodic Consultants Pvt. Ltd.
 - (iii) M/s Consulting Engineers Group Ltd In JV With Dainichi Consultant Inc. (JAPAN)
 - (iv) M/s SMEC International Pty. Ltd in association with PADECO India Pvt. Ltd.
 - (v) M/s Voyants Solutions Private Limited In JV With Yongama Engineering Co. Ltd & In Association with Cho & Kim Engineering Pvt Ltd.
4. It is not permissible to transfer this invitation to any other firm. Proposals submitted/ uploaded by any firm other than above mentioned shortlisted firms shall not be considered. Proposal submitted by the Shortlisted Consultant's shall only be considered without change in composition, i.e. a firm short listed as sole firm has to apply solely, whereas the firm short listed as Joint venture has to apply in the same Joint venture. However, the short listed firm/ consultant may include/ add/ change in associate company, so that the number of associate partner is not more than one..
5. A firm will be selected under QCBS (Quality and Cost-Based Selection) and procedures described in this RFP, in accordance with the applicable Guidelines for the Employment of Consultants under Japanese ODA Loans as mentioned in this RFP. The selected AE shall be intimated to the JICA and to the Contractor.
6. The RFP includes the following documents:

- Section 1 – Letter of Invitation
- Section 2 – Instructions to Consultants (including Data Sheet)
- Section 3 – Technical Proposal – Standard Forms
- Section 4 – Financial Proposal – Standard Forms
- Section 5 – Terms of Reference
- Section 6 – Standard Form of Contract
- Section 7 – Eligible Source Countries of Japanese ODA Loans
- Section 8 – Integrity Pact Format

7. Please inform us in writing at the address below, upon receipt:

- (a) that you received the Letter of Invitation; and
- (b) whether you will submit a proposal.

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8. The RFP Document has been uploaded on CPP Portal (<https://eprocure.gov.in>) and NHIDCL website (www.nhidcl.com). RFP document has also been uploaded on INFRACON* Portal (<http://infracon.nic.in/>). Technical proposal is to be submitted through INFRACON Portal. In addition, hard copy of the documents in original, as mentioned at Clause 10.1(v) of Data Sheet are to be submitted at the address mentioned at Para 7 above. The shortlisted Consultants (the firm and personnel included in the proposal) must get registered on the INFRACON Portal and upload their credentials/experience on INFRACON. For any information on INFRACON, the Consultancy Firms/ Key Personnel** may contact at email: support-infracon@gov.in. It may please be ensured that the Financial Proposal is to be uploaded on CPP Portal (<https://eprocure.gov.in>) only.

(*In order to make the evaluation process more objective, user friendly and transparent, NHIDCL has developed INFRACON portal (www.infracon.nic.in) which is a comprehensive National Portal for Infrastructure Consultancy firms & Key Personnel. The Portal has facility to host Consulting Firms' & Personnel Credentials online with linkage to Aadhar & Digilocker for data storage, validation & purity. The Information available on the portal would also be made available in Public Domain).

(**Key Personnel and Key Experts are used as synonyms in this document)

9. The Consultant shall furnish as part of its Proposal, a Bid Security of Rs. **2,00,000/-** (Rupees Two lakhs only) in the form of a Bank Guarantee (as per the format specified in **Appendix N** of this RFP document) or in the form of Demand Draft (the “**Bid Security**”), valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid. The Bid submitted without Bid Security will be summarily rejected. The Bid Security of the successful Bidder will be returned when the Bidder has signed the Contract Agreement with the Employer and has furnished the required

Performance Guarantee as specified in the document within 15 days from the receipt of the Letter of Acceptance. The Bid Security will be forfeited:

- (a) If a Consultant withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity; or
 - (b) If the Consultant fails to accept the Employer's corrections of arithmetic errors in the Consultant's bid (if any); or
 - (c) If the Successful Consultant fails to sign the contract agreement with the Employer within the prescribed period; or
 - (d) If the Successful Consultant fails to furnish the Performance Security within the stipulated time. Unsuccessful Consultants would be informed regarding their non-qualification, without any explanation and thereafter Bid Security would be returned unopened after the evaluation of the financial proposal and signing the contract agreement with the successful Consultant.
10. As part of the Standard Operating Procedure for adoption of Integrity Pact, Dr. Satyanarayana Dash, IAS (Retd.) has been appointed as Independent External Monitor (IEM) in NHIDCL, as per approval of the Central Vigilance Commission and Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Govt. of India. The contact details of Dr. Satyanarayana Dash, IEM, NHIDCL, are as under:
- Dr. Satyanarayana Dash, IEM, NHIDCL**
HIG-206, Kanan Vihar Phase I, Chandrasekharapur,
Bhubaneswar
Odisha-751024
Email-id: satya8may@yahoo.co.in
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11. Details on the proposal's submission date, time and address are provided in Clause 12.6 of the Instructions to Consultants (ITC).

Yours sincerely,

insert signature

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