

Letter of Invitation (LOI)

File No: NHIDCL/Tripura/AE/Khowai-Teliamura-Harina/JICA//NH-208/2021 Dated: 10.09.2021

Sub: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for Authority's Engineer for "Authority's Engineer for "Improvement and Widening to two lane with paved shoulder of Khowai-Teliamura (km 101.300 to km 127.319) section of NH-208 & Teliamura-Amarpur-Harina Stretch of NH-208 (from km 127.319 to km 234.973) (Design Ch. 0.000 to Ch. 107.654) section of NH-208 in the state of Tripura on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) mode under JICA ODA loan Phase-VI."

Dear Sir,

National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) has been entrusted with the development of the selected stretches/corridors of National Highways in the country on EPC mode. NHIDCL now intends to short-list eligible consulting firms/ companies/ Joint Ventures who have proven experience for Independent Construction Supervision on BOT/ EPC/ Public Funded Projects to act as Authority's Engineer (AE). In order to carry out the implementation of above projects as per Standard EPC document, NHIDCL will engage eligible Consulting Engineering firms/ Companies/ Joint Ventures to act as Authority's Engineer.

2. As per the terms and conditions of the Standard EPC Contract Agreement, the Authority's Engineer is required, on behalf of NHIDCL, to (i) review activities associated with design, design review, construction and operation & maintenance of the project to ensure compliance of requirements of Standard EPC Contract Agreement, (ii) report to NHIDCL on the financial and technical aspects of the projects, (iii) assist the parties to the Contract Agreement in arriving at an amicable settlement of disputes, if any.

3. Engineering Services are to be provided by an integrated multi-disciplinary team of Key-Personnel consisting of Team Leader cum Sr. Highway Engineer, Senior Slope/ Safety Engineer, Sr. Contract Specialist, Resident Engineer cum Highway Engineer, Bridge/Structural Engineer, Material Engineer, Sr. Quantity Surveyor, Environmental Expert, etc.

4. The total time period for the assignment as Authority's Engineer for consultancy package shall be for Construction Period of 24 months and Maintenance Period of 60 months with reduced man power.

5. Participation of Consultant in bidding process of NHIDCL

The bidder either as individual firm or in JV or in association, who are having (three) or more on – going Authority's Engineer Consultancy Contract(s) in NHIDCL, as on date of bid submission, shall not be eligible to bid for this Authority's Engineer

Consultancy Contract (Issuance of LOA will be considered as an on-going Authority's Engineer Consultancy contracts).

AND

The bidder shall not be awarded more than 3 (three) Authority's Engineer Consultancy Contracts for current bidding process in NHIDCL. Consultancy firms must submit an undertaking w.r.t. the above details in the specified format as per **Appendix-VII.**"

6. Stands debarred by the Authority as a natural consequence of termination of any Consultancy Contract of the Authority.

7. Has been placed in the Negative List of firms by the Authority for any reason including failure to deliver consultancy in time bound manner, abandoning the project without permission of the Authority, non mobilization of key personnel's, poor performance, penalties, missing commitments, non-adherence to quality specifications, inefficient supervision of works, unethical practices, failure to abide by Integrity Pact or failure to follow any lawful directions given by the Authority.

8. The bidder including individual or any of its JV members or its related parties, who are already having three or more on-going Authority Engineer Consultancy contract(s) in NHIDCL, as on date of financial bid opening, shall not be eligible to bid for this project.

Explanation:

(i) An LOA issued for any project shall be counted as an on-going project.

(ii) Projects with consultancy fee of Rs.1.5 Crores or less shall not be counted for this purpose.

(iii) In case of a company, the Related Parties means Related Parties as defined in the Companies Act, 2013, and in case of a bidder other than a company, the Related Parties means bodies in which the bidder or its partners are partner, trustee or directors in other bodies whether incorporated or not.

To substantiate this, the bidder shall provide an undertaking giving list of all such Related Parties and projects being executed by the Related Parties in NHIDCL.

A certificate in this regard from Statutory Auditor (with UDIN) shall also be provided by the bidder

9. Instructions for submission of the expression of interest are enclosed at **Annexure-I** and guidelines for the preparation for the expression of interest is enclosed at **Annexure-II**. Eligible Consulting Engineering firms/Joint Ventures interested in short-listing for Authority's Engineer should fill up the enclosed expression of interest form (**Annexure-III**).

10. The sole applicant/members of Joint Venture (JV) should have experience as specified in **Annexure-IV**. Experience of project supervision in projects that have been substantially completed (not less than 90% of Contract value) shall be considered towards qualifying experience. For avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that those projects shall also be considered where the Provisional Completion Certificate for the project has been issued and the Authority/ Client has certified that the

Project Highway has been safely put to the use of the road users.

11. Only those consultants who satisfy minimum eligible criteria need to apply. Client certificates shall be required for experience in both DPR and project Supervision. In case a Consulting Engineering firm claims experience for a project undertaken as a member of JV, the particular firm's position in the JV needs to be clearly brought out in the Client's certificate or in a supporting sheet by the firm itself. If the applicant firm has completed projects as JV with some other firms, weightage shall be given as per the JV share. In absence of clear demarcation of JV share in client certificate, the weightage will be treated as 60% for lead partner and 40% for other partner.

12. The Authority shall evaluate the EOI proposals based on relevant experience of project monitoring, construction supervision, contract management, etc., in accordance with pre-determined criteria as detailed in LOI and thereupon shortlist 05 (five) qualified firms. The Short listing shall be done based on the marks obtained by the firm after evaluation of firm's experience, credential etc. The points assigned for evaluation criteria have been given in **Annexure-V**.

13. Detailed evaluation criteria which is to be used for evaluation of EOI proposals is as indicated at **Annexure-VI**. The Consultant shall also carryout self-evaluation based on the evaluation criteria at Annexure-VI. While submitting the self-evaluation along with proposal, the Consultant shall make references to the documents submitted in their proposal which have been relied upon in self-evaluation. Result of detailed evaluation shall be made available on the website giving opportunity to the applicants to respond within 7 days in case they have any objection. After resolving objections, if any, package wise list of shortlisted consultants shall be uploaded on website.

14. The Authority shall invite the aforesaid shortlisted consultancy firms through Request of Proposal (RFP) to submit their respective technical and financial bids, on e-tendering mode. All the technical bids so received shall be opened and pursuant to the evaluation thereof, the Authority shall declare the technically qualified firms on the basis of their technical scores. The financial bids in respect of such technically qualified firms shall be opened and the order of priority as among these firms shall be determined on the basis of a weighted evaluation where technical and financial scores shall be assigned respective weights of 80:20.

15. This is for information of willing Consultancy Firms and Key Personnel that Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRT&H) has developed INFRACON Portal (www.infracon.nic.in) for uploading credentials/ experience details. It is therefore, requested that the Consultancy Firms/ Key Personnel may get registered on INFRACON Portal and upload their credentials/ experience on INFRACON. The firm in the EOI proposal shall be required to submit the name and INFRACON E-mail ID number of the Key Personnel mentioned at sr no. 8 of Annexure-III. It may please also be noted that at the RFP stage the experience/ credentials of the shortlisted Consultancy Firms in the Technical Proposal shall be required to be submitted through the INFRACON Portal. For any information on INFRACON the Consultancy Firms/ Key Personnel may contact at email: support-infracon@gov.in.

16. The Authority shall endeavour to adhere to the following schedule:

EOI/ NIT Publishing date	10.09.2021
EOI Document Download start date	10.09.2021

Pre-Proposal conference	23.09.2021 at NHIDCL HQ at 1500 hrs
Last date of receiving queries	24.09.2021
Reply to queries	27.09.2021
Last date of uploading/ submission of completed EOI Proposal	11.10.2021 at 1700 hrs
EOI Proposal Opening date and time	12.10.2021 at 1500 hrs

17. Before the deadline for submission of EoI, the EoI document may be modified by the Authority by issue of Addendum/ Corrigendum. Any Addendum/ Corrigendum issued shall be part of the EoI Document and it will be published at CPP Portal: <https://eprocure.gov.in> as well as at NHIDCL Website: <http://www.nhidcl.com>.

18. The applicant firms/ companies/ Joint Ventures should upload/ submit the completed EOI Proposal together with the Letter of Intent (LoI) so as to reach this office not later than due date and time as above.

Yours
sincerely,

Encl.: As above

(V. Jaiswal)
Dy. General Manager