

Reply of Pre-Bid Query ADB Package -2 for selection of IE

Sr. No	Clause No. Section & Reference	Query	Response of Authority
1.	Regarding the Project	The package -2, ADB Tranche -I is amalgamation of four projects of different lengths in different districts distantly located. It is not being understood whether there is a single concessionaire for all or partly PPP or partly ADB funded. The consultant is eager to know the exact nature of the project, name of agencies, proposed configuration, financing modalities, and commencement / completion dates of different works.	As per RFP; It is a ADB funded, one package comprising 2 highways, proposed to be developed on PPP (Hybrid-Annuity) mode.
2.	<p>RFP Page 4, Section 1: Information to Consultants , Clause 7, " The weightage of Technical and Financial score shall be 70% and 30% respectively "</p> <p>RFP Page 23, data Sheet, Clause 5, "The weightage given to Technical Proposal is 70%. The weightage given to Financial Proposal is 30%"</p>	Hitherto all NHAI/ Ministry and even state projects are preferring 80 % technical weightage in order to attract talent and experienced personnel. The consultant request for adopting higher technical weightage as PWD did in the past for so many works	As per RFP
3.	<p>RFP Page 12 , Section 2, Letter of Invitation to consultants , Clause 3.4(iv)(b), "If any information is found incorrect, at any stage, action including termination and debarment from future PWD projects up to 2 years may be taken by PWD on the personnel <u>and the Firm</u> "</p> <p>RFP Page 13 , Section 2, Letter of Invitation to consultants , Clause 3.4(iv)(g), "In case CV of a person is turned out to be fake/incorrect/inflated during the assignment, the consultancy firms shall have to refund the salary and perks drawn in respect of the person apart from other consequences."</p> <p>RFP Page 13 , Section 2, Letter of Invitation to consultants , Clause 3.4(vii), "A certification to the effect should be furnished by the Consultant that they have checked the qualifications and experiences details submitted by the key personnel in their CVs and found to be correct. This certification should be made in CVs of all key personnel after the certification by the candidate. The format of CV includes certification to this effect"</p>	<p>The CVs are just mirror of the professional indicating their qualification and attaining experience for number of years with different organizations. The professional has to furnish a certificate for the correctness of qualification and experience and has to put signature on all pages. Also there is a provision of debarment up to 2 years in case of reporting of incorrect CV.</p> <p>The consultant request that the professional shall be exclusivity held responsible for the incorrect / inflated/ fabricated CV, being sole beneficiary, to be found during the course of the assignment . The consultant has no mechanism to verify the correctness of credential for number of years.</p> <p>We request for the amendment of the relevant clauses of RFP for inflicting any penalty on the consultants being unaccountable in this regard.</p>	As per RFP

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	<p>RFP Page 98/99 , General Conditions of Contract , Clause 4.5 (d), " In order to prevent the tendency of the personnel and <i>consulting firm</i> to submit incorrect and inflated CV, The consulting firm and the personnel through consulting firm should be informed by PWD while accepting CV of the new personnel that if CV is found in correct and inflated at a later date, the personnel accepted would be removed from his assignment and debarred from further PWD works for an appropriate period to be decided by PWD and the new proposed personnel in place of removed personnel would be paid 15% less salary than the original personnel. 15% reduction in the salary will be <i>imposed as a penalty for submitting the incorrect information</i>. This penalty will be imposed only once....."</p>		
4.	<p>RFP Page 13 , Section 2, Letter of Invitation to consultants , Clause 3.4(ix)," 10% reduction in remuneration shall be considered for each such substitution up to 2 replacements "</p> <p>RFP Page 17 , Section 2, Letter of Invitation to consultants , Clause 6.6 , "10% reduction in remuneration shall be considered for each such substitution up to 2 replacements "</p>	<p>We request that similar to NHAI/Ministry works the reduction in remuneration of such replacements shall be 5% and 10% for 1st replacement and 2nd replacement respectively.</p>	<p>As per RFP</p>

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<p>5.</p>	<p>RFP Page 14, Part 2: Financial Proposal, Clause 3.6," Beginning 13th months of the services provided, billing rates shall be increased on all items of contract inter alia <u>including vehicle hire, office rent, consumables, furniture etc @ 5% every 12 months</u> for local currency for the subsequent period of services rendered by the personnel of all categories namely (i) key Personnel; (ii) sub-Professional personnel and (iii) Support staff. However, for evaluation and award of the Bid proposals"</p> <p>RFP Page 101 of RFP, Clause 6.2, Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenditure, (a), "Subject to the ceilings specified in Clause GC 6.1 (b) hereof, the Client shall pay to the Consultants (i) remuneration as set forth in Clause GC 6.2(b), <u>and reimbursable expenditures as set forth in Clause GC 6.2(c).</u> If specified in the SC, said remuneration shall be subject to price adjustment as specified in the SC"</p> <p>RFP Page 107, Part III, Clause 6.2 (a) , "6.2(a) "Payments for remuneration made in accordance with Clause GC 6:2(a) in local currency shall be adjusted as follows "</p>	<p>It is evident from the pursuance of Clause 3.6, that the escalation @5% for every 12 months shall also be applicable on the reimbursable expenditure items like vehicle hire, office rent, consumables, furniture etc.</p> <p>Further, GCC Clause 6.2 specifies that reimbursable expenditure as set forth in clause GC 6.2 (c), shall be subject to price adjustments as specified in the SC.</p> <p>We are unable to locate the clause 6.2 (c) in SCC (Refer Page 107/108 of RFP). The consultant request for clarification of this discrepancy.</p>	<p>As per RFP; Clause 6.2(c) is available at page 102 of RFP.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>RFP Page 17, Section 2, Letter of Invitation to consultants, Clause 6.6, "Each key personnel of the preferred consultant shall be called for interview at the time of negotiation at the cost of the Consultant. At the time of interview, the <i>key personnel shall produce the originals of the certificates</i> (Proof of age, Qualifications and experience from their respective employers) in support of their CVs for verification and return "</p>	<p>We understand that officials retired from MoRT&H NHAI / State/UT PWD has to produce only a documentary proof of retirement for justification of experience. The exemption is in accordance with NHAI/ MoRT&H Projects. Pl. Confirm</p>	<p>As per RFP; Consideration on Merits.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>RFP Page 26, Evaluation Criteria for assessment of score of Key Staff for adequacy of the Assignment. Clause 3.1, Team Leader cum Senior Highway Engineer. General Qualification. (II) <i>Post Graduation in Highway Engineering</i></p>	<p>We request that the post-graduation in any stream of Civil Engineering viz Structural Engineering, Soil / Foundation Engineering, Geo-Tech Engineering, Traffic/ Transportation Engineering / Pavement Design, may be considered in addition to the Highway Engineering.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>RFP Page 28, Evaluation Criteria for assessment of score of Key Staff for adequacy of the Assignment. Clause 3.2 Senior Bridge Design Engineer,</p>	<p>We request that the similar capacity also include the position of Bridge Design Engineer.</p>	<p>As per RFP</p>

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	<p>Note: Similar Capacity includes the following positions</p> <p>(i) On behalf of Consultant: Sr. Bridge Design Engineer/Sr. Bridge Engineer (Design only)</p> <p>(ii) In Government Organizations: Executive Engineer (or equivalent) and above</p>		
9.	<p>RFP Page 28, Evaluation Criteria for assessment of score of Key Staff for adequacy of the Assignment. Clause 3.2 Senior Bridge Design Engineer, Refer 2(a), (i), (ii), (iii)</p>	<p>We understand that the experience gained in Independent Engineer / Construction Supervision /DPR/Proof Consultancy projects shall meet the requirement of Bridge Design as stated in the RFP.</p>	Yes
10.	<p>RFP Page 30, Evaluation Criteria for assessment of score of Key Staff for adequacy of the Assignment. Clause 3.4 Highway Design Engineer (II) Post Graduation in Highway Engineering</p>	<p>We request that the Post-graduation in Transportation Engineering is also considered in addition to the Highway Engineering.</p>	Yes
11.	<p>RFP Page 33, Evaluation Criteria for assessment of score of Key Staff for adequacy of the Assignment. Clause 3.7 Senior Quality/Material Expert</p> <p>Note: Similar Capacity includes the following positions</p> <p>(i) On behalf of Consultant/Contractor: Senior Quality Expert/Senior Material Engineer/Senior Material Expert/Senior Quality Engineer</p> <p>(ii) On behalf of Government: Executive Engineer</p>	<p>We request that the similar capacity also include the position of Quality Engineer / Material Engineer.</p>	As per RFP
12.	<p>RFP Page 69, Enclosure- A, A: Key Personnel</p> <p>(i) Resident cum Highway Engineer (2 nos.)</p> <p>B: Sub Professional Staff</p> <p>(i) Survey Engineer (2 nos)</p> <p>(ii) Assistant Highway Engineer (2 nos)</p> <p>(iii) Assistant Bridge Engineer (2 nos)</p>	<p>Since the works are scattered and distantly located, we request deployment of 3 nos. of Resident Engineers, Survey Engineer, Assistant Highway Engineer and Assistant Bridge Engineer for effective and efficient monitoring.</p>	As per RFP
13.	<p>Conflict of Interest</p>	<p>We would like to inform that we have already submitted the Expression of Interest for recruitment of Project Management Consultancy for Rajasthan State Highway Investment Program (Loan No. 49228-001 IND) under ADB funding.</p> <p>We understand that the bidding in the aforesaid project shall not create conflict of interest. Kindly confirm.</p>	<p>Firm can participate in the bidding process so long as the Consultants are not involved in contract management of each other</p>

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14.	<p>Experience of the firm in last 7 years</p> <p>1(a)-Preparation of DPR Project (NH/SH/Equivalent) that the firm should have minimum experience of preparation of Detailed Project of 2/4-lanning project of aggregate length equal to 350Km or more of project length of similar category for which RFP is invited</p>	<p>The project of DPR along with Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report will also be considered as in 1(b) you are considering the Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report project also.</p> <p>Therefore we request you to kindly consider the project of Feasibility Study cum Preliminary Design Report also for aggregate length at S.No. 1(a). Page no. 5.</p>	<p>Yes, as proposed</p>
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