

Pre-Bid Clarifications for Consultancy Services by International Consultants for Preparing Detailed Project Report for Construction of 4-lane Bridge, Viaduct, Road along with Appurtenant works in Allahabad.

Pre-Bid Meeting

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1	Clause 3.3.	6	The bidding consultant and/or its team must have provided Consultancy for at least 5 river bridges in last 5 financial years ending 31.3.2015. Of the 5 river bridges at least 1 river bridge should be at least of 1000m length whereas other maybe of lesser length but in no case less than 200m.	Kindly relax the clause as follows : The bidding consultant and/or its team must have provided Consultancy for at least 5 river bridges in last 5 financial years ending 31.3.2015. Of the 5 river bridges at least 1 river bridge should be at least of 600m length whereas other maybe of lesser length but in no case less than 200m	Terms of the RFP shall prevail.
2	9.9 & From Fin-1	10 & 34	Financial Proposal: The Financial proposal shall be prepared using the attached Standard Forms (Section4).	Only Form Fin-1 Standard Forms in Section 4 is available for Financial proposal. Kindly clarify that the Financial proposal will be one page proposal i.e. Form Fin-1 Standard Forms in Section 4 (which will give % of the cost of work) /may please clarify whether breakdown of costs is mandatory (as mentioned in cl. no. 9.9 of RFP) or optional.	The breakdown of the cost is not mandatory, but it is desirable.
3	Clause No.12	11	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)-An EMD of Rs.10,00,000 (Ten Lacs), in the form of DD drawn on any Indian Nationalized Bank/IDBI/ICICI /AXIS/HDFC Bank pledged in favour of the Director C&DS, UP Jal Nigam and payable at "Lucknow", must be submitted along with the Proposal.	We request you to change EMD amount to Rs.2,00,000 (Two Lacs) as the amount of Rs.10,00,000 is very high. Past Precedence of other Government Clients namely IAHE, NHIDCL, NHAI, MORT&H for EMD amount of Rs.2,00,000, for similar Tender documents is attached in Annexure-I	The EMD amount is hereby reduced to Rs. 5,00,000.00 (Five Lacs) only. Rest of the conditions regarding EMD submission remain unchanged.
4	Clause No.12.	11	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)-An EMD of Rs.10,00,000 (Ten Lacs), in the form of DD drawn on any Indian Nationalized Bank/IDBI/ICICI /AXIS/HDFC Bank pledged in favour of the Director C&DS, UP Jal Nigam and payable at "Lucknow", must be submitted along with the Proposal.	We request you to accept EMD in the form of Bank Guarantee & also provide the Bank Guarantee format. Refer Annexure-I as past precedence of other Government Clients' Tender document for similar projects, wherein Bank is accepted.	EMD may be submitted in the shape of Bank Guarantee from the same banks as for FDR.
5	6 of Data Sheet (Ref of ITC 2.6)	16	The employer has already prepared a GAD Plan and Preliminary Estimate for the project which will be made available to the consultant. The initial Soil Investigation/topographical surveys conducted by the department will also be shared with the consultant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Span shown in the GAD (85m) for main bridge is not as per the IWAI guidelines of navigational requirement. Kindly clarify that the span & bridge length shown in the GAD is fixed or the same may be propose by the consultant as per feasibility and • Please provide the GAD drawing or legible PDF drawings and topographical surveys details. Because print out given by C&DS is not readable. • Kindly provide Preliminary Estimate for reference. 	<p>The span and bridge length as shown in GAD is fixed.</p> <p>GAD drawing will be provided on award of the contract.</p> <p>Preliminary Estimate will be provided on award of the contract.</p>

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6	12 of Data Sheet (Ref of ITC 15.4)	17 & 18	Key Professional Staff	As a large infrastructure project on River Ganga, it is very essential to involve a Hydraulic expert with vast experience on similar nature of River (Ganga, Brahmaputra etc.). Therefore, we are requesting C&DS for incorporation of input of a Hydraulic expert. Kindly consider/clarify.	The bidder is free to engage any expert in addition to specified experts.
7	Table Para 3.3. & 3.4i)	18	Specific experience of Consultant firm relevant to assignment job Each river bridge of length = 1000m = 16 marks -----do-----= 501-999m = 9 marks -----do-----=200-500m = 7 marks	Kindly relax the clause as follows : Table Para 3.3. & 3.4i) Specific experience of Consultant firm relevant to assignment job Each river bridge of length = 600m = 16 marks -----do-----= 301-600m = 9 marks -----do-----= 200m-300m = 7 marks	Terms of the RFP shall prevail.
8	Clause No.12 iii)	18	Qualification & Competency for the assignment/job. a) Team Leader-Post Graduate in Structures with at least 20 yrs experience, preferably PhD, Structure with 10 yrs experience.	We request you to change the clause as:- a) Team Leader-Post Graduate in Structures with at least 20 yrs experience. We also request you to remove the following "preferably PhD, Structure with 10 yrs experience" which is very rare in any Tender. Refer Annexure-II for Team Leader Qualifications for Government Clients' Tender document for similar projects.	Agreed. The qualification for Team Leader is amended as Post Graduate in Structures with at least 10 yrs experience in design of similar structures. The preference for PhD in Structures is deleted.
9	Clause No.15.7	19	Clause No.15.7 Method of Selection: In the case of detailed procedure of technical evaluation, all the consultants who secure above 75 percentage of marks will be considered as technically qualified for award of contract. Financial bids of only such eligible and qualified consultants will be opened and the consultant quoting the lowest evaluated price for the assignment will be considered for negotiations and award of contract	For such a large contract inviting proposals from International Consultants for international competitive bidding, the method followed is QCBS. We request you to change the Method of Selection to QCBS basis to get Quality Consultant. (As ready reference, Evaluation Criteria of 3 projects for the Clients NHAI, IAHE & NHIDCL is attached where 80:20QCBS Selection Method is adopted). Even we request you to adopt the policy of financial selection on the basis of average of (+/-) 20%. (Refer Annexure-III.)	Terms of the RFP shall prevail.
10	3. Scope of Work (3.5)	40	Consultant will also obtain 'No Objection Certificate' from relevant Ministries railways etc. as may be required.	As per the given schedule of assignment, it is not feasible to get 'No Objection Certificate' from concerned department. Minimum time required for EIA clearance as per Govt. norms 36 Months. May please modify the clause w.r.t taking NOC by consultant/number of man month requirement.	Department will assist the consultant in obtaining different NOCs, but the sole responsibility of obtaining required NOCs lies with the consultant only.

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11	4. Primary Tasks (4.1,iii)	40	Detailed Designs and preparation of working drawings for (b) Design of river bank protection/training works.	<p>Detailed Designs and preparation of working drawings for (b) Design of river bank protection/training works involves input of Physical (preferable) /Mathematical Hydraulic Model Study.</p> <p>Kindly clarify Model study for the subject project shall be got done by C&DS or Consultant.</p> <p>If, to be got done by the consultant then Physical or Mathematical Hydraulic Model Study, kindly clarify.</p>	Model study for the proposed project is not required.
12	4.8	42	Geotechnical Investigation and Sub soil Exploration	<p>As per codal provision Geotechnical investigation is required for each pier and abutment location, therefore time allotted for geotechnical investigation and for total project is in adequate.</p> <p>It is suggested the time period for Geotechnical activity may be increased to minimum 3 Months.</p> <p>Also, clarify that C&DS is expecting Geotechnical investigation for each pier and abutment location or not.</p> <p>If yes, Kindly increase the project period accordingly.</p>	Considering the time constraints with the department the request cannot be entertained. The Consultant needs to prepare the DPR within the overall time limit prescribed.
13		42-43	Geotechnical Investigations and Sub soil Exploration	We request you to clearly specify the type of Subsoil-Hard Rock or Soil & number of Boreholes to be taken or depth of boring for Geotechnical Investigations.	The Consultant has to make his own judgement based on sound engineering practices.
14	Clause No.9	69	Liquidated Damages: The amount of liquidated damages under this contract shall not exceed 10% of the total value of the contract as specified in Appendix D	We request you to change the Liquidated Damages clause as: The amount of liquidated damages under this contract shall not exceed 5% of the total value of the contract as specified in Appendix D	Terms of the RFP shall prevail.
15	13 (6.3)	73 & 74	1. Interest bearing Mobilization Advance with interest @ 10%	Activity of this project involves large upfront expenditure towards Survey, Geo technical investigation & other activities etc. Therefore, it is requested that mobilization fees may be given without interest and without submission of Bank Guarantee.	Terms of the RFP shall prevail.

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16	Clause No. 13	74	Special Conditions of Contract Clause No. 13, Payment under Contract will be made based on milestones indicated.	We request you to change the Payment Terms as tabulated below for clear understanding of submission. We also request you to increase time period to 9 months and to change the payment system on the basis of the work load & costing as follows:				Terms of the RFP shall prevail.			
			No	Milestone (Deliverables)	Time Period	Payment	No		Milestone (Deliverables)	Time Period	Payment
			1	On signing of the Contract-Interest bearing Mobilization Advance* with interest@10%		5% (On submission of Bank Guarantee of 110% of amount disbursed)	1		On signing of the Contract-Interest bearing Mobilization Advance* with interest@10%		5% (On submission of Bank Guarantee of 110% of amount disbursed)
			2	Geotechnical Investigation and Submission report. Submission of report.	15days	5%	3		On submission & approval of Inception report and its approval.(in 6copies)	15days	15%
			3	On submission & approval of Inception report and its approval.(in 6copies)	10days	10%	2		Geotechnical Investigation and Submission. Submission of report.	45 days	10%
			4	On submission & approval of- Hydraulic design, Protection Works, Approach road and additional approach road in 6copies)	30 days	10%	4		On submission & approval of- Hydraulic design, Protection Works, Approach road and additional approach road in 6copies)	60 days	5%
			5	On submission & approval of Design of components of river bridge. (in 6copies)	45days	10%	5		On submission & approval of Design of components of river bridge. (in 6copies)	90 days	10%

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			6	On submission & approval of Design of components of via-duct. (in 6copies)	45days	10%	6	On submission & approval of Design of components of via-duct. (in 6copies)	120 days	10%	
			7	On submission of Draft DPR	60days	20%	7	On submission of Draft DPR	160 days	20%	
			8	On checking ,submission of final DPR in 10 copies and its technical sanction.	90days	20%	8	On checking ,submission of final DPR in 10 copies and its technical sanction	210 days	20%	
			9	On submission & approval of bid documents. (6copies)	60 days	5%	9	On submission & approval of bid documents. (6copies)	270 days	5%	
			10	Balance 10%will be withheld for design revision & will be released after physical completion of ail components of the project.		10%	10	Balance 10%will be withheld for design revision & will be released after physical completion of ail components of the project.		5%	


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