

Response to Written Queries of Bidders to the Request for Proposal (RFP)

for Consultancy Services for Independent Consultant for Mehsana-Himatnagar Four Laning on DBFOMT Annuity Contract under GSHP-II

Sr. No.	Reference	Query	Response
1.	Clause 16.2 of ITC, Page 15	<p>Price Adjustment</p> <p><i>The period of Price Adjustments in General Provision of Clause 16.2(a) and Clause 42.3 of Special Conditions of Contract are contradicting. Please confirm that Price Adjustment will be applied in 12 months intervals as given in SCC.</i></p> <p><i>As per guidelines issued by MoRTH vide Lr. No.RW-NH-35071/2/2013-S&R (B) dated 26th February 2014, price escalation should be extended to cover all items of the Contract i.e., remuneration, all miscellaneous items and expenses etc and NOT only remuneration. This has been accepted by most State PWDs and organizations. Hence it is requested to modify the RFP accordingly to apply Price Adjustment to all items of the Contract.</i></p>	<p>No contradiction, ITC has to be read carefully with Data Sheet. ITC, Data Sheet and Draft Contract along with SCC are self-explanatory. SCC provisions prevail.</p> <p>No change to this respect. RFP stipulation remains unchanged.</p>
2.	E. Data Sheet, Clause 17.7 and 17.9, Data Sheet, Page 24	<p>Deadline for Submission of Proposals</p> <p><i>The Proposal has to be very comprehensive and requires highly skilled and experience professional mix in order to have appreciable proposal. Hence, we request to extend the proposal submission date by <u>two weeks</u> from the date of issue of the pre-bid replies.</i></p>	<p>From issuance of Pre-bid clarifications at-least two weeks' time shall be given for submission of proposals.</p>
3.	E. Data Sheet, Clause 15.2, Data Sheet, Page	<p>Format of Technical Proposal</p> <p><i>This may be clarified as it contradicts provisions of ITC Clause Reference 17.1</i></p>	<p>ITC Clause 15.2 and its Data Sheet reference under 15.2, as well ITC Clause</p>

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	24	<i>in Data Sheet</i>	17.1 and its Data Sheet reference under 17.1 are self-explanatory. Full Technical Proposal as per RFP stipulations is expected. (Originator of query agreed that the particular query is raised out of bit outside interpretation and after issuance they realized that such question doesn't arise.)
4.	Form Tech-6, Curriculum Vitae, Page 38	Signature of Expert on Curriculum Vitae <i>Please consider accepting a Scanned copy of the Expert's CV with original signature of the Consultant's Authorized Representative during proposal submission. If the Consultant's proposal is ranked first, a copy of the CV signed by the expert and/or specialist will be submitted to the Client during contract negotiations.</i>	No change to this respect. RFP stipulation remains unchanged.
5.	TOR 3.3(iv) Page 54	Co-ordination with stake holders <i>Needs clarification on the related duties and functions. For e.g. the Concessionaire can put claims on Authority for delay in approvals, which shall solely be the responsibility of the Concessionaire</i>	As requested the originator elaborated on query. Accordingly it is advised to have clear appreciation of overall scope in letter and spirit for required appreciation. Bidder appreciated overall TOR to this respect.
6.	TOR 3.5 Page 55	Training by IC to Authority's Staff <i>Whether the authority will second the identified staff to the IC team for field training?</i>	IC shall arrange such training in consultation with the Client. There will not be any second-ment of staff to IC by Client.
7.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 68	Qualification and Experience Requirement for TL cum Senior Highway Engineer <i>1. Please consider any stream of PG Degree in Civil Engineering/MBA in</i>	1. No change to this respect. RFP stipulation remains unchanged.

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		<i>Construction Management as Equivalent</i> 2. Please clarify the professional experience counts from the PG Degree or Bachelor Degree	2. Total professional experience required is Preferably from the PG degree
8.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 68	Qualification and Experience Requirement for Senior Quality, Material and Pavement Expert <i>Please consider PG Degree in Material Engineering/Soil Foundations also as it has also relates to Quality and Material</i>	RFP stipulates that Minimum Graduate in Civil Engineering from a recognized University. Post Graduate Degree in Highway Engineering / Transportation Engineering is preferable. Accordingly responsive proposals are expected.
9.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 71	Qualification and Experience Requirement for Road Safety Specialist 1. The position and qualifications mixes the Road Safety Expert and Construction Safety Expert. Request to separate them and provide relevant responsibilities and qualification criteria 2. In general Road Safety Specialist position is normally has short inputs as well as intermittent inputs. Hence request to consider as preferable.	No change to this respect. RFP stipulation remains unchanged. Accordingly responsive proposals are expected.
10.	TOR-Annex-2, Page 74	Road Safety Specialist Person Months input <i>While this input requirement may be lowered for Road Safety specialist, a similar or higher inputs will need to be provided for construction safety specialist</i>	No change to this respect. RFP stipulation remains unchanged.
11.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 69	Senior Bridge Engineer Qualifications 1. Maintenance is generally undertaken by the departments and rehab\repair consultancies are far and few. Request relaxation of this requirement. 2. Please confirm whether this requirement is a must or preferred.	No change to this respect. RFP stipulation remains unchanged.
12.	ITC Clause 30.2, Page 27, TOR 11.2, Page	Office and Liasioning <i>Please clarify whether Independent Consultant is require to establish and</i>	Please refer to Clause 11.2 Page 67 wherein the principal location for the

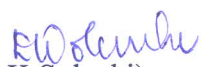
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	67	<i>maintain an office at Gandhinagar in addition to the project site office.</i>	execution of the services is specified as on the project corridor and liasioning with the client at Gandhinagar. Still commencement is expected at PIU Gandhinagar with kick-off meeting while prior to the same IC may finalise the Project Office on corridor in consultation with the client.
13.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 68	Qualification and Experience Requirements for TL cum Senior Highway Engineer <i>Under “Equivalent” to PG in Highway Engineering/Transportation Engineering, Kindly be clarified that what are other degrees and discipline will be considered under evaluation.</i>	Please refer Sr. No. 7 above.
14.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 68	Qualification and Experience Requirements for Key Professionals <i>Request to Clarify “Highway Projects of Similar or Large Size and Complexity” to be considered under the experience of the Key Professionals.</i>	Please refer to TOR for key professional positions the respective requirement of specified criteria accordingly.
15.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 68	Qualification and Experience Requirements for Key Professionals <i>Request to Clarify “Major Projects” to be considered under the experience of the Key Professionals.</i>	Please refer Sr. No. 14 above.
16.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 68	Qualification and Experience Requirements for TL cum Senior Highway Engineer <i>Requested to Clarify that the Project Manager/Deputy Project Manager with the Contractor will be Considered under Similar Capacity for Team Leader.</i>	Not accepted. No change to this respect. RFP stipulation remains unchanged.
17.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 68	Qualification and Experience Requirement for Senior Quality, Material and Pavement Expert <i>We suggest that the PG in other discipline like Geo-tech Engineering/Soil</i>	Please refer Sr. No. 8 above.

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		<i>Engineering/Soil Mechanics/Foundation Engineering etc. should be considered under evaluation along with the other discipline given in the RFP.</i>	
18.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 71	Qualification and Experience Requirement for Road Safety Specialist <i>As mentioned in the RFP “minimum 100lane KM” requires to be incorporated with number of lanes.</i>	Please refer Sr. No. 14 above.
19.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 71 and 72	Qualification and Experience Requirement for Senior Environment Specialist <i>Mentioned with at s. no 2 “ Professional Experience 10 years in Highway Projects and at s. no 4, 6 years of work experience -----in Highway Projects stand for the requirement of experience in Highway Projects and should be similar in respect of number of years.</i>	It is reconfirmed that ten (10) years of relevant professional experience as stipulated in RFP in Highway Projects is must.
20.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 73	Qualification and Experience Requirement for Contract Management Specialist <i>Specialization in Procurement/Contract Management/Project Management is under preferential qualification and similarly requested to consider LLB/LLM as a preferential qualification also.</i>	Not accepted. No change to this respect. RFP stipulation remains unchanged.
21.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 73	Non-Key Professionals <i>Quantity Survey Engineer, Topographic Surveyor, Quality Assurance Engineer minimum requirement of 8 years graduate can be relaxed as 8 years diploma or equivalent because most of well experienced & competent sub-professionals are diploma and working on similar type of projects successfully.</i>	Not accepted. No change to this respect. RFP stipulation remains unchanged.
22.	General	Non-Key Professionals <i>We suggest to have minimum basic requirement of sub-Key Professional in the RFP as given for the Key Professionals to have uniformity in the quote of all consultants.</i>	Please refer Sr. No. 1 of Addendum-1.
23.	General	Key Professionals <i>We suggest to have minimum Input of SBE, SQME, SHDE, RSS for the</i>	Indicative man months are provided as reference through RFP for time based assignment. Please refer Data Sheet

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		<i>Construction period of 24 months.</i>	14.1.3. Accordingly responsive proposals are expected.
24.	General	<p>Qualification and Experience Requirements for Key Professionals</p> <p><i>We request to modify the requirement of Developed country for Key Professionals with Developed/Developing. This was the requirement generally kept in the beginning when the construction of Highways with modern technology was started. Now a days lot of Professionals been trained to the extent to omit the requirement of personnel having experience of developed country only.</i></p>	Not accepted. No change to this respect. RFP stipulation remains unchanged.
25.	TOR Clause 5.3 Page 57	<p>Quality Testing</p> <p><i>The Checking of IC has a contradiction with the percentage of checking requirement of 25% and 100% as mentioned.</i></p>	No contradiction, respective Clause has to be read carefully in totality.
26.	Form Fin 4 Page 48	<p>Form Fin-4</p> <p><i>Format of Fin-4 mentioned with Training and kindly be clarified to take into consideration accordingly. Also there is a Client Ceiling on “Per diem allowance for Night Stay” may kindly be clarified.</i></p>	<p>1. Under Training IC has to provide on-site training to identified R&BD Engineers on his own. While, where required for class room training PIU will facilitate best of its support towards making staff training college facility at Gandhinagar on chargeable basis depending upon availability. PIU will not be liable for any guaranteed facilitation of specific time slot for STC facility. Besides this classroom training and also for on-site training all the logistics, stationary and all related arrangements shall be borne by IC</p>

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			<p>only. During construction period at least one each; classroom and on-site training every year for a batch of at least 25 R&BD Engineers is mandatory. PIU will facilitate with list of R&BD Engineers for such training upon advance consultations and scheduling by IC. Transportation and TA/DA of R&BD trainee engineers will be borne by R&BD.</p> <p>2. Per-diem allowance rates shall be as per financial proposal of the bidder. In case of abnormally higher than prevailing market rates, R&BD will discuss about ceiling during contract negotiation stage.</p>
27.	Data Sheet, Clause 21.1, Page 26	<p>Years with firm</p> <p><i>Years with the firm -10 Marks</i></p> <p><i>We Request you to please give some weightage to the employment with the firm less then 1 year</i></p>	RFP stipulation remains unchanged.
28.	Data Sheet, Clause 14.1.3, Page 23	<p>Input for Key Professionals and Non-key Professional</p> <p><i>Request you to Propose the actual break-up of 151 Person months for Key Experts and Propose the no. of Non Key Experts and their Person Months so that there is uniformity in the financial proposals of the Consultants.</i></p>	<p>Break-up for indicative man-months for Key Professionals is provided in Annexure-2, page 74.</p> <p>For Non-Key Professionals please refer Sr.No.1 of Addendum-1.</p>
29.	TOR-Annex-1, Page 69	Qualification and Experience Requirement for Senior Quality, Material and Pavement Expert	Please refer Sr. No. 8 above.

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		<i>We Request you to Please consider Minimum Graduate in Civil Engineering from a recognized University. Post Graduate Degree in Geo-Technical Engineering is preferable.</i>	
30.	TOR, Clause 3.5, Page 55	Training <i>We understand that Training for the Authority's staff will be conducted during the execution of Works. Please clarify.</i>	Please refer Sr. No. 26 above.
31.	GCC, Clause 28, Page 93	Equipment, Vehicles and Materials <i>The Clause corresponding to this item has not been specified in the Special Conditions of Contract. We request you to specify the scope of Consultant for these items and also specify the details such as no. of vehicles (for both Office use/Field Inspection), equipments, office provisions, furniture details, etc. Also, specify whether these provisions are to be included in the Financial Proposal?</i>	It is clear from the RFP that under Clause 28 of GCC the Client has not provisioned any requirement of equipment, vehicles and materials. While reimbursable shall be as per RFP stipulations and financial forms accordingly.
32.	SCC, Clause 42.3, Page 106 and 107	Price adjustment <i>As the Official Indices for Salaries in India are not available, we request the Client to consider escalation @ 5% every year as per the general practice in NHAI Projects.</i> <i>Further, we request the Client to consider escalation on Logistics also i.e. vehicle hire, office rent, Supplies, furniture etc. as per Ministry Circular No. RW- NH-35071/2/2013-S&R(B) dated 26.02.2014</i>	Not true. No change in RFP stipulations. Please refer Sr. No. 1 above.


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