

Government of Nepal
 Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
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 Bishalnagar, Kathmandu

Reference: RFP selection of Consultants for the **Detail Engineering Survey and Design of Railway line Sukkhad - Gaddachowki Section of Mechi-Mahakali Electrified Railway (PackageIV)**

Subject: Amendments on RFP Documents (Addendum)

Clarification to queries from the shortlisted consultants within the time limit mentioned in the Data Sheet as per the provision of ITC Sub Clause 2.2 in connection with the RFP documents is given below.

S. N.	Page No.	Reference	As in RFP Documents	Amendments
1	Page 15 Page 20	Section 2 5.3 (i) Specific Experience of Consultants related to the assignments Section 3 : 3B; Consultant Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only projects completed in the last five (5) years will be considered irrespective of the project start date Relevant Services Carried out in the last Ten (10) Years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only projects completed in the last five (5) years will be considered irrespective of the project start date Relevant Services Carried out in the last Five (5) Years
2	Page 17 Page 47	Section 2 7.8 Section 5 Terms of Reference 5. Duration of Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The assignment is expected to commence on: February, 2017 The Consultant is expected to commence the work in December, 2016 and complete in February, 2018 	The Consultant is expected to commence the work in February, 2017 and complete in Apr, 2018
3	Title Page 34 Page 37 Page 38	Title Section5. 4E.III. No.2 Section5. 1.2, Section5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Sukkhad- Gaddachowki Section (95km) ...Sukkhad- Gaddachowki Section (94km) . 	The length of Sukkhad- Gaddachowki Section is 94 Km only.
4	Page 15	ITC Data Sheet 4.5	Proposals must be submitted no later than: Date : Nov30, 2016 Time : 14:00 hrs (Local time)	The date of submission has been extended to December 21, 2016 but the time remain the same.
5	Page 14	Section 2. Data Sheet Clause 3.3 ii	The estimated number of professional staff-months required for the assignment is: International: 79 Person Months National : 134 Person Months	The estimated number of professional staff-months required for the assignment is: International: 77 Person Months National : 134 Person Months

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Subject: Clarification on RFP Documents

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S. N.	Page No.	Reference	Existing Conditions	Query/Clarification	Clarifications
1.	Page 15 Page 20	Section 2 5.3 (i) Specific Experience of Consultants related to the assignments Section 3 : 3B; Consultant Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only projects completed in the last five (5) years will be considered irrespective of the project start date Relevant Services Carried out in the last Ten (10) Years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please confirm Five or Ten? What is the cut-off date for completion? Please Clarify Please also confirm number of project reference sheets that can be submitted by the JV/ Consortium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five Bid Submission date of respective RFP Submit as per bidders requirement that too relevant services carried in the last Five Years
2.	Page 17 Page 47	Section 2 7.8 Section 5 Terms of Reference 5. Duration of Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The assignment is expected to commence on: February, 2017 The Consultant is expected to commence the work in December, 2016 and complete in February, 2018 	Please confirm December, 2016 or February, 2017.	The Consultant is expected to commence the work in February, 2017 and complete in Apr, 2018
3.	Page 15	Section 2, 5.3 (ii)	Maximum 50 Pages	Since the page size is not mentioned, we understand that they are A4 size. Please allow A3 size pages for work plan/schedule, manning schedule, figures and charts for clarity (text size). Please also confirm that only Technical Standard for 3D is considered for counting 50 pages' maximum	Maximum of 50 pages including A3 size pages.

4	Page 20	3B. Consultant's reference	Using the format below, provide information on each assignment for which your Consultant/entity, either individually as a corporate entity or as one of the major companies within an association, was legally contracted.	Please confirm whether we need to submit Client reference along with the filled format as required?	As per RFP Document / Provide clients notarized certificates.
5	Page 25	Section 3 3F. Format of CV for Proposed Staff	Reference :	Please remove this as there was no such practice in recently submitted/ awarded packages in the eastern sector.	As per RFP Document
6	Page 25	Section 3 3F. Format of CV for Proposed Staff	The CV shall be signed by both, the person and the authorized representative of the firm in blue ink.	As the consultant may be working outside their home location/country for other jobs during the proposal presentation stage; please allow scanned signature of the engineers/ experts/ specialists and the only the original signature of the authorized representative of the firm sign in blue ink. Please confirm	Scan signature will be considered for the experts but the authorized representative has to sign in blue ink.
7	Page 33	Section 4 4E.I. Reimbursable Activity No:4	Office Rent/ accommodation/ Clerical Assistance/ Services and equipment, Vehicles, office furniture, office equipment-computers, printers, Xerox machine etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As we understand that office space is provide by the Client within their premises, no need to quote the cost of office rent, please confirm As we also understand that the office furniture will be provided by the Client and no need to quote for that. Please confirm. We understand that the internet connection (wires only) is available and no need quote for this and only the operational cost is to be considered, please confirm Please confirm the cost of electricity will be borne by the Client. What is the provisions in case of power outage during the working hours. How we should address this if we are to bear the cost of operation or we have to keep ourselves the power backup system by ourselves? Please clarify Please provide the vehicle-months (Kathmandu office and field works) requirement for such purpose as mentioned in the BoQ so that all bidders can quote uniformly their unit rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not quote the cost of office rent. Consultant himself has to arrange. Consultant himself has to arrange. In case of power outage, cost of generator (existing in the office premises) operation will be shared. 30 vehicle months
8	Page 33	Section 4 4E.I. Reimbursable Per Activity	No inclusion of technical service required for the consultancy services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no information on the technical service like, land use survey, cadastral survey/ mapping including land acquisition details, inventory surveys, construction materials survey, specific survey for station building etc. ; Hence, request to provide the cost item and quantities wherever possible. In case of any missing items, can the 	Included in 4EIII, No. 2 item

				Consultant propose on its own. Please confirm	
9	Page 34	Section 4 4E.II. Miscellaneous Expenses No:2.	Supply of video clips of works in progress during the field survey and drilling works	Please provide the duration, the procedure in capturing the video clips that is required for the different surveys as required by the RFP; so that these are well reflected in the Cost proposal of all the bidders. Further, as stated in the RFP for boring works, we understand that for depth greater than 15 meter the video clip is required, please confirm	Intermittent video clips for all the major bridges and important works during different surveys for evidence.
10	Page 37 & 38	Section 5 Terms of Reference 2. Objectives and 3.1 Review of Findings of the Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct detailed engineering survey along the selected (after the finalizations and approval) alignment including topographical surveys.... •and reconfirm the final railway alignment 	What is the time frame that is required by the client in the approval?	Three weeks
11	Page 39	Section 5 Terms of Reference 3.2.1 Topographic survey, Alignment and land use survey	Preparation of a separate Land Plan of the project showing i) all the existing assets within the agreed railway ROW e.g. structures, drains, trees, utilities and, ii) Proposed land required in various stretches for the railway infrastructures and the approach roads. For land required to be acquired for the project, the land plans shall be marked on the cadastral maps showing survey/plot numbers and shall be furnished along with a separate report which will include individual land holdings as per land ownership records, area to be acquired for railway and approach road in a suitable format, approved beforehand to facilitate land acquisition proceedings and final report must be approved from concern survey office.	<p>In the pre-bid conference, the Client was not sure whether this task is to be done through the Consultant or to remove this scope. Please confirm whether the Consultant needed to plan for this as there will be substantial cost associated with it.</p> <p>Further, getting ". approved from concern survey office" is very time consuming and the Consultants may not complete this task within the given period of 15 months as the task need to be carried out after the final alignment approved which may be at the end of the project period itself as there will be minor changes in the alignment till the draft final report.</p>	EIA and SIA are both in the Scope of Work.

12	Page 46 and 47	Section5 4.1 Team compositions, staffing requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Staff • Non Key Staff 	We understand the submission of CVs of the key staff only is required as they bear the marks/score and that of Non-key staff are not required. Please confirm.	CV for Non Key staff must be submitted with bid
13	Page 50	7.1 Consultants office	The consultants will be responsible for it's furnishing.	As per the visit of the location we noticed that the spaces are well furnished and only required furniture are required. Please confirm that only furniture will be required and those will be quoted as rental.	As mentioned in S.N. 7
14	Page 50	Section5 Terms of Reference 10 Qualification and Responsibilities of Key staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Leader/ Railway Expert (12 person-months) 	The Team Leader is the key figures in management and supervision".... day to day operation..." of survey and design works. As the study duration is 15 months and the input is limited to 12 months only; this may be not be sufficient to deliver the required services as stated in the RFT/TOR including raising of invoices on monthly basis as required by RFP provisions. Hence, request to review the inputs of Team Leader to 15 person-months	Manage accordingly.
15	Page 59	Section5 Terms of Reference 12 Mode of payment- 3rd paragraph	Tax liabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We understand that an entity (companies/ firms/JV) registered in VAT is liable for deduction of TDS of 1.5 % by the Client based on the Contract Agreement and all other tax related liabilities lies with the companies/firms/JV as stated in the 3.7 of Data Sheet. Please clarify and confirm. • We understand when the member of the consultant/firms/JV Association own resources are utilized; then the rental agreement is not required. Please confirm • Drafting is carried out by draft persons and the project requires large number of drawings/maps to be prepared. Hence, producing "bills" as stated in RFP is not an appropriate way of addressing this. It is to be Fixed Monthly basis for drafting services. Please confirm. 	<p>It is clearly written in the document.</p> <p>For this new consortium, some kind of rental agreement is required between the owner & consortium.</p> <p>It is Fixed LS basis</p>

16	Page 56-58	Section5 Terms of Reference 11 Qualification and Responsibilities of Non-key staff	No input of River Training Specialist	A similar package in the eastern sector (Bardibas-Inaruwa section) has the specific provision of the River Training Specialist; but there is no such provision of the River Training Specialist for this section. Hence, we request for the inclusion of River Training Specialist with at least 5 person months of input; as it is essential as Non-key Experts	Not necessary
17	Page 62	Section5 4.1 Team Composition	Experts working the ongoing railway projects in the eastern packages	Please confirm that the Engineers/specialist/experts working in the ongoing railway project in the eastern sector (package 1 and package 2) with lesser input, without overlapping the schedule be proposed for these packages as the start time of this assignment many not likely start earlier than February and already about 7 months have been passed in these ongoing assignments.	Shall be proposed for these packages without overlapping.
18	Title Page 34 Page 37 Page 38	Title Section5. 4E.III. No.2 Section5. 1.2 Section5.3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... Sukhkhad- Gaddachowki Section (95km) • ...Sukhkhad- Gaddachowki Section (95km) 	Please confirm 95km or 94km.	94 Km only.
19	Page 28	Section4. 4E. IV	Investigation Cost for Tunnel	Please confirm whether we should consider investigation cost for tunnel or not.	No, there is no tunnel requirement.