

Clarification of Pre-bid queries against NIT no. RECPDCL/TECH/2021-22/620 dated: 02.07.2021

Sl. No	Clause No.	Clause as per NIT/RFP	Pre-Bid queries raised by the bidder(s)	Clarification/ Amendment
1	Section V - Eligibility Criteria In Sl. No. 1	It is mentioned that joint venture or consortium firms are not allowed.	Considering that the work has to be executed within 13 district in the state of West Bengal consultant request that the joint-venture or consortium may be kindly allowed.	As per RFP
2	Sl. No 3 and 4 of technical Eligibility Criteria under Section-V	Experience in environment and social safeguard management of linear infrastructure projects, including preparation of Resettlement Action Plans and Forest Clearance proposals as main consultant for Indian linear infrastructure /power distribution projects funded by multilateral/bilateral funding agencies e.g. World Bank/SDB, KFW etc.	It may be kindly noted that forest clearance procedure for projects will take more than 7 to 8 years for any linear projects since diversion was not promoted by MoEF&CC and for many projects the ministry is putting limitations in expansion of roads in forest areas. QCI-NABET EIA Accreditation mandates the consultant to have accredited expert of Ecology and Biodiversity. Same accreditation for linear projects like power/highway shall be treated as equivalent to the forest clearance procedure compliance since the accreditation of expert and consultant is done as per the extensive procedures approved by MoEF&CC.	As per RFP
3			It is requested that for preparation of Resettlement action plan, the experience of Consultant/ Joint venture/Consortium partner shall be kindly included indicating the total responsibility with the main bidder.	
4	Detailed Scope of Work		<p>A detailed project description indicating location of project area, map, present status of area, need of project, proposed interventions, engineering interventions, land acquisition requirements etc. along with approved ESMF for the proposed project may be kindly shared to assess the volume of work.</p>	<p>Area of implementation will be 1. Alipurduar, 2. Jalpaiguri, 3. Uttar Dinajpur, 4.Malda, 5.Nadia, 6.Howrah, 7. Murshidabad, 8. Cooch Behar 9.Darjeeling & Kalimpong, 10.Dakshin Dinajpur, 11.Purba Medinipur 12.Bankura, 13.Purulia districts of West Bengal.</p> <p>The baseline study of the project is readily available at the following URL: https://www.wbsedcl.in/irj/go/km/docs/internet/new_website/Distribution Projects.html</p>

5	Page-4, Clause –Section-II	<p>INTENT & SCOPE OF WORK</p> <p>..... NIT for carrying out environment and social safeguard management of High Voltage Distribution System (HVDS) <i>projects in Rural and Semi urban Area of Thirteen (13) Districts</i> of West Bengal.....</p>	<p>Will WBSEDCL be awarded all 13 districts of West Bengal project to one actual shortlisted consultant and/or divided into 1-N districts to the few qualified shortlisted consultants?</p> <p>In absence of such information, projection of Man-power, work plan and cost factor may affect during preparation of Technical and Financial Proposal by the sub-consultant.</p> <p>Please clarify.</p>	All 13 districts will be awarded to single consultant.
6	Form-III Financial Bid Format	<p>Form-III Financial Bid Format List of Key Expert mentioned in the Table for Financial Bid</p>	<p>Infer Development Consulting Private Limited (INFER) has credit of ESIA/EMP, etc. projects over 14 years funded by Multilateral/bilateral Funding Agencies and National organizations.</p> <p>INFER will provide technical and financial</p>	Please refer to page no. 9 and 10 under Section-V : Eligibility Criteria
	Annexure-VII	<p>Annexure-VII CVs OF ALL PROPOSED TEAM MEMBERS</p>		
7	Clause no. 1 of Minimum Qualification Criteria under Section-V	<p>Eligibility Criteria: Bidders should be a company incorporated under Companies Act, 1956 or 2013 including any amendment thereto. OR Any Proprietorship/ Partnership Firm registered with Competent Govt. Authority. Note: Joint Venture or Consortium Firms are not allowed.</p>	<p>We Request the authority to kindly allow the joint venture in this bid to increase the competency of the bidders and bid also.</p>	As per RFP

8	Clause no. 3 and 4 of technical Eligibility Criteria under Section-V	<p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <p>Experience in environment and social safeguard management of linear infrastructure projects, including preparation of Resettlement Action Plans and Forest Clearance proposals as main consultant for Indian linear infrastructure /power distribution projects funded by multilateral/bilateral funding agencies e.g. World Bank/SDB, KFW etc.</p> <p>A. Experience of at least 02 (Two) completed Consultancy Projects in conducting ESIA and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) including Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) in past 7 years. The minimum value of such project should be Rs 500 Cr.</p> <p>B. Experience of at least 02 (Two) completed Consultancy Projects in conducting ESIA and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) including Forest Clearance Plan in past 7 years. The minimum value of such project should be Rs 500 Cr.</p>	<p>By this we hereby understand that the Linear Infrastructure projects means Water Ways, Metro Rail, Highways, Transmission Line, Submarine Cable landing.</p> <p>We also request the authority to kindly relax the minimum eligibility criteria to 1 (One) project for both A and B category.</p> <p>Kindly Clarify / Confirm</p>	Please refer to the Amendment-I
9	Team composition under Section V.	Team Composition	<p>By this clause we here understand that all the key experts mentioned in the tender document required to be deployed for full time on project sites.</p> <p>Kindly Clarify / Confirm</p>	Please refer to page no. 9 and 10 under Section-V : Eligibility Criteria

10	Clause no. 3 of technical Eligibility Criteria under Section-V	Experience in environment and social safeguard management of linear infrastructure projects, including preparation of Resettlement Action Plans and Forest Clearance proposals as main consultant for Indian linear infrastructure /power distribution projects funded by multilateral/bilateral funding agencies e.g. World Bank/SDB, KFW etc.	<p>We have worked on a number of linear infrastructure projects for environment and social safeguard management in projects funded by multilateral/bilateral funding agencies e.g. World Bank/ADB. However, all these works have been performed as sub-contractor to the Engineering Consultant, who being the main consultant for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR).</p> <p>Therefore, we would request you to consider the sub-consulting work for eligibility purpose.</p>	Please refer to the Amendment-I
11	Scope of work under Section – IV.	Scope of survey and consultations	<p>Survey and consultations are key requirements of the proposed work. However, not having the minimum requirements specified would result in wide variation in approaches as well as costing. Therefore, we would request you to kindly include the minimum requirements e.g. 100% census survey for all directly affected families, at least 1 consultation every 10km of transmission line, etc. in the scope.</p>	As per RFP
12	Important information under Section – I	Last dated of Submission of bid	<p>May we request that a submission time of minimum 14 days may please be extended after issuing the clarification to bid.</p>	Please refer to the Amendment-I