

**Pre-Bid Queries Response**

**Name of the work:** "Consultancy Services for detailed feasibility and detailed engineering design of 221 km state road network"

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| 1. | Short Listing Criteria, Section – II, Page 7 of 12 of REoI | <p><b>B. EXPERIENCE</b></p> <p>The Consultant must have experience as follows:</p> <p>i. The experience of Detailed Design and DPR Preparation (on item rate/EPC) of road project involving road length not less than 160 Km in each project. For JV (as a lead member) qualifying length for lead member would be 120 Km (for each project) and for other partners it would be 80 Km of roadwork (for each project). Such project must have been completed within last 5 (five) years including 2024.</p> <p>ii. The experience as Feasibility Study of road project involving road length not less than 160 Km in each project. For JV (as a lead member) qualifying length for lead member would be 120 Km (for each project) and for other partners it would be 80 Km of roadwork (for each project). Such project must have been completed within last 5 (five) years including 2024.</p> | <p>We request to the authority please clarify the below points</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We understand that in the case of an association, only the Lead Member is required to satisfy both criteria (i) and (ii). The Associate Member is not required to meet these criteria. Kindly confirm if our understanding is correct or not.</li> <li>2. As feasibility study is part of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) preparation, such projects may be considered under both criteria (i) and (ii). However, if a project is counted under criterion (i), it will not be considered under criterion (ii) and vice-versa, meaning each project will be counted under only one criterion, based on the representation provided in the Expression of Interest (EoI). Kindly confirm if our interpretation is accurate.</li> <li>3. We will understand that all type of road projects like, National Highways, State Highways, Other District Roads, Major District Roads, and Village Roads will be considered.</li> </ol> <p>We humbly request the authority that kindly clarify the above points.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Your understanding is correct.</li> <li>2. Refer Corrigendum-II</li> <li>3. Village Roads will not be considered</li> </ol>  |
| 2. | Short Listing Criteria, Section – II, Page 7 of 12 of REoI | <p><b>C. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE &amp; PERMANENT STAFFING</b></p> <p>(i) At least 7 years in the business of preparing Feasibility/DPRs with minimum 3 years in Feasibility/DPRs in Hill Road experience.</p> <p>(ii) Should have at least 4 nos. of permanent Key Expert</p>   | <p>We understand that in the case of a Joint Venture (JV), the criteria mentioned under Point C can be fulfilled collectively by all JV members. However, in the case of an Association, the criteria under Point C must be satisfied solely by the Lead Member.</p> <p>Kindly confirm if our understanding is correct.</p>  | <p>In the case of a Joint Venture (JV), the criteria mentioned under Point C(i) can be fulfilled by any one of JV members. Whereas the criteria mentioned under Point C(ii) can be fulfilled collectively by all JV members.</p> |

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|    |  |  |   | In the case of an Association, the criteria under Point C must be satisfied solely by the Lead Member.                                  |
| 3. | <p>Short Listing Criteria, Section – II, Page 7 of 12 of REOI</p> <p>6. Personnel Requirement<br/>Page 19, 20 of 86 of Terms of Reference document</p> | <p>C. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE &amp; PERMANENT STAFFING</p> <p>(ii) Should have at least 4 nos. of permanent Key Expert</p> <p>6. Personnel requirement</p> <p>The Consultants shall be required to form a multi-disciplinary team for this assignment. The consultants Team shall be manned by an adequate number of experts with relevant experience in the execution of similar detailed design assignments. The consultant shall submit the CV's for key, professionals for evaluation. The details of key staff whose CVs will be evaluated are furnished below. The qualifications and experience expected of candidates-for these positions is given in Appendix 3.</p> | <p>We respectfully request the authority to confirm whether detailed CVs of four key experts are required at the Expression of Interest (EoI) submission stage, or if it is sufficient to submit documents demonstrating that the firm has four (4) permanent key experts.</p> <p>Kindly clarify.</p> | Detailed CVs are not required to be submitted with the EoI proposal. The bidder shall mention the relevant Key Experts in Annexure-III. |
| 4. | <p>Detailed Methodology<br/>Page 14, 15 of 86 of Terms of Reference document</p>   | <p>Note: (i) The detailed scope and specifications of the Service is indicative as per the assessment of the employer, and consultants should submit the detailed methodology in their technical proposals as per his own assessment (detailed procedure to execute the tasks and what, when &amp; how the various tasks would be conducted) for the feasibility and detailed design of the roads, bridges and other task components for the improvement, up gradation and maintenance etc. as per the IRC recommendations, MoRTH, best local and international codes/practices/procedures. This shall be one of the major criteria for technical evaluation.</p>              | <p>Is it required to submit the detailed methodology at the stage of submission of EoI?</p>   | <p>Methodology is not required to be submitted at REOI stage.</p>   |

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| 5. | Short Listing Criteria, Section – II, Page 7 of 12 of REoI | <p><b>B. EXPERIENCE</b><br/>The Consultant must have experience as follows:</p> <p>i. The experience of Detailed Design and DPR Preparation (on item rate/EPC) of road project involving road length not less than 160 Km in each project. For JV (as a lead member) qualifying length for lead member would be 120 Km (for each project) and for other partners it would be 80 Km of roadwork (for each project).Such project must have beencompleted within last 5 (five) years including 2024.</p> <p>ii. The experience as Feasibility Study of road project involving road length not less than 160 Km in each project. For JV (as a lead member) qualifying length for lead member would be 120 Km (for each project) and for other partners it would be 80 Km of roadwork (for each project). Such project must have beencompleted within last 5 (five) years including 2024.</p> | <p>Kindly clarify whether the 160 km project length refers to a single continuous road or can be a combination of multiple stretches under a single work order.</p> <p>Since the project for which the EoI has been invited consists of five stretches totaling 221 km, we request that the total project length be considered either as a single continuous road or as multiple stretches under a single work order.</p> <p>It is understood that for project qualification under criteria (i) and (ii), it is not necessary for the project to be a <b>similar project</b> i.e. widening and strengthening of existing roads in hilly terrain.</p> <p>PMGSY roads with width of 3.5 m/5.0 m/ 5.5 m will be considered for evaluation or not?</p> <p>We understand that road projects of Expressway / National Highway / State Highway / High Speed Corridorof 2/4/6 lane will be considered for evaluation.</p> <p>Detail Design work, done for private contractor/concessioner will be considered or not?</p> | <p>Can be a combination of multiple stretches under a single work order.</p> <p>As above</p> <p>Your understanding is correct.</p> <p>PMGSY roads will not be considered.</p> <p>As per REoI.</p> <p>Detail Design work, done for private contractor/concessioner will not be considered</p> |
| 6. | Point 3 of Section 1 at Pag No. 4                          | Accomplished Expression of Interest (Application) must besubmitted together with a Letter of Intent not later than <b>15:00 hours (IST) on February 19, 2025</b> . Documents in support of all qualification information shall be submitted with application. Proposal of EoI with qualification information shall be furnished on/before the due date of submission   | We kindly request you to facilitate theonlinesubmissionoftheEOI document via email as well.  | No Change. As per REoI.  |


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|    |   | at the address shown under para 12 of the EOI Notice.   |  |                         |
| 7. | Point Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19 at Page No. 5               | The original and the copies of the Eoi submission shall be placed inside of a sealed envelope clearly marked "Eoi PROPOSAL", for "Consultancy Services for detailed feasibility and detailed engineering design of 221 km state road network", reference number, name and address of the Consultant, and with a warning "DO NOT OPEN UNTIL Date: February 19, 2025 Time: 15:30 hours (IST)  | Hard Submission of EOI Document will cause additional cost and time for bidders. Hence, we request you to kindly remove the requirements of hard bid submission.   | No change. As per REOI. |
| 8. | Section – II:<br>Short Listing Criteria at Page No. 7 | <p><b>B. EXPERIENCE</b></p> <p>The Consultant must have experience as follows:</p> <p>i. The experience of Detailed Design and DPR Preparation (on item rate/EPC) of road project involving road length not less than 160 Km in each project. For JV (as a lead member) qualifying length for lead member would be 120 Km (for each project) and for other partners it would be 80 Km of roadwork (for each project). Such project must have been completed within last 5 (five) years including 2024.</p> <p>ii. The experience as Feasibility Study of road project involving road length not less than 160 Km in each project. For JV (as a lead member) qualifying length for lead member would be 120 Km (for each project) and for other partners it would be 80 Km of roadwork (for each project). Such project must have been completed within last 5 (five) years including 2024.</p> <p>iii. The experience in preparation feasibility and DPR documents for addressing the</p> | <p>We request the Client to clarify whether we need to furnish detailed design and DPR projects separately to qualify under Criteria Point B (i), or if either one would be sufficient.</p> <p>Furthermore, we require clarification on whether a bidder qualifying under Criteria B (i) is also required to fulfill the criteria mentioned in Point B (ii) to qualify for the EOI, considering that the preparation of a DPR includes the entire scope covered a Feasibility Study. Kindly confirm.</p> <p>Additionally, the client is requested to modify the short-listing criteria as suggested below:</p> <p>“The Consultant must have experience as follows:</p> <p>i. The experience of Detailed Design or and DPR Preparation (on item rate/EPC) of road project involving road length not less than <del>160</del> <b>140 Km</b> in each project. For JV (as a lead member) qualifying length for lead member would be <del>120</del> <b>100 Km</b> (for each project) and for other partners it would be <del>80</del> <b>60 Km</b> of roadwork (for each project). Such project must have</p> | Refer Corrigendum-II    |

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|    |   | <p>Environmental and Social issues within Environmental and Social Management Framework for similar 2 no. road projects completed within last 5 (five) years including 2024.</p> <p>iv. Experience in externally aided projects shall be given preference.</p> <p>C. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE &amp; PERMANENT STAFFING</p> <p>(i) At least 7 years in the business of preparing Feasibility/DPRs with minimum 3 years in Feasibility/DPRs in Hill Road experience.</p> <p>(ii) Should have at least 4 nos. of permanent Key Expert</p> | <p>been completed within last <del>5 (five)</del> <u>7 (seven)</u> years including 2024.</p> <p>ii. The experience as Feasibility Study of road project involving road length not less than <del>160/140 Km</del> in each project. For JV (as a lead member) qualifying length for lead member would be <del>420/100 Km</del> (for each project) and for other partners it would be <del>80/60 Km</del> of roadwork (for each project). Such project must have been completed within last <del>5 (five)</del> <u>7 (seven)</u> years including 2024.</p> <p>iii. The experience in preparation feasibility and DPR documents for addressing the Environmental and Social issues within Environmental and Social Management Framework for similar 2 no. road projects completed within last <del>5 (five)</del> <u>7 (seven)</u> years including 2024.</p> |                       |
| 9. | <b>ANNUAL TURNOVER, Short Listing Criteria Section – II, Page-7 of REOI</b> | <p>i. Annual Average turnover of last five financial years i.e. from 2019 -2020 to 2023- 2024 updated to the financial year 2023-24 shall be more than Rs. 6.0 crores. In case of JV/Association, the lead member shall have more than Rs. 4.50 crores of annual average turnovers (updated) to the financial year 2023-24. This threshold for each other member of JV/Association shall be more than Rs 3.0 crores.</p>   | <p>We are also concerned that Sub-consultants are also subject to this turnover requirement. Sub-consultants typically provide essential manpower and expertise, but do not contribute directly to the financial performance of the project. Given this, we believe it would be more appropriate for <b>Sub-consultants</b> to be exempt from this turnover criterion.</p> <p>Therefore, we respectfully request the removal of the turnover requirement for Sub-consultants (associates), as their role is primarily supportive and does not involve significant financial obligations related to the project. This revision would encourage the inclusion of local and domestic firms who are essential for providing specialized manpower services.</p>  | Refer Corrigendum-II  |
| 10 | -   | <p>Consultancy Services for detailed feasibility and detailed engineering design of 221 km state road network.</p>   | <p>We understand that it is a 2 lane project and experience of Detailed Design and DPR/ Feasibility Study of 2/4/6 laning of road projects with following multiplication factors shall be considered.</p> <p>For 2-lane projects, experience of 4 lane to be considered</p>   | Refer Corrigendum-II. |

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|    |   |   | with a multiplication factor of 2 and experience of 6 lane shall be considered with multiplication factor 3.<br><br>Kindly confirm   |                          |
| 11 | <b>B. (i),</b><br>Short Listing Criteria, Section – II, Page 7 of 12        | The experience of Detailed Design and DPR Preparation (on item rate/EPC) of road project involving road length not less than 160 Km in each project. For JV (as a lead member) qualifying length for lead member would be 120 Km (for each project) and for other partners it would be 80 Km of roadwork (for each project). Such project must have been completed within last 5 (five) years including 2024. | It is requested to modify the Criteria as below:<br><br>The experience of Detailed Design and DPR Preparation (on item rate/EPC) of road project involving aggregate road length not less than <b>160 Km</b> . Firm should have also prepared DPR for at least one project of 2/4/6 laning of minimum <b>30%</b> of the indicative length of the project (i.e. 66.30 Km). Such project must have been completed within <b>last 10 (ten)</b> years including 2024.<br><br>We want to emphasize that in most projects, the criteria mentioned above are taken into account by various authorities. | Refer Corrigendum-II.    |
| 12 | <b>B. (ii),</b><br>Short Listing Criteria, Section – II, Page 7 of 12       | The experience as Feasibility Study of road project involving road length not less than 160 Km in each project. For JV (as a lead member) qualifying length for lead member would be 120 Km (for each project) and for other partners it would be 80 Km of roadwork (for each project). Such project must have been completed within last 5 (five) years including 2024.                                      | It is requested to modify the Criteria as below:<br><br>The experience of Feasibility Study of road project involving aggregate road length not less than <b>160 Km</b> . Firm should have also prepared DPR for at least one project of 2/4/6 laning of minimum <b>30%</b> of the indicative length of the project (i.e. 66.30 Km). Such project must have been completed within <b>last 10 (ten)</b> years including 2024.<br><br>We want to emphasize that in most projects, the criteria mentioned above are taken into account by various authorities.                                      | Refer Corrigendum-II.    |
| 13 | <b>B. Experience,</b><br>Short Listing Criteria, Section – II, Page 7 of 12 | <b>B. Experience:</b><br><br>i. The experience of Detailed Design and DPR Preparation (on item rate/EPC) of road project involving road length not less than 160 Km in each project. For JV (as a lead member) qualifying length for lead member would be 120 Km (for each project) and for other   | <b>Query 1: Multiplication Factors for Lane Conversion</b><br>To ensure fair and uniform evaluation for all consultants, we request you to kindly provide the multiplication factors for converting 4-lane and 6-lane roads to 2-lane road length, following the approach adopted by NHAI/MoRTH:<br><br>• <b>2-lane = 1.0</b><br>• <b>4-lane = 1.5</b>   | 1. Refer Corrigendum-II. |

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|    |  | <p>partners it would be 80 Km of road work (for each project). Such project must have been completed within last 5 (five) years including 2024.</p> <p>ii. The experience as Feasibility Study of road project involving road length not less than 160 Km in each project. For JV (as a lead member) qualifying length for lead member would be 120 Km (for each project) and for other partners it would be 80 Km of road work (for each project). Such project must have been completed within last 5 (five) years including 2024.</p> | <p>• <b>6-lane = 2.0</b></p> <p>We believe this standardization will allow for a balanced assessment of all consultants' experience.</p> <p><b>Query 2: Experience Consideration for Lead &amp; JV Partners</b></p> <p>We request you to kindly consider the following experience criteria for lead consultants and JV partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lead Consultant: Experience for 100 km</b></li> <li>• <b>JV Partner: Experience for 60 km</b></li> </ul> <p>Additionally, we request that plain terrain projects be considered for both design and feasibility studies.</p> <p>Your consideration of these requests would be greatly appreciated, ensuring equitable evaluation and alignment with best practices.</p> | <p>2. Refer Corrigendum-II.</p> <p>Plain terrain projects will be considered for both design and feasibility studies.</p>   |
| 14 | Short Listing Criteria, Section – II, Page 7 of 12                       | <p><b>Note:-</b></p> <p>A Project would qualify as similar Project, if it meets with following:</p> <p>a. Widening &amp; Strengthening of existing roads in hilly terrain</p>  | <p><b>Query 3:</b> Kindly clarify whether ongoing road projects in hilly terrain will be considered.</p>  | <p>This Note is applicable for “Clause B (iii), Short Listing Criteria, Section – II, Page 7 of 12”.</p> <p>Accordingly, only completed/ substantially completed (90%) road projects in hilly terrain will be considered for above mentioned criteria only.</p> |
| 15 | <b>B. Experience,</b> Short Listing Criteria, Section – II, Page 7 of 12 | <p><b>B. Experience:</b></p> <p>iii. The experience in preparation feasibility and DPR documents for addressing the Environmental and Social issues within Environmental and Social Management Framework for similar 2 no. road projects completed within last 5 (five) years including 2024.</p>  | <p><b>Query 4:</b> Please clarify whether international projects of similar terrain will be considered.</p>   | <p>Yes, international projects of similar terrain will be considered.</p>   |

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| 16 | <b>B. Experience,</b><br>Short Listing Criteria,<br>Section – II,<br>Page 7 of 12  | ii. The experience as Feasibility Study of road project involving road length not less than 160 Km in each project. For JV (as a lead member) qualifying length for lead member would be 120 Km (for each project) and for other partners it would be 80 Km of road work (for each project). Such project must have been completed within last 5 (five) years including 2024. | To encourage wider participation, we kindly ask you to take into account the experience of consultants with relevant projects completed in the last 10 years. This amendment will allow those with historical expertise to demonstrate their capabilities and engage in the selection process effectively. | Refer Corrigendum-II.  |
| 17 | Short Listing Criteria,<br>Section – II,<br>Page 7 of 12   | <b>Note:-</b> A Project would qualify as similar Project, if it meets with following:<br><br>a. Widening & Strengthening of existing roads in hilly terrain   | We believe that the restriction on similar projects in hilly terrain may limit participation from qualified consultants. Therefore, we kindly request that you consider relaxing the requirement for experience in hilly terrain projects.   | No change. As per REOI   |
| 18 | <b>C. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE &amp; PERMANENT STAFFING,</b><br>Short Listing Criteria,<br>Section – II,<br>Page 7 of 12 | <b>C. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE &amp; PERMANENT STAFFING</b><br><br>(iii) At least 7 years in the business of preparing Feasibility/DPRs with minimum 3 years in Feasibility/DPRs in Hill Road experience.<br><br>(iv) Should have at least 4 nos. of permanent Key Expert   | Client Certificate/ LOA for the executed or ongoing work is enough to meet the requirement of point (i).<br><br>Further, HR Certificate validating the employment would be enough for Point (ii).  | Yes.<br><br>Yes<br><br>The details are to be provided with Annexure-III. |

  
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