

Prebid Query Response (Meeting held on 20.06.2025)

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

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1.	Clause No. 2.3 of Data Sheet, Section 2. Instructions to Consultants, Page No. 32	A pre-proposal conference will be held: Yes	We kindly request the Client to arrange for an online pre-proposal conference in addition to the offline mode, to ensure wider participation.	Online pre-proposal conference has been organized on 20.06.2025																											
2.	Clause No. 21.1 of Data Sheet, Section 2. Instructions to Consultants, Page No. 37 and Appendix 3, Staff Qualification and Experience of Key and sub-key personnel, Page Nos. 156 to 163	<div>Key Experts' qualifications and competence for the Assignment:<table><tr><th>Sr. No</th><th>Position</th><th>Points</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Senior Highway Engineer cum Team Leader</td><td>[10]</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Highway Design Engineer cum Pavement Specialist</td><td>[07]</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Senior Bridge/ Structural Engineer</td><td>[08]</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Material cum Geotechnical Engineer</td><td>[07]</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Environmental Specialist</td><td>[07]</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Social cum Resettlement & Rehabilitation Specialist</td><td>[07]</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Transport Economist</td><td>[07]</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Procurement cum Contract Specialist</td><td>[07]</td></tr></table></div>	Sr. No	Position	Points	1	Senior Highway Engineer cum Team Leader	[10]	2	Highway Design Engineer cum Pavement Specialist	[07]	3	Senior Bridge/ Structural Engineer	[08]	4	Material cum Geotechnical Engineer	[07]	5	Environmental Specialist	[07]	6	Social cum Resettlement & Rehabilitation Specialist	[07]	7	Transport Economist	[07]	8	Procurement cum Contract Specialist	[07]	<div>As per Sl. No. 21.1 of the Data Sheet on Page No. 37, it is understood that CVs of 08 Key Experts are to be submitted Along with the Technical Proposal.</div> <div>However, on Page No.163, the qualifications and experience requirements of the Tunnel Expert are mentioned in addition to the above 08 Key Experts. In this regard, we kindly request the Client to clarify the following:</div> <div>a) Is the Tunnel Expert considered a Key Expert for this assignment?</div> <div>b) Is the CV of the Tunnel Expert required to be submitted along with the Technical Proposal? If yes, please confirm the marking scheme or evaluation points allocated for this position.</div>	<div>a) Tunnel Expert is Key Expert for this assignment.</div> <div>b) The CV of the Tunnel Expert is not required to be submitted along with the Technical Proposal for evaluation. The same shall be submitted as per the Project requirements in due course of DPR preparation.</div>
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3.	Sl. No. 6. Of TOR at Page No. 96: Personnel requirement, and Staff	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	As per Sl. No. 6 of the ToR on Page No. 96, the total person-months allocated are 46, which is indicated to cover the 8 Key Experts. However, on Page No. 163, the qualifications and	Input of Tunnel Expert is not included in 46 person-months. Tunnel Expert shall be mobilized as per the Project requirement in																											

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	Qualification and Experience of Key and sub-key personnel, Page Nos. 156 to 163	<div>evaluated are furnished below. The qualifications and experience expected of candidates-for these positions is given in Appendix 3.</div> <table><tr><th>Sl. No.</th><th>Key Expert</th><th>Total person month</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Senior Highway Engineer cum Team Leader</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Highway Design Engineer cum Pavement Specialist</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Senior Bridge/ Structural Engineer</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Material cum Geotechnical Engineer</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Environmental Specialist</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Social cum Resettlement & Rehabilitation Specialist</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Transport Economist</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Procurement cum Contract Specialist</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>46</td></tr></table>	Sl. No.	Key Expert	Total person month	1	Senior Highway Engineer cum Team Leader		2	Highway Design Engineer cum Pavement Specialist		3	Senior Bridge/ Structural Engineer		4	Material cum Geotechnical Engineer		5	Environmental Specialist		6	Social cum Resettlement & Rehabilitation Specialist		7	Transport Economist		8	Procurement cum Contract Specialist			Total	46	<div>experience requirements of the Tunnel Expert are mentioned in addition to these 8 Key Experts.</div> <div>In view of the above, we kindly request the Client to clarify whether the 46 person-months include the Tunnel Expert.</div> <div>Kindly confirm</div>	consultation with HPRIDCL.
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4.	Clause No. 21.1 of Data Sheet, Section 2. Instructions to Consultants, Page No. 37 and Appendix 3, Staff Qualification and Experience of Key and sub-key personnel, Page Nos. 156 to 168	<div>Clause No. 21.1 of Data Sheet:</div> <div>(iii) Key Experts’ qualifications and competence for the Assignment: <i>{Notes to Consultant: each position number corresponds to the same for the Key Experts in Form TECH-6 to be prepared by the Consultant}</i></div> <div>Appendix 3:</div> <div>The key and sub-key staff positions whose qualifications and experience will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria and weight, age set down in the data sheet are as follows. Please note that sub-key staff positions will not be used for scoring.</div>	<div>As the CVs of sub-key positions are not part of the evaluation criteria, we understand that the CVs of Key Experts (Form TECH-6) are to be submitted by the Consultant at the bidding stage, while the CVs of sub-key staff may be provided prior to contract signing or mobilization.</div> <div>Kindly confirm our understanding.</div>	The CVs of sub-key positions shall be required to be submitted during Contract Negotiation.																														
5.	Sample Form at Page No. 67	Consultant’s Representations Regarding Costs and Charges	<div>We understand that, Sample form provided on Page No. 67 is not required to be submitted along with the Technical Proposal.</div> <div>Kindly confirm.</div>	Clause 28.8, Section 2. Instructions to Consultants, is self-explanatory.																														

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6.	Sl. No. 1.6, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 76	While MDRs/ ODRs will be mandated for development, improvement in connectivity to Major Tourism locations and industrial estates falling around 15 Kms of proposed road stretches is also being mandated because some religious tourist locations adjoining these roads attract large number of tourists and good connectivity is further going to boost the potential of site.	We request you to kindly share the list of major tourism locations and industrial estates falling around 15 Kms of the proposed road stretches. Since in the hilly terrain we are expecting large number of such sites. In order to maintain uniformity amongst the bidder, we request you to share the list of such sites.	Refer Sl. No. 2, Corrigendum-I.
7.	Sl. No. 1.7, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 76	While MDRs/ ODRs will be mandated for development, improvement in connectivity to Fisheries / Agriculture based economy such as fisheries, grains, vegetables, apple and other local fruits falling around 15 Kms of proposed road stretches is also being mandated because good road connectivity is further going to boost the potential of site.	The Client is requested to provide the list of such sites, which needs to be connected with road connectivity.	Refer Sl. No. 3, Corrigendum-I.
8.	Volume-VIII, Environmental and Social Reports, Page No. 93	HPRIDCL will engage an independent consultant to carry out detailed environmental and social (E&S) assessment and prepare ESIAs, ESMPs and RAPs that will be disclose in public. The DPR consultant shall consider the findings and recommendations of the independent E&S consultant and review the design accordingly and integrate / mainstream the recommendations in the DPR, bidding and contract documents.	The Client is requested to clearly define the role of DPR Consultant and Independent Consultant.	The Scope for environmental and social is defined in Term of Reference for DPR Consultant.
9.	Sl. No. 7. Project Team and Project Office of the Consultant, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 97	7.3 The Consultant shall establish and maintain a site office All the project related office work shall be carried out by the consultant in their site offices unless there are special reasons for carrying out part of the office work elsewhere for which prior approval of client shall be obtained.	Since the project related work after completion of surveys and investigations, need to be carried out with the specialised software's, therefore, we kindly request the Client to allow the consultants to carry out these activities from their Head / Regional Office.	As per RFP.
10.	Sl. No. 7. Project Team and Project Office of the Consultant, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 97	7.3 The Consultant shall establish and maintain a site office All the project related office work shall be carried out by the consultant in their site offices unless there are special reasons for carrying out part of the office work elsewhere for which prior approval of client shall be obtained.	We understand that the site office is primarily required during the survey and investigation phase, as the majority of the design work will be carried out from the Consultants' Head / Regional Office. Kindly confirm our understanding.	As per RFP.

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11.	Sl. No. 9. Reporting Requirements / Deliverables / Payment Schedule, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 101	50% Payment will be made to the Consultant on submission of reports and balance 50% after approval from World Bank and on acceptance of the reports / deliverables by the Review Committee.	In order to maintain effective cash flow, we request you to revise the payment terms as suggested below: 100% payment will be made to the consultant on submission of reports.	As per RFP.
12.	Sl. No. 12. Post DPR Support, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page Nos. 101 to 102:	<p>Post-DPR Support for Major Structures:</p> <p>The DPR Consultant shall provide continued support to the client for any design issues or modifications required for the major structures (including tunnels, bridges, road overbridges (RoBs), underpasses, viaducts, and landslide treatment) beyond the completion and acceptance of the final Detailed Project Report (DPR). This support will be provided for a period of up to three (3) years following the acceptance of the final DPR without any additional cost.</p> <p>In case of design of tunnels, the DPR Consultant shall provide construction support during the implementation phase of the project for a period of five (5) years from the date of acceptance of the final DPR for the tunnel or the overall project, whichever is later.</p>	<p>a) Since the financial form does not mentions about the post DPR support, we request to kindly consider the same in the financial form.</p> <p>b) We hereby request HPRIDCL, to kindly consider the payment terms against post DPR support (if it is to be considered monthly or quarterly).</p> <p>c) We propose to keep man-days / man-month rate for the suggested personal for the construction support. HPRIDCL is requested to suggest the manpower support required during the implementation stage. It will help the consultant to give the proper and time bound support.</p>	<p>a) As per RFP.</p> <p>b) As per RFP.</p> <p>c) As per RFP.</p>
13.	Annexure A1, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 105	List of Roads of 221 Km. Length	As the proposed roads pass through hilly terrain, we assume that tunnel provisions may be required along certain stretches. We kindly request the Client to share any available data regarding the tunnel length, if such information is available.	The Consultant shall propose the requirement of tunnels after detailed survey and investigation.
14.	Qualification and Experience of Highway Design	<p>c) Experience in similar capacity:</p> <p>..... For hill roads, respective Pavement design for major highway projects (intermediate/ two/ four lane Expressways /externally</p>	We request you to kindly consider revision in the adjacent	Refer Sl. No. 5, Corrigendum-I.

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	Engineer cum Pavement Specialist, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 158	aided projects) of aggregate length of about 100 km. For hill roads, respective hill roads experience is required.	clause and modify the same as suggested below: “.....For hill roads, respective Pavement design for major highway projects (intermediate/ two/ four lane Expressways /externally aided projects) of aggregate length of about 100 50 km. For hill roads, respective hill roads experience is required”.	
15.	Qualification and Experience of Senior Bridge/ Structural Engineer, Appendix 3, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 158	b) Experience in Bridge projects c) Experience in similar capacity	We request you to kindly consider revision in the adjacent clause and modify the same as suggested below: “Must have experience in working across—multiple countries with global infrastructure firms on hill road projects”. Must have experience in the design of least one innovative bridge or viaduct of at least one single clear span of 70m 40m or more in challenging environments such as deep gorges, rivers or urban settlements, utilizing advance structural techniques”.	Refer Sl. No. 6, Corrigendum-I. As per RFP.
16.	Qualification and Experience of Material – cum – Geotechnical Engineer, Appendix 3, Section 7. Terms of	b) Experience in Highway Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 years as Material-cum-Geo-technical Engineer in DPR/ Feasibility Study of intermediate / 2 / 4-laning works or Construction Supervision of Major highway projects i.e. intermediate / 2 / 4- laning of NH/ SH/MDR/ Expressways. • For hill roads, respective hill roads experience is required. 	We request you to kindly consider revision in the adjacent clause and modify the same as suggested below: b) Experience in Highway / <u>Infrastructure</u> Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 years as Material-cum-Geo- technical Engineer or 	Agreed to the extent that the Geotechnical Expert shall also demonstrate responsibility and experience related to material testing/ engineering in linear infrastructure projects.

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	Reference, Page No. 159		<p><u>Geotechnical Expert</u> in DPR/ Feasibility Study of intermediate / 2 / 4 laning works or Construction Supervision of Major highway projects i.e. intermediate/2/4 laning of NH/ SH/MDR/ Expressways or <u>any infrastructure projects.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For hill roads, respective hill roads / <u>infrastructure</u> experience is required. 	Refer Sl. No. 7, Corrigendum-I.
17.	Qualification and Experience of Environmental Specialist , Appendix 3, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 160	<p>b) Experience in Highway Projects: The candidate should have experience of conducting environmental impact assessment for roads located in hilly area and should be conversant in preparing management / mitigation measures for at least three projects of similar type and scale.</p>	<p>We request you to kindly consider revision in the adjacent clause and modify the same as suggested below:</p> <p>“The candidate should have experience of conducting environmental impact assessment for roads located in hilly area and should be conversant in preparing management / mitigation measures for at least three projects <u>one project</u> of similar type and scale”.</p>	Refer Sl. No. 8, Corrigendum-I.
18.	Qualification and Experience of Social cum Resettlement & Rehabilitation Specialist, Appendix 3, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 160 – 161	<p>Educational Qualification: Essential: Graduate in Social Science Desirable: Masters in Social Science</p> <p>b) Experience in Highway Projects:</p>	<p>We request you to kindly consider revision in the adjacent clause and modify the same as suggested below:</p> <p>a) “Essential: Graduate in Social Science <u>or equivalent</u></p> <p>Desirable: Masters in Social Science <u>or equivalent</u>”</p>	<p>a) It's already there in the RFP. However, it is clarified that equivalent Qualification of Graduate/Masters in Social Work/ Sociology/ Anthropology shall be considered.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 years in resettlement & rehabilitation impact assessment and related studies, preparation of Resettlement & Rehabilitation plan, in externally aided project in developing country is required and conversant with WB / ADB projects 	<p>"b) Experience in Highway Projects:</p> <p>5 <u>3</u> years in resettlement & rehabilitation impact assessment and related studies, preparation of Resettlement & Rehabilitation plan, in externally aided project in developing country is required and conversant with WB / ADB projects.</p> <p>5 <u>2</u> years in Joint Measurement Survey (JMS) of affected land & properties to be acquired, Land Acquisition (LA) Plan, Draft LA Notifications and LA Reports of infrastructure projects / externally aided projects"</p>	b) As per RFP
19.	Qualification and Experience of Transport Economist , Appendix 3, Section 7, Terms of Reference, Page No. 162	<p>Educational Qualification:</p> <p>Essential: Graduate in Economics' or 'Graduate in Civil Engineering and Masters in Transportation Engineering</p> <p>Desirable: Masters in Economics</p> <p>b) Experience in Highway Projects:</p> <p>Experts should have minimum 10 years of experience in Transport Economics of road Projects in DPR/Feasibility Study of single/ intermediate/ 2/4 laning-works of major highway projects (i.e. NH/SH/MDR / Expressways / externally aided projects)</p>	<p>We request you to kindly consider revision in the adjacent clause and modify the same as suggested below:</p> <p>a) "Essential: 'Graduate in Economics' or 'Graduate in Civil Engineering' <u>or equivalent and Masters in Transportation Engineering</u></p> <p>Desirable: Masters in Economics <u>or equivalent</u>"</p> <p>"b) Experience in Highway Projects:</p> <p>Experts should have minimum 10 <u>5</u> years of experience in Transport Economics of road Projects in DPR/Feasibility Study of single/ intermediate/ 2/4</p>	<p>Refer Sl. No. 10, Corrigendum-I.</p> <p>b) As per RFP.</p>

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			laning-works of major highway projects (i.e. NH/SH/MDR / Expressways / externally aided projects)".	
20.	Sl. No. 3.5. Geotechnical investigation for identification of geo-hazard / landslide Risks, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 86	Geophysical Investigation (Non-Destructive): Quantity – 60 Km; Unit – Per Km	We kindly request the Client to bear the cost of the Geophysical Investigation (Non-Destructive) based on the actual length undertaken beyond the initial 60 km.	As per RFP.
21.	Clause 18.1, Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms (Lump-Sum), Page No. 202	The Client may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend part or all payments to the Consultants hereunder if the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify the nature of the failure, and (ii) shall request the Consultant to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding thirty (30) calendar days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension.	Payments for services already performed should not be suspended, therefore, the Client is requested to amend the Clause as suggested below: "The Client may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend part or all payments (<i>except for the services already performed</i>) to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify the nature of the failure, and (ii) shall request the Consultant to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding thirty (30) calendar days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension".	As per RFP.
22.	Clause 23.1 (a), Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms	"Limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Client: (a) Except in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Consultant or on the part of any person or a firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services,	The Client is requested to amend the Clause as suggested below:	As per RFP.

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	(Lump-Sum), Page No. 222	<p>the Consultant, with respect to damage caused by the Consultant to the Client's property, shall not be liable to the Client:</p> <p>(i) for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and</p> <p>(ii) for any direct loss or damage that exceeds one times the total value of the Contract;</p>	<p>Limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Client/Employer:</p> <p>(a) Except in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Consultant or on the part of any person or a firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services, the Consultant, with respect to damage caused by the Consultant to the Client's property, shall not be liable to the Client:</p> <p>(i) for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and</p> <p>(ii) for any direct loss or damage that exceeds [- one] times the total value of the Contract;</p>	
23.	Clause No. 17.7 and 17.9 of Data Sheet, Section 2. Instructions to Consultants, Page No. 36	Proposal submission deadline	We request you to kindly extend the Bid Submission Deadline by at least 20 working days from the date of issue of the reply to our queries, to enable the Consultants to submit a comprehensive and competitive bid.	As per RFP.
24.	(iii) Key Experts' qualifications and competence for the Assignment:, Criteria, sub-criteria, and point system for the evaluation of the Full Technical Proposals:, E.	Criteria, sub-criteria, and point system for the evaluation of the Full Technical Proposals:	We have observed that there are no marks or evaluation points allocated for the position of Tunnel Expert in the Technical Evaluation Criteria. In this regard, we seek your kind clarification on whether it is mandatory to submit the CV of the Tunnel Expert as part of the Technical Proposal.	Refer reply at Sl. No. 2 above.



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	Data Sheet, 21.1 for FTP, Page 37 Tunnel Expert, Staff Qualification and Experience of Key and sub-key personnel, Appendix 3, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page 163	Tunnel Expert, Staff Qualification and Experience of Key and sub-key personnel		
25.	Sl. No. 6. Personnel requirement, Section 7. Terms of Reference, (Page 96) - Non-key staff Staff Qualification and Experience of Key and sub-key personnel, Appendix 3, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page 165 - 173	Section 7. Terms of Reference, 6. Personnel requirement (Page 96) - Non-key staff Section 7. Terms of Reference, Appendix 3 Staff Qualification and Experience of Key and sub-key personnel (Page 165 - 173)	We request that the CVs of the Non-key staff / Sub-Key personnel be allowed to be submitted at the time of contract negotiations, rather than along with the Technical Proposal. This is being requested as the CVs of sub-key personnel are not subject to evaluation during the technical assessment stage.	Refer reply at Sl. No. 4.
	Checklist of Required Forms, Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms, Page- No. 41	Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms (Page 41) CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED FORMS - Page Limit against each Form is missing.	Kindly provide the Page Limit against each Form	Refer Sl. No. 1, Corrigendum-I.
26.	17.7 and 17.9, Section 2. Information to Consultant, Page No. 36	Proposal Submission The Proposals must be submitted no later than: Date: 10.07.2025 Time: 15:00 Hours Indian Standard Time (IST)	Looking at the technicality specialty of the project, we hereby request the authority to kindly extend the Proposal Submission deadline by at least 02 weeks allowing to submit the	As per RFP.

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			proposal in line with the requirement and ensure its quality as well as its accuracy.																
27.	Annex-A 1, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 105	List of Roads of 221 Km. Length	We request you to kindly clarify on which road the tunnel(s) are proposed, along with details regarding the length of each tunnel envisaged under the project.	Refer reply at Sl. No. 13.															
28.	Sl. No. 2.2, Section 7. Terms of Reference (ToR), Page No. 79	<p>(iv) The bidder shall quote unit rates for detailed design of tunnels including all allied services such as topographic survey, geotechnical and geophysical investigations, hydrological and hydraulic studies, structural and architectural design, ventilation and safety system design, electrical and lighting systems, etc.; preparation of detailed drawings, GFCs, and BOQs.</p> <p>Unit rates shall be quoted separately for the following Tunnel configurations:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl. No.</th><th>Tunnel Configuration</th><th>Length (Km)</th><th>Unit Rate (INR/km)</th><th>Amount (INR)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td><td>Tunnel with escape tunnel provision</td><td>1.0</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>2.</td><td>Tunnel without escape tunnel provision</td><td>1.0</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>Note:</i></p> <p>2. The above quoted rate shall include the cost of input of Tunnel Expert (including site visit, meetings, all logistics, travelling etc).</p>	Sl. No.	Tunnel Configuration	Length (Km)	Unit Rate (INR/km)	Amount (INR)	1.	Tunnel with escape tunnel provision	1.0			2.	Tunnel without escape tunnel provision	1.0			Request to clarify whether Tunnel Expert CV will be evaluated. If so how many points are allocated, as this position has not been included in the Key Experts qualifications and competence for the Assignment.	Refer reply at Sl. No. 2 above.
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29.	Personnel Requirement, Page No. 96	Non-Key Staff	Request to clarify whether Non-Key Expert for the Position of Assistant Tunnel Expert is required in order to assist Tunnel Expert.	The Consultant is expected to mobilize appropriate number of supporting staffs to complete the task as per Scope of Services.
30.	Sl. No. 6., Personnel requirement, Section-7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 97	Age of key personnel shall not be more than 65 years.	<p>The age limit criteria for the position of Key Expert Transport Economist demands a highly qualified with substantial experiences particularly in</p> <p>Handling complex transport projects in hilly and challenging terrains and mostly, the services are required at the site office. We kindly request you to Consider flexibility in the age limit criteria for this key position.</p>	As per RFP.
31.	Clause 6 and 7: Key Requirements, Page No. 96 and 97	<p>All the staff manning the key positions is required to be proficient in English. The consultant shall deploy an equal or more number of suitably qualified non-key staff as specified above to assist the key professionals to render these services in a time bound manner. It must be noted that time is the essence of these services. Age of key personnel shall not be more than 65 years.</p> <p>i. Consultants have to provide a certificate that all the key personnel as envisaged in the Contract Agreement have been actually deployed in the projects. They have to furnish the certificate at the time of submission of their bills to HPRIDCL from time to time.</p> <p>ii. The requirement of tunnel/s is to be assessed strictly as per site requirement during the detailed study after mobilisation of consultant on site.</p> <p>7. Project Team and Project Office of the Consultant 7.1. The Consultants shall be required to form a multi-disciplinary team for this assignment. The consultants Team shall be manned by adequate number of experts with relevant experience in the execution of similar</p>	<p>We understand that the scope of works of this assignment primarily involves home based inputs, however, site based activities, such as survey and investigations will be carried out on the site, The proposed team will visit the site as needed for review and asses the site specific activities, rather than being stationed at site on a fulltime basis.</p> <p>Please may be clarify and confirm the same.</p>	As per RFP.

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		detailed design assignments. 7.2. All the key personnel mentioned will be evaluated at the time of evaluation of technical proposal. Consultants are advised in their own interest to frame the technical proposal in an objective manner as far as possible so that these could be properly assessed. The bio-data of the key personnel should be signed on every sheet by the personnel concerned and the last sheet of each bio-data should also be signed. 7.3. The Consultant shall establish and maintain a site office within 5 km of the Director (Projects), HPRIDCL office at Shimla. Additionally, the Consultants shall establish one site office at Bilaspur near the Project Site manned by senior key personnel during the course of the surveys and investigations. All the project related office work shall be carried out by the consultant in their site offices unless there are special reasons for carrying out part of the office work elsewhere for which prior approval of client shall be obtained. The address of site offices including the personnel manning with their Telephone numbers and email Id will be intimated by the Consultant to client before commencement of the services.		
32.	Appendix A: Financial negotiations-breakdown of remuneration of rates, Page No. 67, Sample Form	Section 4. Financial Proposal– Standard Forms Consultant's Representations Regarding Costs and Charges	We request you to please clarify if the sample form is to be submitted as part of the bidding documentation.	Refer reply at Sl. No. 5 above.
	Clause D: Scope of work, Page No. 69, 120, 141, 155	Scope of work - Capacity Building programme/ training of client's staff	We understand that the Consultant will be responsible for organizing and delivering training and capacity building sessions for the client's personnel. In turn, the client's shall be providing office space and necessary amenities to the Consultant's or reimburse the actual expenses incurred for the same. Please clarify and confirm the same.	The client will provide only office space. The Consultant shall bear all cost of organising the training including necessary amenities, and should be clearly detailed in its financial proposal.

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33.	Payment schedule: Clause 46.2, Page No. 224	<p>The payment schedule:</p> <table><tr><th>Sr. No.</th><th>Service and deliverables</th><th>No. of copies</th><th>Due date for submission date of the service (Months) from the start date</th><th>Payment (% of Contract Price)</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Monthly Progress Reports</td><td>6</td><td colspan="2">By 5th day of every month</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Inception report</td><td>5</td><td>1</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>Draft Viability Analysis and Feasibility Report for 221Km</td><td>5</td><td>3</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>4.</td><td>Final Report</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>5.</td><td>Final Viability Analysis and Feasibility Report for 221Km</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>6.</td><td>Preliminary Social Impact Assessment Report for 221Km</td><td>5</td><td>5</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>7.</td><td>Indigenous People Plan and Resettlement Plan for 221Km</td><td>5</td><td>5</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>8.</td><td>Environmental Assessment and EMP (including biodiversity assessment) Report a) Screening Report for 221 km</td><td>5</td><td>a)3 b)5 c)7 d)7</td><td>5</td></tr></table>					Sr. No.	Service and deliverables	No. of copies	Due date for submission date of the service (Months) from the start date	Payment (% of Contract Price)	1.	Monthly Progress Reports	6	By 5 th day of every month		2.	Inception report	5	1	5	3.	Draft Viability Analysis and Feasibility Report for 221Km	5	3	5	4.	Final Report				5.	Final Viability Analysis and Feasibility Report for 221Km	5	4	5	6.	Preliminary Social Impact Assessment Report for 221Km	5	5	4	7.	Indigenous People Plan and Resettlement Plan for 221Km	5	5	4	8.	Environmental Assessment and EMP (including biodiversity assessment) Report a) Screening Report for 221 km	5	a)3 b)5 c)7 d)7	5	<p>We kindly request a revision to the payment terms, proposing that 90% of the payment be released upon submission of the reports /documents, with the remaining 10% to be paid upon their acceptance and approval by the committee.</p> <p>Also request you to please repots and documents as the RFP does not mention any specific timeline for this process. Please clarify and confirm the same.</p>	<p>As per RFP.</p> <p>As per RFP.</p>
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			b) ESMF c) Preliminary Environmental Impact Assessment for 221km d) Biodiversity Management Plan (if presence of protected areas identified)				
		9.	Land Acquisition Plan and Utility Shifting Removal Plan for 221km	5	6	5	
		10.	Draft DPRs with drawings for 221Km.	5	8	14	
		11.	Final DPRs with drawings for 221Km.	5	9	20	
		12.	Submission of forest cases, estimates of utilities, valuation of structures/ assets coming with alignment as per the requirement of LAO for 221Km.	1	7	4	
		13.	Final submission of required documents for mining site of aggregates and sand, crusher site, dumping sites, borrow areas for 221km.	1	7	2	

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		14.	Report from consultant suggesting various suited options for bidding under various contract modes like Item rate, EPC with maintenance period or any other contracting mode for 221Km of major road upgradation/improvement.	5	7	2		
		15.	Preparing draft Bid Documents as per the latest World Bank procedures and guidelines	5	10	5		
		16.	Preparing final Bid Documents as per the latest World Bank procedures and guidelines.	5	11	5		
		17.	Project Clearances Report Approval of Project clearances from Concerned agencies e.g. from MOEF (environmental clearance including biodiversity, forest clearance, wild life clearance, tree cutting etc.); Rly for approval of GAD and detail	5 Original NOC/ approval letters from concerned agencies and 3 photocopies of each	12	5		

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		<div> <div>engineering drawing of ROB/RUB; IWAI, Irrigation Dept., Utility agencies/ departments and Possession/ Transfer of Land</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <p>(*Note: all deliverables and structure of deliverables should be against identified packages individually or in clusters as viable).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the above-mentioned report shall be submitted in hard and soft copies (Pen Drive). All payments shall be made on submission of pre-receipted bills by the consultants in quadruplicate for respective stages. 50% Payment will be made to the Consultant on submission of reports and balance 50% after approval from World Bank and on acceptance of the reports/deliverables by the Review Committee. Payment in respect of items 4 to 15 shall be made on pro rata basis for 221km of road length. Regarding release of payments for partly completed tasks, the decision for release of payment on pro rata basis shall be taken by the Review committee. 					
34.	Scope of Post DPR Support, Page No. 102 and 103	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accuracy of Project Reports <p>The Consultant shall be fully responsible for the accuracy and reliability of all data, designs, drawings, and cost estimates prepared as part of the Detailed Project Report (DPR). In the event of any discrepancies, deficiencies, or inaccuracies in the DPR that come to light during the subsequent execution of the project, the Consultant shall indemnify the Client against any resultant losses or damages.</p> <p>As a measure of security against such potential inaccuracies, the Consultant shall furnish a Bank Guarantee (BG) from a scheduled commercial bank acceptable to the Client for an amount equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the total consultancy fee. This BG shall be</p>				<p>We understand that in the event of tunnel work is not identified and consequently not included in the Detailed Project Report (DPR), then the bidder shall not be obligated to furnish the additional 3% Bank Guarantee.</p> <p>Accordingly, upon completion of the DPR-related activities, the Client shall release and return of the initially advance Bank Guarantee.</p> <p>Kindly clarify and confirm the same.</p>	As per RFP.

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		<p>submitted upon final acceptance of the DPR by the Client and shall remain valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of such acceptance.</p> <p>The final payment installment amounting to ten percent (10%) of the total consultancy fee shall be released only upon submission of the above-mentioned Bank Guarantee.</p> <p>In cases where the DPR includes any Tunnel works, the Consultant shall also be required to provide extended construction support to the Client for a total period of five (5) years from the date of final acceptance of the DPR. Accordingly, the initial BG (10%) shall be replaced, upon its expiry at the end of the third year, with a fresh BG for three percent (3%) of the total consultancy fee. This replacement BG shall also be from a scheduled commercial bank acceptable to the Client, and shall remain valid for an additional period of two (2) years.</p>		
35.	Clause 24.1, III. Special Conditions of Contract, Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms (Lump-Sum), Page No. 223	<p>The insurance coverage against the risks shall be as follows:</p> <p>(a) Professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of twice the total amount of the Contract;</p> <p>(b) Third Party motor vehicle liability insurance in respect of motor vehicles operated in the Client's country by the Consultant or its Experts or Sub-consultants, with a minimum coverage as per Motor Vehicle Act 1988 and its subsequent amendments from time to time;</p> <p>(c) Third Party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of INR 1,000,000/-;</p> <p>(d) employer's liability and workers' compensation insurance in respect of the experts and Sub-consultants in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable law in the Client's country, as well as, with respect to such Experts, any such life, health, accident, travel or other insurance as may be appropriate; and</p>	<p>We understand that the group insurance policy shall be acceptable as part of the overall arrangement.</p> <p>Please may be accept and confirm the same.</p>	As per RFP.

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		(e) insurance against loss of or damage to (i) equipment purchased in whole or in part with funds provided under this Contract, (ii) the Consultant's property used in the performance of the Services, and (iii) any documents prepared by the Consultant in the performance of the Services.		
36.	Clause 46 Mode of Billing and Payment, Page No. 215	<p>46.2. The payments under this Contract shall be made in lump-sum instalments against deliverables specified in Appendix A. The payments will be made according to the payment schedule stated in the SCC.</p> <p>46.2.2 <i>The Lump-Sum Installment Payments.</i> The Client shall pay the Consultant within sixty (60) days after the receipt by the Client of the deliverable(s) and the cover invoice for the related lump-sum installment payment. The payment can be withheld if the Client does not approve the submitted deliverable(s) as satisfactory in which case the Client shall provide comments to the Consultant within the same sixty (60) days period. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the foregoing process shall be repeated.</p>	We kindly request that the payment period to be revised from 60 days to 30 days upon receipt of the invoices, to help maintain positive cashflow and ensure timely payment to the experts and team members involved in the project, please may be consider and confirm the same.	As per RFP.
	Clause 17.7 and 17.9, Date of bid submission, Page No. 36	Bid submission	We request you to kindly extend the last date of bid submission at least two weeks from the date of issue of response to pre bid queries, please may be consider the same.	As per RFP.
37.	<p>Sl. No. 6. Personnel requirement, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 96</p> <p>Sl. No. 13. Completion of Services, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 103</p>	<p>6. Personnel requirement</p> <p>13. Completion of Services</p>	<p>As per Clause 13, the total duration of the assignment is mentioned as 12 months. Clause 6 mentions the total input of Key Experts as 46 person-months; however, individual expert-wise person-month distribution is not provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We understand that it is the responsibility of the consultant to propose the distribution of person-months for each expert based on our approach and work plan. Kindly confirm if this understanding is correct. 	The bidders have to do his own assessment and propose the required person-months to complete the assignment as per Scope of Services.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justification: This clarification will help us in proposing a realistic staffing schedule and input plan aligned with our methodology and project delivery strategy. 	
38.	Sl. No. 6. Personnel Requirement, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 96	The age limit for each key expert must be 65 years as of the proposal submission date.	<p>As this is a World Bank-funded assignment, it is standard practice across similar IFI-funded projects not to impose a specific age limit, provided the expert is medically fit and capable of delivering the required services. Imposing an age restriction may limit the availability of highly experienced professionals who are otherwise fully competent and willing to contribute.</p> <p>We kindly request to consider removing the age criterion in line with international best practices.</p>	As per RFP.
39.	Sl. No. 7.3, 7. Project Team and Project Office of the Consultant, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 97	"The Consultant shall establish and maintain a site office within 5 km of the Director (Projects), HPRIDCL office at Shimla. Additionally, the Consultants shall establish one site office at Bilaspur near the Project Site"	<p>We kindly request clarification on whether it is mandatory to establish two separate site offices—one in Shimla and one in Bilaspur—or if a single, centrally located office would be considered acceptable by the Client.</p> <p>Justification: Clear guidance will help us plan project logistics, resource deployment, and associated operational costs effectively. In some cases, a consolidated office setup may be more efficient while still meeting the intended</p>	As per RFP.

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			project coordination and field monitoring objectives.	
40.	<p>Sl. No. 7: Project Team and Project Office of the Consultant, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 96</p> <p>Appendix 3, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page No. 163</p>	<p>Clause 7: Project Team and Project Office of the Consultant</p> <p>Appendix 3: Staff Qualification and Experience of Key and Sub-Key Personnel</p>	<p>We have noted that the Terms of Reference under Appendix 3 mention the requirement for a Tunnel Expert. However, this position is not listed under the Key Expert positions in the Data Sheet (Section 2, ITC 21.1), which defines the criteria and scoring for evaluation.</p> <p>We kindly request confirmation on the following points:</p> <p>a) Is the Tunnel Expert position mandatory to be included in the proposal?</p> <p>b) Will this position be considered and evaluated as part of the technical evaluation?</p> <p>Justification:</p> <p>This clarification is essential to ensure compliance with the RFP requirements and avoid any mismatch between the personnel proposed and those considered for evaluation.</p> <p>In this regard, we kindly request your esteemed office to provide clarifications on the following points outlined in our queries mentioned below.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your cooperation for any further information you may require.</p>	<p>a) The CV of the Tunnel Expert is not required to be submitted along with the Technical Proposal. The same shall be submitted as per the Project requirements in due course of DPR preparation.</p> <p>b) This position will not be evaluated as part of the technical evaluation.</p>



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41.	Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms, Page no. 41	Section 3 – Technical Proposal – Standard Forms	<p>We kindly request clarification regarding the page limit for the Technical Proposal.</p> <p>Specifically, we would like to know whether there are any restrictions on the number of pages for individual sections such as the Approach and Methodology, Work Plan, CVs, and other related forms.</p> <p>Justification:</p> <p>Clarification on this matter will help ensure that our submission aligns with the Client's expectations and adheres to the prescribed format and requirements, while also allowing us to structure the proposal efficiently and concisely.</p>	Refer Sl. No. 1, Corrigendum-I
42.	Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms Section 7. Terms of Reference	–	<p>We kindly request clarification on the supporting documents required to be submitted along with the CVs of the proposed experts. Specifically, please confirm whether the following documents are mandatory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational qualification certificates • Professional membership certificates (if any) • Experience certificates / proof of employment • Letters of association or consent from the experts <p>Justification:</p> <p>A clear understanding of the documentation requirements will help ensure full compliance with</p>	Bidders are advised to ensure that CVs of the proposed Key Experts are accompanied by relevant supporting documents to substantiate both educational qualifications and professional experience.

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