

Addendum No. 2
Response to Prebid Queries

RFP Number	CMD/KIIFB/CS-05/2018
Name of the work	Empanelment of Consulting Firms for Providing Technical Assistance for Design Upgradation of Roads & Highway Projects executed under KIIFB

Sl. No	Description	Clarification Requested/ Queries	Answers
1	The firm should have prepared and successfully completed preparation of Detailed Project Report in highways design for at least a minimum two lane road including delivery of alignment plans, plan and profile, strip plans etc with all features as mentioned in terms of reference of this RFP with NHAI or any State Governments/ National or State PSU's (Table No.1 Sl.No.2 (a) Page No.3 of RFP)	Please clarify whether Consultants experience comprising of the design services provided to the Concessionaire/EPC Contractors and certified by the Employer is considered while evaluating the eligibility criteria for the empanelment. Please note in some of the projects such as Bharatmala etc same is being considered by the employer.	Valid, however the provided works shall be done under NHAI or any State Governments / National or State PSU's
2	In Part-II – Price Bid Table-1 in Column No.3 it is given as 'Rate/km (For every 10km or parts thereof)' (Page 9 of RFP)	Kindly clarify Column No.3 'Rate/km (For every 10km or parts thereof)' and column No.4 amount to be quoted. As there is an ambiguity in Column No.3 heading wording, we understand, the bidder has to quote rate per km in Column No.3 and amount for every 10km or part thereof in Column No.4. Please clarify.	Only Rate/km shall be quoted and the amount column shall be discarded. Delete - (For every 10km or parts thereof) Refer – Addendum No. 3
3	Regarding Scope of work for Structures	Please clarify whether the RFP released for providing Technical Assistance for Design Upgradation of	Scope is only for retaining walls, drains, culverts and minor bridges.

		<p>Roads & Highway. Projects is only for highways without structures.</p> <p>If services are required for structures, details of structures and scope of services may be provided accordingly.</p>	Major bridges are excluded
4	Regarding Time lines for the submission of the deliverables.	<p>Time lines for the submission of the deliverables like inception report, draft report & Final report, are not mentioned. Please clarify.</p>	<p>GAP Assessment Report – First 2 weeks Draft report submission & Presentation to client – 6 weeks after acceptance of GAP Assessment Final Report – 2 weeks after presentation and comments from client</p> <p>Refer – Addendum No. 3</p>
5	Table-2: Requirements of Team Members (Page – 4 of RFP Document)	It is understood that total three CVs, one towards each key position i.e, Senior Highway Engineer, Pavement cum Geotechnical Engineer and Road Safety engineer are to be submitted. Kindly confirm.	Yes. Total 3 CVs shall be submitted as a minimum
6	Details of Applicant (Page – 2 of RFP Document)	Presently, <i>RITES Limited</i> does not have any office in Kerala. It is proposed to have a temporary office opened in Kerala, incase of award of projects to RITES. Kindly confirm.	<p>A liaioning team who can be contacted any time shall be present at client location. It is preferred that the consultant shall have an office in Kerala and should be available for meetings.</p>
7	Table-1 of Price Bid (Page-9 of RFP Document)	Items listed in the table involve certain amount of fixed cost in terms of mobilization and demobilization which has great impact on rates per km. In view of this, it is requested to please provide the minimum and maximum lengths of projects which would be awarded enabling us to make realistic and workable rates.	Length of projects shall be decided only at a later stage and project specific work orders shall be given
8	Table-2 of Price Bid (Page-9 of RFP Document)	Items listed in the table involve certain amount of fixed cost in terms of mobilization and	Tender condition prevails.

		demobilization which has great impact on rates per unit. In view of this, it is requested to please provide the minimum and maximum quantities of projects which would be awarded enabling us to make realistic and workable rates.	
9	What would be the period of validity of empanelment?		Empanelment and the price bid shall be valid for one year
10	The subject says empanelment of the consultants for the assignments for KIIFB projects.	However, the document envisages consultants to submit their price bid in terms of rates for various items. In this context we would like to point out that the components for which the price bid is requested for can't be generalized. The price bid for a project will depend on specific parameters like stretch length, the condition of the roads, location, terrain, type of project greenfield/ brown field etc. Moreover, the unit rates for surveys and investigations will depend on the size of the project and cannot be same for all. The rates per km will be more optimal when the size of the work increases, considering the volume of the work.	Tender condition prevails.
11	The document envisages the consultants submitting the bid to have an office in Trivandrum.	All leading consultants; working in relevant sector in the country, will have established offices with all facilities like hardware, software and libraries in their Head Quarters/ Regional Offices. Replicating the same facilities in the project specific offices may not be viable and in optimizing the costs. Instead, we would like to propose a liaison officer for the consultants to be available locally and the work can be carried out from their established offices.	Refer Item No. 6

12	Selection of consultants is based on Least Cost Selection Method	This method may not attract consultants of repute at national level to come forward and bid for these assignments since the lowest quotes may not be viable for them to complete the task. Even national agencies like NHAI/MoRTH follow Quality cum Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method for selection of consultants. Please note that the quality of the output by more technically qualified consultants will be better and will go a long way in optimizing the overall cost of the project during implementation, since they will be able to bring in their experience elsewhere, in the projects dealt by them for KIIFB. We request CMD to consider this proposal.	Tender condition prevails.
13	The document envisages consultants to submit EMD along with the proposal.	This is generally done with the specific projects with all the details & not for the empanelment. If specific details are available for the projects, consultants can take a decision whether to submit the bid for the same based on their viability in executing the assignment.	Tender condition prevails.
14	Alternative way	CMD can shortlist the consultants based on their credentials and availability of key personnel. CMD can come out with the specific qualification criteria with respect to the credentials and availability of key personnel for empanelment. Specific bids can be sorted for empanelled consultants after providing details of the work to be carried out.	Tender condition prevails.

15	Eligibility Criteria – Table1-Sl.No.3	Regarding experience that has been kept in the tender document, namely the financial years that are being considered for evaluating the track record. The financial year 2016-17 and financial year 2017-18 are already being considered for the same as per tender documents. We request you to kindly consider the projected Balance sheets of Financial Year 2018-19 as well to calculate the average turnover. The projected balance sheet based on payments received till date and work in hand would give a very accurate picture of the current status of companies seeking empanelment.	Tender condition prevails.
16	Under Table 2- Minimum Qualification under Technical Bid	For the team members qualifications, B.Tech/M.Tech has been given. Kindly clarify	Minimum B.Tech and preferably M.Tech.
17	Under Table 1 Price Bid format	Rates per kilometre has been included. We assume this to be for 2-lane standard only. Please clarify how this will be applied to multiple lanes and lesser lanes?	Two-lane standard road shall be considered of RoW 13.6/15.6m as per the planning and design guidelines issued by KIIFB.
18	Under Payment Terms, Page 10 - Support during Technical Sanction	Should Rate Estimate be submitted for the same	No. This is not required as the estimate shall be prepared by the SPVs. However, quantities for relevant items shall be provided.
19	Under Fee Proposal Bid Format	Since the necessity for culverts, drains and retaining walls are not known in advance, should the Rate/km be inclusive of these	Yes. Rate /km shall be proposed by considering an approximate estimate for culverts, drains and retaining walls if found necessary in the proposed design
20	Part II – TOR & Bid Format – 2. Drone & LIDAR survey	Is drone survey mandatory for all projects	Drone inputs will be given by KIIFB.

21	Part II – TOR & Bid Format – 1.GAP Assessment	GAP Assessment	Differences from existing DPR shall be furnished in GAP assessment report. After initial GAP assessment, it shall be decided which work to undertake. The consultant shall provide the missing data wherever necessary
22		When an assignment is given to the consultant, is EMD required for each separate package?	No separate EMD shall be required.
23	Part II – TOR & Bid Format – 7. Preparation & Submission of PED	What utilities should be shown in Utility Relocation Plan	Underground utilities like water authority pipelines, sewage lines, underground cables and overhead utilities like power lines, Electric transformers
24		Is BBD required for all the projects	No. BBD need not be done as per project requirements. Project specific & item wise work orders shall be provided after gap assessment.
25		Being a central agency, how will you accommodate price variation across Kerala. The consultant might quote high considering transportation costs to other locations from his established office	Tender Condition Prevails
26		How will KIIFB compare between the submitted quotes? What will happen if a contractor quotes very low?	Decision of tender evaluation committee shall be final and the rules applicable for public works shall be followed.
27		Is it mandatory to carry out traffic surveys for all projects?	Traffic surveys shall be done only if required or if the consultant feels that the previous data is incorrect. Project specific & item wise work orders shall be provided after gap assessment