

Prebid minutes for "CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA-EMP & SIA) STUDIES IN 5 NATIONAL WATERWAYS"

TENDER No: IWA/Tech/Env Studies/2023

Date of pre-bid- 24.01.2024

Sr.No	Section No. Clause, Sub Clause No and Page No. of Tender	Tender clause description	Query	Reply to queries
1	Section-II (ITB) 6.8	Number of Bids -A bidder can bid for maximum two schedules of work. In case a bidder submits or participates in more than two schedules, the applications of the bidders shall be summarily rejected	Requesting to allow bidding two or more no of schedules.	Tender condition prevails
2	Section- VI (ToR) 2.0	The entire scope of this consultancy services have been extended in 2 states i.e Gujarat & Maharashtra. This covers a total 5 prioritized rivers/creeks under 5 schedules of works (A to E). The site maps of each waterway have been given in Annexure-VII: Index Maps of the Study Area.	The Annexure-VII maps are not available in the tender documents, requesting to provide the same	Attached as Annex-A
3	Section- VI (ToR) 5.2	Interested Bidders (QCI/NABET accredited EIA Consulting Organizations) may submit their bids for maximum two work schedules out of the 5 proposed studies with various teams of experts (in-house and empanelled).	Requesting to allow for bidding two or work schedules with the same team but with different EIA co-ordinators (in-house)/ Team Leaders.	Tender condition prevails
4	Table A on Page 39/118		<p>1. Please clarify if value of 3 works for each schedule as given in the said table refers to value of each of the three similar work or total of 3 works</p> <p>2. Also further clarify with respect to the same clause if the three works should have been completed in the last 7 years or three years.</p>	<p>1. The value of 3 works for each schedule table refers to value of each of the three similar works.</p> <p>2. The work should have been completed within a period of 7 years.</p>
5			whether the MSMEs are exempted from Solvency certificate	No
6			In Qualification Criteria for Consultancy Services you have allowed an Individual Consultancy firm to participate in maximum two schedules out of total five schedules mentioned in above tender document that too with separate team for each schedule. we request you to please allow an individual consultancy firm to bid for all five schedules of tender and drop separate team criteria for each schedule of this tender, as evert company can get maximum two projects and Nabet also allows on expert to work on five projects.	The bidder may consider the same team for both the works. However, the bidder can apply for only 2 schedules of work.

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7			<p>Land Acquisition is subject to various government polices and other factors it might lead to delay in taking clearances from various departments .We request you kindly frame guidelines associated with delay in land acquisition that might affect the deliverables mentioned in this tender and provide appropriate relief to a consultancy firm if any such circumstance arise during course of this tender. We suggest that you may bifurcate payment terms linked to clearance into two parts viz clearance linked with land ownership say 10 percent and other clearance not linked to land ownership to say 20%.</p>	<p>Delay on account of statutory delays will not be taken into account. The payment terms shall be as per tender document.</p>
8			<p>Timelines are mentioned with respect to various clearances mentioned in this tender which are subjective to various factors which are beyond the control of consultancy firm especially CRZ Clearance in few states take unreasonable time . You may give a rider that timeline may be extended in case there is delay from the regulatory authorities.</p>	<p>Refer reply at S.No-7 above</p>
9			<p>In SIA Report Requirements for RAP and R&amp; R Plans kindly provide all details required to prepare RAP and R &amp; R Plan for all Five Schedules mentioned in this tender .</p>	<p>The DPR will be shared with the succesful bidders</p>
10			<p>In Project component it is mentioned that Dredging is the primary activity is there any requirement to carryout Bathymetric study by selected Consultancy firm for all five schedules or any schedule as applicable to a selected consultancy firm as mentioned in this tender.</p>	<p>No, bathymetry is not to be conducted</p>
11			<p>Kindly confirm that Govt fees payable to Govt Departments for CTE/CTO/CRZ clearances and Govt agencies CRZ 1:4000 map shall be payable by IWAI.</p>	<p>The statutory fee and the CRZ mapping charges will be paid by IWAI.</p>

12		Administrative Query	<p>We have been operating since 1998 in the name of EQMS India Pvt Ltd. Our accreditation under port sector was also under same name. In 2018 due to internal restructuring two new companies were formed for different vertical and bifurcation of shareholder and directors on 50% basis to respective company. The ESIA and Nabet related work is delegated to respective company. The ESIA and Nabet Accreditation has also been transferred in the name of 'EQMS Global Pvt Ltd ( Formerly EQMS India Pvt Ltd)'. There is business delegation agreement from EQMS India Pvt Ltd to EQMS Global Pvt Ltd in terms of all projects, intellectual properties, staff , certifications etc in support of continuity of business even after this restructuring. All the new assignment are being taken in the name of EQMS Global Pvt Ltd now. Since there was running project , EQMS India Company was not dissolved, however all deliveries are made by EQMS Global Pvt Ltd since 2018 . Address of the companies also remains the same. We shall submit our bid in the name of EQMS Global Pvt Ltd supporting of the projects that were undertaken in the name of EQMS India Pvt Ltd and EQMS Global Pvt Ltd. We shall enclose business transfer agreement as part of bid. We hope this will be acceptable. Request to pl advise/confirm.</p>	The bid may be submitted. The TEC will deliberate the issue
13	Section:9 , 9.1, Page No: 74	The period of "Consultancy Services" shall be 12 months from the date of LOA with employer/IWAI.	<p>Timeline, it is mentioned that study should be completed within 12 months of the award of the work. As project is located in Gujarat and Maharashtra states and as per MoEF OM 3/11/2009 we need to carryout comprehensive monitoring (i.e Three Seasons) hence minimum 18 months shall be required for the complete assignment. – Kindly amend the same.</p>	The timeline allowed is 18 months
14	Section:1 , 1.3, Page No: 9	Mandatory Statutory Clearances (CRZ/CTE/FC/WLS/Wetland Clearances)	As per our understanding EC is not required for any of the schedules – Kindly confirm.	The same falls within the purview of MoEF&CC guidelines
15	Section:10.2 , Page No: 27		Kindly clarify that all the statutory fees like application fees along with CRZ application, wildlife application, forest application and procurement of CRZ map will be paid by IWAI.	Refer reply at Sno-11 above
16	Section:5, 5.7 Page No: 67	Final Clearance from Honorable Supreme Court of India	Now Final Clearance from Honorable Supreme Court of India after the Standing Committee of NBWL recommendation is not required – Kindly confirm the same with CRZ application, wildlife application, forest application and procurement of CRZ map will be paid by IWAI	The statutory clearances as prescribed by MoEF&CC shall be applicable

  

17	Section:9, 9.6 Page No: 77	B. Overall Statutory Clearances (5 clearances @ 6% for each clearance work)	Kindly clarify the land acquisition status for all the terminals as land document is mandatory document for obtaining CTE and CRZ Clearance. As land procurement is long term process do not link this with payment terms but onsubmission of respective application.	Refer reply at S.No-7 above
18	Section 10, Page No: 23	One bidder may apply for maximum two schedules of works	In the interest of promoting competitive bidding, we propose the flexibility to bid for all five schedules and request the option to be awarded any two, as per the tender conditions.	Tender condition prevails
19	Table A, Page No: 39	If the bidder is applying for 2 schedules then the bidder has to meet the eligibility criteria in combinedmanner i.e. if a bidder is applying for Sch-A or Sch C then the Turnover, Solvency and the value of works shall be sum total of Sch-A & Sch-C.	Kindly remove the condition of "the value of works shall be sum total of Sch-A ..... Sch-E"	Tender condition prevails
20		Clarification on "Similar Projects"	As mentioned under section 16.1.1 Similar Works means "preparation of Environment Impact Assessment Report (EIA), Environment Management Plan (EMP) & Social Impact Assessment Report (SIA) for Ports, Harbors, Breakwaters & Dredging works of Rivers" while as per Section 16.2.1, Similar Works means "prepared EIA-EMP & SIA Reports along with obtaining mandatory statutory clearances for the Ports, Harbours, Breakwaters & Dredging works of the rivers shall be preferred or other infrastructure development projects. Kindly clarify the same.	It shall be Ports, Harbors, Breakwaters & Dredging works of Rivers".
21		Annexure-VII - Index Map of the Study Area	As mentioned under Clause 1.3 of Section-I, the index map of the Study Area is enclosed as Annexure-VII of the Tender. However, the said Annexure is not incorporated in the tender document. Kindly share the same.	Refer Annex-A
22		The details/ Quantum of Private Land Acquisition	Status of Land Acquisition, Project affected Plots, Project affected People, etc. are not mentioned in the Tender Document as well as in the DPR of the respective Waterways available on the IWAI Website. Kindly provide the same.	The same will be provided to successful bidder after award of work
23	Section:9, 9.1, Page No: 74	9.1 - The period of "Consultancy Services" shall be 12 months from the date of LOA with employer/IWAI.	Timeline, it is mentioned that study should be completed within 12 months of the award of the work. As project is located in Gujarat and Maharashtra states and as per MoEF OM 3/11/2009 we need to carryout comprehensive monitoring (i.e Three Seasons) hence minimum 18 months shall be required for the complete assignment. – Kindly amend the same	Refer reply at S.No-13 above

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30		Kindly confirm that the DPR details for each segments are available		DPR are available at <a href="https://iwai.nic.in/waterways/dpr-report">https://iwai.nic.in/waterways/dpr-report</a>
31		Dredging place where the dredged material and its dumping location or alternate methods to be adopted in Chapter 5		May kindly refer the DPR at <a href="https://iwai.nic.in/waterways/dpr-report">https://iwai.nic.in/waterways/dpr-report</a>
32		Dredging place wherein the dredged materials dumped and its dumping plan		The same will be provided to successful bidder after award of work
33		Site selection report available If any or site specific location where earlies studies		The same will be provided to successful bidder after award of work
34		R&R issued where the strategic point of wherein the site specific point of the location.		The same will be provided to successful bidder after award of work

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35		To modify the criteria of EIA Coordinator and Functional Area Expert	<p>As discussed during today's pre-bid meeting, it was conveyed that the Environment Clearance is not in the scope of the tender and the proposed project for which the tender as mentioned above is published does not require Environment Clearance. The same can be verified as per Clause 9.3 of Section V of the Tender. Considering the same, we would like to request you to consider the following:</p> <p>Instead of in-house, Empaneled QCI/ NABET accredited EIA Coordinator for Ports &amp; Harbor Project for Category "A"</p> <p>Instead of in-house, Empaneled QCI/ NABET accredited Ecology &amp; Biodiversity Expert of Category "A" or In-house QCI/ NABET accredited Ecology &amp; Biodiversity Expert of Category "B"</p> <p>Instead of in-house, Empaneled QCI/ NABET accredited Socio-Economic Expert of Category "A" or In-house QCI/ NABET accredited Socio-Economic Expert of Category "B"</p>	Tender condition prevails
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