

Pre bid Queries & Replies: Technical Consultant for Preparation of Detailed Project Report for Integrated Development of Coastal Highway with Cycle Track in Ernakulam & Thrissur Districts

L & T Infrastructure Engineering Ltd

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1.	Clause 1.4, Page no 10 Sale of RFP document, The Applicant as part of its proposal need to furnish a non-refundable tender fee of Rs.10000 + 18% GST (Rupees ten thousand plus eighteen percent GST) in the form of Demand Draft issued by one of the Nationalised / Scheduled Banks in India in favour of the Project Director, KRFB payable at Thiruvananthapuram.	The earlier invitation for the same project proposal were annulled by KRFB, in such case requesting you to waive the tender fee for the consultants we have submitted the proposal in the previous call.	It cannot be done as this is a retender and the amount paid for the last call was a non-refundable tender fee.
2.	Clause No 2.20.1, Page no 28 The Applicant shall furnish as part of its Proposal, a bid security of Rs. 1,50,000 (One lakh Fifty thousand) in the form of Demand Draft issued by one of the Nationalised / Scheduled Banks in India in favour of the Project Director, KRFB payable at Thiruvananthapuram. (the "Bid Security")	Please include Bank guarantee as the mode of payment for the bid security.	Clause No 2007.1 of Kerala PWD Manual. Bank Guarantee from Nationalised Banks shall also be accepted. BG shall be valid up to 31.12.2021
3.	2.21.2, Page no 30 An amount equal to 5% (five per cent) of the Agreement Value shall be deemed to be the Performance Security for the purposes of this Clause 2.21, which may be forfeited and appropriated in accordance with the provisions hereof. Performance Security shall be either deducted from milestone payments of Consultant or Consultant has option to deposit same in form of Treasury Fixed Deposit.	Whether Bank Guarantee can be provided instead of Treasury Fixed Deposit	Ref: G.O.(P) No 7/2021/Fin dated 07.01.2021 At least 50% of this deposit shall be collected in the form of Treasury Fixed Deposit and rest in the form of Bank Guarantee or any other forms prescribed in the revised PWD Manual.

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4.	Clause no 3.1.4, I , Page no 39 Construction of a highway/road projects having an estimated capital cost (excluding land) of at least Rs. 240 crore (two hundred and forty) in case of a project in India, and US \$ 120 (One hundred and twenty) Million for projects elsewhere.	DPR / Detailed Design for Highway/road projects having an estimated capital cost (excluding land) of at least Rs. 240 crore (two hundred and forty) in case of a project in India, and US \$ 120 (One hundred and twenty) Million for projects elsewhere.	The tender is invited for engaging DPR consultants.
5.	Clause 3.3.2, I , Page No 55 For additional land proposed to be acquired as per final alignment plan of the Project Highway, the Land Plans shall be marked on duly certified village maps showing survey numbers and shall be furnished along with a report which will include detailed schedules in respect of the proposed acquisition of land holdings as per revenue records in a format that would enable the Authority to initiate land acquisition proceedings. The Consultant in this process will be assisted by Special Tahsildar, KIIFB Projects	We understand in many districts of Kerala resurvey is yet to be completed and updated maps are yet to be published by revenue department. We request that the client may facilitate providing updated maps to the consultants to complete this activity.	KRFB can't facilitate maps. It is the responsibility of consultant.
6.	3.3.6 d., Page no 57 Investigations of the subsoil strata (one trial bore and/or test pit at embankment and one in riverbed at locations where new bridges or other structures are proposed. The depth of trial bore/ test pit shall be as per IRC standards).	From the site appreciation consultants understand that high embankments will be required for the development of this road and soil condition along the alignment is of poor quality This will require assessment of existing soil conditions for the development of the road. Further, there may be requirement of marine bore holes in some of the bridge locations, which is a very costly component. In this context, we request KRFB to specify the number of land & marine bore holes to be taken so that all the consultants will be brought to the same platform.	Refer clause 2402 page 687, Extent and Number of Bores, clause 2403 page 688, Depth of Bores, MORTH 5th revision. A minimum of 2 boreholes at Abutment locations and at 25 m intervals at pier locations and approach road at a depth where N value greater than 50 and a continuous hard strata of 4 to 5 m. The interval can be 35-40 m in major bridge according to span.

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		Alternatively, consultants shall be allowed to quote the rates for land and marine bore holes and payments may be made on actual quantities carried out, in discussion and agreement with the client.																						
7.	<p>Clause 3.9 , Truck Lay Bays, Page 59 The Consultant shall undertake field surveys and identify suitable locations for provision of truck lay bays on the Project Highway. Truck lay bays shall, in general, be located near check-barriers, interstate borders, places of conventional stops of the truck operators etc. The length of each such truck lay bays shall also be indicated.</p>	The proposed road is a new alignment and the guidelines given for selection of location for the truck lay bye are not relevant for this project. Please specify the number of truck lay byes which are to be provided in the project stretch.	1 each in both Ernakulam & Thrissur districts (Where ever land is available)																					
8.	<p>Clause 6.2, Page no 67 Time schedule for important Deliverables (the “Key Dates”) of the Consultancy and the payment schedule linked to the specified Deliverables is given below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S No</th> <th>Deliverables</th> <th>Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>KD 1</td> <td>Inception Report</td> <td>Nil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KD 2</td> <td>Report on Alignment (including proposed geometric improvements) and first traffic survey</td> <td>15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KD 3</td> <td>Report on Land Plan Schedules and Utility Relocation</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S No	Deliverables	Payment	KD 1	Inception Report	Nil	KD 2	Report on Alignment (including proposed geometric improvements) and first traffic survey	15%	KD 3	Report on Land Plan Schedules and Utility Relocation	10%	<p>The payment schedule as provided in the RFP document does not commensurate with the cost for survey and investigation which are predominately incurred before finalisation of report on alignment. Therefor to ensure cashflow commensurate to the out-of-pocket expenses the following changes are suggested in the Payment schedule:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S No</th> <th>Deliverables</th> <th>Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>KD 1</td> <td>Inception Report</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KD 2</td> <td>Report on Alignment (including proposed geometric improvements) and first traffic survey</td> <td>15%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S No	Deliverables	Payment	KD 1	Inception Report	10%	KD 2	Report on Alignment (including proposed geometric improvements) and first traffic survey	15%	Government approved RFP conditions will prevail
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9.	<p>Clause 6.3, Page no 68</p> <p>The TOR for the Consultant envisages assistance in the process of public hearings, etc. in respect of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) of the Project Highway specified in Paragraph 3.15. In the event that the process cannot be completed within the period specified herein for completion of Final Detailed Project Report, the EIA Report may be completed and submitted to</p>	<p>As per the payment schedule there is 10% payment for the report on Environment and Social impact assessment. Please confirm the 5% retention as stipulated in clause 6.3 is in addition to the 10% payment already scheduled for this particular item.</p>	<p>Government approved RFP conditions will prevail</p>

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	the Authority within an extended period of 6 (six) weeks after submission of the Detailed Project Report. A sum equal to 5% (five per cent) of the total payment due shall be withheld and paid to the Consultant upon submission of the EIA Report and environment management plan.		
10	Clause 6.5, Page no 68 10% of the Agreement Value has been earmarked as Final Payment to be made to the Consultant upon execution of the Contract Agreement. In the event the Contract Agreement does not get executed within one year of the Effective Date, the Final Payment shall not become due to the Consultant, save and except the costs incurred for meeting its reimbursable expenses during the period after expiry of 26 weeks from the Effective Date, including travel costs and personnel costs, at the agreed rates	As per the clause, consultant will have to forfeit the stipulated percentage i.e., 10% of the agreement value. In case the contract agreement for execution is not signed before the stipulated one year of the effective date. For consultancy assignments 10% of the project fee is too large to be forfeited in case of non-execution of the agreement, which is not under the control of the consultant. Therefore, this share of fee shall be limited to 2.5% of the consultancy fee.	Government approved RFP conditions will prevail

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Clause No. / Page No.	Description	Request/ Query/Clarification Required	Replies
Clause 2.2.2	Technical Capacity: The Applicant shall have, over the past 3 (three) years preceding the PDD, undertaken a minimum of 3 (eligible) Eligible Assignments as specified in Clause 3.1.4.	We request the Authority to consider eligible assignments over past 7 years as per NH/ MoRTH Standards.	Government approved RFP conditions will prevail

<p>Clause 2.20</p>	<p>Bid security</p>				<p>Considering the prevailing pandemic conditions, we request authority to kindly exempt MSME registered companies from paying Bid Security</p>	<p>Government approved RFP conditions will prevail</p>		
<p>Clause 2.22 (D)</p>	<p>Conditions of Eligibility for Key Personnel</p>				<p>We request the Authority that the agency may be allowed to on board an external expert for the project based on undertaking that the expert will be available for complete duration of the Project</p> <p>We request the authority to consider Post Graduate in Marine Structures with Professional Experience of 7 Years may also be considered as Coastal Engineering Expert.</p>	<p>Government approved RFP conditions will prevail</p>		
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	Coastal Engineering Expert	Graduate in Civil Engineering/ Additional weightage for Post-Graduation in Coastal /Ocean Engineering	10 Years	Should have worked in similar capacity for 2 consultancy assignments involving Coastal Engineering structures and Shoreline protection works costing not less than Rs.80(eighty) Crores	Further we request eligible assignment may be reduced to 1 project of 160 Cr. and above or two projects of 80 Crs and above Request authority to kindly consider, Masters in Environmental Science also as eligible qualification for the post of environmental Expert.	
	Environmental Expert	Post Graduate in Environmental engineering	7 years	He should have led the environmental impact assessment teams or worked as a sole expert for 2 (two) Eligible Assignments.		
Clause 2.26.2	Substitution of Key Personnel Clause 2.26.2: The Authority expects all the Key Personnel to be available during implementation of the Agreement. The Authority will not consider substitution of Key Personnel except for reasons of any incapacity or due to health. Such substitution shall ordinarily be limited to one Key Personnel subject to equally				We request the authority to modify the clause as “The Authority expects all the Key Personnel to be available during implementation of the Agreement. The Authority will not consider substitution of Key Personnel except for reasons of any incapacity or due to health. Such substitution shall	Government approved RFP conditions will prevail

	or better qualified and experienced personnel being provided to the satisfaction of the Authority. As a condition to such substitution, a sum equal to 20% (twenty per cent) of the remuneration specified for the original Key Personnel shall be deducted from the payments due to the Consultant. In the case of a second substitution hereunder, such deduction shall be 50% (fifty per cent) of the remuneration specified for the original Key Personnel. Any further substitution may lead to disqualification of the Applicant or termination of the Agreement.	ordinarily be limited to one Key Personnel subject to equally or better qualified and experienced personnel being provided to the satisfaction of the Authority. As a condition to such substitution, a sum equal to 5% (Five per cent) of the remuneration specified for the original Key Personnel shall be deducted from the payments due to the Consultant. In the case of a second substitution hereunder, such deduction shall be 10% (Ten per cent) of the remuneration specified for the original Key Personnel. Any further substitution may lead to disqualification of the Applicant or termination of the Agreement.”	
Clause 3.1.4 (I)	Eligible Assignments: Construction of a highway/road projects having an estimated capital cost (Excluding land) of at least Rs. 240 crore (two hundred and forty) in case of a project in India, and US \$ 120 (One hundred and twenty) Million for projects elsewhere.	Request to modify as “Construction of a highway/road projects having an estimated capital cost (Excluding land) of at least Rs. 200 crore (two hundred) in case of a project in India, and US \$ 120 (One hundred and twenty) Million for projects elsewhere.	Government approved RFP conditions will prevail
	Provided that the Applicant firm claiming credit for an Eligible Assignment shall have, prior to PDD, received professional fees of at least Rs.30 lakhs for such assignment, and where credit is being claimed by a Key Personnel, she/he should have completed the relevant assignment prior to PDD.	We Request the Authority to kindly consider Ongoing Expressway/National Highway Project as the Relevant Experience of Key Personnel?	Government approved RFP conditions will prevail.
Schedule I TOR Clause 3.3	3.3 Engineering Surveys and Investigations 3.3.2 Topographic, alignment and land use survey	Whether conventional high precision instruments i.e Total Station or equivalent can be used for the Topographic survey. Please confirm	Total Station or can be used.
Schedule I TOR Clause 3.6	ROBs/ RUBs	Whether the scope of getting approval from the railway authority is under consultant’s scope. Please confirm	Yes

<p>Schedule I TOR Clause 3.14</p>	<p>Environment Impact Assessment</p>				<p>Whether the statutory fees applicable for the EIA clearance/ CRZ clearances shall be borne by the client or not. Please confirm</p> <p>Whether CRZ clearance is applicable for the project stretch as per the NATPAC study. Please confirm</p>				<p>Borne by consultant</p> <p>CRZ clearance studies must be included in DPR</p>																																																															
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General	ROW and Lane Configuration				Request authority to confirm the ROW and lane configuration to be considered				Cross section details will be shared.
General	Land Plan Schedule				What is the extent of Land plan Schedule to be submitted as part of DPR				Survey numbers with extents must be included in DPR.
General	Boundary Stone				Whether laying of boundary stone is included in the scope of DPR consultant.				No

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3.	ToR Section 1.1 With respect to Terms of reference section 1.1, it states that the project stretch is a section of South Chellanam to Kappirikad	As per our visual survey, we understand the total project length comes to 115km i.e. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. South Chellanam to Fort Kochi – 21km 2. Vypin Fort to Njarakkal Fish farm – 10km 3. Nakkal Fish farm to Munambam – 16km 4. Azhikode to Snehatheeram – 31km 5. Snehatheeram to kappirikad – 37km Request Authority to confirm the project length and also the section with some reference point i.e. co-ordinate and Road name	KML file will be shared
4.	ToR Section 1.1 With respect to Term of reference section 1.1, it states that the Major Bridge 1nos	It has been observed, the discontinuity in the alignment at Fort Kochi - Vypin Ferry Terminal and Munambam Ferry Terminal. Request Authority to confirm that whether consultant need to considered detail Major Bridge design at above mentioned Ferry terminal	No bridge proposal in Fort Kochi – Vypin Bridge work at Munambam being taken up separately

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5.	<p>ToR Section 1.2</p> <p>The Consultant shall be guided in this assignment by the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manual of Specifications and Standards for Two-laning of Highways with Paved Shoulders published by the Indian Roads Congress (IRC: SP: 73-2015) 2. Guidelines for Planning and Design for Roads & Highways Projects published by KIIFB. 3. Recommended Practice for the Design and Layout of Cycle Tracks IRC 011. 	<p>As per the Manual and Specification of IRC & KIIFB, the section traverse through built up area need to be developed as 4-lane configuration. Request Authority to confirm whether the section need to be developed as 2-lane with paved shoulder or 4-lane.</p>	<p>2 lane road with 14 m. Cross Section details attached herewith.</p> <p>15.6 m will be adopted in selected locations only.</p>

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1.	<p>As per 2.1.1 of invitation of proposals, a consortium of firms can participate in the bidding. Is there any stipulated qualification for the members of the Consortium of firms?</p>	<p>Detailed description of the objectives, scope of services, Deliverables and other requirements relating to this Consultancy are specified in this RFP. In case an applicant firm possesses the requisite experience and capabilities required for undertaking the Consultancy, it may participate in the Selection Process either individually (the “Sole Firm”) or as lead member of a consortium of firms (the “Lead Member”) in response to this invitation. The term applicant (the “Applicant”) means the Sole Firm or the Lead Member, as the case may be. The manner in which the Proposal is required to be submitted, evaluated and accepted is explained in this RFP.</p>

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2.	As per 1.1. of the TOR, it is mentioned that in some stretches, the alignment overlap with existing National Highway 66 and such portions are to be excluded from the scope. Please specify the stretches having overlap with NH 66.	In Thrissur and Ernakulam districts there is no stretch overlapping with NH 66
3.	Does the scope of the Project include construction of Bridge connecting Fort Kochi and Fort Vypin?	No. As the specified portion is International Shipping Channel.
4.	Does the scope of the Project include construction of Bridge connecting Munambam and Azhikode?	No, the proposed DPR preparation does not include the specified bridge. The work has been arranged as a separate project.
5.	Does the scope of the Project include construction of Bridge at Chettuva Azhimugam?	Yes.
6.	Whether cycle track is to be provided on one side or two sides?	On the west side only
7.	In 2'1 of the TOR, the Consultants have been advised to review the existing alignment and greenfield alignment identified in the Master plan study prepared by KIIFB through NATPAC Kindly provide the green field alignment prepared by NATPAC.	KML file will be shared.
8.	Since the alignment is along the sea coast, what will be the implication of CRZ regulations on the construction activities related to the Highway, Rehabilitation proposal and Way Side Amenities?	DPR is meant to be an answer for the implication of CRZ regulations

S No	Query	Replay
9.	As per 3'3.2 (i), the Land Plans are to be marked on duly certified village maps showing survey numbers for the additional land proposed to be acquired as per final alignment. It is further stated that the Special Tahsildar, KIIFB Projects will assist the Consultant. What will be the extent of assistance? Will the certified village maps be made available to the consultant?	The Village Maps can be arranged by the Special LA Unit attached to KIIFB. The consultant has to bear the scanning charges if any.
10	If not, will the client take steps to ensure that the Revenue Authorities issue the documents according to requirement? Also, will the consultant be paid separately for the Revenue records, since they will issue the documents only on payment of the stipulated fee?	NA
11	The age limit Proposed specialists for the consultants may be increased to 75 so as to get experienced people	Government approved RFP conditions prevail.
12	Since a number of clarifications are required and the COVID 19 pandemic has delayed our attempt for studying the details of the bid documents, the time of submission bids may please be extended by another 15 days. Above points may please be considered during discussion and decisions informed.	Government approved RFP conditions prevail.