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CONSULTING SERVICE FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE UPGRADE OF GORUSINGEE-GADDACHALKI SECTION OF EAST-WEST HIGHWAY
(MAHENDRA HIGHWAY) AND DETAILED DESIGN OF PRIORITY SUB-SECTION

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AMENDMENT NO.1

As per the provision of Instruction to Consultants ITC 13: Clarification and Amendments of RFP, Amendment No - 1 has been issued as per following:

S.No	Amendment On	Amended As
1.	Section 1. Request for Proposal Letter Para 7: Details on the proposal's submission date, time and address are as follows: Date: 23rd April, 2023 Time: 13:00 local time The Proposal submission address is: Department of Roads Bridge Branch Second Bridges Improvement and Maintenance Program (BIMP II) Chakupat, Lalitpur Tel: +977-1-5528771; Fax: +977-1-5528771 Email: infobbpcu@gmail.com	Section 1. Request for Proposal Letter Para 7: Details on the proposal's submission date, time and address are as follows: Date: 30th April 2023 Time: 13:00 local time The Proposal submission address is: Department of Roads Bridge Branch Second Bridges Improvement and Maintenance Program (BIMP II) Chakupat, Lalitpur Tel: +977-1-5528771; Fax: +977-1-5528771 Email: infobbpcu@gmail.com
2.	The provision in ToR (Terms of reference)- Reporting Requirement and Time Schedule Table-5: Reports and Submissions	The provision in ToR (Terms of reference)- Reporting Requirement and Time Schedule Table-5: Reports and Submissions





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	No.	Preparatory Outputs	Submission Deadline (no. months after the commencement date)	Remarks	No.	Preparatory Outputs	Submission Deadline (no. months after the commencement date)	Remarks
	i	Inception Report	1.0 month	Feasibility Study	i	Inception Report	1.0 month	Feasibility Study
	Part I - Feasibility Study				Part I - Feasibility Study			
	ii	Feasibility study report of all roads and bridges – Draft Report	2.0 month		ii	Feasibility study report of all roads and bridges – Draft Report	3.0 month	
	iii	Feasibility study report of all roads and bridges – Final Report	2.5 month		iii	Feasibility study report of all roads and bridges – Final Report	3.5 month	
	iv.	Road Safety and Black spot assessment Report	3 months		iv.	Road Safety and Black spot assessment Report	4.0 months	
	Part II - Detailed Design				Part II - Detailed Design			
	iv.	Social report	5 months		v.	Inception Report	4.0 months	

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v.	Environmental Report	5 months	vi. Social report	5 months
	Submission of Concept Design Report with possible alternatives for bridges to initiate discussions with the DOR team. The Concept Design should be based on the Field Survey Reports: Inventory, Condition Survey, Ground Survey Mapping, Traffic Volume Counts and Updated Recommendations, Hydrological, Geological and Soil Investigation Reports, Environmental data, Social data, Road Crash data, Road Safety study. Also, the Concept Design should take into consideration the preliminary assessment report on environmental and social issues along the road and bridges (to be done by a separate consultant).	6 months	vii. Environmental Report	5 months
vi.			viii. Submission of Concept Design Report with possible alternatives for road and bridges to initiate presentation/discussions with the DOR team. The Concept Design should be based on the Field Survey Reports: Inventory, Condition Survey, Ground Survey Mapping, Traffic Volume Counts and Updated Recommendations, Hydrological, Geological and Soil Investigation Reports, Environmental data, Social data, Road Crash data, Road Safety study. Also, the Concept Design should take into consideration the preliminary assessment report on environmental and social issues along the road and bridges (to be done by a separate consultant).	6 months
	Detail Design Report (Draft)	11 month		

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	vii.	Detail Design of Landmark/Signature Bridge (Draft)	11 month	ix.	Detail Design Report (Draft)	11 month
	viii.	Detail Design Report (Final)	12 month	x.	Detail Design of Landmark/Signature Bridge (Draft)	11 month
	ix.	Detail Design of Landmark/Signature Bridge (Final)	12 month	xi.	Detail Design Report (Final)	12 month
	x.	After Successful completion of the project and fulfilment of all required task in TOR and submission of project completion report including workshop	12 months	xii.	Detail Design of Landmark/Signature Bridge (Final)	12 month
	xi.	Monthly Progress Report	Within one week of the end of each calendar month	xiii.	After Successful completion of the project and fulfilment of all required task in TOR and submission of project completion report including workshop	12 months
				xiv.	Monthly Progress Report	Within one week of the end of each calendar month




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4.	Section 2. Instructions to Consultants E. Data Sheet Clause No.: 17.7 and 17.9 The Proposals must be submitted no later than: Date: 23rd April, 2023 Time: 13:00 local time The Proposal submission address is: Department of Roads Bridge Branch Second Bridges Improvement and Maintenance Program (BIMP II) Chakupat, Lalitpur Tel: +977-1-5528771; Fax: +977-1-5528771 Email: infobbpcu@gmail.com	Section 2. Instructions to Consultants E. Data Sheet Clause No.: 17.7 and 17.9 The Proposals must be submitted no later than: Date: 30th April, 2023 Time: 13:00 local time The Proposal submission address is: Department of Roads Bridge Branch Second Bridges Improvement and Maintenance Program (BIMP II) Chakupat, Lalitpur Tel: +977-1-5528771; Fax: +977-1-5528771 Email: infobbpcu@gmail.com

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6.	The provision in ToR (Terms of reference)- Part-II: Scope of works h. Geotechnical Survey 62. For the pavement design, structures and buildings, the following geotechnical tests should be performed as per site requirement:	The provision in ToR (Terms of reference)- Part-II: Scope of works h. Geotechnical Survey 62. For the pavement design and structures the following geotechnical tests should be performed as per site requirement:
7.	The provision in ToR (Terms of reference)- Annex 2 Qualification Requirements of Key Experts	The provision in ToR (Terms of reference)- Annex 2 The following text has been added in last line in the minimum and preferable education qualification for all experts. “or Master’s degree in related/equivalent field will be considered.”
8.	The provision in ToR (Terms of reference)- Annex 2	The provision in ToR (Terms of reference)- Annex 2

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9.	The provision in ToR (Terms of reference)- FORM TECH-2 (B) Consultant's Experience 1. List only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last [.....]years.	The provision in ToR (Terms of reference)- FORM TECH-2 (B) Consultant's Experience 1. List only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last 10 years.
10.	The provision in ToR (Terms of reference)- Section 2. Instructions to Consultants E. Data Sheet 12.1 Proposals shall be valid for 120 calendar days after the proposal submission deadline i.e. Until 21st August, 2023.	The provision in ToR (Terms of reference)- Section 2. Instructions to Consultants E. Data Sheet 12.1 Proposals shall be valid for 120 calendar days after the proposal submission deadline i.e. Until 28 th August, 2023.

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	i	After Completion of Field Works	24%	iii	After approval of design and submission of design, drawings, bid documents as per TOR	12%
	ii	Submission of Draft Design (Conceptual design, drawings, road safety and improvement of black spot, detailed condition assessment, small scale workshop)	24%	3.2	Detail Design of Major & Minor Bridges (Equal Cost for each no of Bridge) on the selected priority road section	20%
	iii	After approval of design and submission of design, drawings, bid documents as per TOR	12%	i	After Completion of Field Works	8%
				ii	Submission of Draft Design Report	6%
	3.3	Detail Design of Major & Minor Bridges (Equal Cost for each no of Bridge) on the selected priority road section	20%	iii	After approval of design and submission of design, drawings, bid documents as per TOR	6%
	i	After Completion of Field Works	8%	4	On Completion of the assignment	15%
	ii	Submission of Draft Design Report	6%			
	iii	After approval of design and submission of design, drawings, bid documents as per TOR	6%	4.1	After Successful completion of the project and fulfilment of all required task in TOR and submission of project completion report (comprising all the task as per ToR) [15% payment]	
	4	On Completion of the assignment	10%			
	4.1	After Successful completion of the project and fulfilment of all required task in TOR				

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	and submission of project completion report (comprising all the task as per ToR) [15% payment] The advance payment paid for Part II- Detailed Design will be set off by the Client in equal proportions against payment schedule items 3.2 and 3.3.	The advance payment paid for Part II- Detailed Design will be set off by the Client in equal proportions against payment schedule items 3.1 and 3.2.

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CLARIFICATION NO. 1

No.	Chapter/Section	Subject/Title/Item	Queries	Clarification
1.	Data Sheet Clause 27.1 (QCBS only)	Method of Selection The method of selection is based on QCBS, but the ratio adopted is 85:15, giving low weightage to technical proposal.	Keeping in view of the complexity of the assignment, there is a need for aiming at quality outputs. A higher weightage to technical proposal will enhance the quality objective of this assignment. In this regard, it is suggested that for ensuring quality outputs, it may kindly be considered selecting the Consultant based on QCBS 90:10, rather than 85:15	This provision in ToR remains unchanged.
2.	Terms of Reference	A. Background: 3. Government of Nepal, DOR intends to upgrade the Chandrauta-Gaddachauki section.....	In the title of the project the start point of the project road is Gorusinghe while in ToR it is mentioned as Chandrauta.	The start point of the project road is Chandrauta.
3.	Terms of Reference Detailed Scope of Work	PART II - Detailed Design of...Priority Road sub-section 10. Based on the findings of Part I study....Design of roads, bridges etc....not less than 80km priority roads sub-section	As per ToR the priority sub-project taken for detailed design will not be less than 80km. Any nominal increase in length say by 10% can be taken care of in their financial bid by the consultants. However if it is substantially more than 80km in a total road length of 376km then the consultants should be paid extra on a pro-rata basis. This may be considered.	The provision in TOR remains unchanged. It is further clarified that total length shall not be substantially more than 80 km. Also please refer to Note 2. under Table 4 - Staff Input of the ToR for further clarification.

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		Table 5: Reports and Submission Part I: Feasibility Study Feasibility Study reports for all roads and bridges – 2 months	of the fact that the first month will be spent mostly in mobilizing and preparing the Inception report. The submission deadline for Draft Feasibility report should be relaxed and allowed to be submitted in 3.5 months from commencement date within a completion period of 12 months for the entire project keeping the deadline for other reports the same. This may please be considered.	
7.	Appendix C: Breakdown of Contract Price	Table 5: Reports and Submission (i) Inception Report – 1 Month (Feasibility Study) Appendix C: Breakdown of Contract Price: Payment Schedule: Part I	In Table 5 - Reports and Submission there is no mention of Inception Report at the Detailed Design stage while the same is given as one of the milestones in the payment schedule at Appendix C of the RFP. Please clarify.	As per amendment No.1.

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10.	Terms of Reference	Table 5: Reports and Submission	Please clarify. Road Safety and Black spot assessment report (item iv in Table 5) should be made part of the Concept design report to be submitted after 6 months of commencement.	The provision in TOR remains unchanged.
11.	Terms of Reference	Additional Point	Kindly clarify if preparing Land acquisition plan and schedule is in the scope of the consultants as there is nothing mentioned in ToR but input of Cadastral Engineer is provided in the team	The provision in TOR remains unchanged. Further, it is clarified that the cadastral engineer with support of respective Survey offices shall access or verify land owner certificates of prioritize road sub section and conduct cadastral survey as per requirement of ToR.
12.	Clause 2(n) of TOR	Sr.No.13 of TOR – The Consultant shall prepare a short, animated video of road, bridges and intersections presenting the details of designs, features, concepts, traffic flow etc. with voice over and music appropriately. The Consultant shall prepare design visualization, still images and videos of proposed roadway and bridges.	Kindly provide the duration for animated video, so that Consultants shall accordingly cater cost for the same in their Financial Proposal.	It is expected that the consultant should use their own expertise in fulfilling the ToR's requirements.

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		i) Kathmandu – 1 no. of hard top, 1 no. of pickup and 2 nos of motorcycle ii) Kohalpur – 2 nos of hard top, 3 nos of pickup and 4 nos of motorcycle	quantity of vehicle- month may please be provided.	for efficient performance of service as per the Terms of Reference.
15.	Clause 21.1; Section-2, E. Data Sheet	iii) Key Expert's qualification and competence for the assignment: (a) Experience having International experience i) Team Leader / Sr. Highway Engineer ii) Sr. Bridge Engineer-1 iii) Sr. Bridge Engineer-2 iv) Sr. Highway / Pavement Engineer v) Sr. Transport Economist b) Experts having work experience in Nepal with familiarity of local language i) Deputy Team Leader/Highway Engineer	As per the RFP, the scoring criteria have been allocated only for 10 nos. Key Experts as mentioned in Clause 21.1 (iii). Therefore the Consultants understand that the CVs of Key experts for which the scoring criteria have been provided need to be submitted along with the bid. The rest of the CVs of Key experts need to be submitted after award of the work. The same may please be confirmed.	The consultant may choose to submit CVs of Non-Key Experts along with the Proposals or may submit the detailed CVs of Non-key experts during contract negotiations.

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	16.2 of Data Sheet, Price Adjustment	adjustment provision applies to remuneration rates: No	remuneration rates are fixed for the duration of the project i.e. upto 12 months. If due to any reason beyond the control of the consultants, the project duration gets extended beyond 12 months, the Consultant should be entitled to receive escalated remuneration rates of their experts. Hence, the Client is requested to kindly indicate the escalation clause in this RFP for the same.	
19.	Clause no.24.1 (a) of SCC, Professional Liability Insurance	As per Clause 24.1(a) of Special Conditions of the Contract, the Consultant shall submit Professional Liability Insurance, with a minimum coverage of 1.5 times of the Contract amount.	In this regard, it is submitted that all Projects funded by multilateral agencies such as World Bank, ADB, AfDB etc., the Consultants are required to take PLI cover equivalent to consultancy contract amount. In view of the above, the Client may kindly consider modifying this clause by stating that the consultant shall take PLI cover equivalent to Consultancy Contract amount and NOT 1.5 times of the Contract amount.	The provision in TOR remains unchanged.
20.	Date of Submission	Request for Proposal Letter Clause 7: Date of submission is 23rd April 2023	There are two date of submission given in the RFP. Kindly clarify and confirm the final date of submission.	As per Amendment No.1.

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24.	Datasheet	CV format	How would you define "local language" in the context of Experts?	Local language means Nepali Language
25.	Para 3	ToR	What does "climate resilient" road transport infrastructure relates to? Are there any guidelines that has been in practice in Nepal to address this aspect?	Please refer to ToR.
26.	Para 5	ToR	How is road "sub-section" defined within the section of Chandrata- Gaddachauki (375 KM)?	A single sub-section or multiple sub-sections of total length not less than 80km as per findings of Part-I.
27.	Para 6	ToR	When will be the ESIA Consultant on board?	Process for Shortlisting of consultant for ESIA is going on.
28.	Para 7 (b)	ToR	Will the Client make access to HDM-4 that is with Client, or the Consultant has to make arrangement by themselves?	Consultants shall make their own arrangements.
29.	Para 9 (i)	ToR	What kind of "survey data" are available for the section that can be made available to the Consultant for review works?	The provision in TOR remains unchanged.

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34.	Annex I	ToR	Is the cable stayed bridge at Karnali, also within the scope of work, if the sub-section falls within this reach?	The provision remains as per ToR.
35.	Para 12 (e)	ToR	Is alternative alignment to existing alignment is envisaged to the said section of Mahendra Highway? Or this is limited to academic exercise only? Kindly clarify.	The provision remains as per ToR.
36.	Para 12, (bb), and Para 92	ToR	Para 92 states that each international consultant to conduct the capacity building trainings on their field of expertise; but the Para 12 (bb) also states topics like <i>current international practice on contract administration, contract management, disputes and its resolution</i> , which not the areas of expertise of the international experts that has been provisioned. Kindly clarify and elucidate on how the Consultant are to manage training that are out of scope of the experts?	The provision remains as per ToR.
37.	Para 15	ToR	In input of Architect/Landscape architect is required to address the scope of toll facilities,	The Consultant, using your expertise, is advised to assess

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42.	Para 62	ToR	years"; available with national agency of Nepal, that collects such data? does "building" is also under scope of words?	As per amendment No. 1.
43.	Para 64	ToR	The Consultants are hired/ procured for specialized jobs, as is the case for this assignment; seismology is a specialized field and the inputs of seismologist is a must for "seismological study". But we do not see any such input provisioned by the Client, hence kindly elucidate how to take up this study in the absence of such specialized expert. The Sr. Geologist may not have the required experience, where his/ her experience sought is not aligned to this direction.	The Consultant, using your expertise, is advised to assess staff composition and staff input requirement for efficient performance of service as per the Terms of Reference.
44.	Para 67	ToR	Also, what the "critical points" that are to be considered for the traffic counts?	The Consultant is advised to use your expertise for efficient performance of service as per the Terms of Reference.
45.	Para 75 and 76	ToR	Is "road safety audit" within the scope of consultant? As there is a provision of "Road	The ToR is self-explanatory.

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		Chandrauta to Gaddachauki 2. Scope of Activity Review studies and documents pertaining to the proposed feasibility study, including DOR planning documents, road traffic data and available forecast, relevant environmental and social impact studies; and available survey data	ii. Road traffic data & forecast iii. ESIA iv. Survey data To understand the quantum of data available with the client, and requirement of additional surveys, if any, please provide the documents available with the client. This information will help in preparation of proposal. Please provide.	available literatures on its own.
50.	Refer Form Tech-6 (Continued), Tech-7 & Tech-8	General	We understand that the CVs and Tech forms to be signed by experts and partners can be signed digitally, while entire proposal will be signed by the Authorized Representative originally. In International Competitive bidding, the consultants and experts are working from different countries and it becomes a mammoth task to get the CVs and forms originally signed from all. Please confirm.	Scanned copies of original signed documents (CVs and Forms) are acceptable. However, the proposals must have original signature of the Authorized Representative(s).

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53.	Refer Reporting Requirement and time Schedule of Terms of Reference of Reference	Reporting Requirement and time Schedule of Terms of Reference <table><tr><td colspan="2">Part I - Feasibility Study</td></tr><tr><td>ii. Feasibility study report of all roads and bridges - Draft Report</td><td>2.0 month</td></tr><tr><td>iii. Feasibility study report of all roads and bridges - Final Report</td><td>2.5 month</td></tr><tr><td>iv. Road Safety and Blind spot assessment Report</td><td>3 months</td></tr></table>	Part I - Feasibility Study		ii. Feasibility study report of all roads and bridges - Draft Report	2.0 month	iii. Feasibility study report of all roads and bridges - Final Report	2.5 month	iv. Road Safety and Blind spot assessment Report	3 months	The duration of submission of Draft Feasibility study report of 375 Km road is only 2 months. This is on a very lower side. The Terms of reference was thoroughly reviewed by our Technical experts and to conduct the Feasibility study with quality outputs, a minimum duration of 6 months is anticipated. To carry out studies, conduct surveys and work out economic and technical feasibility of the entire 375 Km with quality output, this is the minimum duration required. It is therefore requested to kindly consider the submission deadline of Draft Report as 6 months and accordingly, the total duration of project be increased to 15 months. Please consider.	As per amendment No.1
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iv. Road Safety and Blind spot assessment Report	3 months											
54.	Part II of Terms of Reference	Part II - Detailed Design of upgradation works for the priority road sub section on Chandraputa- Gaddachauki section of East west highway and associated bridges of Terms of Reference	We understand that the priority road sub-section for Part II will be of an approximate length 80 Km. Variation in length, if any, will not exceed +/- 10%. This is essential to prepare the Financial Proposal. Kindly make suitable provision for change of scope if length exceed more than 10%.	The provision in TOR remains unchanged. It is clarified that total length shall not be substantially more than 80 km.								

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57.	Section 2; Sub Section E: Data Sheet, Cl. 16.3, Page 34	The Consultant is required to make assessment of the taxes including direct and indirect taxes applicable with regard to the execution of service. The Client will make tax deduction at source from payment of each invoice as per prevailing law of Nepal and it is the Consultant's obligation to settle the tax. The Client will only bear the indirect tax i.e. value added tax (VAT).	We understand that for all bank funded Projects, Personal Income Tax (PIT) of its experts (International and National) is the only tax obligation to be fulfilled by the consultant and all other local identifiable indirect taxes such as Sales Tax, Excise Tax, Withholding Tax, or similar taxes and Income Tax on Consultant's payment will be borne by the client on behalf of the consultant. Please confirm our understanding.	Except for local indirect taxes in the form of VAT, all other taxes are the responsibilities of the Consultant. Please refer to ITC Data Sheet 16.3
58.	Section 2; Sub Section E: Data Sheet, Cl. 16.4, Page 35	<i>The Financial Proposal shall be stated in the following currencies:</i> Consultant may express the price for their Services in any fully convertible currency, singly or in combination of up to three foreign currencies.	We request you to please clarify on the following: a. As the lead firm is an International organization from India, would we be allowed to bid in USD and remit it to home country in USD. Kindly confirm. b. If the expert proposed by the lead firm is Nepali national, would we be allowed to bid in USD, kindly confirm	(a) Firms may submit Proposals in foreign currency as provided for in the RFP and remit it to their home country, (b) Local expenses, including remuneration of local (national) experts, should be expressed in NPR

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61.	Section 7: Terms of Reference (TOR); Sub Section B. Detailed Scope of Work, Page 70	Part I – Detailed Technical and Economic Feasibility study of about 375 km road from Chandrauta to Gaddachauki.	a. It is construed that the most important task of the service is Traffic Analysis and the decision of 80km priority section among the total length of 375 km. And thus, Traffic survey and O/D data shall be critical in achieving the given task. Could you please kindly clarify if the local O/D data could be provided by the Client. Furthermore, please clarify if the O&M data of the existing bridge (8,653 m) and the geotechnical data in the design process could be provided by the client.	The Consultant is advised to use your expertise to adopt appropriate methodology for efficient performance of service as per the Terms of Reference. Consultant shall refer to DoR publication and other available literatures, if applicable, on its own.
62.	Section 7: Terms of Reference (TOR); Sub Section B. Detailed Scope of Work, Part I – Detailed Technical and Economic Feasibility study, Page 71	2. Scope of the Activity Table 1: Chandrauta to Gaddachauki - 375 km	We request you to please confirm the starting chainage of project road, as widening/improvement from Butwal-Chanuata (69 km) is already planned.	The start point of the project road is Chandrauta.
63.	Section 7: Terms of Reference (TOR); Sub Section B. Detailed Scope	Part II – Detailed Design of Upgradation Works for the selected priority road sub-section of the Chandrauta - Gaddachauki	We request you to please clarify if the selection of 80km shall be 1	A single sub-section or multiple sub-sections of total

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		cost estimate and bid documents is very important. For better coordination the Consultant, besides regular meetings and sharing of data / information, shall be needed to organize workshops, consultation/ dialogues with stakeholders, joint working sessions with ESIA Consultant team. m. The Consultant shall prepare drone survey video of current status of road section and bridges... u. The Consultant shall prepare detailed plan for slope stabilization of existing as well as potential landslide areas, with detailed engineering for proposed civil engineering structures and bio-engineering measures, prepare costs estimates and include them in bills of quantities.		efficient performance of service as per the Terms of Reference.

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		Consultant shall assess the need for strengthening/rehabilitation of existing bridges or for bridge replacement/new construction. Then, the Consultant shall study the possibility of construction of the following alternatives: - Singular 4-lane bridge - Singular two-lane bridge on either side of the existing bridge - Two separate singular two-lane bridges		
68.	Section 7; Sub Section B. Detailed Scope of Work, Part II – Detailed Design...; Page 88	4. Additional Specification: Design Characteristics and Expected Surveys <i>h. Geotechnical Survey</i> 63. For the design of the bridges, the Consultant should conduct subsurface exploration. The subsurface exploration shall include the	- We request you to please clarify if the boring data of the existing bridge during the design phase would be provided by the Client. - Furthermore, in case of Nepal, it is construed that the boring test and experiment of cut-off slope is crucial for slope safety. However, it is not mentioned in the Terms of Reference.	The Consultant is advised to conduct necessary tests on its own for efficient performance of service as per the Terms of Reference.

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		their financial proposal. At a minimum, at least 6 capacity development workshops are required and up to 10 are possible if warranted.		
70.	Section 7; Sub Section C. Team Composition and Qualification Requirements for Key Experts, Part II – Detailed Design...; Page 96	Team Composition and Qualification Requirements for Key Experts, Part II – Detailed Design...;	We understand that the new bridge across Karnali River is not part of consideration under the project. Please confirm our understanding. <i>Note:</i> 1. The Key Staff composition and estimated total Key Staff man month for detail design has been estimated for detail design of improvement of about 80km of priority section/s, detail design of construction of about 20 nos. of minor bridges and about 19 nos. of major bridges.	The provision in TOR remains unchanged.
71.	Annex - 2: Qualification Requirements of Key Experts, Page 109	A. Education Qualification	Some countries award direct master's degree upon completion of college, university education. e.g. engineers and those of other disciplines, who have studied in USSR have such degrees.	The provision in TOR remains unchanged.

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		meeting any and all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract. Client shall assist to obtain Permanent Account Number (PAN) from the taxation authority, if so needed..... to get duty facilities, following indicative facilities are availed at their initiation and compliances on their own part:	Therefore, we request you to please clarify our understanding if it is a compulsory requirement to register with <i>Inland Revenue Office and obtain Permanent Account Number</i> . In such a case, please advise on the applicable procedures for International consultants to address this compliance	
76.	Section 2; Sub Section E: Data Sheet, Cl. 17.7 and 17.9	Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet, Page 35	In consideration of international consulting and longer length of the Project Road, requiring more time for site visit. Therefore, in order to prepare and submit a comprehensive proposal, we request you to please extend the deadline of submission for proposal by a minimum of 3 weeks' time from the pre-bid clarifications response date.	As per amendment No.1
77.	Section 1. Request for Proposal Letter	7. Details on the proposal's submission date, time and address are as followings: Date: 23 rd April, 2023 Time: 13:00 local time 17.7 and 17.9	The Consultant would like to clarify the exact submission date of the proposal.	As per amendment No.1
	Section 2. Instruction to Consultant E. Data Sheet	The Proposals must be submitted no later than: Date: 18 th April, 2023 Time: 13:00 local time		

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