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- M/S RITES Limited -Korea Consultants International Co. Ltd.-JV, Haryana, India
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Subject: Amendment-01 and Clarification-01 to the RFP document and the queries.

Ref. Consulting Service for Construction Supervision of Upgradation of Kamala-Dhalkebar-Bagmati Section (77 Km) and Bridges of Mahendra Highway; Contract No. SRCTIP-DOR-KDP-CS-QCBS-31

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank You for your queries regarding the RFP for *Consulting Service for Construction Supervision of Upgradation of Kamala-Dhalkebar- Bagmati Section (77 Km) and Bridges of Mahendra Highway; Contract No. SRCTIP-DOR-KDP-CS-QCBS-31* raised during the preproposal conference that was held on 24th July 2023 at the Development Cooperation Implementation Division (DCID) of the DOR and received subsequently through your various letters.

We have made some amendments to the RFP document issued to you and some clarifications are made on your queries. Please find attached herewith the amendment-01 and clarification-01. We hereby request you to submit your proposals accordingly.

Thanking You,

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Dr. Bijaya Jaishi
Project Director
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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.N		Amendment On	Amended As
1.	Clause 50.3 (2) of SCC	Remuneration paid in local currency pursuant to the rates set forth in Appendix C shall be adjusted every [insert number] months (and, for the first time, with effect for the remuneration earned in the [insert number]the calendar month after the date of the Contract) by applying the following formula:	Remuneration paid in local currency pursuant to the rates set forth in Appendix C shall be adjusted every 12 months (and, for the first time, with effect for the remuneration earned in the 13th calendar month after the date of the Contract) by applying the following formula:
2	ITC, clause 17.7 and 17.9	The Proposals must be submitted no later than: Date: 16th August 2023 Time: 12:00 The Proposal submission address is: Department of Roads. Development Cooperation Implementation Division Jwagal, Lalitpur, Nepal Phone:+977-1-5541686 Email: dorfcdb@dor.gov.np	The Proposals must be submitted no later than: Date: 28th August 2023 Time: 12:00 The Proposal submission address is: Department of Roads. Development Cooperation Implementation Division Jwagal, Lalitpur, Nepal Phone:+977-1-5541686 Email: dorfcdb@dor.gov.np

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Selection of Consulting Services of Construction Supervision of Improvement/Upgrading of Kamala-Dhalkebar-Bagmati Road Section (77km) and Bridges of Mahendra Highway

Contract Identification No. **SRCTIP-DoR-KDP-CS-QCBS-31**

As per the provision of Instruction to Consultants and Data Sheet 13.1, queries submitted by the different consulting firms are listed below. The clarifications for each query are also presented in tabular format hereunder:

No.	Document	Chapter/ Section	Subject/ title/Item	Queries	Clarifications
1	1.0 Page 80 3.0 A. iv. Page 81	Background Scope of Services Part 1: Construction Phase	Two bridges at Kamala and Bagmati is planned to be constructed as a separate contract using Design and Build or item rate contract Complete Contract management as an“Engineer” to the contracts (roads and bridges) using FIDIC General Conditions and Design and Build approach/ Item Rate contract (using FIDIC Conditions) for construction of two bridges at Kamala and Bagmati for construction supervision and contract administration ensuring full compliance with the design drawing, quality assurance and control as specified in the specification, and contract document	For better understanding of role and duties of ‘Engineer’, client is requested to confirm if, supervision of two bridges (Design and Build contract) shall follow the contract conditions of FIDIC Orange Book (Condition of Contract for Design – Build and Turnkey) OR the Silver Book (Conditions of Contract For EPC - Turnkey Projects)	The contract modality is not finalised yet. It may be either Item Rate Contract or Design and Build Contract, and accordingly corresponding FIDIC book shall be followed.
2	3.0 A. x. Page 83 3.0 A. xii, s Page 86	Scope of Services Part 1: Construction Phase Scope of Services Part	The Consultant shall design suitable traffic safety features, measures for safety of community/ road users including elderly and differently abled persons, and road furniture including traffic signals, signs, markings, overhead sign boards, crash barriers, delineators etc. for the proposed Structure and its approach roads. The Consultant should also refer to the Network Level Safety Assessment done by iRAP while designing safety features. The Consultant shall ensure that engineering measures for safety improvement of all road users such as improved geometry, forward visibility at blind corners	It will be appreciated that the traffic safety features mentioned are to be incorporated during the design stage by the design consultants. Client is requested to review this role / responsibility for the supervision consultant. However, review of safety features can form part of the scope of work and responsibility of the construction supervision consultant.	Any necessary update or improvement on the Contract drawings or documents shall be the responsibility of the Supervision Consultant.

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		1: Construction Phase	and climbing lanes, improved signage and safety features at all bazaars, school zones and public amenities for safety of vulnerable road users (VRUs), and truck laybys for emergency truck stops are designed and implemented along the road.		
3	Page100	Clause 8 of TOR	Technology Transfer “The consultant has to pay DOR Engineers per diem as per the Government rules.”	It is requested to provide the Per Diem rates as per the Government rules so that all Consultants are at par in their assessment for the Financial Proposal to meet this requirement.	Currently, Engineers Per Diem rate as per prevailing Government rules is NRs. 1600/-
4	Page101	Clause 8 of TOR	Technology Transfer The Consultant should provide minimum 3 days residential training to 20 DoR officials by Contract Management Specialist/ Procurement Specialist (International Experience) on FIDIC Contract and Procurement during the initial phase of service. The schedule and the participant of the training program will be finalized with consent from the Department of Roads.	Consultants understand that training of 20 DoR officials shall be given within Nepal only. Please confirm Further, the Consultants’ understand that all expenses for organizing residential trainings like Venue, Audio-Video system, Tea/Snacks and Lunch etc. for participants shall be borne by the Client and the Consultants need not to cater any provision in their financial proposal for the same. Kindly confirm that our understanding is correct. In case, the Consultants’ need to cater for the afore-mentioned expenses, we would request to kindly stipulate an additional amount for organizing training as provisional sums which shall be reimbursed as per actuals.	It is clarified that the consultant shall execute minimum 3 days residential training within Nepal and bear all associated cost of the trainings so the Consultants need to cater in their financial proposal for the same.

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5	Page101	Clause 8 of TOR	<p>Consultants Facilities</p> <p>The Consultant shall have provision of sufficient transport facilities during the whole period of consulting service and ensure that supervision and other activities are not affected by lack of transport facilities. There should be at least SUV to each International Professional staff and Double cab pickup to each Professional National Staff having full time input for Resident Engineers, Materials Engineers and Senior Bridge Engineer. There should be three double cab pickup for six AREs on sharing basis. There should be sufficient number of vehicles at least 2 SUV/Double cab pickup in pool basis for experts having intermittent inputs in construction phase and one SUV in pool basis for the maintenance phase. There should be at least motorcycles to each other staff involved in supervision in order to deliver their service effectively during Construction Phase and Maintenance Phase of the service.</p>	In order to keep all consultants at par in their assessment for the Financial Proposal to meet this requirement, it is recommended that quantity of vehicle-month may please be provided.	The client believes that the experienced consultant can assess the required vehicle-month based on the requirements provided in the TOR.
6	Clause No.24.1 (a) of SCC	Professional Liability Insurance (PLI)	As per Clause 24.1(a) of Special Conditions of the Contract, the Consultant shall submit Professional Liability Insurance, with a minimum coverage of 1.15 times of contract amount in the currencies as specified in the contract.	<p>In this regard, it is submitted that all projects funded by world bodies such as World Bank, ADB, AfDB etc., the Consultants are required to take PLI cover equivalent to consultancy contract amount.</p> <p>In view of the above, the Client may kindly consider to modify this Clause by stating that the Consultant shall take PLI cover equivalent to Consultancy Contract amount.</p>	The provision remains unchanged.

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7	Clause 50.3 (2) of SCC,	Price Adjustment on Remuneration in Local Currency	Clause No. 50.3 (2) of SCC, price adjustment in local currency shall be adjusted every [insert number] months (and, for the first time, with effect for the remuneration earned in the [insert number] the calendar month after the date of the Contract) as per formula given.	The Client is requested to kindly insert number of months for price adjustment in local currency (same as mentioned for foreign currency).	Please refer Amendment No.1
8	Clause No. 54.1 of SCC	Interest Rate on Delayed Payments	The interest rate is: 3 percent of foreign currency and 7 percent for local currency	The given rate of interest on delayed payment is too less. The Client is requested to kindly provide interest on delayed payment @ 12% per annum for both currencies, so that the Client should be bound to make payment on time to the Consultant	The provision remains unchanged.
9	Page 116 - 117	Section-7, TOR	K-2: Highway Engineer (with International Experience) Educational Qualification Minimum: Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering Preferable: Master's Degree in Highway/Transportation/Construction Management or related field	As number of experts are available with Master's Degree in Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering and having rich and extensive experience of carrying out similar assignments. Therefore, the Consultants request the Client to also consider " Master's Degree in Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering " as a preferable qualification with the existing requirement. This may please be considered and confirmed	The broad qualification and requirement for K-2: Highway Engineer (with international experience) as provisioned in Section 7, TOR, Broad Qualification Requirements B. K-2: Highway Engineer (with international experience) remains unchanged.
10	Page 117	Section-7,	K-3: Contract Management / Procurement	As number of experts are available with Master's Degree in Highway and	The broad qualification and

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	- 118	TOR,	Specialist (with international experience) Educational Qualification Minimum: Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering Preferable: Master Degree in Engineering / Construction Management / Project Management / Law or related field.	Transportation Engineering and having rich and extensive experience of carrying out similar assignments. Therefore, the Consultants request the Client to also consider “ Master’s Degree in Highway and Transportation Engineering ” as a preferable qualification with the existing requirement. This may please be considered and confirmed	requirement for K-3: Contract Management / Procurement Specialist (with international experience) as provisioned in Section 7, TOR, Broad Qualification Requirements C. K-3: Contract Management / Procurement Specialist (with international experience) remains unchanged.
11	Page 38	Section 2: Instructions to Consultant	E. Data Sheet 17.7 and 17.9 The Proposals must be submitted no later than: Date: 16th August 2023 Time: 12:00 The Proposal submission address is: Department of Roads. Development Cooperation Implementation Division Jwagal, Lalitpur, Nepal Phone:+977-1-5541686 Email: dorfcdb@dor.gov.np	In consideration of overall circumstances, it will be very difficult to conduct the site survey on time and deliver the proposal package by due date. From there, we would like to ask your kind consideration to extend for the submission due for two (2) weeks till August 30, 2023.	Please refer Amendment no.1
12	Page 98	Section 7: Terms of Reference	6. Time Frame and Staffing Requirement During the overall period it is estimated that approximately 66 person-months of International staff input, 697 person-months of national technical professional staff and 483 person-months of para professional staff	As stated in the TOR, person-months for International Engineer seems to be only 66. However, according to the Staffing Requirement, from the page 115 to 131, language qualification for some of	The consultants are advised to assess their own requirement and propose their own staff composition and person-months requirement for efficient performance of their job as

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				experts such as K-7/K-8 and Non-Key Experts except N.K-2 requires fluent English capability only, but not Nepali. In this regards, such experts can be input by International Engineers?	per the Terms of Reference.
13	Page 100	Section 7: Terms of Reference	8. Technology Transfer The Consultant should involve 2 DOR Engineers for 1.5 years in the working team of consultants during Contract Administration, Construction Supervision, Quality Control and Maintenance as a consultant's team member for their capacity development. The consultant has to pay DOR Engineers per diem as per the Government rules.....	We would like to have your kind clarification whether the Consultant shall consider per diem of 2 DOR engineers for 1.5 years, because nominated DOR engineers will be part of the team during project implementation. If this is correct, then kindly provide a Government rules of per diem for 2 DOR engineers. Thus all shortlisted firms can consider aforementioned costs in financial proposal properly with given rate.	Your understanding is correct. Refer Clarification no.03.
14	Page 81	Clause 3 Scope of Services A. Part 1: Construction Phase	Construction supervision of tentatively the following four (4) contracts ((i) Kamala Canal to Barahari (ii) Barahari bridge to Phuljor (iii) Phuljor Bridge to Bagmati East Canal and (iv) Design and Build Contract/ Item Rate contract for new construction of Kamala bridge with approaches, and Bagmati Bridges with approaches.	It is requested to please confirm a) Chainage and Length for each of the four contracts b) Type of contract model for each of the four contracts	Chainage for each of the four contracts are as below: i. Kamala Canal to Barahari: Ch. 238+030 km to Ch. 260+100 km ii. Barahari Bridge to Phuljor: Ch. 260+100 km to Ch. 289+840 km iii. Phuljor Bridge to Bagmati East Canal: Ch. 289+840 km to 312+785 km iv. Kamala bridge with approaches:

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					Ch. 236+500 km to Ch. 238+030 km and Bagmati bridge with approaches: Ch. 312+785 km to Ch. 313+450 km It is further clarified that for SN (i), (ii), (iii) the contract model is Item rate contract and for SN (iv), please refer TOR.
15	33	ITC Data Sheet Clause 2.4	Project Data The Client will provide the following inputs, project data, reports, etc. to facilitate the preparation of the Proposals: The Department of Roads will provide Project related documents and reports available with the Department of Roads. The reproduction cost shall be borne by the Consultant.	- Please confirm what types of project related documents and reports are provided. Please confirm the date of distribution of the related documents and reports for Consultant's preparation of the proposal.	Please find the reports in https://dor.gov.np/dorfcg/publication/report-of-project-under-srctip-dcid/main-report-of-detailed-design-of-upgradation-of-kamala-dhalkebar-pathalaya-section-13-km-of-mahendra-highway-and-bridges https://dor.gov.np/dorfcg/publication/report-of-project-under-srctip-dcid/settlement-action-plan-of-kamala-dhalkebar-pathalaya-road-section-13-km-of-mahendra-highway
16	100	Clause 8 Technology transfer	The consultant should involve 2 DOR Engineers for 1.5 years The consultant has to pay DOR Engineers per diem as per the Government rules.	Presumably as per Govt. Rules, the Per diem of Engineer would vary depending upon the rank of the Engineer. We request you to specify the Per Diem of DOR Engineer so that all bidders are on common platform.	Refer Clarification no.03.
17	81	Clause 3 Scope of	i. Verify the design....for approval	Design office support along with respective designers and CAD Engineer's	Refer Clarification no.12.

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		Services A. Part 1: Construction Phase	x. The Consultant shall design....safety features	input would be required for review of design and / or design. It is requested to include designer's input for adequate period of time during construction supervision.							
18		General Query	Regarding utility services	Please share the status in the project corridor	Refer Clarification no.15.						
19		General Query	Regarding land acquisition	Please share the status in the project corridor	Refer Clarification no.15.						
20		General Query	We understand from our experience of working in bank funded international projects that provisional sums / fixed cost budget is indicated for surveys and investigations, training/ capacity building etc. to ensure uniformity across all bidders and their bids.	It is requested to provide the same for the proposed project	The provision remains unchanged.						
21	56	Form Tech-6 (Contd...)	Expert shall initial each page of the CV.	As per general practice, scanned signature are acceptable in the expert CVs. Kindly confirm	Signed and then scanned copies of CVs are acceptable.						
22		Section2.	<p>Consultant's Proposal must include the minimum time-input, per staff category, as follows: - Clause 14.1.3:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Staff Category</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Estimated time-input</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Key Experts</td> <td>305 person-months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Non-key staff, professionals</td> <td>458 person-months</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For the evaluation and comparison of Proposals only: If a Proposal includes less than the required minimum</p>	Staff Category	Estimated time-input	Key Experts	305 person-months	Other Non-key staff, professionals	458 person-months	Please kindly clarify that it's acceptable if Person-months of Other Non-key staff, professionals are out of range.	The texts are self-explanatory. It is further clarified that "Other Non-Key staff, professionals" is same as "Non-Key Experts" stated in the Terms of Reference (Section 7, Paragraph 7, Team Composition Table).
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			<p>time-input, the missing time-input (expressed in person-month) is calculated as follows: The missing time-input is multiplied by the highest remuneration rate for a Key Expert (International and National respectively) in the Consultant's Proposal and added to the total remuneration amount.</p> <p>Proposals that quoted higher than the required minimum of time-input will not be adjusted.</p>																																		
23	RFP p.40	Section 2. Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet	<p>B. Preparation of Proposals- Clause 21.1: Criteria/ Sub-Criteria</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Key Experts</th> <th>No.</th> <th>Marks</th> <th>Total Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>K-1: Team Leader/ Chief Residence Engineer (CRE) (International Experience)</td> <td>1</td> <td>13</td> <td>130</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K-2: Highway Engineer (International Experience) (International Experience)</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K-3: Contract Management/ Procurement Specialist (International Experience)</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K-4: Resident Engineer -1</td> <td>1</td> <td>9</td> <td>90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K-5: Resident Engineer -2</td> <td>1</td> <td>9</td> <td>90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K-6: Resident Engineer -3</td> <td>1</td> <td>9</td> <td>90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K-7: Senior Material Engineer</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td> <td>50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Key Experts	No.	Marks	Total Points	K-1: Team Leader/ Chief Residence Engineer (CRE) (International Experience)	1	13	130	K-2: Highway Engineer (International Experience) (International Experience)	1	5	50	K-3: Contract Management/ Procurement Specialist (International Experience)	1	5	50	K-4: Resident Engineer -1	1	9	90	K-5: Resident Engineer -2	1	9	90	K-6: Resident Engineer -3	1	9	90	K-7: Senior Material Engineer	1	5	50	<p>Please kindly clarify if only evaluated CVs (Key Experts' CVs) are mandatory for submission, of whether Non Key Experts and Para-Professional CVs shall also be submitted.</p>	<p>It is clarified that CVs of Non-Key Experts may be submitted during negotiations, if selected for contract negotiations.</p>
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24		Section 3.	Technical Proposal – Standard Forms ... Form Tech-6 Curriculum Vitae (CV)	In the Form Tech – 6 Curriculum Vitae (CV), it is construed that two signatures are needed for submission – Expert and the Authorized Representative. However, for international experts and for international Joint Ventures, receiving physical signs of each expert for all positions may require ambient time and is considered to be shorten the time of preparation. Thus, we kindly request for permission of digital signatures to be put.	Refer Clarification no.21.								
25	RFP p.98	Section 7. Terms of Reference	8. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER The consultant has to pay DOR Engineers per diem as per the Government rules.	Please Kindly provide Government rules for per diem of DOR Engineers.	Refer Clarification no.03.								