

Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport

Department of Roads

Development Cooperation Implementation Division

STRATEGIC ROAD CONNECTIVITY AND TRADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SRCTIP)

Jwagal, Lalitpur

AMENDMENT ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Contract No. ACCESS-DOR-BGC-QCBS-01

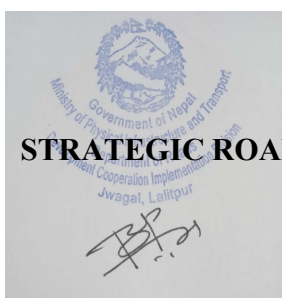
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Name of Consulting Services: - **Consulting Service For (i) Detailed Engineering Survey and Design of Upgradation Works for Gorusinghe-Chanauta (19Km) Highway section and associated Bridges; (ii) Environment Assessment for Upgradation Works for Gorusinghe-Chanauta (19Km) highway section and associated Bridges and; (iii) Construction Supervision of Improvement/Widening of Butwal-Gorusinghe-Chanauta section (69Km) of East –West Highway**

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

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1.	The provision in TOR (Terms of Reference)- ANNEX 3- QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS- S.N-8 Bridge Engineer / Structure Engineer • Experience in the Proposed Field of Expertise: • Supervision of at least two bridges outside of native country <table><tr><th>Experience</th><th></th></tr><tr><td>☐ Total Experience</td><td>Minimum: 10 years Preferable: 20 years</td></tr><tr><td>☐ Experience in Related Field, Road/Bridge Works</td><td>Minimum: 10 years Preferable: 15 years</td></tr><tr><td>☐ Experience in the Proposed Field of Expertise</td><td>☐ Shall have experience of detailed design of at least 5 no. of highway bridges ☐ Shall have experience of Construction Supervision of at least two bridges outside of native country.</td></tr></table>	Experience		☐ Total Experience	Minimum: 10 years Preferable: 20 years	☐ Experience in Related Field, Road/Bridge Works	Minimum: 10 years Preferable: 15 years	☐ Experience in the Proposed Field of Expertise	☐ Shall have experience of detailed design of at least 5 no. of highway bridges ☐ Shall have experience of Construction Supervision of at least two bridges outside of native country.	The provision in TOR (Terms of Reference)- ANNEX 3- QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS- S.N-8 Bridge Engineer / Structure Engineer • Experience in the Proposed Field of Expertise: - <table><tr><th>Experience</th><th></th></tr><tr><td>• Total Experience</td><td>Minimum: 10 years Preferable: 20 years</td></tr><tr><td>• Experience in Related Field, Road/Bridge Works</td><td>Minimum: 10 years Preferable: 15 years</td></tr><tr><td>• Experience in the Proposed Field of Expertise</td><td> ▪ Shall have experience of detailed design of at least 5 no. of motorable bridges </td></tr></table> S	Experience		• Total Experience	Minimum: 10 years Preferable: 20 years	• Experience in Related Field, Road/Bridge Works	Minimum: 10 years Preferable: 15 years	• Experience in the Proposed Field of Expertise	▪ Shall have experience of detailed design of at least 5 no. of motorable bridges
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3.	The provision in TOR (Terms of Reference)- 3.1.3Additional Specification: Design Characteristics and Expected Surveys	The provision in TOR (Terms of Reference)- 3.1.3Additional Specification: Design Characteristics and Expected Surveys																



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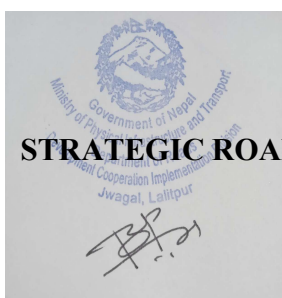
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	(s) Capacity Development The consulting services shall include organizing in house, national training for capacity development of DoR personnel in different disciplines (Training should be conducted by each International key Expert on their respective topic for 5 days training each). The Consultant shall propose the capacity development component in their technical proposal and include the cost in their financial proposal. The Consultant shall conduct at least 5 capacity development workshops.	(s) Capacity Development The consulting services shall include organizing in house, national training for capacity development of DoR personnel in different disciplines (Training should be conducted by each International key Expert on their respective topic as specified by the client).
4.	The provision in TOR (Terms of Reference)- 6. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER The Consultant shall consider the technology transfer as an important aspect of Detailed Engineering Design and Construction including Maintenance Period. The Consultant shall have to organize workshops once a year to demonstrate the Overall Supervision, Quality Assurance, Monitoring etc. 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. As per the request of DOR PCU, the Consultant shall brief and demonstrate the working procedure, design concept, pavement design, quality control procedure, software operation, contract management, Maintenance Management procedures, and Claim /Dispute management. The consultant shall assist the DOR PCU and its staff to build their capacity as a part of the on the job training under this project.	The provision in TOR (Terms of Reference)- 6. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER The Consultant shall consider the technology transfer as an important aspect of Detailed Engineering Design and Construction including Maintenance Period. The Consultant shall have to organize residential workshops at site once a year during construction phase to demonstrate the Overall Supervision, Quality Assurance, Monitoring etc. Consisting of approx. 20 participants from client. The cost of such workshop shall be borne by the consultant. The consultant should involve 2 DOR Engineers for 1.5 years in the working team of consultants during Design, 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. As per the request of DOR PCU, the Consultant shall brief and demonstrate the working procedure, design concept, pavement design, quality control



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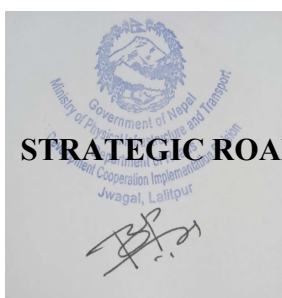
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	The Consultant should provide minimum one week training to 40 DoR officials in each of the following topics – (i) Detailed Design of Highway considering Safety Requirements (ii) Design of Bridge and challenges encountered during Construction (iii) Contract management (FIDIC) and arbitration as per UNCITRAL procedure 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. The expert should have international experience. The contract management Training should be based on FIDIC and trainer should be FIDIC Certified. (Note : The Consultant shall have to bear the cost of all workshops and training to be organized by them as per ToR and should reflect such a cost in their financial proposal)	procedure, software operation, contract management, Maintenance Management procedures, and Claim /Dispute management. The consultant shall assist the DOR PCU and its staff to build their capacity as a part of the on the job training under this project. The Consultant should provide training to DoR officials in consultation with client in each or any of the following topics. (Training should be conducted by each International key Expert on their respective topic as specified by the client. (i) Detailed Design of Highway considering Safety Requirements (ii) Design of Bridge and challenges encountered during Construction (iii) Contract management (FIDIC) and arbitration as per UNCITRAL procedure 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.. The contract management Training should be based on FIDIC (Note: The cost of this training shall be bore from provisional sum (PS) as per RFP ITC Clause 16.1 (Financial Proposal).
5.	The provision in TOR (Terms of Reference)- 5. Team Composition and Qualification Requirements for Professional Staff/Experts Estimated 56 person-months of professional experts with international experience, 514 person-months of other professional experts are estimated to carry out the assignment.	The provision in TOR (Terms of Reference)- 5. Team Composition and Qualification Requirements for Professional Staff/Experts Estimated 73 person-months of professional experts with international experience, 497 person-months of other professional experts are estimated to carry out the assignment.



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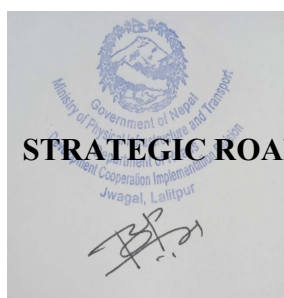
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6.	The provision in TOR (Terms of Reference)- ANNEX-3: QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS 1. K-1: Team Leader/ Sr. Highway Engineer (International Experience) ii. Experience - Experience in the Proposed Field of Expertise Requirements: - Shall have international experience of construction supervision of two road projects outside the native country as Team Leader/Resident Engineer/Project Manager. - Experience of having at least construction Supervision of two ICB Contract of size equal or more than US \$40 million as Team Leader/ Resident Engineer/Project Manager using FIDIC Conditions of Contract. - Shall have experience of detailed design of minimum 4 lane, two road projects of length ≥ 15km. - Note : (Only those projects shall be taken into consideration having experience greater than or equal to one year.)	The provision in TOR (Terms of Reference)- ANNEX-3: QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS 1. K-1: Team Leader/ Sr. Highway Engineer (International Experience) ii. Experience - Experience in the Proposed Field of Expertise Requirements: - Shall have international experience of construction supervision of two road/bridge projects outside the native country as Team Leader/Resident Engineer/Project Manager. - Experience of having at least construction Supervision of two ICB Contract of size equal or more than US \$40 million as Team Leader/ Resident Engineer/Project Manager using FIDIC Conditions of Contract. - Shall have experience of detailed design of minimum 4 lane, two road projects of length ≥ 15km. Note : (For Supervision, Only those projects shall be taken into consideration having experience greater than or equal to one year.)
7.	The provision in RFP Section 2 ITC Reference 16.1 (1) a per diem allowance, including hotel, for experts for every day of absence from the home office for the purposes of the Services; (2) cost of travel by the most appropriate means of transport and the most direct practicable route; (3) cost of office accommodation, including overheads and back-stop support; (4) communications costs; (5) cost of purchase or rent or freight of any equipment required to be provided by the Consultants; (6) cost of reports production (including printing) and delivering to the Client;	The provision in RFP Section 2 ITC Reference 16.1 Financial Proposal. (1) a per diem allowance, including hotel, for experts for every day of absence from the home office for the purposes of the Services; (2) cost of travel by the most appropriate means of transport and the most direct practicable route; (3) cost of office accommodation, including overheads and back-stop support; (4) communications costs; (5) cost of purchase or rent or freight of any equipment required to be provided by the Consultants;



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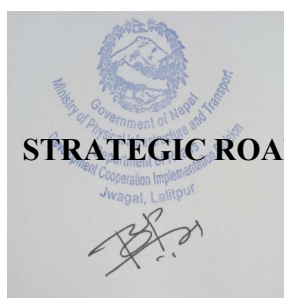
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8.	The provision in RFP Form FIN-4 Breakdown of Reimbursable Expenses	The provision in RFP Form FIN-4 Breakdown of Reimbursable Expenses. Add: <u>Non Competitive Cost</u> <i>Provisional Sum.: NRs. 18,75,000.00 (for Training and Seminars and Supply of Road Design software and International Road and Bridge Journal to the client)</i>
9.	The provision in RFP :- SCC Clause 24.1 The insurance coverage against the risks shall be as follows: [Note: Delete what is not applicable except (a)]. (a) Professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of _____ [insert amount and currency which should be not less than the total ceiling amount of the Contract]; (b) Third Party motor vehicle liability insurance in respect of motor vehicles operated in the Client's country by the Consultant or its Experts or Sub-consultants, with a minimum coverage of "in accordance with the applicable law in the Client's country"; (c) Third Party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of "in accordance with the applicable law in the Client's country";	The provision in RFP :- SCC Clause 24.1 The insurance coverage against the risks shall be as follows: (a) Professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of 1.15 of the total ceiling amount of the Contract; (b) Third Party motor vehicle liability insurance in respect of motor vehicles operated in the Client's country by the Consultant or its Experts or Sub-consultants, with a minimum coverage of "in accordance with the applicable law in the Client's country"; (c) Third Party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of "in accordance with the applicable law in the Client's country"; (d) employer's liability and workers' compensation insurance in respect of the experts and Sub-consultants in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable law in the Client's country, as well as, with respect to such Experts, any such life, health, accident, travel or other insurance as may be appropriate; and



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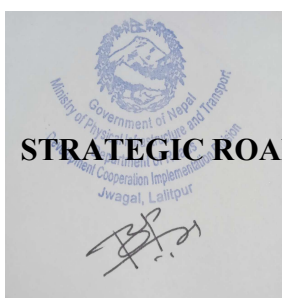
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10	The provision in RFP :- SCC Clause 50.3 Price adjustment on the remuneration "applies" Payments for remuneration made in foreign <i>and</i> local currency shall be adjusted as follows: (1) Remuneration paid in foreign currency on the basis of the rates set forth in Appendix C shall be adjusted every 12 months (and, the first time, with effect for the remuneration earned in the 13th calendar month after the date of the Contract Effectiveness date) by applying the following formula: $R_f = R_{fo} \times \left[0.1 + 0.9 \frac{I_f}{I_{fo}} \right]$ where R_f is the adjusted remuneration; R_{fo} is the remuneration payable on the basis of the remuneration rates (Appendix C) in foreign currency; I_f is the official index for salaries in the country of the foreign currency for the first month for which the adjustment is supposed to have effect; and I_{fo} is the official index for salaries in the country of the foreign currency for the month of the date of the Contract. The Consultant shall state here the name, source institution, and any necessary identifying characteristics of the official index for salaries corresponding to I_f and I_{fo} in the adjustment formula for remuneration paid in foreign currency: <i>Consumer Price Index for all Urban</i>	The provision in RFP :- SCC Clause 50.3 Price adjustment on the remuneration "applies" Payments for remuneration made in foreign <i>and</i> local currency shall be adjusted as follows: (1) Remuneration paid in foreign currency on the basis of the rates set forth in Appendix C shall be adjusted every 12 months (and, the first time, with effect for the remuneration earned in the 13th calendar month after the date of the Contract Effectiveness date) by applying the following formula: $R_f = R_{fo} \times \left[0.1 + 0.9 \frac{I_f}{I_{fo}} \right]$ where R_f is the adjusted remuneration; R_{fo} is the remuneration payable on the basis of the remuneration rates (Appendix C) in foreign currency; I_f is the official index for salaries in the country of the foreign currency for the first month for which the adjustment is supposed to have effect; and I_{fo} is the official index for salaries in the country of the foreign currency for the month of the date of the Contract. The Consultant shall state here the name, source institution, and any necessary identifying characteristics of the official index for salaries corresponding to I_f and I_{fo} in the adjustment formula



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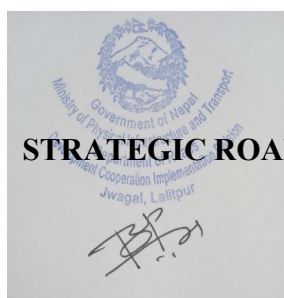
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	<i>Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics"</i> (2) Remuneration paid in local currency pursuant to the rates set forth in Appendix D shall be adjusted every 12 months (and, for the first time, with effect for the remuneration earned in the 13th the calendar month after the date of the Contract) by applying the following formula: $R_l = R_{lo} \times \left[0.1 + 0.9 \frac{I_l}{I_{lo}} \right]$ where R_l is the adjusted remuneration; R_{lo} is the remuneration payable on the basis of the remuneration rates (Appendix D) in local currency; I_l is the official index for salaries in the Client's country for the first month for which the adjustment is to have effect; and I_{lo} is the official index for salaries in the Client's country for the month of the date of the Contract. Official index for salaries corresponding to I_l and I_{lo} in the adjustment formula for remuneration paid in local currency: Nepal National Salary & Wage Rate Index published by NEPAL RASTRA BANK. (3) Any part of the remuneration that is paid in a currency different from the currency of the official index for salaries used in the adjustment formula, shall be adjusted by a correction factor X_0/X. X_0 is the number of units of currency of the country of the official index, equivalent to one unit of the currency of payment on the date of the contract. X is the number of units of currency of the country of the official index, equivalent to one unit of the currency of payment on the first day of the first month for which the adjustment is supposed to have effect.	for remuneration paid in foreign currency: <i>"Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics"</i> (2) 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 the calendar month after the date of the Contract) by applying the following formula: $R_l = R_{lo} \times \left[0.1 + 0.9 \frac{I_l}{I_{lo}} \right]$ where R_l is the adjusted remuneration; R_{lo} is the remuneration payable on the basis of the remuneration rates (Appendix C) in local currency; I_l is the official index for salaries in the Client's country for the first month for which the adjustment is to have effect; and I_{lo} is the official index for salaries in the Client's country for the month of the date of the Contract. Official index for salaries corresponding to I_l and I_{lo} in the adjustment formula for remuneration paid in local currency: Nepal National Salary & Wage Rate Index published by NEPAL RASTRA BANK. (3) Any part of the remuneration that is paid in a currency different from the currency of the official index for salaries used in the adjustment formula, shall be adjusted by a correction factor X_0/X. X_0 is the number of units of currency of the country of the official index, equivalent to one unit of the currency of payment on the date of the contract. X is the number of units of currency of the country of the official index, equivalent to one unit of the currency of payment on the first day of the first month for which the adjustment is supposed to have effect.
11	RFP: Section 3: Technical Proposal-Standard Forms FORM TECH 4 :- DESCRIPTION OF APPROACH, METHODOLOGY, AND WORK PLAN FOR PERFORMING THE ASSIGNMENT	RFP: Section 3: Technical Proposal-Standard Forms FORM TECH 4 :- DESCRIPTION OF APPROACH, METHODOLOGY, AND WORK PLAN FOR PERFORMING THE ASSIGNMENT has been removed from the RFP document. For TECH 4, Please use "FORM TECH 4 :- DESCRIPTION OF APPROACH, METHODOLOGY, AND WORK PLAN IN RESPONDING TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE"



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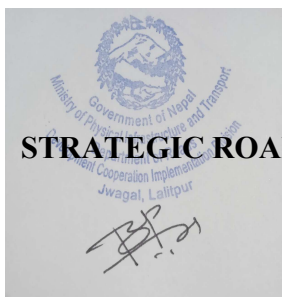
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12	The Provision in TOR ANNEX 3: Note Note : The experts having common roles in both the design including E&S studies (Part I) and Construction Supervision should be the same person.	The Provision in TOR ANNEX 3: Note The Note has been deleted.
13	The Provision in TOR 7.1 Reports and Submissions-Parts I.a, I.b & II Third Paragraph...All the reports shall also be submitted on electronic copy compatible with respective program on which they are prepared.	The Provision in TOR 7.1 Reports and Submissions-Parts I.a, I.b & II Third Paragraph...All the reports shall also be submitted on electronic copy compatible with respective program on which they are prepared with source file (e.g., SAP-2000, Excel, Staad Pro, Midas, CAD File etc.).
14	The Provision in RFP: ITC, clause 17.7 and 17.9 The Proposals must be submitted no later than: Date: 29th March, 2023 Time: 12.00 The Proposal submission address is: Department of Roads, Development Cooperation Implementation Division, Jwagal, Lalitpur, Nepal Phone: +977-1-5541686 Email: dorfcg@dor.gov.np	The Provision in RFP: ITC, clause 17.7 and 17.9 The Proposals must be submitted no later than: Date: 7th April ,2023 Time: 12.00 The Proposal submission address is: Department of Roads, Development Cooperation Implementation Division, Jwagal, Lalitpur, Nepal Phone: +977-1-5541686 Email: dorfcg@dor.gov.np



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For TECH-4 refer the following: -

FORM TECH-4

**DESCRIPTION OF APPROACH, METHODOLOGY, AND WORK PLAN IN
RESPONDING TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Form TECH-4: a description of the approach, methodology and work plan for performing the assignment, including a detailed description of the proposed methodology and staffing for training, if the Terms of Reference specify training as a specific component of the assignment.

{Suggested structure of your Technical Proposal (in FTP format):

- a) Technical Approach and Methodology
- b) Work Plan
- c) Organization and Staffing}

- a) **Technical Approach and Methodology.** {Please explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment as outlined in the Terms of Reference (TORs), the technical approach, and the methodology you would adopt for implementing the tasks, (including on the Environmental and Social (ES) aspects) to deliver the expected output(s), and the degree of detail of such output. Please do not repeat/copy the TORs in here.}
- b) **Work Plan.** {Please outline the plan for the implementation of the main activities/tasks of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and tentative delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing your understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents (including reports) to be delivered as final output(s) should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule Form.}
- c) **Organization and Staffing.** {Please describe the structure and composition of your team, including the list of the Key Experts, Non-Key Experts and relevant technical and administrative support staff.}



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Accelerating Trade and Transport Connectivity in Eastern South Asia (ACCESS), Nepal-Phase-1
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CLARIFICATION NO. 1

Consulting Services for (i) Detailed Engineering Survey and Design of Upgradation Works for Gorusinghe-Chanauta (19Km) Highway section and associated Bridges; (ii) Environment Assessment for Upgradation Works for Gorusinghe-Chanauta (19Km) highway section and associated Bridges and; (iii) Construction Supervision of Improvement/Widening of Butwal-Gorusinghe-Chanauta section (69Km) of East –West Highway

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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.		Clause no. 24.1 (a) of SCC, Professional Liability Insurance Page 200	As per clause 24.1 (a) of SCC, the Consultant has to take Professional Liability Insurance (PLI). However, the client has not indicated the minimum amount for PLI insurance.	The client is required to kindly confirm PLI cover limit/Amount. As per standard international practice on contracts financed by Multilateral Development Banks, its generally to extent of amount of Consultancy fee. Kindly clarify and confirm.	Please Refer Amendment No.1.
2.		Clause 50.3 (2) of SCC, Price Adjustment on Remuneration in local Currency Page 201	As per Clause 50.3 (2) of SCC, it is stated that the price adjustment on remuneration for local currency shall be adjusted on the basis of rates set forth in Appendix D.	It is observed that in the RFP, Appendix C is for Remuneration cost Estimate and Appendix 'D' is for Reimbursable Expenses Cost Estimate. Since Appendix 'D' has no part to play in Escalation Clause, Appendix 'D' may be replaced by Appendix 'C' in this clause. Kindly clarify and confirm.	Please Refer Amendment No.1
3.		Clause 3.1.1 (d), Page No. 82 of the RFP	The consultant shall take into consideration the necessary environmental and social studies with due consultations with relevant stakeholders and with separate ESIA Consultant,	As mentioned in the ToR, ESIA study as per the World Bank guidelines shall be carried out in a separate contract but another ESIA Consultant. Client is requested to clarify the status of procurement of separate ESIA consultant	The procurement of separate ESIA consultant has not started and will begin in due course of time.



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4.		Clause 3.1.1 (f), Page No. 82 of the RFP	...applying sound engineering practices and integrating environmental and social measures in accordance with the ESIA/ESMP prepared separately and the World Bank ESF and Government's related regulations and policies	Also, we understand, the Consultant only need to carry out Environment Assessment, as per Nepalese guidelines as part of the current scope of assignment Please Confirm	Please refer 3.2 Part I. b. of TOR
5.		Clause 3.1.2 (b)-(i), Page No. 88 of the RFP		In the same manner as for the road sections, the detailed design of bridges will also require close collaboration with their ES teams along with separately contracted Environmental and Social Assessment Consultant.	Please refer 3.2 Part I. b. of TOR
6.		Clause 3.2 Page No. 102 of the RFP	The main objectives of the consulting services under Part I. b are to conduct Environmental and Social Assessment of the Gorusinghe- Chanauta Road section as per Government of Nepal's rules and regulation EPA, 2076 and EPR, 2077.	Kindly also clarify whether Consultant has to obtain approval of ESIA from the concerned authority or only limited to preparation of ESIS as per Government of Nepal's rules and regulation.	The consultant shall refer 3.2 Part I. b of TOR for the preparation of environment assessment report. It is further clarified that, the consultant has to obtain approval of EIA/IEE as per EPA/EPR.
7.		Section 3, Page 75	Checklist of required forms-Page Limit	Generally, page limits are provided for the Forms to be submitted. Client may consider providing the page for the forms to ensure uniformity in submission. Especially Approach and Methodology which can be written in precise with planning of work as per best industry practices and timeframes. Also, could be written with enormous amount of data and information explaining the same details. The consultants would accordingly describe the methods and procedures ensuring uniformity by all. Kindly consider.	No such limitation of pages has been considered in section 3 Technical Proposal standard forms.



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8.		Section 3, page 52 & 53	FORM TECH-4 Description of Approach, Methodology, and work plan in responding to the terms of reference	Tech 4 is illustrated in page 52 as well as 53. Client may consider removing the ambiguity by clarifying the difference in the two pages mentioned. Please clarify and confirm.	Refer amendment no.1.
9.		Clause 3.1.1 d General Scope of services Page 82	Consulting services will include: identify sensitive areas and features such as climate vulnerability, wildlife corridors, cultural heritages, natural habitats and/or critical habitats etc. as well as screen for potential direct, indirect and induced impacts	As per Consultants' experience: Identification of wild life corridors is generally done by Wild life experts as a separate study. The broad specifications and location of the corridor is then provided to the Consultants for design. The client is requested to clarify who will undertake this aspect of identification and broad specifications of the corridor to be provided for movement of wild life in suitable areas of the project road. Please clarify and confirm.	The consultant is advised to assess their own requirement & propose their own staff composition & staff input requirements for efficient performance of their job as per the TOR.
10.		3.1.2 a X Detailed Survey, Investigations, and Design of Upgradation Road and bridge Works Page 87-88	...Consultants are required to design Bus stops accommodating several components like Digital Information boards, Digital maps and information...	Consultants understand that only space for the Digital Information Boards is to be provided. Data /Information and system of connectivity required to feed the digital boards is beyond the scope of consultants. Please clarify if the understanding is correct.	The consultant's understanding is correct.
11.		Clause 3.1.3 (s) Page 102	Capacity Development The consulting services shall include organizing in house, national training for capacity development of DOR personnel in	We request client to inform the venue/(Location) and number of personnel likely to be attending the 5 (minimum) workshops for costing purposes.	The cost of training shall be incurred from provisional sum. Please refer amendment 1.



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			different disciplines (Training should be conducted by each International key Expert on their respective topic for 5days training each). The Consultant shall propose the Capacity Development component in their technical proposal and include the cost in the financial proposal. The consultant shall conduct at least 5 capacity development workshops.	Please Confirm.	
12.		Clause 3.3.1 Part A. ii) Page 108	Scope of Consulting involves: Construction supervision of three (3) contracts (i) & (ii) Butwal- Gorusinghe (50km) and (iii) Gorusinghe- Chanauta Road Section (19km) under FIDIC conditions for Butwal- Gorusinghe- Chanauta road (69km), bridges (New Bridge Construction and maintenance of Existing Bridges) to ensure that the construction is achieved in scheduled time period, within budget and that the work is carried out in complete compliance with the approved engineering designs, technical specifications within the terms and condition of the contract documents and sound engineering practices.	Client is requested to appraise the status of procurement the three Contractors.	The client is planning for the procurement process for Butwal- Gorusinghe (50 km) section. [For contractor (i) & (ii)]. While for contract (iii) the process will begin after the finalization of design.
13.		Clause 3.3.1 Part A (ix) Page 109	The Consultant shall design suitable traffic safety features and road furniture including traffic signals, signs, markings, overhead sign boards, crash barriers, delineators etc for the proposed structure and its approach roads	Consultants understand that Design of traffic safety features shall be limited to the Gorusinghe-Chanauta Road Section (19km) and Design review of the traffic safety features for the Butwal-Gorusinghe section since the detailed design for the Butwal- Gorusinghe	The TOR is self-explanatory. It is further clarified that the consultant shall verify the previously designed traffic safety features & may design & finalize to suit the



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				section is not in the present scope of works. Please confirm if the understanding is correct.	site condition wherever necessary.
14.		Clause 3.1.1(n) of TOR, Page 83	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.	The TOR is self-explanatory. It is further expected that consultant should use their experience and expertise for the same.
15.		Clause 3.1.3 (o)(ii) of TOR, Page 100	DPR shall undergo the exercise of Road Safety Audit through the Road Safety Auditor (separate from design team) and recommendations mentioned be incorporated.	Kindly clarify, who will engage and pay for Road safety auditor, client or consultants.	Consultant shall be responsible for financial and technical obligation for activities under clause 3.1.3 (o). (ii) of TOR.
16.		Clause gg of TOR, Page 113	Assist the client to provide on-site trainings to DoR Engineers/staff on quality assurance, contract administration, Claims' management / Avoidance and or other specific area related to the supervision activities.	It may kindly clarify that who will bear the following cost for trainees for On-site training, Consultant OR client: 1. Travel Cost from Client's office to Site 2. Lodging / Boarding Cost 3. Vehicle hire cost (for travelling at a Site) In case, the Consultants' need to cater for the afore-mentioned expenses, we would request to kindly provide a provisional sum to keep all consultants at par and the expenses towards organizing training shall be reimbursed as per actuals. Further, in case the provisional sum may not be provided, you are requested to please clarify the following points since it will have financial implication:	Please refer Amendment No.1. It is clarified that the cost of trainings shall be borne from PS.



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				a) Duration of each On-Site Training session b) No. of participants in each session c) Lodging/Boarding Cost of each participants.	
17.		2 nd Para of Clause 6 of TOR, Page 122	The consultant shall have to organize workshops once a year to demonstrate the overall supervision, Quality Assurance, monitoring etc.	Kindly provide the No. of participants who will participate in the each workshop.	It is clarified that the approximate number of participants is estimated to be around 20 numbers. Also, please refer amendment no.1.
18.		Clause 6 of TOR, Page 122	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.	It is requested to kindly provide the per Diem Rate as per Govt. Rule, so that all Consultants are at par in their assessment for the Financial Proposal to meet this requirement.	The prevailing per diem rate for one DOR engineer as per government is NPR 1600.00 (In words One thousand six hundred Nepali Rupees only). However, the rate may change from the decision of Government of Nepal.
19.		Clause 6 of TOR, Page 123	The Consultant should provide minimum one week training to 40 DoR officials in each of the following topics: i. Detailed Design of Highway considering Safety Requirements ii. Design of Bridge and Challenges encountered during Construction iii. Contract management (FIDIC) and arbitration as per UNCITRAL procedure during the initial phase of service.	Consultants understand that training of 40 DoR officials shall be given within Nepal only. Kindly Confirm.	Please refer amendment no.1 Also, the consultants understanding is correct.



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			The schedule and the participant of the training program will be finalized with consent from the Department of Roads. The expert should have international experience. The contract management Training should be based on FIDIC Certified.		
20.		Clause 8 of TOR, Page 131	The Consultant shall have provision of sufficient transport facilities during the whole period of consulting service. There should be at least SUV to each Professional staff with international experience and Double cab pickup to each Professional Staff having full time input should not be less than twelve vehicles. There should be at least 3 SUV in pool basis for experts having intermittent inputs in construction phase and one SUV in pool basis for maintenance phase. There should be at least motorcycles to each support staff involved in supervision to deliver their service effectively during Construction Phase and Maintenance Phase of the service. The Consultant shall also make provision of at least one additional SUV in pool basis for the Construction period.	The consultants are of the opinion that the Client shall indicate a minimum number of vehicle months for SUV, double cab pick-up and motorcycle for construction period and maintenance period so that all bidders can quote their price on equal footing basis. Also, this will be in the interest of the project as in that case bidders shall not unnecessarily provision low vehicle month due to which project will suffer. It may kindly be considered.	The details mentioned in clause 8, TOR consultant's Facilities, is self-explanatory for provision of minimum numbers of SUV, Double cab pick-up and motorcycles. It is expected that the consultant shall use their expertise for calculation of additional required number of vehicles & motorcycles needed during construction phase & maintenance phase. The cost for provision of vehicles/motorcycles should be reflected in the financial proposal of the consultant.
21.		Section-7, TOR, page 140	K-2 : Highway/Pavement Engineer (with international Experience) Educational Qualification Minimum: - Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering	As number of experts are available with Master's Degree in Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering and having rich 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	The broad qualification and requirement for K-2 Highway/Pavement Engineer (with International Experience) as provisioned in Section 7, TOR, Qualification Requirements of Experts K2 Highway/Pavement Engineer (with International Experience) remains same and



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			Preferable: - Master's Degree in Highway/Transportation or related field	preferable qualification with the existing requirement. This may please be considered and confirmed	unchanged.
22.		Table 4: Page 119 Date sheet, Clause 34.2 Page 44	Proposed Duration of the consulting Services Section 1 and Section 2: Expected Duration:	We understand the total duration if services for section 1 is 7 months and section 2 is 99 months. The table states services start from March 2023 onwards; however, the bid submission date is 29 th March 2023. Considering the commencement date of services mentioned in Data Sheet is July 2023. This needs to be modified. Please Clarify and Confirm.	It is clarified that in clause 38 Table 4 the column "Months" remains valid and dates mentioned in column "Expected Duration" may be subjected to variation based on length of procurement & contract agreement.
23.		Data Sheet Clause 2.3 Page 34	Pre-bid Conference	As you know, India will be celebrating the festival of "Holi" on 8 th March 2023. We request client to allow consultants to attend the pre-bid conference on online mode also on 9 th March 2023. This may be considered.	No Change / NA
24.		Additional Point	Extension of Date	It is requested that at least 3 weeks' time is given for the submission of proposal after the issue of reply to the Clarifications, so that consultants can prepare and submit a comprehensive proposal addressing all the issues of the RFP document/ TOR. This may please be considered.	Please Refer amendment No.1.



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25.		Page 83 Cl.3.3.3 of ToR General scope of service	The consultant shall prepare drone survey video of current status of road section and bridges including other structures throughout the road so that it could be compared to the status after project implementation.	- For Drone Survey Video, special permission from concerned Government administration has to be arranged by the client. Please confirm. - Whether Consultant will be allowed to hire/use International Agency for such Drone Survey? Please clarify	It is clarified that client will assist in getting permission from concerned authority.
26.		Page 122 of ToR 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 as that all bidders are on common platform.	Please refer to clarification no.18.
27.		Page 151 Note	The experts having common roles in both the design including E&S studied (Part I) and Construction Supervision should be the same person.	Getting both design and supervision experience in a same Professional is practically quite difficult considering requirement of specialized and specific domain knowledge. For rendering best services, the Consultant may engage separate key experts for design and supervision. In that case, there will be no overlapping period as contemplated in Table 5 Proposed staff Input at Page 120 to 122. It is requested to consider separate experts in design and supervision so that best intended output can be delivered / ensured. Please consider and confirm.	Please Refer Amendment No.1.
28.		Page 111, Construction supervision, xi t	Regular review/ Check design drawings by the Consultant's team and if necessary, recommend better options to the client for correcting shortcomings identified during	Design office support along with respective designers and CAD Engineer's input would be required for review of design. It is requested to include designer's input for adequate	The consultant is advised to assess their own requirement & propose their own staff composition & staff input requirements for efficient performance of their job as per the



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			implementation, if any including in safety related aspects.	period of time during construction supervision.	TOR.
29.			Regarding utility services	Please share the status in the projector corridor	The client is in the planning phase regarding relocation of utilities.
30.			Regarding land acquisition status	Please share the status in the projector corridor	Please refer RAP document here at www.dor.gov.np .
31.		ITCD clause 34.2		It is mentioned that commencement of services is July 2023. However, in Page 119, table 4 the start month for Part I. a. and I. b. is indicated as March 2023 and for Part II Butwal- Gorusinghe section is indicated as May 2023. Please clarify.	Please refer clarification No.22.
32.				We understand from our experience of working in bank funded international projects that provisional sums/ fixed cost budget is indicated for geotechnical surveys and investigations, training/capacity building etc. to ensure uniformity across all bidders and their bids. It is requested the same for the proposed proposal.	The provision remains unchanged.
33.		As per Page 92, Clause E Design of Bridges	The Consultant is expected to estimate the remaining life of the bridges.	Please Confirm whether non-destructive testing of bridges is to be done.	The client expects that the experienced consultants shall use their past experience, practice and good practice for the same.
34.		As per Page 96, Clause H Geotechnical	Benkelman Beam test for existing pavement evaluation has been stipulated.	Please confirm whether it will be Benkelman Beam test or Falling Weight Deflectometer surveys for existing	Consultants are free to propose better option and include technical and financial proposal.



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		Survey		pavement evaluation.	
35.		As per Page 102, Clause C Develop a utilities relocation plan		It is stipulated that consultant shall prepare all necessary details including costing. It is our understanding that on submission of utilities relocation plan to concerned department, the relocation costs are furnished by the concerned department to the road agency. Please clarify / confirm.	The provision of TOR in this regard remains valid.
36.		As per Page 102, clause S Capacity Development		Training conducted by each international key expert on their respective topic for 5 days training each. The consultant shall conduct at least 5 capacity development workshops. Further in clause 6 Technology Transfer it is stipulated that consultant should provide minimum one-week training to 40 DOR officials in topics indicated from (i) to (iii). In table-6 reports and submissions two small scale workshops have been included. Since the consultants have been advised to include the costs of capacity development and training in their financial proposal, it is requested to please in a consolidated manner to exact no. of workshops along with duration and likely no. of participants and also total nos. of training and their duration to work out the costs.	Please refer amendment No.1.
37.		As per Page 102, clause 3.2		It is stipulated that a separate consulting firm or individual consultants will be hired for preparing ESIA	The provision of TOR in this regard is remains valid.



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		Part 1.b Environmental Assessment		as per the World Bank ESF requirements. The consultants under these terms of reference need to support and provide necessary information to the ESIA team. However, in pages 105 to 107 under clause 3.2.3 i) to xiv) Environmental Assessment and major tasks to be undertaken has been stipulated. Please clarify / confirm.	
38.		As per Table 5		Proposed Staff input 5 months overlap period has been specified for K-1 TL / Sr. Highway Engineer (Intl. Experience) and para professional staffs like Computer operator, office manager and Office Assistant/Runner. Please Clarify.	The provision of TOR in this regard is remains valid.
39				Request your good office to kindly provide Detailed Project Report (Detailed Engineering Design Report), it will help us to prepare a comprehensive Technical Proposal Photographs/Videograph of the project sites along with site investigations, geological investigations, present conditions of the existing road sections and other related details. Preferred location of site offices.	Please refer www.dor.gov.np/publications for the design report. The site offices, please refer TOR, 8 Consultants Facilities, Client's Input and Counterpart Personnel



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40		Section 2. Instructions to Consultants – Data Sheet, Page 41	KEY PERSONNEL K-4: Resident Engineer – 1 K-5: Resident Engineer – 2 K-6: Senior Material Engineer	Since these 3 positions are Key experts, we understand that these experts can be proposed by the international firm (JV) firms of the consortium. This is also important since our JV does not have a National firm and Associate (National firms) firms may not be allowed by the Client to deploy Key Experts	There is no restriction for the use of Key Experts provided by Subconsultant of the Consultant. Key- Experts included in Proposals will be considered for evaluation. The Consultant shall take the overall responsibility for the quality and management of the key experts.
41		Section 2. Instructions to Consultants – Data Sheet, Page 41	K1, K2 & K3 positions require Intl. experience	Can we nominate Nepali nationals with the necessary International experience? Pls. clarify	Please refer TOR, Annex 3. (Qualification Requirements of Expert). Nepali as well as international citizens with necessary experience as mentioned in ANNEX 3 can qualify.
42		Section 2. Instructions to Consultants – Data Sheet, Page	K1, K2, K3 and Sr. Roads Safety Engineer positions require Intl. experience outside native country	Please clarify what is meant by native country. The country an Expert was born in, or the country of his/her citizenship?	Native country in the context of TOR, Annex 3 refers to the nation whose citizenship the personnel holds within the time frame/duration of the experience proposed.
43		Section 2. Instructions to Consultants – Data Sheet, Page	General Qualification (Academic, relevant trainings and certifications)	The qualifications vary as some countries award direct master's degree upon completion of college, university education. For example, engineers and those of other disciplines, who have studied in USSR, have such dual degrees. We request for clarity how such academic qualifications will be scored for evaluation under Academic Qualification?	Any personnel awarded with a Masters' Degree shall be evaluated as having the "Masters' degree" in the respective field.
44		Section 4, Financial	Consultant's Representations Regarding	As per our understanding, since firm will be selected	Please refer Section 4:-Financial



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		Proposal – Standard Forms, FORM FIN-3 Breakdown of Remuneration, (Expanded Form), Page 70	Costs and Charges (Expanded form to Fin-3 – QBS)	under Quality and Cost Based Methos (QCBS), this Form is not required to be submitted. Please confirm.	Proposal-Standard forms. It is firther clarified that the consultant shall submit FORM FIN-3: BREAKDOWN OF REMUNERATION.						
45		Section 4, Financial Proposal – Standard Forms, FORM FIN-3 Breakdown of Remuneration, (Expanded Form), Page 72	Contingency Amount	Kindly specify the Contingency amount (if any) allocated by the Client for this project.	Appropriate contingency amount as per the rules and provisions of Government of Nepal has been allocated for the project. For Provisional Sum allocated in the project, please refer Amendment 1.						
46		Section 4, Financial Proposal – Standard Forms, Table FIN-4 Breakdown of Remuneration, Page 72	A. international Reimbursable activities: <table><tr><td></td><td>Unit</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>International Flights</td><td>RT</td><td>16</td></tr></table>		Unit		International Flights	RT	16	Considering there are 4 International experts plus there is a possibility of intermittent input by few other experts, please increase the quantity of at least 30 nos.	The consultant is advised to assess their own requirement & propose their own requirements for efficient performance of their job as per the TOR.
	Unit										
International Flights	RT	16									
47		Section 4, Form Fin-4, Page 72	Vehicles months are not defined	To enable all the Firms to bid for similar vehicle months, we request the Client to define the vehicle-months to be bid. The number of vehicles	The details mentioned in clause 8, TOR consultant's Facilities, is self-explanatory for provision of minimum numbers of SUV,						



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				and it's months of usage can be increased or decreased later as the assignment progresses	Double cab pick-up and motorcycles. It is expected that the consultant shall use their expertise for calculation of additional required number of vehicles & motorcycles needed during construction phase & maintenance phase. The cost for provision of vehicles/motorcycles should be reflected in the financial proposal of the consultant.
48		Section 4, Form Fin-4, Page 72	Geotechnical investigations (Boring) quantity not defined	To enable all the Firms to bid for similar quantum of Geotechnical effort during the Design phase, we request the client to define the same. This Quantity can be increased or decreased later as the assignment progresses	The provisions in the TOR remains unchanged
49		Section 7, ToR, Clause 4, Clause 2, Page 81	Part II Construction Supervision of Improvement/ Upgrading of Butwal-Gorusinghe-Chanauta section (69 km) of EWH	The Detailed Engineering Design of Gorusinghe to Chanauta (19km) stretch is to be conducted as per consultancy scope. To get the proper understanding of project schedule, few clarifications on status of remaining stretch is required. What is the status of Butwal to Gorusinghe stretch? a. Has the Detailed Design of Butwal to Gorusinghe been completed & who is the consultant? b. Has the contractor been hired? What is the type of contract, Item rate or lump-sum?	The detailed design of Butwal Gorusinghe Section is under approval process. The client is planning for the procurement process for Butwal- Gorusinghe (50 km) section.
50		Section 7, ToR, Clause 3.1.1 f., Page 82	"f.applying sound engineering practices and integrating environmental and social measures in accordance with the ESIA/ESMO prepared separately and the	We understand that the ESIA/ ESMP for the Gorusinghe-Chanauta road stretch is being prepared separately by the ESIA consultant and the DED & Supervision consultant need not prepare	It is clarified that the consultant shall be liable to carry out all the activities of environment assessment as mentioned in TOR, 3.2.



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			World Bank ESF and Government's related regulations and policies."	ESIA/ESMP/RAP. Also, that the Environment Clearances, if required, will be obtained by the ESIA consultant and DED & Supervision consultant need not obtain any Environment Clearances. Please Confirm	
51		Section 7. ToR	General	We understand that the Feasibility Study must have been carried out for Butwal-Gorusinghe-Chanauta road project. To have better understanding of project features, please provide us the Feasibility Study report of the project.	Please refer https://dor.gov.np/home/publication/access-m pa-phase-1 for the design report of Butwal Gorusinghe section. The feasibility study of Gorusinghe-Chanauta section has not been done.
52		Section 7. ToR, Clause 4, Duration of the services, Page 118	Consultant's services duration for Construction supervision for each contract is to be planned for total 8 years 3 months for Butwal-Gorusinghe Section (3-year construction and 5 years for Maintenance period including 1 year Defect Notification Period and 3 months for post maintenance period) and 7 years 9 months (3-year construction and 5 years for Maintenance period including 1 year Defect Notification Period and 3 months for post maintenance period)	We understand that the breakup of 7 years and 9 months will be <u>2.5-years construction and 5 years for Maintenance period including 1 year Defect Notification Period and 3 months for post maintenance period</u> Please Confirm.	The consultant's understanding is correct.
53		Section 7. ToR, Table 4: Proposed	Part I.a –Detailed Design of Upgradation Eorks for Gorusinghe-Chanauta (119km)	We request client to review the expected duration of 7 months. We understand that looking to the wider	The provisions in the TOR remains unchanged.



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		Duration of the Consulting Services, Page 119	highway section and associated Bridges. Part I.b.-Environment Assessment for Upgradation Works for Gorusinghe-Chanauta (19 km) highway section and associated Bridges. 7 months.	scope it is insufficient period for services. Kindly increase it to 9 months instead of 7 months.	
54		Section 7. ToR, Table 5: Proposed Staff Input, Page 120		The scope of services includes design of retaining structures, slope protection measures, bioengineering works, Geotechnical investigations; however, the man month of Geotechnical Engineer seems to be on a lower side. If the given man months are considered for project, the quality may suffer. It is therefore requested to kindly revise the man months of Geotechnical Engineer as 4 months for Detailed Design and 12 months for Construction Supervision.	The consultant is advised to assess their own requirement & propose their own staff composition & staff input requirements for efficient performance of their job as per the TOR.
55		Section 7. ToR, Table 5: Proposed Staff Input, Page 120	"A. Key Experts & B. Other Key Experts"	There is no provision of Structure Engineer as International Expert. Studying the scope of work, it is understood that there are 7 major & minor bridges in the 19km stretch and further various Major bridges in the entire stretch. It needs to be ensured that an International Expert is mobilized for this project. 1. It is therefore requested to kindly add to the Key Experts a Senior Bridge Design Expert (International) for 7 man months. 2. The Man Months of Bridge Engineer/Structure Engineer shall be increased to 18 man months during	The consultant is advised to assess their own requirement & propose their own staff composition & staff input requirements for efficient performance of their job as per the TOR.



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				Construction phase.	
56		Section 7. ToR, Clause 6, Page 122	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 diem as per the Government rules. As per the request of DOR PCU,	We understand that The Consultant has to pay DOR Engineers per diem as per the Government rules. And this payable amount shall be reimbursed by client separately or shall be met from provision taken for training etc. in the financial proposal. We request client to declare the monthly amount to be paid to DOR Engineers as per the Government rules.	The prevailing per diem rate for one DOR engineer as per government is NPR 1600.00 (In words One thousand six hundred Nepali Rupees only). However, the rate may change from the decision of Government of Nepal.
57		Section 7- ToR, ANNEX-3: QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS, Page 139-143	Team Leader/ Sr. Highway Engineer, Highway/ Pavement Engineer, Resident Engineer-1&2 Educational Qualification-Preferable:- Master Degree in related field	We understand that Masters in civil Engg. would be acceptable under this criterion. Please confirm.	Please refer qualification requirements of respective experts as mentioned in ANNEX 3 of TOR.
58		Section 7- ToR, ANNEX-3: QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS, Page 141	Contract Management / procurement Specialist Preferable:- Master's degree in Transportation Engineering/ Highway Engineering / Contract Management / Construction Management	Please include Post Graduate Diploma or Certified courses in Arbitration, Dispute Resolution as equivalent to master's since these certificates are more relevant to Contract Specialist position.	The provisions in the TOR remains unchanged
59		Section 7- ToR, ANNEX-3: QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS,	Senior Material Engineer	We understand that the position of Senior Material Engineer is not necessarily an international position. As suggested by our technical experts, the Senior Material Engineer need to be aware of International best practices so that optimum use of best Materials	The provisions in the TOR remains unchanged



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		Page 143		can be identified. It is therefore requested to consider the Senior Material Engineer as an International Position.	
60		Section 7- ToR, ANNEX-3: QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS, Page 139-150	QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS	It is mentioned as "related field", "related engineering discipline" in case of Preferable qualification of various experts (page 1139 to 150 of RFP). We request you to clarify such 'related field', 'related engineering discipline' in case of Preferable qualification of following positions in the Terms of Reference to avoid ambiguities. These include: • K-1: Team Leader/Sr. highway Engineer (International Experience) • K-2: Highway/ Pavement Engineer (with International Experience) • K-3: Contract Management/Procurement Specialist (International Experience) • K-4 & K-5: Resident Engineer 1&2 • Bridge Engineer / Structure Engineer • Geotechnical Engineer • Road Safety / Traffic Engineer • Hydrologist • Geologist • Environment Safegaurd Expert • Social Development Expert	Related Field refers to the area/field required for undertaking individual experts' responsibility.



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61		Section 7- ToR, ANNEX-3: QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS, Page 144	Bridge Engineer / Structure Engineer Experience in Proposed Field of Expertise	As ToR stipulated that "Shall have experience of construction of at least two bridges outside of native country", it is assumed that this position could be an international position. Please clarify, otherwise amend this experience requirement if this is a national position.	Please refer Amendment 1.
62		Section 7- ToR, ANNEX-3: QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS, Page 148	Health and Safety Expert Experience in Related Field, Road/Bridge Works	In national context, the Health and Safety Expert with only experience in road/bridge works is not commonly available. Hence, we request to expand experience of this position in Related Field also to include 'Hydropower / Tunnel' works, which encompass relevant experience on operation, health and safety aspects of construction works.	The provisions in the TOR remains unchanged
63		Section 7- ToR, ANNEX-3: QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS, Page 139-147	Experience in Proposed Field of Expertise-Years in construction supervision of Road Projects	For all key personnel (both International and National Key Experts), we understand that the Client will only consider those projects executed with a consultant. We are facing difficulty in finding optimum Experts since many of the personnel have worked with both Contractors and Consultants. And since only Consultant experience will be counted as eligible, finding the right personnel with desired qualification and experience is very stringent. Please Consider:Years in construction / construction supervision of Road Projects	The provisions in the TOR remains unchanged



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64		Section 7- ToR, ANNEX-3: QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERTS Note, Page 151	The CVs of other-key experts will not be used for the evaluation of the technical proposals but the CV's of proposed non-key experts need to be submitted with the Consultant's proposal.	We understand that the CV's of the other-key experts which will not be evaluated, are not required to be submitted with the proposal. Please Confirm.	The CV of other key experts will not be used for evaluation of Technical Proposals but the CVs of proposed other key experts need to be submitted with the consultant's proposal. At the commencement of services, the CV of paraprofessional staffs mentioned in table 5 of TOR Please read "Other key experts" and Non key experts as synonymous in this particular section.
65		Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms, Page 156	Time-Based Form of Contract	Since scope and the duration of the Design services and the required output of the Consultant are clearly defined for the assignment, Lump-sum Contract should be followed instead of Time-Base Form for the Design services. Please consider.	The provisions in the TOR remains unchanged
66		Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms (Time Based), Clause 50.3, Page 189	Price adjustment allowed for Remuneration portion	Considering the long duration of inputs for the assignment and uncertainties w.r.t.inflation, we request that the Client affix at least 8%p.a. towards adjustment in reimbursable expenses cost quoted by the consultant	The provisions in the TOR remains unchanged
67		Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms (Time Based), Page	III. Special Conditions of Contract Number of GC Clause: 13.1 Commencement of Services: The number of days shall be ___15 days___	Time period to commence is inadequate for mobilization of staff on the project, as the consultant needs more time to mobilize their staff. The client may kindly provide at least 28 days to the consultant to commence their services from the effective date.	The provisions in the TOR remains unchanged



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68		Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms (Time Based), Page 200	The insurance coverage against the risks shall be as follows: (a) Professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of 100% of the total ceiling amount of the contract.	Kindly request you to clarify the validity period of the insurances (specifically the Professional Liability).	The validity period of insurance shall be upto the contract duration.
69		Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms (Time Based), Clause 24.1 Page 200	The insurance coverage against the risks shall be as follows: (b) Third Party motor vehicle liability insurance in respect of motor vehicles operated in Nepal by the Consultant or its Experts or Sub-consultants, with a minimum coverage of. (c) Third Party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of;	We understood that mentioned insurances shall be furnished by the Consultant. However, the amount for the " Third Party motor vehicle liability insurance " and " Third Party liability insurance " isn't stated in SCC. Kindly request you to define the ceiling amount for these insurances.	Minimum coverage for these insurances shall be in accordance with the applicable law in the Client's country. You may refer " https://nib.gov.np/directive/ "
70		Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms (Time Based), Page 204	III. Special Conditions of Contract Number of GC Clause: 54.1 The interest rate is: 2 percent of foreign currency and 7 percent for local currency	We suggest that 10 % p.a. interest rate should be fixed for delays if the Client has delayed payments beyond (45) days after submission of itemized invoices. This could help the Consultant to maintain a proper cashflow and achieve project milestones within budget and schedule.	The provisions in the TOR remains unchanged.
71		Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms (Time Based), Clause 54.1, Page	III. Special Conditions of Contract Number of GC Clause: 53.1 (b) "The Consultant shall submit to the Client itemized statements at time intervals of one month"	We understand that the contract type for consultant is Time based and the Invoice to be raised by consultant will be on Monthly basis. However, in design phase there are various expenses apart from Manpower such as Survey & Investigation, drone videography, preparation of	The provisions in the TOR remains unchanged.



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		204		animated video, Hydraulic Modeling, design on Digital Terrain Model, etc. Also, the payment for design phase will be justified if it is considered in Deliverable basis. It is therefore requested to consider the payment terms in Deliverable basis for Design & EA phase and Time based for Supervision phase. The sample Deliverable based payment is as follows for your kind consideration: <table><tr><td>S.No.</td><td>Deliverable</td><td>%pay ment</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Part 1a- Detailed Engineering Design</td></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Inception Report</td><td>10%</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Submission of Survey & Investigation Report</td><td>20%</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>Submission of Concept Design Report</td><td>20%</td></tr><tr><td>4.</td><td>Draft Detailed Design Report</td><td>25%</td></tr><tr><td>5.</td><td>Final Detailed Design Report</td><td>25%</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>100%</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Part 1b-EIA / IEE</td></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Submission of TOR & Scoping</td><td>10%</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Approval of TOR & Scoping</td><td>20%</td></tr></table>	S.No.	Deliverable	%pay ment	Part 1a- Detailed Engineering Design			1.	Inception Report	10%	2.	Submission of Survey & Investigation Report	20%	3.	Submission of Concept Design Report	20%	4.	Draft Detailed Design Report	25%	5.	Final Detailed Design Report	25%		Total	100%	Part 1b-EIA / IEE			1.	Submission of TOR & Scoping	10%	2.	Approval of TOR & Scoping	20%	
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				3.	EIA/IEE Baseline Study & Public Consultation	20%	
				4.	Submission of Draft EIA/IEE report	25%	
				5.	Submission of Final EIA/IEE report	25%	
					Total	100%	
				The Financial Proposal may be modified accordingly and submission for Part 1a % 1b (DED & EA) will be separate and Part 2 (Construction Supervision) shall be separate.			
72		General	Register as separate business entity	Is it mandatory for funded projects like this one to register the JV as a separate business entity in Nepal with a unique Bank account, VAT and PAN registration?			Yes.
73		Section 2- instructions to Consultants – Data Sheet, Clause 17.7 and 17.9, Page 39	The Proposals must be no later than: Date: 29 th March, 2023 Time: 12:00 hours	The Project is of great importance, and some of the personnel are in remote locations, moreover there are requirements for apostille of translated document for the company and personnel. Hence, we request for a 4 weeks of extension for the submission deadline post release of pre-bid clarifications			Please refer amendment no. 1.