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 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. SRCTIP-DoR- CS-NNM-QCBS-1
AMENDMENT No.-1



Name of Consulting Services:- **Consulting Service for Construction Supervision of Improvement/Widening of Nagdhunga - Naubise - Mugling Road and Bridges**

Contract Identification No. **SRCTIP-DOR-CS-NNM-QCBS-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:

Amendment On	Amended As
<p>The provision in Section 2. Instructions to Consultants – E. Data Sheet</p> <p>ITC Reference 17.7 and 17.9:</p> <p>The Proposals must be submitted no later than: Date: June 17, 2021 Time: 12:00 hours (Local Time)</p>	<p>The Proposals must be submitted no later than: Date: July 8, 2021 Time: 12:00 hours (Local Time)</p>
<p>The provision in Section 8. Condition of Contract and Contract Forms (Time Based), Part III. Special Condition of Contract, Clause 50.3 (2),:</p> <p>(2) Remuneration paid in local currency pursuant to the rates set forth in Appendix D 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:</p> $R_t = R_{t_0} \times \frac{I_t}{I_{t_0}}$ <p>{or $R_t = R_{t_0} \times \left[0.1 + 0.9 \frac{I_t}{I_{t_0}} \right]}$</p> <p>where R_t is the adjusted remuneration; R_{t_0} is the remuneration payable on the basis of the remuneration rates (Appendix D) in local currency; I_t is the official index for salaries in the Client's country for the first month for which the adjustment is to have effect; and</p>	<p>(2) Remuneration paid in local currency pursuant to 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:</p> $R_t = R_{t_0} \times \frac{I_t}{I_{t_0}}$ <p>{or $R_t = R_{t_0} \times \left[0.1 + 0.9 \frac{I_t}{I_{t_0}} \right]}$</p> <p>where R_t is the adjusted remuneration; R_{t_0} is the remuneration payable on the basis of the remuneration rates (Appendix C) in local currency; I_t is the official index for salaries in the Client's country for the first month for which the adjustment is to have effect; and</p>

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<p>I_{lo} is the official index for salaries in the Client's country for the month of the date of the Contract.</p> <p>The Client shall state here the name, source institution, and any necessary identifying characteristics of the official index for salaries corresponding to I_l and I_{lo} in the adjustment formula for remuneration paid in local currency: Salary Index, Private Institution, Officers published by the Nepal Rastra Bank</p>	<p>I_{lo} is the official index for salaries in the Client's country for the month of the date of the Contract.</p> <p>The Client shall state here the name, source institution, and any necessary identifying characteristics of the official index for salaries corresponding to I_l and I_{lo} in the adjustment formula for remuneration paid in local currency: Salary Index, Private Institution, Officers published by the Nepal Rastra Bank</p>
<p>The Provision in Section 7 – Terms of Reference, Chapter 8 : Technology Transfer – Second last sentence of second paragraph :</p> <p>The expert should have International experience including European countries.</p>	<p>The expert should have International experience (outside the native country).</p>
<p>The provision in Instruction to Consultant – Data Sheet, Clause 21.1 (iii) Key Experts' qualifications and competence for the Assignment, paragraph after table :</p> <p>The number of points to be assigned to each of the above positions shall be determined considering the following three sub-criteria and relevant percentage weights: Key-Experts (with international experience): 1) General qualifications (general education, training, and experience): 20 % 2) Adequacy for the Assignment (relevant education, training, experience in the sector/similar assignments): 70% 3) Relevant experience in the region: 10 %</p>	<p>The number of points to be assigned to each of the above positions shall be determined considering the following sub-criteria and relevant percentage weights: Key-Experts (with international experience): 1) General qualifications (education and training): 20 % 2) Adequacy for the Assignment (general experience and relevant experience in the sector/similar assignments): 70% 3) Relevant experience in the region: 10 %</p>

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<p>Other Key-Experts: 1) General qualifications (general education, training, and experience): 20 % 2) Adequacy for the Assignment (relevant education, training, experience in the sector/similar assignments): 80%</p> <p>Total weight: 100%</p>	<p>Other Key-Experts: 1) General qualifications (education and training): 20 % 2) Adequacy for the Assignment (general experience and experience in the sector/similar assignments): 80%</p> <p>Total weight: 100%</p>
<p>Section 7 – Terms of Reference, Chapter 6 : TIME FRAME AND STAFFING REQUIREMENT, Second Sentence</p> <p>During the overall period it is estimated that approximately 80 person-months of International staff input and 583 person-months of national technical professional staff</p>	<p>During the overall period approximately 80 person-months of Professional Staff input with international experience and 583 person-months of other professional staff input is estimated.</p>
<p>Section 7 – Terms of Reference, Chapter 7 : TEAM COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT, , First Sentence</p> <p>The consulting services shall be carried out by an international firm.</p>	<p>The consulting services shall be carried out by an eligible firm.</p>
<p>Section 7 – Terms of Reference, Chapter 9 : CONSULTANTS FACILITIES , Second Paragraph, Second Sentence</p> <p>There should be at least SUV to each International Professional staff and Double cab pickup to each Professional National Staff having full time input.</p>	<p>There should be at least SUV to each Professional staff with International Experience and Double cab pickup to other Professional Staffs having full time input.</p>

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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:

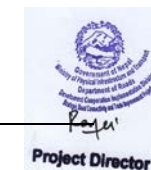
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1.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Section 8 III Special Condition of Contract, Clause No. 24.1(a) of SCC	Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) As per Clause No. 24.1(a) of SCC, The insurance coverage against the risks shall be as follows: (a) Professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of <i>1.5 times</i> of contract amount in the currencies as specified in the contract;	In this regard, it is submitted that all projects funded by world bodies such as World Bank, ADB, AfDB, and JICA etc., the Consultants are required to take PLI cover equivalent to consultancy contract amount. 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 and NOT 1.5 times the amount of the contract.	The provision in Special Condition of Contract Clause 24.1 remains unchanged.
2.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Clause 50.3 (2) of SCC,	Price Adjustment on Remuneration in Local Currency As per Clause 50.3 (2) of SCC, it is stated that the price adjustment on remuneration rates for local currency shall be adjusted on the basis of the rates set forth in <i>Appendix D</i> .	It is observed that in the RFP Appendix C is for both foreign and local currency Remuneration cost Estimate. Since Appendix 'D' has no part to play in Escalation Clause, Appendix 'D' may be replaced by Appendix 'C' in this Clause.	Please Refer Amendment No. 1
3.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Section 7, Terms of Reference, Page No. 98 of 173	K-3: Pavement Specialist (with international experience) International experience of construction supervision of 5 nos. of road projects with Asphalt Concrete Pavement as Pavement Engineer.	The Consultants would like to submit to the Client that in several projects (National / International) it is not mandatory to have position of Pavement Engineer separately, as in those projects Material / Geotechnical Engineers are responsible for carrying out	The broad qualification and requirement for K-3 Pavement Specialist (with international experience) as provisioned in Section 7, TOR, Broad Qualification Requirements C. K-3 Pavement Specialist (with international experience) remains unchanged.

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				responsibilities of pavement design, construction works or maintenance. Therefore the Consultants request the Client to consider position of Material or Geotechnical Engineer along with the existing requirement. The same may please be accepted and confirmed.	
4.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Section 7, Terms of Reference, Page No. 98 of 173	K-3: Pavement Specialist (with international experience) Preferable : Master's Degree in Highway/Transportation/Construction Management or related field	As for the position of "Pavement Specialist", Master's Degree in Soil and Foundation Engineering is considered as relevant / related field by various Clients across the globe. Therefore the Consultants, understand that Master's Degree in "Soil and Foundation Engineering" will be considered by the Client in related field for this project also along with the existing requirement. The same may please be confirmed.	The broad qualification and requirement for K-3 Pavement Specialist (with international experience) as provisioned in Section 7, TOR, Broad Qualification Requirements C. K-3 Pavement Specialist (with international experience) remains same and unchanged.
5.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Clause 8 of TOR, Page 89 of 173	TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER The Consultant shall consider the technology transfer as an important aspect of Construction and Maintenance Period. 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	As per this clause, 2 Engineers from DOR shall work with the Consultant's Team for 1.5 years and the Consultant shall pay them Per Diem as per Govt. Rules. In this regard, 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 Rule is NRs.1600.00 (In Words One Thousand Six Hundred Nepali Rupees only). However, the rate may change from the decision of Government of Nepal.

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			member for their capacity development. The Consultant has to pay DOR Engineers per diem as per the Government rules.		
6.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Clause 8 of TOR, Page 89 of 173	TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER The Consultant should provide minimum one week training to 40 DoR officials in 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 including European countries. The contract management Training should be based on FIDIC and trainer should be FIDIC Certified	The Consultants understand that all expenses i.e. Venue, Snacks/Lunch, Audio/Video system for organizing training sessions shall be borne by the Client and the Consultants need not to cater any provision in their Financial Proposal towards training to DoR officials. Kindly confirm Consultants understanding is correct.	It is clarified that the consultant should provide minimum one week training to 40 DoR officials as mentioned in ToR, Chapter 8- Technology Transfer and should bear all cost of the training and its arrangement. The consultant may reflect it in their financial proposal. Please also refer to Amendment No. 1
7.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Clause 9 TOR, Consultants Facilities, Page 90 of 173	The Consultant shall have provision of sufficient transport facilities during the whole period of consulting service. There should be at least SUV to each International Professional staff and Double cab pickup to each Professional National Staff having full time input. There should be at least 3 SUV in pool	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	The details mentioned in Clause 9, 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 and motorcycles needed during construction phase and maintenance phase. The

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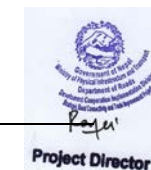
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			basis for experts having intermittent inputs in construction phase and one SUV in pool basis for the maintenance phase. There should be at least motorcycles to each staff involved in supervision in order to deliver their service effectively during 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.	not unnecessarily provision low vehicle month due to which project will suffer. In addition to above, it may also be please specified the specifications of SUV, double cab pick-up and motorcycle along with the permissible life of the respective vehicle which can be used on the Project..	cost for provision of vehicles/motorcycles should be reflected in the financial proposal of the Consultant.
8.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Para 7 of the ToR, Estimated team composition	Key experts, non-key experts and support staff inputs during construction phase, maintenance phase and post maintenance phase.	The total time period for the consulting service has been expected to be nearly 99 months including Construction phase for 3 years (36 months) 5 year Maintenance Period (60 Months) and 3 months post Maintenance Period. The total input of respective key experts, non-key experts and support staff is provided through Clause No. 7 of the ToR. The Consultants are of the opinion that it will be prudent to provide the anticipated man-months for each position during construction phase, maintenance phase and post maintenance phase separately, which will serve the common ground in preparation of financial proposal and better planning of resources at the bidding stage.	It is clarified that the Client has prepared the Estimated Team Composition on the basis of prevailing standard practices. It is expected that Consultants shall utilize their expertise for the calculation of anticipated man-months for each position during construction phase, maintenance phase and post maintenance phase.

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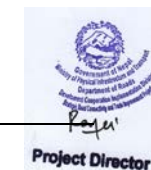
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9.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Clause 7 of ToR	Team composition Additional number of Office Engineers / Quantity surveyor	As per Clause No. 7 of the ToR the estimated time input for Office Engineer/Quantity Surveyor (1 number) is 56 man-month. Keeping in view of the scope of services which involved supervision of 3 Civil work Contracts for 95 km of Road works including construction of 21 New Bridges and Maintenance of 5 Steel bridges and past experience of the Consultants on similar project the Consultants realized that one Office Engineer/Quantity Surveyor (1 number) is 56 man-month will not be sufficient for effective and qualitative delivery of the Quantities estimation/determination task. Therefore, it is requested to the Client to consider one additional Office Engineer/Quantity Surveyor for 56 man-months. Kindly consider and confirm, so that all the Consultants quote their price on the same ground.	It is clarified that the estimated input of Key Experts' time-input is for Client's estimate. 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 per the Terms of Reference. Please refer to Note (a) in Section 7, ToR, Chapter 7, TEAM COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT .
10.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Tech-7 Code of Conduct	We have signed a contract with Department of Roads, Development Cooperation Implementation Division, Strategic Road Connectivity and Trade Improvement Project for Construction Supervision of Improvement/Widening of Nagdhunga - Naubise – Mugling Road and Bridges. These Services will be carried out at Nagdhunga - Naubise – Mugling Road	In view of the wording given in the specific format, the Consultants understand that the Code of Conduct shall be executed / signed and submit to Client upon award of the Contract only by the selected firm and shall not be part of the Technical Proposal. Kindly confirm our understanding is correct.	CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXPERTS Form shall have to be signed only by the Consultants at the Proposal stage, while, the said form shall be signed by each expert and Consultants after the award of the project.

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11.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Clause 17.1 and 17.4, Data sheet	<p><i>Clause 17.1</i> The Consultants shall not have the option for submitting their proposal electronically i.e. Technical and Financial proposal.</p> <p>And</p> <p>Clause 17.4 The Consultant must submit: (a) Technical Proposal: one (1) original and one (1) copy; (b) Financial Proposal: one (1) original.</p>	<p>It is to bring into your kind notice that Consortium Partners of the shortlisted bidders are stationed in different countries and transfer of original legal documents (such as Power of Attorney, JV agreement & Letter of Association) through courier, from the associate partner to Lead Partner might be a time taking process which might affect the dispatch date of the proposal to the Client 's address due to COVID restrictions / quarantine regulations imposed by the respective countries on the Courier companies as a precautionary measures.</p> <p>Thus, the Client is kindly requested to accept the scanned copy of legal documents along with the Technical Proposal. The Original of the same may be submitted by the successful bidder prior to the contract signing of this project.</p> <p>This practice is being followed by many procurement agencies in various funded projects. Therefore, it is requested to the Client to consider the above request and confirm.</p>	<p>Considering the pandemic situation of COVID-19, the consultant can submit the scanned copy of legal documents (Power of Attorney, JV agreement & Letter of Association) along with the Technical Proposal while submitting their proposal in hard copy. The original of the same shall be submitted by the consulting firms before completion of technical proposal evaluation.</p>
12.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Clause 17.7 and 17.9 Data Sheet	Extension of due date of proposal Submission	<p>Considering that the current deadline for the submission of proposal, we would like to submit that for past few months, the deadly disease 'Corona virus (COVID-19)' has spread across the globe specially in India, and is on the rise due to which, it is difficult to get in</p>	<p>Please refer to Amendment No. 1 for requirement of Section II, ITC- Data Sheet - Clause 17.7 and 17.9.</p>

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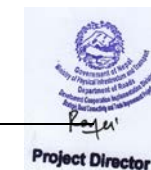
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				<p>touch with the key personnel and get their consent as most of the countries have been locked down and the experts are not responding. Also, most of the offices have been shut in India and have restricted movements of the staff and have been asked to stay at home by the Government of India.</p> <p>Most companies have braced for possible closure of business for weeks or even for months owing to the Corona virus outbreak.</p> <p>Therefore, considering the gravity of the current situation, the Consultants Earnestly request you to kindly accord at least One month extension of the proposal till the situation stabilizes. We will then be in a position to address all issues in compliance with the stipulations of the RfP and also propose a competent qualified team for this assignment.</p> <p>Keeping in view the above, we request you to kindly intimate the revised date of submission of Proposal.</p>	
13.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Page 34	<p>➤ Section2: Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet</p> <p>E. Data Sheet 4.1 One of the shortlisted consultants</p>	<p>In consideration of current COVID-19 pandemic situation, the shortlisted firms could not visit project office and obtain the required datum. We had only limited access for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Resettlement, and Indigenous Peoples Development Plan from the Client's website.</p>	<p>The electronic copy of modified design report for widening and improvement of Nagdhunga-Naubise-Mugling Road is available with the Client and shall be shared to each consulting firms.</p>

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			was involved in the previous studies/ design of these sections of the highway proposed under the assignment. The detailed design reports (Modified Design report for Improvement of Kathmandu (Nagdhunga)-Naubise-Mugling Road and Bridges) may be downloaded from the website: www.dor.gov.np. Alternatively, the shortlisted consultants may visit the project office and inspect the documents during the office hours and make copies (if required) at own cost.	Thus, it would be highly appreciated to provide all modified design reports of soft copy for fair competitive of this bidding.				
14.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Page 71	<p>➤ Section7: Terms of Reference</p> <p>8. Scope of Services A. Part 1: Construction Phase ii. Construction supervision of three (3) contracts ((i) Nagdhunga-Naubise, 12.3km; (ii) Naubise-Malekhu, 43.5km and Malekhu-Mugling, 38.9km) under FIDIC condition for Nagdhunga-Naubise-Mugling road (95km), bridges (21 New Bridge</p>	<p>We understand that our major work would be conducting construction supervision of three (3) contracts defined under Terms of Reference (TOR). Although we would not be able to receive or download modified design report, we have a chance to review the EIA reports from DoR's website.</p> <p>We found out that there would be a certain difference between TOR and EIA. For example;</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Classification</td> <td style="width: 33%;">ToR</td> <td style="width: 33%;">EIA</td> </tr> </table>	Classification	ToR	EIA	<p>The modified design report for widening and improvement of Nagdhunga-Naubise-Mugling Road is available with the Client and shall be shared with each consulting firms.</p> <p>It is also clarified that scope of this Project shall be defined as per given TOR only.</p>
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			Construction and maintenance of Existing Bridges) to ensure that construction is achieved in scheduled time period, within budget and that the work is carried out the complete compliance.....	New Alignment	No Referring	New SisneKhola-Dharke alignment, New Bishaltar-Fishling Alignment	
				Tunnel Construction	No Referring	180 m new tunnel construction in new Sisnekhola-Dharke road	
				Civil Work Contract Package	3 Contracts	6 Contracts	
				<p>We would like to have your clear clarification that the work scope of this Project shall be defined as per given TOR only, and additional material described in EIA or relevant design reports can be solely used for ready reference for better understanding of this Project.</p> <p>Kindly confirm that our understanding is correct.</p>			

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15.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Page 90	<p>➤ Section 7: Terms of Reference</p> <p>9. Consultants Facilities Except provision of laboratory and laboratory equipment including laboratory boys, other additional staff and facilities will not be included in the civil works contract.</p>	<p>It looks that provision of laboratory and laboratory equipment including laboratory boys, other additional staff and facilities shall be under civil works' contract. Other expenses shall be included in the Consultant's financial proposal. Kindly confirm that our understanding is accurate.</p>	<p>The provision in Section 7 : Terms of Reference, Chapter 9, Last paragraph is self explanatory.</p> <p>It is further clarified that The Civil Work Contractor shall provide and maintain an adequately equipped site laboratory complete with all utility services, apparatus, fittings and daily consumables to undertake the required testing to assure the quality of the materials and the works. □</p>
16.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Page 101	<p>➤ Section 7: Terms of Reference</p> <p>Annex 1: Staffing Requirements F. K-7: Environmental Safeguard Expert (ESE) Experience of preparation of EIA/ESIA for seven road projects as an Environmentalist/Environmental Safeguard Specialist or similar position; Experience of implementation of EIA/ESIA in six Donor funded Road Projects (World Bank/ADB/JICA) as an Environmentalist/Environmental Safeguard Specialist or similar position</p>	<p>Could you please clarify if IEE of road projects will also be considered for evaluation under these criteria?</p>	<p>The provision in "Section 7 : Terms of Reference. Annex 1 : Staffing Requirements F. K-7: Environmental Safeguard Expert (ESE)" is self explanatory.</p> <p>It is further clarified that EIA/ESIA will be considered for this requirement.</p>

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17.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		<p>➤ Section 7: Terms of Reference</p> <p>Annex 1: Staffing Requirements in the experience requirement for many positions, it is mentioned that an expert must have worked in certain number of road projects.</p>	<p>If an expert has worked in a project (such as large donor funded road projects such as RSDP, RRRSDP, RAIDP, RCSP, RCIP) where there are various road sections and the expert has worked/provided his inputs in multiple road sections, will it be considered as a single project or each of the sub-projects (road sections) will be considered as separate projects.</p>	<p>It is clarified that the road project means Whole Project consisting of different sub road components under the same Consulting Service Contract.</p>
18.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		<p>ToR Section 3. Scope of Services, A. Part 1: Construction Phase, item no i) (page 71 of 171) provides the scope of the design review under this consultancy service. Further, it states that the design may need to be revised and finalised to suit the site condition.</p>	<p>As the design responsibility lies with the design consultant, if any change is required in the design, this should be referred back to the original designer. Any change, without consent of the original designer risks creating a void on design responsibility to the client arising from this split responsibility between the original design and any changes carried out by another consultant.</p> <p>Hence, we understand that the design review under this consultancy services will be based on the existing design documents to be provided by the Client. The Consultant will review the design documents and provide summarised findings and recommendations to the Client. However, if any change is required in the design, the Client has to organise this by the original designer. Please confirm.</p>	<p>It is standard practice to verify the proposed design and check suitability based on the site condition by the supervision consultant. If necessary, the design may need to be revised and finalized to suit the site condition by the supervision consultant.</p>

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19.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		ToR, Section 3, A Part 1: Construction Phase, item no ii) (page 71 of 173) stated about use of FIDIC conditions for the construction contracts.	Please confirm the version of the FIDIC Contract (Conditions of Contract) to be used for the Civil Works Contracts?	It is clarified that FIDIC 2017 version is used for the Civil Works Contracts.
20.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		ToR, Section 3, A Part 1: Construction Phase, item no ii) (page 71 of 173): supervision of three Construction Contracts.	Please suggest the procurement status of Civil Works Contracts and expected commencement date. It is presumed that that all three contracts will commence at the same time. This information will help us to prepare our resource plan, in particular, for the design review activities. Please clarify the planned procurement schedule.	The procurement activities of all three contracts are undergoing. Among them, expected date of start of work for contracts SRCTIP-DOR-W-NNM-ICB-1 and SRCTIP-DOR-W-NNM-ICB-2 is October 2021 and that of SRCTIP-DOR-W-NNM-ICB-3 is November 2021.
21.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		ToR Section 3 A. Part 1: Construction Phase, item ix) (page 72 of 173) suggests, the Consultant shall design suitable traffic safety features and	We are assuming that that the design of these items has already been done by the original design consultant.	The client believes that Road Safety is a crucial aspect and should be updated with design review. It is standard practice to verify the

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			road furniture including traffic signals, signs, markings, overhead sign boards, crash barriers, delineators etc for the proposed Structure and its approach roads.	Hence, the scope under this consultancy services is to review the design and to provide findings and recommendations to the client only. Please clarify.	proposed design and 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.
22.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		ToR, B. Part 2: Maintenance Phase, item no c) (Page 80 of 173): the role of the Engineer, on behalf of the Client, is to enforce the contract by verifying compliance with the agreed Service Levels and with all applicable legislation and regulations.	<p>The Civil Works Contract should provide detail requirements of the level of service and performance indicators that the Contractor has to comply with. We understand, conducting all required performance indicator tests (including all testing facilities and experts to undertake the tests) will be the Contractor's responsibility. Therefore, the Consultant's responsibility will be to monitor the Contractor's activities to ensure that they are in compliance with the provision of the contract only. Please confirm.</p> <p>Also, please provide a copy of sample bidding documents to get detail information about the service levels requirements and scope for the maintenance phase.</p>	It is clarified for the stated clause that the standard prevailing indicators shall be used for the Service Levels. The supervision consultant shall monitor the Contractor's activities to ensure that they are in compliance with the provision of the contract.
23.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Section 7 ToR, B. Part 2: Maintenance Phase, item g (Page 81 of 173) indicates about undertaking project monitoring and evaluation, at the completion of the works.	<p>Please clarify, what kind of project monitoring and evaluation task need to be performed?</p> <p>If the Client requires specialized support, additional input will be required for a Monitoring and Evaluation expert to undertake this task.</p>	It is the standard practice in World Bank funded projects to comply with the requirements mentioned in Section 7 ToR, B. Part 2: Maintenance Phase, item g.

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				Please clarify.	
24.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Section 7, ToR, B. Part 2: Maintenance Phase, item h) (Page 81 of 173) suggests, the Consultant shall make cost provision for the final print of the checked drawings.	<p>Preparation of “As Built Drawing” should be the Contractor’s responsibility under the Contract. The Consultant responsibility is to undertake the review and to facilitate the process to finalise this by the Contractor.</p> <p>Hence, we suggest, that all associated cost for preparation and final print of ‘As Built Drawings’ should be covered under the Civil Works Contracts. Please confirm.</p>	It is clarified that the provision in Section 7, ToR B. Part 2 : Maintenance Phase , item h shall remain the same and unchanged.
25.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		ITC 2.3 (Page 13 of 173) suggests, the consultant should familiarize themselves with the local conditions and take the into account in preparing their proposals.	<p>Due to the current strict lockdown in Nepal and cancellation of international flights to Nepal up to May 31 (which may be extended further), we (both international firm and our local partner) would not be able to undertake a site visit.</p> <p>Hence, we expect, the site visit will not have any impact on the evaluation of Technical Proposal. Please confirm.</p>	<p>Please refer to Amendment No. 1 for extension of submission deadline of RFP.</p> <p>It is notified that the provision in ITC 2.3 remains unchanged.</p>
26.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		<p>E. Data Sheet ITC Reference 17.1 (Page 37 of 173): the Consultant shall not have the option of submitting their Proposals electronically.</p> <p>E. Data Sheet ITC Reference 17.7 and 17.9 (Page 38 of 173): no online option of the opening of</p>	<p>Considering the current uncertainty around resuming of international air travel, organizing the submission of the proposal in hard copy would be difficult and uncertain.</p> <p>We would request that the Client allows the electronic submission of proposals, i.e. either by email or any other online submission arrangement. This will allow consultants to use</p>	The Provision in Data Sheet ITC 17.1 and Data Sheet ITC 17.7 and 17.9 remains unchanged.

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			the Technical Proposals is offered.	scanned copies of documents in the proposal, and enable the use of electronic signatures etc. Please confirm. Similarly, we suggest that the Client considers an online/virtual opening of the Technical Proposal. Please confirm.	
27.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		E. Data Sheet ITC Reference 10.1 and 10.2 (Page 35 of 173): submission of Statement of Undertaking.	As the Statement of Undertaking on Fraud and Corruption is already included in paragraph (d) of the TECH-1, do we need to provide a separate Statement of Undertaking on Fraud and Corruption under the Financial Proposal as well. Please confirm. If yes, please confirm the format/template for the Statement of Undertaking to be included in the Financial proposal.	The Consultants may submit Statement of Undertaking in any standard format covering the content of ITC 10.2.
28.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		E. Data Sheet Reference ITC 21.1 (Page 39 of 173), Key-Experts (with international experience): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • General qualifications (general education.....) • • Adequacy for the Assignment (relevant education.....) ToR, Annex I, Staffing Requirements (Page 95 of 173) Broad Qualification and Requirements: i i. Education: Minimum:	Please clarify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • What is the difference between general and relevant education (as stated in ITC 21.1) and relation with ToR requirements (Annex I) minimum and preferable education? • For the purpose of evaluation of CVs, would a candidate score lower, if he/she does not meet the “Preferable” Education Qualifications? If yes, how would the score vary? 	Please refer amendment no. 1.

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29.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Section 7, Staffing Requirements (ToR Annex I), Item No A, B, C D and K (pages 95 to 98 and 105 of 173): minimum educational qualification requirement for all four positions 'Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering'.	As there are number of other degrees (e.g. Construction Management, Transportation Engg, Structural Engg, Geotechnical Engg, Geology etc.) which are strongly relevant for these roles, stating of minimum qualification as 'Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering' seems inappropriate. We suggest, the Client to amend this minimum qualification requirements as ' <i>Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering or related field</i> '. Please confirm.	The provision of minimum educational qualification requirements for Item No. A, B, C, D and K of Section 7, ToR, Staffing Requirements remain unchanged.
30.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		ToR, Section 9 Consultant Facilities (page 89 of 173) suggests, the Consultant will be responsible to establish main office and satellite offices, staff accommodation, sufficient vehicle/transportation, survey equipment etc.	It is standard practice for the Employer/Client to provide the following facilities to the Consultant team through the Civil Works Contracts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • furnished office accommodation (including all utilities) to the supervision team; • Necessary vehicles (including, fuel, drivers, operation, maintenance and insurance) for the supervision staff; • Survey Equipment etc.; • Key Experts' House accommodation We suggest, the Client to provide the above facilities to the supervision team through the Civil Works Contracts. Please confirm, if any adjustment in the provision of Consultant's	The Provision in ToR, Section 9 Consultant Facilities (page 89 of 173) remains unchanged.

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				<p>facilities.</p> <p>Also, please clarify, if office accommodation is not provided by the Client, how many satellite offices need to be established by the Consultant and for how long (duration to run the satellite offices)?</p>	
31.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		<p>Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms, Clause 50 Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenses (Page 143 of 173): the Client shall pay to the Consultant (i) remuneration that shall be determined on the basis of time actually spent by each Expert in the performance of the Services after the date of commencing of Services or such other date as the Parties shall agree in writing;</p>	<p>Form Tech-6 notes (page 52 of 173) the number of billable days is 26 per month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We understand, the 26 days requirement is applicable only for the full-time staff. For the intermittent staff, the number of working days should be considered as 22 days. This is a standard requirement. Please confirm. • If a full time expert works on the project for a full month and that particular month contains a few days of public holidays, we understand he/she will still be entitled to invoice for full month's fee. Please confirm. • Also, please confirm, all public holidays and festival holidays (including long holidays in Nepal, like: Dashain and Tihar) will be accepted as billable days, if the experts are in the country of assignment, both full time and intermittent staff. <p>As the above queries are important to estimate experts fee rates, please clarify above.</p>	<p>For the query stated here for Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms, Clause 50 Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenses, it is clarified as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 26 days requirement is applicable for both full-time and intermittent staffs working continuously during one month duration. (b) Please also refer General Condition of Contract Clause 42. Working Hours, Overtime, Leave, etc.

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32.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		ToR, Section 8 Technology Transfer (Page 89 of 173): 2 nd paragraph mentions, the Consultant should provide minimum one week training to 40 DoR officials in contract management (FIDIC) and arbitration as per UNCITRAL procedure during the initial phase of service. Also, indicates, the contract management Training should be based on FIDIC and trainer should be FIDIC Certified.	Please clarify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the contract management (FIDIC) and arbitration training need to be organised in-Nepal or in overseas? • Also, associated cost for this training may include hiring venue, accommodation, transport, meals, per diem, etc. for the trainees, which are unknown. We suggest, the Client to provide a provisional sum budget for this, so that all bidders can quote the same amount.	The contract management (FIDIC) and arbitration training need to be organized in Nepal. Please also refer Clarification No. 6. Client believes that Consultants must use their expertise to assess the cost for organization of such a training and should reflect in their financial proposal.
33.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Section 3, Form Tech-2 states, the Consultant should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references, if so requested by the Client.	We understand, consultant does not need to submit this additional document with the proposal. This will be required, if requested by the Client at proposal evaluation stage. Please confirm.	The provision in Section 3 . Technical Proposal – Standard forms .B. Consultant's Experience is self explanatory.
34.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Client estimated budget for this consultancy services.	Please provide an indicative budget for these Consultancy Services.	Consultant must use expertise knowledge for assessing the indicative budget with the assistance of issued ToR and RFP Document.

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33.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Section 4 Financial Proposal – Standard Forms. FORM FIN -3	The note at the bottom of the template mentions that home input is not allowed. For national experts, we understand that all input will be “home input”. For short term/intermittent international experts, we request the Client to consider that some input may be delivered from home. This is considering at the start of the project travel may still be restricted. Some design review activities can be managed remotely. Hence it will be useful to engage some experts remotely if they cannot travel immediately. Please confirm.	For Input of National Expert, all works performed as per ToR at Client's Country will be considered as "Field Input". Since it is a time based contract and the main job is to supervise the construction works, home input will not be allowed for international experts.
34.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Terms of Reference - Staffing Requirements	We note that the qualifications requirement for the Resident Engineers (RE) require substantial experience in design of Double lane bituminous road projects. As this is a construction supervision project, REs will be required to conduct construction supervision and contract management. Therefore, this design requirement is not appropriate for this role and the REs' responsibilities. We suggest the Client to amend the qualification requirements accordingly. Similarly, for the national bridge engineer, we understand that the role will be mainly construction supervision, as well as supporting on the design review. Therefore, we suggest the Client to reduce the minimum and preferable design experience required.	The provision of Broad Qualification and Requirement for the position of K-5 & K-6: Resident Engineer (RE) and K-8: Bridge Engineer/Structural Engineer as mentioned in ToR – Staffing Requirements remains unchanged.

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35.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		CI 11.1 Data Sheet Pg 35 “Participation of Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal is permissible: Yes ”	The consultants request the client that the clause may be modified as “No” to avoid duplicity. We would appraise the client that the participation of key personnel/ non key personnel in more than one firm leads to duplicity of CV content alongwith the consent of same key personnel for different position/same position during submission of proposal to various consultants. Also the client would deprive of a larger database of resources of key personnel cause all the consultants would limit themselves to same key personnel for a particular position. This may please be considered and confirmed.	The provision in Section 2 : Instruction to Consultants – Data Sheet, Clause 11.1 remains unchanged.
36.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		CI 16.2 of Data Sheet pg 37 “A price adjustment provision applies to remuneration rates only: Yes ”	It is requested that the Client must allow price adjustment on each components of remuneration and reimbursements for National and foreign currency. Also request to provide price adjustment factor in percentage (%) on every 13th Calendar Months to cater the escalation effect of volatile prices on this long tenure project.	The provision in Section 2 : Instruction to Consultants – Data Sheet, Clause 16.2 remains unchanged.
37.	Request for Proposals		CI 21.1 of Data Sheet Pg 39 “Specific experience of the	It is requested to kindly elaborate on the countries that can be brought into the ambit of	Client considers that the consulting firms having experience in member countries of SAARC will

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	(RFP)		Consultant (as a firm) relevant to the Assignment a) Experience in similar geographical area”	similar geographical area. We understand its Nepal, Sri Lanka, India, Bhutan, Bangladesh. This may please be confirmed and clarified.	have knowledge of similar working conditions, similar geographic terrains, similar social and cultural values and this may help to enhance the performance of Consulting firms to meet the objectives of Consulting Service as mentioned in ToR.
38.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Form Tech 6 CV submission Pg 53	Kindly confirm whether bidder has to submit Educational Certificates complying to education criteria as per the eligibility criteria for the Key Experts. This may please be clarified and confirmed.	Client believes that the educational qualification mentioned in the CV are correct ; any misstatement and or misrepresentation described may lead to disqualification or dismissal of the expert by the Client. However, client may at any time request for submission of certificates during evaluation process for further clarification. So, submitting the substantiated document enhance the credibility of the proposal.
39.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Form FIN 4 Breakdown of Reimbursable Expenses “Per diem allowance” is paid for each night the expert is required by the Contract to be away from his/her usual place of residence. Client can set up a ceiling	Its requested to kindly specify the “Ceiling” of per diem by DOR since international experts definition varies for each country.	Client is of the opinion that fair competition would be ensured by allowing consulting firms to assess their own "per diem allowance". Hence, consultant should submit their own " Per Diem Allowance" keeping in mind the international prevailing practices, local conditions and market rate.

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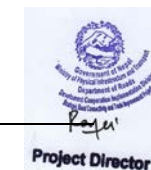
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40.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Page No. 71, Clause 3 A (i): If necessary, the design may need to be revised and finalized to suit the site condition.	<p>If the consultant is required to design the existing DPR then the copy of DPR should be provided to the consultant at bidding stage to understand the sanity of the existing DPR and also the Team Composition should have Key Personnel related to design works.</p> <p>Alternatively, we suggest that changes recommended by the PMC should be done by the Design Consultant, who prepared the Detailed Project Report.</p> <p>This may please be considered and confirmed.</p>	<p>Please Refer to Clarification No. 18</p> <p>It is the responsibility of Supervision Consultant to verify the proposed design and check suitability based on the site condition and if necessary, the design may need to be revised and finalized to suit the site condition as per Section 7 – Terms of Reference, Chapter 3 ,A. Part 1: Construction Phase, point no. 1.</p> <p>The Detailed Design Report is available in the client's office and will be shared to the consultant.</p>
41.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Page 78 to 80, scope of work for Environment and Social aspects	We request client to confirm that consultant would not conduct any surveys related to Environment and Social aspects. Since the client requires support in Land Acquisition, we request client to add a position of LA expert to facilitate the LA works	The consultant should perform all the services mentioned in Section 7 – Terms of Reference, Chapter 3, A. Part 1: Construction Phase, Social Aspects and Environment Management Aspects.
42.	Request for Proposals		Page No. 86-87, Clause 7; Team Composition and	As the project road forms the major arterial road and one of busiest highway of Nepal;	The Estimated input of Key Experts' time-input is for Client's estimate. The

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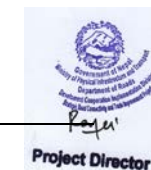
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	(RFP)		Qualification Requirement	<p>hence consultants request that the inputs of international experts especially Pavement Specialist, Bridge Engineer, Road Safety Expert and Sr. Highway Engineer should be enhanced for proper functionality to achieve targeted deliverables. We suggest the inputs of following Key Personnel as under:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. K-3: Pavement Specialist (with international experience): 18 months during Construction Period & 5 months during Maintenance 2. K-4: Bridge Engineer/ Structural Engineer (with international experience): 18 months during Construction Period & 5 months during Maintenance 3. Sr. Road Safety Expert (with international experience): 12 months during Construction Period 4. Sr. Highway Engineer (with international experience): 18 months during Construction Period & 5 months during Maintenance <p>This may please be considered and confirmed.</p>	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 per the Terms of Reference. If the proposed consultant's team is found inadequate or not sufficient during the performance of the services then additional staff shall be provided by the consultant at their own cost.
43.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Page No. 86-87, Clause 7: Manmonths	We request Client to bifurcate the man-months allocated to each expert in both phases i.e. Construction and Maintenance phases separately, so that all consultants have a same manning	Consultants are advised to use their expertise to assess manning schedule for the tasks as per provision in the ToR.

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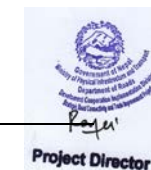
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				Schedule and resource mobilization schedule for the project. This may please be clarified and confirmed.	
44.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		CI 8 of TOR Pg 89 Technology Transfer a) “The consultant should involve 2 DOR Engineers for 1.5 years in the working team of consultants during Contract Administration -----The consultant has to pay DOR Engineers per diem as per the Government rules.”	Its requested to : a) Kindly specify the per diem amount to be paid to DOR engineers as per Government Rules, so that all consultants would make provision for this item in the Training component separately in the Financial Proposal. b) We understand Per-diem includes – boarding, lodging expenses wherein the expense of travel would not be paid by the consultant. c) Will the engineers be deployed continuously for 1.5 yrs. or intermittently on the project site? The above points may please be clarified and confirmed.	Please refer to Clarification no. 5. It is further clarified that the input may be on continuous or intermittent basis as per requirement.
45.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		CI 8 of TOR Pg 89 Technology Transfer The expert should have International experience including European countries.	We request client to add in the Team composition the position of training expert mentioned in this clause, wherein it is stated that the expert should have International experience including European countries. We also request client to specify more about education and experience of such training expert anticipated in the project for Technology Transfer.	Please Refer to Amendment No. 1. Please also refer to Section 7, Terms of Reference , Chapter 8.

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46.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Page No. 95-112: Detailed Evaluation Criteria for Key/ Non key experts	We request client to provide a detailed evaluation criteria for the evaluation of Key Experts.	The detailed evaluation criteria will be based on ITC – Data Sheet , Clause 21.1, Terms of Reference and Section 7, ToR, Annex -1 , Staffing Requirements.
47.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Page no.112: Note: Submission of Non Evaluated CVs	We request client to allow consultant to submit the non-evaluated CVs on award of Contract, as we would place apt eligible resources by third quarter of this year when the COVID situation is under control.	The provisions in Section 7 : Terms of Reference, Annex I , Staffing Requirements , remains unchanged.
48.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Page No. 95: Broad Qualification and Requirements of Team Leader/ CRE	As the project highway has many bridges, its requested that the qualification requirement of Team Leader be modified as “Master Degree in Highway/ Transportation/ Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering (Geotechnical)/ Construction Management/ Engineering Management/ Project Management or related field. This may please be considered and confirmed.	It is clarified that Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering (Geotechnical Engineering) is also covered by the term "Related Field" mentioned in preferable education for the post of Team Leader/CRE.
49.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Page No. 133 & 150, Clause 23.1; Limitation of consultant’s liability:	Its requested that Consultant total liability should be capped with equivalent to contract value or below the value of contract and Consultant liability under indemnity, Liquidated Damages, penalty etc. should be included or capped under total liability clause. The Consultant’s maximum total aggregate	The provision of Special Condition of Contract, Clause 23.1 remains unchanged.

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				liability towards the Client under this Contract for all claims, losses, indemnity, damages and expenses in any way arising from or related to the performance of this contract whether, resulting from negligence, statute, tort or otherwise (meaning for any damages from any causes whatsoever and whatever the legal basis), shall be limited to 100% of the amount of fees received under this Contract or equivalent to the professional fees. <i>Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, under no circumstances shall a party hereto shall be liable to another party hereto for loss of profits or revenue, loss of use, cost of alternate arrangement, loss of capital or other similar item of loss or damage or for any consequential, special or indirect loss or damage and each party hereby releases the other therefrom.</i> This may please be considered and confirmed.	
50.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		GCC and SCC with regard to insurance	The consultants understand that umbrella policy taken by company for all awarded projects of Egis in India will be accepted by the Client.	There should be a separate Insurance Policy for each consulting service contract as per provision of GCC/SCC 24.1

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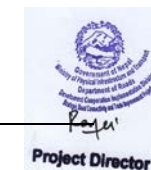
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				This may please be considered and confirmed.	
51.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Incorporation of JV Agreement	The consultants understand that there is no need of JV/ Consortium Incorporation under Nepal's Law for executing this work. This may please be clarified and confirmed.	Please refer to ITC – 1(q).
52.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Refer Page No. 145, Clause 53.1 (c)	To avoid cash crunch due to current Covid situation across world with current second wave in , the consultants request the Client to release the payment to Consultants within thirty (30) days after submission of invoices. This may please be considered and confirmed.	The provision in Section 8 : Condition of Contract, Clause 53.1 (c) remains unchanged.
53.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Payment to Consortium	The consultants understand that Invoices will be submitted by Lead Member and payment will be made to Lead Member of Consortium. This may please be clarified and confirmed.	Payment shall be made to the bank account in the name of Joint Venture Firm.
54.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Applicable Tax, VAT, etc in the Financial quotation	Kindly confirm that the consultant shall not quote for any applicable direct and indirect taxes such as VAT in the Financial quotation as the same would be finalized at negotiation stage before award of contract.	It is clarified that your quoted remuneration and reimbursable costs shall be of excluding VAT.
55.	Request for Proposals		List of all Direct and Indirect taxes in Nepal	We request client to provide us details of all direct and indirect applicable on remuneration and reimbursable components, so that the same	It is clarified that main direct tax is income tax and main indirect tax is VAT for remuneration and reimbursable components as per Taxation Law of

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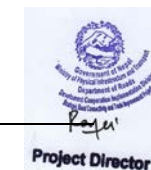
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	(RFP)			can be taken into consideration by all consultants during preparation of Financial proposal.	Nepal. For other taxes, please refer to the official website of Inland Revenue Office, Nepal(www.ird.gov.np). For VAT, please also refer to Clarification No. 54.
56.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Page 149, 13.1 Special conditions of Contract	As per the RFP Commencement of Services: The number of days shall be fourteen (14) days. Time period of 14 days to commence the services after contract signing is inadequate for mobilization of staff on the project, as the consultant would need more time to mobilize their staff considering the COVID situation. The client may kindly provide at least 4 weeks to the consultant to commence their services from the effective date of letter of commencement.	The provision in Section 8 : Condition of Contract III. Special Condition of Contract, Clause 13.1 remains unchanged.
57.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		Refer Page No. 154, Clause 53.1 (a)	Its requested for an amendment which is as follows “The advance payment will be set off by the Client in equal installments against the statements for the first 12 (twelve) months of the Services until the advance payment has been fully set off”. This may please be considered and confirmed.	The provision in Section 8 : Condition of Contract, Clause 53.1 (a) remains unchanged.

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58.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	Page 34- Page 35	<p>Section 2: Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet</p> <p>E. Data Sheet 10.1 The Proposal shall comprise the following: For FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (FTP) 1st Inner Envelope with the Technical Proposal: (1) Power of Attorney to sign the Proposal (2) TECH-1 (3) TECH-2 (4) TECH-3 (5) TECH-4 (6) TECH-5 (7) TECH-6 (8) TECH-7 Code of Conduct (ES)</p> <p>AND 2nd Inner Envelope with the Financial Proposal (1) FIN-1 (2) FIN-2 (3) FIN-3 (4) FIN-4</p>	<p>In consideration of current restricted lockdown because of COVID-19 Pandemic situation as well as suspension of international flight, we would like to have your kind consent that the Consultant can use e-signature of authorized representative or any requisite signature to sign and submit the Technical and Financial Proposal. All original signed documents shall be submitted during the Contract Negotiation. We are seeking for your positive response regarding this matter.</p>	<p>Considering the pandemic situation of COVID-19, the consultant can submit the scanned copy of proposal while submitting their proposal in hard copy.</p> <p>The original copy of legal documents (Power of Attorney, JV agreement & Letter of Association) shall be submitted by the consulting firms before completion of technical proposal evaluation.</p>

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			(5) Statement of Undertaking)		
59.	Request for Proposals (RFP)		<p>Section 2: Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet</p> <p>E. Data Sheet 17.7 and 17.9 The proposals must be submitted to no later than: Date: June 17, 2021 Time: 12:00 hours (Local Time) The Proposal submission address is: Department of Roads Development of Cooperation Implementation Division Strategic Road Connectivity and Trade Improvement Project Jwagal, Lalitpur, Nepal Telephone: +977-1-5541686 E-mail: dorfc@dor.gov.np</p>	<p>In consideration of continuous extension of lockdown in Kathmandu Valley and other regions, it is not possible for all shortlisted firms to prepare for the proposal documents as per given due date. From that point, we would like to have your kind consideration to extend for the submission due date for four (4) weeks till July 15, 2021, as a minimum.</p> <p>If an additional lockdown may continue beyond June 3, 2021, then we would like to ask to extend the submission due date further, so the all shortlisted firms may have ample time to conduct the site survey and make a comprehensive proposal preparation after lift of lockdown restrictions.</p>	Please refer to Amendment No. 1.
60.			Section 7, Terms of Reference, Broad Qualification and Requirements	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 degrees. We request for clarity how such academic qualifications will be scored for evaluation	For qualifications with direct award of Master's degree upon completion of college, university shall be regarded as Master Degree in that particular field and seems to have acquired preferable education including minimum education in the particular field.

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61.			Section 7, Terms of Reference, Broad Qualification and Requirements	For qualification of staff, there are “or related field” in case of Preferable qualification and in case of few Minimum qualifications. We request you to clarify this for said positions in Terms of Reference to avoid ambiguities.	The provision in Section 7, Terms of Reference, Broad Qualification and Requirements are self explanatory. The term related field means the similar kind of qualification mentioned in respective sections.