

Government of Nepal
 Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
Department of Roads
 Development Cooperation Implementation Division
STRATEGIC ROAD CONNECTIVITY AND TRADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SRCTIP)
AMENDMENT ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
Contract No. SRCTIP-DOR-BNP-QCBS-44-RE
AMENDMENT No.-1

Name of Consulting Services: - **Consultancy Services for Construction Supervision of Improvement/ Upgrading of Bagmati-Nijgadh-Pathlaiya Road Section from Chainage 313+450 to 366+878 and Bridges of Mahendra 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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<p>The provision in Section 7. Terms of Reference: Para professional Staff (Support Staff) 1. Inspector of Works (IOW) (6 nos.) IOW should be a Civil Engineering Graduate with ...with bituminous surfacing works.</p>	<p>The provision in Section 7. Terms of Reference: Para professional Staff (Support Staff) 1. Inspector of Works (IOW) (5 nos.) IOW should be a Civil Engineering Graduate with ...with bituminous surfacing works.</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:

S.N.	Document	Chapter/ Section	Subject/ title/Item	Queries	Clarifications
1.		Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms, Page 43	Checklist of Required Forms	The Page Limit column in the ‘Checklist of Required Forms’ does not mention any page limit. Please clarify whether there is a page limit applicable to each form of the Technical Proposal.	There are not any prescribed specific page limits for individual Technical Proposal forms.
2.		Section 4. Financial Proposal – Standard Forms, Page 71	Form Fin-4 Breakdown of Reimbursable Expenses	With reference to Section 4. Financial Proposal – Standard Forms, Form FIN – 4 (Breakdown of Reimbursable Expenses), we note the following statement in the legend: <i>“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.</i> 1. Has the client already established a ceiling for per diem allowance? 2. If so, please specify the applicable rates and whether they vary by location or category of experts.	The consultants are advised to assess their own estimate for the per diem allowance and reflect it in their financial proposal. The Client has not set up a ceiling per diem.

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3.		Section 7. Terms of Reference, Page 101	8. Technology Transfer “The Consultant should provide minimum 3 days residential training to 20 DOR officials...”	The TOR state that minimum 3 days of residential training to 20 officials of DOR shall be provided. Please clarify whether the budget for this activity can be included as a Provisional sum in the Financial Proposal.	It is clarified that the consultant shall execute minimum 3 days residential training within Nepal and bear all associated cost of the training. 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. It is further clarified that the proposer shall not include any cost as the provisional sum.
4.		Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms, Page 166, 167	SCC 23.1 Liability of the Consultant (a) Except in the ... (ii) for any direct loss or damage that exceeds one times the total value of the Contract; SCC 24.1 Insurance to be taken out by the Consultant (a) Professional Liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of 1.15 times of contract amount in the currencies as specified in the Contract;	SCC Clause 23.1, <i>Limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Client</i> , states that Consultant shall not be liable for (i) <i>any indirect or consequential loss or damage</i> ; and (ii) <i>any direct loss or damage that exceeds one times the total value of the Contract</i> . However, SCC Clause 24.1 states the Consultant's Professional Liability insurance shall have a minimum coverage of 1.15 times the contract amount. Please advise the shortlisted consultants of the above mentioned discrepancy.	The contractual liability cap under Clause 23.1 does not reduce or qualify the insurance coverage obligation under Clause 24.1(a), and the existence of insurance does not alter the contractual liability position under Clause 23.1. The provision on SCC Clause 23.1 remains unchanged. The Client confirms that the insurance requirement under SCC Clause 24.1(a) at 1.15 times the Contract amount shall prevail and stand as issued .
5.		Section 7 Page 80	2. Objective Excluding chainage 348+020 to 348+920 due to handover to Kathmandu Terai Fast Track Project	Please clarify: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Which entity will act as the interface authority for coordination at this junction?● Availability of approved interface drawings	DOR in coordination with the concerned agency of Kathmandu Terai Fast Track project will act as interface authority for coordination at this junction. The drawings of end chainages of interface are included in the attachments provided.

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6.		Section 7 Page 87	3. SCOPE OF SERVICES h Assist the Client for necessary communication and coordination for relocation of utilities to be carried out during construction	Please clarify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of utility relocation • Availability of relocation schedule 	In case of electricity pole relocation, the concerned agency has floated a tender for such. Further utilities will be relocated during the execution of the works contract.
7.		Section 7 Page 87	3. SCOPE OF SERVICES (Social Aspects: Implementation of Resettlement Action Plan and Other measures)	Please confirm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current ROW availability (%) • Sections with pending land acquisition 	It is clarified as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROW Availability 100% • No pending land acquisition
8.		Para 8 of ToR Page 101	Organization of Residential Workshop/ Presentation Semi Annually	The Organization of Semi Annual Residential workshops with presence of Key Stakeholders for Progress Review Presentations as per ToR. The Consultants feel there will be financial implication of this Component and if consultant needs to cater the cost in its financial proposal/ provisional sums will be provided by client. Kindly clarify.	Client believes that the experienced Consultants use their expertise to assess the cost for organization of such workshops and should reflect it in their financial proposal.
9.		Para 8 on Consultant's Facilities Page 102	Other Additional staff & Facilities of Laboratory Except provision of laboratory and laboratory equipment including laboratory boys, other additional staff and facilities will not be included in the civil works contract.	The Consultants understand that the consumables required for testing shall also be provided through civil works contract along with laboratory equipment. Please confirm.	Your understanding is valid.

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10.		Clause No. 24.1 (a) of SCC Professional Liability Insurance	As per Clause 24.1(a) of Special Conditions of the Contract, the Consultant shall submit Professional Liability Insurance, with a minimum coverage of 1.15 times 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 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.	The Client confirms that the insurance requirement under SCC Clause 24.1(a) shall prevail and stand as issued.
11.		Clause No. 54.1 of SCC Interest Rate on Delayed Payments	The interest rate is: 3 percent of foreign currency and 7 percent for local currency	The given rate of interest on delayed payment is too less. The Client is requested to kindly provide interest on delayed payment @ 12% per annum for both currencies, so that the Client should be bound to make payment on time to the Consultant.	The provision remains unchanged.
12.		Clause 8 of TOR, Page 101	TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER: The consultant should involve 2 DOR Engineers for 1.5 years in the working team of consultants during Contract Administration, Construction supervision, Quality Control and Maintenance as a consultant's team member for their capacity development. The consultant has to pay DOR Engineers per diem as per the Government rules.	It is requested to provide the Per Diem rates as per the Government rules so that all Consultants are at par in their assessment for the Financial Proposal to meet this requirement.	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 the Government of Nepal.

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14.		Consultants Facilities, page 101-102	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.	Considering the road conditions of the project under construction and other safety aspects, it is advisable to use only Four Wheeler and NOT Two Wheeler. Therefore, the provision for Two Wheeler Rental may be removed and provision for Four Wheeler Rental may kindly be increased suitably for all staff.	The provision remains unchanged.
15.			Extension of Date	It is requested that the date of submission of the proposal may please be extended and a period of at least 3 weeks may please be granted for the preparation of the proposal from the date of issue of clarifications so that our Experts can prepare a comprehensive proposal addressing all the issues of the RFP document / ToR.	The provision remains unchanged.

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16.			Availability of Land	<p>The ToR does not specify the availability of encumbrance-free land required for construction of two new lanes along the project road.</p> <p>It is assumed that the required land is available and no assistance from the Consultant will be required in this regard. Kindly confirm.</p>	Please refer to the RFP document, Section 7. Terms of Reference, 3. Scope of Services – Social Aspects.
17.			Reporting Requirements	<p>As per ToR Para 3(xii)(q) (Page 86), submission of Quarterly Progress Reports is required. However, under ToR Para 7 (Reporting Requirements), no such requirement is mentioned.</p> <p>Kindly clarify whether Quarterly Progress Reports are to be submitted.</p>	Consultants are advised that the ToR must be read as a whole and that all reporting obligations stated across any part of the ToR are binding.

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18.			Contract Packaging	The project road works are proposed to be undertaken under three contracts. Kindly clarify the specific road sections/reaches to be covered under each contract.	It is clarified that the construction work contract packages are: 1) Upgrading of Bagmati Pathlaiya section and Bridges along the section of Mahendra Highway Lot 1 (Km 313+450 to Km 339+407) SRCTIP-DOR-W-BP-ICB-08(LOT 1) 2) Upgrading of Bagmati Pathlaiya section and Bridges along the section of Mahendra Highway Lot 2 (Km 339+407+450 to Km 366+878) SRCTIP-DOR-W-BP-ICB-08(LOT 2) 3) Construction of Bakaiya Bridge and Approach Roads (Design and Build) from Ch. Km. 346+800 to 347+520 along Bagmati Bridge -Pathlaiya Section of Mahendra Highway SRCTIP-DOR-W(D&B)-KDP-ICB-07
19.			Scope & Packages	Could you please confirm the exact number and structure of works packages, including how Bakaiya Bridge is packaged within this assignment?	Please refer to Clarification S.N 18.
20.			Scope (Design-Build)	For Bakaiya Bridge (Design-Build), could you clarify the specific supervision responsibilities, particularly regarding design review and approval?	Please refer to the RFP document, Section 7. Terms of Reference, 3. Scope of Services – A. Part 1: Construction Phase

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21.			Project Status	Could you confirm the current status of each works contract (awarded/mobilized/in progress)?	The status of each works contract is as follows: 1) SRCTIP-DOR-W-BP-ICB-08 (LOT 1 & LOT 2): The evaluation of bids is under progress. 2) SRCTIP-DOR-W(D&B)-KDP-ICB-07: The Letter of Acceptance is issued to the successful bidder.
22.			Project Stage	Based on current progress, will the Consultant need to review previously submitted contractor documents or start from the pre- construction stage?	Please refer to the RFP document, Section 7. Terms of Reference, 3. Scope of Services.
23.			Data Availability	Could you confirm the key project documents available at proposal stage (e.g., drawings, BOQs, investigation reports)?	Please follow this link. https://linktr.ee/dcid_documentshare
24.			Design Status	Are the designs final and approved for construction, or subject to revision?	Please follow this link. https://linktr.ee/dcid_documentshare
25.			Staffing Input	Could you confirm whether the para-professional input indicated in the Data Sheet is mandatory or indicative?	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 TOR.
26.			Staffing Distribution	Should staffing be planned uniformly across the assignment, or adjusted between construction and maintenance phases?	The consultants are advised to assess their own requirements and propose their own staff composition for the construction and maintenance phase.

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27.			Laboratory Responsibility	Could you clarify the Consultant's responsibility for laboratory setup, including equipment, staffing, and consumables?	Please refer to the RFP document, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Consultants Facilities.
28.			Logistics & Vehicles	Could you confirm whether the listed vehicles and office arrangements are mandatory requirements or indicative guidance?	The consultants are advised to assess their own requirements and propose vehicle and office arrangements for the efficient organizational operation.
29.			Deliverables	Could you confirm whether an Inception Report is required, and its expected submission timeline?	Please refer to the RFP document, Section 7. Terms of Reference, 5. Reporting Requirement.
30.			E & S Role	Could you clarify whether the Consultant's role is limited to monitoring environmental & social compliance, or also includes implementation support?	Please refer to the RFP document, Section 7. Terms of Reference, 3. Scope of Services.
31.			Training Scope	For training activities, could you confirm whether all associated costs (logistics, workshops, etc.) should be included in the proposal?	Clients believe that Consultants use their expertise to assess the cost for organization of such workshops and should reflect all the associated costs in their financial proposal.
32.			Maintenance Phase	Could you clarify the expected level of consultant involvement during the maintenance phase, particularly in terms of level of effort?	Please refer to the RFP document, Section 7. Terms of Reference, 3. Scope of Services, B. Part 2: Maintenance Phase.

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33.		Section 2 – Instructions to Consultants (E. Data Sheet) Page 33	ITC Reference 9.1: This RFP has been issued in the English language. Proposals shall be submitted in English language. All correspondence shall be in English language. English document annexed to the Proposal shall be in English language only. Any document which is not in English language should be accompanied by a certified English translation copy. The Consultants are advised that the English translated copy should be signed by the Consultants certifying the accuracy.	Kindly clarify whether the translated documents are required to be certified by a Notary Public or representative of the Association (Lead Firm), or by each individual firm within the Association to certify their accuracy.	It is further clarified that any document which is not in English language, an accurate English translated copy should be provided by the Consultants annexed with the Proposal. Such English translated copy should be signed by the Consultants to certify the accuracy.
34.		Section 2 – Instructions to Consultants (E. Data Sheet) Page 34	ITC Reference 10.2: Statement of Undertaking is required – Yes	Kindly clarify whether the template for Statement of Undertaking will be provided, or our own form would be acceptable.	Statement of Undertaking is included in Form TECH-1. No separate Statement is required.
35.		Section 2 – Instructions to Consultants (E. Data Sheet) Page 38	ITC Reference 19.2: In addition, the following information will be read aloud at the opening of the Technical Proposals: information mentioned in ITC	Kindly clarify which specific information under the ITC will be read aloud at the opening of the Technical Proposals, as the referenced clause provides extensive information and it is not clearly specified which items are applicable.	Please refer to ITC 19.2.
36.		Section 2. Instructions to Consultants Page 38 - 39	ITC Reference 21.1 Criteria, sub-criteria, and point system for the evaluation of the Full Technical Proposals:	Kindly clarify whether TECH-2B (Consultant's Experience) is required to be submitted, as no score is allocated for it in the evaluation criteria.	The consultant is required to submit the Form TECH-2B in stipulated format. The Consultant should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant

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		Section 7. Terms of Reference	<p>7.QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT AND TEAM COMPOSITION</p> <p>The Consulting firm must have sufficient qualification and experience to carry out the assignment.</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(iii)</p> <p>Note: "The experience certificate from the client must be submitted together with the project data sheet."</p>	<p>However, the TOR (pages 98-99) specifies firm experience requirements under items (i), (ii), and (iii), and the note below requests submission of the experience certificate.</p> <p>In this regard, please confirm whether we are required to prepare TECH-2 and submit the experience certificate.</p>	documents and references if so, requested by the Client.												
37.		Section 3. Technical Proposal - Standard Forms Page 43	<p>ITC Reference 21.1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED FORMS</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;">Required for FTP or STP</th> <th style="width: 10%;">FORM</th> <th style="width: 60%;">DESCRIPTION</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Page Limit</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>FTP</td> <td>STP</td> <td>TECH-1</td> <td>Technical Proposal Submission Form.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>✓ If applicable</td> <td>TECH-1 Attachment</td> <td>If the Proposal is submitted by a joint venture, attach a letter of intent or a copy of an existing agreement.</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Required for FTP or STP	FORM	DESCRIPTION	Page Limit	FTP	STP	TECH-1	Technical Proposal Submission Form.	✓ If applicable	TECH-1 Attachment	If the Proposal is submitted by a joint venture, attach a letter of intent or a copy of an existing agreement.		Kindly confirm whether there is no page limit for any of the TECH forms.	The understanding is correct.
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38.		Section 3. Technical Proposal - Standard Forms Page 54-55	<p>FORM TECH-6 (CONTINUED)</p> <p>CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)</p> <p>Note: Expert shall initial each page of the CV</p>	<p>Kindly clarify whether electronic signatures are acceptable for initialing each page of the CV, as well as for the full signature on the last page of the CV, considering the geographical distance between Association members, which makes it time-consuming to collect original signatures.</p> <p>We would appreciate it if electronic signatures could be accepted at the proposal stage, while original signed</p>	<p>Signed and then scanned copies of CVs are acceptable.</p> <p>The original signed document shall be submitted during contract negotiations.</p>												

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				CVs can be submitted during contract negotiations with the selected Consultant.			
39.		Section 3. Technical Proposal - Standard Forms Page 56-59	FORM TECH-7 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXPERTS (ES) FORM	Kindly clarify whether electronic signatures are acceptable on the last page of the TECH-7 form, and whether the form should be prepared separately for each expert or if it would be acceptable to submit one form per firm including the names and signatures of all associated experts.	CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXPERTS (ES) Form shall have to be signed only by the Authorized Representative of the Consultants at the Proposal stage, while the said form shall be signed by each expert and Consultants after the award of the project.		
40.		Section 7. Terms of Reference Page 111	Staffing Requirements (Note: For Experts requiring international experience- where not specified in qualification/experience details, minimum international experience shall be 2 years in the relevant sector)	Could you please confirm whether this means that experts of any nationality, including Nepalese experts, are eligible for positions requiring international experience, provided that they have at least two (2) years of relevant international experience?	The provision is self-explanatory.		
41.		Section 7. Terms of Reference Page 112	K-1: Team Leader/Chief Resident Engineer (TL/CRE) (with international experience) <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">c. Experience in similar size Road Project</td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">b. Experience of having at least construction supervision of two ICB Contract of size equal or more than 40 million as Team Leader/Resident Engineer using FIDIC Conditions of Contract</td> </tr> </table>	c. Experience in similar size Road Project	b. Experience of having at least construction supervision of two ICB Contract of size equal or more than 40 million as Team Leader/Resident Engineer using FIDIC Conditions of Contract	We understand that the USD 40 million refers to the construction cost of the contract. Kindly confirm if our understanding is correct.	Yes, your understanding is correct.
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			Environment Safeguard Experts, Social Development/ Gender Specialist, Inspector of Works, Health and Safety Inspector, Senior Laboratory Technicians, Senior Surveyor, Social/ Gender Mobilizer and Environmental Inspector will not be used for the evaluation of the Technical proposals but the CV's of proposed Sr. Highway Engineer Road Safety/ Traffic Engineer and Hydrologist, Geotechnical Engineer, Assistant Resident Engineer, Road Safety Expert, Office Engineer/Quantity Surveyor, Health and Safety Expert, Environment Safeguard Experts, Social Development/Gender Specialist need to be submitted with the Consultant's proposal.	<p>3. It is stated on page 127 that CVs of Non-Key Experts are required to be submitted with the Consultant's proposal. Could you please confirm whether their CV's should be prepared in accordance with Form TECH-6B, or if a summarized format would be acceptable?</p> <p>4. According to page 127, the CV for the Bridge Engineer/Structural Engineer and Senior Road Safety Engineer (International Experience) is not required, whereas CVs for other Non-Key Experts are required to be submitted with the Consultant's proposal.</p> <p>Could you please confirm whether the CV for the Bridge Engineer/Structural Engineer and Senior Road Safety Engineer (International Experience) is indeed not required?</p>	<p>3. CV format of TECH-6 shall be used.</p> <p>4. Please refer to Amendment No. 1.</p>
46.			1. Status of Civil Works Contracts	According to the Terms of Reference (TOR), Section 1 – Introduction and Background, it was anticipated that the three works contracts (Bagmati–Dhansar, Dhansar–Pathlaiya, and the Design & Build contract for Bakaiya Bridge) would be awarded by August/September 2025. However, given that this RFP was issued in	Please refer to Clarification S.N. 21.

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				<p>March 2026, we respectfully request clarification on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the three civil works contracts been formally awarded? • If yes, what is their current mobilisation and construction progress status? 	
47.			2. Detail Design	<p>As set out in Proposal Data sheet sub-clause 4.1, we have inquired the website database and found out the document “Detailed Design of Upgradation of Kamala – Dhalkebar – Pathlaiya Section (130 km) of Mahendra Highway and Bridges – FINAL DESIGN REPORT – Vol. I Main report” dated June 2023. We were unable to find other volumes forming part of the detail design, i.e. volumes I-A, I-B, I-C, I-D, I-E, volume II, volume III-A, III-B, III-C, volume IV, volume V, and volume VI. Would you please provide them to enable the bidder estimating the level of effort associated with the design review and get familiar with the design itself?</p>	<p>Please follow this link. https://linktr.ee/dcid_documentshare</p>
48.			3. Survey works	<p>TOR page nr 83, clause F, mentions the duty for the Consultant to “Carry out survey work to provide adequate control points and reference points to</p>	<p>The scope is self-explanatory.</p>

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				the Contractor for setting out of Works to be carried out by the Contractor”. Will the Consultant need to undertake the topographic setting out of the Works or will supervise the Contractor survey team doing this activity?	
49.			4. Additional laboratory tests	TOR page nr 85, clause v, mentions that the Consultant will have to, “if necessary, undertake independent field and laboratory testing if required to verify.” We understand that the Consultant team will, if necessary, do additional laboratory tests using Contractor’s facilities and therefore there is no requirement for the Consultant to set up its own laboratory. We kindly request you to confirm our understanding.	Your understanding is correct. Please also refer to the RFP document, Section 7. Terms of Reference, Consultants Facilities
50.			5. Land acquisition	TOR page nr 87, clause a.i), contains the duty for the Consultant to “assist DOR for acquiring of land, structures and houses.” We understand that the land has been already acquired as per the provision of the design. We kindly ask you to confirm our understanding is correct.	Please refer to Clarification S.N. 7.
51.			6. Maintenance phase	TOR page nr 93, clause a. We kindly ask you to provide the Specifications and Conditions of the Works Contracts as mentioned in the referred clause.	Please follow this link. https://linktr.ee/dcid_documentshare

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52.			7. Qualifications requirements and Team Composition	TOR, page nr 99, contains a note: “The experience certificate from the client must be submitted together with the project data sheet.” We understand, since experiences have been already evaluated at EOI stage, that this does not need to be resubmitted. Please confirm our understanding.	The consultant is required to submit the Form TECH-2B in stipulated format. The Consultant should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so, requested by the Client only.
53.			8. Key Expert Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For K-1 (Team Leader/Chief Resident Engineer), the minimum requirement also includes “experience of having at least construction supervision of two ICB Contracts of size equal or more than USD 40 million as Team Leader/Resident Engineer using FIDIC Conditions of Contract.” Could the Client confirm whether this USD 40 million refers to the value of the civil works contract being supervised, or to the consulting/supervision contract itself? ● For K-4 (Contract Specialist), the TOR requires “international experience at least in 2 nos. of Construction Contracts as Contract 	<p>For K-1: It is clarified that the value refers to the value of the civil works contract.</p> <p>For K-4: The provision is self-explanatory.</p>

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				Specialist outside the native country.” Could the Client clarify whether “Contract Specialist” experience obtained as “Claims Specialist,” “Contract Manager,” or “Contract Administrator” on FIDIC contracts would be considered equivalent?	
54.			9. Embedded DOR Engineers – Per Diem and Cost Treatment	<p>The TOR (Section 8 – Technology Transfer) requires the Consultant to embed 2 DOR Engineers in the working team for 1.5 years and to pay them per diem as per Government of Nepal rules. We kindly request clarification on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the current applicable daily per diem rate for DOR Engineers under the Government of Nepal rules that the Consultant should apply in the financial proposal? • Will the two DOR Engineers be formally nominated by the Client before or after contract award, and will the Consultant have any role in their selection? 	<p>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 the Government of Nepal.</p> <p>The two DOR Engineers will be formally nominated by the Client during contract execution.</p>

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55.		Section 7. Terms of Reference Page 99	Clause 7. Qualification Requirement and Team Composition, Table: Estimated Team Composition, Quantity Team Composition Table C. Para-Professional Staffs: "Senior Survey" is having 1 Month input during Design Review & 8 Months in Construction Supervision. However, Total is indicated as 8 months.	Kindly provide the corrected Person-months, since the break up & the total input are not matching.	Please refer to Amendment No. 1.
56.		i) Section 3 – Technical Proposal – Standard Forms, Form TECH-2: Technical Proposal-Standard Forms, Page No. 47-48 ii) Section 2. Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet, ITC Reference No. 21.1 in Data Sheet, Page No. 38	FORM TECH-2, B-Consultant's Experience: Tech-2B: Criteria, sub-criteria, and point system for the evaluation of the Full Technical Proposals	Please refer in FORM TECH-2B - Consultant's Experience is sought for but no marking against Firm's experience is assigned in ITC Reference No. 21.1 in Data Sheet under Section 2. Instructions to Consultants. Please clarify.	The consultant is required to submit the Form TECH-2B in stipulated format. The Consultant should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so, requested by the Client only.
57.		Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 1: Introduction and Background Page 78	The components / scope of works from Bagmati (Ch. 313+450) to Pathlaiya (Ch. 366+878) section of Mahendra Highway <u>under the 3 contract packages.</u>	Please clarify and confirm.	Please refer to Clarification S.N 18.
58.		Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 1: Introduction and Background Page 78	Please confirm the contract packages will be awarded by August / September 2026 and not August / September 2025 mentioned in the ToR.	Please confirm the contract packages.	Please refer to Clarification S.N 21.
59.		Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 6:	Staffing Requirement 575.5 person-months of national technical professional staff has been	Please confirm / clarify.	Please refer to Amendment No. 1.

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		Time Frame and Staffing Requirement, Page 98	indicated, however the person-months of national technical professional staff works out to 596.5 person-months (Key + Non-Key).		
60.		Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 7: Qualification Requirement and Team Composition, Page 98	In the table related to Quantity Sheet of Estimated Team Composition Design Review has been indicated with total person months of 5.5. In Section 7 TOR, Clause 4: Duration of the Services, Page 94, there is no mention of Design Review period.	Please confirm or clarify whether there is a separate Design Review period. Reference is drawn to the inputs of K-1 Team Leader / Sr. Resident Engineer who has Design Review input of 1 person month followed by 36 months in Construction Supervision.	Please refer to Amendment No. 1.
61.		Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 8: Technology Transfer, Page 101	Whether there is allocation of any Provisional Sums to ensure uniformity across all bidders.	Please confirm / clarify.	There is no provision of Provisional sums.
62.		Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 8: Technology Transfer, Page 101		Please indicate the per diem rate of DOR as per Government rule.	Please refer to Clarification S.N. 12.
63.		Section 2. Instructions to Consultants - Data Sheet, ITC Reference No. 4.1 in Data Sheet, Page No. 33	Mentions the website for downloading the detailed design reports of Bagmati Pathlaiya section (53 km).	It would be highly appreciated if the specific link from the website is indicated to facilitate the download.	Please follow this link. https://linktr.ee/dcid_documentshare

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64.		Section 7. Terms of Reference	<p>6. TIME FRAME AND STAFFING REQUIREMENT The total time period for the consulting service has been expected to be nearly 99 months including service for the 5-year Maintenance Period and 3 months post Maintenance Period. During the overall period it is estimated that approximately 66 person-months of international staff input, 575.5 personmonths of national technical professional staff and 466 person-month of para professional staff. In addition to the technical professional staffs and paraprofessional staff in the team composition other administrative staff and technical support staff may be required for completion of works during Construction as well as in maintenance phase of the service.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Estimated Team Composition</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Quantity Sheet</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Position</th> <th rowspan="2">Quantity</th> <th colspan="3">No. of Person Months</th> <th rowspan="2">Total Person-Months</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Design Review</th> <th>Construction Supervision</th> <th>DLP/PBMC</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A. Key Experts</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>....</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>K-5 Resident Engineer -1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>36</td> <td>62</td> <td>99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>...</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Position	Quantity	No. of Person Months			Total Person-Months	Design Review	Construction Supervision	DLP/PBMC	A. Key Experts						1					K-5 Resident Engineer -1	1	1	36	62	99	...	1					<p>It is stated on page 98 that the consulting services include a 5- year Maintenance Period and a 3- month post-maintenance period. However, the Estimated Team Composition indicates that the DLP/PBMC period is 62 months, cand also includes one (1) month for design review.</p> <p>Could you please clarify the duration of each stage, namely Design Review, Construction Supervision, and DLP/PBMC?</p>	Please refer to Amendment no. 1.
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