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**STRATEGIC ROAD CONNECTIVITY AND TRADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SRCTIP)**  
 Jwagal, Lalitpur  
**AMENDMENT ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**  
**Contract No. SRCTIP-DoR- KDP-CS-QCBS- 03**  
**AMENDMENT No.-1**



Name of Work - Environment and Social Impact Assessment Study (ESIA) of the Kamala -Dhalkebar-  
 Pathlaiya Section with associated Bridges of the Mahendra Highway

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

1. The Provision in Section 3. Technical Proposal-Standard Forms

Form Tech-2 B-Consultant's Experience, Point no. 1 has been amended as

**1. List only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last 10 Years.**

2. Section 2. Instruction to Consultants – Data Sheet, Clause 10.2 has been amended as

**Statement of Undertaking is required.**

**Yes**

*[If Yes, make sure to include paragraph (f) in Form TECH-1]*

3. Section 7-Terms of Reference, Chapter 5 : Time Frame and Consultants Qualification Requirements including Key Expert , Table -4 , B. Non-Key Expert (National) has been amended as **B. Support Staff (National)**

4. The table for allocation of marks in Section 2 : Instruction to Consultant- Data Sheet, Clause 21.1 (iii), has been amended as

**(iii) Key Experts' qualifications and competence for the Assignment: 60 Points**

<b>(a) International Expert</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
i) Team Leader/Environment Specialist	1	20	20
ii) Biodiversity Specialist/Road Ecologist	1	8	8
<b>(b) National Expert</b>			
i) Deputy Team Leader/Environment Specialist	1	10	10
ii) Resettlement Specialist/Indigenous Specialist	1	7	7
iii) Social Development Specialist	1	7	7
iv) Health and Safety Specialist	1	3	3
v) Bio Diversity Specialist/Road Ecologist	1	5	5
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>60</b>

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5. Educational Qualification of Highway/Transportation Engineer in Section 7 : Terms of Reference., Annex I - PREFERRED QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF KEY EXPERTS

has been amended as

**Master's degree in Transport Engineering/ Highway Engineering or related field.**

6. The Time Frame for Report Submission provided in Section 7: Terms of Reference, Chapter 4, Table 3,

has been amended as

**Table 3:- Time Frame for Report Submission**

No.	Preparatory Outputs	Submission Deadline (no. months after the commencement date)
1	Inception Report	0.5
2	Scoping Report and ToR Preparation and submission	2
3	Approval of Scoping and ToR	4
4	ESIA/EIA Baseline Study	4
5	Draft ESIA/EIA Report of Road and Bridge, including Biodiversity Assessment	8
6.	Public Hearing/ Stakeholder Consultation	8.5
7.	Draft Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) RAP, IPDP and others Report of KDP section,	8.5
8.	Comments on ESIA, EIA, BMP, RAP and IPDP Report (Draft)	9.5
9.	Final ESIA Report of Road and Bridge	12
10.	Final BMP, RAP and IPDP Report of KDP section	12
11.	Public Hearing and All other remaining Work	12
12.	Monthly Report	Within one week of the end of each calendar month

7. Section 7 : Terms of Reference, Chapter 4 – Reporting Requirement and Time Schedule, Please insert additional point (i) after point (h) as mentioned below :

**(i) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports (Eight copies Draft and Ten Copies Final Report each in paper and soft copy in original version)**

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The Consultant Shall Prepare and submit Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report as per requirement of Prevailing Environment Protection Act and Environment Protection Rules for review and comments to DOR, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport and Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE). The Consultant shall prepare and present the report in close coordination with Geo-Environmental and Social Unit of DoR After receiving comments, the Consultants shall submit the Final version of the report of EIA including all suggestions, comments from DOR, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport and Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE).

8. Section 7 : Terms of Reference., Chapter 9 : Consultant's Additional Liabilities has been amended as

The Consultants shall provide the DoR, DCID all the documents related with EIA and ESIA Study viz. Questionnaires, public consultation documents, public notice, public deed (Muchulka) of pasting public notice, and recommendation letters from concerned municipality. The Consultant shall also be responsible for providing necessary input even after the completion of the contract period; till the EIA reports get approved from Government Nepal, Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE).

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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 queries are also presented in tabular format hereunder:

No.	Document	Chapter/ Section	Subject/ title/Item	Queries	Clarifications
1	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 3. Technical Proposal-Standard Form, Page 42	<b>Form Tech-2 B-Consultant's Experience</b> 1. List only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last [----] Years.	The RFP does not mention about the timeframe for the past references, which will be considered for evaluation. Could you please specify past assignments completed within how many years will be considered for evaluation.	List only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last 10 Years.  Refer Amendment No.1 related to this RFP
2	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 3: Technical Proposal-Standard Forms, Page 51	<b>Form Tech-7 Code of Conduct for Experts form</b>	There is a sentence "We have signed a contract with [enter name of Client] for [enter description of the Services]. Our contract requires us to ....." However, this is a proposal stage and there is no contract in place at the moment. Please Clarify.	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.
3.	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7: ToR, Chapter 5, Page no. 84 and Page 51  and  Section 2 : Instruction to Consultant- Data Sheet, Clause 14.1.2	<b>Time Frame and Consultants Qualification Requirements including Key Expert and Minimum time-input of national Key Experts' is: 33 person-months</b>	As per Data Sheet Clause 14.1.2 and Table 4A in page 85, the total time input of National Key experts is 33 whereas in section 5 of the ToR in page 85, it is mentioned that 39 person-months of National Key experts input will be required. We assume that the correct total person-months input of national key experts is 33. Please confirm.	The total number of input of national expert is 39 whereas total no. of input of national Key personnel is 33.

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4	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 2 : Instruction to Consultant- Data Sheet, Clause 21.1 (iii), Page no. 35	<b>Key Experts' qualifications and competence for the Assignment:</b>	The table provided in Data Sheet Clause 21.1 (iii) depicts that no marks have been allocated for Resettlement Specialist/Indigenous Specialist (National) which is a key position as per the TOR, Table A. Please clarify.	Marks allocated in ITC-Data Sheet, Clause 21.1 (iii) Key Experts' qualifications and competence for the Assignment has been redistributed. Please refer Amendment no. 1.
5	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7: ToR, Chapter 5, Page no. 85, Table 4B	<b>Time Frame and Consultants Qualification Requirements including Key Expert .</b> Table 4 B – Non-Key Experts (National)	We assume that the positions listed in Table 4B of the TOR are Support Staff (National) rather than Non-Key Experts (National). We assume that the Non-Key Experts (National) are Highway/Transportation Engineer, Geotechnical Engineer/ Engineering Geologist and Hydrologist as depicted in Table 4A.	Table 4, <b>B Non-Key Expert (National)</b> has been amended as <b>B. Support Staff (National)</b> . Please refer Amendment No. 1
6	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7: ToR, Chapter 5, Page no. 85, Table 4B	<b>Time Frame and Consultants Qualification Requirements including Key Expert .</b> Table 4 B – Non-Key Experts (National)	Estimated input of the Account/Admin Staff/Supervisor is mentioned as 1 person-month only. We believe that there will be a need of one full-time Accountant Cum Office Administrator for the Whole duration of the assignment i.e, 12 months.	The consultants can propose their own staff input as per their requirement and can depict it in the financial proposal. Please refer note of Table 4 for the assessment of staff composition and staff input.
7	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7. Terms of Reference, Annex -1, Page 89	<b>Education Qualification of Highway/Transportation Engineer</b>	The required education qualification of the Highway/Transportation Engineer is mentioned as Masters degree in Public/Community Health with preferred knowledge and experience on Environment	Please refer Amendment No. 1 for the education qualification of the Highway/Transportation Engineer

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8	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7: Terms of Reference, Chapter 4, Table 3, Page no. 84	<b>Table 3:- Time frame for Report Submission</b>	Refer to item no. 2 of Table 3, which states that the Consultants has to submit Scoping Report within one (01) month after signing contract agreement. The timeline of one (01) month is very stringent. It is requested as least two (02) months shall be given to Consultant for submitting Scoping Report after award of work. Please endorse.	<b>Table 3:- Time frame for Report Submission</b> has been amended and please refer Amendment No. 1
9	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7: ToR, Chapter 5, Page no. 85, Table 4	<b>Table-4: Staff Input</b>	No position for International Social Safeguard Specialist has been given. The scope of work mentioned in the ToR involves vast services related to social safeguard specialist International Shall be included in RFP as Key International Expert. Please endorse.	The consultants can propose their own staff input as per their requirement and can depict it in the financial proposal. Consultants are advised to refer note of Table 4 for the assessment of staff composition and staff input.
10.	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 2: Instructions to Consultants (ITC) E. Data Sheet	<b>ITC Reference 34.2:</b> Expected Date for the Commencement of the Services: August, 2021	The TOR has mentioned close coordination with the Detailed Design Team for this Project.  The Consultants would highly appreciate if the Client would provide the tentative date of commencement of work as it would directly assist in drafting a precise activity and manning schedule. This would be beneficial to plan for the resources and	Expected Date of Commencement of <b>Detailed Design of Upgradation of Kamala-Dhalkebar-Pathlaiya Section (130Km) of Mahendra Highway and Bridges</b> is June/July 2021 and duration of above said consultancy service is expected to be 13 months from the date of commencement.

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				requirements beforehand in order to achieve the desired project deliverables.	
11.	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	<b>Section 7:</b> Terms of Reference (ToR)	<b>5.</b> Time Frame and Consultants Qualification Requirements including Key Expert <b>Table 4:</b> Staff Input	TOR Page 84 mentions “additional specialist expertise in the team to cover aspects such as cultural resources and GIS mapping,..” The Non-key experts conducting such activities are missing in the Team List.	The consultants can propose their own staff input as per their requirement and can depict it in the financial proposal. Consultants are advised to refer note of Table 4 for the assessment of staff composition and staff input.
12.	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part II	Special Conditions of Contract Clause 24.1(a).	<b>Professional liability insurance</b>	The clause states that the minimum coverage for Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) shall be 1.5 times that of the contract amount. The Consultants, taking into consideration the proposed project’s scope of work and deliverables, would like to request the Client to cap the PLI to be 1.0 times that of the contract amount.	The provision in Special Condition of Contract, Clause 24.1(a) remains valid.
13.	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part II	<b>II.</b> Special Conditions of Contract	<b>GCC/SCC Clause 24.1(c).</b> Third Part Liability Insurance	The clause does not specify the minimum coverage limit of the third party liability insurance and would hence request the Client to provide their input regarding this matter.	The provision in Section 8. Condition of Contract, SCC Clause 24.1 remains valid. Consultants are advised to refer Applicable Law in Nepal.
14.	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 2: Instructions to Consultants (ITC) E. Data Sheet Clause 19.1	<b>An online option of the opening of the Technical Proposals is offered:</b> No	Request for online Technical/Financial opening, as we also want to participate in the meeting.	The provision in Section 2. Instruction to Consultants – Data Sheet, Clause 19.1 remains valid.

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15.	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 2: Instructions to Consultants (ITC) E. Data Sheet Clause ITC 14.1.3	For the evaluation and comparison of Proposals only: if a Proposal includes less than the required minimum time-input, the missing time-input (expressed in person-month) is calculated as follows:  The missing time-input is multiplied by the highest remuneration rate for a Key Expert (International and National respectively) in the Consultant's Proposal and added to the total remuneration amount. Proposals that quoted higher than the required minimum of time-input will not be adjusted.	Can we propose two experts at the same position and adjust man month in the required minimum time-input?	The provision in Section 2. Instructions to Consultants (ITC) - Data Sheet Clause ITC 14.1.3 remains valid. The Consultants are further clarified that they cannot propose two experts at the same position
16.	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 2: Instructions to Consultants (ITC) E. Data Sheet Clause 10.2	<b>Statement of Undertaking is Required</b>	Is it enough to include paragraph (e) in Form TECH-1? Or we need to submit separate formal letters?	<b>Statement of Undertaking is Required</b> and paragraph (f) must be included in Form TECH-1 .  Please refer Amendment no. 1
17.	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	<b>Section 7: Terms of Reference (ToR)</b>		Whether EIA as per GoN Environmental Protection Rules is needed or not	EIA is needed as per GoN Environmental Protection Rules.  Please refer Amendment No. 1
18.	Request for Proposals (RFP)	<b>Section 7: Terms of Reference (ToR), Annex - 1</b> <b>PREFERRED</b>	<b>6. Health and Safety Expert : Experience in related field – 7 years as a Health a&amp; Safety Specialist in</b>	Health and Safety Expert with above experience requirements in road and bridge works are not available in Nepal. Hence, it is	The provision in <b>Section 7. Terms of Reference, PREFERRED QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF KEY EXPERTS,</b>



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	Part I	<b>QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF KEY EXPERTS</b>	<b>Road Works.</b> Experience in the Proposed Field of Expertise - Experience in 4 projects of similar nature (Road/Bridge Projects) as Health and Safety Specialist	requested to reconsider these requirements.	<b>Experience Requirements for Health and Safety Expert</b> : remains valid.
19.	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	<b>Section 7:</b> Terms of Reference (ToR), Annex - 1 <b>PREFERRED QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF KEY EXPERTS</b>	<b>10. Biodiversity Specialist</b> Experience in Related Field - 5 years as a Biodiversity Specialist/Road Ecologist in Road and Bridge Works specifically in Nepal. Experience in the Proposed Field of Expertise - Experience in 3 projects of similar nature (Road /Bridge Projects) as Biodiversity Expert	Biodiversity Specialist with above experience requirements in Road and Bridge Projects are not available in Nepal. Hence, it is requested to reconsider these requirements.	The provision in <b>Section 7. Terms of Reference, PREFERRED QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF KEY EXPERTS, Experience Requirements for Biodiversity Specialist</b> , remains valid.