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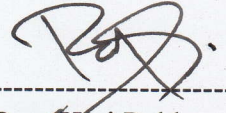
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Subject: **Amendment and Clarification of Request for Proposal**
Contract No: SRCTIP-DoR-CS-KDP-QCBS-02, Detailed Design of Upgradation of Kamala-Dhalkebar- Pathlaiya Section (130Km) of Mahendra Highway and Bridges

Dear Sir,

We attach the copy of the Amendment No. 1 and Clarification No. 1 for above captioned contract for your information and necessary action as per the provision of Instruction to consultant, Clause 13 : Clarification and Amendment of RFP.

Thanking you.
Sincerely yours,



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AMENDMENT ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
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AMENDMENT No.-1

Name of Consulting Services:- **Detailed Design of Upgradation of Kamala-Dhalkebar- Pathlaiya Section (130Km) of Mahendra Highway and Bridges**

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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:

Amendment On	Amended As
The provision in Section 2. Instructions to Consultants E. Data Sheet, RFP page number 33 ITC Reference 17.7 and 17.9: The Proposal must be submitted no later than: 15 March, 2021	Section 2. Instructions to Consultants E. Data Sheet ITC Reference 17.7 and 17.9: The Proposal must be submitted no later than: 23 March, 2021
The provision in Section 2. Instructions to Consultants E. Data Sheet, RFP page number 31 ITC Reference 12.1: Proposals shall be valid for 120 calendar days after proposal submission deadline i.e. until 13 July, 2021	Section 2. Instructions to Consultants E. Data Sheet ITC Reference 12.1: Proposals shall be valid for 120 calendar days after proposal submission deadline i.e. until 21 July, 2021
The provision in Section 3. Technical Proposal-Standard Forms Form Tech-2 B-Consultant's Experience 1. List only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last [----] Years.	Section 3. Technical Proposal-Standard Forms Form Tech-2 B-Consultant's Experience 1. List only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last 10 Years.
The provision in Section 4. Financial Proposals-Standard Forms Form FIN-4 Breakdown of Reimbursable Expenses Training of the client's personnel-if required in TOR	Form FIN-4 Breakdown of Reimbursable Expenses Training, Seminars and supply of road design software and international road and bridge journal to the client; the cost is in Provisional Sum (PS) equal to Nepalese Currency NPR 2 million.
The provision in Section 7. Terms of Reference 3.2.2.1 Design of Road b. Design of highway cross-section. Drawings shall include proposed vs. existing cross sections every 10m	Section 7. Terms of Reference 3.2.2.1 Design of Road b. Design of highway cross-section. Drawings shall include proposed vs. existing cross section every 25m and adding necessary locations

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The provision in Section 7. Terms of Reference 3.2.1.3 Geotechnical Survey a. Determine the sub-soil condition through pitting (1m x 1m x1m) and Dynamic Cone Penetration (DCP) tests at 2 locations each 100m of the road alignment.	3.2.1.3 Geotechnical Survey a. Determine the sub-soil condition through pitting (1mx1mx1m) and Dynamic Cone Penetration (DCP) tests at every 500m along the road section and adding necessary locations to determine; ▪ in-situ density and moisture content, Characterization (grain size and Atterberg limits) and field CBR using DCP at each test pit, ▪ Laboratory moisture-density characteristics (modified AASHTO compaction) and Laboratory CBR as well as swelling test.
The provision in Section 7. Terms of Reference 3.2.1.3 Geotechnical Survey d. Changes in soil strata During the boring, if there is any change of soil strata, the number of sampling of soils for different tests will be increased and the Consultant shall carry out the entire test required for each layer of soil. No additional payments will be made for such tests.	The provision in Section 7. Terms of Reference 3.2.1.3 Geotechnical Survey d. Changes in soil strata During the boring, if there is any change of soil strata, the number of sampling of soils for different tests will be increased and the Consultant shall carry out the entire test required for each layer of soil.
The provision in Section 8, Conditions of Contract; III Special Conditions of Contract clause 23.1(a) ii For any direct loss or damage that exceeds (insert a multiplier, e.g.: one, two, three) times the total value of the Contract;	Section 8, Conditions of Contract; III Special Conditions of Contract clause 23.1(a) ii For any direct loss or damage that exceeds one times the total value of the Contract;

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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	Form Tech-2 B-Consultant's Experience 1. List only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last [----] Years.	The Consultants understand that projects undertaken in the last 10 years will have to be showcased. Please confirm.	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 51-53 Section 2:ITC, Clause 10.1, Page 30	Form Tech-7 Code of Conduct for Experts form The Consultant shall submit its Code of Conduct that will apply to the Experts....	As per clause 10.1 Data Sheet, The Consultants shall submit its Code of Conduct that will apply to the Experts. However, as per the form, it mentions that “We are the consultant. We have signed a contract with Client.....” whereas signatory at bottom has provision for both representative consultant and expert. Thus, we understand that this Code of Conduct form shall have to be signed only by the Consultants at the Proposal stage, while, the said form shall be signed by each expert after the award of the project as well as by Consultants. Please 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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3	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 3.2.1.8, Page 82	Inventory survey of Road The Consultants shall thoroughly survey existing alignment of Roads...	The Consultants submit that besides the road inventory survey, bridge inventory survey also must be carried out. The Client may kindly appropriately include this requirement in the ToR.	The provision in Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 3.2.1.8 Inventory survey of Road and Road Side structures remains valid. Please refer to Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 3.2.1.7 Condition Surveys for Bridges, Culverts and Structures regarding Condition survey for Bridge, Culvert and Structures.
4	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 3.2.1.3, Page 79.	Geotechnical Survey For the pavement design, structures and buildings, the following geotechnical tests should be performed as per site requirement: a. Determine the sub-soil condition through pitting (1m x 1m x1m) and Dynamic Cone Penetration (DCP) tests at 2 locations each 100m of the road alignment. e. Benkelman Beam test for existing pavement evaluation (if necessary).	Spacing of 100 m for DCP is too close. It is suggested to increase spacing 500-1000 m. DCP test results may not be very useful for pavement design. It is suggested to conduct Field density, Natural moisture content pavement composition, collect 40 kg sample for testing of subgrade (OMC, CBR, soil classification). Pavement condition survey is not mentioned. It is suggested to conduct pavement condition survey prior to BBD and finalise location where BBD can be conducted.	Section 7, Terms of Reference 3.2.1.3 points (a.) shall be replaced by (a) Determine the sub-soil condition through pitting (1mx1mx1m) and Dynamic Cone Penetration (DCP) tests at every 500m along the road section and adding necessary locations to determine; ▪ in-situ density and moisture content, Characterization (grain size and Atterberg limits) and field CBR using DCP at each test pit, ▪ Laboratory moisture-density characteristics (modified AASHTO compaction) and Laboratory CBR as well as swelling test. For point no. (e), Benkelman Beam Test for existing pavement evaluation is not needed for whole section, it may be required at certain specific places if deemed necessary.

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5	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 3.2.1.1, Page 77	Topographical Survey and Mapping	The Consultants are to carry out Topographical Survey of the Project Road Corridor to produce a Digital Terrain Model. It has been laid down that for the purpose of survey, Benchmarks are to be established at every 500m along road. It is for consideration that besides the Benchmarks, there will be requirement of establishing network of primary and secondary survey control points. The Client is requested to clarify the following: (a) How are the Survey reference points to be marked and established? Generally, the survey points established at the design stage used even during the construction phase. Are these to be marked by concrete pillars or steel pipes etc. (b) The expected spacing of primary and secondary survey reference station. The above information will enable the Consultants to precisely quantify the scope of work and prepare a realistic financial estimate.	The information provided in the Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 3.2.1.1 remains valid. Bench marks shall be made of permanent structures especially by concrete pillars.
6	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 3.2.1.6, Page 81	Traffic Study and Analysis, Axle Load Survey	The Consultants are to carry out traffic study at critical points and intersections. It is requested that duration of the traffic count surveys be specified i.e. days, hours, day/night, etc. to enable quantification of the works involved.	Details mentioned in Section 7. Terms of Reference, Clause 3.2.1.6 remains valid. The consulting firms need to assess the duration of the Traffic Count Surveys as per the standard international practice and include in proposals.

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7	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7: Terms of Reference, Clause 3.1, Page 71	ESIA Studies (iii) The Consultant shall conduct the necessary environmental and social assessment with due consultations with relevant stakeholders and with separate ESIA Consultants. (iv) The Consultant will coordinate, interact and share information on design assessment on environmental and social aspects with ESIA Consultant.	As per Consultant's understanding, ESIA shall not be carried out by the Design Consultants but it shall be carried out by an independent ESIA Consultant and the Design Consultants shall liaison with the Independent Consultant and make sure that the environmental and social aspects are considered in the final design and BOQ. Kindly confirm our understanding.	ESIA study will be carried out by another consulting firm and the Design Consultants shall liaison with the ESIA Consultant and make sure that the environmental and social mitigation measures are considered in the final design and cost estimates
8	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7: Terms of Reference, Table 4, Page 87/88	International / National Professional Experts	In addition to the given team, the Consultants consider that following experts will be also required for the assignment: • Transport Economist – 2 months; • Topographical Survey Engineer – 6 months The Client is requested to mark provision for these two positions for durations as shown against these.	The key staff composition and estimated total key staff man-month is Client's estimate. The consultants are advised to assess their own requirement and propose their own staff composition and staff input requirement for efficient performance of their job as per the Terms of Reference (TOR).
9	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Additional Point	CVs of Non-Key Experts	The Consultants understand that CVs of Non-key staff need not to be submitted at the Proposal stage. Please confirm.	CVs of Non-Key experts are not needed during RFP submission but the Name of Proposed Non-Key Experts including their qualification and experience details shall be listed in tabular form.

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10	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Additional Point	Input International Professional Experts-55 months National Professional Experts-55 months-163	Owing to Pandemic COVID-19, quarantine norms in the countries and logistics such as Laptops, Software and other equipment available at Head office of the Consultants to carry out design services, we understand that 40% of the input of the experts can be provisioned from Consultant's Head Office and the Payment shall be made accordingly despite being a Time-Based Contract. Please confirm that our understanding is correct.	The consultant has to accomplish a big target of survey and design of 130Km road section in a limited time period. Since it is a time based contract it is mandatory to perform the job by residing in the client's country.
11	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7, ToR, Annex -2: Page 96-105	Qualification Requirement of Experts Minimum: Master's degree in.....or related field	With the Master degree in related field, the Consultants understand any degree in any stream of Civil Engineering will be considered. This may please be clarified.	Please refer to Section 7, TOR Annex -2 for Qualification Requirement of Experts. It is further clarified that master degree in related field refers to master degree in related field of expertise.
12	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7, ToR, Clause 3.4, Page 86	Capacity Development The consulting services shall include organizing in house, national training for capacity development of DoR personnel in different disciplines. The Consultant shall propose the capacity development component in their technical proposal and include the cost in their financial proposal. At a minimum, at least 5 capacity development workshops are required	In this regard, since it is difficult to assess the cost incurred for conducting these training programs at the bidding stage, it is recommended that a provisional sum may please be provided by the Client for conducting National Training, so that all Consultants are at par in their assessment for the Financial Proposal to meet this requirement. Further, in case the provisional sum may not be provided, you are requested to please clarify the following points since it will have	There is provision of Nepalese Currency NRS 2 million as Provisional Sum (PS) for Training, Seminars and supply of road design software and international road and bridge journal to the client as per Section 7: TOR, clause 3.4 Capacity Development. Nomination of trainees and coordination with participants will be done by the Client. Also refer Amendment No.1 related to this RFP

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			and up to 10 are possible if warranted.	financial implication: a) No. of Training sessions 5 or 10 b) Training duration for each session c) No. of Participants in each session. It is understood that nomination of trainees and coordination with participants will be done by the Client. Kindly confirm.	
13	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part II	Section 8 III Special Condition of Contract, Clause 24.1, Page 142	Insurance The insurance coverage against the risks shall be as follows: (a) Professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of 1.5 times of the accepted contract amount in the currencies as specified in the contract.	In accordance with the general practice of the international bidding for design projects, it is requested to kindly consider changing the minimum coverage of Professional Liability Insurance from 1.5 times (of the accepted contract amount) to 1.0 time (amount same as the accepted contract amount). This may please be favorably considered.	The provision in Section 8; III. Special Condition of Contract Clause 24.1 remains valid.
14	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part II	Section 8 III Special Condition of Contract, Clause 50.1(a), Page 144	Advance payment The following provisions shall apply to the advance payment and the advance bank payment guarantee: (1) An advance payment of 10% in foreign currency and of 10 % in local currency shall be made within 30 days after the Effective Date, upon submission of bank guarantee	The Consultants understand that the workload and financial cost of survey works, e.g. Topographic survey, Geotechnical survey, Material Investigations, Traffic survey etc. which shall be conducted at the early stage of the project, are substantial. Considering such nature of the Project, it is requested to increase the amount of advance payment from 10% to 20%. This may please be favorably considered.	The provision in Section 8; III. Special Condition of Contract Clause 50.1(a) remains valid.

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15	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	ANNEX-2, A.1, 1. Team Leader (xxii) (Page 96 of Section 7)	(ii) Experience Minimum : - Experience of 2 numbers of road /bridge design projects each of size more than US \$ 100 million as Team Leader	US \$100 million is too large cost for a design project. Does this amount mean Construction budget of the said project?	US\$ 100 million refers to the Construction budget of the said project.
16	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	ANNEX-2, A.1, 1. Team Leader (xxii) (Page 96 of Section 7)	) Experience Minimum : Experience of 1 number of Road/Bridge Design Project as Team Leader outside native country with Road Length >=50 Km (2 or more lane)/ motorable bridge with total length >=100m (two or more lane width)	Does this clause require a project experience with both Road Length >=50 Km (2 or more lane) and motorable bridge with total length >=100m (two or more lane width)? Please clarify whether it is 'And' or 'Or'.	This clause requires a project experience of Road Length >=50 Km (2 or more lane) OR Motorable bridge with total length >=100 m (two or more lane width). Road and bridge experience of said quantity independently can be considered for the evaluation
17	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part II	Section 8, Contract for Consultant's Services (Page 111 of Section 8)	Time-Based Unlike typical design service contracts where Lump-sum based contracts are adopted, this service is supposed to apply time-based contract.	Will the consultant be required to present time-sheet for payment under time-based contract? If yes, will all the Consultant's international experts be required to be stationed at project site under field input base only for the sake of payment or will they be allowed to use home input as well as field input?	This assignment is time based contract. A large volume of work need to be completed in a short period of time and there will be required a lot of interaction between client and consultants team. So, all the team members shall be stationed at the project office.
18	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7, Terms of Reference 3.2.2.1, Design of Road, k (Page 83 of Section 7)	Design of highway cross-section. Drawings shall include proposed vs. existing cross sections every 10m.	In our international experience, designing road cross sections at intervals of 10m is not common, so we suggest designing road cross sections at intervals of 25m and adding necessary locations. Please if it is possible to increase the intervals of the cross-section.	Section 7, Terms of Reference 3.2.2.1 Design of Road (b); shall be replaced by "Design of highway cross-section. Drawings shall include proposed vs. existing cross section every 25m and adding necessary locations." Also refer Amendment No.1 related to this RFP

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19	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part II	Section 8, Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms 23.1, (a), (ii) (Page 142 of Section 8)	for any direct loss or damage that exceeds [insert a multiplier, e.g.: one, two, three] times the total value of the Contract;	Please clarify the number in the blank	Section 8, Conditions of Contract; III Special Conditions of Contract clause 23.1(a) ii shall be replaced by “for any direct loss or damage that exceeds one time the total value of the Contract;” Also refer Amendment No.1 related to this RFP
20	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 2, Instructions to Consultants, 16.1 Financial Proposal (8, 9) (Page 32~33 of Section 2)	(8) Geotechnical Investigation for Bridges (depth in m) it includes mobilisation and Taking Sample with Rotary core drilling/Shell and Auger Boring of Percussion Boring, Taking disturbed and undisturbed sample, SPT and necessary lab testing as per TOR. (9) Inspection of existing Bridges and necessary Non-destructive tests of bridges Section 7, Terms of Reference 3.2.1.6, Traffic Study and Analysis, Axle Load Survey (Page 81~82 of Section 7) Axle load surveys in both directions shall be carried out at suitable location(s) in the project road stretch on a random sample basis and deduce the result. Section 7, Terms of Reference 3.4, Capacity Development (Page 86 of Section 7) The consulting services shall include organizing in house, national training for capacity development of DoR personnel in	We kindly request the Client to provide a Provisional Sum for the disbursement costs associated for these services, so that a fair evaluation may be done of the competing consultants' financial offers. Alternatively, please specify the requirements in detail, i.e. number of Boring and sampling required, as well as the number of survey stations for axle load and traffic counts, in order to enable fair and comparative pricing of this component of the services by competing consultants.	For geotechnical investigation of pavement and bridges, Section 7: TOR, ref 3.2.1.3 Geotechnical survey and for Traffic Study and Analysis ref 3.2.1.6 of TOR remains valid.

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			different disciplines. The consultant shall propose the capacity development component in their technical proposal and include the cost in their financial proposal. At a minimum, at least 5 capacity development workshops are required and up to 10 are possible if warranted.		
21	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Page 31, Clause 10.1 and 10.2 of Data Sheet	Designated Section of Proposal to attach the Statement of Undertaking	There is a conflict in the stipulation of where to attach the requested Statement of Undertaking between clause 10.1 (Fin. Proposal) & 10.2 (Tech. Proposal) Please clarify if the Consultant should state the “Statement of Undertaking” in the TECH 1 part only by including the paragraph (e), or should it be attached in both Tech. & Fin. Proposals as per both clauses stipulation.	As per section 2:ITC-Data sheet 10.2, Statement of Undertaking shall be attached in Form TECH-1. So, no separate attachment is necessary.
22	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Pg. 72. Terms of Reference Scope of services.	3.1 General Scope of Services – Paragraph xviii.	Our Concern is that preparation of drone survey videos and animated videos throughout the design process has the potential to substantially increase the cost of consulting service. It is more reasonable to provide these services only for significant sections such as major intersections and selected bridges. Please clarify whether the drone survey video and animated videos are mandatory for the full extent of the highway and associated bridges, or only on selected sections that the	The provisions made in Section 7. Terms of Reference, clause 3.1 General Scope of Services – Paragraph xviii is still valid. It is further clarified that drone survey videos are required for full extent of highway and associated bridges.

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				consultant thinks is necessary for such purpose.	
23	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 3, Page 39,	Checklist of Required Forms	Is there any page limitation for FORMs mentioned including CVs ? Please clarify.	For Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms, there is no page limitation.
24	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	TECH – 2B, Page 42-43	there is only the format for project list and no PDS Format given.	Shall we use our own PDS format or client have any specific format? Please clarify.	For FormTECH-2B-Consultants Experience sample table given in Page number 43 shall be used
		ii. of 3.1 General Scope of services on Section 7, ToR, page 70 of RFP	Carry out engineering surveys and investigations, including topographic surveys, as required to prepare detailed engineering designs, drawings as appropriate to prepare bills of quantities within reasonable accuracy?	Is there any preference from the client in using Drone Technology over Conventional Method (Total Station) for topographical survey? Please clarify. Also there is no horizontal and vertical accuracy tolerance mentioned for control survey in the RFP. Please provide the tolerance level of accuracy.	Consultant should follow ToR and Best adopted Practices to carry out engineering surveys and investigations, including topographic surveys, as required to prepare detailed engineering designs, drawings as appropriate to prepare bills of quantities within reasonable accuracy
		xviii. of 3.1 General Scope of services on Section 7, ToR, page 72 of RFP	Prepare Drone Survey Video of Current status of road section and bridges throughout so that it could be compared to the status after project implementation.....	Is there any drone speed restriction while conducting (capturing) video? Is there any restriction for video duration? Project Road being about 2 and half hour road journey away from International Border, it believed that any required administrative approval for conducting drone survey would be provided by the Authority and in case Consultant doesn't receive approval for conducting Drone Survey, it won't be considered as breach of Services.	The consultant should use Best practices adopted for Drone Survey Video which is agreeable to the client.

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25	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Table-3 of Points 3.2.1.3 Geotechnical Survey on Section 7, ToR, Page 79-80 of RFP.	There is only given general criteria for soil exploration.	We request you to set the minimum total quantity of boreholes in meters for Soil Exploration (soft, hard and rock strata) so that every company have to quote the same quantity in Financial Proposal.	For geotechnical investigation of pavement and bridges, requirements on Section 7: TOR, ref 3.2.1.3 Geotechnical survey remains valid
26	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Table-4 Staff Input (Tentative) Revised on Section 7, ToR, Page 87 of RFP	As per table 4, apart from Key Experts Positions mentioned under International Professional Experts, two positions namely Support Experts on Bridge Design and Road Safety position have also been mentioned under International Professional Experts.	Please suggest whether Consultant have to submit CVs for these two international Experts too in the Technical Proposal. For the national Experts, we believe non-Key Experts CVs are not required for submission in Technical Proposal. Please confirm.	It is clarified that CVs of all International and National experts (Key and Non-Key) proposed by the consultant firms shall have to be submitted.
27	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 2. ICT, Clause 16.4	Consultant may express the price for their Services in any fully convertible currency, singly or in combination of up to three foreign currencies.	Apart from US Dollar and Euro, can Consultant Quote its Financial Figures in Indian National Rupees? Please confirm.	Consultant may express the price for their Services in any fully convertible currency, singly or in combination of up to three foreign currencies (including Indian Rupees) as per Section 2, ITC-data sheet Clause 16.4.
28	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Annex-2 : Qualification Requirements of Experts	For all Key Experts, minimum Education Qualification has been mentioned as Master's Degree.	Request to have minimum Qualification as Bachelor's Degree as we understand the experience of experts shall be evaluated from Bachelor's Degree.	The minimum education Qualification for all Key Experts shall be as per Annex-2, Qualification Requirements of Experts.
29	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Table 5 : Reports and Submissions of Section 7 of ToR, page 88-90		There is no reporting requirement and submission deadline only, however we are concerning about the approval period taken. Is there any minimum and maximum duration for report approval from client?	15 to 30 Days for review and approvals of reports, where required, may be considered for the purpose of proposal preparation.

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30	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Page 30 Cl. 2.4	The Client will provide the following inputs, project data, reports, etc. To facilitate the preparation of the Proposals: ☐ Feasibility Study for the Upgradation of Kamala-Dhalkebar-Pathlaiya (KDP) section of Mahendra Highway, January 2020 is required for better project appreciation.	Kindly provide feasibility study report including all annexure & drawings.	The Feasibility Study for the Upgradation of Kamala – Dhalkebar - Pathlaiya (KDP) section of Mahendra Highway, January 2020 report is available with the Client. The reproduction cost shall be borne by the consultant.
31	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Page 32 Cl. 16.1 of Data Sheet Financial Proposal	Geotechnical Investigation for Bridges (depth in m) it includes mob/demobilization and Taking Sample with Rotary core drilling/Shell and Auger Boring of Percussion Boring, Taking disturbed and undisturbed sample, SPT and necessary lab testing as per ToR	We understand that the facility for testing required for the purpose of this task will be available in the client's laboratory. If it requires some additional testing from the out sourced laboratory than the client will reimburse the expenditure made by consultant.	The Consultants should assess the testing facilities available at different Laboratories within the Client's Country. All necessary lab testing required to perform the services mentioned in TOR shall be assessed by the consultants and the consultants should include those costs in their financial proposal accordingly.
		Page 34 Cl. 21.1 Criteria, subcriteria, and point system for the evaluation of the Full Technical Proposals:	i) Specific experience of the Consultant (as a firm) relevant to the Assignment: 10 Points (a) Experience in similar projects – 7.5 (b) Experience in similar geographical Area – 2.5	Kindly elaborate the Experience in similar geographical Area.	Similar geographical area includes Client's country or in Asia Region.
32	Request for Proposals (RFP)	RFP page-48 Foot note (3), of FORM TECH 6,	“Home” means work in the office in the expert's country of residence. “Field” work means work carried out in the Client's country or any other	As this is a design project, We understand that “Home” means work in the office in the expert's country of residence and he will work from his Head Office for the period	The provision in RFP page-48 Foot note (3), of FORM TECH 6 is clear in its statement

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	Part I		country outside the expert's country of residence, at Client's request.	shown as home input in Form Tech-6.	
33	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Page 59, Appendix A	Financial Negotiations- Breakdown of Remuneration rates Cl.1.3 At the negotiations the firm shall be prepared to disclose its audited financial statements for the last three years, to substantiate its rates, and accept that its proposed rates and other financial matters are subject to scrutiny. The Client is charged with the custody of government funds and is expected to exercise prudence in the expenditure of these funds. Further, as part of the proposal page 61 Sample Form (b), the Consultant should "attach the true copies of the latest pay slips of the Experts listed".	As the salary documents are confidential property of the firm and they are usually required under the QBS format. Given that, this RFP is a QCBS format, it is requested that the requirement of providing Sample Form, latest pay slips of the Experts listed and substantiation of the Expert's man-month rate from the audited financials of the Consultant be waived of.	For this QCBS method of selection, salary documents are not required to be submitted with the Proposals.
34	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part II	Page 122, GCC Clause 19.1.4	Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses GCC 12 or GCC 19 hereof, or upon expiration of this Contract pursuant to Clause GCC 14, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except (i) such rights and obligations as may be accrued on the date of termination or expiration (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in Clause GCC 22 (iii) The Consultant's obligation to permit inspection,	It is requested that the outer boundary for inspection of records may be considered as 6 months.	The provisions in Section 8: GCC Clause 19.1.4 remain unaltered.

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			copying and auditing of their accounts and records set forth in Clause GCC 25 and (iv) any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.		
35	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part II	Page 125, GCC Clause 25 Accounting, Inspection and Auditing.	Consultant shall permit and shall cause its agents (where declared or not), subcontractors, sub consultants, service providers, suppliers, and personnel, to permit, the Bank and/or persons appointed by the Bank to inspect the site and/or the accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement process, selection and/or contract execution, and to have such accounts, records and other documents audited by auditors appointed by the Bank..	We wish to inform that we will retain our records as per our record retention policies. Upon reasonable notice, we will allow client to inspect our invoicing records under this engagement; Such inspection shall be done in a pre-agreed manner and during normal business hours. For avoidance of doubt, such inspection shall not cause us to be in breach of our organizational confidentiality requirements	The provision mentioned in Section 8: GCC cl.25 Accounting, Inspection and Auditing remains valid.
36	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part II	Page 141, SCC cl.13.1 Commencement of Services:	The number of days shall be 15 Days	Time period to commence is inadequate for mobilization of staff on the project, as the consultant need more time to mobilize their staff. The client may kindly provide at least 30 days to the consultant to commence their services from the effective date.	The provision mentioned in Section8: SCC cl.13.1 Commencement of Services remains valid.
37	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part II	Page 33, Section 2. ICT, E. Data Sheet, C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation Clause 17.7 and 17.9.	The Proposal must be submitted no later than 15 March, 2021.	Due to outbreak of Covid-19 all over the world, air flight is infrequent and flight schedule is sometimes cancelled. Please allow Bidders to have extension of submission deadline at least 2 weeks for preparation of competitive proposals and deliver to the Client's office on time.	Refer Amendment No.1 related to this RFP

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38	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 7. Terms of Reference 3.2.1.3 Geotechnical Survey d. Changes in soil strata	During the boring, if there is any change of soil strata, the number of sampling of soils for different tests will be increased and the Consultants shall carry out the entire test required for each layer of soil. No additional payments will be made for such tests.	Considering the uncertainty of underground conditions, the Consultant requests for revisiting " No additional payments" to reimbursable item or provisional sums, which will be paid upon the Consultant's actual surveys and tests.	The provision of Section 7. Terms of Reference 3.2.1.3 <u>Geotechnical Survey d.</u> delete the last sentence "No additional payments shall be made for such tests" Refer Amendment No.1 related to this RFP
39	Request for Proposals (RFP) Part I	Section 2. ITC, E. Data Sheet, B. Preparation of proposals, Clause 11.1, Page no. 31	Participation of Sub-consultants, Key Experts and Non-key Experts in more than one proposal is permissible : Yes	Please clarify this clause will be adopted to both International and National experts or just to National Expert.	Section 2. ITC, E. Data Sheet, Clause 11.1 Provision applies for both international and national Experts.