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In response to the queries received for - **IN-ASDMA-312161-CS-QCBS-** "Design, Management & Supervision Consultant for Augmentation of Existing Schools, Construction of Multi-purpose Flood Shelters and allied", **the consolidated response to the queries may be referred below-**

S.N	Reference (if any)	PARTICULAR	QUERY	<u>Response to Queries</u>
1	Clause no.7	The experience of a parent company, subsidiary company, group company or associates (whatever the names) of the Applicant shall not be considered in evaluation.	<p>Since this a diversified project involving various Urban components, we request the Client to allow Consultants to use technical credentials of its Parent company/Group company /subsidiary company and vice versa.</p> <p>This may be considered and accepted as this will allow better resources &amp; technical expertise for delivery of such a reputed Integrated project including various infrastructure components together.</p> <p>This may please be considered.</p>	<p>The Assessment of a firm's qualification shall not take into consideration the qualifications of other firms such as its subsidiaries, parent entities, affiliates, sub-Consultant, group company.</p> <p>However, as provided in Clause 12 of the REOI, a Consultant may associate with other Consultants in the form of a Joint Venture to enhance their qualifications, in which case credentials of all Joint Venture members will be considered. For this purpose, the participating JV is required to submit JV agreement/letter of intent to constitute a JV as provided in Clause 6-b of the REOI and also comply with other requirements specified in Clause 12.</p>
2	Clause no.9	While evaluating Expression of Interest (EOI), Client will assign higher score for larger number of years in core business, experience of similar role in implementing larger number of Projects or high value Projects of similar nature	<p>In reference to Clause 9, we request the client to kindly clarify how many projects are required to be showcased under criteria 4 (a); (b); (c); (d) in page no.2 (whether there is any ceiling on number of projects and the number of marks assigned for each project).</p> <p>Please confirm.</p>	<p>Clauses 4(a) and 4(d) are quite clear; these relate to Profile and General Experience of the Consulting firm, and the list of ongoing Projects with tenure respectively. Information may be submitted accordingly with the EOI.</p>

		and comparable complexity, high turnover/revenues from consulting assignments, financial soundness, Technical and Managerial capability, and larger number of full-time experts on the Consultant's pay roll whose experience and qualifications are similar to those of Key Experts		<b>Regarding requirements listed in Clauses 4 (b) and 4 (c), please refer Corrigendum to the REOI.</b>
3	Clause no.9	While evaluating Expression of Interest (EOI), Client will assign higher score for larger number of years in core business, experience of similar role in implementing larger number of Projects or high value Projects of similar nature and comparable complexity, high turnover/revenues from consulting assignments, financial soundness, Technical and Managerial capability, and larger number of full-time experts on the Consultant's pay roll whose experience and qualifications are similar to those of Key Experts	We want to understand the ceiling to marking criteria as to what will be the highest score and how distribution of marks will be done for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. number of years in core business</li> <li>b. experience of similar role in implementing larger number of Projects</li> <li>c. high value Projects of similar nature and comparable complexity</li> <li>d. high turnover/revenues from consulting assignments.</li> </ul> Please clarify the same	The Shortlisting shall be done by a Committee constituted for the purpose as per "Selection procedures for Consulting Firms- Shortlist" – in line with Section- 7.16 to 7.20 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations and the scoring criteria will be deliberated by the said Committee at the time of evaluation.
4	Clause no.10	Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.	The Consultants' requests the Client to kindly confirm if it is required to submit only the CVs of 13 Key experts or both Key and Support staffs although its mentioned that at the EOI Stage they will not be evaluated.  Please clarify	Experts/Expert's CVs shall not be evaluated at the EOI stage. However, list of permanent staff relevant for the assignment is required to be submitted as per Clause 4-g of the REOI.

5	Clause no.9 & 10	Consultants are informed that the Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.	In EOI point no – 09 it is mentioned that “ <b>Technical and Managerial capability, and larger number of full-time experts on the Consultant’s pay roll whose experience and qualifications are similar to those of Key Experts.</b> ” Will be considered for higher scoring, whereas in Clause no.10 it says that Key experts will not be evaluated. Please clarify the same.	Experts/Expert’s CVs shall not be evaluated at the EoI stage. The consulting firms are required to submit “List of permanent staff relevant for the assignment” as per Clause 4-g of the REoI.
6	Clause no.4 (d)	<b>List of ongoing projects with their tenure</b>	The Consultants’ requests the Client to kindly confirm the list of Ongoing projects related to Water sector only or any infrastructure domain.	Details pertaining to <b>ALL</b> ongoing projects with their tenure may be submitted in response to the specific point.
7	Clause no.7.4	<b>7.4 Minimum Competency of Experts &amp; Support staff</b>  <b>Age of Experts</b>	The Consultants’ requests the Client to kindly confirm if there are any age limit criteria for the Key expert positions and Support staffs.	Request for Proposal (RFP) with specific and requisite details in this regard, if any, shall be issued to shortlisted Firms subsequently.
8	Clause no.7.4	<b>7.4 Minimum Competency of Experts &amp; Support staff</b>	The Consultants’ requests the Client to kindly confirm if there is any Exclusive consent required for the Expert positions.	Experts/Expert’s CVs shall not be evaluated at the EoI stage. The consulting firms are required to submit “List of permanent staff relevant for the assignment” as per Point -4-g of the REoI.
9	Clause no.7.4	<b>7.4 Minimum Competency of Experts &amp; Support staff</b> <b>6. Environmental Expert</b> Post-Graduate in Environmental Science or any relevant field with at least 8 years of experience in implementation, monitoring of Environmental policies particularly for EAP projects.	The Consultants’ requests the Client to kindly provide relaxation on the Experience for this position (specially 8 years’ experience in EAP projects) as it would be a challenge for the Bidders to present such candidates. Kindly accept	Please refer REoI/ToR. Experts/Expert’s CVs shall not be evaluated at the EoI stage. Request for Proposal (RFP) with updated ToR (if any) shall be issued to shortlisted firms subsequently. Shortlisted firms shall be given adequate opportunity to submit queries post issuance of RFP.
10	Clause no.7.4	<b>7.4 Minimum Competency of Experts &amp; Support staff</b> <b>6. Environmental Expert</b> Post-Graduate in Environmental	The Consultants’ requests the Client to kindly confirm that if this position require river basin experience.	Please refer REoI/ToR. Experts/Expert’s CVs shall not be evaluated at the EoI stage. Request for Proposal (RFP) with updated ToR



		Science or any relevant field with at least 8 years of experience in implementation, monitoring of Environmental policies particularly for EAP projects.		(if any) shall be issued to shortlisted firms subsequently. Shortlisted firms shall be given adequate opportunity to submit queries post issuance of RFP.
11	Clause no.7.4	<p><b>7.4 Minimum Competency of Experts &amp; Support staff</b></p> <p><b>4. Gender Specialist</b> Post-Graduate in Social Science/Mass communication or any relevant field with at least 8 years of experience in planning and implementation of Gender actions for EAP projects.</p> <p><b>5. Social Expert</b> Post-Graduate in Social Science or any relevant field with at least 8 years of experience in implementation, monitoring of social and safeguard policies particularly for EAP projects.</p>	<p>The Consultants' requests the Client to kindly provide relaxation on the Experience for these positions (specially 8 years' experience in EAP projects) as it would be a challenge for the Bidders to present such candidates.</p> <p>Kindly accept.</p>	<p>Please refer REoI/ToR. Experts/Expert's CVs shall not be evaluated at the EoI stage. Request for Proposal (RFP) with TOR/updated ToR shall be issued to shortlisted firms subsequently. Shortlisted firms shall be given adequate opportunity to submit queries post issuance of RFP.</p>
12	Clause no.14	<p>14. The detailed Terms of Reference for the assignment can be found at the following weblink: <a href="http://www.assamtenders.gov.in">www.assamtenders.gov.in</a>. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours. Queries may also be mailed at <a href="mailto:airbmapsmapiu@gmail.com">airbmapsmapiu@gmail.com</a> with subject line – "Query-EoI-DMSC (AIRBMP) -ASDMA" latest by 07.10.2022. The consolidated replies of queries will be uploaded</p>	<p>We request the client to provide an online link for proposal conference if being held. It is not clear to us as to whether or not a pre-proposal conference will be held.</p>	<p>Consolidated response to all queries received from prospective consulting firms, as per the REoI terms, are hereby issued.</p> <p>Pre-Proposal meeting/conference will be organised/scheduled and detailed in Request for Proposal (RFP), to be issued to only shortlisted firms.</p>

		at www.assamtenders.gov.in on or before 14.10.2022 At 16.00 HRS.		
13	E-Procurement notice	Last Date & Time for online submission of REOI is on 25.10.2022, 13:00 hrs (IST)	We request client to keep the submission date at least 21 days after the replies to pre-bid queries are published. This may please be accepted considering that it's a festive month and the upcoming Diwali holidays.	Date and Time for submission of EOIs remains unchanged as detailed in REOI.
14	E-Procurement notice	Last Date & Time for online submission of REOI is on 25.10.2022, 13:00 hrs (IST)	However, we would like to take to your notice that submission date (i.e 25th October 2022) of this EOI falls between Diwali festival having Public holidays all over India. Hence, we request to please extend the date of proposal submission by atleast Three weeks (i.e 15th November 2022) for quality submission.	Date and Time for submission of EOIs remains unchanged as detailed in REOI.
15	REOI	-NA-	Could you please indicate if there is any budgetary estimate available for the proposed consultancy assignment?	This is REOI stage only. RFP with requisite details shall be issued to shortlisted firms subsequently.
16	Clause no. 4	The Assam State Disaster Management Authority now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.	We understand the joint credentials of the Joint Venture will be considered for fulfilling the eligibility and for EOI evaluation purpose. Kindly confirm.	Joint credentials of the Joint Venture will be considered subject to submission of JV agreement/letter of intent in adherence to point 6 b of the issued REOI.
17	Clause no. 4 (c)	Experience in execution of Design, Management, Supervision & Quality Assurance assignments for projects financed by multilateral agencies.	Since the objective of the consulting services is to provide support to ASDMA in project planning, technical designing, management, technical supervision, environment and social safeguards etc, which is very similar to the scope executed under	Assignments with scope of Design, management, supervision & Quality Assurance in it, for projects financed by multilateral agencies shall be considered for the specific criteria under reference.

			PMC/ PMU/ PDMCs, therefore we understand the experience of Project/ Program Management Consultancies (PMC), Project Management Units (PMU), Project Design and Management Consultancies (PDMC) etc in externally aided projects will also be considered. Please confirm.	
18	Clause no. 4 (e)	Financial capacity of the firm including turnover from consulting services for the last five years which should not be less than US\$ 1.90 million or INR 15 crores	Since the usual practice in externally aided projects is to consider the average annual turnover, we understand that the same will be applied for this criterion. Kindly confirm. Also please confirm whether the financial figures to be furnished by the bidders will be for last five years ending FY 2021-22.	Yes. Average annual turnover for the last five financial years shall be considered.  Considering that the deadline for Filling of IT returns/audits for F.Y 2021-22 has been extended till 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022 (for companies requiring audits), prospective consulting firms may furnish details for the last 5 years ending F.Y 2021-22 OR for the last 5 years ending FY 2020-21.
19	Clause no. 4 (g)	List of permanent staff relevant for the assignment	We request that contractual staff should also be considered here since consultancy firms like us also have a pool of long-term Expert Consultants with the desired experience and qualifications as required under this current EOI to deliver the work and we have the required policies and procedures in place to ensure the continuity of professional services once they are contracted for any assignment.	Experts/Expert's CVs shall not be evaluated at the EoI stage.  The consulting firms are required to submit "List of permanent staff relevant for the assignment" as per Point -4-g of the REoI.
20	Clause no. 6 (e)	Service experience record/ completion certificate (including nature, total cost, total input in terms of staff month, employer, location of service, scope of services etc.)	We request you to also consider copies of contract agreements/ work orders as documentary proof to substantiate the claimed experience.	Valid documentary evidences such as Completion Certificates, Contracts, Notice To Proceeds (NTPs), Work Orders, Interim service certificates etc. to substantiate the claimed experience with specific details in terms of nature, total cost, total input in terms of staff month, employer, location of service, scope of



21	Clause no. 10	Consultants are informed that the Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.	We understand that the CVs of key experts are not required to be furnished in the EOI stage. Please confirm.	services etc. shall be considered. Yes, confirmed.
22	Clause no. 15 (ii)	Online EoI proposal submission End Date: 25.10.2022 at 13.00 HRS (IST)	Considering the festivals and holidays in this month, we would request you to kindly extend the deadline by 15 days at least so that the submission can be done smoothly.	Date and Time for submission of REoI remains unchanged as detailed in REoI.
23	ToR-Clause 4.4	Payment: The Consultant shall be compensated based on a time-based structure that accounts for (i) submission of key deliverables due at the time and (ii) input of each key expert.	Since this is a time-based contract, we understand that payment shall be done monthly based on the time input of all experts. Kindly confirm.	RFP with requisite details shall be issued to shortlisted firms subsequently.



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