

**Minutes of the Pre-Bid Meeting in connection with the work: "Desiltation of Mundeswari River from Ch. 0.00 Km to 5.00 Km and u/s of bifurcation point for a length of 370 m in the district of Purba Bardhaman - Package - X" comprising three lots., held on 10th November, 2020 in NIC Conference Hall, SPMU, WBMIFMP, Ground Floor, Jalasampad Bhavan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091.**

Lot - 1: Desiltation of Mundeswari River from Ch. 0.00 Km to 1.00 Km and u/s of bifurcation point for a length of 370 m in the district of Purba Bardhaman

Lot - 2: Desiltation of Mundeswari River from Ch. 1.00 Km to 3.00 Km in the district of Purba Bardhaman

Lot - 3: Desiltation of Mundeswari River from Ch.3.00 Km to 5.00 Km in the district of Purba Bardhaman

The meeting started at 02:00 pm on 10/11/2020 with Sri Subir Kumar Laha, Chief Engineer and Project Director, SPMU, WBMIFMP, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal on Chair.

At the outset Sri laha welcomed the bidders who attended the Pre-Bid meeting.

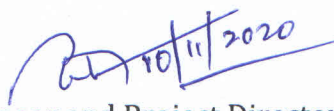
After responding to verbal queries received from Bidders during the Pre-Bid meeting, Chairman told to Sri Sumanta Chatterjee, Additional Project Director (Civil)-IV, SPMU, WBMIFMP to brief the bidders about the Salient features of Bid Submission Procedure.

As directed, Additional Project Director (Civil)-IV, SPMU, WBMIFMP explained in a nutshell about the procedures of filling different forms and also told to bidders that separate BOQ in .xls file should be uploaded for each lot if the Bidder will participate in Multiple Lots.

It was re-iterated here that minutes of Pre Bid Meeting would be duly uploaded in NIC Portal and it would not be the part of the Contract Document.

List of queries by the potential Bidders received through email and also the issues/ queries raised verbally by them during the Pre Bid meeting along with the responses of the client (I&WD) thereof are enclosed herewith as Annexure - I.

Enclosure: Annexure - I (Queries & Responses)

  
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**LIST OF QUERIES FROM POTENTIAL BIDDERS ALONG WITH RESPONSES OF IWD FOR WBMIFMP/PD/NCB/2020-21/FM-10 Dated 10/11/2020**

(Tender IDs : 2020\_IWD\_302825\_1, 2, 3; WB Activity No. IN-IWD-196592-CW-RFB)

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Qualification Criteria; Cl. 2.1, Page- 45  Eligibility and Qualification Criteria;	A particular Bidder submitted the following: "We hereby attach the PQ condition accepted by Government of India/state govt Undertaking for their tenders.  Hence, we request you to incorporate the below mentioned condition  In computing the bidder qualification criteria of the bidder, the experience of their parent company registered in India shall be considered, provided that the bidder is subsidiary of the parent company (Parent Company that shall have the controlling stake more than 50% in the subsidiary company) and the parent company provides an undertaking that they are jointly and severally responsible for successful performance of the contract"	No change to the Bid Document Provision. Please refer ITB Clause 32.2 of the bid document for reference.
2.	Table: Period of Completion (Col. 5, Page-6) Period of completion shall be seven (07) months.	The duration of the work is very less with compare to volume of work. Hence, Bidder requests Employer to modify the duration of the work as 12 months instead of 7 months	No change to the Bid Document Provision
3.	Qualification Criteria; Eligibility and Qualification Criteria; Cl. 4.2(b), Page- 51  For the above and any other contracts (substantially completed and under implementation), as prime contractor, joint venture member, or sub-contractor between 1st April 2015 and Application submission deadline, a minimum construction experience in the	(Bidder requests the Employer to kindly allow "Any type of Earthwork" in lieu of "earthwork (other than earthwork in excavation/filling of foundation of any type of structure)" that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed	No change to the Bid Document Provision

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	<p>following key activities successfully completed11:</p> <p>(i) For Lot – 1: minimum 6,65,000 Cum in the contract cited at 4.2(a) above and also other similar contract(s) executed during the same period, subject to condition that each of the contracts should have the minimum executed quantities of earthwork (other than earthwork in excavation/filling of foundation of any type of structure), at least 30 % of the threshold specified above for the said items in the Lot</p> <p>(ii) For Lot – 2: minimum 8,45,000 Cum in the contract cited at 4.2(a) above and also other similar contract(s) executed during the same period, subject to condition that each of the contracts should have the minimum executed quantities of earthwork (other than earthwork in excavation/filling of foundation of any type of structure), at least 30 % of the threshold specified above for the said items in the Lot</p> <p>(iii) For Lot – 3: minimum 7,55,000 Cum in the contract cited at 4.2(a) above and also other similar contract(s) executed during the same period, subject to condition that each of the contracts should have the minimum executed quantities of earthwork (other than earthwork in excavation/filling of foundation of any type of structure), at least 30 % of the threshold specified above for the said items in the Lot</p>		

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4.	<p>Tax; Section I - Instructions to Bidders; Cl. 14.8; Page-19</p> <p>Bidders may like to ascertain availability of tax/duty exemption ..... of the bidding document.</p>	<p>(i) One particular Bidder requested the Employer to clarify what are the items exempted from tax.</p> <p>(ii) The same Bidder requested the Employer to clarify whether this exemption will be applicable for custom duty also?"</p>	<p>(i) Bidders are advised to consult Tax Authorities in this regard</p> <p>(ii) Please see clarification at (i) above</p>
5.	<p>Tax; PCC/ GCC; Cl. 47; Page- 278</p> <p>The rates quoted by the Contractor shall be deemed to be inclusive of the VAT, Sales and other taxes that the Contractor will have to pay for the performance of this Contract. The Employer will perform such duties in regard to the deduction of such taxes at source [TDS] as per applicable law.</p>	<p>One particular Bidder proposed that since there is no VAT or sales tax exists in India, Bidder requests Employer to modify the said clause.</p>	<p>PCC /GCC 47 is merely explanatory. Bidders are required to include all taxes, duties, levies cess etc. whatsoever in their rates, which have to be paid by them for the performance of this Contract.</p>
6.	<p>Price adjustment; PCC/ GCC; Cl. 49.1; Pg. No. 278</p> <p>"Page-278 GCC 49.1 is replaced with the following: "Contract price shall be adjusted for increase or decrease in rates and price of labour, ..... Page-280 Price Adjustment: NOT APPLICABLE"</p>	<p>One particular Bidder requested the Employer to consider the Employer to confirm if Price adjustment is applicable or not.</p>	<p>Price Adjustment is NOT APPLICABLE to this Contract (PCC/GCC 49.1)</p>

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7.	Liquidity Damage; PCC/GCC Cl. 51.1; Page- 280  The liquidated damages for All Works are 0.1% per day. The maximum amount of liquidated damages for the whole of the Works is 10% of the final Contract Price.	One particular Bidder requested the Employer to consider the Liquidity Damages capped to a maximum 5% of the contract value.	No change to the Bid Document Provision
8.	Mobilization Advance Payments; PCC/ GCC; Cl. 53.1; Page-280  5% of the Contract price	One particular Bidder requested the Employer to consider 10% of the Contract price for Mobilization Advance	No change to the Bid Document Provision
9.	Performance Security; PCC/ GCC; Cl. 54; Page-282  The Performance Security amount is 8% percent of Contract Amount plus [Maximum up to 10% of Contract Amount], as additional security for unbalanced bids [in terms of ITB Clause 41.2], and Environmental, Social, Safety and Health (ESHS Performance Security amount is 2% percent of Contract Amount.	One particular Bidder requested the Employer to consider maximum 5% of the Contract price for performance security	No change to the Bid Document Provision

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10	BOQ	<p>One particular Bidder pointed out that in the BOQ excel provided, the value reflecting in column 'the amount with tax' and 'the amount without tax' is same.</p> <p>Bidder requests Employer to rectify the same.</p>	<p>Please refer ITB Clause 14.7: All duties, taxes, and other levies payable by the Contractor under the Contract, or for any other cause, as of the deadline for submission of Bids, shall be included in the rates and prices and the total Bid price submitted by the Bidder. The rates quoted by the Contractor shall be deemed to be inclusive of all taxes that the Contractor will have to pay for the performance of this Contract. So, same value will appear in both the columns.</p>
11	<p>Scope of work; Cl. 4.0; Page nos. 135 Irrigation &amp; Flood Management</p> <p>The schematic drawing, brief project outlay, location and other particulars are available on the website <a href="http://www.wbiwd.gov.in">www.wbiwd.gov.in</a> in the link "WBMIFMP"</p>	<p>As per bidding document, Irrigation &amp; Flood Management areas are provided under this clause.</p> <p>There is no schematic drawing, brief project outlay, location and other particulars of this project available in the link called WBMIFMP in the website mentioned. Kindly provide the same.</p> <p>There are huge earth work excavation mentioned in the BOQ. Please provide the relevant longitudinal &amp; cross sections to understand the scope of work and site location.</p>	<p>The typical drawings of different types of spoil banks such as Type I &amp; II, longitudinal &amp; cross section of channel, showing existing &amp; designed sections, along with general index map and Lot wise index maps are attached with the bidding document itself and should be sufficient at bidding stage.</p>
12	Traffic management during construction	<p>One particular Bidder requested Employer to provide the traffic management plan if any prepared for construction stage.</p>	<p>It is the responsibility of the contractor to prepare the traffic management plan and submit to the Engineer as a part of the Contractor's ESHS-MSIP, for approval, before initiation of the construction work. Please refer Appendix- II/9: Guidelines for preparation of Traffic Management Plan has also been provided in the Bid Document at Page - 189</p>

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13	Soil Report	Bidders requested the Employer to provide detail soil report.	The Scope of work involves the work of desiltation of river bed material to develop the deep channel within river Mundeswari for passage of flood discharge safely. To execute the work, construction of cross bundhs and haul roads/ mooram roads are required which are the temporary structures and to be removed once the works are completed.
14.	Testing Labs	How many testing lab will be required if work awarded all three / two lots to one contractor	The Contractor may set up a single laboratory for testing purposes if the contractor qualifies for the whole package of three lots. However, subject to work load, and as directed by the Project Engineer, the contractor may be required to set up additional testing facilities / laboratory.
15.	Local hindrance	The temporary / permanent area is under department of any local hindrance	All work areas are more or less hindrance free areas.  One can reasonably hope for encroachment free site before actual commencement of work.
16.	Storage / Dumping area	Storage / Dumping area is demarcated or not. If not, then who will demarcate it	Please refer Appendix – II/7: Silt Disposal Plan included in Annexure – II Package Specific ESMP & Contractor's ESHS-MSIP for further guidance (provided in the Bid Document at Page – 177) wherein, the temporary & permanent storage plan of desilted materials are delineated. The disposal areas are at a maximum distance of 5 kms from the work sites.

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17.	Industrial Wastage	As per given BOQ industrial is available. So might chance of hazardous materials. If hazardous material is found where to dump it and what about the rate for it	Please refer Appendix – II/6: Waste Management Plan (C&D waste, vegetation waste, hazardous waste) included in Annexure-II- Package Specific ESMP & Contractor’s ESHS-MSIP for further guidance (provided in the Bid Document at Page – 175)
18.	Laboratory Testing	In which lab we will test the excavated material for hazardous material	Please refer Appendix – II/6: Waste Management Plan (C&D waste, vegetation waste, hazardous waste) included in Annexure-II- Package Specific ESMP & Contractor’s ESHS-MSIP for further guidance (provided in the Bid Document at Page – 175). Any tests for hazardous material, if required shall be done from NABL accredited laboratories at Contractor’s expense.
19.	ES aspects	What specific requirement related to managing ES aspects	Please refer Cl. 4.2 (c) : Specific Experience in managing ES aspects under Eligibility & Qualification Criteria at Page – 53 of the Bid Document. The requirement is self-explanatory. The requirement of managing E & S aspects are covered in Appendix 1 to 14 in Annexure -II
20.	Multiple bids	As per Clause 4.3, it is quoted that the firm / bidder shall not participate in more than one bid except for permitted alternative bids. Kindly clarify for the option of participation of more than one bid of eligible bidders	<p>A firm that is a Bidder (either individually or as a JV member) shall not participate in more than one Bid, except for permitted alternative Bids. This includes participation as a Subcontractor in other Bids. Such participation shall result in the disqualification of all Bids in which the firm is involved. A firm that is not a Bidder or a JV member may participate as a subcontractor in more than one Bid.</p> <p>The above clause clarifies that a firm that is a Bidder (either individually or as a JV member) shall not participate in more than one Bid under the same tender ID or for the same Lot under a Package. However, the Bidders can participate in other individual Lots of the package.</p>



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21.	Qualification Criteria; Eligibility and Qualification Criteria; Cl. 4.2(b), Page- 51  “Any Type of Earthwork other than earthwork in excavation / filling of foundation of any type of structure”	Kindly Clarify the point	Earthwork quantity executed for excavation / filling of foundation of any type of structure will not be considered.
22.	Appendix to Technical Part; Specific Experience in Managing ES aspects; Form EXP – 4.2 (c), Page- 97	Kindly Clarify: 2. Key Requirement no.2 in accordance with 4.2 (c) 3. Key Requirement no.3 in accordance with 4.2 (c) Please clarify the points	Experience in managing ESHS risks and impacts as delineated in Table E.I (C-ESMP) under Section – VII particularly on Silt management plan, Construction camp management plan, traffic management plan, C&D waste management plan, labour management plan, HIV/AIDS, gender target etc to be specified
23.	General	We request you to provide the Mouja map of the adjacent area of the intend work and available of land in such area (plot schedule)	Bidders to refer the Project Background, Project area included in the Section – VII: Scope of Work. Also Index map included in the Drawing file. Further, bidders may visit sites for better understanding of the scope of work.
24.	General	If we are submitting the bid in JV than we will need to submit the Bid in JV profile or we can submit in lead member profile	In case of JV, the Bids to be submitted in JV profile. Please refer ITB Clause 4.1 for reference.

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25..	General	Regarding Bid Security can we submit the BG in lead member name or we need to submit the Bid Security in JV name.	Please refer ITB Clause 4.1 & ITB 19.8 for guidance.
26.	General	Regarding submitting the bank solvency certificate can bidders submit solvency certificate individually for each members separately. Also please indicate solvency amount in such cases.	The Bidders individual or Joint Venture (existing or intended) must meet the requirements as per Cl 3.1: Financial Capabilities under Eligibility & Qualification Criteria (Page-48).
27.	Item SI No. 1.00 , 1.01 (b)  Earthwork in re-excavation/silt clearance of drainage channels in all kind of soil ... (b) By mechanical means using hydraulic excavators...	Please clarity / indicate whether "Pontoon" will be used or not in the excavation activity for this item.	In Lot 1, wet excavation is considered in the estimate and that work will be executed by Pontoon, only for funnelling portion on the upstream side of upstream cross bundh.
28.	Item SI No. 5.00  WBM sub-base by Jhama Metal	Picked Jhama Bricks will be used for making brick Khoa (63 mm to 45 mm). Please confirm.	Brick khoa (63 mm to 45 mm) may be used in construction of WBM as per the provision kept in the estimate.

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29.	Item SI No. 7.00 Earthwork in making new embankment	Please indicate the lead of borrow pit owned / arranged by the depth.	The initial lead and lift has been considered in the estimate for borrowed earth.
30.	Item SI No. 9.00 Labour for driving bullah piles	Mode of measurement for this item may please be classified.	The payment will be made for driven length of bullah pile for this item.
31.	Item SI No. 12.00 Labour charges for dumping and placing ..filled in Nylon crates ... cement bags with local earth / sand.	Cost of filling materials is excluded. Please confirm.	The cost of filling material is included in the BoQ item.
32.	Item SI No. 16.01 Disposal of desilted bed materials ..... in Private Land	Please indicate the cost for arrangement of private land for disposal.	Please refer the description of the item “Disposal of desilted bed materials of channels and rivers, including either slush, silt-clay and sand or combination thereof beyond river or channel bank or embankment in private land ,other than land owned by the Government ,local bodies and educational institutes by trucks or by any other conveyance over kancha and pucca road including making or repairing access roads for transportation,upto a maximum distance of 5 KM from the worksite including loading, unloading, transporting, stacking at loading point, spreading and rough levelling at destination point <b>and cost of arrangement of land, wherever required, all complete.</b> (a) Upto a maximum distance of 5 KM

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33.	Item SI No. 21.00, 21.01 to 21.05 Testing of environmental parameters.	Please specify the names of approved Test House, if any.	Any NABL Accredited laboratories
34.	Clause No. 4.2(a) & 4.2(b) of QC Specific Construction & Contract Management Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualifying / Eligible similar contract(s) should satisfactorily and substantially completed after 01.04.2015 whenever it may be started. Please confirm.</li> <li>• Any type of earthwork i.e. earthwork in excavation &amp; filling other than that of foundation of any type of structure will be eligible for qualification of key activity. Please confirm.</li> <li>• Please clarify whether one single credential of similar contract will be acceptable for all lots i.e. Lot-1, Lot-2 &amp; Lot-3.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes. Similar contracts that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or subcontractor between 1st April 2015 and bid submission deadline and fulfilling the criteria will be considered. Substantial completion shall be based on 80% or more works completed under the contract.</li> <li>• Yes. Any type of earthwork other than earthwork in excavation/filling of foundation of any type of structure will be considered.</li> <li>• One Single Credential can also be considered, subject to fulfilling the cumulative requirements of the Eligibility and Qualification Criteria for all the three Lots.</li> </ul>