

**Minutes of the Pre-Bid Meeting held on 07th February 2024 in NIC Conference Hall,
Ground Floor, Jalsampad Bhavan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091
in connection with the work:**

“Improvement of Kana Nadi from 0.00 km to 59.98 km including all its appurtenant canals within the reach - Package-IRR-13.”

RFB No. WBMIFMP/PD/NCB/23-24/IRR13; Tender ID: 2024_IWD_649554_1

The meeting started at 02:00 pm on 07/02/2024 with Sri Mrinal Roy, Additional Project Director - I, SPMU, WBMIFMP, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal on Chair.

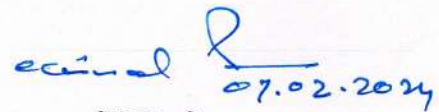
At the onset, the APD-I apprised the Bidders about the Bid Securities, Affidavit regarding correctness of information along with different clauses of ITB & BDS, brief description about the work, different component of Work and Contractor's ESHS-MSIP of Bid Document.

The queries received by email and raised verbally by the Bidders have been addressed during this Pre-Bid meeting.

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 Documents.

List of queries by the potential Bidders received through e-mail 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/23-24/IRR13 Dated 24/01/2024

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Sl. No.	Clause Reference & Page No.	Bidder's Queries / Issues	Replies of the Department
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	<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) The Items exempted from tax are goods and Construction equipment. Please refer ITB Clause 14.8. Prescribed format for declaration regarding tax/duty exemption for materials/construction equipments bought for the works is attached in Page-99 of the Bid document.</p> <p>(ii) The employer will only issue the certificate to the extent considered reasonable by the Employer for the work, based on the Bill of Quantities and the construction program and methodology as furnished by the bidder along with their bid. For this purpose, the bidder shall furnish along with his bid a declaration to this effect in the Declaration Format regarding tax/duty exemption for materials/construction equipment bought for the work.</p> <p><i>"No change to the Bid document provisions as issued".</i></p>
2.	<p>Tax; PCC/ GCC; Cl. 47; Page- 397</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 requested to appreciate the spirit about consideration of all taxes, duties cess etc. in their rates, which have to be paid by them for the performance of this Contract. This clause also mentions about other taxes (e.g. GST), which are more relevant. Please also refer ITB Clause 14.7.</p> <p><i>"No change to the Bid document provisions as issued".</i></p>
3.	<p>Period of Completion; Request for Bids (RFB) Column No. 5, Page-6</p> <p>"17.5 Months including rainy and all other seasons."</p>	<p>One particular Bidder requested that since, during the monsoon and flood periods, the construction activities shall be impeded by increased water levels, hence, In light of this, the bidder requests that the project duration be shall be recognized as 17.5 months, excluding the periods affected by rainy and other unfavourable seasons.</p>	<p><i>"No change to the Bid document provisions as issued".</i></p>

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4.	Price Adjustment; PCC/ GCC; Cl. 49.1, Page-399 Pg 398 GCC 49.1 is replaced with the following: "Contract price shall be adjusted for increase or decrease in rates and price of labour,....." Pg 399 Price Adjustment: NOT APPLICABLE	One particular Bidder requested the that considering the volatile rate of material in the market, bidder requests Employer to consider the Price adjustment for the project.	Price Adjustment is NOT APPLICABLE to this Contract (PCC/GCC 49.1) <i>"No change to the Bid document provisions as issued".</i>
5.	Liquidity Damage; PCC/GCC Cl. 51.1; Page- 400 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.	<i>"No change to the Bid document provisions as issued".</i>
6.	Performance Security; PCC/ GCC; Cl. 54.1; Page-401 The Performance Security amount is eight percent (8%) percent of accepted Contract Amount plus ten percent (10%) of the accepted Contract Amount as additional security for unbalanced bids [in terms of ITB Clause 41.2, and plus Environmental Social Health and Safety (ESHS) Performance Security amount is two percent (2%) percent of the accepted Contract Amount.	One particular Bidder requested the Employer to consider maximum 5% of the Contract price for performance security	<i>"No change to the Bid document provisions as issued".</i>
7.	BOQ Excel BOQ Price Schedule Column No:53 & 54	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. Bidder requests Employer to rectify the same.	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.

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			<p>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> <p><i>"No change to the Bid document provisions as issued".</i></p>
8.	GST Excel BOQ Price Schedule Column No:54 Total Amount with taxes	One particular Bidder requested the Employer to clarify the percentage of GST.	Bidder is requested to consult the prevailing GST Rules & its subsequent Amendments. <i>"No change to the Bid document provisions as issued".</i>
9.	Scope of work Excel BOQ Price Schedule Serial No: 6 Earthwork in excavation in the canals/drainage channels/Borrow pits..... Slushy silt/Sticky soil.	One particular Bidder requested to clarify/provide the following: There are huge earth work excavation mentioned in the BOQ. 1) Whether the item is only excavation or excavation & filling of soil in layers? 2) If filling is to be done, bidder presumes that the filling shall be done with the available earth within the site. No extra cost is required to be considered by bidder towards cost of earth. Employer to confirm 3) Please provide the relevant longitudinal & cross sections to understand the scope of work and site location.	i) Both Earthwork in Excavation & Earthwork in filling in layers (BoQ Item No.6.00) are there in BoQ provided with the Bid Document. ii) If filling quantity exceeds excavated quantity, there is provision of transported earth in BoQ Item No. 8.00. iii) The cross sections of the canals, provided with the Bid document are only for guidance to understand the nature of earthwork in different reaches of the canal. GFC drawings including all cross sections of canals at 30m interval are to be prepared by the Agency, prior to taking up the excavation work of the canals at the site. Site Location is shown in Index Map/Location Map, supplied with the Bid Document. <i>"No change to the Bid document provisions as issued".</i>
10.	Scope of work Cl 4, Page-142 Canal networks & list of structures	One particular Bidder requested to provide the canal longitudinal alignment drawings, cross section at minimum intervals and provide the drawings for work involved in each cross section.	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 The bidder may also visit the following website of the Employer for further reference: https://wbmifmp-1-1-wbnhp-sw.hub.arcgis.com/ https://wbmifmp.wb.gov.in (RS/GIS) <i>"No change to the Bid document provisions as issued".</i>

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11.	Plan & Profile Indicative Location Map Of Package Page-463 DRAWING NO.- WBMIFMP/IRR/INDEX/KN/2023	In the referred plan, district area is mentioned in the place of project area. Bidder request employer to provide the alignment duly marked in the plan area covering span of 235.91 kilometres.	The list of Canals and their distributaries along with their respective length of canal are provided in 4.4: Key Activities under the Contract, Page – 143-144. Also, the typical drawings of different structures along with general index map and Lot wise index maps are attached through a separate drawing file as reference only. The List of Structures are appended with the Bid Document from Page - 146 to Page 153. Considering that only the renovation / reconstruction of structures is to be carried out, hence the typical drawings provided should be sufficient at bidding stage. <i>“No change to the Bid document provisions as issued”.</i>
12.	Scope of work Page-144-463 N the referred page no, there are list of structures to be repaired is given	The bidder request employer to provide the current structural conditions in the rework area, accompanied by necessary survey reports and photographs depicting the structures mentioned for the rework.	The typical drawings of different structures along with general index map and Lot wise index maps are attached through a separate drawing file as reference only. The List of Structures are appended with the Bid Document from Page - 146 to Page 153. Considering that only the renovation / reconstruction of structures is to be carried out, hence the typical drawings provided should be sufficient at bidding stage. Similarly, sample cross sections representing the respective Lots have also been provided in case of re-sectioning of canals. This should be sufficient at bidding stage. <i>“No change to the Bid document provisions as issued”.</i>
13.	Bullah Piling Work Section B-Technical Specifications C1 4.7, Page-199 Bullah piles shall be strong, straight and free from knots.....in this respect.	The bidder is requesting the employer to supply the required profile and lengths of bullah piles as per the project specifications.	The total supply and driving length of Jhaw / Eucalyptus bullah piles along with the specification are given in BoQ Item No. 46 & 47 respectively. This should be sufficient at bidding stage. <i>“No change to the Bid document provisions as issued”.</i>
14.	Traffic management during construction	One particular Bidder requested Employer to provide the traffic management plan if any prepared for construction stage.	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 approva, before initiation of the construction work,. Please refer Appendix- II/9: Guidelines for preparation of Traffic Management Plan has also provided in the Bid Document at Page – 311 <i>“No change to the Bid document provisions as issued”.</i>

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15.	Soil Report	Bidders requested the Employer to provide detail soil report.	<p>As a normal practice, any virgin soil in the locality including the countryside borrow pits should reasonably serve the purpose of embankment construction/repair. Any Bidder may like to do the soil test for further information. The proposed cross sections of the embankments are quite stable from geo-technical considerations. It may also be mentioned that in case of unstable bank, adequate protection for stability would be provided by PCC lining. So far as the Structures are concerned, only the renovation / reconstruction works are to be carried out for which Soil test report is not required in connection with the reconstruction of any structure.</p> <p><i>"No change to the Bid document provisions as issued".</i></p>

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