

Received RFP Queries and Response
for Job No. DoED/2071/72-13, DoED/2071/72-14 & DoED/2071/72-15

S.N.	Clause Reference	Query	Response /Clarification by DoED
Query from ERMV Pvt. Ltd			
1	Section 1, LOI, Clause G.b and ITC, 3.3 (i)	Section 1, LOI, Clause 6.b, DoED requested to inform on submission "whether you will submit a proposal alone or in associated" It indicates shortlisted consultant can add or associate with other consultant. However, ITC, 3.3 (i) mentions Shortlisted consultants/entity may not associate with other shortlisted as well as non-listed consultants. Both the clauses are contradictory. Could you please confirm about the possibility of the association among the shortlisted consultants as well as non shortlisted consultants?	Shortlisted consultant cannot associate with shortlisted or other consultant.
2	ITC, Clause 1.2 abd section 8 of TOR	It is understood that the type of the contract agreement is Lump sum. No timesheet, bills etc are required" payment will be done as per the schedule indicated in Section-g of TOR. Is it correct?	Contract agreement is lump sum except some items are paid on pro rata basis as mentioned in financial forms.
3	Section 2 ITC 1.3 and ITC 1.3	Consultant understand that the each phase reports must be approved before the begins on the next phase. Could you please indicate the time/duration for the approval of each report as indicated in ITC 1.3?	Tentative time for approval of the report in each phase shall be one month after the receipt of complete report incorporating comments.
4	ITC Clause 1.5	Could you please make us available the previous reports of the project (i.e, prefeasibility study reports, environmental study reports, map etc)	Yes, available reports can be copied form DoED
5	ITC Clause 3.6	State price for foreign experts in USD only. Could you please authorize to propose within 3 international currencies which are the international practices in bidding? Similarly could you please clarify the transaction of foreign currencies to international consulting firms directly?	Price for foreign experts shall be in USD only Payment shall be in NRs only. DoED shall facilitate for the currency exchange.
6	ITC Clause 4.5	Proposal submission deadline is 46 th days from the date of issue of the RFP. As an ICB contract, preparation of proposal for International firm within +45 days was not enough in normal situation. We appreciate you if you extend the submission deadline for at least further 15 days: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RFP stated to visit the client and encouraged to visit the site for the preparation of proposal. Since, due to the national strike and regional strike from the different group from Eastern region to Far Western Region consultant could not mobilize its team for site visit which my still longer for	Proposal submission deadline is extended for further 15 days i.e 02 October 2015.

		<p>further few days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present submission deadline falls only 1 day after Teej which is the national festival of Nepalese women. Similarly, Panchami also falls within the same week. 	
7	Clause 5.3, 1.(A) Note	It is understand that the notarized copies of experiences certificate shall be submitted to support the experiences of firms. Could you please confirm that the digital notarized is acceptable for international firms experiences?	No
8	ITC Clause 5.3, 1.(A) Note	Consultant understands that the NEC certificate is applicable for national experts only. Similarly, notarized copy of NEC certificate is applicable for national experts especially for engineers.	Yes.
		It is understood that the CVs of key professionals shall be submitted with original signature and date in blue indelible ink by themselves. However, RFP is unclear about the acceptance of digital signature for the international experts. Original signature of all international experts is not possible during proposal stage. Hence, we request for the flexibility on use of digital signature for international experts. Originally signed CVs of international experts should be submitted during the contract negotiation.	Yes, original signed by experts CV is required
		It is understood all the CVs of Nationals or International (either original signature or digital signature) should be signed by authorized signature of firms representative.	Original signed by experts CV is required
9	ITC Clause 7.6	Expected commencement date is mentioned in August 2015. Could you pls inform us the revised date of commencement?	Expected commencement date is expected to be in December 2015.
10	ITC, Additional Information	Bullets second state "must put the signature of authorized representative" It means-international firms can use digital signature of authorized representative. Is it correct? Must be originally signed or signed and must put the signature is not similar. We think that authorized representative should be originally signed in each pages of proposal.	Original signed by experts CV is required.
		Bullets 2 and 3 clarify that the JV agreement is also accepts the digital signature but the self-declaration of the consultants firms should be originally signed by individually or jointly. We think at least authorized representative of the JV should have original signature in JV. Could you please clarify?	Original signed by JV agreement and self declaration is required.
11	Clause 5.3 B and Detail Evaluation of Study Team	Can we propose Nepalese experts as international position having the international expertise?	Yes.
		Can you consider the experiences of Nepalese Experts as International Expertise having experiences other than Asia?	Yes.

		In the experiences of Senior Surveyor there is no year. Could you please clarify?	15 years (as in Key staff of ToR)
12	Financial Proposal	4B Summary-only (4B Summary of cost) the manpower cost of national experts is requested? Could you please revise and update the remuneration of international.	Corrected as "National and International staffs"
		Financial proposal format and BOQ is requested the rate in NRs only which is contradictory on ITC Clause 3.6. Could you please revise the format to incorporate the foreign currencies?	Financial proposal form for international professional corrected as in annex 1 of clarification attached herewith.
13	Terms of References	1.1, TOR mentions "the consultant shall indicate their proposal with a set of international safeguard policies and standard" Could you please clarify the statement?	Safeguard policies being published by donor or International lender like ADB, World Bank etc
		2, TOR, Scopes mentioned that the consultant shall refer Guidelines for Study of Hydropower Project (December 2003) which is not clear. We thought it is the guidelines of DoED. Similarly, are these guidelines is sufficient for this type of large project?	Consultants shall explore other relevant guideline for the accomplish of the task to prepare a bankable report.
		GLOF study-TOR is clear on the scope of GLOF study which also included GLOFs, CLOFs and LDFs. This is the specific assignment and experts should have experiences of GLOFs and CLOFs. RFP is not included the GLOFs experts in international or national. Could you please clarify the input and requested scope on GLOF study?	DoED has proposed hydrologist and geologist for the study.
		TOR is unclear on the input of international experts. All the input of international experts outside of their home country shall be considered as field input. However, TOR indicated very low field input in field. Could you please clarify and revise the input of international experts as per the international standard or practices.	"Office" shall refer to Kathmandu and "field/site" shall refer to project site.
Query from Building Design Authority P. Ltd.			
14	Data sheet 5.3	On page 20 of RFP Document - Note: - 5th bullet explains that "Geologists (National as well as International should not be proposed more than once and rest of key professionals should not be proposed more than twice either by same firm or different firms". Does it mean that geotechnical engineer and geophysicist seismologist (National as well as International) could be used twice?	Yes.
15		It is learnt that Naumure Multipurpose Project has been studied in the past by other government Agencies such as Department of Irrigation (DOI) and Nepal Electricity Authority (NE.A) and also by some Indian firms. Is it possible to get the project Reports studied by those agencies and Indian Firms?	Yes, available reports can be copied form DoED
16		It has been Identified Lower Jhimruk Storage Project as a candidate project having installed capacity 142.5 MW (Ref. Nationwide Master Plan study on storage-type HEP in Nepal Final report· summary. February 2015 - JICA} but the planned	These are alternative choices cannot co-exist.

		powerhouse site of the Lower Jhimruk storage project is located in the planned reservoir area of Naumure Multipurpose project. What will be the position of Lower Jhimruk Storage Project? Would you please explain it?	
17		Although the man month provided in RFP document is only indicative. However, the man month estimated for international professionals Is 35.5 mm Instead of 36 mm please clarify.	That is only round off error. Consultant can propose own set of manpower.
18		As mentioned In the page 44 of the document National professional listed in S. N. 1 to 12 will be considered for evaluations. Does it mean? 13 - Agriculture Engineer 14 - Cost Estimator (Civil Engineer) 15 - Economist (Financial Analyst) Shall not be considered for evaluation? In case of International staff, shall Seismologist not be considered for evaluation?	Yes.
19		In the present context visit to the Naumure, Bhalubang, Sikta weir site and Surai Naka power house site is not possible due to Bandh & Strikes. Therefore, we request you to provide photographs at those above mentioned site, if possible,	Available information, reports may be collected/ copied from DoED.
Query from Udaya Consultancy pvt. ltd			
20	contract document GCC and SCC clause 3.4	Limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Client. Please clarify the duration of Consultant's Liability towards the Client. Should the Consultant's liability be effective till the end of the Consulting Service contract period or should it be effective till certain number of years after the end of the contract? If the latter holds true, please specify the number of years.	Consultant(s) shall be liable for their work
21		For Naumure MPP, Regarding the Man month allocated for the professional staff. Please refer to data sheet, Clause no, 3.3 where the total Man month for the International expert is 36MM and for National Expert is 200MM. These allocated Man month does not match with the Man month allocated in TOR, Professional Requirement (Pg. no 42). Please clarify.	Proposed manmonth are tentative only. It is indicated in the ToR.
22		For Karnali st-1 and Arun 4 HPP, Regarding the Manmonth of National Expert. Please refer to data sheet, Clause no, 3.3 where the total Man month for the National expert is 105MM. These allocated Man month does not match with the Man month allocated for National Expert in TOR, Professional Requirement (Pg. no 84 & 85 for Karnali Stage 1 and Pg. 86 & 87 for Arun 4). Please clarify.	Proposed manmonth are tentative only. It is indicated in the ToR.
Query raised in pre-proposal meeting			
23	Financial proposal 4B,	Cost for Inspection/monitoring review report by technical support group	Corrected as 6,70,000.00 as in financial form 5.

	Summary of Cost/ ITC data sheet 3.6	=67,00,000 contradicts detail in 5. Report review cost for TSG in Karnali Stage-1 and Arun 4 HPP.	
24	ToR, 6.1.2 last para	“Continuous discharge and sediment measurement shall be done till the end of the contract period. Such measurements shall be done in the morning, afternoon and evening”. The discharge measurement refers to from gauge or current meter?	Discharge measurement refers gauge reading.
25	Financial form 4. Logistic Support, item-2,3	Specification for computers and laptop is not provided	Specification for laptop is: (minimum required) i7, 4gb ram, 1tb HDD, screen 14", 2GB graphics, DELL or equivalent. Specification for desktop computer is: (minimum required) i5, 4gb ram, 1tb HDD, screen 23", 2GB graphics, branded, DELL or equivalent.
26	Notarization of international experts and experiences	Who will Notarize international experts and firms experiences?	Authorized agency to notarize the documents.
27	Financial form manpower cost (International manpower)	Column for unit rate of manpower cost in USD is missing in Arun 4 and Noumure Projects	Corrected as in annex 1.
Query from POWERCHINA ENGINEERING CORPORATION LIMITED			
28	Experience of International experts	Experiences of all international experts, mentioned in the evaluation criteria should be of outside home country in Asia. Suggested to review criteria.	Experience in the Region is not minimum requirement. (see foot note of detail evaluation of International professional).

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Annex 1

S. N.	Job Title	Office work (A)				Field Work (B)				Total cost NRs. (A+B)
		No.	Man month /person	Unit Rate US\$/MM	Cost (NRs.)	No.	Man month /person	Field Allowance US\$/MM	Field Allowance and salary (NRs.)	
1	Hydropower Engineer									
2	Geologist/Geotechnical Engineer									
3	Hydrologist/Sediment Engineer									
4	Hydraulic Engineer									
5	Electrical Engineer									
6	Hydro Mechanical Engineer									
7	Tunnel Engineer									
8	Dam Engineer									
9	Construction planner									
10	Seismologist									
	Total Manpower International staff									

The date of exchange rates is: **28 days prior to the proposal submission date.**