

Answers to queries for published EOI

SN	Eoi Clause	Clause from EOI	Bidder's Query	Response
A	Instructions for Submission of Expression of Interest	Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (descriptions, organization and employee and of the firm or company, description of assignments of similar nature completed in the last 7 years and their location, experience in similar conditions, general qualifications and the key personnel to be involved in the proposed assignment).	The development period of the Hydroelectric projects is normally very long. Hence, it is requested that this clause may please be amended to allow relevant experience in last 10 years with view to enable credible bidders to participate.	The relevant experience in last 7 years is requested as per rule 70-3-nga-3 of the Public Procurement Regulation 2064. Hence, we cannot allow relevant experience in last 10 years. Only, the experience of completed projects within the last 7 years will be considered for evaluation.
B	Additional Information Point g	For experience of the firms in EIA study projects, the EIA study of projects which were approved as per the prevailing Environmental Protection Act, 1997 and the Environmental Protection Rule 1997 will only be considered for evaluation. For the evidence of EIA approval, firms should submit EIA approval letter issued by public entity. Otherwise such experience will not be accounted in evaluation.	Please confirm EIA experience in International geographies outside of Nepal will also be considered.	Evidences stated in Additional Information Point g is mandatory for EIA studies carried out in Nepal only. EIA conducted in International geographies outside of Nepal will also be considered, if conducted as per standard international practice.
C	Additional Information Point q	In case of a joint venture, the Consultant must submit the joint venture agreement duly signed by authorized signatories & stamped with company seal of each member of joint venture in every page of JV agreement & clearly mentioning name of the lead firm, name of JV partners, role and responsibility of each member, share percentage, name of the authorized signatories. In case of failure to submit joint venture agreement between each JV partner, the EOI will be considered as non-responsive and will not be considered for evaluation. Similarly, the JV agreement should be signed by authorized representative having power of attorney to sign the JV agreement. The signature of authorized representatives & stamp of companies should be in each page of JV agreement. If JV agreement is not signed with by authorized representative having power of attorney, the EOI will be considered as non-responsive and will not be considered for evaluation.	It is requested that the bidders may be allowed to submit MOU or intended JV agreement at this EOI stage.	The prospective Consultants must submit the joint venture agreement duly signed by authorized signatories & stamped with company seal of each member of joint venture in every page of JV agreement & clearly mentioning name of the lead firm, name of JV partners, role and responsibility of each member, share percentage, name of the authorized signatories. If only MOU or intended JV agreement are submitted, the EOI will be considered as non-responsive and will not be considered for further evaluation.
D	Additional Information Point t	The professional proposed by the firm if found being involved in ongoing jobs either through same firm or	Please confirm the restriction on proposed experts of not being involved with other	The restriction on proposed experts, at this stage, is only for ongoing DOED projects.

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		different firm(s) such professional will not be considered in evaluation.	projects apply only if the proposed exerts are involved in other projects of DOED and not projects for other clients. Being experts, such resources usually are engaged on multiple projects to optimize their availability and deployment. This benefits clients, experts and the Consultants in mutual value addition and incorporation of best practices and skill enhancement.	
E	EOI submission deadline	It is noted that the EOI submission deadline is May 14, 2019 for DOED/EOI/01/ICB/2075/76/S and DOED/EOI/02/ICB/2075/76/S. It is noted that the EOI submission deadline is May 21, 2019 for DOED/EOI/08/ICB/2075/76/S and DOED/EOI/09/ICB/2075/76/S.	It is requested that the EOI submission deadline may be extended to a suitable date which is at least 3 weeks from the date of publishing of the pre-bid clarifications	EOI submission deadline for these 4 EOIs is extended till May 28, 2019 12:00 hrs.

Other Queries

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F	Team Leader: National or International for ICB Package? For ICB, international consulting firm without international Team Leader and sufficient international manpower input may not be attractive to work as a lead partner.	The proposed nationality of the Team Leader supposed during the Departmental estimate is National for all ICB package. Hence, we assume that National Team leader should be proposed accordingly. However, if any consultants wish to propose International Team Leader, DoED is not bound to pay the extra cost incurred by proposing International Team leader and shall be the responsibility of Consultant itself. At the RFP stage, the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal will be examined with their respective weightage irrespective of the nationality of the proposed nationality of Team Leader. This is valid for all four ICB packages.
G	Team Leader Qualification: Only Hydropower engineer or others also? Efficient team leader with excellent exposure to planning, feasibility study, investigation, development, management, construction, supervision, monitoring and co-ordination of hydropower projects with basic degree in civil, electrical, mechanical, hydrology, geology, engineering geology and water resources would be more preferable.	The profession of Team Leader is as stated in the List of Key Personnel/Professionals. Personnel having required qualification of Master's degree in relevant engineering subjects like Hydropower Development, Water Resource Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Engineering Geology etc. and expertise in field of Hydropower Development can be proposed as Team Leader.
H	Eligibility of consulting firm: Newly established consulting firm can associate with experience lead partner to enhance	At this stage of evaluation, general experience is counted for lead firm only and specific experience is counted collectively among the JV partners. We cannot say about the evaluation criteria of future evaluation at present.

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	their capacity and experience. Will Experience of associate firm be counted in future evaluation?	
I	Firm Experience: In evaluation process only the experience and turnover of lead partner will be considered or all JV/associated partners will be considered?	For general experience marking, only the experience of lead firm in engineering discipline will be considered. However, for the specific experience, experience of all JV partners will be considered. Regarding turn over, cumulative turnover of all JV partners will be considered for evaluation purpose.
J	Due date of EOI submission is 14th and 21st may 2019 which is not enough and preferable to extend up to 2 weeks more.	As stated in response E.
K	It seems that the evaluation criteria to enhance the national consultant as a lead partner may not be appropriate. For example, 400MW of storage hydropower project for national consultant may not be applicable.	Any consulting firm either National Consulting Firm or International Consulting Firm with the required experience may lead the project.
L	General Experience of consulting firm Minimum 5 years of General Work Experience of the firm (Lead firm in case of JV) in Engineering Discipline	Please note that the required General Experience of consulting firm is Minimum 7 years (only for Lead firm in case of JV) in Engineering Discipline.
M	Capacity of Kokhajor Storage Hydropower Project, Kavre-Sindhuli District	Please note that the capacity of Kokhajor Storage Hydropower Project, Kavre - Sindhuli District is 110 MW. For further project details, please refer the attached project information sheet in the respective EOI Document.