

CLARIFICATION AND AMENDMENT

Expression of Interest (EOI) for Development of Hydropower Projects on a BOOT model

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This clarification is issued based on queries received during the pre-bid meeting held on 25 May 2025 and letter received from the perspective proponent in DOED.

SN	Query	Related Section of EOI	Response
1	Extension of EOI Submission Deadline	Section 3.4 (4)	As of now, the EOI submission deadline is not extended. Please check DOED website (www.doed.gov.np) regularly. We will notify you if the deadline is extended.
2	Joint Venture with different companies for different projects	Section 4.1 (SN 5)	Refer Section 2 Instruction for Submission of EOI SN 4: Eligible Proponent(s) can submit the EOI document for one project only. If a proponent submits EOI for multiple projects, such proponent shall be declared ineligible for all submitted EOIs. Each company shall be permitted to participate in only one joint venture (JV), and each joint venture (JV) shall be eligible to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for a single project only.
3	Can a newly registered company be a lead partner in the Joint Venture?	Section 4.1 (SN 5)	The lead partner may be any member of the joint venture (JV), provided that the joint venture (JV) agreement explicitly identifies and confirms the lead partner.
4	Who should sign the JV agreement?	Section 4.1 (SN 5)	Refer Section 4.1 Eligibility and completeness Test of the EOI Document. JV agreement should be signed by each authorized signatory on every page of the agreement. The agreement should also contain company seals of each member.
5	Who can issue the Power of Attorney?	Section 4.1 (SN 6)	Refer Section 4.1 Eligibility and completeness Test of the EOI Document. Power of attorney of authorized signatories of JV must be issued by executive head of organization such as Board, Managing Director, CEO or Chairperson, General Manager or equivalent. The Proponent must submit power of attorney of authorized signatories.



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6	Can a company with experience in other engineering fields apply for the project?	Section 4.1 (SN 8)	Refer Section 4.1 (SN 8) Proponent or any partner in JV, having successfully commissioned the hydropower project(s) of installed capacity equal to or greater than 60% of the offered project's installed capacity, will only be eligible to apply for the project.
7	Will the experience of wind/solar energy projects be counted in evaluation?	Section 4.1 (SN 8)	No, only hydropower project(s) that are successfully commissioned will be considered.
8	Do we need to submit MoU between company and expert in case we propose individual experts?	Section 4.2.1	Refer Section 4.2.1. MOU between the two parties is required if the experts are proposed through a consulting firm. However, no such MOU is required in the case of individual experts.
9	Can Net Worth of the Companies involved in JV be added to meet the requirement in EOI?	Section 4.2.2	Refer Section 4.2.2, Yes, the net worth of partner companies within JV, along with their respective shareholders, will be added and considered cumulatively.
10	Can the Hydropower Project Development Experience of companies in JV be added to meet the requirements in EOI?	Section 4.2.3	A hydropower project company holding a generation license is considered as a distinct undertaking, and its associated experience will not be aggregated with that of any other projects. The hydropower project development experience shall not be counted or added in a cumulative manner.
11	Who should sign the EOI document?	Form 1	An authorized representative having the power of attorney can sign the EOI document.
12	Can Public Limited company apply?	Form 1	Refer Section 2 Instruction for Submission of EOI SN 3. This Expression of Interest (EOI) is open to all eligible companies registered in Nepal. Companies may associate with other companies to enhance their qualifications. However, such association must be in the form of Joint Venture (JV), and the number of companies in a JV should not exceed three including the lead company. Additionally, the same company is not allowed to enter into more than one JV for the same project. A newly registered company may apply in a JV with eligible companies.

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13	Format for Net Worth	Form 6B	The following portion of Form 6B is deleted. “Declaration: The valuation of both movable and immovable assets presented above has been done after duly verifying the valid legal documents related to the assets including the valuation report dated prepared by (valuing firm/valuator name: NEC number).”
14	Assurance of PPA and Transmission Line		As mentioned in Sections 1.4.9 and 1.4.10, it is the responsibility of the selected Proponent for the construction of the transmission line and the associated interconnection facilities and to secure a connection agreement and PPA with NEA. However, DOED, through MOEWRI, will facilitate in this regard.
15	Power Evacuation Point		Please refer Section 1.4.13 The selected proponent in coordination with NEA may work out a different interconnection point based on the recent developments on the transmission line plan of NEA.
16	Update of Feasibility Study Report		The selected proponent will be provided with the survey license along with all the study reports available to DOED. The proponent is free to optimize the study and project based on their own assessment and judgment.
17	Expiry and Update of Environmental Study Report		The type of environmental study report completed, and its approval date are specified in Section 1.4.14. The selected proponent shall be responsible for updating the report or conducting a new environmental study, in accordance with the prevailing Environmental Protection Act (EPA) and Environmental Protection Rules (EPR), in the event of its expiration or any changes to project facilities.
18	Please provide Feasibility Study Report and Environmental Study Report for the project.		Upon written request, the Feasibility Study Report and Environmental Study Report of the project may be provided; however, the cost of photocopying shall be borne by the Proponent.