

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(Clarification Note)

Subject :	Replies to the queries raised by the various prospective bidders in respect of REoI issued vide Reference No: PwD-REoI-PMTC-001 Dated: 06/12/2025
Name of Project:	Resilient Action for Development and Disaster Recovery Himachal Pradesh (HP-Ready)
Assignment Title:	Selection of a Consultancy firm for “Project Management and Design Supervision consultancy of Roads and Bridges” for the Public Works Department under the HP-Ready Project

Sr. No.	REoI Clause No./page No.	Description/reference of Clause/Para of REoI	Comments/Clarification sought	Response / Reply
1.	Short listing criteria, Page No. 2	<p>Experience of the Firm</p> <p>(ii) Experience in preparation of DPRs for Roads, Bridges, projects, including providing Designs and Technical Advisory services with government agencies at the National or State level. Minimum 5 projects in the last 5 years. Among these, at least:</p> <p>(a) Have completed two DPRs of projects funded by the World Bank or any multilateral/bilateral agencies for Roads, Bridges, each of consultancy value \geq Rs 5.00 cr.</p> <p>(b) Have completed one DPR of projects in rehabilitation, retrofitting and</p>	<p>The Client is requested to modify the requirements as suggested below:</p> <p>“(ii) Experience in preparation of DPRs for Roads, Bridges, projects, including providing Designs and Technical Advisory services with government agencies at the National or State level. Minimum 5 projects in the last <u>7 years</u>. Among these, at least:</p> <p>(a) Have completed two DPRs of projects funded by the World Bank or any multilateral / bilateral agencies for Roads, Bridges, each of consultancy value > Rs. 3.50 Cr.</p> <p>(b) Have completed one DPR of projects retrofitting rehabilitation, in</p>	<p>No Change. As per REoI</p>

		<p>reconstruction of consultancy in roads, bridges value \geqRs. 2.5 cr.</p> <p>(c) Have completed two DPRs of projects executed in Hilly terrain for Roads, Bridges, each of consultancy value \geqRs. 5.00 cr</p>	<p>reconstruction of consultancy in roads, bridges value $>$ Rs. 0.75 Cr. and</p> <p>(c) Have completed two DPRs of projects executed in Hilly terrain for Roads, Bridges, <u>each of consultancy value $>$ Rs.3.50Cr."</u></p>	
2.	Short listing criteria, Page No. 2	<p>2) Staff Experience and Qualifications</p> <p>Confirmation of availability of Team Leader + Key Experts with qualifications and relevant experience.</p>	<p>The Client is requested to modify the requirements as suggested below:</p> <p>"Confirmation regarding availability of resources with a summary of qualifications and project experience. The firm shall submit a list of key personnel/ Experts already working on the payroll of the firm, along with proof certified by the firm and duly signed by authorized signatory. (No individual CVs required at this stage)</p>	No Change. As per REoI
3.	Short listing criteria, Page No. 3	<p>4) Non-suspension / Department</p> <p>The firm should not be debarred/suspended by the World Bank or any other multilateral/bilateral agency/Govt. Of HP/Govt. of India.</p>	<p>The Client is requested to modify the following requirements as suggested below:</p> <p>"A declaration that the firm is not debarred / suspended by the World Bank or any other multilateral / bilateral agency /Government of HP/ Govt. of India <u>as on Expression of Interest (EoI) date.</u>"</p>	No Change. As per REoI
4.	Expression of Interest (EoI) due date, Page No. 4	Expression of Interest (EoI) due date	We request you to kindly extend the of Interest 'Expression (EoI)' submission due date by at least 20 working days from the date of issue of the reply to our queries, to enable the Consultants to submit a comprehensive and competitive documents.	Last date for submission of EOI extended up to 16.00 hours of 12-1-2026

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5.	Expression of Interest (EOI) document, JV Clause Page 3	Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Consultants shall clearly indicate the nature of the association in their EoI submission.	It is assumed that there are no specific eligibility or qualification criteria applicable to the JV Partner. Kindly confirm.	In case of joint venture, the lead member/primary consultant shall possess the requisite short listing criteria and shall be fully responsible for entire assignment and performance of consultancy contract. Further detail in this regard shall be made available in the RFP document in the next stage of selection of consultant as per EoI.
6.	Short listing criteria, Page No. 2	<p>Experience of the Firm</p> <p>Experience in preparation of DPRs for Roads, Bridges, projects, including providing Designs and Technical Advisory services with government agencies at the National or State level.</p> <p>Minimum 5 projects in the last 5 years. Among these, at least:</p>	<p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, procurement activities were severely impacted during 2019-2021. As a result, many consultants could not secure or complete DPR assignments within the defined 5-year window.</p> <p>Therefore, we request the Authority to kindly extend the experience evaluation period from 5 years to 7 years.</p> <p>Revised wording proposed in Annexure-1</p>	<p>No Change. As per REoI</p>
7.	Short listing criteria, Page No. 2	<p>Experience of the Firm</p> <p>Experience in preparation of DPRs for Roads, Bridges, projects, including providing Designs and Technical Advisory services with government agencies at the National or State level.</p> <p>Minimum 5 projects in the last 5 years. Among these, at least:</p>	<p>A single assignment may satisfy multiple conditions (e.g., both funded and hilly terrain), but it would still be counted as only one project. This significantly reduces the pool of eligible firms.</p> <p>Hence, we request the Authority to relax the requirement of minimum 5 projects, allowing flexibility in counting overlapping project conditions.</p>	<p>No Change. As per REoI</p>

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8.	Short listing criteria, Page No. 2	Experience of the Firm Have completed two DPRs of projects funded by the World Bank or any multilateral/bilateral agencies for Roads, Bridges, each of consultancy value \geq Rs 5.00 cr.	We understand that international assignments are also eligible for consideration. In case this is not the intent, we kindly request the Authority to allow international experience as well, since a majority of World Bank and other multilateral/bilateral funded road and bridge projects are executed outside India.	No Change. As per REoI
9.	Short listing criteria, Page No. 2	Experience of the Firm (a) Have completed two DPRs of projects funded by the World Bank or any multilateral/bilateral agencies for Roads, Bridges, each of consultancy value \geq Rs 5.00 cr. (b) Have completed one DPR of projects in rehabilitation, retrofitting and reconstruction of consultancy in roads, bridges value \geq Rs. 2.5 cr. (c) Have completed two DPRs of projects executed in Hilly terrain for Roads, Bridges, each of consultancy value \geq Rs. 5.00 cr	The current assignment involves multiple components such as technical support, DPR preparation, project management, capacity building, etc. Therefore, limiting eligibility only to DPR preparation restricts participation unnecessarily. We request the Authority to also consider DPR Review and PMC experience , which aligns with the nature of this assignment. The revised criteria are proposed in Annexure-1.	No Change. As per REoI
10.	Expression of Interest (EOI) document, JV Clause Page 3 <i>Revised</i>	Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Consultants shall clearly indicate the nature of the association in their EoI submission.	We understand that, in the case of an association with other firms-either as a Joint Venture (JV) or through a sub-consultancy arrangement-a maximum upto three firms may be included. We also understand that the experience and credentials of the proposed sub-consultant(s) will also be considered for evaluation. We request the Authority to kindly confirm our understanding.	In case of joint venture and sub consultancy, the lead member/primary consultant shall possess the requisite short listing criteria and shall be fully responsible for entire assignment and performance of consultancy contract. Further detail in this regard shall be made available in the RFP document in the

				next stage of selection of consultant as per EoI.
11.	Page No. 2 Clause I(ii)(a),(b), (c)	No escalation provision	(Proposed Change) Allow Inflation-based escalation of consultancy fee (Explanation/Justification) Enables fair comparison of older assignments and aligns with international procurement norms	No Change. As per REoI

Note:- (1) Similar clarifications have been received from other consultants, thus all are not included in the table.

(2) No further objections will be entertained.


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