

## Clarifications to Pre-Bid Queries

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) No: HQ/EN/EC/SEB JN. Works dated- 09.10.2015.

**Name of Work :** Design and Construction of Formation in Embankments/Cuttings including blanketing, Viaducts, Rail Flyover, Bridges (Major, Minor & RUBs), Supply and Spreading of Ballast and other related infrastructural works for double track electrified railway line on Design Build Lump Sum Basis from Howrah end approach of DFC Sone bridge to Chirailapathu station of IR towards Howrah & to New Sonnagar station towards Garhwa and at Dehri-on-Sone yard from Km. 3.16 to Km. 5.38 in connection with Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor in the state of Bihar in India.

Following are clarifications to pre-bid queries on Bid Document No.HQ/EN/EC/SEB JN. Works issued on 12.10.2015 :

SN	Bid Document Part/Section / Page	Reference/Clause No.	Queries by Bidders	Clarification of DFCCIL
1	Alignment Drawings		For the bidder to have better understanding and revalidation of alignment w.r.t site, we hereby request that Auto Cad Drawings of the entire Alignment may please be provided.	Final drawings in PDF format have been extracted from Auto Cad Model/Layout. Auto Cad drawings contain some additional raw information also which may cause confusion. Bidder are therefore advised to refer PDF drawings.
2	Clause 2.2.5 Performance Parameters Compliance Page-34	The bidder shall submit details of compliance with the Employers requirements as listed in Part 2 of bidding documents.	As per Technical Proposal Submission Sheet (TPSS), Bidder is already required to declare at point no (b) that states: "We confirm that our offer is fully compliant with Bid Document and Technical Proposals submitted by us are in clause by clause compliance with Employer's Requirement and other specifications, including Addenda thereon. We offer to execute the works in conformity with the Bidding Document."  Bidder understands that no additional document is required to be submitted against the said clause.	Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1

3.	BDS (ITB 16.1) Earnest Money Deposit (Security Deposit) Page-28	The Bidder should submit along with the bid, a bid security for Rs. 3.50 crore (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Lakhs only) in the following form : i) FDR (Fixed deposit receipt) / Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order for Rs.1.00 Crore and ii) Bank Guarantee as per format enclosed as BDF-9A for Rs. 2.50 crore .....	We request that in lieu of FDR /DD/Bankers Cheque/Pay order of Rs 1.00 Crore, Bank Guarantee for the full amount towards Bid security i.e. Rs 3.5 Cr is accepted.	Provisions of Bid Document shall prevail.
4	ITB CI 15.2(Period of Validity of Bids) & ITB CI 16.2 (Bid Security) Page-17-18	..... If a bid security is requested in accordance with ITB 16, it shall also be extended Sixty (60) days beyond the deadline of the extended validity period. Whereas CI 16.2 states The bid security shall be valid for period up to Ninety (90) days beyond the original validity period of the bid, or beyond any period of extension if requested under ITB 15.2	May please clarify.	Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1.
5	Appendix To Tender Defect Notification Period Page-259	Defect Notification Period for the works shall be two years from the date of taking over of the works and issue of taking over certificate by engineer.	As per General norms defect notification period may be changed to one year against 2 yrs.	Provisions of Bid Document shall prevail.
6	General : Land Acquisition		Bidder believes that entire land has been acquired for the Project. Kindly confirm.	Schedule of handing over of site has been detailed in Sub Clause 2.1 of 'Appendix To Tender' of Part-3, Section-VII PCC of bid document.
7	Sec VI, Vol 5, CI 17.0 Construction-Ballast Bed Page-147	In case spare land is available with the Employer the same can be handed over to the Contractor free of cost for the purpose of establishing temporary	The location of tentative land and area to be provided space to be provided to the contractor may please be indicated for proper planning of the Project.	Please refer ITB clause 6.2 & 6.3 regarding Site Visit. Site survey/visit may be done by bidders

		construction depot(s)/stacking of Ballast		as requested vide above clause.
8	CI 22.0 Provision & disposal of Earthworks material Page-155	The dumping sites provided by the Engineer, if any, .....	It is requested that the tentative location and maximum lead of dumping sites to be provided by Engineer may please be indicated to the bidders.	Please refer ITB clause 6.2 & 6.3 regarding Site Visit. Site survey/visit may be done by bidders as requested vide above clause.
9	Important Bridges		Please provide Scouring Depth of important bridges i.e. both for abutment & pier locations.	This is Design Build contract. Contractor is to carry out required technical investigations for design of bridges. Please refer Clause 3.3 of Part-2, Section-V, Volume 4 of bid document.
10	Scope of Work		Please confirm that whether circulating area of new station buildings, its connection to existing highway is in scope of project or not? If yes then give layout of connection.	Station Building at New Sonnagar has to be constructed as per indicative location given in the Yard plan. Approach road connecting Station Building and quarters to the diversion road as listed in chartered utilities is under the scope of this Bid. For detail, please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1
			Please confirm whether water supply distribution lines from OH tank in station building and quarters are in scope?	Yes. Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1.

			Please confirm that whether sewerage line from station building and quarters are in scope and if yes to which sewer line these are to be connected	No sewer lines in this area exist. Contractor has to design necessary sewerage system including septic tank, soak pits etc. for station building and quarters. Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1.
			Please let us know that how the drainage of station building, circulating area and residential quarters are to be planned and connected to which main drain?	This is design build contract. Contractor has to design proper drainage arrangement to suit the site conditions.
			Please confirm whether C&G water line for the station is to be provided or not?	Carrying and Gardening (C&G) water lines shall be provided as per designed layout by the Contractor.
			Regarding dismantling of ROB and provision of new ROB with approach roads; what will be the standards and MSA and which road authority will approve it?	Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1.
			Please confirm if internal roads within the quarters colony are in scope and if yes what shall be the standards.	Yes, internal colony road and approach road connecting with nearest road is under the scope of work. Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1.
			Please confirm whether architectural plan for station circulating area, and residential colonies shall be provided or shall be assumed by us.	This is design and build contract. Contractor has to design the same.
			Please confirm whether electric supply line to station buildings and quarters are in our scope or	Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1.

			not? If yes the power will be taken from which substation?	
11	Submission date	The deadline for submission of First Stage Technical Proposal is 9.12.2015	Since all the data provided in the document has to be revalidated and pre bid design to be carried out, we shall require more time for the proper working on the Tender. We thus request that the date of Tender submission may thus be extended by another six weeks from the existing submission date	Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1.
12	<u>General</u>		AutoCAD copies of the plan & Profile may please be provided	Please refer reply at SN-1 above.
13		<u>For Bridge No G1, the viaduct flyover general arrangement drawing "SPAN 220 x 6.5m x varying height RCC Box , CH 415-2285".</u>	Is the span arrangement of 220 cells mandatory? Or being an design build contract, Can the contractor proposes his own arrangement. Any guiding factors for the contractors proposals. Please clarify? Is the box cell arrangement compulsory? Or can contractor propose his own arrangement with open foundations? Please clarify? Is the continuity of box cells allowed? If yes what is the maximum length allowed for continuity.  What is the safe bearing capacity that can be taken for the design?	This is design and build contract. Contractor can design as per Employer's requirements detailed in the bidding document. Provision of bid document shall prevails.  Contractor is to carry out Geotechnical investigation etc. as per Para-3.3 and Para-3.1 (3) of Part-2, Section-V, Volume-4 of Bid document.
14	<u>Minor bridges</u>	In the tender drawings, the median between IR and DFCC tracks have been provided with wing walls extending upto the face of existing IR wing walls. Construction of wing walls require the excavation near the wing walls of IR track.	Will the permissions of CRS needs to be taken for the same? Or can contractor proposes alternate arrangement?	This will be as per relevant codes detailed in Para-1.2 (3), Part-2, Section-V, Volume-4 of Bid document.

15	<u>LC RUBs/Buried Boxes</u>	Buried box with two cells of 4m x 3.6m has been proposed with approach ramps.	Please clarify whether the approach ramp is in scope of work or not?	Please refer Para-4 (c) of Part-2, Section-V, Volume -1 of Bid document.
16	<u>ROB on NH2, Bridge No G10 1x60m span- 2Nos</u>		<p>What is the minimum vertical clearance required above the rail top level for construction of ROB.</p> <p>GAD showing 4Nos of carriageways two in Red color and remaining to in Magenta and all are marked as existing abutments. Please clarify which of these are in scope of work as it is not clear in bid document/tender drawing.</p> <p>Dismantling the existing ROB requires road traffic to be diverted on alternate route. Are there any available routs as such? Please clarify?</p> <p>Is it mandatory to provide RDSO standard bow string girder for ROB? Or can the contractor propose his own design. Please clarify?</p> <p>If the GA drawing provided is correct in details of pile foundations of existing ROB, The existing piles may interfere with the new foundations for proposed span. In that case the span arrangement may need to revise. Will that be considered as variation? Please clarify?</p>	Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1.
17		<u>Clause 1.2 'Removal of Trees' on page 161 of 289.</u>	Sub clause (4) and (7) seems to be contradictory. This may be clarified.	Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1.
18		<u>Clause 2 'Possession Periods' on page 225 of 289.</u>	Employer should clarify how work will be executed without the required line closures and possessions.	Please refer Appendix 13 of Volume-6, Section-5, Part-2 'Employer's Requirement'. Provisions of bid document shall prevail.

19		<p><u>Sub Clause 14.9 Payment of Retention Money of PCC on page 255 of 289.</u></p> <p>In earlier contracts DFCC was allowing time to time replacement of Retention Money with Bank Guarantee of equivalent amount. In this Tender Document, 50% of retention is being allowed to be replaced by Bank Guarantee when 60% retention has been deducted from the bill. Thus cash liquidity upto 60% of 5% of contract value say about Rs.11 Crores will get unnecessarily blocked thus adversely affecting the cash flow of the project which in turn will be detrimental to the progress of work.</p>	<p>It is requested that all retention money in form of cash/FDR should be allowed to be replaced by the Bank Guarantee of equivalent amount.</p>	<p>Provisions of Bid Document shall prevail.</p>
20		<p><u>Particular Conditions Sub clause 8.2 Time for completion on page 247 of 289</u></p> <p>The work of ROBs ( Bridge No.G10 ) at change 4900 M involves :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Construction of two two lane ROBs adjacent to the existing ROBs,</li> <li>ii) Dismantling of the existing 4 lane ROBs and</li> <li>iii) Construction of New ROBs with revised span in place of dismantled ROBs.</li> </ul>	<p>The above 3 activities are in serial and not parallel and so this work cannot be completed in the specified period of 900 days. For this job total period required will be 48 months from the date of handing over of site. It is suggested that to save time two 3 lane ROBs of two 4 lane ROBs should be constructed in the first phase itself. So that no further construction of ROBs is required to be done after dismantling of the existing ROB. In case our above suggestion is not possible to implement, the date of completion of this portion be increased to 48 months. For rest of the work, period of 900 days for completion is adequate.</p>	<p>Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1.</p>
21		<p><u>Appendix to Tender GC Sub clause 2.1 'Right to Access' to site on page 259 of 289.</u></p>	<p>The period specified in the Appendix to Tender for handing over of various stretches is unreasonably high as compared to the overall time given to the contractor for completion of</p>	<p>Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1.</p>

			<p>various stretches it is required that all sites specially where Major structure are involved should be handed over in 180 days. The contractor should be given a minimum of 605 days time for completion of a major structure or a portion there of over stretch from the date the stretch is handed over to the contractor. For completion of ROBs Bridge no. G10, 1461 days be allowed from the date of handing over of site.</p>	
22		<p><u>Appendix To Tender 'Advance Payment GC Sub Clause 14.2' on Page 260 of 289</u></p>	<p>Since the mobilization advance is interest bearing at high rate, advance should not be deducted by the time only 50% of work is completed since early deduction of advance leads to adverse cash flow.</p> <p>So, deduction of mobilization advance be made as per the following clause :-</p> <p><i>"The advance received by the contractor shall be repaid through percentage deduction in payment certificates: Deductions shall commence after 20% value of work is completed and shall be fully recovered by the time 85% of the value of work is completed. Such deduction shall be made at the amortization rate of Fifteen point four percent (15.40%) of the amount of each payment certificate (excluding the amount(s) paid towards 'Advance' under para 14.2 and towards 'plant &amp; materials' under para 14.5), until such time as the advance payment has been fully repaid."</i></p>	<p>Provision of bid document shall prevail.</p>
23		<p><u>Appendix To Tender Sub clause 14.5 'Plant and Materials Intended for the works'</u></p>	<p>In order to facilitate the contractor to avail payment for material brought to the site, the following materials may be listed in the appendix for the purpose of clause 14.5 (B) (i) and 14.5 (C) (i).</p>	<p>Provision of bid document shall prevail.</p>



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24		<u>Price Schedule B, 'Apportionment of contract price for payments according to cost centres' on page 8 of 22.</u>	In the price schedule DFCCIL has provided 4% for Misc. and Final taking over thus blocking cash liquidity of the order of Rs. 15 crore. It is requested that only 0.5% be kept for Misc. works and handing over while the % for Viaduct be increased from 33% to 36.5%.	Provisions of Bid Document shall prevail.																												
25		<p><u>Price Schedule B-2 on page 10 of 22 for Construction of Viaduct.</u></p> <p>The weightage % specified for Viaduct is impractical and is probably based on construction of RCC Box whereas the Viaduct with pile foundation, piers and super structure consisting of PSC beams and RCC Deck slab will have a completely different weightage percentage.</p> <p>The revised weightage % for both RCC Box and Viaduct with piles, piers, beams etc. is suggested below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>SN</th> <th>Item of work</th> <th>In case of RCC Box</th> <th>In case of Viaduct with pile foundation, piers &amp; PSC super structure</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Ground clearance, Ground improvement</td> <td>5%</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Raft foundation/pile foundation</td> <td>30%</td> <td>45%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>RCC Walls/Pier &amp; Pier Cap</td> <td>5%</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Deck Slab of RCC Box / Beams and Slab/PSC Box</td> <td>35%</td> <td>40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Wearing coat, footpath, cable duct, railing, wing walls, return wall, Ballast Retainer, trolley refuse, drainage arrangement, earthing, pedestal for OHE Mast, protection works, finishing &amp; complete in all respects.</td> <td>5%</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total</td> <td>100%</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The existing price schedule may kindly be modified, as above.</p>	SN	Item of work	In case of RCC Box	In case of Viaduct with pile foundation, piers & PSC super structure	1	Ground clearance, Ground improvement	5%	-	2	Raft foundation/pile foundation	30%	45%	3	RCC Walls/Pier & Pier Cap	5%	10%	4	Deck Slab of RCC Box / Beams and Slab/PSC Box	35%	40%	5	Wearing coat, footpath, cable duct, railing, wing walls, return wall, Ballast Retainer, trolley refuse, drainage arrangement, earthing, pedestal for OHE Mast, protection works, finishing & complete in all respects.	5%	5%		Total	100%	100%		Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1.
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26		Price Schedule B-3 on page 11 of 22 for Construction of Bridge Portion of Rail Flyover.	Weightage percentage of Foundation and balance work should 40% and 5% respectively in place of 20% and 25%. Also, walkway, hand rails and testing which are part of stage 3 should be made part of stage 4.	Provision of bid document shall prevail.	
27		Price Schedule B-5 on page 13 of 22 for Minor Bridges, RUB, Burried Boxes. The weightage % specified is impractical. The realistic percentages are suggested below.		Please refer Amendment/Corrigendum No.1.	
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28	<p>Price Schedule B-6 for Major Bridges on page 14 of 22 of Tender Document The weightage % specified is impractical. The realistic percentages are suggested below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 252 1675 730"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="517 252 622 387">Sl. No.</th> <th data-bbox="622 252 1507 387">Item of work</th> <th data-bbox="1507 252 1671 387">Weightage % for Major Bridge</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="517 387 622 440">1</td> <td data-bbox="622 387 1507 440">Open foundation/pile foundation</td> <td data-bbox="1507 387 1671 440">45%</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="517 440 622 493">2</td> <td data-bbox="622 440 1507 493">Pier &amp; Pier Cap</td> <td data-bbox="1507 440 1671 493">10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="517 493 622 545">3</td> <td data-bbox="622 493 1507 545">Super Structure including bearing</td> <td data-bbox="1507 493 1671 545">40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="517 545 622 681">4</td> <td data-bbox="622 545 1507 681">Wearing coat, footpath, cable duct, railing, wing walls, return wall, Ballast Retainer, trolley refuse, testing, drainage arrangement, earthing, pedestal for OHE Mast, protection works, finishing &amp; complete in all respects.</td> <td data-bbox="1507 545 1671 681">5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="517 681 622 730"></td> <td data-bbox="622 681 1507 730" style="text-align: center;">Total</td> <td data-bbox="1507 681 1671 730">100%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The existing price schedule may kindly be modified, as above.</p>	Sl. No.	Item of work	Weightage % for Major Bridge	1	Open foundation/pile foundation	45%	2	Pier & Pier Cap	10%	3	Super Structure including bearing	40%	4	Wearing coat, footpath, cable duct, railing, wing walls, return wall, Ballast Retainer, trolley refuse, testing, drainage arrangement, earthing, pedestal for OHE Mast, protection works, finishing & complete in all respects.	5%		Total	100%	Provision of bid document shall prevail.
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