



NHPC LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprises)
(CIN: L40101HR197SGOI032S64)

Regd. Office: NHPC Office Complex, Sector-33,
Faridabad-121003 (Haryana)-India

West Seti and SR6 Hydroelectric Projects,
C/o Hotel River Side Pvt Ltd, Dipayal,
District-Doti, Sudur Paschim Province,
Nepal-10800

Date: 19. 01.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NHPC Limited having Registered Branch office in Nepal at The Soaltee Kathmandu, Tahachal, Kathmandu, invites sealed bids under Quality cum Cost Based System (QCBS) in single stage two envelope bid system from the eligible Bidders from Nepal/ India for the following work:

1.	Name of Work:	Providing Consultancy Services for undertaking Environmental Impact Assessment studies for West Seti H. E. Project along with Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) for its Transmission Line including preparation and approval of EIA study report from IBN/MOFE/Govt. of Nepal.
1.1	Tender Reference No.	NHPC_WS-06/2024
	Tender ID No.	2024_NHPC_741774_1 (As generated on CPP Portal)
1.2	Completion Period	Completion period has been kept as 14 months to be reckoned from the date of commencement as per Letter of Award.
1.3	Estimated Cost	NPR 2,61,74,755/- including taxes
1.4	Cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)	NPR 1600/- in the form of Bank Draft payable at Kathmandu, Nepal in favour of "NHPC LIMITED" Alternatively, payment against Cost of Tender Document may be made directly in the bank account of NHPC Limited as mentioned below: Account Details: Nepal SBI Bank Limited Name: NHPC LIMITED Acc. No.: 17725240201213 Bank Address: Durbar Marg Main Branch, Kesharmahal, Kathmandu Bidders shall be responsible to ensure the receipt of net amount (excluding bank transfer charges) in above account before last date of submission of bids.
1.5	Date and time for availability of Bidding document	19.01.2024 from 1100 Hours. (Nepal Standard Time)
1.6	Earnest Money Deposit	NPR 5,23,000/- only (to be submitted as per clause no. 13, Section-II, ITB).

1.7	Last date & time for submission of Bids	09.02.2024 up to 1700 Hours. (Nepal Standard Time)
1.7a	Place of submission of bids	Office of Dy. General Manager (C), NHPC Limited, The Soaltee Kathmandu, Tahachal, Kathmandu
1.8	Place, Time and Date for opening of part-1 (Techno-commercial bid).	Place of bid opening: Office of Dy. General Manager (C), NHPC Limited, The Soaltee Kathmandu, Tahachal, Kathmandu 12.02.2024 at 1400 Hours. (Nepal Standard Time)
1.9	Place, Time and date of opening part-2 (Financial Bid(s)).	Shall be intimated later.
1.10	Bid validity period	120 days from the last date of submission of bids.
1.11	Authority/ Officer inviting Tender	Dy. General Manager (P&C), West Seti and SR6 HE Projects, C/o Hotel Riverside Pvt. Ltd., Pipalla Bazar, Dipayal, Distt.-Doti, Sudur Paschim Province-10800 Ph. +977-9811564457 e-mail: pnc-setiprojects@nhpc.nic.in

The bidding document containing Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions of Contract, Special Conditions of Contract, Specifications, Drawings, Bill of Quantities etc. can be downloaded from websites <http://www.nhpcindia.com> & www.eprocure.gov.in. The bidders may submit their bid either by post/ courier or physically, during office hours, in the tender box kept at location as per Sr. No. 1.7a herein-above prior to the last date/time for submission of bids. Bids of those Bidders who have submitted the requisite tender document fee and EMD acceptable to Employer only shall be considered for bid evaluation.

2. Eligible Bidders

2.1 This Invitation for Bid is open to:

- a) The bidders who are incorporated legal entity and are legally and financially autonomous and operate under commercial law of their respective jurisdiction.
- b) All bidders meeting the Qualification criteria as defined in clause 3.

2.2 **Bidders shall not have been banned/ de-listed/ black listed/ debarred from business on the ground mentioned in para 6 of Guidelines on Banning of Business dealings. Self Declaration in this regard is to be submitted as per Form-6 (Section-III).**

2.3 The Bidders whose contract(s) have been terminated due to poor performance by employer, shall not be allowed to participate in the bidding process for next 5 years w.e.f the date of notification of termination.

2.4 To improve transparency and fairness in the tendering process the Employer is implementing Integrity Pact.

The Integrity Pact, signed by all the prospective Bidders and the Employer (NHPC), shall commit the persons/officials of both the parties, not to exercise any corrupt/ fraudulent/ collusive/ coercive practices in the Tendering process and also during implementation of the Contract. Only those Bidders who have entered into Integrity Pact with the Employer shall be eligible to participate in the bidding process.

All Applicants shall enter into an Integrity Pact (to be executed on plain paper) with the Employer at the time of submission of their Bids. The Integrity Pact signed on behalf of the Employer is provided as Form-7Section-III. The Integrity Pact shall be downloaded, printed and signed by the Applicant and the hard copy shall be submitted.

Successful bidder shall submit duly executed Integrity pact on Non-Judicial Stamp paper of appropriate value prior to signing of Contract Agreement.

To oversee the compliance of obligation under the Integrity Pact, and Dr. Vinod Aggarwal, IAS (Retd.) and Shri Prabhash Singh, ITS (Retd.) have been appointed as Independent External Monitor (IEM) by the Employer. The Contact address of IEM is as under:

Dr. Vinod Aggarwal, B-103, Sarvodaya Enclave, 2 nd Floor, New Delhi-110017 (India) Email: arsv50@gmail.com	Shri Prabhash Singh, E7 M702, Housing Board Colony, Arera Colony, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462016 Email: srgmhrbpl@gmail.com
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3. Qualification of the Bidder

3.1. All bidders shall include the following information and documents with their bids In, Qualification Information unless otherwise stated in the ITB:

- a) Copies of documents defining the constitution or legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business; written power of attorney of the signatory of the Bid to commit the Bidder. Additional information as sought in the Form-1 General Information, Section-III shall be provided;
- b) Work experience to demonstrate meeting the criteria stipulated in clause 3.2 A shall be provided in Form-3 work experiences record, Section-III. The work experience shown shall be supported with certificate(s) from the Engineer-in-charge/Project head of the concerned work. In case of experience certificates produced by the contractors for having executed works for Private Organizations, TDS Certificates for payments against said works shall also be produced along with experience certificate.
- c) Information on financial criteria stipulated in clause 3.2B shall be furnished in Form-4, Annual turnover under Section-III. Copy of affidavit/Certificate of CA mentioning Financial Turnover of last 3 (three) years. Printed Annual reports or financial

statements of the Bidder, such as balance sheet, profit and loss statements and auditor's reports as the case may be for the past three years shall be submitted to ascertain bidder's meeting the financial criteria.

3.2 Qualification Criteria for the Bidders:

The qualification criteria for above work will be as follows: -

3.2A Technical Criteria

- i. Experience of successfully completed/ongoing study of at least 01 (one) no. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)/ Supplementary EIA study for hydro power project as per Govt. of Nepal Environment Protection Act (EPA), 2019 (2076) and Govt. of Nepal Environmental Protection Rule (EPR), 2020 and its subsequent amendments.
- ii. Experience of successful completion of at least 01 (one) no. Environmental Impact Assessment study for hydro power project (of 300 MW or more) in the last 15 years.
 - The experience of completion of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)/ Supplementary EIA study shall only be considered if the report has been approved by the relevant regulatory authorities.
 - In support of above experience criteria, the bidder shall submit copies of award letter/ contract agreement, successful completion certificate from the agency/ firm for which work was executed along with the copy of approval of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)/ Supplementary EIA study from the relevant regulatory authorities, either as Sole Bidder or as JV Partner or a sub-contractor.
 - The reference date for considering the eligible period "in years" mentioned in above criteria shall be reckoned from the last day of the month previous to the one in which the bids are invited.
- iii. The agency should submit the name of members of proposed team and also specify the Chief Consultant/ Team Leader for the EIA Study.

In support of team member's Experience/Qualification, bidder has to submit the document (i.e., Degree certificate, Certification of Involvement in preparation of Environmental Studies Report). Further, bidder has to submit the letter of appointment of team member(s) or Bidders should have tie-up arrangements with the requisite personnel(s)/ expert(s) to carry out the EIA study as per EPA, 2019 (2076) and EPR, 2020 (2077) and its subsequent amendments.

- iv. The above stated requirements are minimum and the Employer reserves the right to request for any additional information and also reserves the right to reject the proposal

of any Bidder, if in the opinion of the Employer, the qualification data is incomplete or the Bidder is found not qualified to satisfactorily perform the Works.

- v. Notwithstanding anything stated above, the Employer reserves the right to assess Bidder's capability and capacity to perform the works, should the circumstances warrant such an assessment in the overall interest of the Employer.

3.2B Financial Criteria

- i. **Turnover:** Average Annual Consultancy Turnover during the last three financial years should be at least NPR 113 Lakhs (INR 70.63 lakhs).

[Taken as approximately 50% of annualized cost of the work i.e., $0.50 \times \text{NPR } 261.75 \text{ Lakh} \times 12/14 = \text{NPR } 112.18 \text{ Lakhs}$, say NPR 113 Lakhs or INR 70.63 Lakh. Conversion factor 1 INR = 1.60 NPR]

- ii. **Net Worth:** The Net Worth of the bidder on the closing day of any 3 Financial years out of last 05 (years) should be positive.

Net worth' means the aggregate value of the paid-up share capital and all reserves created out of the profits, securities premium account and debit or credit balance of profit and loss account, after deducting the aggregate value of the accumulated losses, deferred expenditure and miscellaneous expenditure not written off, as per the audited balance sheet, but does not include reserves created out of revaluation of assets, write-back of depreciation and amalgamation.

For assessment, relevant pages of Annual Report containing Net Worth figure duly certified by Authorized representative of Bidders, otherwise, figure duly authenticated by the Statutory Auditors should be submitted. The above provisions regarding requirement of Audited Accounts/Annual Reports shall be subject to governing laws of the country.

- iii. **Working Capital:** The working capital (current asset minus current liabilities) shall be at least NPR 37.40 Lakhs (INR Rs 23.38 Lakhs)

[2 times monthly cashflow requirement, i.e., $2 \times \text{NPR } 261.75 \text{ Lakh} / 14 = \text{NPR } 37.39 \text{ Lakhs}$, say NPR 37.40 Lakhs or INR 23.38 Lakh. Conversion factor 1 INR = 1.6 NPR]

For this purpose, current assets and current liabilities will be considered as classified in the audited balance sheet for the year immediately preceding the date of opening of bids. In case current assets and/or current liabilities are not classified separately in audited Balance Sheet, a certificate from Statutory Auditor/CPA carrying out the Statutory Audit, for current assets and/or current liabilities, as the case may be, clearly defining the items considered for the same, should be enclosed. However, trade

payables shall be a part of current liabilities. If the Working Capital calculated from the audited Balance Sheets is negative, then such working capital shall be treated as zero. In case there is a shortfall in the Working Capital as per this, the unutilized Cash Credit Limits sanctioned to the bidder by the Banks/Financial Institutions of international repute shall be considered to meet the shortfall.

The statement displaying Cash Credit limits should not be more than three months old as on the last date for submission of bids.

The above provisions regarding requirement of Audited Accounts/Annual Reports shall be subject to governing laws of the country.

Note: -

1. Other income shall not be considered for arriving at Annual Consultancy Turnover.
2. The Bidder's financial evaluation vis a vis the requirement as stipulated above shall be done on the basis of duly printed (offset) Annual Report for the immediately preceding 5 (five) years submitted by the Bidder along with the application/bid. Further, standalone audited Annual Financial Statement of Bidder's shall be forming part of the Annual Report.
3. In case, if Bidder has not submitted the above Annual Report along with application/bid, then a certificate from Chief Executive Officer / Chief Financial Officer of the Bidder's shall be submitted along with application/bid mentioning that the requirement of Annual Report as per governing law of country is not mandatory. In such cases duly notarized copies of Audited Printed Annual Financial Statement (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement, Cash Flow Statement, Auditor's Report thereon including all relevant Schedules / Annexure etc.) for the immediately preceding 5 (five) years be submitted by the Bidder along with the application/bid. The Annual Financial statement shall be considered for evaluation in same manner as defined in above para for consideration of Annual reports.
4. In case where Audited financial results for the immediately preceding year are not available, then a statement of account as on the closing date of the immediately preceding financial year depicting the Turnover, working capital and Net Worth (calculated as per laid down criteria) duly certified by their Statutory Auditor / Certified Public Accountant carrying out the statutory audit shall be enclosed with the application/bid along with copy of appointment letter of the statutory auditor.
5. Wherever, the Annual Report / duly notarized copies of Audited Printed Annual Financial Statement are based on other than English language then duly printed and translated in English language duly certified by approved / recognized English Translator shall be submitted with application/bid.
6. In addition to above, wherever audited printed Annual Financial Statement contain turnover pertaining to other activities besides Consultancy turnover of Bidder and breakup of Consultancy turnover is not directly available from such financial statements, then statement of account depicting the Consultancy turnover for that year duly certified by their Statutory Auditor/Certified Public Accountant carrying out the statutory audit shall also be enclosed with the Application/Bid.

7. For the Purpose of compliance to the stipulated turnover criteria given at Financial Criteria, the Consultancy turnover from Joint Ventures(s)/ proposed JV partner (s) as declared in the Joint Venture Agreement shall also be considered.
8. The proportionate JV Turnover shall be certified by their statutory Auditor in the absence of not appearing the same in Audited Financial Statement.
9. For currency conversion, the exchange rate at the end of the respective accounting year shall be considered.
10. The qualification given by Statutory Auditors on the Financial Statements which have impact on Net Worth, Turnover, Working Capital or any other Financial item shall be taken into account for calculating the above financial parameters of Qualifying Criteria.
11. For evaluation of the Financial Criteria, the annual reports up to Financial Year 2022-23 shall be considered. Wherever the annual reports are prepared for Calendar Year, then the reports up to 2022 shall be considered. For evaluation of financial parameters, bidders may avail exemption for Financial Year 2020-21, being an exceptional year due to outbreak of COVID-19.
12. For the purpose of conversion INR 1.00 = NPR 1.60 shall be considered.

3.2 C Each bidder must also produce with their Bid:

- i) Certificate of Registration with Office of the Company Registrar, Nepal
- ii) Registration in Nepal for PAN and VAT
- iii) Certificate of Registration with Social Security Fund of Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security in accordance with the provisions of Contributory Social Security Act, 2017.
- iv) A declaration that the information furnished with the bid documents is correct in all respects in Form-5: Form of declaration, Section-III
- v) Tax Clearance certificate/ Income Tax Returns Acknowledgements of last 3 Financial Years (Annexure-III E)
- vi) Such other certificates if any as defined in the ITB.

3.2 D To qualify for Contract for which bids are invited in the Notice Inviting Tender, the bidder must demonstrate having work experience, financial capability and resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria. Failure to produce certificates and documents in clauses 3.1, and 3.2(A), (B) & (C) shall make the bid non-responsive.

3.2E Nature of Bidders

Joint Ventures or any other arrangement is not allowed. Only sole bidder is allowed. Further, bidders from countries (other than Nepal where work is being executed) which share land border with India shall comply with the provisions of "Restrictions under Rule 144(xi) of the General financial Rules (GFRs) 2017" of India dated 23.07.2020.

For evaluation of specific Consultancy experience of various bidders, following criteria shall be considered: -

- (1) The evaluation of Bidder's specific technical experience for a work executed on JV basis shall be based on his role and scope of work in such joint ventures. To establish his role and scope of work in such Joint Venture contracts, the Bidder shall provide documentary evidence such as JV agreement/ contract of the work to the extent of experience claimed by him. In case the quantum of work as per experience certificate does not match with the scope of work as defined in the JV/consortium agreement, then the experience credentials shall be considered as per the experience certificate issued by the employer / client.
- (2) In case scope of work of individual partners is not clearly defined in the JV/consortium agreement then credential of bidder being partner in a JV/consortium shall be decided in the following manner: -
 - a. Where specific technical experience certificate in respect of individual JV partners is available, the same shall be considered to the extent of work executed by such JV partner.
 - b. Where specific technical experience certificate is not available, or experience certificate is issued in the name of JV/consortium, the evaluation shall be done in the following manner: -
 - i. In case the participation / profit sharing percentage of bidder as per JV agreement is at least 35%, full credit of the work executed by the JV/consortium shall be given to such bidder.
 - ii. In case the participation / profit sharing percentage of bidder in JV agreement is less than 35%, no credit of work executed under such JV shall be given to such bidder.
 - iii. Notwithstanding (i) and (ii) above, in case of availability of specific Technical experience certificate, (a) above shall apply.In case both participation share and profit-sharing ratio are available in the JV Agreement, participation share shall prevail.

For the portion of work executed through a sub-contractor, full experience for that portion of work can be claimed by the Contractor as well as sub-contractor for fulfilling criteria for evaluation of bidder's specific experience.

3.2 F Insolvency

The Bidder against whom an application for initiating corporate insolvency resolution process has been admitted by the Adjudicating Authority under the applicable Insolvency laws in Nepal or India shall not be eligible for bidding. The same shall also be applicable to the bidder company who has taken unconditional technical and/or financial support

from their Parent/ Holding Company, against whom an application for initiating corporate insolvency resolution process has been admitted by the Adjudicating Authority under the applicable Insolvency laws in Nepal or India

In case, bidder in respect of whom any application for initiating corporate insolvency resolution process was not admitted at the time of submission of bid but subsequently during the period of evaluation of bids or any time before the work is awarded, any such application is admitted by the Adjudicating Authority under the applicable Insolvency laws in Nepal or India, the bidder shall be considered as ineligible and his bid shall be rejected. An undertaking that “no insolvency proceedings is admitted by the Adjudicating Authority under the applicable Insolvency laws in Nepal or India, against bidder” shall be submitted on letter head duly signed by the authorized representative of bidder (Form-13).

Further, the bidder after submitting the bid till the time of award of work, shall inform NHPC regarding any admission of application for corporate insolvency resolution process by the Adjudicating Authority under the applicable Insolvency laws in Nepal or India, against bidder and any suppression of such fact shall render the bidder liable for rejection of his bid and banning of business dealing as per terms and conditions of the Bid Document.

- 3.3 Even though the bidders meet the above qualifying criteria, they are subject to be disqualified if they have:
- (i) made misleading or false representations in the forms, statements, declarations and attachments submitted in proof of the qualification requirements; and/or
 - (ii) participated in the previous bidding for the same work and found L-1 wherein they had quoted abnormally high or low bid prices and could not furnish rational justification for it to the Employer.

3.4 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR TECHNICAL ELIGIBILITY

The bidders, who meet the Qualification Criteria under clause 3.0 above shall be further evaluated as below on Quality Cum Cost Based System (QCBS) Basis:

3.4.1 Technical Score: The Technical Score is based on overall suitability and experience to carry out the proposed work. The Technical Score for Quality of Consultants shall be worked out as per the details given in Table-1 below and score assigned as Technical Score. The Minimum Technical Score for qualification eligibility of the Bidder shall be 50.

Table-1

S. No	Parameters	Maximum marks															
1	<p>Experience of successful completion/ ongoing works of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study for hydro power project as per EPA, 2019(2076) and EPR, 2020(2077) (and its subsequent amendments).</p> <p>No. of completed EIA studies 3 or more : 30 Marks No. of completed EIA studies 2 : 20 Marks No. of completed EIA studies 1 : 10 Marks Ongoing EIA/SEIA study(ies) 1 or more : 5 Marks</p>	30															
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b	Expert-Environment Studies	Masters' Degree in Environmental science, Environmental Management or Environmental Engineering Worked as Consultant/Team member in the preparation of at least three Environmental study reports.	≥ 15 years- 8 marks <15 ≥ 10 years- 6 marks <10 ≥ 5 years- 4 marks	08
c	Hydropower Engineer	Masters' Degree in Environmental, Civil, Mechanical, Hydro-power Engineering. Worked as Consultant/Team Member in the preparation of at least three Environmental study reports for Hydro Projects.		08
d	Expert- Biological /Ecological Sciences	Masters' degree in Natural Resource Management, Forestry, Biology or Botany. Worked as Consultant/Team Member in the preparation of at least three Environmental study reports for Hydro Projects.		08
e	Expert – Zoology / Wildlife studies	Master's degree in Zoology or Wildlife sciences. Worked as Consultant/Team Member in the preparation of at least three Environmental study reports for Hydro Projects.		08
TOTAL=				100

Notes:

1. A Team Member as per Sl. No. 4 of above table may be in multiple roles (maximum 2).
2. The team shall also engage domain experts as team members from Sociology, Legal, Geology, Resettlement, Public Consultation, Language and other relevant fields as per requirement of EIA Studies. The core team for EIA study shall consist of minimum 5 members.

3. As the work entails Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) for its Transmission Lines, the team shall comprise of professionals well conversant with the field.
4. In case of bidder having experience as Joint Venture partner or Sub Contractor, the bidder can claim for the experience as per the scope defined in the JV arrangement/ contract agreement for awarding marks under Sl. No. 1 to 3 of Table-1.

3.5 Overall Criteria for Selection of Successful Bidder

Under QCBS selection, the technical proposals will be allotted weightage of 70% (Seventy per cent) while the financial proposals will be allotted weightages of 30% (Thirty per cent).

Proposal with the lowest cost will be given a financial score of 100 (Hundred) and other proposals given financial scores that are inversely proportional to their prices w.r.t. the lowest offer. Similarly, proposal with the highest technical marks (as allotted by the evaluation committee) shall be given a score of 100 (Hundred) and other proposals be given technical score that are proportional to their marks w.r.t. the highest technical marks.

The total score, both technical and financial, shall be obtained by weighing the quality and cost scores and adding them up. On the basis of the combined weighted score for quality and cost, the consultant shall be ranked in terms of the total score obtained. The proposal obtaining the highest total combined score in evaluation of quality and cost will be ranked as H-1 followed by the proposals securing lesser marks as H-2, H-3 etc. The proposal securing the highest combined marks and ranked H-1 will be invited for negotiations, if required and shall be recommended for award of contract.

In the event two or more bids have the same score in final ranking, the bid with highest technical score will be H-1. An Evaluated Bid Score (B) will be calculated for each responsive Bid using the following formula, which permits a comprehensive assessment of the Bid price and the technical merits of each Bid:

$$B = \frac{C_{low}}{C} X + \frac{T}{T_{high}} (1 - X)$$

where,

C = Evaluated Bid Price

C_{low} = the lowest of all Evaluated Bid Prices among responsive Bids

T = the total Technical Score awarded to the Bid

T_{high} = the Technical Score achieved by the Bid that was scored best among all responsive Bids

X = weightage for the Price as specified in the BDS

The Bid with the best evaluated Bid Score (B) among responsive Bids shall be the Most Advantageous Bid.

As an example, the following procedure can be followed. In a particular case of selection of consultant, it was decided to have minimum qualifying marks for technical qualifications as 75 (Seventy five) and the weightage of the technical bids and financial bids was kept as 70: 30 (Seventy: Thirty). In response to the RfP, three proposals, A, B & C were received. The technical evaluation committee awarded the following marks as under:

A: 75 Marks

B: 80 Marks

C: 90 Marks

The minimum qualifying marks were 75 (Seventy-five) thus, all the three proposals were found technically suitable. Using the formula $T/Thigh$, the following technical points are awarded by the evaluation committee:

A: $75/90 \times 100 = 83$ points

B: $80/90 \times 100 = 89$ points

C: $90/90 \times 100 = 100$ points

The financial proposals of each qualified consultant were opened after notifying the date and time of bid opening to the successful participants. The price evaluation committee examined the financial proposals and evaluated the quoted prices as under:

A: Rs.120.

B: Rs.100.

C: Rs.110.

Using the formula $Clow/C$, the committee gave them the following points for financial proposals:

A: $100/120 \times 100 = 83$ points

B: $100/100 \times 100 = 100$ points C: $100/110 \times 100 = 91$ points

In the combined evaluation, thereafter, the evaluation committee calculated the combined technical and financial score as under:

Proposal A: $83 \times 0.30 + 83 \times 0.70 = 83$ points. Proposal B: $100 \times 0.30 + 89 \times 0.70 = 92.3$ points

Proposal C: $91 \times 0.30 + 100 \times 0.70 = 97.3$ points.

The three proposals in the combined technical and financial evaluation were ranked as under:

Proposal A: 83 points: H-3 Proposal B: 92.3 points: H-2 Proposal C: 97.3 points: H-1

Proposal C at the evaluated cost of Rs.110 (Rupees One hundred and ten) was,

therefore, declared as winner and recommended for negotiations/approval, to the competent authority.

4.0 Time for Completion

The successful bidder shall complete the entire work within the time specified at Sr. no. - 1.2 (Table) given above.

5.0 Tenders must be accompanied by the earnest money of the amount specified for the work in the Sl.No.1.6 (Table).

6.0 Deleted

7.0 Deleted

8.0 Bid submission

Bid Submission (Refer Section- II i.e. ITB) complete in all respect must be delivered in sealed envelopes to the address, date & time as per Sl. No. 1.7 and 1.7a (Table).

In the event of the specified date or amendment, if any, for the submission of bids being declared a holiday for the Employer, the bids will be received up to the specified time on the next working day. Similarly, in the event of the specified date or amendment if any for the opening of bids being declared a holiday for the Employer, the opening shall be carried out at the specified time on the next working day.

9.0 The currency for the Bid and for the payments under the contract shall be Nepal Rupee (NPR) only. The conversion factor of 1 INR= 1.6 NPR shall be used.

10.0 Bids shall be valid for a period as mentioned in Sr. no. 1.10 (Table) after the deadline for Bid submission. If any Bidder withdraws his Bid before the said period or makes any modification in his Bid, the bid shall be rejected and the Earnest Money deposit of the Bidder shall be forfeited.

11.0 The Techno-commercial Bid shall be opened at venue date & time as per Sr. No.-1.8 (Table). The time and date of opening of Financial Bid of bidders qualified in the technical bid shall be communicated to them at later date after evaluations of technical bids. The Employer/ Tender inviting Authority at his discretion may open Technical and Financial Bid simultaneously and evaluate the Bid completely.

12.0 Instructions for Bid Submission

12.1 Deleted

12.2 Searching for Tender documents:

- a) There are various search options built in the CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in, to facilitate bidders to search active tenders by several parameters. These parameters could include Tender ID, Organization Name, Location, Date, Value, etc. There is also

an option of advanced search for tenders, wherein the bidders may combine a number of search parameters such as Organization Name, Form of Contract, Location, Date, Other keywords etc. to search for a tender published on the CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in.

b) The tender can also be downloaded from NHPC website i.e. www.nhpcindia.com

12.3 Preparation of Bids:

- a) For preparation of bid, Bidders shall search the tender from published tender list available on site and download the complete tender document and should take into account corrigendum, if any, published before submitting their bids.
- b) Bidder shall go through the tender document carefully to understand the documents required to be submitted as part of the bid. Bidder shall note the number of covers in which the bid documents have to be submitted, the number of documents, including the names and content of each of the document that need to be submitted. Any deviations from these may lead to rejection of the bid.
- c) Any clarifications if required then same may be obtained through the contact details given in table Sl. No. 1.11(Table) given above.

12.4 Deleted

12.5 Submission of Bids:

The Bid shall be prepared and submitted physically in two parts as stated hereunder. Submission of the bids by any other means shall not be accepted by the Employer in any circumstances. The deadline for submission of bids is indicated in Sl.No.1.7 (Table).

- i) **Cover-I** : It shall be named "Technical Bid" and shall comprise of Tender Fee and EMD in the form of DD/ BG issued in favour of "NHPC LIMITED" payable at Kathmandu, Nepal and other required documents as per the instructions specified in the NIT/ tender document.
- ii) **Cover-II** : It shall be named "Financial Bid or Price Bid" and shall comprise of Schedule of Quantities and Prices (Schedule A). Discounts offered, if any shall be provided under Schedule-A only.
- iii) The two separate covers containing Part-I & Part –II of the bid shall then be kept in a single cover and sealed and should be submitted at the place specified in Para **1.7a** (Table) above, on or before the last date & time of bid submission.

13.0 Any corrigendum, subsequent amendments and/ or extension of date, if any, for submission of Bids shall be posted on the <https://www.nhpcindia.com> and <https://www.eprocure.gov.in>. Bidder(s) are advised to visit the portals regularly before the deadline for submission of Bids.

14.0 The employer reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to cancel the Bidding process and reject all Bids, at any time prior to the award of Contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidder(s). However, the Bidder(s) who wish to seek reasons for such decision of cancellation/rejection shall be informed of the same by Employer unless its disclosure reasonably could be expected to affect the

sovereignty and integrity of India, the security, strategic, scientific or economic interest of the state or lead to incitement of an offence.

(For & on behalf of NHPC Limited)

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