

Response to Prebid Queries for Tender Ref. No. NHIMPL/ TDD / 2026-2027 / 01

Name of Project: Request for Empanelment ("RFE") issued by National Highways Infra Investment Managers Private Limited ("NHIMPL"), on behalf of National Highways Infra Trust ("NHIT"), inviting bids for empanelment of Consultants for undertaking Technical Due Diligence Studies.

Sr. No.	Ref clause No.	Description	Query/Clarification required	Reply
1	Clause 17.5 Page no. 14	National Highways Infra Investment Managers (P) Ltd. proposes to empanel Three Technical Consultant. However, NHIMPL reserves the right to modify the number of consultants to be empanelled at its discretion.	NHIMPL proposes to empanel three consultants. Kindly confirm the estimated number of projects/assignments expected during the 2-year empanelment period and the total approximate lane-km to facilitate resource planning.	Kindly refer Section-2 Clause 17.6
2	Clause 17.6 Page no. 14	The allocation of projects between Empanelled Consultants will be done by NHIMPL at its discretion. Accordingly, NHIMPL has the right to award the work to any of the Empanelled Consultant, depending on the exigencies, nature and magnitude of the Services.	Please clarify the methodology for allocation of assignments among empanelled consultants. Will projects be allocated on rotation basis, performance basis, or sole discretion of NHIMPL?	Clause is self-explanatory.
3	Clause 20 Page no.16	The definition of lane-km fee is as follows: if the assigned project has "A" number of lanes and a length of "B" km, then the lane-km for billing purposes shall be calculated as A x B. However, all surveys, including instrument-based and visual surveys, shall be carried out on all lanes of the assigned project highway, as per the scope mentioned in Section 3.	Kindly indicate the average size (lane-km) and geographical spread of projects likely to be assigned under this empanelment.	Bidder may visit the NHIT website for details of the existing assets. Moreover, any new or future projects within India may also be assigned under this engagement.
4	Section 3 Page no.21	Special Requirements: Consultant shall fulfil following survey requirements during various studies stipulated in clause 3, clause 4 and clause 5 of section 3.	Please provide an indicative list of NHIT assets and concession models currently under management which may require Technical Due Diligence Studies.	Bidder may visit the NHIT website for details of the existing assets. Moreover, any new or future projects within India may also be assigned under this engagement.
5	Clause 3.2.5 Page no.25	For Major for Major Structures (length > 60 m) and structures where bearings, expansion joints, substructure or critical components are not visually accessible, 26 detailed condition assessment shall be undertaken using MBIU/Man hoist or equivalent bridge inspection systems to facilitate inspection of inaccessible bridge elements as per clause 2 of section 3.	For major structures requiring MBIU inspection, kindly confirm whether lane closures, traffic management approvals, and police permissions will be facilitated by NHIT/SPV.	All responsibility lies with consultant however, NHIT/SPV will provide the letter for obtaining necessary permissions, if required.

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6	Clause 3.2.4- & 3.4.4- Page no.25 and Page no.26	3.2.4: Carrying out Inventory and detailed condition surveys for bridges & cross drainage structures (along with Photographs thereof) including recommendation for either strengthening/ rehabilitation or reconstruction; Identify requirements of NDT tests if any (to be executed if required and commissioned by client with separate mutually agreed payments).	NDT requirements are stated to be separately commissioned. Kindly confirm that all NDT testing and associated logistics shall be treated as additional services and paid separately.	Refer Section-3 Clause 7 for Additional Services.																				
7	Clause 3.4.4 Page no.27	3.4.4: Visual inspection of bridges for any visible distress and anomalies. Identify requirements of NDT Testing based on same.																						
8	Clause 3.2.14 Page no.26	Assess drainage adequacy: Review of available hydrological reports and assess the availability and condition of existing roadside drainage along the corridors.	Hydrological reports are referred to in the scope. Kindly confirm availability of such reports with NHIT for all assets.	Clause is self-explanatory.																				
9	Clause 3.1 Page no.25	Review of Project documents	Kindly confirm whether DPRs, As-built Drawings, Pavement Design Reports, Material Test Reports, Draft Concession Agreements, O&M Agreements, Asset Management Agreements, and historical maintenance records shall be made available in digital format.	The data may be provided in any available format for review by NHAI/IE/NHIT/SPV and other relevant authorities.																				
10	Clause 20.1 Page no.15	20.1 The Engineer shall prepare the respective assignment and the evaluation based and shall be made copy past addition of source on per following completion <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>No.</th> <th>Assignment</th> <th>Submission</th> <th>Timeline</th> <th>Requirement of assignment fee in %</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Investment Plan (Page no.15/16)</td> <td>Statement & Work Program (Page no.17/18)</td> <td>4 weeks</td> <td>50% on submission of final report</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Feasibility Study</td> <td>Feasibility Study Report</td> <td>4 weeks</td> <td>50% on submission of final report</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Technical Review</td> <td>Technical Review</td> <td>4 weeks</td> <td>50% on submission of final report</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No.	Assignment	Submission	Timeline	Requirement of assignment fee in %	1	Investment Plan (Page no.15/16)	Statement & Work Program (Page no.17/18)	4 weeks	50% on submission of final report	2	Feasibility Study	Feasibility Study Report	4 weeks	50% on submission of final report	3	Technical Review	Technical Review	4 weeks	50% on submission of final report	Timelines of 4–6 weeks are prescribed for completion of surveys and draft reports. Kindly clarify whether timelines shall commence from issuance of Work Order or from receipt of all relevant project documents and site access.	From Issuance of Work Order.
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11	Clause 20.1 Page no.15		In case of delays attributable to Client/SPV, document availability, permissions, traffic restrictions, or force majeure, whether corresponding time extension shall be granted without penalty.	An extension of time shall be considered in the event of Force Majeure circumstances or any delay attributable to the Client.																				
12	Clause 11 Page no.10	Proposed Team	Please clarify whether the proposed key personnel can be deployed across multiple simultaneous assignments under the empanelment.	The clause is self-explanatory. The proposed team shall be deployed for each individual assignment.																				

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13	Clause 12.2 Page no.10 and 11	12.2: The Bidder should have experience of completed / ongoing projects for conducting technical due diligence studies for at least 15 Qualifying Projects since January 1st, 11 2016. Certified copies of completion certificate issued by client or any other documentary proof (signed by Statutory Auditor / Chartered Accountant) of completion to be provided. For the purpose of this RFE, Qualifying Project shall mean an Expressway / National Highway project in India of 4 or more lanes and minimum length of 50 km.	Eligibility criteria define Qualifying Project as 4-lane NH/Expressway of minimum 50 km length, whereas Technical Evaluation Criteria (Section 4 - Page.no 36) defines Qualifying Project as 150 lane-km. Kindly clarify which definition shall govern eligibility and evaluation.	Refer Corrigendum-I
14	Section 4, 3(i) Page no.36	For the purpose of this RFE, Qualifying Project shall mean an Expressway / National Highway / State Highway project in India of 04 lane or more lanes and minimum lane Km. of 150 km. For the purpose of this RFE, Qualifying Project shall mean an Expressway / National Highway / State Highway project in India of 04 lane or more lanes and minimum lane Km. of 150 km.		
15	Clause 34.2 Page no.20	34.2 The agency/firm shall not sublet, subcontract, transfer or assign the package and should offer Terms with 100% Capacity.	The RFE restricts subcontracting. Kindly clarify whether specialist agencies for NSV, FWD, MBILU, NDT, drone survey, traffic survey, and laboratory testing can be engaged through tie-up arrangements.	Clause is self-explanatory. Refer Section-2 Clause 15.3.2.4.1 with Corrigendum-I
16	Section 4, 3(vi) Page No.37	Presentation	Kindly share detailed marking criteria and scoring methodology for the 25 marks allocated to presentation.	Technical Panel will access presentation, capacity of consultant during presentation and provide the marks. Presentation must include provisions of Section-2 Clause 15.3.2
17	Clause 10 Page no:9	Consortium of Bidders is not allowed.	This clause restricts participation of eligible bidders with expertise in their respective fields of Consulting expertise. Since, this valuable project requires skill sets & expertise in the relevant field of Consulting. Inclusion of JV/ Consortiums will bring in combined forces with relevant Consulting to execute the Project successfully.	No Change.

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18	Section 4, 3(ii) Page No.36	Experience and Capabilities in handling DPR/ Feasibility Studies of Qualifying Projects prior to construction stage for Authority:	This clause restricts participation of eligible bidders with expertise in their respective fields of Consulting expertise. Since, this valuable project requires skill sets & expertise in the relevant field of Consulting. Inclusion of JV/ Consortiums will bring in combined forces with relevant Consulting to execute the Project successfully. Why DPR experience in construction project is considered for TDD assignment? We request to consider process improvements & Procurement mandates developed for clients.	No Change.
19	Section 4, 3(iii) Page No.36	Design / Design Coordination / IE / PMC/ Construction Supervision services at construction stage of Qualifying Projects developed under TOT/BOT/ Annuity/HAM/EPC models:	Why are scores assigned for Construction PMC?	No Change.
20	Section-2, 11.5 Page No. 10	Proposed Team	RFE specifies the requirement of a 'Systems Expert'. In this regard, it is requested to kindly clarify whether a professional possessing a B. Tech / B.E. degree in Electrical Engineering or Electronics Engineering would be considered eligible for the position of Systems Expert.	Clause is self-explanatory.
21	Section-2, 12.1 Page No. 10	Minimum Eligibility criteria	Annual turnover certificate for last financial year 2025-26 will be unaudited as it is still under process. Kindly confirm it is acceptable	Yes, the same is acceptable. However, the Consultant shall provide an undertaking on its letterhead confirming compliance. The audited certificate shall be submitted by the Consultant on or before 15th November 2026 after completion of the audit process. Non-submission and/or non-compliance may result in cancellation of the empanelment.

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22	Section-2, 12.2 Page No. 11	Qualifying Project	It defines Qualifying project as "Qualifying Project shall mean an Expressway /National Highway project in India of 4 or more lanes and minimum length of 50km". Section-4 under section B table item (i) it specifies as For the purpose of this RFE, Qualifying Project shall mean an Expressway / National Highway / State Highway project in India of 04 lane or more lanes and minimum lane Km. of 150 km. Kindly confirm 150 Lane Km shall only be considered for qualifying project	Refer Corrigendum-I
23	Section-2, 17.4 Page No. 14	Discovered Fee	While procedure elaborated in section 17.2 is correct, the "discovered fee" should always not be from the lowest bidder. In this regard, it is requested that authority may prescribe a permissible variation limit for the lowest quoted fee with respect to the average of the other responsive bids. In case if the variation is more than a specified threshold (say 25% or 30%) than the average quotes, such rate should not be considered as "discovered fee". The Authority is requested to kindly clarify/confirm the above.	No Change.
24	Section-2, 18.1 Page No. 15	Services	Different categorization of services along with Percentage fee has been indicated in this clause under a table: 1. TDD: 100% 2. Filed Investigations: 70% 3. Periodic Review with Field Investigations : 80% 4. Periodic review without instrument-based survey: 20% The above Fee Percentage for item 4 may please be revised as below based on actual expenditures. 4. Periodic review without Field investigations: 30%	No Change.
25	Section-2, 20.1 Page No. 15	Timelines and Payment Schedule	Under this item Time period specified for: 3. periodic review: 4 weeks 4. Periodic Review without surveys: 2 weeks The same please be considered as below: 3. periodic review: 6 weeks 4. Periodic Review without surveys: 4 weeks Please confirm	No Change. However, based on assigned project challenges, timeline can be agreed mutually.

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26	Section-2, 20.1 Page No. 16	Deduction In Lane-Km	It is mentioned that: Full fee corresponding to the affected lane-km shall be deducted if NSV and FWD surveys are not conducted over any continuous stretch exceeding 2 km in any direction of the Main Carriageway (MCW) due to construction, repair, rehabilitation, or maintenance activities. There can be number of bridges or CD structures in such sections and also other inventory items which need to be captured and accounted in cost estimations. In view of same, only surveys (Like FWD or NSV) which cannot be executed at site may please be considered for deduction rather than complete length in lane Km. Please clarify.	Refer Corrigendum-I
27	Section 4, Section B, (II) Section-3, Clause 12 Page No. 36	Technical Information: Evaluation Criteria	S.No 2 says "Experience and Capabilities in handling DPR/ Feasibility Studies of Qualifying Projects prior to construction stage for Authority" and Carries 10 Marks S No 3: Design / Design Coordination / IE / PMC/ Construction Supervision services at construction stage of Qualifying Projects developed under TOT/BOT/Annuity/HAM/EPC models: Also carries 10 Marks. Both S. No 2 and 3 are for similar kind of projects and only difference being prior to execution and at execution stage to various entities. In view of above, it is submitted that separate evaluation exclusively for projects undertaken under S. No. 2 may not be necessary. Accordingly, it is requested that NHIT may consider combining S.No. 2 and S.No. 3 of Section 4 and evaluate experience of qualifying projects undertaken either prior to construction stage for the Authority or during construction stage for various entities together, with a consolidated weightage of 20 marks.	No Change.

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28	Section-5 Page No. 36	Financial Proposal	Financial bid to include base fee per Lane-km for flexible/Rigid pavement. However, this fee should be against a fixed scope of surveys and investigations especially for FWD. Kindly clarify how many numbers of points to be considered in Base fee to avoid ambiguity in bidding.	Refer Section-3 Clause 2.2
29	General		We would like to submit that we are already empanelled with your esteemed organization for undertaking Technical Due Diligence (TDD) Studies, effective from 13th March 2025, for a period of two years. We have been consistently providing our services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said empanelment. In this regard, we kindly request you to clarify whether a fresh empanelment is required for the present assignment, or whether our existing empanelment continues to remain valid for participation/engagement.	The existing empanelment period is scheduled to expire in December 2026. Accordingly, the empanelment process is being initiated to ensure the continuous availability of empanelled Technical Due Diligence Consultants throughout the entire duration of the assignments.
30	General		We request you to kindly provide an extension of another 2 Weeks to prepare comprehensive and competitive proposal after issue pre bid Clarification i.e. till 31st July 2026 we would kindly request an extension of the bid submission deadline by five (5) calendar days. Due to certain unavoidable circumstances and the need to ensure a comprehensive, accurate, and high-quality submission that fully addresses the requirements of the RFE, we are facing challenges in completing all necessary documentation within the stipulated timeframe. An extension would enable us to finalize our submission with the level of diligence and completeness expected for an assignment of this nature. We therefore request that the bid submission date be extended from 20 July 2026 to 25 July 2026 (or such date as deemed appropriate by NHIMP).	Refer Corrigendum-I
31	General			Refer Corrigendum-I

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32	General		As the RFE has been published with a relatively short bid preparation timeline, we are currently in the process of compiling the required technical documents, supporting credentials, and completing the necessary internal approvals to submit a comprehensive and competitive proposal. In view of the above, we kindly request your good office to consider extending the bid submission date by 10–15 days. This will provide sufficient time for interested bidders to complete the required documentation and submit high-quality proposals, thereby encouraging wider participation and healthy competition.	Refer Corrigendum-1
33	General		we would be grateful if you could kindly clarify the following: 1. Whether any Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) / Bid Security is applicable for this RFE? 2. If applicable, kindly confirm the acceptable mode of submission (Online Payment / Bank Guarantee / Demand Draft, etc.) and the prescribed amount.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) / Bid Security is not applicable.

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