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TOWN PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH**

**THIRD-PARTY VALIDATION OF COST ESTIMATES OF THE ADDITIONAL WORKS**

**RESPONSE DOCUMENT NO. I**

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The responses to prospective Bidders queries document (**Response Document No. I**) is in furtherance to requests for queries/ clarifications received from the prospective Bidders in respect of the Bidding Process relating to the third-party validation of cost estimates of the additional works (**Assignment**), being conducted pursuant to the Request for Proposal document dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (**RFP Document**) floated by the Public-Private Partnership Node, Local Government & Housing Town Planning Department, Government of Sindh (**Procuring Agency**) in accordance with the SPP Rules, 2010 (**SPP Rules**).

*Unless expressly specified otherwise, all **capitalized terms** used herein shall bear the meaning ascribed thereto under the RFP Documents.*

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SR.	RFP REFERENCE	PROSPECTIVE BIDDER'S QUERY/ COMMENT	PROCURING AGENCY'S RESPONSE/ CLARIFICATION
<b>SECTION I – LETTER OF INVITATION</b>			
1.	Assignment Scope	<p>Scope of Services requires verification of the cost estimates of the additional works, proposed by the private party and reviewed by the IE, based on the <b>schedule rates</b> as well as on prevailing market rates, as applicable.</p> <p>Please clarify whether CSR are based on NHA 2022 rates <b>OR</b> any other schedule rates have been applied for this Project?</p>	CSR are based on the NHA rates.
<b>SECTION II – INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULTANTS (ITC)/ BID DATA SHEET (BDS)</b>			
2.	ITC BDS Clause 2.5	Please confirm all required documents, i.e., cost estimate/ bill of quantities, drawings specifications, or any other supporting documents, are available with the Procuring Agency and will be provided to the successful Bidder.	The Procuring Agency shall provide the relevant documents to the successful Bidder after signing the Contract to perform the tasks as part of the Assignment's scope of services.
3.	ITC BDS Clause 2.5	Please confirm whether the bar bending schedule has already been prepared.	Refer to the response at Sr. # 2.
4.	ITC BDS Clauses 18.1, 13.1, 6.1 & 2.2	<i>The Consultant shall be required to provide the professional services through independently and objectively carrying out the verification/ validation of the cost of the additional works of elevated structures of 4.5 km (approx.), road works,</i>	The Bidder's eligibility and technical evaluation criteria set out in the RFP Document have been amended in accordance with the SPP Rules. For further details, refer to the Addendum Document No. I dated 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2023.

		<p><i>retaining walls, and other structures relating to the project's additional and ancillary works with a detailed bill of quantities prepared by the project's private party and subsequently verified by the independent expert.</i></p> <p>The Assignment is for verification/ validation of the cost of the additional works of elevated structure, road works, retaining walls, and ancillary works verified by the Independent Expert. The said Assignment does not pertain to the design of bridges with hydraulic model study, which is required as mandatory in specific experience. Similarly, the experience (Eligibility Criteria/ Specific) and the professional team asked in the RFP are not required to perform anything to execute said Assignment. We understand that a quantity surveying team headed by a project management/ contract personal will be sufficient to accomplish the Assignment. Please review the criteria and amend the as per the Assignment requirements.</p>	
5.	ITC BDS Clauses 18.1, 13.1, 6.1 & 2.2	The consulting firm experience required does not match with the scope of work.	Refer to the response at Sr. # 4.
6.	ITC BDS Clauses 18.1, 13.1, 6.1 & 2.2	The PEC service code - 0538 refers to earthquake engineering, but the scope of work does not include any such task; hence, this code may be deleted.	No change.

7.	ITC BDS Clause 18.1	Refer to ITC 18.1 (i) Specific Experience, Consultant is required to submit 05 projects of bridge design (with hydraulic model studies) completed during last the 10 years. Since the Assignment is related to the verification of cost estimate; therefore, the requirement of design experience is irrelevant.	Refer to the response at Sr. # 4.
8.	ITC BDS Clause 18.1	The staffing requested does not match the scope of work.	No change.
9.	ITC BDS Clause 18.1	Refer to ITC 18.1 (iv) Financial Turnover, we understand that there is a typo error either in part (c) or (d) as scoring points are not defined for the annual turnover value ranging from $\geq$ PKR 150 million to $<$ PKR 200 million. Please check.	Refer to the response at Sr. # 4.
<b>SECTION V – TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>			
10.	Assignment Scope	The Assignment is for the verification/ validation of the cost of additional work. It is assured in the meeting that the task is for verification/ validation of the cost only, and verification/ validation of the quantity is not involved. Please confirm.	The Assignment's scope for the Consultant under the instant procurement is limited to validating the cost of additional works as mentioned with the PPP Policy Board's decision in the RFP Document.
11.	Assignment Scope	The Assignment's title specifies the job as <i>third-party validation of cost estimates of the additional works</i> , whereas the scope of work does not clarify if it is the validation of rates or quantities; please clarify.	Refer to the response at Sr. # 10.
12.	Assignment Scope	We understand that the Assignment will be limited to the verifying cost estimates based on	Agreed.

		the provided design and drawings. Please confirm.	
13.	Assignment Scope	Please confirm that the scope of works is limited to verification of cost only or it involves verification of measurement sheets, bar bending schedules, rate analysis and cost.	Refer to the response at Sr. # 10.