

Clarification-I dated 24.02.2025 to the RfP document of Appointment of Independent Engineer for “Transmission System for Evacuation of Power from potential renewable energy zone in Khavda area of Gujarat under Phase-V (8GW): Part A”. Spec. No. CTUIL/IE/2024-25/66. GeM Bid: GEM/2025/B/5844066

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1	Clause 40.0, Section - III Conditions of Contract of RfP Document (Contract Price)	The Contract Price shall be as specified in GeM Contract order to be generated through GeM portal. The Contract Price shall be FIRM and FIXED.	We request the client to kindly incorporate annual cost escalations in the financial proposal, considering the project's extended duration of 52 months	Provisions of RfP document shall prevail.
2	Clause 41.0, Section - III Conditions of Contract of RfP Document (Terms of Payment)	Terms of Payments	<p>We acknowledge that the balance payment is contingent upon the submission and approval of the completion/final report and the acceptance of deliverables. However, the approval timeline has not been specified.</p> <p>We request the client to establish an approval timeline of 15 days.</p> <p>Additionally, considering the project duration of 52 months, we request the inclusion of the following clause in the contract under the terms of payment:</p> <p>Interest on Delayed Payments: Any amount due but not paid by the client on the due date shall accrue interest at a rate of 9% per annum, effective from the due date until the payment is made to the service provider.</p>	Provisions of RfP document shall prevail.

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3	Clause 8.1 Sl. No. 1 of Terms of Reference (TOR) (Team Composition Team Leader cum Project Manager)	<p>Experience and Qualification requirements of key experts: The Team Leader shall be responsible for overall coordination of the consultancy services to ensure satisfactory fulfilment of contracted services. He shall join important review meetings in Employer offices/ at sites and otherwise, also keep himself updated about the progress of the assignment and provide guidance to team, as needed. He shall be responsible for submission of the progress and other reports included in the assignment. He shall coordinate with all stakeholders (including senior state government officials and Client management) and oversee satisfactory delivery of services.</p> <p>He/ She should be Graduate in Electrical/ Mechanical / Civil Engineering having at least 8 years’ experience in EHV transmission projects and have worked in at least two (2) assignments for 345kV or above transmission project as team leader/Project Manager.</p>	<p>As mentioned in the Experience and Qualification Requirements of the Team Leader cum Project Manager that he/she should have worked in at least two (2) assignments for 345kV or above transmission project as team leader/Project Manager.</p> <p>We kindly request the client to clarify the expert's experience in the two assignments, specifying whether they involve design, PMC (Project Management Consultancy), TPQA (Third-Party Quality Assurance), or other relevant roles</p>	Requirement of clause 1.2 (a) of Qualifying Requirements (QR) shall be followed.
4	Clause 2.0 of Annexure-I to Section III_QR (Technical Evaluation	Note (3): The bidder shall submit CV of the key personnel as per format provided in Bidding Document, along	It is stated in Annexure I to Section III of the RFP that bidders are required to submit the CVs of all key	Bidder to fulfil the requirements of QR.

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	Criteria through QCBS Methodology Sl. No. 3 Key personnel Qualification and relevant Experience.)	with details of experience and self-attested copies of Qualification certificate & employment proofs.	<p>personnel, including Field Experts, as specified in the RFP.</p> <p>However, it has been observed that Field Expert positions are highly mobile, and the experts may not remain exclusively committed due to the extended tendering process, which typically takes 2-3 months.</p> <p>Consequently, during the contract signing period, bidders often need to replace the CVs for these positions. This replacement attracts a penalty of 5 % for each affected position, as outlined in Clause 45.4.1 of the Conditions of Contract in Section III of the RFP.</p> <p>In light of this, we kindly request the client to consider relaxing the requirement to submit CVs for Field Experts at the bidding stage. We propose amending the evaluation criteria to exclude the Field Experts and allowing bidders to submit their CVs during the contract signing phase, ensuring compliance with the specified qualifications.</p>	

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			We believe this adjustment would streamline the bidding process and mitigate undue penalties for bidders while maintaining the quality standards expected for the project.	
5	clause no 1.2(d) of Annexure-I to Section-III_QR (Condition of Eligibility of Key Personnel)	HVDC Expert: Graduate in Electrical Engineering having at least 5 years’ experience in EHV projects of 345kV and above/HVDC projects of ± 320 kV and above. He shall also have at least 2 years’ experience in Engineering/Commissioning/O&M of HVDC station	HVDC Expert is not generally part of consultant regular team due to highly specialized skill set and experience and their services are taken on project basis by the consultant. Accordingly, we understand that HVDC expert proposed as free-lance expert shall also be acceptable provided the expert consent to work on the project with the bidder. Please confirm.	Bidder to follow the provisions of RfP document.