MINUTES OF PREBID MEETING FOR CIVIL WORKS PACKAGE No. OSRP-CW-ICB-P04B UNDER ODISHA STATE ROADS PROJECT HELD ON 8th April 2013

Descr	iption of the Work :	Construction for Widening & Strengthening of existing carriageway to 2-lane Road from Duhuria to Chandbali (Km. 49/000 to Km. 99/000 of MDR & Km 45/000 to Km. 51/500 of SH –9)
Tende	r/Bid No. NCB	: OSRP-CW-ICB-P04B- 10121 Dt-11.03.2013
Names	s of those Present:	
From E	Employer/Purchaser	
1.	Er. Nalinikanta Pradhan	Chief Engineer, World Bank Projects, Odisha
2.	Er. Manoranjan Misra,	Executive Engineer, PMU

From Prospective Bidders:

NAMES OF FIRM	REPRESENTED BY

1.	M/s Sarjon Infracon Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad	Mr. J R Mallik, Mech. Manager
2.	M/s Isolux Corsan,, Madrid	Mr. Punit Kumar, Sr. Engineer
3.	M/s ECI ECC Ltd., Hyderabad	Mr. J P Sharma, Dy. General Manager
4.	M/s RKD Construction Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneswar	Mr. P C Mohapatra, Director

Opening Remarks

At the outset, the Chief Engineer, World Bank Projects, Odisha welcomed everybody attending the Pre-Bid meeting for the above civil work package. A brief status about the project was presented before the prospective bidders.

The members representing the bidders were asked to submit their queries so that the replies to the same could be provided by the Employer. Replies to the queries given then by the PMU have been provided in the Annexure.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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1	General	Location of Duhuria may please be intimated as it is not found in Google earth.	Duhuria is located at Chainage 49/000 Km along this road just before Kendrapara town.		
2	Section VIII. Particular Conditions: Cl. 14.2 [Page 221]	Request for increasing the mobilization advance to 10%.	The request cannot be entertained.		
3	Section VIII. Particular Conditions: Cl. 14.5 b & c [Page 221]	Since there is no provision of mobilization advance against equipment & machineries, the agency will be forced to load the cost in their bid resulting in higher cost of the project for the client. Request to allow 5%/ 10% advance against plant and machinery.	No advance for plants and equipments shall be given.		
4	Section VIII. Particular Conditions: Cl. 14.5 c(ii) [Page 221]	It is suggested that provision of material advance of 1% cumulatively 26% may be reduced if the machinery advance is available.	No advance for plants and equipments shall be given. However, The material advance is increased to 2% from 1%.	Please Refer Sl. No-1 of Corrigendum No-1	
5	General	Kindly provide us the Land Acquisition Status.	The details of LA status cannot be provided. The encumbrance free land shall be handed over to the contractor for construction section wise as mentioned in the contract data. There is no forest area coming within the project boundaries.		

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6	Section VI Works Requirements Clause 1.1.3.1 [Page 92].	The completion period may be increased to 33 months from the date of handing over of full hindrance free site. In case of delay in handing over of site, completion period may be suitably extended.	Considering the present situation, the Sections have been proposed to provide the Contractor with hindrance free stretches. The proposed time period of 27 months shall not be altered.		
7	Section VIII Part-A Contract Data Sub-Clause 2.1 [Page 218].	Whether land acquisition cases pertaining to the chainages under tender are under process as on date of pre-bid meeting that is 08.04.13. If so, the status of such LA cases with chainage may be intimated.	The land acquisition process for the road is in advance stage. However, encumbrance free land shall be handed over to the contractor section wise as indicated in contract data.		
8		Whether any forest clearance is required/ still to be obtained from the forest department in the chainage under Tender.	No forest clearance is required as far as this corridor is concerned.		
9		Whether the R&R activities in the stretch under the scope of tender have been completed, may please be confirmed. If not, please intimate R/R status chainage wise.	Encumbrance free land shall be handed over to the contractor after completion of R&R activities section wise as indicated in contract data.		
10		The status of shifting of utilities such as water pipe lines, electricity line, transmission line, telephone lines, land pump, passenger shelter etc. If shifting of utilities is not completed, the status thereof chainage wise may be intimated.	Encumbrance free land shall be handed over to the contractor after shifting of utilities section wise as indicated in contract data.		

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11		Status of encroachment in the reach under tender may please be stated. If there is any encroachment in the reach under tender the same may please be intimated.	The encroachment free land shall be handed over to the contractor section wise as indicated in contract data.		
12		Please clarify whether the location of structures and their designs are finalized. Please indicate whether the approved drawing are available for structures and land available physically at site without encroachment and not involving any land acquisition.	Yes. The index of structural drawings provided in Volume-IV of Bidding Document may please be referred to for the purpose. Land shall be made available for the works in phased manner as mentioned in Contract Data. Within two weeks of handing over of each stretch, contractor needs to examine and provide acceptance of receiving encumbrance free land or inform the employer otherwise with any deficiencies.		
13		Whether there is any demand from general public for additional structures/ alternation of location of structure than what is already indicated in the tender documents. If so the details may be furnished. It is the general trend in the country in any road work for local villages to demand additional Village Road Bridge Structure (VRBS) etc.	There is no demand from the general public for additional structures yet. The facilities included in the drawings have been discussed in the District Level meetings during the planning phase of the project. Even during execution of the work during the previous contract, no such demand has been made.		
. 14		Whether alignment of the road has been finalized fully. If there is any deviation from the existing road the chainage of such deviation may please	The road alignment has been finalized fully. The drawings provided in the Volume IV of the Bid document may please be		

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		be intimated. If there is deviation, please categorically confirm that land acquisition, R&R activities, removal of utilities and forest clearance in such deviated alignment has been completed.	referred to see the realignment portions. These stretches shall be included in their respective Sections as mentioned in the Contract Data and shall be handed over encumbrance free.		
15	Section 1. Instruction to bidders: Cl. 17.3 [Page 32]	In ITB 17.3, cost of works of previous years may be enhanced to 10% per year may be given instead of 5% as indicated in tender document.	Suggestion for modification of eligible criteria is not acceptable.		
16	Section 1. Instruction to bidders: Cl. 14.7 [Page 31]	ITB clause 14.7 note: instead of bidders ascertaining the excise duty, custom duty exemption under World Bank loan/grant, the deptt. may please clarify such available of exemption benefit, as the deptt. has been handling the WB assisted projects in the last 4 years.	The exemption of Excise Duty of materials required for utilization in this work is guided by Notification No-108/95-CE Dt-28.08.2005 with subsequent amendment vide Notification No-13/ 2008 of Central Excise Department of Government of India and subsequent amendment by the Government of India thereon. Similarly, exemption of Custom Duty for good impoted into India for execution of this work shall be guided by Notification No-84/97- Customs of Government of India and subsequent amendments thereon. As per condition of bidding		
			document, the bidders are required to assess accordingly.		

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18	Section 1. Instruction to bidders: Cl. 18.1 [Page 33]	Clause 18.1 of ITB requires bid validity of 120 days with likelihood extension of bid validity as seen from clause 18.2 of ITB. We request that the tender may be finalized within a period of not exceeding 120 days	Suggestion noted. All efforts shall be made by the Employer to finalize the contract award within bid validity period.		
19		Whether any quarry has been approved from the materials to be used for road may be intimated as this is tender for balance work. This Will facilitate easy identification of sources of materials so that time is not lost in locating and ascertaining the suitability of materials etc. This information is required as completion period of 18 months only. For any materials to identify minimum period of 3 months is required for identification, ascertaining acceptability /suitability of the materials etc.	No quarry has been approved for materials to be used for the project. The bidder is free to choose locations suitable to him for the materials, confirming to the requirements of the contract. It is to mention that this tender is not for balance work and the completion period of the project is 27 months.		
20	Section VIII Part-B Specific Provisions Clause 17.2 [Page 227].	The penalties indicated in the contract data are too high and unrealistic. All the penalties may be reduced to 50% of the amount indicated under the clause.	Suggestion for reduction of penalties is not acceptable.		
21		Whether there is any litigations or disputes between the terminated contractor and the employer, if so the details may be intimated.	The bid is invited for the new work. No contract has been terminated here before.		
22		The present law and order situation in the project may please be indicated.	There is no law and order problem in the project.		
		Is the project area in Left Wing	The project area does not come		

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		Extremist (LWE) belt, as 20 out of 30 districts of Odisha are categorized as left wing extremist districts?	under the declared LWE belt.		
23		The date of receipt of tenders may be extended by a period of 4 weeks after receipt of pre-bid querries.	The suggestion is noted. Due time will be allowed for submission of tender after issue of pre-bid proceedings as per norms.		
24		Quarries for stone aggregate and sub- grade material as per DPR may please be intimated.	The Indicative Quarry Chart For Materials Is Available In Section- VI Volume-5 Of Bidding Document.		
25	Section VIII Part-A Contract Data Sub-Clause 2.1 [Page 218].	Completion of ROW pillar marking work as per the proposed road may please be intimated.	The encumbrance free land with demarcated ROW shall be handed over to the contractor section wise as per the schedule mentioned in the Contract Data.		
26		In clause 2.3.2, average annual turnover of contractor may be reduced to INR 1500 Million due to recession of world economy during last 4 to 5 years.	Suggestion for modification of qualification criteria is not acceptable.		
27		In this present economical situation the non adjustable component on bidders proposed weighting i.e. 'a' may be reduced to 0.05 instead of 0.15.	Suggestion not acceptable.		
28	Section VIII Part-A Contract Data Sub-Clause 14.3 [Page 221].	Taking into account the present economy the percent of retention may be reduced to 3% of contract amount in sub-clause 14.3.	The request is not considered.		

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29	Section VIII. Particular Condition Part-A Contract Data Sub- Cl. 8.7 [Page 220]	Maximum amount of delay damages may be restricted to 5 % of contract price.	Suggestion for restriction of delay damage to 5% of the contract price against 10% mentioned under Sub-Clause 8.7 of the contract data is not acceptable.		
30	Section VIII. Particular Conditions: Cl. 14.6 [Page 221]	Minimum amount of interim payment certificate may be changed to 1% of accepted contract amount till 30% of contract amount achieved and 2% of accepted contract amount beyond 30.1% of contract amount.	Suggestion for change of minimum amount of Interim Payment Certificate is not acceptable.		
31	Section IV. Bidding forms [Page 57]	As per schedule of adjustment data, price adjustment is applicable for 85% of the contract price. Please confirm.	The price adjustment is applicable for maximum of 85% of the amount payable in the IPCs.		
32	Section VIII. Particular Conditions: Cl. 14.5 b [Page 221]	It is requested to release an additional advance of 5% of contract amount against BG after mobilization of Plant & Machinery at site.	No advance for plants and equipments shall be given.		
33		There is a provision of delay damage under the contract for delay in completion of work. Please pay bonus for early completion of work @ 1% for each month of early completion.	Suggestion for payment of bonus for early completion of work is not acceptable.		
34	Section VIII Part-A Contract Data Sub-Clause 2.1 [Page 218].	Whether work front will be made available free from encroachments immediately after signing of contract agreement.	Please refer to Section VIII Part-A Contract Data Sub-Clause 2.1 [Page 218] for the handing over schedule.		
35		Whether Deptt. has got the necessary approval from forest and environment departments for cutting of trees along the road.	Cutting of trees is not coming under the purview of the contractor. The stretches shall be handed over to the contractor		

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			section wise as mentioned in the contract data free from trees. However, uprooting of stumps and removal of debris shall be done by the contractor as per relevant Technical Specifications.		
36	Volume 3. Bill of Quantities: Item No-7.05 [Page 37]	There is mismatch in the grade of concrete between the drawing of saucer drain and its corresponding BOQ item no. 7.05. This may be resolved.	The BOQ item no. 7.05 has been modified.	Please Refer Sl. No-3 of Corrigendum No-1	
37		Since the road passing through lot of villages & towns, is ROW available for working immediately at these locations?	Depending upon the position of ROW at different locations, the entire stretch has been divided into different sections. The encumbrance free land with demarcated ROW shall be handed over to the contractor section wise as per the schedule mentioned in the Contract Data.		
38		Will the department arranges the quarry for operation? If not, what help will be initiated by the department for establishing quarry for the project?	No, the department will not arrange the quarry for operation. The department will only facilitate the contractor for getting approval from the local authorities for operation of the quarries by the contractor.		
39		Is environment clearance is required for this project? If yes, whose responsibility.	No, this project does not require environmental clearance. Hence, responsibility of any body does not arise.		

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40		Information regarding availability of quarry identified by the department may be provided.	An indicative quarry chart of different materials has been provided in Volume-5 of bidding document, which may be referred to for guidance.		
41		Shall Entry Tax for material purchased outside state is applicable to Odisha State Government?	Yes, Entry Tax is applicable for the materials purchased outside state. The bidder is advised to refer the relevant notification published by the Finance Department, Odisha.		
42		Will Excise Duty exemption is applicable to all the materials & machinery purchased for this project and even to diesel also.	Please refer response at SI-16 above.		
43		Will the department issue all the certificates required for Excise Duty exemption from the beginning of the project to its closing?	Please refer response at SI-16 above. The contractor shall have to furnish its requirement of materials for which he intends to avail the exemption of Excise Duty in the format available in the bidding document at the time of submission of bid.		
			During execution of work, the employer shall facilitate for issue of the certificates in time phased manner.		

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44	Section VIII Part-A Contract Data Sub-Clause 14.3 [Page 221].	The Employer may consider to release the retention money against Bank Guarantee (BG).	The request is not considered.		
45		Alternate material shall be suggested as availability of Moorum, Stone and Sand is very far.	The request is not considered.		
46		Eligibility of financial criteria may please be considered for the last 5 financial years i.e from 2008-09 to 2012-13 instead of 2007-08 to 2011- 12.	completion of financial year 2012- 13, eligibility criteria shall be		
47		The project is coming under densely populated locality and are mostly under semi-urban area. Compliance to the requirement of EMP is far from reality.			

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