**K**f**W Tender Notice**

**on behalf of:**

Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited (RVPN),

Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Limited (TANTRANSCO), Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB)

**German Financial Cooperation with India**

**Project:Green Energy Corridors – II (GEC -II)**

Project ID: BMZ 2015 68 419

Project ID: BMZ 2016 68 045

Project ID: BMZ 2016 67 846

KFW reference No. 509215

Request for Application (RfA) for Prequalification

Covering Consulting Services for a Project Monitoring Consultant

**Clarification Notice No. 1**

Consistent with stipulations of Section I, General Provisions, clause 2.5, Clarification of Prequalification (PQ) Document, Applicants are informed of the following clarification.

Further, it is requested to observe the “Important Note” at the end of the Clarification Notice.

| Sl  No. | Subject matter / Clause no | Applicants Remarks | Clarification answer |
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| 1 | RfA document | Whether submission of RfA has to be done separately for each project i.e Project ID: BMZ 2015 68 419, Project ID: BMZ 2016 68 045 &Project ID: BMZ 2016 67 846 or only one single RFA needs to be submitted. Kindly confirm the same. | Applicants are informed that only **one common PQ-submission** is required. |
| 2 | Section - III: Application,  Forms -Form 4-Financial Capacity Statement: | Whether we have to submit audited Standalone or consolidated financial statements for last three years. | Applicants are informed that consolidated financial statements for the last three years will be sufficient |
| 3 | Annexures | TANTRASCO, Lot 2, tentative Summary of Project Measures is not available. Same may please be provided. | List of Project Measures as per clause 1.6.1 is given in full details in the Annex to Clarification Note 1. |
| 4 | Request for Extension of Submission Time | in addition, we would request extension of RfA submission up to 24.03.2023 | Time extension for the submission of PQ document is granted. The submission deadline is: **24th March 2023, 15:00 h, CET.** |
| 5 | Tender Notice | The tender process will be a 2-step procedure in line with National Competitive Bidding (NCB)  Whether International Firm with Certificate of Registration for Establishment of Place of Business in India holding Indian Permanent Account Number (PAN) and Goods and  Service Tax Number (GSTN) is eligible to participate.  Please Confirm. | confirmed |
| 6 | Section-II, Special Provision, 3.2.1 Deadline for Submission of Applications Page No. 26 | The Application shall be addressed as follows: KSEB, RVPN & TANTRANSCO c/o KfW Entwicklungsbank.  We understand that only one response to RfA is needed to be submitted for all the PEAs, combined.  Please Confirm. | confirmed |
| 7 | Section-II, Special  Provision, 4. Evaluation -  Process of the PQ | Evaluation - Process of the PQ  Whether 100% Owned Indian Subsidiary Company can use the credentials of International Parent Company.  Please Confirm. | confirmed |
| 8 | Section-II, Special  Provision, 1.6.1  Requested Services | The Assignment:  The Monitoring Consultant shall support the PEA  with respect to the following tasks:  1) Environmental & Social Monitoring  2) Technical Monitoring  3) Data collection on contract and financial  management  4) Report writing  The scope of work for this assignment is limited to as specified in the referenced clause.  Please confirm | confirmed |
| 9 | Responsive Application | 2.1 Qualitative assessment of the Applicant’s  available Expertise.  The quality of the expertise appropriate for the  project team profiles described in GP 1.6, to which the Applicant has access. This sub-criterion is evaluated on the basis of the list submitted in accordance with GP 2.2.1(d)(VII).  Sub-score: 20  2.2 Quantitative assessment of the Applicant’s  Human Resource Capacity.  The extent to which the Applicant has access to personnel appropriate for the tasks described in GP 1.6. This sub-criterion is evaluated on the basis of the List submitted in accordance with GP 2.2.1(d)(VII).  Sub-score: 10  Kindly request you to provide a breakdown on the evaluation of these 2 criteria’s. | reference is made to clause 2.2. and clause 4.2.3 of the General Provisions as well as subsequent document within the RfA |
| 10 | Section-II, Special  Provision, 3.2.1 Deadline for Submission of Applications Page No. 26 | In line with the setting-up of the exficon platform, Applicants are requested to nominate one dedicated contact person (name, email address and phone number). The nomination shall be shared with the Tender Agent via email (walter\_klotz@hotmail.com) at the soonest after the launching of the PQ, but latest seven (7) days prior to expiry of the deadline. The data shall be used to set up an e-procurement process for this tender submission.  As informed, please find below details of Dedicated Contact Person:  Name: Mr. Mallikarjungouda Patil  Email Address: indiabd@smec.com  Phone No.: +91-9000106767 | noted and found to be in good order |
| 11 | Section-II, Special  Provision, 3.2.1 Deadline for Submission of  Applications  Page No. 26 | The deadline of the submission is:  15.00 hours (3 p.m.) CET (Central Europe Time) on 10th March 2023.  We request you to kindly extend the proposal submission date by at least two (2) weeks from the date of clarifications. | Time extension for the submission of PQ document is granted. The submission deadline is: **24th March 2023, 15:00 h, CET.** |
| 12 | Clause No. 1.4.1  (Applicants) | At least one of the key staff members shall be employee of the Lead Consultant/JV or be a  long-term associate to him (to be  documented);  If one of the Key Staff Members / Team Lead may be from any of the members of joint venture / associations. | At least one of the proposed Key Staff must come from the Lead Consultant or a Joint Venture.  The proposal of Freelance consultants for all positions will be rejected. |
| 13 | 1.6.2 Staffing | Due to the nature of the Project, it  is required to include the following  expertise:  1) Senior Environmental and Social Expert, Team Leader, Key expert  2) Senior Power Transmission System Expert, Key expert  3) Junior Experts for various tasks  4) Backup Support (including pooling capacity for special topics)  Is it necessary for the same team, which includes the team leader and other key personnel, to cover monitoring services for the three targeted states, or will different teams be considered for the corresponding state utilities under one consulting assignment, or more than one assignment? | the internal organisation of the staffing reliefs from the Applicant to take benefit of synergies.  It is not mandatory that the same team covers the services for the PEA (STU) concerned. |
| 14 | Section 4.2.2 (Responsive Applicants) clause 1.1.2 | Experience related to up to three (3) consultancy assignments for Engineering (Feasibility, Design, preparation of tender documents, tendering, contracting, construction supervision, testing and handing over) for Grid Substations comprising a voltage level of 132 up to 400 kV (one project must be a 400 KV transmission line).  Please specify that this particular project must be a 400 KV grid substation rather than a 400 KV transmission line, as it is previously addressed in paragraph 1.1.1 of section 4.2.2. | reference 1.1.2 refers entirely to Grid Substations.  Hence, it is requested that at least one of the references refers to a 400kV Grid Substation (and not to a 400kV transmission line as wrongly stated in the RfA). |
| 15 | 1.6.2 Staffing – Junior Experts | Junior Experts for various tasks.  We appreciate, if you specify the discipline of experts will need to be consider. | in view of the nature of the assignment which is related to power systems, its technical aspects, its accounting and financial follow-ups, contract management as well as reporting on the same, the disciplines of Junior experts shall be related to Power engineering or as per their respective fields of activities.  Commonly, a junior expert may be considered as a person having been employed in the applicant’s company for at least 2 years and having been familiarised with corporate formalities. |

**Important Note:**

Applicants are reminded to observe the stipulation contained in the RfA, clause 3.2.1, Deadline for Submission of Applications, 3rd paragraph. Reading as follows:

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**Annexure:**

List of Project Measures intended to be implemented by TANTRANSCO under GEC II.







