

Response to the queries raised by Potential Consultants for “Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) to implement Ecotourism facilities in selected sites of Assam”

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1.	5	Clause 9 (k) of EOI	Provide detailed designs that include construction drawings, detailed cost estimates, engineering drawings, bill of quantities (BOQ) for all proposed facilities/infrastructure/ecotourism products in each of the target sites. The technical specifications should be following the approved Indian Standards on sustainable infrastructure designs and adhere to the applicable regulatory standards of the Government of India.	Please provide clarity on whether the construction drawings, engineering drawings to be prepared under the DPR would be good-for-construction drawings or tender drawings.	The selected consultant would prepare construction, engineering drawings.
2.	6, 7	Clause 16 of EOI	Determination of the similarity of the experiences will be based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of the Services • The contracts size • The technical area and expertise • The location 	We understand that similarity of experience on basis of location refers to project experience in rural or wildlife areas. Please Confirm.	Yes. The consultant’s experience would be determined on the criteria as mentioned in TOR.
3.	7	Clause 17 of EOI	The Client will also take into account for the evaluation of the applications the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local representatives/ partners and their experience in similar projects in Assam 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide clarity regarding what the term “local” means – whether it refers to Assam or the North-East region. We suggest that this clause be relaxed to Northeast region to encourage wider participation. 2. Also please provide clarity on if project office needs to be present in Assam or if an expert based in Assam can also be considered as local representative. 3. Please provide clarity on whether this is a mandatory or an optional/preferable criterion. <p>If mandatory, we suggest that it can be relaxed to allow larger firms with good international and national experience in ecotourism development in rural/wildlife settings to participate in the bid. Assam is a small state with limited protected areas and hence the possibility of firms who would have similar project experience in Assam would be limited. Hence, we request you to kindly revise the</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Local” means the State of Assam. 2. The project office needs to be in Assam. 3. This is a preferable criterion.

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				clause to "experience in similar projects in rural and wildlife settings in India" to allow firms who have national project experience of similar size/complexity.	
4.	7	Clause 17 of EOI	The Client will also consider for the evaluation of the applications the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills and availability of in-house technical backup experts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindly suggest the experts (including key experts and non-key experts) required in proposed team for project execution. Also clarify whether in which form and format and level of detail should the details of the skills and availability of in-house technical backup experts be shared. 	The details would be provided in the RFP.
5.	8	Form 2: Compliance to Eligibility Criteria Clause No. 5 of EOI	Experience in implementing the management plans or detailed project reports on ecotourism facilities development in rural or wildlife settings in collaboration with stakeholders in the last 5 years	<p>As per our understanding, the assignment is limited to feasibility and DPR report preparation for ecotourism facilities and project implementation is not a part of the scope of work.</p> <p>1. Hence, we request you to add this eligibility criteria - <i>"Experience in preparing pre-feasibility / feasibility reports on ecotourism facilities development in rural or wildlife settings in the last 5 years"</i></p> <p>2. Remove the eligibility criteria no. 5 or club the eligibility criteria no. 5 with eligibility criteria number 4. <i>"Experience in preparing/ implementing the management plans or detailed project reports on ecotourism facilities development in rural or wildlife settings in collaboration with stakeholders in the last 5 years"</i></p>	<p>Criteria Sl. No. 4 amended as: <i>"Experience in working on preparing feasibility reports/ management plans/ detailed project reports on ecotourism facilities development in rural or wildlife settings (operation, design, evaluation, development, and implementation) in the last 7 years"</i></p> <p>Criteria Sl. No. 5 amended as: <i>"Experience in implementing the management plans or detailed project reports on ecotourism facilities development in rural or wildlife settings in collaboration with stakeholders in the last 7 years"</i></p> <p>Criteria Sl. No. 6 amended as: <i>"Experience in preparing marketing and communications plan on tourism or ecotourism initiatives in the last 7 years"</i></p> <p>(Corrigendum in this regard is being issued).</p>
6.	-	General	Power of Attorney	Please clarify if Power of Attorney must be on letter head of firm or on stamp paper. Since there is no format given, is the consultant is free to use any format?	The Power of Attorney would be on stamp paper.

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7.	-	General	Cover letter for submission of Expression of Interest	There is no format given for this in the EOI. Please clarify if consultant can use any format.	The consultants are free to use any standard format for cover letter submission.
8.	-	General	-	Kindly provide details regarding: 1. Duration of the project. 2. Method of Selection at RFP stage – QCBS or Least Cost Basis 3. Payment Structure 4. List of deliverables.	1. Please refer to clause IX, page 6 of the ToR. 2. Please refer to clause 18, page 7 of the EoI. 3. Please refer to clause XII, page 7 of the ToR. 4. Please refer to clause XI, page 7 of the ToR. More details will be mentioned in RFP.
9.	8	Form2: Compliance to Eligibility Criterion	Point no. 4: Experience in working on preparing management plans or detailed project reports on ecotourism facilities development in rural or wildlife settings (operation, design, evaluation, development, and implementation) in the last 5 years	Considering the very fact that last 5 years witnessed slow progress in India or abroad in terms of execution of similar assignments thus Client should consider min 15 years of experience to evaluate credentials of a firm/consortium, please consider.	Please refer to point no. 5 above.
10.	-Do-	-Do-	Point no. 5: Experience in implementing the management plans or detailed project reports on ecotourism facilities development in rural or wildlife settings in collaboration with stakeholders in the last 5 years	Considering the very fact that last 5 years witnessed slow progress in India or abroad in terms of execution of similar assignments thus Client should consider min 15 years of experience to evaluate credentials of a firm/consortium, please consider.	Please refer to point no. 5 above.
11.	-Do-	-Do-	Point no. 6: Experience in preparing marketing and communications plan on tourism or ecotourism initiatives in the last 5 years	Considering the very fact that last 5 years witnessed slow progress in India or abroad in terms of execution of similar assignments thus Client should consider min 15 years of experience to evaluate credentials of a firm/consortium, please consider.	Please refer to point no. 5 above.
12.	7	Clause 20 of EOI	The Expressions of Interest must be submitted in English language not later than 28 th June, 2022 till 16:00 Hrs by email or hard-copy (soft copy in pendrive) to the address below	We request the Client to provide at least 21 days for submission of suitable response from the date of issuing clarification to prospective applicants.	The last date for submission of EOI has been extended till 12th July 2022 till 16:00 Hrs. (Corrigendum in this regard is being issued).