

Amendment of RFP No. 1

Project: Kathmandu Valley Water Supply Improvement Project (Phase 2)

RFP No.: DSC/SKV-01

Title: Design, Supervision and Project Management Consultant (DSC/SKV-01)

Amendment issued on: 20 January 2025

The Client deem it necessary to amend the RFP as a result of a clarification, and hereby issue following amendment to be the part and correction to the of RFP issued to Shortlisted Consultants on 31 December 2024. This amendment shall be binding on all shortlisted consultants.

SN	RFP Ref.	Existing Provision in RFP	Amended Provision
1	Section 5. Terms of Reference Eligible Countries [RFP Page No. 68]	RFP Page No. 68 has 'Eligible Countries' with following text: Eligible countries are limited to all ADB members listed at www.adb.org/about/members , other than any restrictions arising from ITB 4.8.	Text under 'Eligible Countries' RFP Page No. 68 is replaced and updated as following: Eligible countries are limited to all ADB members listed at www.adb.org/about/members , other than any restrictions arising from ITC 5.3.2 (b).
2	Section 7. Terms of Reference Task 3b. Financial and Accounting Management [RFP Page No. 92, 93, 94]	RFP Page No. 92, 93, 94 has Task 3b. 'Financial and Accounting Management' detailed as following: 1. Accounting & Budgeting (5 points, i to v are listed) 2. Disbursement & Flow of Funds (4 points, i to iv are listed) 3. Financial Reporting & Analysis (5 points, i to v are listed) 4. Internal & External Audit (4 points, i to iv are listed) 5. Financial Management Action Plan, Capacity Building and other tasks (5 points, i to v are listed)	Task 3b., including following sub-tasks contained in RFP Page No. 92, 93, 94 under 'Task 3b. Financial and Accounting Management', are entirely deleted . (i.e. "b. Financial and Accounting Management (v) Assist the PID, KUKL in other tasks as assigned by the project management." have been deleted .)



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1	Ref: Form TECH-2B Consultants Experience, Page 48. The project description format is not shared. Could you please clarify whether consultant has to provide the project sheet for selected 10 projects, or would it be the table followed by completion certificates	The details of the projects to be evaluated should be provided as specified in Form TECH-2, B-Consultant's Experience including the table attached.
2	Please provide for the scope of Geotechnical investigations to be undertaken for the new DNI areas. This will assist us to estimate the costs associated with such investigation. We understand that for SKVWSIP DNI Packages the investigations will be made by the Contractor, with the interpretive report of all geotechnical investigations to be made by the Consultant. Please confirm no additional Geotechnical investigations is to be done for these Packages.	Please refer to the tasks related to Geotechnical Investigation that are listed in section a.ii 'Preparation of New DNI Packages' [RFP Page No. 79], and the corresponding indicative figures presented in Form FIN-4 [RFP Page No. 66], to estimate the extent of geotechnical investigation required for the new DNI packages. Surveys and Geotechnical Investigations required for Preparation of New DNI Packages should be reflected in the consultant's financial proposal. Any additional surveys and investigations beyond these will be reimbursed based on actual costs under the Provisional Sums (PS), as outlined in the last paragraph of section a.ii [RFP Page No. 80].
3	Topographic survey is to be made by the Consultant for design of new DNI packages in different wards of Mahalaxmi and Tokha Municipality and Lalitpur Metropolitan City. TOR refers to a total length of DNI lines of approx. 500 km. Please confirm road survey along proposed pipelines in the new DNIs shall cover the entire distance (500 km) so that cost estimate can be considered in our financial proposal	Tasks described under Terms of Reference, indicative figures presented in Form FIN-4 should provide sufficient clarity for estimation by the consultant.
4	For SKVWSIP DNI Packages: TOR refers to a total of approx.. 830 km of pipelines (design already made) to be built under the 5 DNI Packages. Our understanding is that only main roads were surveyed by DSC-05 and DSC-07 in these DNI service areas. No all secondary roads were surveyed at the time (2020). Shall DSC/SKV-01 carry out additional surveys to consider some of the pipelines in roads that were not surveyed initially, and what would be the amount (km) of pipes to be surveyed?	DSC/SKV-01 shall ensure that the corresponding contractors carry out the referred surveys in the DNI packages, where necessary and supervise the process.
5	Shall the Consultant make any provision in the financial proposal for delivery of design software (in particular for hydraulic modeling) and what would be the terms for acquisition of such software?	The consultant shall adhere to the code of using licensed software for design; however, the software does not need to be delivered to the client.
6	We noted that there is no provision for Financial and Economical Specialists to assist with the financial and economic analyses of subprojects to be investigated in new DNI areas (as part of the Due Diligence Review). Shall these positions be considered in Table 3 as Additional Non-Key national experts? Or would this task be undertaken by PID and/or other Consultants, with DSC/SKV-01 focusing on the technical appraisal?	All tasks outlined under the TOR shall be carried out by the Consultant (DSC/SKV-01). The Consultant shall exercise professional judgment to determine whether the tasks can be assisted by other relevant Key or Non-Key Experts, or if a separate specialist is required. In any case, the Consultant shall prepare the proposal in accordance with ITC 16.1.



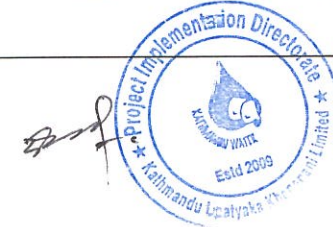
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7	<p>TOR task 3 mentions to ensure establishment of an asset inventory for infrastructure facilities, but Asset Management professional (national) is not included and similarly task 3b list a number of tasks related to financial and accounting management. None of the positions listed under the TOR Table 4 (Key staff qualifications and responsibilities) list any such task under any positions (incl. Team Leader, Deputy Team Leader, Contract Mgmt. Specialists etc.). Please confirm that a position of Asset Management professional and Financial & Account Specialist shall be considered as additional position in our financial Proposal?</p>	<p>Please refer to 'Amendment of RFP No. 1' for the case of Financial and Account Specialist.</p> <p>Also refer to the responsibilities of the GIS Specialist (Utility) under "B. Qualification Requirements and Responsibilities for Key Experts" [RFP Page No. 105] for clarity on asset management. However, the consultant may consider additional positions in their proposal, if felt necessary.</p>
8	<p>The TOR calls for the DSC-SKV-01 to supervise the supply and installation of SCADA and integration with the smart water management systems to be developed under a separate technical assistance (TA). We understand Under this TA an integrated water management system is being established for KUKL, covering DNIs and headworks (SRTs, pumping stations, BDS lines) within the 10 DNIs inside the Ring Road, plus some additional DNIs being established under the Govt funding (under DNI-9-1a Kapan DMAs and DNI-9a Mandikatar/ Chabahil DMAs). The system will also need to be expanded to the SKVWSIP DNI and new DNI areas, hence the scope of works for installation of SCADA-related devices shall be included in the tender documents for these new packages. The SCADA system once installed and operational will supervise and control hydraulic valves and measurement devices along the primary lines or DNI mains (Air-Management System (AMS), at the inlet points of the DMAs (Outlet Management Units, OMS), at the inlet of the new OHT/RVT (Reservoir Management Units, RMU) as well as at the inflow/outflow of the pumping stations (flow meters, pressure transmitters, etc.). We request the Contractor to confirm that:</p> <p>Our understanding is correct and that the overall design of SCADA database and system under the SCADA Contract and TA is flexible and scalable to accommodate the whole network projected for 2030 and beyond, including the rest of DNIs and service areas, without major changes in software or network architecture (including thus the SKVWSIP Packages and the new DNI Packages). Otherwise integration with the smart water management system specified in the TOR cannot materialize for these Packages. Inform precisely what would be the liability of the DSC/SKV-01 versus the integration works of SCADA made by third parties, mainly the SCADA Contractor and TA.</p>	<p>The TOR is self-explanatory regarding the services to be carried out by the consultants. Consultants are advised to independently explore and confirm on their own about additional project related information.</p>



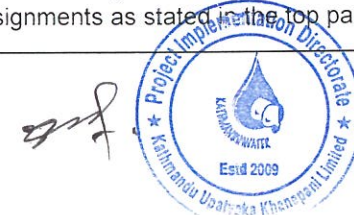
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9	In TOR page no. 9 TASK 1 c i, it is mentioned that during preparation of the new DNI package, the detailed designs shall include but not limited to all hydraulic, structural, electrical and mechanical designs including instrumentation and SCADA required for monitoring of the networks. The TOR does not provide details on scope of work of DSC/SKV-01 for the integration/disintegration of the existing network. Specifically, for disintegration of existing networks and integration of new DNIs, the DSC/SKV-01 has an obligation to work out closely with KUK/PIDL the sequence of DNI commissioning and their operationalization, and in parallel the disconnection of existing networks and meters. When the sequence is not well-defined, system operations and compliance issues may arise. Experience of the past indicates that this task is time consuming and requires a lot of coordination between the DNI Contractors, PID/KUKL operators, Consultants and customers to execute the DNI construction sequence effectively during the project span. We request the Client to be more specific on the scope of the integration/ disintegration task.	Consultants are advised to independently explore and confirm on their own about additional project related information. Consultants are expected to supervise the construction activities in a sequence, based on their professional expertise to minimize system operations and compliance issues.
10	Please refer page 00057, the age of the CSE more than 55 years need the fitness of the expert. How we justify the fitness? The CSE having more than 55 years age currently working in PID can be used or we have to provide the evidence of fitness. Please clarify.	In case a proposed expert for the position of Construction Supervision Engineer happens to be more than 55 years old, Consultant Selection Committee (CSC) may evaluate/recommend considering fitness of the expert.
11	If the expert gives verbal permission to use their CV in the proposal, can we use that CV signed by the authorized representative? Please clarify.	Please refer to PID Response in SN 20. Regarding verbal consent, S.N. 5 of Zero rating circumstances provisioned under 'F. Disqualification of an Expert' [RFP Page No. 42] provides further clarity.
12	Please provide the contract details and work completion/ progress to date of the ongoing contracts, so that consultant can plan those in the activities schedule.	The progress status of ongoing contracts was briefed/presented during the Pre-Proposal Conference on 15 January 2025.
13	The qualification of the deputy team leader requires master degree in civil engineering, urban engineering, water supply engineering, environmental engineering or related field. Can we use the cv of expert having master degree in water resources engineering, which was accepted in previous DSC's consulting services in PID as well as in DSC-03 also. Please confirm.	The provision in the TOR remains unchanged.
14	Almost all expert having related field mentioned in the qualification. It is not clear and being confused to use the CV of the expert having enough working experience in respective position. It is better to elaborate the degree rather than related field.	The provision in the TOR remains unchanged.
15	The CV of non-key experts professional staff (national) will not be evaluated. Hence, it would be better to relax to the consultant to give the list of non -key expert with their name, qualification, experience etc in tabular form. Please consider	Consultants may submit CVs of Non-Key Experts along with Technical Proposal. However, if CVs of Non-Key Experts are not submitted with the proposal, the first-ranked Consultant must provide them before contract negotiations. These CVs will be evaluated on a pass or fail basis.



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16	Please refer page 67, the cost of office rental is allocated in provisional sum. It is not mentioned, where the office has to be established. Our standing is: the client provides the consultants central office at PID premises. The rental office will be at construction site. Please confirm.	Reading this in conjunction with 'Facilities to be provided by the Client' [RFP Page No. 113] and 'Facilities to be provided through the Civil Works Contracts' [RFP Page No. 114] should be self-explanatory.
17	Please refer page 66 and 67 regarding vehicle: 72 vehicle months – 2 numbers of construction supervision and 12 vehicle month- 1 number for system stabilization period. It is not clear about the use of vehicle. Do we consider, that the above vehicle will be used by the consultant at its head office for regular office operation and field visit as required for design and construction supervision works. The construction supervision team will get transportation facilities/ vehicle for CSE and motorbike for junior engineer from construction contract. Please clarify.	Reading this in conjunction with 'Facilities to be provided by the Client' [RFP Page No. 113] and 'Facilities to be provided through the Civil Works Contracts' [RFP Page No. 114] should be self-explanatory.
18	In TOR TASK 2 b System operation ii, it is mentioned that the consultant is to review and update guidelines for the assessment of non-revenue water (NRW)/ water loss during testing and commissioning of the DNI works and develop NRW Reduction Strategies based on its outcomes of the assessment and ensure the implementation of such strategies. Will such guidelines, minimum night flow studies and reports on previous assessment of NRW/ water loss during testing and commissioning of the completed DNI works be made available to us?	Information for Proposal Preparation is as stipulated in ITC 2.4 and its corresponding Data Sheet [RFP Page No. 27].
19	Section 2: Instruction to Consultants including Data Sheet, 10.2, Page No. 13 It is mentioned in 10.2 of the ITC that the Consultant shall include a statement of undertaking of the Consultant to observe, in competing for and executing a contract, the Client country's laws against fraud and corruption (including bribery). However, there is no corresponding mention in the data sheet. Kindly confirm if a statement of undertaking is to be submitted and also share an appropriate format for the same.	In general, the ITC remains unaltered unless otherwise specified in the corresponding Data Sheet. Consultants may follow the ITC, if a specific Format is not included in the RFP Document.
20	Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms, Form Tech-2: Consultant's Organization and Experience, Page No. 47 In form Tech-6b, it is mentioned that each page of the CV must be signed by the expert, however, in the footnote it is mentioned that the CV can be signed by the authorized representative, and if the proposal is ranked first, a CV signed by the expert must be submitted before contract negotiations. Kindly confirm if it is sufficient to submit CVs signed just by the authorized representative at the proposal stage.	Each page of the submitted CV shall bear the expert's handwritten signature. In exceptional cases, the Authorized Representative may sign the expert's CV, along with expert's consent with handwritten signature to participate confirming his/her commitment. The footnote remains unchanged and applies in case when expert's CV is signed by the authorized representative of the Consultant provided during proposal submission with the consent of the expert.
21	Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms, Form Tech-2: Consultant's Organization and Experience, Page No. 47 In the top paragraph it is mentioned that the outline should indicate the contract amount (total amount and the amount paid to the consultant), while in the format for Tech-2B, in the third column, population served and cost of completed project are required. Kindly clarify where the contract amount should be mentioned in the format.	The format for Tech-2 [RFP Page No. 49] specifies the minimum mandatory information, which is also to be contained in the Experience Certificate issued by the Client, required for each assignment that reflects the relevant experience of the Consultant. However, Consultants may choose to provide further information about those assignments as stated in the top paragraph.



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22	Terms of Reference, C. Detailed Scope of Services, a.ii) Preparation of New DNI Packages: It is mentioned that surveys and investigations carried out shall be reimbursed as per actual costs under the Provisional Sum (PS). However, as per Clause-16.1 of the Financial Proposal, topographical survey and geotechnical investigation costs form part of the reimbursable expenses (competitive component) and not the provisional sums. Kindly clarify the same.	Please refer to PID Response in SN 2.
23	Terms of Reference, IV. Reporting Requirements, Table-5 It is mentioned that the Detailed Design Reports for new DNI packages shall be submitted progressively and be finalized within 9 months of receiving formal go-ahead from PID. Kindly mention the tentative period within which the formal go-ahead of PID would be expected.	Tentative timeline will be finalized during the Inception Period.
24	Section 7. Terms of Reference, Table 1. New DNI areas. In the 2nd column of Table 1, "Available secondary data will be provided" is mentioned. Kindly clarify about the secondary data in this context.	Secondary Data available with PID will be provided during the Design Phase. For Proposal Preparation stage please refer to PID Response in SN 18.
25	Section 7. Terms of Reference, Table 1. Remaining works under ongoing contract packages In the 5th column of Table 1, DSC may have to take up supervision and contract management of some of the works not completed under the supervision scope of DSC-07. Kindly provide information on the progress of the DSC-07 as of today. Please also clarify that the input required to carry out this scope will be considered as the additional work as per the Clause 16 Modification or Variations under the Contract.	Please refer to PID Response in SN 2. Client's estimation is based on the required input for the remaining works under ongoing Contract packages. However, the consultant may consider additional positions in their proposal, if felt necessary. Clause 16 of the GCC does not apply in this case and is only relevant if the Scope of Services is modified or varied during the implementation phase.
26	Section 7. Terms of Reference, II. C. 7. a. i. In the section i, it is stated that some of surveys and investigations were carried out by the Contractor. Please clarify that the "Contractor" in this context means the survey companies who implemented surveys under the contract with PID or any Works Contractor?	Contractor' in this context means Works Contractor.
27	Section 7. Terms of Reference, II. C. 7. a. ii. In the 2nd bullet of the second paragraph, compatibility to a GIS platform is required. Kindly clarify the specification of GIS software which is required by the Client.	Response to this is similar to PID Response in SN 5.
28	Section 7. Terms of Reference, II. C. 7. c. i. In the 1st bullet, requirements of detailed designs, such as hydraulic, structural, electrical and mechanical designs are described. Kindly provide information if the PID/ the Client has any specific/ preference of computer software to carry out those engineering analysis and/or design.	Client has no preference of any design software; however, the consultant shall adhere to the code of using licensed software.



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29	<p>Page 3 – 42 to 44/ Form Tech 6 B CVs – Page limit The total number of pages per CV is limited to 5. However, the certification given in the form Tech 6B itself will consume around one page. We therefore request that the total pages per CV be made as 6 pages including certification OR 5 pages excluding certification. Kindly consider.</p>	<p>Each Curriculum Vitae (CV) should have a maximum of five pages, excluding the Certification page.</p>
30	<p>Page 94: Terms of Reference Table 3: Indicative Team Composition and Inputs We request that CVs of non-key experts (25 Nos.) be not submitted at this stage but be taken at the time of mobilisation as these CVs are not going to be evaluated. Kindly consider.</p>	<p>Please refer to PID Response in SN ^5.</p>
31	<p>Page 34-35: Evaluation Criteria: Appendix 1: Summary and Personnel Evaluation Sheet (SES/PES) – I- Qualification a.Experience in Similar Projects We request you to elaborate as to what criteria will be used to evaluate firms experience against "Similar Projects" criteria</p>	<p>The similarity of the Consultant's Experience shall be based on: Nature and Scale of Scope of Services, as indicated in the RFP Document.</p>
32	<p>Page 34-35: Evaluation Criteria: Appendix 1: Summary and Personnel Evaluation Sheet (SES/PES) – I- Qualification b.Experience in Similar Geographic Area We request you to elaborate as to what criteria will be used to evaluate firms experience against "Similar Geographic Area" criteria</p>	<p>The similarity of the Consultant's Experience shall be based on: Geographic similarity with the Client's Country and Region.</p>
33	<p>Page 32: Section 2: Information to Consultants (ITC): Datasheet: Clause 17.7 & 17.9 The deadline for proposal submission is Date: 14th February, 2025, Time (local time): 12.00 local time (NST) We sincerely request to ensure that at least 10 working days are available for submission of proposal after you issue the clarifications to these queries to enable us to account for the clarifications & to prepare and submit a responsive proposal by hard copy.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
34	<p>Section 7, Clause III (A), 16 ; Page No. 94 Only the Key staff (A) will be evaluated in the consultant's technical proposal. For the required non-Key staff (B), the consultant should submit CVs with technical proposal though they will not be scored as part of the evaluation but will be assessed as a pass/fail basis. We understand that, the non-Key positions are non- evaluating positions. And since it is difficult to confirm their availability at the proposal stage and hence the CVs are subjected to replacement before the mobilization. Kindly requested to confirm the submission of CVs of Key Experts only during the proposal stage, since only Key Experts will be evaluated.</p>	<p>Please refer to PID Response in SN ^5.</p>



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35	<p>Section 7, Clause IV, Page No. 113 Facilities to be provided by the client: i. The client will provide office space for the consultant at or near the PID office premises for the project period We understand that the office space will be provided by the client to the consultant at or near the PID office premises along with the electricity and water supply for the project period at free of cost. Only the flooring, furnishing and maintenance cost to be considered in the financial proposal. Please confirm.</p>	<p>The client will provide office space to the consultant, along with municipal electricity and water supply. However, this does not include the 'Facilities to be managed by the Consultant' [RFP Page No. 114].</p>
36	<p>Section 8, Clause III, Special Conditions of Contract, 24.1, Insurance Coverage: Professional Liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of _____ [insert amount and currency.....contract] We assumed that the Professional Liability insurance coverage will be 1 (one) time of the total ceiling amount of the contract as per the standard ADB and IFIs' clause. Please confirm.</p>	<p>The content within the parentheses in Special Conditions of Contract, 24.1 [RFP Page No. 153] is self-explanatory.</p>
37	<p>Section 3, Page 57 In case of a proposed expert for the position of Construction Supervision Engineer happens to be more than 55 years old, CSC may evaluate/recommend considering fitness of the expert. We understand that the consultant needs to submit the fitness certificate for the position of Construction Supervision Engineer who is more than 55 years old. Please confirm.</p>	<p>Please refer to PID Response in SN 10.</p>
38	<p>Section 2, Page 31, E. Data Sheet, 16.1: Financial Proposal We understand the expenses mentioned under the financial proposal or the amount to be quoted under Form Fin 3 and Fin 4 (reimbursable Expenses) other than Provisional Sum and Contingency will be paid to the consultant as per the quoted rate. Please confirm.</p>	<p>The provisions in Clause 45 [Mode of Billing and Payment] of the standard contract form included in the RFP document is clear enough on this matter.</p>
39	<p>Task 3b., Page 92 : Financial and Accounting Management We understand that the financial management services to be provided for a large project necessitates a Financial Management Expert. We request you to include a Financial Management Expert in the list of Experts in Table 3. Indicative Team Compositions and Inputs. Kindly consider.</p>	<p>Please refer to PID Response in SN 7.</p>
40	<p>Section 7, Page 73 : Status of Ongoing and Completed Works As per Table 1, Page # 77 of the TOR, it is mentioned that "DSC may have to take up supervision and contract management of some of the works not completed under the supervision scope of DSC-07". Hence, we request you to share the details of ongoing works (with physical and financial Progress) to be undertaken by DSC under this assignment.</p>	<p>Please refer to PID Response in SN 25. DSC/SKV-01 shall assume responsibility for the supervision and contract management of the remaining works under the ongoing Works Contracts.</p>



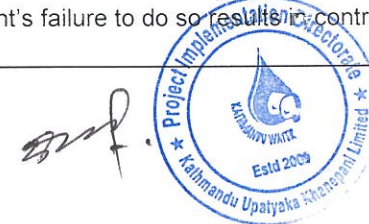
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41	<p>Point 43.1 & 43.2 of SCC, Page No.#158 : Taxes and Duties Applicable Value Added Tax in respect of this contract for the services provided by the consultant shall be paid by the client to the tax authority in accordance with the prevailing provisions in client's country. Kindly confirm.</p>	<p>The text seeking confirmation seems different from the provisions stated in SCC 43.1 and 43.2. The provisions in the SCC 43.1 and 43.2 are self-explanatory and remain unchanged.</p>
42	<p>Point 46.1 of SCC, Page No.# 155 Interest Rate on Delayed Payment: The interest rate in Foreign Currency is 1.5% The interest rate in Foreign Currency is 3.00%. Kindly allow the interest rate of 6% on delayed payment as per standard IFI contract condition.</p>	<p>The provisions in the SCC remain unchanged.</p>
43	<p>Section 7, Task 1.a, Page 79 a. Survey, Design and Design Review (last line) Surveys and Investigations carried out shall be reimbursed as per actual costs under the Provisional Sum (PS). Kindly clarify if this provision applies to both categories of survey and investigations: validation survey outlined in a.(i) and survey for new areas outlined in a.(ii). Also, in reference to Form FIN-4, the geotechnical investigation (100m) and topographical survey (500km) has been provisioned under reimbursable costs which is in contradiction to the use of provisional sum for survey and investigations. Please confirm.</p>	<p>Please refer to PID Response in SN 2</p>



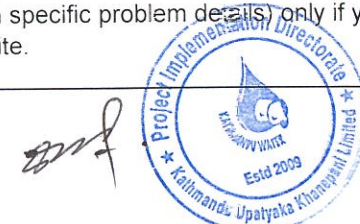
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44	<p>With respect to Table 3: Indicative Team Composition and Inputs, we have the following enquiries: (Page 94 Table 3, Page 80 Sub- Task 1.b)</p> <p>Since the scope of work involves Design of New DNI's the consultant is of the opinion that the International and National Man-Months proposed in this RFP documents are not sufficient. Is there room for consideration to increase Man-Months for Design Experts.</p> <p>We noted that the following positions and many more are omitted from the TOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design Expert: Water Transmission Line Design Expert is missing in the TOR. With the requirement to design approximately 500 KM DNI the given resources and Man-Months are not sufficient to complete design work as per our previous project experience. Financial Analyst to assist in the Sub-Task 1.b (Due Diligence Review for New DNI Packages) for the Financial Analysis (as part of the Feasibility Studies/Appraisals). • Socio-Economist to assist in the same, namely for economic analysis under the new DNI Packages (feasibility/Appraisal studies): we understand such position is required to cover define the socio-economic profiles in the targeted wards of Mahalaxmi and Tokha Municipalities as well as in Lalitpur Metropolitan City and carry out the necessary economic cost and benefit analysis, in the new DNI areas. We request the Client to confirm if these positions shall be added to Table 3 or if other entities will be in charge to develop the financial and economic analysis of the new DNI subprojects at feasibility level. <p>Pool of Experts: As international Practice generally, there are some Man-Months provisioned as Pool of Experts. We could not see that in this RFP. Please clarify.</p>	<p>Referred Table 3, 'Indicative Team Composition and Inputs' [RFP Page No. 94], contains indicative inputs intended only for reference by the consultant. Consultants are free to make professional judgment to determine necessary types and inputs of Key or Non-Key Experts sufficient enough to carry out all tasks outlined in the TOR. Reference is also made to following provision in ITC 14.1.3: 'Proposals that are quoted higher than the required minimum of time-input will not be adjusted'. In any case, the Consultant shall prepare the proposal in accordance with ITC 16.1.</p>
45	<p>With respect to Table 1 (Page 77) Preparation of New DNI packages (as part of: a. Survey, Design and Design Review)</p> <p>It is mentioned that DSC may have to take up supervision and contract management of some of the works not completed under the supervision scope of DSC-07: This the scope is not clearly defined here and is left vague. How is the resource planning done in this regard? Will the client consider additional resources if the new DSC has to take this work.</p>	<p>Please refer to PID Response in SN 25.</p>
46	<p>TOR states that the consultant shall prepare approx. 500 KM new DNI packages in different wards of Mahalaxmi, and Tokha Municipality and Lalitpur Metropolitan City which will be executed under separate project/ funding. Does it have implication in Consultant Payment Please clarify?</p>	<p>Consultant's financial proposal shall reflect cost for preparation of the referred design. Payment shall follow the provisions in Clause 45 [Mode of Billing and Payment] of the standard contract form included in the RFP document. Specific reference is also made to following provision in SCC 45.1 (b): 'Progress against Deliverables/Outputs/Milestones in accordance with this Contract shall be submitted with necessary justifications along with each invoice. It shall be Consultant's obligation to maintain a justifiable balance between cumulative payments and achieved progress, Consultant's failure to do so results in contractual actions'.</p>



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47	To better understand the scope of the works and related design services is it possible to share the available design documents or provide a map showing the location of the wards where new DNIs shall be prepared and designed.	Please refer to PID Response in SN 24.
48	For the hydraulic model development: shall the Bidders use a free software or budget in the financial proposal (e.g. WaterCAD GEMS from Bentley Corp.), including costs for maintenance of such licenses softwares as well as annual subscription fees - all to be reimbursable items?	Please refer to PID Response in SN 5
49	With regards to Geotechnical investigations under a) TOR states that: Geotechnical investigation reports carried out by the Contractor (for SKVWSIP Packages) and validate the structural design and drawings. The consultant will review and prepare an interpretive report of all geotechnical investigations undertaken by the Contractor. We noted that no Geotechnical Engineer position is part of the Table 3. Shall such position be considered? (Page 79) For ii (for new DNI areas): Geo-technical investigation, as maybe necessary to prepare necessary structural design-drawings and ensuring the water supply components are resilient to natural disasters (e.g. flooding and seismic risks. Is there any provision in the provisional sum to cover such investigations in the new DNI areas? (Page 80)	Please refer to PID Response in SN 2
50	Work Permit of International Experts: As government of Nepal does not issue work permit outside Nepal and expert have to travel to Nepal to get the work permit and comes to Nepal in tourist visa and remains in Nepal for several days before he finally gets work visa. Sometimes it is observed that it may take upto 3 months to get working visa. In this contest how will the client facilitate this? At the same time while the experts with intermittent input are here for short time and could not even finish the process of work permit before his input ends. Will the client pay if any experts arrive in Nepal in Tourist Visa and provides his/her input while his working visa is under process?	The client shall make its best effort to assist the Consultant in obtaining work permits and visas. However, consultants are advised to independently explore and address the prevailing formalities and likely time requirements.
51	Income tax of Expert: Are the experts required to pay Income Tax in Nepal? How is the client going to monitor if it is being paid or not? This is again linked with Working visa. If experts have not obtained working visa how will a consultant deposit income tax in Nepal while remaining in tourist visa. This has a huge cost implication, and we request for your clear answer in this.	The provisions in ITC 16.3, 25 (and its corresponding Data Sheet), and GCC 43.1 and 43.2 (and its corresponding SCC) are self-explanatory in this matter.
52	Fund Repatriation to HO and Experts: It has been a challenge to pay to experts from JV in Nepal and to transfer fund to HO if we are paid in Nepal due to delay in fund transfer approval process. Is there provision to pay the consultant in its Home Office. How are you going to facilitate this?	All payments under the Contract shall be made to the Consultant's designated accounts, in accordance with GCC 45.1e (and its corresponding SCC).
53	Site Visit coordination by PID	PID will not coordinate any site visits. However, as briefed in the Pre-Proposal Conference on 15 January 2025 you may seek our assistance (with specific problem details) only if you face difficulty accessing the site.



Current Status of Contracts under Kathmandu Valley Water Supply Improvement Project

SN	Source of fund	Contract ID	Contract Date	Progress upto December 2024		
				Physical	Financial	Remarks
1	ADB L-2776	KUKL/DNI/02/20	7-Jul-2013	Closed and Handed Over	Closed and Handed Over	In DLP
2	ADB L-2776	KUKL/BDS-SRT/01/01	11-Mar-2014	Handed Over	Handed Over	In DLP
3	ADB L-2776	KUKL/BDS-SRT/01/02	6-Aug-2014	Handed Over	Handed Over	In DLP
4	ADB L-2776	KUKL/BDS-SRT/01/03	5-Jun-2014	Handed Over	Handed Over	In DLP
5	ADB L-2776	KUKL/DNI/01/04	12-Jul-2013	100%	85.28%	In DLP
6	ADB L-2776	KUKL/DNI/01/05	6-Nov-2013	100%	88.63%	In DLP
7	ADB L-2776	KUKL/DNI/01/06	9-Apr-2013	100%	99.70%	In DLP
8	ADB L-3255	KUKL/BDS-SRT/01/04	23-Dec-2015	Handed Over	Handed Over	
9	ADB L-3255	KUKL/DNI/01/07A	10-Jul-2017	94%	66.09%	
10	ADB L-3255	KUKL/DNI/W/02/23	26-Sep-2018	80%	74.04%	
11	ADB L-3255	KUKL/SCADA/01	29-Sep-2020	99.50%	64.50%	
12	ADB L-3255	KUKL/DNI/MUN ROAD-1	3-Oct-2016	Contract Terminated	Contract Terminated	
13	GON-100%	KUKL/BDS-05	4-Oct-2020	29.42%	51.79%	
14	GON-100%	KUKL/DNI-7B	4-Oct-2020	55.84%	66%	
15	GON-100%	KUKL/DNI-7C	4-Oct-2020	69.94%	58.14%	
16	GON-100%	KUKL/DNI-9a-1/KAPAN	27-Mar-2019	24.26%	18.87%	
17	GON-100%	KUKL/DNI-9a-Mandikhatar	4-Oct-2020	46.84%	40.15%	
18	GON-100%	KUKL/SRT/06A	6-Mar-2022	89.17%	65.00%	
19	GON-100%	KUKL/SRT-06B	14-Mar-2023	22.66%	48.00%	