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### MINUTES OF MEETING

Pre-Application Conference for Procurement of Works for Establishment of New Surface Water Treatment Plant and Extension of Existing Surface Water Treatment Plant through Design, Build And Operate Contract under the project "Extension of Water Resources for Faisalabad City Phase-II"

A meeting was held in the office of the Project Director "Extension of Water Resources for Faisalabad City Phase-II" to address the queries of the applicants regarding initial selection documents on 21-03-2023 at 12:00 PM. The meeting was attended by Officials of PMU WASA, Faisalabad, Representative of Consultant (M/s ART-ECSP-EEC JV) and the parties interested to participate in the initial selection process for the said project.

Project Director welcomed the applicants and a briefing was given by Deputy Director Technical regarding the scope of work.

The Representative of Consultant thoroughly briefed about the criteria requirements and other aspects of initial selection documents to the participants. Along with general discussion on Initial Selection Documents, some observations were raised by the participants and are being addressed below:

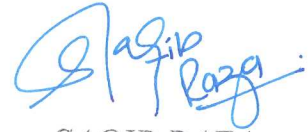
Sr. No.	Applicant Query	Clarification by the Client
1	Requirement of Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) for Foreign Firm needs to be clarified.	The participants were clarified regarding the requirement of registration of Foreign Firm with Pakistan Engineering Council and were informed to refer to footnote No. 05 of ISDS of the Initial Selection Document regarding requirement for necessary registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in case of joint venture involving firm(s) having country of origin other than Pakistan.
2	Scope of work of Specialized Sub-Contractor needs to be clarified.	The participants were clarified that Specialized Sub-Contractor is only allowed to the extent of NRW Component of the Works pursuant to ITA 24.3 as clearly stated in Criteria Requirement 4.2.2 of Table-1 [Qualification Criteria] under Section-III [Initial Selection Criteria] and in Criteria Requirement 2 of Table-2 [Rated Criteria] under Section-III [Initial

		Selection Criteria].
3	Experience in Waste Water Treatment Plant may be considered in evaluation criteria.	<p>The participants were explained that maximum 05 applicants (top-ranked) are to be initially selected through this initial selection process and for subsequent bidding process. It is intended by this initial selection process that all such initially selected applicants must have most relevant similar expertise to perform the Works under the Project.</p> <p>Therefore, the criteria requirement shall remain unchanged, and waste water treatment plant experience will not be considered in evaluation criteria.</p>
4	Requirement of Notarization of documents needs to be explained.	<p>Initial Selection document does not require notarization of documents. If Client doubts about the authenticity of the documents, they can contact the entity that issued them. However, foreign companies will have to provide an official translation of the additional documents, as mentioned in Section I, ITA 10.1. :</p> <p>“Application may be in another language, provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in the language specified in the ISDS, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Application, the translation shall govern.”</p>
5	Refer to Section-3, Experience of working in the similar security risks country is required to be explained.	<p>The participants were clarified that Faisalabad, Pakistan security conditions has been labelled “orange” by French Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs. The Applicants could refer to “rankings of foreign countries’ security conditions by French Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (or other French Ministry responsible for such ranking)” for similar security risks areas labelled as orange or red.</p>
6	Refer to Section-I ITA sub-clause 27.2 there seems a contradiction in the statement of step 2 & 3. Please explain.	<p>The participants were clarified that sub-paragraph (b) of ITA 27.2 (Step-2) specify the rejection criteria which requires that if any of the corresponding criteria is not met then all such applications shall be rejected. The word “any” here imply to “any one” as clearly intended by the respective sentence.</p> <p>Whereas sub-paragraph (c) of ITA 27.2 (Step-3) specifies the long listing criteria which requires that any of the corresponding criteria is to be met for the applicants to be longlisted. The word “any” here imply to “each” as clearly intended by the respective</p>

		sentence.
7	Are the pre-Settling Tanks for the 25 MGD Plant and 05 MGD Plant are common?	The participants were clarified that both plants shall have separate pre-settling tanks at separate locations.
8	Pumping Station is included or not in the scope of work.	The participants were clarified that pumping station shall be included in the scope of Works of the Contractor under this procurement process.
9	Water Transmission lines are included or not in the scope of work.	The participants were clarified that Transmission lines are not included in the scope of Works under this Initial selection process.
10	Refer to Section-III Table 2 Rated Criteria: Maximum Scores are mentioned as 50 for similar number of Contracts for Design and Build of Water Treatment Plant while in the footnote provided as the example for scoring methodology of the same it is stated as 58. Please clarify.	<p>It was clarified that maximum score for similar nature of Contracts for Design and Build of Water Treatment Plan are 50. While the Scoring methodology provides the weightages scored by the Applicant as percentage of the maximum score of 50. Such as figure given in the footnote is an example to illustrate the cumulative calculation of the weightages which as per the example comes out to be 58. Accordingly, the overall score shall be 58% of 50 i.e., 29.</p> <p>All other rated criteria requirements are to be evaluated in similar manner i.e., weightage obtained by the applicant according to the scoring methodology as percentage of the maximum score allocated to the respective criteria. The resultant shall be the score obtained by the applicant for the respective criteria requirement.</p>
11	Selection of maximum number of applicants are limited to 05. Please clarify that if the number of applicants are less than 05 whether all of them will be shortlisted or not?	The participants were clarified that pursuant to subparagraph (d) [Step 4 (Option 1)] of ITA 27, if the long listed applicants are equal or less than 5 that meet the Qualification Criteria listed in Table-1, then all of them will be initially selected.
12	How the participation of local firms has been addressed in the Initial Selection Document?	<p>The participants were clarified that the local firms are eligible to participate in Initial Selection Process as single entity as well as member of the joint venture.</p> <p>Further, in compliance with Construction and Operation of Engineering Works Bye-laws, 1987 of Pakistan Engineering Council, relevant requirements</p>

		for formation of Joint Venture by the Foreign Firm with a local firm have been stipulated in the Initial Selection Document.
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The pre-application conference was closed with reminder to the Applicants to submit in writing any other formal request for Clarification as soon as possible within the timelines as specified in ITA 7.1 of Instructions to Applicants of the Initial Selection Documents including if the same is not clarified through this minutes of pre-application conference.



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