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Sl. No.	RFP Clause No.	Subject/RFP Clause	Bidder's Query	Response
1	Clause 2.2.2-A	Technical Capacity: The Bidder shall have, over the past 10 (ten) years preceding the PDD, has completed a minimum of 3 (three) Eligible Assignments as specified in Clause 3.1.4.	The Bidder shall have, over the past 10 (ten) years preceding the PDD, has completed a minimum of 2 (TWO) Eligible Assignments as specified in Clause 3.1.4.	RFP conditions shall prevail
2	Clause 2.1.4	Key Personnel-Min Eligible assignment	Key personnel need not have 2 eligible assignment. As firm already have these eligibility. Condition for eligible assignment for individuals is not necessary and should be removed.	As per RFP document
3	Clause 3.1.3	Evaluation of Technical Proposal	<p>Please change the evaluation criteria as the Firm Meeting Minimum required eligibility criteria should get the minimum score of 70 Marks.</p> <p>As the evaluation system in the current tender is such that for minimum qualifying criteria, total marks work out to about 50, whereas minimum marks to qualify is 70. The marking system should be modified so that consultant meets minimum qualifying criteria get at least 70 marks.</p> <p>Also for the key personnel minimum qualifying mark is 60% but in evaluation for minimum qualifying criteria of key personnel, total marks work out to about 50. This needs to be changed.</p>	RFP conditions shall prevail

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4	Clause 3.1.4-A	<p>Eligible Technical Consultancy Assignments: Project Management Consultancy (PMC)/DPR preparation & construction supervision consultancy/Owner’s Engineer consultancy assignments for the following projects shall be deemed as eligible assignments (the “Eligible Assignments”): Sewerage Schemes or Sewerage Systems that includes at least one 25 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)/Effluent Treatment Plant/Common Effluent Treatment Plant B</p>	<p>Experience of DPR Preparation of Sewerage Schemes having multiple STPs designed in single project and Execution of same project shall be considered. If the consultant has worked on the DPR of any project and its execution (completed/under construction) it should be considered.</p>	<p>Standalone DPR preparation will not qualify as an eligible assignment. If Construction supervision is part of the overall project undertaken by the bidder, such project may be submitted for eligible experiences.</p>
5	Clause 2.1.4	<p>Key and Non Key Experts-education Qualification</p>	<p>As the assignment is for project engineer. It should have a team having site and project field experience. The minimum academic qualifying criteria for all experts should be graduate rather than postgraduate. For support staff (non key experts) diploma with relevant experience should also be considered.</p>	<p>As per RFP document</p>
6	Clause 2.1.1	<p>The Bidder shall be a Sole Firm /Single entity or a consortium/joint venture of firms and, the manner in which the Proposal is required to be submitted, evaluated and accepted is explained in this RFP. If the Bidder is a consortium/joint venture the combined Technical and Financial capacity of all members shall be considered for determining the eligibility of the Bidder as per clause 2.2.2 of the RFP document. However maximum number of members/partners are limited to two and other terms and conditions of the RFP document are</p>	<p>Please consider the Consortium/JV members/partners are limited to THREE. International Experience should also be considered.</p>	<p>As per RFP document</p>

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		applicable to each member of the consortium/joint venture.		
7		General	Please provide the correct project duration as in RFP duration of projects mentioned is different at different clause and pages.	The engagement of Project Engineer is for Four years as per Clause 13.1 of Terms of Reference of this RFP document
8		General	Agency for the main work will be abide by the specifications given by the main tender (PPP), Methodology by independent Engineer will have limitations. Performance of the New STP will be dependent on the flow reaching to the new STP. In this case the Independent engineer will have problems to certify the performance.	Please refer to the concession agreement for managing such issues.
9		General	Concession agreement has duration of 15 years and Independent engineer agreement is for about 1280 days needs clarification.	The Engagement of Project Engineer is for 4 years in the initial period as per this RFP
10		General	Further handback activity has nothing to do with the Independent engineering activity. Please explain.	As per RFP document
11		General	Payment to the Independent Engineer is based on the milestones achieved by the Concessionaire. It is not logical. As the technical person have no control over the finances and administration of the concessionaire. It is suggested to increase the monthly payment of man-months deployed to minimum 60 %. Corresponding reduction shall be in	RFP conditions shall prevail

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			the milestone basis payments.	
12		General	Expert man-months scheduled in the table, need to have payments at par with the work done from home or on site, subject to limitation of minimum relevant staff on site. Project Engineer shall certify the involvement in the project categorized in two parts, one on site and other from home, in case of each expert.	RFP conditions shall prevail
13		General	Liquidated damages enforceable up to 20% of the contract value are not justifiable in case of Engineer, actually it may be in case of Concessionaire. Engineer may not have the administrative control over the activities, but he has to certify the technical performance as soon as possible. Delay or the losses in the project may be more related to the concessionaire. Please limit the LD to the extent of 5% only.	RFP conditions shall prevail
14		General	Fin. and Legal Experts as and when required: - This is not quantifiable and as such it is requested to consider it as a matter of reimbursement of actual expenditure.	RFP conditions shall prevail
15	Clause 2.2.2 (B),	Financial Capacity: The Bidder shall have received a minimum revenue of Rs. 5 (Five) crore or US\$ 2.5 (Two and half) million per annum from professional fees during each of the 3 (three) financial years preceding the Proposal Due Date. For the avoidance of doubt,	We request that, as per standard practice, company turnover be considered for assessing the financial capacity of the Bidder. At the minimum, it is requested you to please consider for Water and drainage Infrastructure works along with waste water projects.	RFP conditions shall prevail

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		professional fees hereunder refers to the fees received by the Bidder for providing advisory or consultancy services (excluding audit, accounting, taxation and information technology) to its clients for project development services / preparation of DPRs, Technical Feasibility Studies, Project Management Consultancy Services, Third Party / Independent Engineer / Owner's Engineer Services, Technical Audit services, assessment of existing assets etc for waste water projects.		
16	Clause 2.1.4, Key Experts	Qualification and Expertise Requirement Senior Engineer (Electrical), Senior Engineer (Mechanical), Senior Engineer (Instrumentation), Senior Structural Engineer and O&M Engineer	It is requested to consider Water Infrastructure projects along with Eligible assignments of same capacity >= 25 MLD under the qualification and experience requirements.	As per RFP document
17	Clause 7.15	The Project Engineer shall undertake sewage flow sampling.....	Please confirm that the cost of such testing shall not be borne by the PE.	Cost of testing will be borne by the Concessionaire/ UP Jal Nigam
18	Clause 13.3	Regarding MM requirement O&M Engineer – (2 x 24) – 2 MM during construction period and 6 MM during O&M period	Please clarify and confirm for the MM required	Please refer to the Addendum. (2x24) has been deleted in the addendum
19	Appendix – II, Form 2, Item no. J	Travel Expenses	Please make the travel and lodging expenses reimbursable, as on date the no. of trips and source of equipment are not known	RFP conditions shall prevail
20	Clause 1.8	Schedule of Selection Process	Kindly grant an extension of bid submission date by	As per RFP document

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		Proposal Due Date: 24th September 2018, 12:30 pm	three (03) weeks to allow us to study the sites and submit the bid accordingly.									
21	Clause 2.20.1	The Bidder shall furnish as part of its Proposal, a bid security of [Rs. 30,0000 (Three Lakhs)] in the form of a Demand Draft/ Bankers Cheque issued by one of the Nationalised/ Scheduled Banks in India in favour of the National Mission for Clean Ganga payable at New Delhi (the “Bid Security”), returnable not later than 30 (thirty) days from PDD except in case of the two highest ranked Bidders as required in Clause 2.25.1.	We request you to consider the Bank Guarantee in lieu of Demand Draft/Bankers Cheque for submitting the bid security.	As per RFP document								
22	Clause 2.1.4 and Clause 3.1.3	<p>Key Personnel</p> <p>The Consultancy Team shall consist of the following key personnel (the “Key Personnel”) who shall discharge their respective responsibilities as specified below:</p> <p>The scoring criteria to be used for evaluation shall be as follows.</p>	<p>We request you to consider the marking criteria for Engineers based on projects and experience instead of qualification provided they meet minimum eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Also, please remove the marks indicated for Post-Graduation qualification especially for Senior Civil Engineer, Senior Mechanical Engineer, Senior Electrical Engineer, Senior Instrumentation Engineer and O&M Engineer, since, the qualification requirement is limited to Under graduation.</p>	As per RFP document								
23	Clause 13.2 A	<p>A. During Construction Period (Mirzapur & Ghazipur)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;">S.N</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Particulars</th> <th style="width: 10%;">% of</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Cumulative</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S.N	Particulars	% of	Cumulative					We request you to consider the below payment schedule instead of existing schedule.	As per RFP document
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1	5%	5%	1.	Inception Report by the Project Engineer & Approval of Basic engineering Drawings submitted by Concessionaire	5%	5%
2	15%	20%	2.	Certification for the achievement of first construction milestone by the Concessionaire	5%	10%
3	15%	35%	3.	Certification for the achievement of second construction milestone by the Concessionaire	10%	20%
4	15%	50%	4.	Certification for the achievement of third construction	10%	30%

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24	Clause 2.1.4	Key Experts:	We request you to consider Chemical Engineering	RFP conditions shall																								

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25	Clause 1.8	<p>Schedule of Selection Process</p> <p>4. Proposal Due Date or PDD: 24th September 2018, 12.30 PM</p>	We request you to provide at least one-week extension considering upcoming festival holiday prior to the Proposal Due Date.	Please refer to the Addendum				
