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Tender No. 7000000945

Tender Title: Pre-Feasibility Assessment for the Rejuvenation and Climate-Resilient Multi-Functional Development of Isnapur lake

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S.No.	Existing Clause	Query	Response by GIZ
1	E Reporting & Recommendation	Submission of Draft DPR As per the tender document, the draft report is to be submitted within approximately 8 weeks from the award of the project. Based on our experience in similar lake rejuvenation projects, the detailed analysis and preparation of recommendations typically require around 90 days. Therefore, we would like to request consideration for extending the draft DPR submission timeframe to 90 days after award of the project.	The original clause remains unchanged.
2	4 Criteria of Eligibility of Firms	Reference Projects in the Last 3 Years The tender specifies that the bidder should have at least 2 reference projects in India within the last 3 years. Our company has successfully executed several lake rejuvenation projects over the past 10 years, including Kundanahalli Lake (recipient of the First Prize -National Water Award 2018 from Government of India), Soul Kere, KG Halli Lake, etc., Apart from this projects we have provided pro bono advise to lake department of BBMP. Due to the impact of COVID-19 and its aftermath, we have limited completed projects within the last 3 years. However, we have recently secured a canal rejuvenation	Criteria Eligibility remains unchanged and evaluation criteria will be as per the ToR.

		project under Thiruvananthapuram Municipal corporation (project value approx. INR 4.5 crore), which includes DPR preparation, design, and implementation. The DPR is submitted but the implementation of the project is currently under process due to delays in land transfer from the government. In addition, we would like to highlight that our organization has previously implemented projects in association with GIZ, including SWAPT, ProSoil, Ready Reckoner, and other environmental and climate-resilience initiatives. In view of our overall experience and ongoing projects, we kindly request: • Consider relevant experience from 2015 for the purpose of evaluation, and • Whether the current order from Thiruvananthapuram Municipal corporation (project value approx. INR 4.5 crore) would be eligible to apply for this tender.	
3	4 Criteria of Eligibility of Firms	Reference Projects – Commission Value The eligibility criteria state that the bidder should have at least 3 reference projects (minimum commission value of EUR 20,000 each) related to preparation of DPRs and implementation of sponge parks, climate-resilient infrastructure, rejuvenation of lakes/rivers, or open spaces with blue-green infrastructure (BGI). Our company is a socio-environmental	Criteria Eligibility remains unchanged and will be evaluated as per the ToR.

		organization and partners with NGOs and Charitable organization where we offer probono services or charge low professional fees. Hence we are unable to meet the individual threshold of EUR 20,000 each although we have multiple project experience. Request you to remove the cap of EUR 20,000 per project.	
4	2 (B) Baseline Assessment	Soil and Water Studies – Reimbursible Cost With reference to Section 2B of the budget regarding soil and water studies (including detailed profiling), we kindly seek further clarification on the following: 1. Since reimbursement is mentioned on a lump sum basis, this may result in a loss if ground conditions vary. We would request if GIZ provides the list of potential tests and numbers and the bidder may submit unit rate for the same. This will ensure that payment can be done for actual quantity In case additional tests are warranted due to site-specific conditions or as directed during the course of the study, will such additional tests be approved and reimbursed separately if the cost exceeds the quoted lump sum amount?	Preliminary Surveys will be carried. No detailed investigation to be done. The provision of the lumpsum is provided for the testing purpose.
5	Criteria for eligibility of firms The bidder should have the following criteria for qualification:	We request to revise this requirement as follows: The bidder should have at least 3 reference projects (minimum commission value of each project should be	The original clause remains unchanged.

	The bidder should have at least 3 reference projects (minimum commission value of each project should be EUR 20,000) related to preparation of DPRs and implementation of sponge park, climate resilient infrastructure, rejuvenation of lake/rivers /DPRs or open spaces with blue-green infrastructure (BGI).	EUR 20,000) related to preparation of DPRs and implementation road map (institutional arrangements, identification of financing streams, O&M strategy, and capacity development) of sponge park, climate resilient infrastructure, rejuvenation of lake/rivers /DPRs or open spaces with blue-green infrastructure (BGI).	
6	Criteria for eligibility of firms and Grid for eligibility assessment The bidder should have the following criteria for qualification: - The bidder should have at least 2 reference projects in India in the last 3 years. -The bidder should have experience of: • Conducting Prefeasibility Studies / Feasibility / Business Cases / DPRs rejuvenation of lake/rivers / open / public spaces with BGI and nature-based solutions • Implementation of lake rejuvenation, with BGI as nature-based solutions.	We request to revise this requirement as follows: - The bidder should have at least 2 reference projects in India in the last 3 years. - The bidder should have experience of: • Conducting Prefeasibility Studies / Feasibility / Business Cases / DPRs rejuvenation of lake/rivers / open / public spaces with BGI and nature-based solutions • implementation road map (institutional arrangements, identification of financing streams, O&M strategy, and capacity development) of lake rejuvenation, with BGI as nature-based solutions.\ We request to kindly also modify the Grid for Assessing Eligibility of Firms accordingly for point 2 of Technical experience with 30% weightage.	The original clause remains unchanged.

7	Commercial Eligibility Assessment Subcontracting the assignment to different agency / outsourced agency is not allowed.	We request to allow subcontracting if the subcontractor and their role have been declared in the tender submission.	The original clause remains unchanged.
8	Weighted Criteria 1. Technical experience: • Agency should have experience of Preparation of pre-feasibility / feasibility studies / DPRs for 3 projects relating to rejuvenation of lake/rivers or open public spaces or with BGI and NbS. • Agency should have experience of Implementation of 3 projects relating to sponge parks / lake rejuvenation/ open spaces with BGI and NbS.	We request to revise this requirement as follows: Technical experience: • Agency should have experience of Preparation of prefeasibility / feasibility studies / DPRs for 3 projects relating to rejuvenation of lake/rivers or open public spaces or with BGI and NbS. • Agency should have experience of preparing implementation road map (institutional arrangements, identification of financing streams, O&M strategy, and capacity development) of 3 projects relating to sponge parks / lake rejuvenation/ open spaces with BGI and NbS.	The original clause remains unchanged
9	fee days - Implementation - Total 271 days	Currently this total is 251 days. Request to kindly clarify.	Typing Error: Total no of days- 271 (Implementation) TL: 28 Expert 1: 38 Expert 2: 38 Expert 3: 33 Expert 4: 28 Expert 5:28 Expert 6: 18 Expert pool: 60

10	Domestic flights: 33 round trips TL: 1 pax X 2 trips = TOTAL 2 Trips Expert 1, 2, 3, 6: 4 pax X 4 trips = TOTAL 16 Trips Expert 4: 1paxX1trip = TOTAL 1 Trips Expert 5: 1paxX2 trips = TOTAL 2 Trips Expert pool: 2 pax X 6 trips = TOTAL 12 Trips Per-diem allowance in country of assignment - 96 Overnight allowance in country of assignment - 96 Local travel in the city of assignment and airport transfers - 99	Considering the duration of 10 weeks for the assignment, we request to modify the travel requirements as follows: Domestic flights: 19 round trips TL: 1 pax X 2 trips = TOTAL 2 Trips Expert 1, 2, 3, 6: 4 pax X 2 trips = TOTAL 8 Trips Expert 4: 1paxX1trip = TOTAL 1 Trips Expert 5: 1paxX2 trips = TOTAL 2 Trips Expert pool: 2 pax X 3 trips = TOTAL 6 Trips Accordingly we request to reduce the Per-diem allowance and Overnight allowance as well as local travel to be commensurate to the no of round trips.	Max allowable no. of trips is mentioned. Payment to be reimbursed against evidence. Consultant's proposal can mention the no. of trips as per requirement, and the same can reflect in their financial proposal.
11	Workshops, other costs	We request to please remove the costs related to workshops as well as the costs related to surveys from the price component of the 70:30 evaluation, and request that both these costs be paid on actulas as reimbursements instead of lumpsum.	Only GST & CO2 cost are not a part of evaluation.

12	Tasks to be performed by the contractor, Reporting and recommendations In addition to the reports required by GIZ in accordance with the AVB, the contractor submits the following reports:- Brief quarterly or half yearly reports on the implementation status of the project.	we request to remove this requirement as this is a 10 week assignment.	Brief, quarterly, half yearly reports on the implementation status of the project not applicable for this assignment
13	Requirements on the format of the tender Please calculate your financial tender based exactly on the parameters specified in Chapter 5 Quantitative requirements.	Chapter 5 in the TOR is Personnel Concept. We request to please provide the quatitative requirements.	The clause remains unchanged.
14	2B Baseline Data Collection and Site Assessment Hydrological and morphological study: Lake area, depth, inflows/outflows, catchment mapping (~ industrial drains/nallahs) and other relevant parameters	Is existing lake depth data available from Irrigation Department? If yes, then is bathymetric (lake depth) survey required?	Analysis of available secondary data to be done for hydrological parameters. For pollution levels estimation analysis of only major point pollution sources. No additional surveys required apart from what is mentioned in the ToR.
15	2B Baseline Data Collection and Site Assessment	Are investigative soil test / borelog tests (boreholes, infiltration tests, lab analysis) envisaged for this study, if so, how many boreholes are expected across the 49-acre site? What minimum borehole depth is required?	Depth to be determined based on available secondary data and site survey for ground truthing. Industry standards to be followed for soil and water testing

16	2B Baseline Data Collection and Site Assessment Identification of Pollution Sources and Load Estimation- Point and Non-Point sources of pollution, overall estimation and quantitative inflows, gap analysis in existing ETPS and other relevant parameters	Is pollution load estimation required for industrial inflows?	Water quality testing to be conducted only for major point sources. Secondary data to be gathered, analysed and critically reviewed.
17	2B Baseline Data Collection and Site Assessment Water quality analysis: Parameters (BOD, COD, heavy metals, antibiotics, pH, DO, pathogens) at multiple points and depths; comparison with CPCB Class B/C standards and other relevant parameters.	How many water sampling locations are expected? Should sampling be conducted at multiple depths?	Follow standards procedures.
18	Technical assessment grid 01 and 02	There are 2 technical assessment grids provided for this bid evaluation. One with 67% weightage and the other with 33% weightage. Please explain the purpose of these 2 individual grids which total of 100%	This is for internal compliance. TAG 1 (67%) - Expert 1, 2 & 3 Tag 2 (33%)- Expert 4, 5, 6 & Expert pool
19	The assignment period is stated as 25 March 2026 – 30 April 2026, whereas milestones extend up to 10 weeks.	Kindly clarify the actual contract duration and expected completion date? Is there flexibility for timeline extension if additional field investigations (e.g., soil testing, boreholes) require more time?	Timelines remain unchanged
20	Conduct detailed site investigations and field tests (STPs, CETPs) to collect and	Kindly clarify what is the expected depth of geotechnical investigation (number of boreholes per site, depth, laboratory testing	Analysis to be done based on available secondary data

	analyse soil samples, assess soil stability, bearing capacity, and potential for settlement or liquefaction.	standards)? Will historical flood maps and rainfall datasets be provided by GWMC/KUDA, or must the consultant procure them independently?	No procurement is advised.
21		Can one expert cover multiple roles (e.g., Urban Designer + Landscape Specialist) if qualifications match?	No
22		Is subcontracting of specialised lab testing (soil/water analysis) permitted?	Yes, lump sum budget is provided for the same