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Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Highway Section)
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To

1. The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, G-5 7 6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075
2. The Managing Director, NHIDCL, PTI Building, New Delhi-110001
3. Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of all States/UTs Public Works Department/ Road Construction Department/ Highways Department (dealing with National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes)
4. All Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Department/ Road Construction Department/ Highways Department (dealing with National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes)
5. The Director General,
Border Roads, Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road, New Delhi-110010
6. All CE-ROs, ROs and ELOs of the ministry of Road Transport & Highways

Subject: Modification in Qualification Criteria for HAM Projects - reg.

Ref: Standard RFP for HAM Projects issued by Ministry in 24.11.2015 and its subsequent Amendments/revision.

Sir,

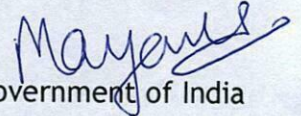
The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued standard RFP for HAM contracts on 22.1.2015 and its subsequent amendments/revision has specified the qualification criteria for contractors for HAM Projects for selection of Bidders. Numerous relaxations in the qualification criteria for eligibility in case of HAM contracts were given subsequently to promote competition.

2. The Ministry has now reviewed the qualification criteria of bidders in HAM RFP, and certain changes have been approved by the competent authority.
3. The modifications made, inter-alia, include the minimum requirements for both standard highway construction projects as well

as standalone specialized projects such as tunnels, major bridges, ROBs, flyovers etc; checks on sub-contracting experience and modification of the highways and core sector definition to tighten the eligibility criteria. The modifications in detail are enclosed as Annexure.

4. Relevant provisions of the standard RFP of HAM Projects stand modified to this extent. All the executing agencies of the Ministry are directed to implement the aforesaid changes with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,



Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Encl: As above

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Qualification Criteria for HAM Projects

Sl. No.	Particulars	Existing Clause			Modified Clause			
		Name of the Highway	Length (in Km)	Estimated Project Cost (Excluding GST) (Rs in Cr.)	Name of the Highway	Length (in Km)	Estimated Project Cost (Excluding GST) (Rs in Cr.)	Estimated Bid Project Cost (As on date of Appraisal by SFC / PPPAC) (Excluding GST) (Rs in Cr.)
1	NIT and Clause 1.1.1							
2	Net Worth at the close of the preceding financial year. - Clause 2.2.2 (B)	The Bidder shall have a minimum Net Worth (the "Financial Capacity ") of Rs. ***** Crore (Rupees ***** only) at the close of the preceding financial year..			The Bidder shall have a minimum available Net Worth (the "Financial Capacity") of Rs. ***** Crore (Rupees ***** only) at the close of the preceding financial year.			
		Foot note to Financial Capacity : The Threshold Financial Capacity shall be [15%] of the Estimated Project Cost.			Foot note to Financial Capacity : The Threshold Financial Capacity shall be [20%] of the Estimated Project Cost.			
3	Net Worth of Consortium Members - Clause 2.2.2 (B) Last Para	Provided further that each member of the Consortium shall have a minimum Net Worth of 7.5% of Estimated Project Cost in the immediately preceding financial year.			Provided further that each member of the Consortium shall have a minimum available Net Worth of 10% of Estimated Project Cost in the immediately preceding financial year.			
4	Available Net Worth Calculation Method- New Addition as a	No Criteria			<u>Bidders who inter-alia meet the minimum qualification criteria will be qualified only if their available Net Worth is more than or equal to the required Net Worth value (value as per Clause 2.2.2(B)). The available Net Worth will be assessed as per following, based on information mentioned at Annexure-VIII of Appendix-IA:</u>			

	Clause number 2.2.2(BB)		<p><u>Assessed Available Net Worth = (A – B * 20 %), Where</u> <u>A = Net Worth of the Bidder.</u></p> <p><u>B = Balance value of existing commitments, PPP works for which the bidder has emerged as the winner of the bids or on-going works to be completed during the period of completion of the works for which BID is invited. For the avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that works for which bidder has emerged as the winner of the bids but LOA has not been issued as on the day before opening the financial bids shall also be considered while calculating value of B.</u></p> <p><u>The status of Assessed Available Net Worth of the bidder to be updated as on the date before opening the financial bids.</u></p>
5	Single Work Criteria (Clause 2.2.2 (AA))	<p>Provided that at least one similar work of 20% of Estimated Project Cost {Rs. ****} shall have been completed from the Eligible Projects in Category 1 and/or Category 3 specified in Clause 3.4.1. For this purpose, a project shall be considered to be completed, if more than 90% of the value of work has been completed and such completed value of work is equal to or more than 20% of the estimated project cost.</p> <p>(a) Widening/ reconstruction/up-gradation works on NH/SH/Expressway or on any category of road taken up under CRF, ISC/EI, SARDP, LWE.</p>	<p>Provided that at least either of the following:</p> <p><u>i. one similar completed work costing not less than amount equals to 35% of Estimated Project Cost;</u></p> <p><u>or</u></p> <p><u>ii. two similar completed works costing not less than amount equal to 25% each of Estimated Project Cost,</u></p> <p><u>shall have been completed from the Eligible Projects in Category 1 and/or Category 3 specified in Clause 3.4.1 Certificate(s) from the concerned client(s) shall be required for the same. In case the claimed project /(s) are subcontracting/ JV project in such a case approval from government authority / Client is required (restricted to allowable subcontracting limit/ JV share in original contract).</u></p> <p><u>For this purpose, a project shall be considered to be completed, if more than 90% of the value of work has been completed and such completed</u></p>

		<p>(b) Widening/ reconstruction/up-gradation works on MDRs with loan assistance from multilateral agencies or on BOT basis.</p> <p>(c) Widening/ reconstruction/up-gradation works on roads in Municipal corporation limits, construction of Bypasses.</p> <p>(d) Construction of stand-alone bridges, ROBs, tunnels.</p> <p>(e) Construction /reconstruction of linear projects like airport runways, railways (construction/re-construction of railway tracks, yards for keeping containers etc.) metro rail and ports (including construction re-construction of Jetties)</p>	<p><u>value of work is equal to or more than the above-mentioned criteria in the last 5 (five) financial years preceding the Bid Due Date or till the Bid Due Date.</u></p> <p>Eligible project costs shall include the following:</p> <p>(a) Widening/ reconstruction/ up-gradation works on NH/SH//Expressway or on any category of road taken up under CRF, ISC/EI, SARDP, LWE</p> <p>(b) Widening/ reconstruction/ up-gradation works on MDRs with loan assistance from multilateral agencies or on BOT basis.</p> <p>(c) Widening/ reconstruction/ up-gradation works of roads in Municipal Corporation limits, construction of Bypasses.</p> <p>(d) Construction of Stand-alone bridges, ROBs, tunnels.</p> <p>(e) Construction/ reconstruction of linear projects like airport runways.</p> <p>(f) Viaducts of Railways/ Metro</p> <p>(g) Container yard of ports</p>
6	Additional Work Criteria (Bridge & Tunnel)- Clause 2.2.2(AA)	<p>If any Major Bridge/ROB/Flyover/Tunnel is (are) part of the project, then the sole Bidder or in case the Bidder being a Joint Venture, any member of Joint Venture shall necessarily demonstrate additional experience in construction of Major Bridge/ROBs/Flyovers/Tunnel in the last 10 (ten) financial years preceding the Bid Due Date i.e. shall have completed atleast one similar Major Bridge/ROB/Flyover having span equal to or greater than:</p> <p>(a) In case, longest span of Bridge/ROB/flyover is less than or equal to 60 m, no additional qualification is required.</p>	<p>If any Major Bridge/ROB /Flyover/Tunnel is (are) part of the project, then the sole Bidder or in case the Bidder being a Joint Venture, any member of Joint Venture shall necessarily demonstrate additional experience in construction of Major Bridge/ROBs/Flyovers/Tunnel in the <u>last 7 (seven) financial years preceding the Bid Due Date or till the Bid Due Date</u> i.e. shall have completed atleast one similar Major Bridge/ROB/ Flyover having length equal to or greater than:</p> <p>(a) In case, longest span of Bridge/ROB/flyover is less than or equal to 60 m, no additional qualification is required.</p> <p>(b) when longest span is more than 60 m :<u>80% of the longest span of structure proposed in this project or 100 m, whichever is less</u></p>

		<p>(b) when longest span is more than 60 m :50% of the longest span or 100 m, whichever is less, of the structure proposed in this project.</p> <p>and in case of tunnel, if any, shall have completed construction of atleast one tunnel consisting of single or twin tubes (including tunnel(s) for roads/Railway/Metro rail/irrigation/hydro-electric projects etc.) having at least</p> <p>(a) In case Tunnel is a part of project having length less than or equal to 200 m, then no additional qualification is required.</p> <p>(b) When length of tunnel more than 200m : 50% of the cross sectional area of proposed tunnel or two lane highway tunnel cross-sectional area, whichever is less and 20% length of the tunnel to be constructed in this project or 2km, whichever is less.</p>	<p><u>and 40% of the length of the longest structure proposed in this project or 2 km, whichever is less.</u></p> <p>and in case of tunnel, if any, shall have completed construction of atleast one tunnel consisting of single or twin tubes (including tunnel(s) for roads/Railway /Metro rail/ irrigation/ hydro-electric projects etc.) having atleast</p> <p>(a) In case Tunnel is a part of project having length less than or equal to 200 m, then no additional qualification is required.</p> <p>(b) When length of tunnel more than 200m: <u>80% of the inner cross sectional area</u> of widest proposed tunnel or two lane highway tunnel <u>inner</u> cross-sectional area, whichever is less and <u>40% length of the longest tunnel to be constructed (other than cut and cover method) in this project or 2km</u>, whichever is less.</p>
7	Stand-alone Specialized Projects (Clause 2.2.2 (AAA)(a))	<p>(a1) In case the cost of specialized project is less than or equal to Rs. 1,000 Cr: The sole Bidder or in case the Bidder being a Joint Venture, any member of Joint Venture shall have completed at least one similar Major Bridge/ROB/Flyover project in the last 10 (ten) financial years preceding the Bid Due Date, having span equal to or greater than 50% of the longest span or 100m, whichever is less of the structure proposed in this project and also the cost of such similar project shall be at least 20% of the Estimated Project Cost. For this purpose, a project shall be considered to be completed, if more than 90% of the value of work has been completed and such completed value of work is equal to or more than 20% of the Estimated Project Cost.</p>	<p>(a1) In case the cost of specialized project is less than or equal to Rs. 1,000 Cr: The sole Bidder or in case the Bidder being a Joint Venture, any member of Joint Venture shall have completed similar Major Bridge/ROB/Flyover project(s) in the <u>last 7 (seven) financial years preceding the Bid Due Date or till the Bid Due Date</u>, having span equal to or greater than <u>80%</u> of the longest span of the structure proposed in this project or 100m, whichever is less and also the cost of such <u>one similar project shall be atleast 35% of Estimated Project Cost or two similar projects shall be atleast 25% each of the Estimated Project Cost</u>. For this purpose, a project shall be considered to be completed, if more than 90% of the value of work has been completed and such completed value of work is equal to or more than <u>above required percentages (%) of the Estimated Project Cost</u>.</p>

		<p>(a2) In case the cost of specialized project is more than Rs. 1,000 Cr: The sole Bidder or in case the Bidder being a Joint Venture, any member of Joint Venture shall have completed at least one similar Major Bridge/ ROB/ Flyover project in the last 10 (ten) financial years preceding the Bid Due Date, having span equal to or greater than 50% of the longest span of the structure proposed in this project or 100m, whichever is less, and also the cost of such similar project shall be at least 20% of the Estimated Project Cost or Rs. 1000Cr. whichever is less. For this purpose, a project shall be considered to be completed, if more than 90% of the value of work has been completed and such completed value of work is equal to or more than 20% of the Estimated Project Cost or Rs. 1000 Cr., whichever is less.</p>	<p>(a2) In case the cost of specialized project is more than Rs. 1,000 Cr:</p> <p>The sole Bidder or in case the Bidder being a Joint Venture, any member of Joint Venture shall have completed at least one similar Major Bridge/ ROB/ Flyover project in the last <u>7 (seven) financial years preceding the Bid Due Date or till the Bid Due Date</u>, having span equal to or greater than <u>80%</u> of the longest span of the structure proposed in this project or 100m, whichever is less and <u>40% length of the Major Bridge/ ROB/ Flyover to be constructed in this project or 2 km, whichever is less, and also the cost of such one similar project shall be atleast 35% of Estimated Project Cost or two similar projects shall be atleast 25% each of the Estimated Project Cost or Rs. 1000Cr. whichever is less.</u> For this purpose, a project shall be considered to be completed, if more than 90% of the value of work has been completed and such completed value of work is equal to or more than <u>above required percentages (%) of the Estimated Project Cost or Rs. 1000 Cr., whichever is less.</u></p> <p><u>The above-mentioned criteria.</u></p> <p><u>Certificate(s) from the concerned client(s) shall be required for the same. In case the claimed project /(s) are subcontracting/ JV project in such a case approval from government authority / Client is required (restricted to allowable sub-contracting limit/ JV share in original contract).</u></p>
8	Tunnel Project (Clause 2.2.2 (AAA)(b))	<p>(b) The sole Bidder or in case the Bidder being a Joint Venture, any member of Joint Venture shall have completed at least one tunnel project in the last 10 (Ten) financial years preceding the Bid Due Date, consisting of single or twin tubes (including tunnel(s) for roads/ Railway/Metro Rail / irrigation/hydro-Electric Projects etc.) having at least 50% of the cross-sectional area of the tunnel to be constructed or cross sectional area of 2 lane</p>	<p>(b) Tunnel project: The sole Bidder or in case the Bidder being a Joint Venture, any member of Joint Venture shall have completed atleast one tunnel project in the last <u>7 (seven) financial years preceding the Bid Due Date or till the Bid Due Date</u>, consisting of single or twin tubes (including tunnel(s) for roads/Railway/Metro rail/irrigation/hydro-electric projects etc.) having atleast <u>80% of the inner cross-sectional area of the widest tunnel</u> to be constructed or <u>inner cross sectional area of 2 lane highway tunnel, whichever is less,</u></p>

		highway tunnel, whichever is less, and 20% length of the tunnel to be constructed in this project or 2 km, whichever is less and the cost of such project shall be at least 20% of the Estimated Project Cost or Rs. 1000 Cr., whichever is less. For this purpose, a project shall be considered to be completed, if more than 90% of the value of work has been completed and such completed value of work is equal to or more than 20% of the Estimated Project Cost or Rs. 1000 Cr., whichever is less.	and 40% length of the longest tunnel to be constructed in this project or 2 km, whichever is less and the cost of such <u>one similar project shall be atleast 35% of Estimated Project Cost or two similar projects shall be atleast 25% each of the Estimated Project Cost or Rs. 1000 Cr., whichever is less.</u> For this purpose, a project shall be considered to be completed, if more than 90% of the value of work has been completed and such completed value of work is equal to or more than <u>above required percentages (%) of the Estimated Project Cost or Rs. 1000 Cr., whichever is less.</u> <u>The above-mentioned criteria.</u> <u>Certificate(s) from the concerned client(s) shall be required for the same. In case the claimed project /(s) are subcontracting/ JV project in such a case Approval from government authority / Client is required (restricted to allowable sub-contracting limit/ JV share in original contract).</u>																
9	2.2.2 (AAA)(b) Up-dation Factor	No Criteria	The updation factor to update the price of the eligible projects for the year indicated in table below: <table><tr><td>Year</td><td>Up-dation Factor</td></tr><tr><td>Year-1</td><td>1.0</td></tr><tr><td>Year-2</td><td>1.05</td></tr><tr><td>Year-3</td><td>1.10</td></tr><tr><td>Year-4</td><td>1.15</td></tr><tr><td>Year-5</td><td>1.20</td></tr><tr><td>Year-6</td><td>1.25</td></tr><tr><td>Year-7</td><td>1.30</td></tr></table>	Year	Up-dation Factor	Year-1	1.0	Year-2	1.05	Year-3	1.10	Year-4	1.15	Year-5	1.20	Year-6	1.25	Year-7	1.30
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10	Highways sector & Core Sector definition (Clause 3.4.1)	(a) highways sector would be deemed to include highways, expressways, bridges, tunnels, runways, railways (construction/re-construction of railway tracks, yards for keeping containers etc.) metro rail and ports (including construction/re-construction	highways sector would be deemed to include highways, expressways, bridges, tunnels, runways; and core sector would be deemed to include civil construction cost of power sector, commercial setups (SEZs etc.), airports, industrial																

		<p>cost of Jetties, any other linear infrastructure including bridges etc.); and</p> <p>core sector would be deemed to include civil construction cost of power sector, commercial setups (SEZs etc.), telecom, ports, airports, railways, metro rail, industrial parks/ estates, logistic parks, pipelines, irrigation, water supply, stadium, hospitals, hotel, smart city, warehouses/ Silos, oil and gas, sewerage and real estate development\$. Core sector will also include the projects with the title of RIDF, PMGSY road, link road, city roads, rural road, sector/ municipality road, real estate projects which demonstrate road development/ construction of bridges or culverts.</p>	<p>parks/ estates, logistic parks, pipelines, irrigation, water supply, sewerage, stadium, hospitals, hotel, smart city, warehouses/ Silos, oil and gas and real estate development. Core sector will also include the projects with the title of RIDF, PMGSY road, link road, city roads, rural road, sector/ municipality road, real estate projects which demonstrate road development/ construction bridges or culverts, <u>Performance-Based Maintenance Contracting work (PBMC), O&M work, Short Term Maintenance Contract (STMC), railways (construction/re-construction of railway tracks, yards for keeping containers etc.) metro rail and ports (including construction/re-construction cost of Jetties, any other linear infrastructure including bridges etc.)</u>.</p>
11	Technical Capacity – Minimum Value of Works to be Considered- Clause 3.4.3 and 3.4.4	<p>the capital cost of the project should be more than 5% of the amount specified as the Estimated Project Cost; and</p> <p>receipts of less than 5% of the Estimated Project Cost</p>	<p>the capital cost of the project should be more than <u>10%</u> of the amount specified as the Estimated Project Cost; and</p> <p>receipts of less than 10% of the Estimated Project Cost</p>
12	Original Documents Submission- Clause 2.11.2	<p>The Lowest Bidder shall be required to submit original of documents listed below (before issuance of Letter of Acceptance (LOA) by the Authority:</p> <p>(a) Original Power of Attorney for signing the BID as per format at Appendix-III;</p> <p>(b) if applicable, Original Power of Attorney for Lead Member of Consortium as per the format at Appendix-IV;</p> <p>(c) if applicable, Original Joint Bidding Agreement for Consortium as per the format at Appendix-V;</p>	<p>The Lowest Bidder shall be required to submit original of documents listed below (before issuance of Letter of Acceptance (LOA) by the Authority:</p> <p>(a) Appendix-IA (Letter comprising the Technical Bid).</p> <p>(b) Appendix-IB (Letter comprising the Financial BID)</p> <p>(c) Annex-V Statement of Legal Capacity</p> <p>(d) Original Power of Attorney for signing the BID as per format at Appendix-III;</p> <p>(e) if applicable, Original Power of Attorney for Lead Member of Consortium as per the format at Appendix-IV;</p>

	<p>(d) if applicable, Certificate/Copy of RFAQ eligibility limit assessed by MoRT&H/NHAI</p> <p>(e) Bid Security of Rs. **** Crore (Rupees only) in the form of Insurance Surety Bond (issued by Insurance Company authorized by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India in the format at Appendix- VIII), Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt, Banker's Cheque or Bank Guarantee (including e-Bank Guarantee) in the format at Appendix-II from a Scheduled bank;</p> <p>(f) Deleted;</p> <p>(g) Integrity pact on plain paper shall be submitted by the Bidder with the RFP Bid duly signed by Authorized signatory & shall be part of the Concession Agreement;</p> <p>(h) Deleted</p> <p>(i) An undertaking from the person having PoA referred to in Sub. Clause-(a) above that they agree and abide by the Bid documents uploaded by NHAI and amendments uploaded, if any.</p> <p>(j) Original Statement of Legal Capacity as per format at Annexure V to Appendix I.</p> <p>(k) Original of Experience Certificates apostile at foreign origin, if any</p> <p>(l) Certificate regarding Compliance with Restrictions under Rule 144 (xi) of the General Financial Rules (GFRs) as per format given in Appendix-VII shall be submitted by the Bidder with the RFP Bid duly signed by Authorised signatory & shall be part of the Concession Agreement.</p> <p>(m) Copy of Registration from the Competent Authority as defined in Public Procurement Order No. F.</p>	<p>(f) if applicable, Original Joint Bidding Agreement for Consortium as per the format at Appendix-V;</p> <p>(g) Bid Security of Rs. **** Crore (Rupees only) in the form of Insurance Surety Bond (issued by Insurance Company authorized by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India in the format at Appendix- VIII) Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit Receipt, Banker's Cheque or Bank Guarantee (including e-Bank Guarantee) in the format at Appendix-II from a Scheduled bank;</p> <p>(h) Integrity pact on plain paper shall be submitted by the Bidder with the RFP Bid duly signed by Authorized signatory & shall be part of the Concession Agreement;</p> <p>(i) An undertaking from the person having PoA referred to in Sub. Clause-(d) above that they agree and abide by the Bid documents uploaded by NHAI/MoRTH and amendments uploaded, if any</p> <p>(j) Original of Experience certificates apostille at foreign origin, if any</p> <p>(k) Certificate regarding Compliance with Restrictions under Rule 144 (xi) of the General Financial Rules (GFRs) as per format given in Appendix-VII shall be submitted by the Bidder with the RFP Bid duly signed by Authorised signatory & shall be part of the Concession Agreement.</p> <p>(l) Copy of Registration from the Competent Authority as defined in Public Procurement Order No. F. No. 6/18/2019-PPD dated 23rd July 2020, if applicable (to be submitted by the "Bidder from a country which shares a land border with India").</p>
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13.	3.4.9 (b)	Similarly, the Financial Score of the Bidder shall be computed as a weighted average of the Financial Score of a member and its proposed equity stake (%) in the Consortium	Similarly, the Financial Score ie assessed available Net Worth of the Bidder shall be computed as a weighted average of the Financial Score ie assessed available Net Worth of a member and its proposed equity stake (%) in the Consortium

2. The Performance Security shall be [5%] of the Bid Project Cost and necessary amendment may be made in RFP/DCA.