

Replies to the queries of firms against the REOI for procurement of PMTC under AIRBMP Project				
Sl. No	Section/Clause	Particulars of Section/Clause	Firm's Queries	Replies of FREMAA
1	Page 2, Sr.no.6	A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method as set out in Section VII, paragraph 7.3 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, revised August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations")	Please clarify QCBS (Ratio 80:20 or 90:10)	It will be mentioned in RFP to be issued to the shortlisted Consultants.
2		Annex 1 provides a summary Terms of Reference of the assignment; submission of documents (a-g)	Regarding the submission, no specific formats have been provided. Our understanding is that we can propose are own template/format. Please confirm Kindly confirm, if we are required to submit financial turnover to be CA certified	Yes, own formats may be used. Regarding financial turnover, please stick to the REOI requirements.
3	Page 2, Sr.no.3	Service experience record/completion certificate (including nature, total cost, total input in terms of staff month, employer, location of service, scope of services etc.).	In accordance with the general norms for world bank funded projects, It is not required to submit the documentary evidence/completion certificate. Request to consider the same.	No change in REOI Conditions
4	TOR, page 4	D - Scope of Work "In this capacity, the PMTC will be mainly assisting the client in managing various consultant, works, and good contracts." (Under D, subsection b)	a) Please confirm, if the comprehensive integrated plan and other technical studies for the selected sub basins is to be prepared by other (outside PMTC) consultants? b) Is it foreseen that PMTC will also undertake (part) of the technical studies for components 1, 2 & 3? If	a) ToR is self-explanatory. Please stick to the REOI eligibility criteria's. The detailed scope of work will be shared with the RFP to the shortlisted Consultants. b) ToR is self-explanatory. Please stick to the REOI eligibility criteria's. The detailed scope of

			yes, which studies are foreseen to be done by PMTC	work will be shared with the RFP to the shortlisted Consultants.
5			c) Would consultants - that are part of the PMTC - still be eligible to bid for all planned technical studies under the three AIRBM Components?	c) No
6	Page 2, Sr.no.9	Interested firms/organizations may upload Expressions of interest along with the aforesaid supporting documents at the e procurement portal of Govt. of Assam viz. www.assamtenders.gov.in as detailed below.	What would be the requirement of uploading the documents. Is the EOI document to be uploaded as Single pdf.	Adequate folders have been provided in the e portal to up load the EoI proposal. Information and supporting documents asked in Para 3 of the REOI including items (a) to (g) may be submitted as separate files and not as a single pdf. file.
7	TOR, Page 7	The estimated person-months for the assignment are on the order of 300	Total Person months for key experts has been provided. Please provide position wise breakup. Also, for Non-key experts, minimum persons months is requested to be provided	ToR is self-explanatory. Please stick to the REOI eligibility criteria's. The detailed scope of work will be shared with the RFP to the shortlisted bidders.
8		Online EoI proposal submission End Date: 31.12.2021 at 14.00HRS (IST)	Considering Christmas and New Year holidays, we would request to kindly give 4 weeks extension from the current submission deadline.	The last date and time of online submission through e -procurement portal www.assamtenders.gov.in is 31.12.2021 at 14:00HRS(IST)
9		Please clarify, any international firm having its registered office out of India can participate in this EOI or this EOI is only for the firms registered in India?		Yes. It is international competitive bidding. Any international firm with registered office outside India can submit proposal online through the e procurement portal of Govt. of Assam www.assamtenders.gov.in
10		As per clause 5, the consultants can		Yes, in case of association as JV,

		associate with other firms in the form of JV or subconsultant to enhance their qualification. But in the same clause, it is mentioned that subconsultant's experience shall not be considered in the evaluation. Please clarify		the firms under JV are equally liable to client. However, the firm under sub-consultant is not liable to the client. Therefore, experience of the sub consultancy firm is not considered under evaluation. The clause referred here is as per the World Bank Procurement Regulations. Hence there is no change of REOI clause.
11	Page 1, Point 2	The PMTC is expected to provide support to FREMAA, WRD and Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) and other partner Institutions /stakeholders in project planning, studies, procurement, financial management, environment and social safeguards, technical aspects, training and capacity building, etc., in addition to progress monitoring, evaluation and reporting.	Since multiple agencies are involved, please define responsibilities, evaluation, deliverables to each organisation and payment certification process	FREMAA will be the nodal agency for all activities. The PMTC will report to FREMAA for all activities.
12	Page No 2	The experience of a parent company, subsidiary company, group company or associates (whatever the names) of the Applicant shall not be considered in evaluation.	We request you to consider experience of wholly owned group subsidiaries without forming of joint venture by wholly owned subsidiary in India so as to benefit from latest global practices.	No change in REOI Conditions.
13	Page 5	2.4 Baseline Information and Levee Asset Management: This component will support the collection of baseline hydrological, topographical, and geotechnical information from crosssection surveys, LIDAR mapping, and expansion of	This component will support the collection of baseline hydrological, topographical, and geotechnical information from cross-section surveys – This sentence needs more clarity about scope. Would like to	The detailed scope of work will be provided in the RFP to the shortlisted Consultants.

		hydrological and meteorological monitoring stations in the Beki, Buridehing, and Jiadhah sub-basins	know, whether river cross section survey will be part of assignment/project or Department will provide necessary data. If yes, please add to provisional sum.	
14	Page5	2.4 Baseline Information and Levee Asset Management: Assam has over 4,000 kms of river levees, many of them in poor and unsafe condition. This component will also start-up WRD's levee asset management system and will enhance monitoring, maintenance, and upgrading of levees using modern methods and involving local communities	Multiple Manpower will be required to identify embankment assets and its conditions, some dedicated manpower needs to be allocated for this work. Please enhance man-months.	The detailed scope of work with details of man-months will be provided in the RFP to the shortlisted Consultants.
15	Page 6	D. General Scope of Work b. Provide technical assistance to FREMAA, WRD, ASDMA and other partner institutions/stakeholders in the following areas: i) real-time rainfall forecasting	Real-time Rainfall Forecast by IMD are normally used for real time flood forecast hence this should be removed from the scope.	No Change
16	Page 7	E. Duration and Indicative PersonMonths. The duration of the contract is estimated to be four years. The estimated person-months for the assignment are on the order of 300, which may be adjusted in the Request for Proposal.	We feel that 300 man-months are very less. Minimum 750 man-months are required for the assignment. Kindly add suitable manpower and man-months for smooth operation of this project	The man months mentioned in the REOI is indicative only. The detailed scope of work with details of man-months will be provided in the RFP to the shortlisted Consultants.
17	Page No 7	F Team Composition	With reference to the TOR, we feel that following key experts are required 1. Instrumentation Engineer 2. IOT Expert 3. GIS & Remote Sensing Expert 4. Hydraulic Structure Expert 5. Team of one Sr. Social and 2 nos. Jr. Social experts 6.	The number of experts mentioned in the ToR is indicative only. The detailed requirement of the Key experts would be provided in the RFP to the shortlisted bidders. However the firms may propose the requirement of Experts for the

			Disaster Management – Flood Expert 7. Software Expert 8. Miscellaneous Expert	Scope of work mentioned in the EoI.
18	Page No	ii) Online EoI proposal submission End Date: 31.12.2021 at 14.00HRS (IST)	Please extend the submission date by 15 days i.e. 15th January, 2022.	The last date and time of online submission through e procurement portal www.assamtenders.gov.in is 31.12.2021 at 14:00HRS(IST)
19			Whether this World Bank funded Consultancy assignment is a Time- Based Contract or Lumpsum Contract?	Time Based Contract.
20			We understand from the E- procurement Tender details that this REOI is invited on Global Tenders Tender Type. Please clarify whether International Key Experts are envisaged in this World Bank funded Consultancy assignment.	Yes, International expertise is envisaged/ permitted. The details of which will be provided in the RFP to the shortlisted Consultants only.
21			The estimated person-months for the assignment are of the order of 300 (Clause E). Please furnish the tentative breakdown of this estimated person-months for International Key Experts, National Key Experts, International Non-Key Experts, National Non-Key Experts and Support Staff for the assignment.	Details will be provided during RFP stage to the shortlisted Consultants only.
22			Kindly furnish the Qualifications and Experience requirements for the Team Composition for the PMTC (Clause F).	Details will be provided during RFP stage to the shortlisted Consultants only.
23		A. Background The expected funding is	Kindly provide the duration for	Project Description is self-

		<p>US\$ 500 million following a Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA). The MPA would consist of three overlapping phases or projects over a total of ten years. The first phase of the program (referred to as "the project" from here on) is US\$ 120 million. E. Duration and Indicative Person-Months The duration of the contract is estimated to be four years. We understand that the duration of the contract is estimated to be four years for Phase 1 under the present scope for PMTC. Kindly confirm.</p>	<p>Phase 2 and 3 and the project components in Phase 2 and 3.</p>	<p>explanatory. Details of Phase 2 and 3 would be finalized during the Phase 1. For the purpose of EoI, Kindly refer to the PMTC duration only.</p>
24			<p>We suggest that the cost towards survey and investigations will be paid as per actual from provisional sum. Kindly confirm.</p>	<p>Details will be provided in the RFP to shortlisted Consultants.</p>
25			<p>Kindly provide the status of the DPRs already prepared and DPRs which need to be updated.</p>	<p>Details will be provided during RFP stage to the shortlisted Consultants.</p>
26		<p>10. B. Project Organisation The three Implementing Agencies (IAs) under AIRBMP are FREMAA, WRD, and ASDMA. FREMAA will be the nodal coordinating agency while WRD and ASDMA will be the executing agencies for the program. A Project Management Unit (PMU) will be established in FREMAA to support the implementation of the program. The PMTC will be placed in the PMU in FREMAA for regular project management activities, and the technical</p>	<p>The office space at PIU level for PMTC will be whether provided by FREMAA during execution phase. Kindly confirm.</p>	<p>Details will be provided during RFP stage to the shortlisted Consultants.</p>

		consultants supporting WRD and ASDMA. The PMU will be headed by Chief Executive Officer (CEO), FREMAA. The PIU in WRD will be headed by the Chief Engineer. The PIU in ASDMA will be headed by the CEO, ASDMA.		
27			11. F. Team Composition: “Flood Forecasting Expert is mentioned in three bullet points, kindly confirm whether one position or three positions.	Details of experts’ requirements shall be shared in the RFP with the shortlisted Consultants.
28			Position for training and capacity building expert may be included in the team composition. Kindly confirm.	The position of experts mentioned in the ToR is indicative only. The detailed requirements of the Key experts would be provided in the RFP to the shortlisted Consultants.
29			Senior storm water drainage expert position will be required as per TOR. Kindly confirm.	The position of experts mentioned in the ToR is indicative only. The detailed requirements of the Key experts would be provided in the RFP to the shortlisted Consultants.
30			Survey and Investigation Expert position will be required as per TOR. Kindly confirm.	The position of experts mentioned in the ToR is indicative only. The detailed requirement of the Key experts would be provided in the RFP to the shortlisted Consultants.
31			Kindly provide the list of project deliverables with timelines.	ToR is self-explanatory regarding the scope of work at the EoI stage. Detailed scope of work will be addressed during RFP stage to the shortlisted Consultants

32			Kindly provide the list of data, documents, reports, DPRs, and bid documents available with FREMAA	It will be addressed during RFP stage.
33			Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, we kindly request you to grant us an extension of one week. This will allow us to submit high quality EOI.	The last date and time of online submission through e procurement portal www.assamtenders.gov.in is 31.12.2021 at 14:00HRS(IST)
34	REOI- Notice Section 3	FREMAA now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Annex 1 provides a summary Terms of Reference of the assignment. Interested consultant should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The following information is requested:	We request to consider services experience of last Ten Years. Kindly confirm.	REOI notice does not mention required years of service experience. Kindly follow the requirements/qualifications specified in Para 3 of the REOI.
35	REOI- Notice Section 5	Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. In the case of an association, all members of such “association” should have real and well-defined inputs to the assignment and the total number of firma including their associates shall be maximum of three. In case of association in the form of sub-consultancy, the experience of sub-consultant shall not be considered in evaluation	The brief TOR indicates multifaceted requirement of expertise. We aim to form a consortium of expertise firm capable of undertaking the assignment and delivering the output as required. Therefore, we request to allow the number of members in consortium upto 4.	This requirement will be specified in the RFP to be issued to the short-listed Consultants. For a more conducive working of the PMTC, it is desirable to have minimum number of JV members.

36	REOI- Notice Section 9	<p>9. Interested firms/organizations may upload Expressions of interest along with the aforesaid supporting documents at the e procurement portal of Govt. of Assam viz. www.assamtenders.gov.in as detailed below.</p> <p>i) Online Eol proposal submission Start Date: 23.12.2021 at 9.00HRS (IST)</p> <p>ii) Online Eol proposal submission End Date: 31.12.2021 at 14.00HRS (IST)</p>	<p>Kindly allow to submit the EOI by means of Hard Copy or soft copy submission via email.</p> <p>The Request is based on the consideration that majority of the international firms having suitable expertise are not in position to comply with administrative/legal requirement as mandated for online submission on Assam Tender Portal.</p>	<p>Please refer to REOI Notice dated 26.11.2021. Regarding Registration in e procurement portal please visit www.assamtenders.gov.in.</p> <p>FREMAA will also facilitate the same. The firm may send email as under Sub: PMTC<Firm Name> to the following email id:</p> <p>: ceo-fremaa@assam.gov.in /eot-fremaa@assam.gov.in</p> <p>Office Tel No.+91361-2309896.</p>
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