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Ministry of Public Works and Transport
Department of Roads

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Name of RFB Process: Implementation Support and Work Supervision (ISWS) Consultancy Services for the Construction of 12 New Bridges Along NR13 South in Bolikhamxay and Khammouan Provinces
RFB Reference No.: ISWS-NR13S-12Bridges-QCBS-2024
Project Name: Lao Resilient Roads Framework Loan
EIB Loan No.: 91.077, Allocation 02, Lao Resilient Roads Framework Loan
Country: Lao Peoples Democratic Republic

Letter of Clarification # 1

To: Consultants who received the Request for Proposals (RFP).

Dear All,

In accordance with the provisions of Section I - Instruction to Consultants (ITC), Clause ITB 13 - Clarification and Amendment of RFP, the following clarifications to the Request for Proposals document are hereby provided by the Department of Roads, MPWT, based on requests from Consultants received up to date:

#	Clause Reference	Question	Answer
1	Part 1 - Selection Procedures, Section 2: Data Sheet, ITC 14.1.2	<p>The Client didn't indicate the estimated total cost of the assignment in the Data Sheet of the Request for Proposal (RFP). However, it was stated that the total budget for the services is estimated at EUR 1,200,000 excluding VAT in the Request for Express of Interest (REOI) dated Aug 19, 2024.</p> <p>We would like to be confirmed that the total budget of the Consultancy Services is still estimated for EUR 1,200,000.</p>	<p>According to the established procedure, once the time-inputs have been indicated in the RFP or ToR, there will be no information disclosed on the final cost estimate. Please base your cost estimate on the time inputs indicated in the ITB 14.1.2.</p>
2	Part 1 - Selection Procedures, Section 2: Data Sheet, ITC 2.4	<p>To ensure a comprehensive understanding of the project scope, technical requirements, and key considerations, we kindly request access to the relevant Project Data and Feasibility Study Report. These documents are essential for our team to conduct a thorough analysis and align our approach with the project's objectives.</p> <p>As outlined in the RFP, Data Sheet, Clause 2.4, we kindly request the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feasibility Study Report• Project Data <p>If possible, we would appreciate receiving the requested information at your earliest convenience.</p>	<p>Please find attached the Project Data and Feasibility Study Report attached to this clarification.</p>

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3	Section 6. Terms of Reference; F. Time Schedules and Budget Management for Works	The TOR for Consultant covers the construction phase for an estimated total 2-year period as well as the DLP of 12 months. As per TOR the time duration for Construction Phase is 2 years (24 months) and DLP of 12 months whilst as per Special Conditions of Contract; Expiration of Contract is 26 months. We understand the total duration of the contract should be 36 months (24 months construction phase and 12 months for Defect Liability Period)	Yes, the understanding is correct, there was a typo. The contract period is 36 months.
4	Section 2. Instructions to Consultants, E. Data Sheet, Clause No. 17.9, page 27 (PDF file of RFP document)	The submission deadline of the Proposal is 25 February 2025. As per both the RFPs (PDF and Word version), there is an ambiguity in the proposal submission date. Kindly confirm the correct date of proposal submission.	Please refer to the PDF version, which a final one. The submission deadline is 25 February 2025.
5	Section 6. Terms of Reference Clause B (iv), page 62	The referred Clause states about "Fabrication, Transportation & Erection of Steel Composite Superstructure----" It is mentioned under referred Clause "High level specialized inspection would be crucial for Fabrication and Erection by a Steel Bridge Expert ". However, in ToR Clause (H) "Level of Efforts (LOE)", Steel Bridge Expert (International) position is missing. Kindly include at least 12 months input of Steel Bridge Expert (International) from source approval, fabrication to erection and commissioning of steel bridge to accomplish the work with highest quality, accuracy and safety.	The TOR includes the requirement for The Team Leader to be Bridge Expert, with full-time input and he is further supported by the Bridge Design Engineer. There are both Steel and Concrete bridges in the project, and the Consultant shall select a suitable expert to supervise both steel and concrete structures. However, we added 2 additional of Bridge Design Engineer to address your concerns
6	Section 6. Terms of Reference; Clause E (xxi) , page 65	The referred Clause States "As the bridge works will be implemented while the maintenance phase of the OPBRC roads contracts will still be ongoing, the ISWS will be responsible to oversee the coordination between the Civil Works on the Bridges and the Maintenance works performed by 3 other contractors along the Nr13S section". It is understood from the referred Clause that the maintenance works of NR13S is underway presently. Due to the construction of proposed 12 New parallel Bridges along with its approaches on both sides, certain portions of already maintained NR13S will be disturbed / dismantled. Kindly inform which party will be responsible for rectification of such defects, if it occurs.	The insertion of the bridges into the existing NR13S main road alignment is entire part of the civil works of the 12 parallel bridges. The Contractor shall arrange the works, and this section of the TOR only refers to the required communication and coordination.
7	Section 6. Terms of Reference; Clause H, page 76	Team Leader/Bridge Engineer (BE) As per Cl. F (ToR) construction phase is 2 years and DLP of 12 months. Input of TL/BE has been mentioned as 26 months, indicating only 2 months input of TL during DLP.	There are 3 Res for 24 months input each. As these persons will not work full-time, without any holidays, during the 2

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		<p>No other personnel had been considered in ToR to assist him during DLP. It is requested to consider at least 2 months inputs of one RE during DLP to assist TL in inspection, supervision and reporting.</p>	<p>years, we consider that there is room for support to the TL during the DLP within the specified input.</p>
8	<p>Section 6. Terms of Reference; 1. Key Experts – Tasks and Minimum Qualifications Sl. No. 2, PDF Page No. 77 79 of RFP</p>	<p>International Key Personnel: 2. Materials and Pavement Engineer (MPE): •10 years' experience as the materials/design engineer working in bridge or road & bridge construction with asphalt concrete pavement. As the proposed project is the construction of bridges only, the Consultant would like to request to kindly modify the requirement as: • 10 years' experience as the Materials/Quality Control Engineer working in bridge or road project consisting of bridges with asphalt concrete pavement. Kindly consider & confirm.</p>	<p>This is a correct understanding, the Material and Pavement Engineer shall be involved in the Quality control / Quality Assurance. A corresponding amendment will be issued soon after this clarification.</p>
9	<p>Section 6. Terms of Reference; 1. Key Experts – Tasks and Minimum Qualifications Sl. No. 7, PDF Page No. 77 79 of RFP</p>	<p>National Key Personnel: 7. Resident Engineer (RE): • 10-year experience as the resident engineer working in road construction resp. (building works) and/or maintenance projects with asphalt concrete pavement • 2 assignments as the Resident Engineer of road rehabilitation and improvement (or construction) projects of asphalt concrete pavement, or, for the BCP, with rehabilitation of administrative buildings. As the proposed project is the construction of bridges only, the Consultant would like to request you to kindly modify the requirement as: • 10-year experience as the resident engineer working in road/bridge construction projects consisting of bridges with asphalt concrete pavement; • 2 assignments as the Resident Engineer in bridge construction works of road rehabilitation and improvement (or construction) projects of asphalt concrete pavement. Kindly consider & confirm.</p>	<p>The project includes the construction of the 12 parallel bridges and their access roads, and the scope of work is equally road and bridges. Therefore, experience both in bridges and asphalt concrete roads is required. Your point has been noted and found reasonable. A corresponding amendment will be issued soon after this clarification.</p>
10	<p>Section 6. Terms of Reference; Sl. No. 2, PDF Page No. 76 of RFP</p>	<p>International Key Personnel: 2. Materials and Pavement Engineer (MPE)- 6 months (Part time). Considering the un-conventional and special type of bridges proposed in the project, material selection and approval and structural quality control & assurance would be quite important. To provide appropriate support to the project, knowledge and experience of Materials and Pavement Engineer (MPE) are vital. We therefore propose to consider the Person Months of Materials and Pavement Engineer (MPE) to 24 months (Full time) instead of 6 person months. Kindly consider & confirm.</p>	<p>The international MPE is supported by a full-time national PME, and the setup is deemed sufficient, as the is a relatively small civil works contract.</p>

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12	Section 6. Terms of Reference; SI. No. 3, PDF Page No. 76 of RFP.	National Non-Key Personnel: 3. Site Engineer (SE)- 4 nos. (24 months each)- Full time. Consultant would like to request to kindly modify the numbers of Site Engineer- 3 nos. (24 months each) instead of 4 numbers. Kindly consider & confirm.	Your point has been noted and found reasonable. A corresponding amendment will be issued soon after this clarification.
13	Section 6. Terms of Reference; SI. No. 4, PDF Page No. 76 of RFP	National Non-Key Personnel: 4. Laboratory Technician (LT)- 1 no. (24 months)- Full time. Considering the extent of project corridor (around 210 km), number of bridges as well as Contract packages, Consultant proposes 3 nos. Laboratory Technician (LT) (24 months each) instead of 1 no. to address the laboratory and batching plants in each section. Kindly consider & confirm	There will only be 2 contracts. It is acceptable to increase to 2 Laboratory Technician, in replacement of the 4th Site Engineer. A corresponding amendment will be issued soon after this clarification.
14	Section 2. Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet; ITC 21.1	* For the purpose of regional experience, the experience in Southeast Asia countries will be considered appropriate. Consultant would like to request you to kindly consider * For the purpose of regional experience, the experience in Southeast Asia and/or South Asia Countries will be considered appropriate. Kindly consider & confirm.	Lao PDR is a country located in the Southeast Asia Region and the work experience in this region has its specifics and is somewhat different from the work experience in South Asia. Therefore, the purpose of this criterion is exactly the Southeast Asia Region.

Please confirm receipt of these clarifications via return e-mail, as soon as possible.



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Subject: Request for Project Data and Feasibility Study Report

Dear Mr. Souksakon Venvongsoth,

We are pleased to inform you that we have been shortlisted and are preparing our technical and financial proposal for the Consultancy Services for the Construction of 12 New Bridges Along NR13 South in Bolikhamxay and Khammouan Provinces Project.

To ensure a comprehensive understanding of the project scope, technical requirements, and key considerations, we kindly request access to the relevant Project Data and Feasibility Study Report. These documents are essential for our team to conduct a thorough analysis and align our approach with the project's objectives.

As outlined in the RFP, Data Sheet, Clause 2.4, we kindly request the following:

- Feasibility Study Report
- Project Data

If possible, we would appreciate receiving the requested information at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. We look forward to your response.



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Subject : **Request for Clarification**
Implementation Support and Work Supervision (ISWS) Consultancy Services for the Construction of 12 New Bridges along NR13 South in Bolikhamxay and Khammouan Provinces

Dear Sirs,

We would like to request for your kind consideration and clarification on the following inquiry:

II. Estimated Total Cost of the Assignment in the Section 2. Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet

The Client didn't indicate the estimated total cost of the assignment in the Data Sheet of the Request for Proposal (RFP). However, it was stated that the total budget for the services is estimated at EUR 1,200,000 excluding VAT in the Request for Express of Interest (REOI) dated Aug 19, 2024.

We would like to be confirmed that the total budget of the Consultancy Services is still estimated for EUR 1,200,000.

It would be highly appreciated if your esteemed authority clarifies the above query.

Most respectfully yours,

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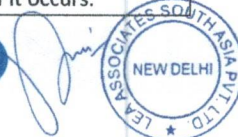
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Sub: IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT AND WORK SUPERVISION (ISWS) CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 12 NEW BRIDGES ALONG NR13 SOUTH IN BOLIKHAMXAY AND KHAMMOUAN PROVINCES; ISWS-NR13S-12BRIDGES-QCBS-2024- Request for Prebid Queries on Questions on the RFP-reg.

Dear Sir,

This has reference to the RFP for the above referred subject project. We are pleased to submit the following questions on the RFP Document for your kind consideration and clarification.

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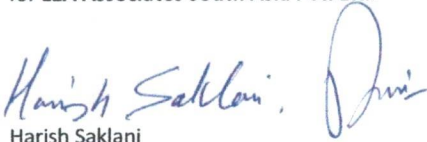


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We would like to request you to kindly provide clarifications to our above queries.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
for **LEA Associates South Asia Pvt. Ltd.**


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