

**V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR PORT AUTHORITY
CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

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1	NIT Clause 2(C) (MQC) Pg.2	Plants and Equipments: Bidder shall own the following equipments; i. Batching plant of capacity 120Cum/Hour -1Nos ii. Paver finisher with electronic sensor (300HP) -1Nos iii. Transit truck agitator 6cum capacity -5Nos	We would like to request a revision to the equipment requirements specified in Clause 2.0 of the tender document. Specifically, we would like to highlight the following observations and provide alternate suggestions based on the project's concrete requirements: A.Total Concrete Quantity: The overall concrete quantity required for this project, as per the Bill of Quantities (BOQ), is approximately 37,007.70 cubic meters (m3). B.Batching Plant Capacity Request: Based on our experience with similar central government projects, including a recent project successfully completed at Chennai Port, we propose the following alternative batching plant configurations: • Option 1: Two CP 30 plants, each with a capacity of 30 m3/hour, providing a combined capacity of 60 m3/hour. • Option 2: One M1 plant with a capacity of 60 m3/hour. These configurations are not only more than adequate to meet the project's concrete production needs but would also be cost-effective, ensuring productivity and faster project delivery. We believe this change would facilitate broader participation in the bidding process and potentially reduce project costs without compromising on quality or timeline. C. Experience and Feasibility: Either of the proposed batching plant configurations would meet the concrete demand for this project effectively and in a timely manner, without the need for excessive overcapacity. o Moreover, these configurations would reduce initial investment costs and maintenance requirements, contributing to better overall project cost control. D. Transit Mixers and Transport Requirements: Concern with 5 Transit Mixers: • With respect to the requirement of 5 transit mixers (6 Cum capacity each), we note that the original condition assumes that 5 mixers are not sufficient for a batching plant with a capacity of 120 m3/hour. • However, we believe that 5 transit mixers would be sufficient for a batching plant with a capacity of 60 m3/hour. • Assuming a round-trip time of 30 minutes per mixer, 5 mixers each with a 6 m3 capacity can deliver 60 m3 per hour (5 mixers x 6 m3 x 2 loads per hour). E.Concrete Production Schedule: • With a batching plant capacity of 60 m3/hour (as proposed), it is feasible to meet the total concrete quantity in the BOQ within the timeline. The calculation for concrete production is as follows: • Daily Concrete Production 60m3/hourx6hours/day= 360m3/day • Monthly Production (25 working days)= 360m3/dayx25days/month=9,000 m3/month • Total Production in 5 months= 9,000m3/monthx5months=45,000 m3 Conclusion: This production rate exceeds the total BOQ requirement of 37,007.70 m3 and ensures the project can be completed well within the scheduled timeline.	Refer Corregendum-III
2			A paver Finisher with Electronic Sensor (300HP) - 1 unit is requested in the tender. However, a 300HP electronic sensor model is not available in the market. The maximum available market size with a 9-meter sensor is 129 kW, equivalent to 172 HP, which is more than sufficient for a paver finisher to meet the project requirements. Therefore, we kindly request that you consider accepting a 9-meter sensor paver, an advanced model with 150 HP, as it effectively meets the project's needs. It has an output capacity of 700 MT/hour, which is more than adequate to execute the available quantity.	
3			We have 15 numbers of leased transit mixture trucks of 6 cum Capacity which is running in our various projects, we may be permitted to use the leased truck.	
4			The total volume of all grades of Concrete for this project is 37007 M3 and the batching plant of capacity 120 Cum/hour is mentioned for this project which means of Total volume of Concrete Per day = 120 X 8 = 960 Cum Number of Days = 37007/ (120 X 8) = 38.54 Days, Whereas the period of this Project is =365 X 2 = 730 days, Hence it is sufficient to use 30 Cum/ Hour plant. Kindly give us your acceptance.	
5			We kindly request a revision of this requirement to allow the installation of two batching plants, each with a capacity of 30 Cum/Hour, instead of a single 120 Cum/Hour plant. This adjustment will better suit our operational needs.	
6	BOQ: SI.No. 1.02	Construction of embankment with Well Gravel obtained from nearby area with all lifts and leads, transporting to site, spreading, grading to required slope and compacting to meet requirement of Table 300.2 etc., complete as per clause 305 of MORT&H Specification (Fifth Revision) and as directed by the departmental officers.	Could you please confirm whether the gravel material required for this embankment construction is available within the VOC premises, or will we need to procure it from an external source?	Gravel for embankment has to be procured by the contractor from an external source.
7	NIT Clause 1 (ii) Pg.1	Estimated cost put to tender : Rs. 44,30,72,430/- (Rupees Forty Four Crores Thirty Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty only)	We consider our quoted rates to be exclusive of GST	Estimated cost put to tender is excluding GST
8			Please Provide Whether the given Estimate Amount is including GST or Excluding GST	
9			The Total value of this Project is Rs.44,30,72,430/-, Hence we like to know whether this cost is Excluding GST or Including GST	
10	Clause No.46 P.no:185	Price Escalation on material and Labour	Please Conform whether Price Escalation on material and Labour applicable or not	Refer Tender Clause No.46.
11	Clause No.4.28,P. no:67	Escalation / Increase or Decrease of cost	It's mentioned in tender document Page 67 clause 4.28 : ESCALATION / INCREASE OR DECREASE OF COST Adjustments to the contract price shall not be allowed in respect of rise or fall in the costs of labour and / or materials and / or fuel or any other matters affecting the cost of the execution of the works. Kindly provide price escalation clause for this contract, as per GOI purchase policy any contract having the contract value is more than Rs1.0Cr and time period also is more than 12 months — price escalation is applicable — so here by we request to include this clause.	Refer Tender Clause No.46.

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12	Clause No.5.4.3 P.no:71	Facilities for Housing Labour	Please Mentioned the rate per Sq.ft of the Plot providing the Labour huts.	Refer Tender Clause No.5.4.3.
13		Mobilisation Advance	Please Clarify regarding the Mobilisation Advance for this Project	Not applicable.
14			Kindly provide Interest free mobilization advance	
15	Clause No.21.4, Pg no.146	Conditions for Cement	Please Provide us the approved make list for the Materials like Cement	Refer Tender Clause No.21.4
16	NIT Clause 1 (iii) Pg.1	<p>Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): The tenders shall be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit amounting to Rs. 69,30,724/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakhs Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Four only). Out of which, Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs only) in the form of RTGS/NEFT and the balance amount of Rs. 44,30,724/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Thirty Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty Four Only) in the form of irrevocable bank guarantee in verbatim to the specimen enclosed from a Nationalized / Scheduled Bank with net worth of at least Rs.100 Crores and having its branch at Tuticorin. The Bank Guarantee should be sent to the Port directly by the issuing bank under Registered Post (A.D). The original Bank Guarantee should reach within Ten days from the date of opening of technical bid. However, the copy of Bank Guarantee should be uploaded along with the tender document by the bidder while uploading through e-tender. The tender will not be considered without EMD. EMD in any other form will not be accepted. EMD will not bear any interest. The EMD for unsuccessful Tenderers shall be returned on application from the Tenderers after the issue of work order to the successful Tenderer or on expiry of 60 days from the expiry of validity of the tender whichever is earlier. The EMD furnished in the form of Bank Guarantee in respect of successful Tenderer will be discharged upon the Tenderer executing the contract and furnishing the required Performance Guarantee for the performance of the contract under para 4.6.2.1 of the tender document. EMD furnished in the form of RTGS/NEFT shall be adjusted against Security Deposit in case of successful Tenderer.</p>	The beneficiary bank account details for making the part EMD (Rs. 25 Lakhs) through NEFT/RTGS are not provided in the tender document.	EMD shall be paid through CPP Portal.
17			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As stated in the tender document, we are required to furnish the part EMD through a Bank Guarantee (BG), which should be valid until the maintenance period. Can we submit the BG for an initial period of 6 months and extend it in the event of a tender award? 	Bank Guarantee for EMD shall be valid for 120 days (or) up to extended tender validity period.
18			We kindly request you to accept the entire EMD amount of Rs.69,30,724/- in the form of Bank Guarantee instead of paying Rs.25,00,000/- in the form of RTGS/NEFT and the balance amount of Rs.44,30,724/- in the form of bank guarantee.	Tender condition prevails
19				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the drawings, chainages / LS have been provided for TCS-2, but not for TCS-1. Kindly clarify, so that we can determine the length of the project.
20			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For earthwork purposes, will fly ash be supplied free of cost? What is the royalty rate for fly ash ? 	Not applicable.
21	NIT Clause 2(C) (MQC) Pg.2	<p>Minimum Qualifying Criteria (MQC): Firm /Company (hereinafter referred to as "The Tenderer") shall meet the Minimum Qualifying Criteria as follows: A) Work Experience: The Tenderer shall have successfully completed the similar work during the last seven years ending up to 30th of September, 2024 with either the follows; a) Three completed similar works, each similar work costing not less than- Rs. 17,72,28,972/- (or) b) Two completed similar works, each similar work costing not less than- Rs. 22,15,36,215/- (or) c) One completed similar work costing not less than – Rs. 35,44,57,944/- Note: i. Similar Works Means: Construction of road with Rigid Pavement / RCC Bridge. (or) Construction of road with Rigid Pavement along with RCC Bridge, RCC Culvert. ii. The work completion certificate should enclose with the document. If the work completion certificate furnished is from other than Govt. Departments by the bidder/tenderer the same shall be supported with TDS certificate (FORM- 16A) issued by the Company/Agency where the work was executed for full executed amount of the work as main contractor otherwise such work experience shall not be considered.</p>	In tender specification, Notice Inviting Tender, Clause 2. Minimum Qualification Criteria, there is no provision for Joint Venture/Consortium members to participate in this tender as being followed in other ports/plants and government tenders. Generally, in the tenders invited by the Public Sector Undertaking companies of State and Central Governments, particularly in high valued tenders, there will be a provision for Consortium/Joint Venture firms to participate to enable more number of competitive bidders to participate. In such a way, in this tender invited by VOC Port Authority also, Consortium/Joint Venture firms shall also be permitted to participate. Please confirm this.	Refer Corregendum-III
22			Kindly include Joint venture clause in the contract — as per CVC guidelines any contract above 5cr joint venture is to include so we request for the same	
23			Please include only rigid pavement works as the similar works — we are not able understand how RCC bridge and culvert can be similar works — in that case we can ask for general buildings also as similar works.	Tender condition prevails
24			Please confirm in similar works eligibility:- Sub contract works executed and completed under main contractor — Under ministry of shipping, in Chennai port authority , NMPT and VPA this clause is applicable and we had secured a project so please consider this clause and include the same. — hereby we had enclosed the required reference documents from Chennai port authority and NMPT tender documents as precedence	
25			Documents submitted shall be : work order & completion certificate along with, TDS certificates and GST paid support documents are provided will it be considered., - we request to include this clause also — as this is followed in all ports under GOI Ministry of shipping.	
26			We have successfully completed Flexible Road of 14.10 Km & 12 KM with box culvert and retaining wall structure at Andaman for NHIDCL with value of Rs.37.54 Crores and Rs.22.59 Crore Please consider the Flexible Road Experience also to enable us to participate and submit our best competitive price.	
27	NIT Clause 1 Pg.1	<p>iv) Downloading of Tender from VOCPA online e-tendering website: 29.10.2024 to 19.11.2024 at 15.00 Hrs vi) Last Date and Time for submission of Tenders online:19.11.2024 at 15.00 Hrs vii) Online Technical bid opening date and time:20.11.2024 at 15.30 Hrs</p>	Further, since various data are to be collected for the preparation of bid documents, we also request you to extend the tender due date for 10 days.	Refer Corregendum-III
28			We kindly request an extension of the Bid Due Date by at least 15 days to enable us to submit a more competitive Price.	
29			Kindly provide extension of 15 days from the original date of tender submission	
30	Clause No.48. P.no:189	List of Drawings:	Please provide the details of the existing road structure details and please clarify is there any quantity for demolishing and removal of the existing road is included in the BOQ.	Refer Tender Clause No.48.

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31	Clause No.4.6.19.1,P.no:32	Traffic Regulations	Please clarify on how and what basis VOCPA will clear the work area in the existing road — with 100% close of traffic or 50% close of traffic. — this is mandatory to understand as port will have high traffic of trucks.	Refer Tender Clause No.4.6.19.1.
32	Clause No.4.6.29,P.no:36	Use of Port Lands	Please confirm stores and yard land is available for the project location	Refer Tender Clause No.4.6.29.
33	Clause No.5.4,P. no:70	SERVICES AND FACILITIES	Please provide free of cost of water & electricity for construction works	Refer Tender Clause No.5.4
34		Goods & Services Tax (GST)	we understand GST is paid along with the invoice @ 18% only — please confirm.	Yes
35		MSME Registration	Kindly include the MSME UDYAM registration as per GOI Niti Ayog recommendations & Rule 170 of General Finance Rules 2017 — the EMD Exemption & Tender Document Cost exemption under the MSME status is applicable for this tender — This clause is included in Chennai port authority and Vishakhapatnam Port authority tenders under Ministry of shipping, so we expect the same shall be included in VOCPA also	Tender condition prevails
36	NIT Clause 1 (v) Pg.1	Pre-bid meeting / location : 08.11.2024 at 11.00 Hrs / CE Chamber	Kindly provide video conferencing facility for the pre bid meeting	Not applicable.
37	Clause No.4.9.3,P. no:45	Time of Completion	Kindly provide mobilization period of 30 days excluding the contract period of 24 months	Tender condition prevails
38	Clause No.23.2,P. no:148	Steel Reinforcement:	Please clarify if we could use TMT steel for anything other than TATA, SAIL, JSW, and Jinda, and also, should we use anti-corrosive coated steel.	Refer Tender Clause No.23.2