CORRIGENDUM TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(Selection of Environment and Social Audit Consultant – Firms Selection)
Reference No.: IN-SUCM -487719-CS-CQS

Corrigendum 1

S. No.	RFP Reference	As per original RFP	Revisions in the RFP
1	Section 7 Terms of Reference, Clause 5. Skillset Required for the Assignment B. Social, bullet point #6, page no. 83	Ability to communicate and write effectively in English and Malayalam.	Bullet point #6 is replaced with "The team members shall have experience of working on projects in preferably in South Indian states."
2	Section 7 Terms of Reference, Clause 5. Skillset Required for the Assignment, Specific qualifications and experiences of the desired team composition, Sl. No. 2 in the table on page no. 83	• Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering or equivalent with certification (preferably international) in Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), fire risk safety and construction work, project management or other relevant disciplines • Preferably a minimum of 10 years' relevant professional experience particularly in OHS management of infrastructure projects. • Demonstrated experience in OHS assessments and supervision and development of OHS management instruments for major infrastructure projects. • Experience in conducting similar audit and possess an auditor certification for Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OHSAS) and ISO 45001 or similar	• Bachelor's degree in any Engineering discipline or Master's in Environmental sciences/environment management/environment technology. • Certification (preferably international) in Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), fire risk safety and construction work, project management or other relevant disciplines. • Preferably a minimum of 10 years' relevant professional experience particularly in OHS management of infrastructure projects. • Demonstrated experience in OHS assessments and supervision and development of OHS management instruments for major infrastructure projects. • Experience in conducting similar audit and possess an auditor certification for Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OHSAS) and ISO 45001 or similar.

3	Section 7 Terms of Reference, Clause 4. Scope of the Assignment and Detailed Tasks to be carried out by the consultant, page no. 84	● At least a master's law, project management, or other relevant disciplines. ● Preferably a minimum of 10 (ten) years relevant professional experience particularly in labour management of infrastructure or civil works projects. ● Experience in conducting audit or labour and influx management	● At least Master's in law /project management /social work / MBA / or other relevant disciplines. ● Preferably a minimum of 10 (ten) years relevant professional experience particularly in labour management of infrastructure or civil works projects. ● Experience in conducting audit or labour and influx management

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Project Director
Kerala Solid Waste Management Project

Kerala Solid Waste Management Project (KSWMP)				
Selection of E&S Audit Agency for Kerala Solid Waste Management Project (KSWMP) RFP Reference No.: IN-SUCM-487719-CS-QCBS				
Sl. No.	**Page No/ Section No of the RFP**	**Section of RFP Requiring Clarification**	**Query**	**Response**
1	Part B: Evaluation Criteria: Sl. No. 1 RFP Page no: 37	Successfully completed Environmental and/ or Social Audit projects for Central/State Government or Local Self Governments or Public Utilities in India/ any other countries, preferably funded by multilateral/ international agencies, such as world bank/Asian Development Bank/Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)/KFW etc in the last 8 years (as on last date for submission of proposal) each with a value of minimum INR 10 lakhs. First TEN projects in the serial order (as per list in Tech2B) would be evaluated.	We request the client to kindly reduce the number of eligible assignments from 10 Projects to 5 Projects, as it would enable more competitiveness in the bid process For kind Consideration.	No change is envisaged, RFB Clauses shall prevail
2	Part B: Evaluation Criteria: RFP Page no: 38	**Name of Expert** (**Marks)** Environmental Expert (8) Occupational, Health and Safety (OHS) Specialist (7) Social Safeguard Specialist (8) Gender and livelihood Specialist (5) Labour management Specialist (7) Community Engagement Specialist (5)	As per the RFP We understand that 6 experts as mentioned in the table are required for the assignment. We request the client to kindly specify the Man- month input required for each of the experts for the given duration of the work, also specify the Home and Field inputs of each expert. For kind Clarification.	As specified in the RFP, this is a deliverable-based contract, and the required team composition of 6 experts has been mentioned to ensure the consultant has adequate technical capacity to perform the assignment effectively. Each Expert is expected to be available in field for the conduct of audit (field input). The contract does not prescribe fixed man-month inputs for each expert. Bidders are expected to propose the man-month allocation (home and field inputs) for each expert based on their proposed methodology and work plan, ensuring that all deliverables are produced within the stipulated timeline. The adequacy of the proposed inputs will be assessed during the technical evaluation.
3			We request the client to kindly clarify if we are permitted to replace any experts provided in the table in case of any unforeseen conditions. For kind Clarification.	The Consultant is expected to make available the same experts proposed as part of their submission to carry out the audit. This is important since the selection process involves scoring of the proposed Experts. Please refer clause 27.a of ITC.
4	Section 2. Instructions to Consultants E. Data Sheet - 14.1.2	Estimated total cost of the assignment: INR 140 Lakhs	We request the client to kindly clarify if the Estimated total cost of the assignment is for Term 1 or is it for Term 1+ Term 2 + Term 3. For kind calrification.	This estimate is all inclusive for the three terms, i.e., for Term 1 + Term 2 + Term 3
5	General	Extension of Time	Considering the competitiveness and quality of the bid, we kindly request the client to provide an extension of at least two weeks from the date of publishing replies of pre- bid queries. For kind consideration	No change in submission deadline. However, if any extension is approved, the same shall be communicated to all prospective bidders through an official corrigendum published on the e-procurement portal and the project website. Bidders are advised to regularly check the portal for updates.

6	Section 2. Instructions to Consultants / E. Data Sheet – Point 21.1 [for FTP] / PART A: MANDATORY CRITERIA / Point 2 on page no. 37	Document (s) relating to details of assignments shall be supported by Completion Certificate or Work Order along with final payment confirmation by the Authority. The supporting documents shall clearly state the scope of work and contract value undertaken by the applicant. *In cases where the Audit delivery was part of a larger project, such works shall be considered, provided the client issues a completion certificate clearly indicating value of completed work related to delivery of environmental and Social Audit. If the consultant has completed the previous similar project as part of a JV, then the proportionate share of the bidder in the JV shall be considered, provided the bidder submits the Proof of JV share along with Bid.	Some of the completion certificates do not have information on the detailed scope of work and/or contract value. In such cases, contract agreement or work order should be considered for evaluation along with completion certificate. Please confirm.	In case of the information on scope the consultant's understanding is agreed to. For Clarity, either the Contract Agreement or Work Oder or an Engagement Letter with detailed scope is acceptable. In case of the information on Contract Value, Clients' final payment certificate as received on client's letter head or certiifcation by CA for the final payment received against the contract can be submitted as a proof.
7	Section 7 Terms of Reference, Clause 6. Timeline for Completion of Tasks, Deliverables and Payments on page no. 86	Payment schedule of 5% of the contract value upon submission of Inception Report	Please consider 10% of contract value as payment to the Consultant upon submission of Inception Report.	No change is envisged, RFB Clauses shall prevail
8	Section 7 Terms of Reference, Clause 5. Skillset Required for the Assignment, B. Social, bullet point #6, page no. 83	Ability to communicate and write effectively in English and Malayalam.	Please consider the experience of working on projects in South India for all the Key Experts.	Agreed. Please refer corrigendum.
9	Section 7 Terms of Reference, Clause 5. Skillset Required for the Assignment, Specific qualifications and experiences of the desired team composition, Sl. No. 2 in the table on page no. 83	Qualification for Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Specialist: Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering or equivalent with certification (preferably international) in Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), fire risk safety and construction work, project management or other relevant disciplines	Qualification for Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Specialist: Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Environmental Engineering or equivalent with certification (preferably international) in Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), fire risk safety and construction work, project management or other relevant disciplines. Please consider.	Please refer corrigendum.

10	Section 7 Terms of Reference, Clause 5. Skillset Required for the Assignment, Specific qualifications and experiences of the desired team composition, Sl. No. 3 & 4 in the table on page 84	Qualification for Social Safeguard Specialist (Key Specialist): At least a master's degree in social sciences, sociology, anthropology, or community development. Qualification for Gender and livelihood Specialist: At least a master's degree in such as social development, public policy, gender and livelihood development and strategies, or related field.	Master's in Social Sciences, Social Development is equivalent to Masters in Social Work and acceptable. Please confirm.	Consultant's understanding is correct.
11	Section 7 Terms of Reference, Clause 4. Scope of the Assignment and Detailed Tasks to be carried out by the consultant, page no. 84	Qualification for Labour Management Specialist: At least a master's law, project management, or other relevant disciplines.	Qualification for Labour Management Specialist: At least a master's law, project management, master's in social work, MBA equivalent or other relevant disciplines. Please consider.	Please refer corrigendum.
12	General Query on possible Conflict of Interest		Since there are potential RFPs for SWM projects by KSWMP as outlined below: Since these assignments are being planned by KSWMP in the same project period, kindly clarify that a bidder can participate in all the three RFPs and in case a company becomes the preferred bidder in more than 1 assignment, then choice of selecting the assignment should be given to that bidder. We understand that KSWMP is floating the following RFPs separately: 1. E&S Audit of KSWMP projects 2. PMS Consultant for Regional SLF 3. CSC for Regional SLF In the above context, clarification is sought on whether a Firm could participate in all the abovelisted three RFPs and in case a Firm becomes the Preferred Bidder (successful bidder) in multiple assignments, then the choice of selecting the assignment should be given to that particular Firm. Please confirm.	As on date KSWMP has only published RFP for hiring of E&S Audit Consultant. We advise all interested firms to refer to the specific RFP documents upon publication for detailed guidance on eligibility, evaluation, and award conditions.

13	Evaluation criteria (page 37)		1. In the evaluation criteria (page 37 of Tender document), 20 marks is allocated for “Specific experience of the consultant (as a firm) relevant to the assignment”- a. Will these 10 projects be divided equally between environmental and social field or will they be a combination of both? b. Is the minimum value of INR 10 lakhs required for each project?	1. a. A minimum of one project each in Environmental Audit and Social Audit is required. Otherwise one project with scope of both environment and social audit is required. In any case minimum value of one project should be INR 10 Lakhs. b. Minimum value of INR 10 Lakhs is required for each project.
14	Eligibility criteria (page 36)		2. The projects bidders successfully completed as sub-contractors, can be used for eligibility criteria 2 (page 36 of Tender document) stating “In pursuant to clause 1(n) under section 2, ITC- Should have successfully completed Minimum of one (1) each of Environmental and Social Audit projects for Central/State Government or Local Self Governments or Public Utilities in India, preferably funded by multilateral/ international agencies, such as world bank/Asian development bank/Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)/KFW etc. with a minimum consulting fee of INR 10 Lakhs in the last 8 years (as on last date for submission of proposal)”? Please note, we have worked Environmental and Social due diligence as sub consultant to the main contractor and accordingly have received completion certificate from our client (main contractor). We understand this satisfies the tender requirement. Please consult us.	Acceptable, provided the consultant submits: Proof of successful completion of the work with clear scope and proof of final payment received shall be submitted along with the copy of agreement with main consultant.