

**Notice of Filing a Protest for
“Procurement of Consulting Services for Preparation and
Implementation of Resettlement Action Plans (RAP) and
Preparation, Supervision of Implementation of Livelihood
Restoration Plans (LRP) for the Transmission Line Alignment of
Electricity Transmission Project (ETP)
MCA-N/ETP/QCBS/010”**

This is to notify all Consultants that submitted a proposal for the above described procurement MCA-N/ETP/QCBS/010 that MCA-Nepal has received a protest as per the MCA-Nepal Bid Challenge System.

The nature of the protest is: The Challenger believes that the sub-consultant, without fulfilling the mandatory requirement mentioned in Section III, Qualification and Evaluation Criteria, 3.7. Qualification Table, 3.7.4.2 General and Specific Experience (See Criteria table under 3.4 and specific areas of TOR), Sub-Consultant column states, “Must meet at least one specialized requirement stated below as note #1” and Note 1 states “Experience of Sub-Consultant: The Sub-Consultant must satisfy the Specific Experience requirements for the task for which the consultant is proposing the sub-consultant. The Consultant must submit the required experience certificate of the Sub-Consultant in support of the intended task to be sub-consulted for MCA-Nepal approval, and subsequent clarification 1 dated 31st March 2022, S. No.18, should not be qualified and proposal submitted by the firm with such sub-consultant should be non-responsive and should not be considered in detail evaluation for Technical Proposal”.

A copy of the protest is attached to this notice.

Name of Challenger: Environment and Resource Management Consultant (P) Ltd., Nepal

The procurement process is hereby automatically suspended until a final decision with respect to the Protest/Challenge is issued or the Level 1 Authority lifts the suspension. The financial proposal opening scheduled on 15 June 2022 is postponed until further notice; MCA-Nepal will request the Password of the financial proposal once a new financial opening date and time will be notified to the Consultants, as applicable.

All Consultants are advised on their right to file a Comment on this challenge in accordance with **Rule 1.6 of the Bid Challenge System** and failure to file a Comment in the required time period (no later than 5 Business Days after the Secretariat sends this Notice of the Protest) will prevent any future participation in the Protest.



ERMCM (P) Ltd.

(Environment & Resource Management Consultant)

An ISO 9001:2015 Certified Company

Ref:- 728/078/079

Date: June 14, 2022

To,

Millennium Challenge Account Nepal

2nd and 3rd Floor, East Wing,

Lal Durbar Convention Centre,

Yak and Yeti Complex, Durbar Marg,

Kathmandu, Nepal

Ref: Consulting Services for Preparation and Implementation of Resettlement Action Plans (RAP) and Preparation, Supervision of Implementation of Livelihood Restoration Plans (LRP) for the Transmission Line Alignment of Electricity Transmission Project (ETP), MCA-N/ETP/QCBS/010

Subject: Protest on Result of Technical Evaluation.

Dear Madam or Sir



We refer to the letters written by the Procurement Agent of MCA-Nepal dated June 8, 2022 regarding Notification of Technical Evaluation Result and June 13, 2022 regarding Clarification and the letter written by us dated June 9, 2022 regarding Debriefing on Technical Evaluation Result.

We note the reference to Section III, Note 2 below the table for Evaluation Criteria 3.4 made by the Procurement Agent in its latest letter. It states "Sub-consultant experience shall not be considered for evaluation, except as part of methodology."

For the sake of simplicity and to reduce repetitiveness of long provisions of Qualification and Evaluation Criteria in following discussion we denote as:

Provision A:

Section III. Qualification and Evaluation Criteria, 3.7. Qualification Table, 3.7.4.2 General and Specific Experience. Here 'Requirement' column states "See Criteria table under 3.4 and specific areas of TOR". The 'Subconsultant' column states "**Must meet at least one specialized requirement stated below as note # 1**". The 'Note: 1. Experience of Sub-Consultant' states "The Sub-Consultant must satisfy the Specific Experience requirements for the task for which the consultant is proposing the sub-consultant. The Consultant must submit the required experience certificate of the Sub-Consultant in support of the intended task to be sub-consulted for MCA-Nepal approval."





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Provision B:

Section 3 Note 2 below the table for Evaluation Criteria 3.4 which states; “Sub-consultant experience shall not be considered for evaluation , except as part of methodology.”

CLARIFICATION 1 during the proposal preparation dated 31st March 2022, S.No 18 states “If the Consultant is proposing a sub-consultant to carry out a particular task (specialized requirement related to experience requirement stated under 3.4, 1.1 to 1.5) under this assignment, then the Consultant **must submit the experience certificate of the Sub-consultant in support of the Sub-consultants technical capacity and experience to perform the intended task to be sub-consulted**, for MCA-Nepal approval. This is to ascertain that the proposed sub-consultant has the required experience to carry out the specialized task under this assignment.”

Discussion:

Before receipt of CLARIFICATION 1 dated 31st March 2022, S.No 18 it could be argued that there is a controversy between ‘Provision A’ and ‘Provision B’. Although there is no any controversy between ‘Provision A’ and ‘Provision B’. They complement each other. The ‘Provision A’ states about mandatory requirement and without fulfilling which a firm cannot be responsive and should be rejected out rightly before entering into detail technical evaluation. The ‘Provision B’ states that score of sub consultant can not be considered in Evaluation.

CLARIFICATION 1 dated 31st March 2022, S.No 18 support ‘Provision A’. It even explains in detail how the mandatory provision should be used to find responsiveness of the Proposal.

In the letter dated June 13 regarding Clarification by Procurement Agent of MCA-Nepal, nothing have been mentioned about the CLARIFICATION 1 dated 31st March 2022, S.No 18.

Due to the seriousness of evaluation of sub-consultants, Firm’s were seeking clarification regarding ‘Provision A’. Due to observing compliance of the ‘Provision A’ and its subsequent clarification we could not enhance our Technical Proposal as aimed by associating with other firms.

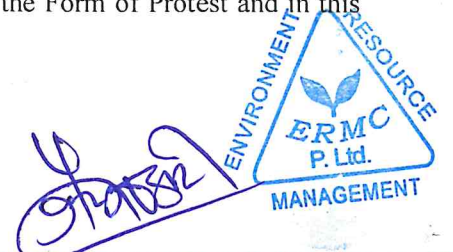
Please refer the attached Form of Protest as part of the discussion as well.

Conclusion:

We again strongly believe that the sub-consultant, without fulfilling the mandatory requirement mentioned in ‘Provision A’ and its subsequent CLARIFICATION 1 dated 31st March 2022, S.No 18, should not be qualified and the proposal submitted by the firm with such sub-consultant should be non- responsive and should not be considered in detail evaluation of Technical Proposal.

Register of Protest

Hinged on above discussion and conclusion, we here by register our protest based upon Rule 1.4 of Bid Challenge System of MCA-Nepal. We have included the Form of Protest as per the Rule 1.4.2. All the justifications required in Rule 1.3 and rule 1.4.2 have been mentioned in the Form of Protest and in this letter.





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Hence again we kindly request you to register our protest and review the Evaluation of Technical Proposal with respect to Mandatory 'Provision A' and its subsequent CLARIFICATION 1 dated 31st March 2022, S.No 18.

We hope our protest would be taken genuinely because we have suffered although we have been ranked first.

Yours Sincerely,

For and on behalf of ERMC

Pashupati Bhandari

Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Form of Protest

Attachment 2: As-Submitted Debriefing on Technical Evaluation Results

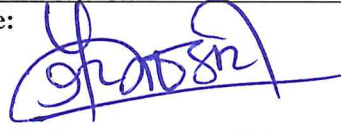
Attachment 3: Clarification on Debriefing by MCA-Nepal

Attachment 4: Provision A, Section III. Qualification and Evaluation, 3.7. Qualification Table

Attachment 5: Provision B, Evaluation Criteria 3.4

Attachment 6: Clarification 1 on RFP dated 31st March 2022 clarifying the issue

Form of Protest

Challenger		
Name: Environment and Resource Management (P.) Ltd.		
Choose one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bidder <input type="checkbox"/> Potential Bidder		
(For legal persons only) Country under whose laws Challenger was organized: Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal		
Postal address for Protest purposes: Puja Pratisthan Marga-31, New Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal		
Email address for Protest purposes: ermc@ermcnepal.com	Telephone number for Protest purposes: +977 01 4483064, 4465863	Fax number for Protest purposes: +977 01 4479361
Name of authorized representative for the Protest (if any): Pashupati Bhandari		
Signature of Challenger or authorized representative: 		

Challenged Procurement
Name: Millennium Challenge Account Nepal, 2nd & 3rd Floor, East Wing, Lal Durbar Convention Centre, Yak & Yeti Complex, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal
Number: +977 01 4238353, 4238392
(For legal persons only) Country under whose laws Challenger was organized: Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal

Protest	
Date when Challenger became aware of Procurement Action: 8 th June 2022	Date of Filing of Protest: 9 th June 2022
Description of Procurement Action: Procurement of Consulting Services for Preparation and Implementation of Resettlement Action Plans (RAP) and Preparation, Supervision of Implementation of Livelihood Restoration Plans (LRP) for the Transmission Line Alignment of Electricity Transmission Project (ETP) RFP Ref: MCA-N/ETP/QCBS/010	
Procurement Rules provisions violated by Procurement Action: Section III. Qualification and Evaluation Criteria, 3.7. Qualification Table, 3.7.4.2 General and Specific Experience, Note: 1. Experience of Sub-Consultant, which states "The Sub-Consultant must satisfy the Specific Experience requirements for the task for which the consultant is proposing the sub-consultant. The Consultant must submit the required experience certificate of the Sub-Consultant in support of the intended task to be sub-consulted for MCA-Nepal approval. 2. The Consultant must satisfy requirements under 3.7 Qualification Table to be awarded the Contract. It was further clarified through CLARIFICATION 1 dated 31 st March 2022, S.No 18. which states "If the Consultant is proposing a subconsultant to carry out a particular task (specialized requirement related to experience requirement stated under 3.4, 1.1 to 1.5) under this assignment, then the Consultant must submit the experience certificate of the Sub-consultant in support of the Subconsultants technical capacity and experience to perform the intended task to be sub-consulted , for MCA-Nepal approval. This is to ascertain	



that the proposed sub-consultant has the required experience to carry out the specialized task under this assignment.”

Explanation of reason why Procurement Action constitutes a violation of the Procurement Rules provisions:

The last line page 40 of this guidelines state “**the evaluation shall be carried out in full conformity with the provision of the RFP**”. However, in this case, a very important aspect has been overlooked which could cause irreparable harm during project implementation.

Explanation of reason why Challenger has been harmed by Procurement Action:

We were approached by few firms who wanted to join us as sub-consultant during the proposal stage, which we denied due to those firms not meeting the minimum requirements for a sub-consultant. However, we were very surprised to see those firms associate with other firms and pass the technical evaluation. We believe that the requirement set being overlooked during the technical evaluation, would cause us tremendous loss as we could not strengthen our consortium as aimed due to our adherence to the evaluation criteria.

We believe those sub-consultants who did not had right credentials for this complex and challenging job should have been disqualified during the technical evaluation.

If Challenger requests suspension of the Challenged Procurement, explanation of reason why Challenger will suffer irreparable harm if the Challenged Procurement is not suspended:

If the procurement authority neglect this important aspect even after our protests, it might cause us some harm since we had expended our immense time and efforts assembling the best possible team of international and national experts, but the harm to us would be negligible that the harm it would cause the to procurement authority themselves. The project constitutes of tremendous local inputs, in which case if a firm without any prior experience of this size and complexity wins the job, it could cause irreparable harm to the project implementation itselfes.

Relief Sought

Description of relief sought:

The issue should be carefully and seriously considered by the evaluation committee, and if it is found that the proposed sub-consultant do not have the expertise to carry the job of this size, they should be disqualified and financial proposals of only qualified firms should be opened.

Explanation of reason why Challenger is entitled to relief sought:

If the constricton on sub-consultants was not sought in the RFP document, we would have strengthened our consortium which would have help us get better positions on the technical evaluation. Since the sub-consultants were needed to be qualified for the similar assignments, which was further clarified in the Clarification 1 as explained earlier, we could not strengthen our consortium as aimed.

The violation on procurement guidelines of MCC was unforeseen and it didn't helped to provide equal ground to all firms who submitted the proposal.





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Date: 9th June 2022

To,
Millennium Challenge Account Nepal
2nd & 3rd Floor, East Wing,
Lal Durbar Convention Centre,
Yak & Yeti Complex, Durbar Marg,
Kathmandu, Nepal

Ref: Procurement of Consulting Services for Preparation and Implementation of Resettlement Action Plans (RAP) and Preparation, Supervision of Implementation of Livelihood Restoration Plans (LRP) for the Transmission Line Alignment of Electricity Transmission Project (ETP) RFP Ref: MCA-N/ETP/QCBS/010

Subject: Debriefing on Technical Evaluation Results

Dear Madam or Sir,

We, Environment and Resource Management Consultant (P) Ltd. (ERMCO), would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for your Notification of Technical Evaluation result dated 8th June 2022 for the above-referred contract.

We believe that we may suffer loss by the evaluation of the Technical Proposals done by the MCA-Nepal although we have been ranked 'first' in the same. Before submitting formal protest we are submitting here by our request for debriefing as per Part I – Protest Proceedings, Rule 1. Protests, Rule 1.2 (b) of MCA-Nepal, Bid Challenge System. The reason for the request is mentioned below:

We refer to Section III. Qualification and Evaluation Criteria, 3.7. Qualification Table, 3.7.4.2 General and Specific Experience, Note: 1. Experience of Sub-Consultant, which states "The Sub-Consultant must satisfy the Specific Experience requirements for the task for which the consultant is proposing the sub-consultant. The Consultant must submit the required experience certificate of the Sub-Consultant in support of the intended task to be sub-consulted for MCA-Nepal approval. 2. The Consultant must satisfy requirements under 3.7 Qualification Table to be awarded the Contract."

It was further clarified through CLARIFICATION 1 dated 31st March 2022, S.No 18. which states "If the Consultant is proposing a subconsultant to carry out a particular task (specialized requirement related to experience requirement stated under 3.4, 1.1 to 1.5) under this assignment, then the Consultant must submit the experience certificate of the Sub-consultant in support of the Subconsultants technical capacity and experience to perform the intended task to be sub-consulted, for MCA-Nepal approval. This is to ascertain that the proposed sub-consultant has the required experience to carry out the specialized task under this assignment."

Some national firms were interested to associate as sub-consultants with ERMCO for this bid, which we denied due to them not meeting the above requirements. However, we are very surprised to see few of them associated with





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other firms, and having passed the technical evaluations.

Due to exclusion of few of sub-consultant, we could not strengthen our proposal as aimed due to our strict adherence to the evaluation criteria and the clarification. However, other consortium proposed sub-consultant (who didn't met the minimum sub-consultant criteria) to enhance their capability.

We feel that such serious aspect has been overlooked in the technical evaluation. This is against the spirit of Program Procurement Guidelines of MCC. Third last line page 40 of this guidelines state "the evaluation shall be carried out in full conformity with the provision of the RFP".

We hope that this issue will be properly examined and responded.

Yours Sincerely,

For and on behalf of ERMCO

Mr. Pashupati Bhandari
Chief Executive Officer



Clarification - Procurement of Consulting Services for Preparation and Implementation of Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) and Preparation, Supervision of Implementation of Livelihood Restoration Plans (LRPs) for the Transmission Line Alignment of Electric

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Procurement Agent-Millennium Challenge Account Nepal

Jun 13, 2022,
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K/A: Mr. Pashupati Bhandari, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Sub: Clarification - Procurement of Consulting Services for Preparation and Implementation of Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) and Preparation, Supervision of Implementation of Livelihood Restoration Plans (LRPs) for the Transmission Line Alignment of Electricity Transmission Project (ETP) (MCA-N/ETP/QCBS/010)

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter dated 9 June 2022, requesting debrief on the Technical Evaluation of the 'Procurement of Consulting Services for Preparation and Implementation of Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) and Preparation, Supervision of Implementation of Livelihood Restoration Plans (LRPs) for the Transmission Line Alignment of Electricity Transmission Project (ETP) (MCA-N/ETP/QCBS/010)' as per Part I – Protest Proceedings, Rule 1. Protests, Rule 1.2 (b) of MCA-Nepal Bid Challenge System which states:

“(b) Bidders are strongly advised to request a Debriefing before initiating a formal Protest by submitting a written request for Debriefing to MCA-Nepal within two (2) Business Days after receipt of the notice of intent of award, notice of pre-qualification/shortlisting results, or (in the case of a two-stage selection process) notice of the results of the first stage. The MCA-Nepal shall provide a written explanation of why the Bidder was not selected within two (2) Business Days of receiving the request for Debriefing.”



Please note that your proposal was selected for financial opening as the appointed Technical Evaluation Panel found that your proposal satisfied the material requirements of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and has obtained a total technical point above the minimum technical score to pass which is 320 points.

Thus, MCA-Nepal Bid Challenge System does not mandate MCA-Nepal to provide debriefing because your proposal has been selected for financial opening. In addition, please note that information on other consultants' proposals cannot be provided to third parties under MCA-Nepal Bid Challenge System.

However, we are providing the clarification below on the issues raised by your firm, concerning the sub-consultants:

Section III. Qualification and Evaluation Criteria, 3.7 Qualification Table, Note: 1 states the following:

“Experience of Sub-Consultant: The Sub-Consultant must satisfy the Specific Experience requirements for the task for which the consultant is proposing the sub-consultant. The Consultant must submit the required experience certificate of the Sub-Consultant in support of the intended task to be sub-consulted for MCA-Nepal approval. 2. The Consultant must satisfy requirements under 3.7 Qualification Table to be awarded the Contract”.

Please note that as per Section III, Note 2 below the table for Evaluation Criteria 3.4, which states:

“Sub-Consultant experience shall not be considered for Evaluation, except as part of methodology.”

Therefore, MCA-Nepal has carried out the evaluation based on “Section III. Qualification and Evaluation Criteria, 3.7 Qualification Table, Note: 1” and “Section III, Note 2 below the table for Evaluation Criteria 3.4” and in full conformity with the provisions of the RFP.

We trust this clarifies all your concerns regarding the subjected evaluation.

With best regards,

Procurement Agent,
Millennium Challenge Account Nepal (MCA-Nepal)
Yak and Yeti Hotel Complex, Durbar Marg,
Kathmandu, Nepal



Section III. Qualification and Evaluation Criteria

3.7.4 Experience						
Factor	Requirement	Consultant				Documentation Required
		Single Entity	Joint Venture			
Sub-Factor		All members combined	Each member	At least one member	Sub-Consultant	
3.7.4.1 Organization and Technical Experience	See Criteria table under 3.4 and specific areas of TOR	Must meet requirement	N/A	N/A	N/A	Form TECH-3 / Form TECH-6
3.7.4.2 General & Specific Experience	See Criteria table under 3.4 and specific areas of TOR	Must meet requirement	N/A	Must meet each discrete requirement	Must meet at least one specialized requirement stated below as note #1	Form TECH-4

Note: 1. Experience of Sub-Consultant: The Sub-Consultant must satisfy the Specific Experience requirements for the task for which the consultant is proposing the sub-consultant. The Consultant must submit the required experience certificate of the Sub-Consultant in support of the intended task to be sub-consulted for MCA-Nepal approval. 2. The Consultant must satisfy requirements under 3.7.4 Qualification Table to be awarded the Contract.



Section III. Qualification and Evaluation Criteria

	Total Points for All Criteria (1+2+3)	400
	The minimum technical score S_t required to pass is	320
	If none of the scores awarded by the TEP reach or exceed the minimum technical score (S_t), the MCA Entity reserves the right to invite the Consultant receiving the highest technical score (S_t) to negotiate both its Technical and Financial Proposals. If the negotiations fail to result in an acceptable contract within a reasonable time, the MCA Entity reserves the right to terminate the negotiations, at its sole discretion, and to invite—again, at its sole discretion—the Consultant receiving the next highest technical score (S_t) to negotiate both its Technical and Financial Proposals. For combined evaluation Technical Score $S(t)$ shall be weighed against total allocated Technical Score that is in case the Consultant receives X Technical scores $S(t)$. The Technical Score $S(t)$ weighted against total allocated Technical Score of 400 would be $(X/400) \times 100$.	
ITC 25.10	The formula for determining the financial scores is the following: $S_f = 100 \times F_m / F$, in which S_f is the financial score, F_m is the lowest price and F the price of the Proposal under consideration. The weights given to the Technical and Financial Proposals are: $T = 70\%$ and $F = 30\%$	

Note:

1. The Consultant must identify the name of the key person they are proposing and attached CV for each expert.
2. Sub-Consultant experience shall not be considered for Evaluation, except as part of methodology.
3. The recommended consultant for negotiation shall be required to submit the CV of non-key personnel for MCA review and approval.

3.5 Determination of Responsiveness

During the evaluation of Proposals, the following definitions apply:

- (a) “Deviation” is a departure from the requirements specified in the Request for Proposal document;
- (b) “Reservation” is the setting of limiting conditions or withholding from complete acceptance of the requirements specified in the Request for Proposal document; and
- (c) “Omission” is the failure to submit part or all of the information or documentation required in the Request for Proposal document.

The MCA Entity’s determination of a Proposal's substantial responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the Proposal itself. For purposes of this determination, a substantially responsive Proposal is one that materially conforms to the requirements of the RFP without material deviation, reservation, or omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is



16	Section IV A. Technical Proposal Forms (TPF)	Page no.: 91 Form TECH-12. Compliance With Sanctions Certification Form	<p>each Heading 8.1 to 8.5? Please confirm</p> <p>At the pre-bid meeting, one of the representatives of MCA-Nepal mentioned that Form Tech-12 need to be submitted before the submission and must be verified by the Client. But as per the instruction, it is mentioned as: “The form is to be submitted to the MCA Procurement Agent at the time of Bid submission”</p> <p>Do we need to submit Form before submission or can submit along with the proposal documents or does it need to be submitted after the contract is awarded? Please clarify.</p>	<p>This form is required to be submitted to the MCA Procurement Agent at the time of Bid submission using the email MCANepalPA@mcanp.org and cc to sanctionscompliance@mcc.gov OR</p> <p>You may attach the information with your proposal.</p> <p>After Contract award, the awarded Consultant must submit this form to the MCA-Nepal Fiscal Agent at email: babken.mnatsakanyan@cardno.com with copy to sanctionscompliance@mcc.gov</p>
17	Section III	Table 3.7.4, General and Specific Experience Page No.63	<p>The Consultant would like the client to clarify to what discrete requirement for at least one member of the consortium means. Does it mean that a single JV member should necessarily fulfill all the evaluation criteria mentioned in heading 3.4 of section III? Please Clarify</p>	<p>3.7.4.2 General & Specific Experience, requirement for Joint Venture, “At least one member must meet each discrete requirement”. However, we noted this condition to be N/A. Thus, please note that this requirement is N/A.</p>
18	Section III	Table 3.7.4, General and Specific Experience	<p>The Sub-Consultant for the assignment has to meet one</p>	<p>Requirement 3.7.4.2 General & Specific Experience, requirement</p>



<p>(sub-Consultant) Page No.48, 63</p>	<p>specialized experience. Does this mean that the sub-consultant should meet any one of the evaluation criteria mentioned in heading 3.4 of section III? Please Clarify</p>	<p>for Sub-Consultant, states “Must meet at least one specialized requirement stated below as note #1”. Further the note #1 states “Experience of Sub-Consultant: The Sub-Consultant must satisfy the Specific Experience requirements for the task for which the consultant is proposing the sub-consultant. The Consultant must submit the required experience certificate of the Sub-Consultant in support of the intended task to be sub-consulted for MCA-Nepal approval. 2. The Consultant must satisfy requirements under 3.7 Qualification Table to be awarded the Contract.”</p> <p>As per this requirement, If the Consultant is proposing a subconsultant to carry out a particular task (specialized requirement related to experience requirement stated under 3.4, 1.1 to 1.5) under this assignment, then the Consultant must submit the experience certificate of the Sub-consultant in support of the Subconsultants technical capacity and experience to perform the intended task to be sub-consulted, for MCA-Nepal approval. This is to</p>
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19	Section III	Qualification and Experience of the Key Personnel Page No. 49-54	Does the Team Leader or any other key experts mentioned in the document should necessarily have Outside of home Experience for the evaluation?	ascertain that the proposed sub-consultant has the required experience to carry out the specialized task under this assignment. Please go through the requirements for each personnel. Please note that for different personnel the requirement is different. For example, for the Team Leader: RAP Implementation, the requirement is to have experience in Asia, preferably in Nepal. Thus, experience outside Nepal is also an evaluation criterion.
20	Section IV	Page No. 105, (Point no. 4)	The document mentions "SEE PDS ITC 12.5 regarding travel-related expenses", but neither the PDS nor ITC 12.5 provides any information about the travel-related expenses. Please Clarify	The correct reference is 12.11 which indicates "Per diem and in-country travel will be included in the total price in form FIN-2 including any cost foreseen to carryout the assignment."
21	Section III	Heading 3.4, ITC 24.1, (Criteria, Sub-Criteria) Page No. 48	The given criteria suggests 3, 5 and 3 number of projects for sub heading 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4 respectively. Is this the minimum number of projects to qualify? How many projects will be required in each of the sub criteria for scoring full marks as per the Technical Evaluation Framework?	If the Consultant meets the requirement that is 3. 5 and 3 projects respectively, they will receive 80% of the points allocated to each sub criteria. For example for criteria 1.2 the Consultant will get (4/5)x16 = 12.8 points If the Consultant submission is evaluated by the Technical Evaluation Panel as "Outstandingly"

