



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL (MCA-Nepal)

Minutes of Pre-Information Meeting

**Pre-Information Meeting for “Procurement of Plant Design,
Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of
Lot 1: Lapsiphedhi-Ratmate-New Hetauda 400kV D/C
Transmission Line**

**Lot 2: Ratmate-New Damauli 400kV D/C Transmission Line
Lot 3: New Damauli-New Butwal 400kV D/C Transmission Line
(Base) And New Butwal -Nepal/India Border 400kV D/C
Transmission Line (Option)”**

MCA-N/ETP/CB/003

[VENUE: ONLINE](#)

14 December 2022

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I. INTRODUCTION:

The pre-information meeting session was called to order by the Procurement Agent Manager of the MCA-Nepal Procurement Agent. He welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their attendance. After the opening remarks, he also introduced the MCA-Nepal team attending the meeting. The pre-information meeting took place online from 10:00 hours (Nepal Standard Time) on 14 December 2022.

II. AGENDA:

10.00 AM to 10.05 AM 10.05 AM to 10.10 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome remarks by Procurement Agent• Welcome remarks by MCA-Nepal
10.10 AM to 10.30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Procurement Briefing<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Structure of the Bidding Documentb) Timelinec) Eligibility Verification including Conflict of Interestd) Requests for clarification process:<ol style="list-style-type: none">I. Submit Queries as soon as possibleII. If clarification changes the document an addendum will be issued
10.30 AM to 11.00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule and Instructions for Site Visit by MCA-Nepal<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Highlights of Section V of TL Bidding Doc2. Site Visit Plan3. Contact Person for Site visit4. Do's and Don't for Site visit5. Registration Process via letter/email6. Attendance register7. COVID Precautions8. PPE
11.00 AM to 11.30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question and Answers – Pre-information Meeting
11.30 AM to 11.35 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing Remarks

III. MEMBERS PRESENT:

No.	Name	Organization/Firm
1	Mahesh Acharya	MCA-Nepal
2	Shalini Tripathi	MCA-Nepal
3	DP Sahu	MCA-Nepal
4	Mahendra K Shrestha	MCA-Nepal
5	Kalawati Rai	MCA-Nepal
6	Shankar Yadav	MCA-Nepal
7	Ashish Bhandari	MCA-Nepal
8	Pushpanjali Dhakal	MCA-Nepal
9	Janak Pathak	MCA-Nepal
10	Kumar Adhikari	MCA-Nepal
11	Chandan Duwal	MCA-Nepal
12	Binaya KC	MCA-Nepal

13	Sanjay Kumar Sharma	MCA-Nepal
14	Nirmal Khatiwada	MCA-Nepal
15	Sagar Dahal	MCA-Nepal
16	Kamala Regmi	MCA-Nepal
17	Michael Mehen	MCC
18	Brian Pattullo	MCC
19	Aarati Gupta	MCC
20	Bibek Chapagain - MCC	MCC
21	Sahitya Thaman	Bidder's representative
22	Nishanth Kottary	Bidder's representative
23	Mohammad Yaseen Ghafoor	Bidder's representative
24	Harishchandra Jakhmola	Bidder's representative
25	Kaushal Thakkar	Bidder's representative
26	Alkesh Makwana	Bidder's representative
27	Tejaskumar Odedara	Bidder's representative
28	Alberto Jordon	Bidder's representative
29	Sitaram Shrestha	Bidder's representative
30	Kaushik Parekh	Bidder's representative
31	Ujjwal Upadhyaya	Bidder's representative
32	prashant joshi	Bidder's representative
33	Abhishek Mehta	Bidder's representative
34	Grishma Bhatt	Bidder's representative
35	Rajender Gantyal	Bidder's representative
36	Srinivas N	Bidder's representative
37	Amit Mujumdar	Bidder's representative
38	Tradelink Inc. Pvt. Ltd.	Bidder's representative
39	Ramesh Nepal	Bidder's representative
40	RS (Rajib)	Bidder's representative
41	Supriya Sarkar	Bidder's representative
42	Rahul Kumar	Bidder's representative
43	Sourav Ghosh	Bidder's representative
44	Vipin Varshney	Bidder's representative
45	Vaibhav Soni	Bidder's representative
46	Rabindra Shrestha Lama Construction Company P. Ltd.	Bidder's representative
47	Nitin Gupta	Bidder's representative
48	Amol Dhuri	Bidder's representative
49	Arjun Gurung	Bidder's representative
50	Lal KC	Bidder's representative
51	Lalit Sharma	Bidder's representative
52	Rameshbabu Baka	Bidder's representative
53	Sandeep Lokhande	Bidder's representative
54	Rathinavel Chinnannan	Bidder's representative
55	Binod Yadav	Bidder's representative

56	Rajasekhar S	Bidder's representative
57	Avinash Pandey	Bidder's representative
58	Niraj Thapa	Bidder's representative
59	Tundi Construction Subedi Subedi	Bidder's representative
60	Sandesh Ravi Kumar	Bidder's representative
61	Satyaki Chakraborty	Bidder's representative
62	Kartar Singh	Bidder's representative
63	Lalit Saxena	Bidder's representative
64	Rahul Kanti	Bidder's representative
65	Periyasamy sekar	Bidder's representative
66	Mengshun LEE	Bidder's representative
67	Shiv Shankar Singh	Bidder's representative
68	Chaitanya NSSK	Bidder's representative
69	Nirman Pokharel	Bidder's representative
70	Somu chatterjee	Bidder's representative
71	Rohit Berde	Bidder's representative
72	Kalika Construction Pvt. Ltd	Bidder's representative
73	Sugirtharaj R	Bidder's representative
74	Ahmed Al Lawati	Bidder's representative
75	Yogesh Joshi	Bidder's representative
76	Pawas Pandey	Bidder's representative
77	Nirbhaya Risal	Bidder's representative
78	Bhupendra Singh	Bidder's representative
79	Bibek_PC	Bidder's representative
80	Abinash kumar Sah	Bidder's representative
81	Roberto de la Fuente	Bidder's representative
82	Eser Yigit	Bidder's representative
83	Geocom International Pvt Ltd GEOCOM	Bidder's representative
84	Ellen Wang	Bidder's representative
85	Luis Villalta	DT-Global/Procurement Agent
86	Ram Regmi	DT-Global/Procurement Agent
87	Gokul Mishra	DT-Global/Procurement Agent
88	Neelam Thapa	DT-Global/Procurement Agent
89	Rakesh Kumar	DT-Global/Procurement Agent

IV. WELCOME REMARKS BY PROCUREMENT AGENT:

Procurement Agent Manager of the Procurement Agent of MCA- Nepal explained the objectives of the pre-information meeting. He further added that MCA-Nepal will highlight important technical and procurement aspects.

V. WELCOME REMARKS BY MCA-NEPAL:

The MCA-Nepal Deputy Executive Director for Project Delivery welcomed all the interested bidders for this pre-information meeting and stated what MCA-Nepal is going to

present. Further, he encouraged prospective bidders to seek clarifications and commented further on the upcoming site visit and pre-bid conference.

VI. PROCUREMENT BRIEFING:

Procurement Agent Manager of MCA-Nepal Procurement Agent provided the brief on the Structure of the Bidding Document, Timeline, Eligibility Verification process under MCC funding and including Conflict of Interest and requests for clarifications. At the end he also highlighted about the important activities for Site Visit. The presentation is attached as Annex A of this minutes.

VII. SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR SITE VISIT BY MCA-NEPAL:

The Transmission Line Technical Team line presented the estimated timeline for each lot and important aspects related to site access and other requirements of the bidding document. The ESP requirements were highlighted by the ESP Specialist Environment of MCA-Nepal and the GSI requirements were highlighted by the GSI Specialist Transmission Line and Substation of MCA-Nepal. The presentation is attached as Annex B of this minutes.

Bidders were clarified that in case of ambiguity between the presentations and the bidding document, the bidding document shall prevail.

VIII. QUESTION AND ANSWERS:

The prospective Bidders were provided with the opportunity to ask questions, which were responded by MCA-Nepal team and the Procurement Agent staff. The bidders were clarified that the final responses shall be in writing. The Questions and Answers are attached as Annex C of this minutes.

IX. CLOSING REMARKS

The Deputy Executive Director for Project Delivery thanked all the participants for asking the questions and MCA-Nepal team and procurement team for responding to the questions.

The meeting was closed around 11:45 AM by thanking all the participants for attending the meeting.

Annexes:

Annex A: Procurement Briefing and Important activities for Site Visit

Annex B: Schedule of Instructions for Site Visit by MCA-Nepal

Annex C: Questions and Answers

ANNEXES/ATTACHMENTS:

Annex A

Procurement Briefing and Important activities for Site Visit



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Electricity Transmission Project (ETP) Transmission Line Activity

Transmission Line Pre-Information Meeting and Online
Feedback Session

14 December 2022



Objectives of the Preinformation Meeting



Objective of the Presentation

- Provide Relevant Information/Clarification To Prospective Bidders
 - Technical Information
 - Procurement Information
- Discuss Important Highlights of the IFB
- First Contact with Potential Contractors
- Receive Questions Clarifications from Prospective Bidders
 - Acknowledge potential issues with IFB
 - Clarify





Table of Contents

- Structure of the Bidding Document
- Timeline for the Procurement
- Eligibility Verification
- Conflict of Interest
- Request for Clarifications Process





Structure of The Bidding Document

- Structured in 3 Parts and 8 Sections
 - Part 1: Bidding Procedures: How we will conduct the Procurement and Rules to Apply and ultimately How we will Award the Contract(s)
 - Section 1: Instructions to Bidders
 - Section 2: Bid Data Sheet...Complement the Instructions to Bidders
 - Section III: Qualification and Evaluation Criteria
 - Section IV: Bid Submission Forms
 - 34 Technical and Financial Forms all classified by Type: Make sure that all Forms are submitted as 1 in 10 Proposal is submitted incomplete.
- Part 2: Employer's Requirements: What We Want to Procure, Technical Specifications, BoQ, Drawings, etc. One Single Section:
 - Section V: Employer's Requirements
- Part 3: Contractual Arrangements:
 - Section VI: General Conditions of Contract...FIDIC Yellow Book Design and Build
 - Section VII: Particular Conditions of Contract...Designed by MCC to be used by MCA's Entities.
 - Section VIII: Contract Form and Annexes..... 10 Forms attached to the Contract



Timeline

- **10-17 January 2023**
 - Site Visit
 - Special Program to be explained during second presentation
- **12 January 2023**
 - Request For Clarifications
 - Questions shall be submitted not later than 7 days before Pre-bid Meeting
- **19 January 2023**
 - Pre-Bid Meeting
 - Start the Registration Process for Logistic Purposes
 - Venue to accommodate the expected number of participants



Timeline

- **27 March 2023**
 - Bids Submission deadline
 - Bids Opening---→ Publicly
- **45 to 60** days Technical Evaluation Period
- Notification of Results + 5 Days cooling Period Bid Challenge Period
- **21 Days**
 - Financial Opening + Combined Report Approval
 - Notification of Final Results Plus bid Challenge Period around First week of July 2023
 - Contract Negotiations should start around second half of July 2023



Eligibility Verification and Conflict of Interest

- What Countries are Eligible to Participate in MCC Funded projects?
 - All Countries except four (4) as of Now.

Countries determined by the Secretary of State to have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism are designated pursuant to three laws: section 1754(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act, and section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. Taken together, the four main categories of sanctions resulting from designation under these authorities include restrictions on U.S. foreign assistance; a ban on defense exports and sales; certain controls over exports of dual use items; and miscellaneous financial and other restrictions.

Designation under the above-referenced authorities also implicates other sanctions laws that penalize persons and countries engaging in certain trade with state sponsors. Currently there are four countries designated under these authorities: Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), Iran, and Syria.

Country	Designation Date
Cuba	January 12, 2021
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea)	November 20, 2017
Iran	January 19, 1984
Syria	December 29, 1979

For more details about State Sponsors of Terrorism, see "Overview of State Sponsored Terrorism" in Country Reports on Terrorism.



Eligibility Verification Form CON-2 1 and Conflict of Interest

- The Bidder/Contractor shall verify that any individual, corporation, or other entity that has access to or is (or would be) a recipient of MCC Funding, including Bidder/Contractor staff, consultants, Subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, and grantees, is not listed on any of the following (or, in the case of #8 below, is not a national of, or associated in, any country appearing on such list):
- 1. System for Award Management (SAM) Excluded Parties List - <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/pages/public/searchRecords/search.jsf>
- 2. World Bank Debarred List - <https://www.worldbank.org/debarr>
- 3. US Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) List - <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>
- 4. US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, Denied Persons List - <https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/the-denied-persons-list>
- 5. US State Department, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, AECA Debarred List - https://www.pmddtc.state.gov/ddtc_public?id=ddtc_kb_article_page&sys_id=c22d1833dbb8d300d0a370131f9619f0
- 6. US State Department, Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) List - <https://www.state.gov/foreign-terrorist-organizations/>
- 7. US State Department, Executive Order 13224 - <https://www.state.gov/executive-order-13224/>
- 8. US State Sponsors of Terrorism List - <https://www.state.gov/state-sponsors-of-terrorism/>



The GOE Policy is an Important Eligibility Criteria

1. Part 13 of the Program Procurement Guidelines
2. No Government-Owned Enterprises (GOE) allowed to bid for goods & works procurements
3. The Process to Determine a Firm as a GoE is a MCC process
4. What is a GOE?
 - “Government-Owned Enterprise” or “GOE” is any enterprise established for a commercial or business purpose that is owned and/or controlled by a Government (whether directly or indirectly).
 - “Government” means one or more governments, including any agency, instrumentality, subdivision or other unit of government at any level of jurisdiction (national or subnational).
 - “Owned” means a majority or controlling interest (whether by value or voting interest) of the shares or other ownership interest of the entity is owned (whether directly or indirectly and whether through fiduciaries, agents, or other means).



Conflict Of Interest

- It is suggested to review ITB 5.8 to 5.13
- Those Provisions establish the types of Conflict of Interest that may disqualify a bidder
- Government Employees
- Others



Request for Clarifications9

- Submit Queries and Clarifications as soon as possible
- MCA-Nepal will consolidate all submitted queries and will respond in due course
- It is possible that some clarifications and its responses may trigger an addendum to the bidding document.
- Thus, as time is of the essence for all parties, submit your queries as soon as possible



Fostering economic growth with better access to electricity and roads.



Electricity Transmission Project

Transmission Line Pre-Information Meeting and Feedback
Session/Site Visit
Online

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Site Visit

- Important Activity –No Mandatory- but strongly recommended
- Will allow potential bidders to gather important information to prepare their bids
 - Terrain
 - Access to Construction Sites
 - Resettlement
- For a Successful and Useful site Visit its needed:
 - For logistic purposes, interested bidders should register their intention to attend the site visit
 - Participants shall cover all expenses for their participation in site visit
 - Participants to ensure their safe participation:
 - Covid Precautions
 - Personal Protective Equipment as applicable
 - Follow safety instructions to be provided by MCA-Nepal
 - In any case, MCA-Nepal is not liable for any incident during site visit
 - Follow common safety rules while visiting a Site
 - Park your vehicle in a safe place
 - Use high visibility cloth/jacket
 - Use a protective mask all the time
 - Keep safe distance from other as applicable
 - Always stay within the Group, don't explore by your self
 - Do not approach members of the Community. Or entertain questions
 - More detailed instructions to be circulated among registered Bidders



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Annex B

Schedule of Instructions for Site Visit by MCA-Nepal



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Site Visit Plan with
Contractors.pptx



Electricity Transmission Project (ETP) Transmission Line Activity

Pre-Information Meeting Highlights of Section V of TL IFB

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PROJECT TIMELINE (Transmission Line)



Estimated Timeline for Each Lot (Tentative)

Activity	Duration (approx.)
Check Survey and Design (Including ESP Clearance)	7 months
Available duration for foundation work	21 months
Available duration for erection work	18 months
Available duration for Stringing work	15 months
Testing, Commissioning and Energization	2 months
Defect Notification Period	12 months
Contract Closure	4 months



SITE ACCESS

- Please Refer to section **5.6.4 stating MCA-Nepal Expectations of Contractor's Environmental and Social Planning in TL IFB Section V - B0**. The contractor must comply all requirement before commencement of any site activity.
- The Employer will arrange temporary site access to the Contractor within Fifteen (15) days after the commencement in accordance with the temporary land access procedures defined in the ESHSMP
- The permanent access for the actual construction work will be granted in a phased manner. The schedule for permanent site access will be provided by the Employer, with assistance from the Engineer, based on the phased completion of the permanent site access protocol defined in the ESHSMP.
- The Contractor must adhere to the permanent access schedule while mobilizing construction teams for foundation and other work. The Contractor shall do their own calculations on how many shifts, if any, they shall work to complete the works on time and its corresponding costs.



REQUIREMENTS

- The Contractor can propose their own design but **the tower footprint and height of the tower** cannot be changed without approval of the Engineer.
- **Transportation of Materials:** No new road construction is allowed and the contractor should use the existing roads. However, the Contractor is allowed for improvement of the road without widening. The Contractor is also allowed for temporary lease hold of private lands for transportation of construction materials at their cost and time as defined in ESHSMP document (refer to- Section V/B0/Annex 10)
- **Quad- Circuit Towers:** Some sections like New Damauli to New Butwal, Ratmate to New Hetauda includes quad circuit towers, the bidder should consider those towers while preparing the bid.
- **Aviation Lights:** The SoW also includes marker balls ,aviation lights with power supply arrangement.
- **Bird Diverter and Guard:** The SoW also includes bird diverter and bird guard.
- **Live Line Maintenance:** It must be considered while designing the tower design. (in terms of additional clearance)
- **Tower Protection and Leg Extensions:** Route alignment is in Hilly area which attracts the tower protection and leg extensions work in several locations, the bidder has to consider all these things while preparing the bid.



REQUIREMENTS

- **Line & Road Crossing:** Cost associated to crossing of any voltage level lines and all type of roads including arrangement for scaffolding and arrangement for power/traffic block is in the scope of Contractor. The bidder should consider the associated cost for power and traffic blocking.
- **Long Span :** Bidder has to consider
 - ✓ Major river crossings like in (Trishuli, Kaligandaki, Rapti, Seti) upto 800m (approx.)
 - ✓ Long spans (Hill to Hill) upto 1500m (approx.)
- **Extra Height Tower:** The bidders has to consider towers for crossings of 400kV , 220 kV and 132kV line crossing towers while preparing their bids. Tower height may goes upto 100m (approx.) or more.
- **Conductor stringing:** The contractor has to use Drones to minimize the tree clearance
- **Sign board and Branding:** Refer to section V/ B0- Annex 4 MCA-Nepal Branding Guidelines. The bidder must consider the associated cost to comply the guideline in the annex 4. The signboard are required to be fixed at every 20km interval.
- **Temporary site installation:** While preparing the bid document the bidder must consider the associated cost to comply the **Section V/B0/ 5.A 102**.
- The Bidder has to submit both Price Schedule and Price Reasonability as a part of their bid document.



ESP-REQUIREMENTS

- MCA-N/MCC ESP Compliance is very stringent and is not like other regular projects. The Contractor has to set up their ESP team with resources and of international quality so that the ESP deliverables meet the employer's requirement.
- Consistent with MCC Environmental guidelines, IFC standards (PS 1-8) and National policies, all risks/impacts associated with construction/implementation of the project must be avoided, mitigated or compensated so that the construction activities cause minimal impact to the community, region or the country as a whole.
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), Environmental Social Health and Safety Management Plan (ESHSMP) and Environment Social Management System (ESMS) are important part of the of the TL IFB which identify all the impacts and mitigation measures associated with construction activities and linked cost implication.



ESP-REQUIREMENTS

The works shall include as a minimum, not-limiting to:

- The cost associated for the ESHSMP related works defined in ESHSMP BoQ attached as Annex 6A. The bidder must fill up the rates and other information required in the BoQ.
- MCA-Nepal's Expectation of Contractor's Environmental and Social Planning and Works and mitigation measures are defined in Section V/ B0 of bidding document
- The Contractor shall develop Contractor's Environmental, Social, Health & Safety Management Plan (CESHSMP) before commencement construction activities.
- The cabinet approval for tree clearance will be obtained by MCA-Nepal. The Contractor will be responsible to obtain work permits from DFO and affected Community Forests User Groups (CFUGs), clearance of trees under the supervision of the office of DFO and CFUGs, transportation of felled trees to the designated area as determined by DFO and all other associated work as mentioned in IFB.



ESP-REQUIREMENTS

- The Contractors should prepare site specific communication, health & safety plan before commencement of each major activities. Appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) such as Safety Jacket, Helmet, Safety Boots, gloves, mask, etc. shall be used according to the nature of work, as and when required as per the Consultant's Project Specific Safety Plan requirements.
- Contractor will demonstrate a strong commitment to health and safety management in compliance with **OSHAS 18001:2007**.
- Contractors will have the responsibility to establish its temporary office and associated facilities, laydown areas and storage yards at appropriate locations consistent with its deployment and work performance strategy through lease / rent of land/establishment at their cost.



GSI-REQUIREMENTS

1. Prevention of Gender-based Violence, Sexual Harassment, Children Employment
 - Zero tolerance policy against sexual harassment
2. Prevention and Mitigation of Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Risk
 - Zero tolerance policy against TIP
 - Entire ETP alignment is at high risk of TIP
3. Labor and Employment Opportunities including women employment
 - Soft target of 33% women employees



GSI-REQUIREMENTS

1. Work Plan, Methodology during BID submission
 - Strategy and actions to encourage women employment

2. Safe and harassment free working environment before starting construction work
 - Develop and implement Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy Develop and implement TIP Risk Management Plan
 - Enforce worker's Code of Conduct
 - Anonymous Complaint Mechanism System
 - HR plan defining formal process of handling and investigation of complaints



GSI-REQUIREMENTS

3. Training, Communication, Reporting – throughout the project period
 - Training sessions to the entire team, refresher every year - before any field mobilization, regularly every year
 - Regular Tool Box talk
 - Targeted education sessions in and around construction sites
 - Posters, pamphlets on display
 - Updated record of all employees/labor by sex, age with proof
 - Reporting of GSI issues in ESHSMP Report
4. Staffing – throughout the project period
 - Dedicated GSI Manager in the Contractors team
 - Close coordination with the ESP, Health and Safety team



GSI-REQUIREMENTS

- Separate accommodation to women and men staffs
- Separate accommodation camps at work site
- Water closet toilet facilities with waste bins, separate for women and men workers at office/site
- Transportation services to women workers to and from work



GSI-REQUIREMENTS

- Social and Gender Integration Plan (SGIP), 2021- Annex 11A
- TIP Risk Management Plan, 2021 – Annex 11B
- Environmental Social Health and Safety Management Plan (ESHSMP), 2022 -
Annex 10
- Price Schedule, BoQ - Annex 6



Thank You



Electricity Transmission Project (ETP) Transmission Line Activity

Site Visit Plan to Explore The TL Route and Associated Facilities

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Assembly Time and Venue

Venue : Hotel Yak and Yeti, Durbar Marga, Parking Arena

Date: 10th Jan 2023

Time: 8:45 AM



District Office and Ancillaries New.kmz

Departure from Yak and Yeti: 9:00 AM (Sharp)

Note: Actual time of reaching destination/lunch may fluctuate depending upon the road condition/traffic

You are requested to carry water bottles, packed food/fruits for your convenience

Hotel booking and vehicle arrangements are the obligation of respective bidders



First Day Destination and Associated Plan

First Day Visits (Date: 10th Jan, Tuesday): Ratmate Substation, Nuwakot via Nagdhunga Prithivi Highway – Galchi Trishuli Rashuwagadi Road

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Halt at Thakre Rural Municipality (RM), Keraghari to observe the 220 KV crossing by RM-NH line- Tentative time 10:30 AM (Observation time 15 min)

Reach Ratmate Substation: 12:00 PM (Observation time 1 hour)

Lunch at Battar Bazar: 1:30 PM (Lunch Time 1 hour)

Visit Ratmate-Lapsiphedhi alignment upto Chahare Bazar: 2:30 PM-4:30 PM

Respective Hotel Check In at Battar/Bidur, Nuwakot: 5:00 PM

**Available Hotels at
Battar, Nuwakot**

- 1) Siddhartha Hotel
- Water Tower
- 2) Hotel Royal Inn
- 3) Harati Hotel Crown



Second Day Destination and Associated Plan

Second Day Visits (Date: 11th Jan, Wednesday): New Damauli Substation, Tanahu via Prithivi Highway

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Halt at Gajuri RM, Behani Pump, Malekhu to observe the 220 and 132KV crossing by Ratmate-New Butwal (NB) line- Tentative time 10:00 AM (Observation time 15 min)

Reach Marsyngdi River View Resort: 12:30 PM (Lunch time 30 min)

Leave for Damauli Bazar: 1:00 PM

Visit Damauli S/S and associated alignment areas: 1:30-3:30 PM

Head towards Pokhara for night stay: 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Respective Hotel Check In at Pokhara, Lake Side: 5:00 PM

**Plenty of Hotels available
around Pokhara, Lakeside**



Third Day Destination and Associated Plan

Third Day Visits (Date: 12th Jan, Thursday): Towards New Butwal Substation, Parasi via Khairenitar - Bhimad - Rampur Road

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Halt at Ghiring RM, Belbhanyang-Kotsabhung - Tentative time 11:00 AM
(Observation time 30 min)

Reach Rampur Bazar: 1:00 PM (Lunch time 30 min)

Head towards Butwal for night stay: 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

Respective Hotel Check In at Butwal, Nawalparasi West: 5:00 PM

Available Hotels at Butwal

- 1) Siddhartha Cottage**
- 2) Dreamland Gold Resort**
- 3) Hotel Da Flamingo and many more**



Fourth Day Destination and Associated Plan

Forth Day Visits (Date: 13th Jan, Friday): New Butwal Substation, Parasi via Mahendra Highway

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Butwal S/S, Parasi and nearby alignments (both NB-New Damauli (ND) and NB-Nepal/India Boarder (IB)) - Tentative time 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM (Observation time 1hr 30 min)

Visit NB-IB section: 11:00 PM-12:30

**Book Hotels at your convenience
at Sauraha Chitwan**

Return Parasi Bazar lunch at Hotel Siddhartha Park Regency: 1:00 PM (Lunch time 30 min)

Head towards Chitwan, Sauraha for night stay: 1:30 PM-4:30 PM

Respective Hotel Check In at Sauraha, Chitwan: 5:00 PM



Fifth Day Destination and Associated Plan

Fifth Day Visits (Date: 14th Jan, Saturday): New Hetauda (NH) Substation, Makwanpur via Mahendra Highway

Start Time: 8:30 AM

New Hetauda S/S, Hetauda and nearby alignments - Tentative time 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM (Observation time 2 hrs)

Return Hetauda Bazar: 1:30 PM (Lunch time 1 hour)

Visit Ratmate-NH around Raksirang area if possible: 2:30 PM-4:30 PM

Head towards Hetauda for night stay: 4:30 PM-5:00 PM

Respective Hotel Check In at Hetauda: 5:00 PM

Available Hotels at Hetauda

- 1) Hotel Samana**
- 2) Avocado and Orchard Resort**



Sixth Day Destination and Associated Plan

Sixth Day Visits (Date: 15th Jan, Sunday): Alignment around Kailash RM and Thaha Municipality, Makwanpur via Tribhuvan Highway

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Halt at Baghmara, Bhimphedi-09 and Simbhayang to observe the TL alignments from distance around Kailash RM - Tentative time 10:00 AM -12:00 PM) (Observation time 30 min for each)

Launch at Daman Thaha Bazar: 1:30 PM (Lunch time 30 min)

Visit Thaha-08 Bahundada area to track NH-Ratmate section: 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Head towards Thaha/Daman for night stay: 4:30 PM-5:00 PM

Respective Hotel Check In at Thaha: 5:00 PM

Available Hotels at Thaha, Makwanpur

- 1) Hotel Sunghava**
- 2) Om Adhaya Retreat Resort**



Seventh Day Destination and Associated Plan

Seventh Day Visits (Date: 16th Jan, Monday): Alignment around Thaha Municipality, Makwanpur and Thakre RM, Dhading, via Tribhuvan Highway

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Halt at Thakre-05 ward office and observe TL route around Bhumesthan area-
Tentative time 11:00 AM -12:00 PM) (Observation time 1 hr)

Launch at Naubise: 1:30 PM (Lunch time 1 hr)

Head towards Kathmandu: 2:30 PM-4:00 PM



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Thank You

Annex C

Questions and Answers

#	Request for Clarification	Response
1	How many partners are allowed in Joint Venture?	There is no limit on partners stated in the Bidding Document
2	We understand that any change in location or alignment from the data provided under Tower Schedule, which qualify under change order. Please confirm.	In case, the change affects the scope of work or quantity, there will be positive or negative variation.
3	Please provide editable format / Microsoft word file of Bidding forms and excel format of price schedule.	We will be issuing the soft copy of the files in Section IV in Word format and Excel format for Price Schedule. However, the bidders should verify the content with the PDF version. MCA-Nepal shall not be responsible for any change in the word/excel format of the documents and in case of discrepancy PDF version shall prevail.
4	How many people from one organization is allowed to join site visit as well as in pre-bid meeting.	It is preferred that maximum 2 persons plus driver during site visit and maximum 2 persons during pre-bid meeting.
5	As per clause A4. Litigation Criteria "The Bidder shall provide accurate information on any current or past litigation or arbitration resulting from contracts completed, terminated, or under execution by the Bidder over the last five (5) years, as indicated in Form CON-1." whereas in Form CON-1 "The Bidder, or a related company or entity, is currently, or within the past ten (10) years has been, involved in any proceeding, litigation, arbitration, action, claim, investigation or dispute the process or outcome of which the Employer". Please confirm that the bidder to provide details over last five (5) years.	The bidder should submit the litigation information for last ten (10) years. An addendum to the bidding document clarifying this will be issued.
6	Why not the Employer taking care of getting approval of tree cutting? This is most difficult part for a Contractor as a practice in Nepal's ongoing project? Do you not think the Contract may be suffering delay as all we are experiencing in Nepal?	The cabinet approval for tree clearance will be obtained by MCA-Nepal. The Contractor will be responsible to obtain work permits from DFO and affected Community Forests User Groups (CFUGs), clearance of trees under the supervision of the office of DFO and CFUGs, transportation of trees to the designated area as determined by DFO and all other associated work as mentioned in IFB.

7	Is it mandatory to keep any local agent?	No
8	Bidder need to quote on DDP basis, however PCC 21, says taxes will be exempted, please clarify if taxes are in scope of employer and exemption letter will be provided up front. Or Taxes and duties will be paid by contractor and same will be reimbursed by employer. Please clarify.	<p>Please note that the tax exemption shall be provided as per the provisions of the Compact and the bidding document. Please note that the bidding document states:</p> <p>DDP-Works Site in Nepal: All Plant and Mandatory Spare Parts Supplied from Abroad shall be quoted as DDP- Works Site in Nepal basis. The Contractor shall also be responsible for custom clearance, loading, unloading, insurance, transportation, off-loading at Site and any other associate charges (inside or outside Nepal) to bring all goods and equipment to Site and staking and storing properly at Site. However, the tax exemption letter as per MCC Compact provisions shall be provided to the winning bidder/future contractor if required documents as per MCA-Nepal tax exemption process attached under Section V (Employer's Requirement) shall be submitted before arrival to Nepal border of the Plant and Mandatory Spare Parts Supplied from Abroad. The bidder shall include all cost in their bid price. During Contract implementation, Employer shall not be responsible for paying any extra/additional cost. The successful bidder/Contractor shall be required to submit Pro forma invoice 60 days before arrival of Equipment/Goods to Nepal border and the delivered items shall be exactly same as in the Pro forma invoice.</p>
9	Please confirm within how many days of successful submission of invoice, the payment shall be made.	As per Conditions of Contract Sub-Clause 14.6 and 14.7.
10	For India Border to New Butwal : Tower no 15 to 22 & 40 to New Butwal S/S has not been finalised. For New Butwal to New Damauli : Tower 143 to 149 & 198 to 200 has not been finalised. For 2 to 6, 86 to 89, 111 to 115, 172 to 189, 234 to 247 and balance two lines, the route alignment finalised has not been defined. Please inform the details for our Bid preparation.	Information for those sections will be provided during pre-bid meeting (19 January, 2022)
11	We don't have trained women workers who works for transmission line. So kindly request MCA-Nepal to train the	In IFB there is no such provision for training of contractor's women employees for their skill enhancement by MCA Nepal. However, contractor may arrange the same at their own

	women so that we can get women workers.	cost and time. MCA Nepal will arrange skill development training for PAPs (Project Affected Personnel) through LRP (Livelihood Restoration Program).
12	Appendix to Letter of Financial Offer, Sub-Clause 20.2 states “DAB shall comprise: One (1) member which shall be jointly appointed by the parties from the FIDIC President’s List of Approved Dispute Adjudicators.”. Our concern is that might be costlier for local bidder and thus requested to amend. This is the common request from FCAN also.	MCA-Nepal reviewed your request and noted that the Conditions of Contract used are FIDIC Conditions of Contract. Further, the anticipated prospective bidders are international bidders considering the scope of work and qualification criteria. Thus, the provisions are stated as it is. There will be no amendment to the provision stated in the bidding document.