



## **MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL (MCA-NEPAL)**

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### **Minutes of Pre-Offer Conference**

**for**

**Consultant/Engineer for Design review and Construction supervision of  
Electricity Distribution System – Extension and Upgradation**

**MCA-N/ETP/QCBS/012**

**VENUE: CRYSTAL HALL, HOTEL YAK AND YETI, DURBARMARG,  
KATHMANDU**

**23 July 2024**

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## **I. Introduction:**

The Pre-Offer Conference session was called to order by the Senior Procurement Specialist of MCA-Nepal Procurement Agent. He welcomed the attendees and thanked them for attending the conference. The Pre-Offer Conference was also conducted via web conference from 10:00 AM (Nepal Standard Time) on 23 July 2024.

## **II. Agenda:**

- Registration
- Welcome by Procurement Agent
- Welcome remarks by MCA-Nepal
- Presentation on technical aspects of Request for Offers (RFO) Document
- Procurement Briefing on Request for Offers (RFO) Document
- Questions and Answers – Pre-Offer Conference
- Closing Remarks

## **III. Registration:**

The attendance sheet is attached in Annex A.

## **IV. Welcome by the Procurement Agent**

The Senior Procurement Specialist of the Procurement Agent of MCA-Nepal welcomed the attendees and opened the Pre-Offer Conference session.

## **V. Welcome remarks by the MCA-Nepal**

The MCA-Nepal Deputy Executive Director - Project Delivery expressed gratitude towards all the participants and delivered a welcome address. He presented a brief description of the project. In addition, he also briefly described the objective of the assignment and advised the consultants to seek clarifications if any.

## **VI. Presentation on technical aspects of Request for Offers (RFO) Document – Technical Presentation:**

Presenting the technical aspects of the project, the Sajhedari Bikas, Program Specialist with the supported by the Engineer-Transmission lines and GSI Specialist delivered a presentation. It included the Compact objectives related to the MCA Partnership Program, Consultant's responsibilities, brief description of key tasks, Environmental and Social considerations, Gender and Social Inclusion considerations, requirement of Key Personnel, timeline and other relevant information. The presentation is attached as Annex B of this minutes.

## **VII. Procurement Briefing on the Request for Offers (RFO) Document:**

The Senior Procurement Specialist of the Procurement Agent for MCA-Nepal presented the important parts of the RFO document and emphasized key points, particularly those points which consultants typically encounter difficulties. He provided tips to avoid common mistakes in the submission of their proposals. and highlighted important points where the consultants need to understand clearly while developing their proposals.

### **VIII. Questions and Answers:**

The participants of the Consultants' representatives were provided the opportunity to ask queries/questions. The queries raised by the participants were responded by MCA-Nepal Technical, Procurement and Procurement Agent team. It was informed that MCA-Nepal will provide the answers to the raised queries during the conference, in writing. The questions raised by the consultants' representatives and MCA-Nepal team responses are presented in Annex C.

### **IX. Closing Remarks:**

The Deputy Executive Director - Management of MCA-Nepal thanked the participants for their questions. She also highlighted that in case of any discrepancies between the presentation, answers to the question and the RFO, the RFO shall prevail. She also requested to submit any remaining questions in writing which will be responded in writing in due course by MCA-Nepal and wished all consultants for a successful proposal submission.

The conference closed around 12:00 PM.

### ***Annexes:***

- Annex A: Attendance Register
- Annex B: Presentations
- Annex C: Questions and Answers
- Annex D: Video Recording of the Conference

## Annexes/Attachments

### Annex A

Attendance register  
In-Person Attendance



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### ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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## Zoom Registrants

### Registrants

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23	Girdhar Khandelwal
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## Annex B

### Presentations



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for design review con:



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# **Consultant/Engineer for Design Review and Construction Supervision of Electricity Distribution System – Extension and Upgradation**

## **Pre-offer Meeting**

**Engineering, Environmental, Social and Gender & Social Inclusion (GSI)  
Aspects**

**Date: 23-07-2024**



# OVERVIEW

**The MCA Partnership program is the benefit-sharing component of the Electricity Transmission Project (ETP).**

## Objective

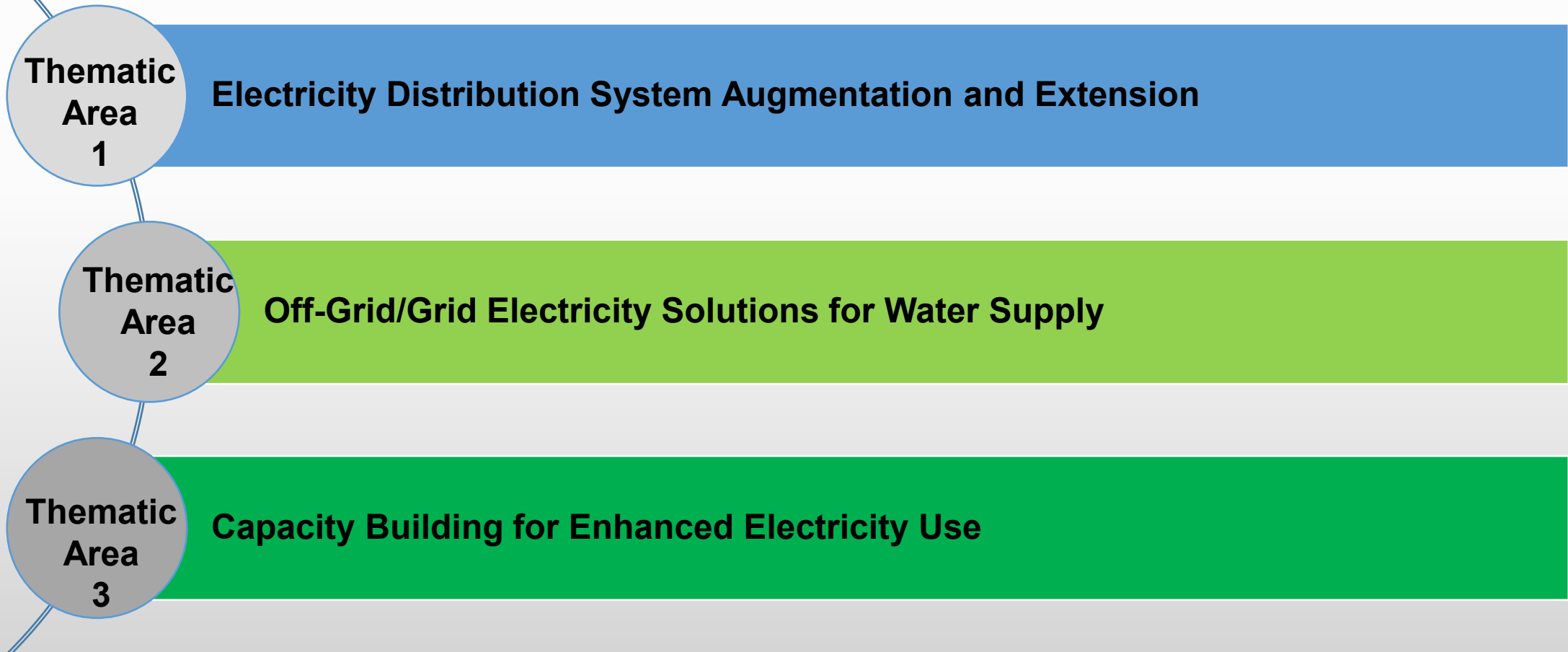
- **To ensure that project-related benefits are accrued by the project communities.**
- **To help build good relationships with the project communities.**

## Goal

- **Build trust and rapport and share the ETP benefits with the affected communities and to develop relationships with the project communities for smooth and timely project completion.**



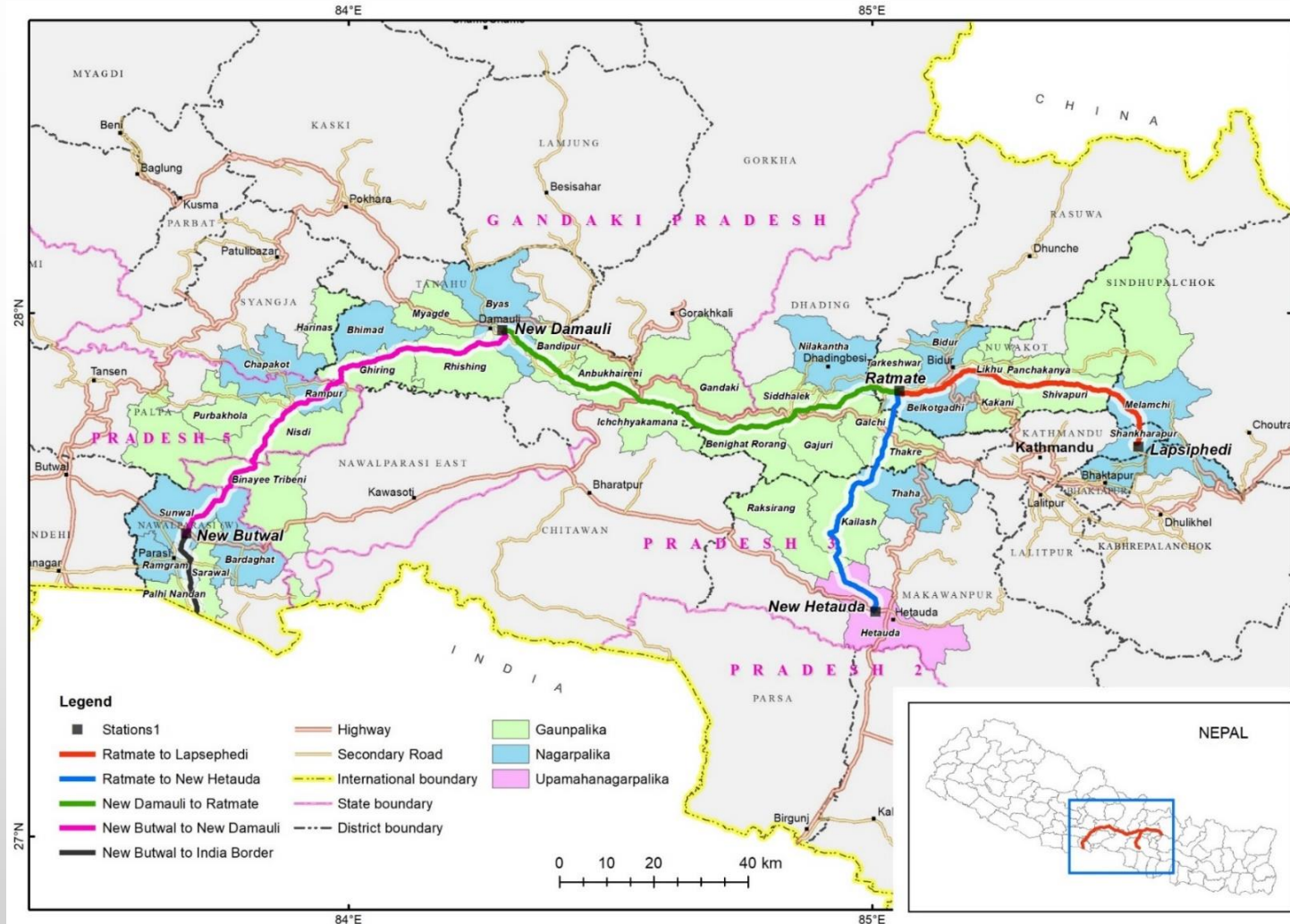
# Components of MCA Partnership Program





# Electricity Transmission Line Project Area

- 10 Different Districts
- 30 Municipalities/Rural Municipalities &
- 99 wards (including Base & Option Scope of Work)







## BASE & OPTION WORK LOCATION

S. No.	District	Municipality and Rural Municipality	Wards	
			Base	Option
1	Sindhupalchowk	Melamchi	2,3,4	1
2	Nuwakot	Belkotgadhi	6,7,8,9,10,12	5
		Tarkeshwor		2,4
		Likhu	3,5,6	
		Shivapuri	1,3,8,7,5	
		Panchakanya	5	
3	Dhading	Benighat Rorang	4,7,9	3,5,6,8,10
		Siddhalek	6,7	
		Gajuri		2
		Galchhi	3,8	2
		Nilkantha		5
		Thakre	1,2,3,11	
4	Makwanpur	Hetauda Sub-metropolitan	11,19	3,1,10
		Raksirang	1	
		Kailash	3,5,6	4
		Thaha	8	



## BASE & OPTION WORK LOCATION (Cont...)

S. No.	District	Municipality and Rural Municipality	Wards	
			Base	Option
5	Chitwan	Ichchhyakamana	2,3	5,6
6	Tanahun	Vyas	1,14	13
		Bandipur	3,4,6	2
		Abukhaireni	4	5,6
		Rishing	6,8	1,7
		Ghiring		1,2,3,5
7	Palpa	Nisdhi	5,6,7	
		Rampur	4	1,2,3
8	Nawalparasi (Bardaghat Susta East)	Binayi Tribeni		3,5
9	Nawalparasi (Bardaghat Susta West)	Bardaghat		2
		Sunawal	11,12,13	
		Ramgram	1,8,11,12,13, 17	
		Palhinandan	1,2,3	
10	Kathmandu	Shankharapur		1,2,3



# Scope of Services

## Design review and Construction supervision Consultant (Engineer)

- **Project management, monitoring and supervision on compliance of scope and specifications of the works contract**
- **Design Review and approval of contractor's submittals, construction works quality assurance plan**
- **Monitoring of Contractor's compliance on Gender and social inclusion requirements**
- **Prepare an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment check list based on MCA-Nepal ESHSMP for the assessment of Environmental and Social Risks and impacts of works.**



## Scope of Services (Cont...)

- **Review Environmental, Social, Health and Safety Management Plan (ESHSMP) prepared by the Contractor.**
- **Environmental, social, health and safety monitoring**
- **Regular progress reporting**
- **Coordination among employer, stakeholders and works contractor**
- **Supervision of testing and commissioning on completion**
- **Taking over and close out**
- **Defects liability period (DLP) and post DLP**
- **Support MCA-Nepal in avoidance of any disputes and assist in dispute resolution.**



## Key Task

- **Task 1: Preliminary and Detailed Engineering**
- **Task 2: Construction Supervision for Electricity Distribution System Extension and Upgradation**
- **Task 3: Project Management and Monitoring**
- **Task 4: Review and Approval of Contractor's Detailed Designs**
- **Task 5: Schedule Control, Scope Control and Cost Control**
- **Task 6: Quality Control**



## Key Task (Cont...)

- **Task 7: Construction Supervision Record-Keeping**
- **Task 8: Gender and Social Inclusion**
- **Task 9: Regular Progress Reporting**
- **Task 10: Coordination**
- **Task 11: Supervision of Testing and Charging of the Lines**



## Key Deliverables

- **Inception Report & Project Management Documents**
- **Monthly Progress Reports**
- **Routine Test/Type Test/Special Test /Factory Acceptance Test Reports**
- **Substantial Completion Report**
- **Final Completion Report:**
- **Environmental and Social Compliance Completion Report**

**Note: Form TECH-10. Work and Deliverables Schedule**



## Scope of Services (Timeline)



### **Design Review and Construction Supervision for Works 980 Days for both Base and Option**

- **Base Scope of Service: 800 days**
- **Option Scope of Service: 180 days (additional)**
- **Scope of service will be same for both base and option but for additional working areas.**
- **Defects Liability Period DLP 365 Days**

#### **Note:**

**Please note that base and option (if exercised) will be running in parallel.**





# STAFFING

## Key Personnel:

- Resident Project Manager/Team Lead 1 No.
- Environmental Specialist 1No.
- Distribution Engineer 3 Nos.

## Non-Key Personnel:

- Gender and Social Inclusion expert with Part time input
- Environmental Health and Safety expert with part time input

## Note:

**The Project Manager/Team Lead and all Distribution Engineers shall be present at the site during the entire construction works period.**



# ESP-REQUIREMENTS

- **The Consultant/Contractor has to set up their ESP team with resources of best quality so that the ESP deliverables meet the Employer's requirements.**
- **Consistent with MCC Environmental guidelines, IFC standards (PS 1-8), all risks/impacts associated with construction/implementation of the project must be avoided, mitigated or compensated.**
- **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 bid document Thus consultant's are required to monitor contractors' performance/compliances and ensure that corrective action is undertaken in a timely manner.**
- **Prepare an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment check list guided by MCA-Nepal ESHSMP for the assessment of Environment and Social Risks and impacts.**



## ESP-REQUIREMENTS

- **Consultants need to follow practices as mentioned in the ESHSMP, approve the CESHSMP of contractor before field mobilization.**
- **Consultants are supposed to develop**
  - **Workers Code of Conduct and Workforce Management Plan as per ESHSMP.**
  - **Environmental, social and gender monitoring and management plans,**
  - **Occupational, Health & Safety Management Plan.**
  - **Follow Safety Absolutes and Zero Tolerance Policy.**
  - **Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) including Grievance Redress Mechanism.**
  - **Communication Plan.**



# **GSI-REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. Prevention of Gender-based Violence, Sexual Harassment, Child labor**
  - **Zero tolerance policy against sexual harassment**
  - **Develop and implement Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy**
  
- 2. Prevention and Mitigation of Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Risk**
  - **Zero tolerance policy against TIP**
  - **Entire ETP alignment is at high risk of TIP**
  - **Develop and implement TIP Risk Management Plan**
  
- 3. Ensure poor households (in ETP area) are connected to National Electricity Grid**
  - **Develop E&S assessment checklist to also collect information regarding poor not electrified households**
  - **Conduct outreach events on NEA's mechanism for electricity connection**



# GSI-REQUIREMENTS

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- **GSI expert in the team to implement and monitor GSI activities/compliances**
- **Training sessions to the entire team, refresher every year**
- **Monitoring work environment to be safe and harassment free**
- **Monitoring of additional facilities to be provided for women workers**
- **Ensure the E&S survey checklist, mitigation measures prevents GBV/TIP risks**
- **Regular reporting, documentation covers the GSI related progress/updates**



# KEY STAKEHOLDERS

**Nepal Electricity Authority**

**NEA DCS of affected Districts**

**Municipalities of Affected Districts**

**Ward Representative of Affected Districts**

**Communities of the Affected Districts**



***Fostering economic growth with better access to electricity and roads***

## Annex C

### Questions and Answers

SN	Questions	Answers
<b>Questions raised via in person participation:</b>		
1.	Terms of Reference (ToR) and Standard Forms are missing in the RFO	The Procurement Agent team presented in the meeting showing how to access the Request for Offer (RFO) document which includes ToR and Standard forms from the link provided in the email sent to the registered bidders. And also confirmed in the meeting that the email with the RFO was sent to the prospective offeror who raised this question.
2.	Consultants as Supervision Engineer of electricity distribution works are difficult to find in Nepal. Is a firm, with experience as a JV partner of Design and Build Contract of electricity distribution system, acceptable or not?	Please refer the requirement stated in the RFO. The Mandatory Criteria as well as Organizational Capability and Experience of the Consultant requires experience in supervision and thus the construction experience will not be considered for evaluating the experience.
3.	As per MCA's previous Consulting Services RFPs, QCBS was weighted as 80% and 20% respectively. What is the idea behind the QCBS breakdown of 70% and 30% this time in this RFO?	The weightage of technical and financial scores was decided based on the internal discussion within MCA-Nepal team members and with approval of MCC, the reason for internal decision cannot be disclosed.
4.	In Section V. Terms of Reference: Area and location for Base and option period are not clearly mentioned. Can we have districts/areas/locations for base and option period?	The location will be finalized based on the finalization of the Bidding Document for Design and Construction works of Electricity Distribution System.
5.	Is the land acquired for the entire project area?	As per the existing rule of Nepal, land acquisition is not required for the line-up to 33kV.
6.	Are there any details of Transformers replacement in the project?	Details are present in works contracts which is planned to be launched very soon.
7.	In the ToR there is mentioned about the construction supervision services to be provided in consistent with industry standards? What are the industry standards to be used?	ISO standard to be followed.
8.	In ToR, it is mentioned that the Consultant needs to arrange office setup at their own expense. How many no. of offices for how many sites are required?	It is the offerer's responsibility to provide a proposal outlining the number of offices required as part of their work plan and methodology. The RFO specifies that the work contractor must commence work simultaneously at three different lots. Therefore, the consultant should propose their work plan accordingly, detailing the number



SN	Questions	Answers
		of locations required to meet this requirement."
9.	In Fin 4 (page 55), there is breakdown of remuneration. The Claim provision for support staff cannot be seen. Any claim provision for support staff?	All the cost must be included in the FIN-4 including the support staff, as required. The consultant is recommended to include in FIN-4 the rates of any additional support staff which the consultant is including in their Offer.
10.	For the exact scope of work, is it possible for you to provide Contractor's ToR/Technical Specifications, whom the Engineer is going to supervise?	The procurement of works will be launched soon. Once it is launched, the Bidding Document including the Employer's requirement/technical specification will be made available to all registered prospective offerors.
11.	You said that the prices to be submitted need to be reasonable. How do you assess that the price is reasonable or not?	We look into the several analyses such as: competitive prices, published prices, industry rates, budget estimate prepared by technical team, historical prices, statistical analysis including standard deviation, deviation from mean and median, and other methods as applicable.
12.	Qualification criteria: Regarding Mandatory criteria, whether it should be substantiated by each member or anyone/lead partner?	This can be fulfilled by any one member of the Joint Venture.
13.	Mandatory criteria require 5 years of experience, whereas the evaluation criteria table requires 10 years of experience, and in Section III, 3.7.4 it is mentioned that the requirement has to be met combinedly by JV. Can you clarify these discrepancies?	<p>Mandatory criterion is "Worked as Supervision Engineer / Consultant, in at least 1 (One) similar project of electricity distribution system within the last 5 (five) years."</p> <p>This means the consultant should have at least one similar experience of supervising electricity distribution system within the last five years.</p> <p>The difference between the mandatory criteria (at least one similar project experience within last five-year) and the ten years of experience in the point system criteria are intentional to differentiate between minimum eligibility and competitive evaluation. The mandatory criterion ensures all offerors have recent relevant experience, while the point system evaluation criteria reward offerors to attain higher score with more extensive experience.</p>
14.	Are the three nos. of Distribution Engineers sufficient for such a long traverse (315 km) distance?	The offeror should propose required number of personnel to carry out the assignment

SN	Questions	Answers
		successfully as per the requirements of the RFO. The Offeror shall also propose additional non-key personnel, support personnel, other personnel required to carry out the assignment successfully as per requirement of the RFO. However, during evaluation only three Distribution Engineers and other two key personal shall be evaluated.
15.	Will the experience of a firm who has worked as Sub-Consultant, associate previously be counted?	Yes, if the Consultant has worked as Sub-Consultant in past, their past experience working as Sub-Consultant will be counted.
16.	For the Financial capacity requirement of the last 3 years, Is the certificate from the offeror suffice or a third-party certificate is required?	Audited Financial Statements supported by audit letters  or Certified financial statements substantiated by the corresponding tax returns
17.	Regarding E&S expert with an intermittent input, how many minimum man-days or man-months will be required for this intermittent expert?	The Consultant shall propose inputs based on their organizational experience, their approach and methodology and requirement of the project. The RFO specifies that the work contractor must commence work simultaneously at three different lots. Therefore, the consultant msut propose their work plan accordingly, detailing the number of manmonth required to meet this requirement.
<b>Questions sent via Zoom message:</b>		
1.	How will the recording of this meeting be distributed? When will it be available?	The link available in Annex D will provide access to the recording of the meeting.
2.	<p>ToR Clause: 7.0 Staffing and Key Personnel</p> <p>7.1 Supervision Consultant Staff Note: The Project Manager / Team Lead and all distribution engineers shall be present at the site during entire construction works period.</p> <p>8.0 Inputs, Support and Documents to be Provided,</p> <p>8.1 Inputs Provided by the Supervision Consultant: The Supervision Consultant will be responsible for requisite staff resources, office space (in Kathmandu and in construction sites), transportation, accommodation, stationary, internet service and communications, computers and accessories and other required logistic arrangements for the successful</p>	The mentioned estimations are calculated by the MCA-Nepal engineering and ESP team based on the regional experience and historical information for similar types of work. However, the offerer is free to quote a reasonable price based on their work plan and methodology.

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	<p>implementation of the assignment.</p> <p>Query: The 4 engineers along with the PM/TL have inputs for the whole construction supervision period of 980 days, and they will have some inputs in the DLP Phase afterwards. The ToR also stipulates Non-Key Personnel in GESI Expert, EHS Expert, Other Experts, Home Office Support to Project Manager / Team Leader and Office Support (Non-engineering).</p> <p>According to ITO 12.4(c), The estimated price budget for the assignment is 510,000.</p> <p>The budget seems very low considering the inputs expected from the Consultant, unless there has been any errors. Kindly check and confirm</p>	
3.	<p>To calculate suitable manhour Contractor's TOR may be provided.</p>	<p>The procurement of works will be launched soon. Once it is launched, the Bidding Document including the Employer's requirement/technical specification will be made available to all registered prospective offerors.</p>
4.	<p>MCA is requested to upload the Contractor's Terms of Reference when possible, but before submission of bid by the consultant</p>	<p>The procurement of works will be launched soon. Once it is launched, the Bidding Document including the Employer's requirement/technical specification will be made available to all registered prospective offerors.</p>
5.	<p>Regarding Section III. Qualification and Evaluation Criteria, we note that the experience requirement is currently specified as being within South Asia. We respectfully request the department to consider expanding the experience criteria to include global experience. This adjustment will allow a broader pool of highly qualified bidders to participate in the tender, thereby enhancing competition and ensuring the selection of the most capable and experienced candidates for the project.</p>	<p>This criterion is crucial due to the unique regional challenges and specific context of the electricity distribution systems in South Asia. Having relevant experience within this region ensures that the selected consultant possesses the necessary understanding and familiarity with the local conditions, regulations, and technical standards, which are critical for the successful execution of the project.</p>
6.	<p>It is clear that payments will be made in US\$. However, we presume that international bidder is not required to open a bank account in Nepal and these payments will be made to the International Bidder's home country bank account.</p>	<p>Yes Confirmed. International bidder is not required to open a bank account in Nepal subject to the answer given to point no 7 below. For taxation purpose, if applicable, local bank account is required.</p>

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	Kindly confirm.	
7.	<p>We understand that, if international bidder participates with local Nepalese consultant as a Lead/consortium member, PAN/VAT registration are not mandatory for International bidder.</p> <p>Kindly confirm</p>	<p>PAN/VAT registration is as per the Tax laws of Nepal. International firm is not required to register here at bidding stage. Every entity is required to register as a Permanent Establishment (PAN/VAT) if contract is awarded.</p>

**Annex D:**

**Video Recording of the Conference**

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