



CLARIFICATION#1

**FOR
PROCUREMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRICITY
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM- EXTENSION & UPGRADATION
(ISSUED ON 22 AUGUST 2024)**

Ref No: (MCA-N/ETP/CB/007)

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1.		We have not found COMPLETE PAYMENT TERMS. Please Provide the same.	Complete payment terms have been provided in General Conditions of Contract (GCC) Clause 44 and 45 of the Bidding Document which is accessible through the link available in the Bidding Document page number 89 (pdf page number 100), which is as below: https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/sbd-sub-sw-cbqpbs-gcc-21dec2023 For detail, please refer the document at the link provided above.
2.		Conductor given is ACSR Dog, not COVERED conductor. Please clarify.	Confirmed. The conductor is ACSR Dog.
3.		There is no qty mentioned in 200 KVA Transformer, please provide the same	Confirmed the quantity is 0 for 200kVA.

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4.		For replacement activity, whether all poles will be STP or there are chances of PCC poles also to replace. Please clarify	Confirmed it is for STP pole only at the stage of Bidding.
5.		For new, all the feeders will be 11 KV, however in replacement activity, there is any possibility to build 33KV line, if yes, do we need to procure 33kv Fitting /hardware /LA/DO and transformers of 33/0.4 KV Please clarify	At this bidding stage, considered as 11kV.
6.		In replacement activity, is there need to change Platform also. If yes, in that case complete structure may need to change. Please clarify.	This will be finalized during the finalization of the scope of work and finalization of survey report, however for the bidding purpose, the Offeror has to quote for the transformer platform provided in the BoQ.
7.		In BOQ it is mentioned 11mtr and 9 mtr. pole, however in Detailed Specification it is only 11 mtr. and 8 mtr. Please clarify.	Please note that the works requirement is 8m. Addendum may be issued on this issue soon.
8.		Needs clarification for Disc fitting whether it will be B&S or T&C, because in specification nothing is mentioned.	Ball and Socket fitting for the disc insulator. Please refer to CSII-LM-12
9.		Soft copy (Excel) of BOQ needs to provide, as it is to be submitted along with bid, it is required.	Agreed and will be shared.
10.		Size of Ground Wire and stay Wire are same. Please clarify.	Confirmed.
11.		Stay wire for 11 KV Line and 415 V line will be same. Please clarify	Please refer to the BOQ which may be issued with the addendum soon.
12.		Technical Specification of LVAB cable Fittings /Connectors are not found. Please clarify.	Please refer to the Chapter 15 of volume II and addendum may be issued with the addendum soon.
13.		Earthing Set qty in BOQ is equal to Transformer qty. In general engineering Practice it will be more. Please clarify.	Agreed the please refer to addendum will be issued soon.

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14.		Estimated Price given is 4.36 M \$ for Base works only, it means evaluation will be done on base estimate only OR base + Option = total Value, Please Clarify.	No, the evaluation and comparison of Offer shall be done using total of Base and Option.
15.		I am writing to request you to provide the necessary information regarding the site visit as our company is planning to visit the site to examine the site of work and its surroundings for the project Procurement of Design and Construction of Electricity Distribution System-Extension & Upgradation, (MCA-N/ETP/CB/007).	<p>A Site visit organized by the Employer shall not take place. However, The Offeror visiting the site to examine the Site of Works and its surroundings and obtaining information for itself, on their own responsibility. please send an email to mcanepalpa@dt-global.com; to obtain necessary information.</p> <p>However, the Offeror can visit the sites with the aid of KMZ file attached in the bidding document to examine the Site of Works and its surroundings and to obtain necessary information, at their own.</p> <p>Further, the Offeror may contact the following District Liaison Officers of MCA-Nepal in the district if needed:</p> <p>Kathmandu and Sindhupalchowk Districts: Arjoo Khada – 9841208574 (Mob)</p> <p>Nuwakot District: Keshav Neupane – 9851230231 (Mob)</p> <p>Dhading District: Saroj Tiwari – 9841028124 (Mob)</p> <p>Makwanpur District: Robika Rumba – 9845456833 (Mob)</p> <p>Chitwan District: Kiran Rijal – 9851162198 (Mob)</p> <p>Tanahun District: Hom Nath Dhungana – 9845078641 (Mob)</p> <p>Palpa District: Sangeeta Regmi – 9847043127 (Mob)</p>

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			<p>East/West Nawalparasi Districts: Ram Binod Jha – 9841323377 (Mob)</p> <p>Please note that the phone number provided above is intended exclusively to provide assistance to the Offeror for the site visits, if needed. Any other inquiries or requests for additional information should be addressed through the official communication in writing as stated in the Bidding Document (mcanepalpa@dt-global.com).</p>
16.	ACSR Conductor Specification	As per the BoQ, a 0.1 sq in ACSR Conductor is required. However, the specification indicates a 100 sq mm Dog conductor. Kindly confirm if ACSR Dog conductors are indeed required.	Please see the addendum to be issued related to BOQ.
17.	Currency for Local Works	We understand that all prices may be quoted in USD. Will the payments for local civil and installation works also be made in USD?	<p>Please refer Section II. Bid Data, ITO 16.1, which states “The currency(ies) of the Offer shall be as follows: US\$ (United States Dollar). The currency(ies) of the payment shall be as follows: US\$ (United States Dollar).”.</p> <p>Thus, all payment shall be in USD.</p>
18.	Applicable Taxes	<p>a) Is a 1.5% TDS (Tax Deducted at Source) applicable to the contract?</p> <p>b) Are Customs Duty (CD) and Import Duties exempted for supply materials under Schedule 2?</p> <p>c) Will the local VAT (Value-added Tax) be applicable to the contract?</p>	<p>As goods are imported in the name of MCA-Nepal, there is custom duty exemption.</p> <p>About applicability of TDS and VAT, it depends on Contractor’s legal status in Nepal. So, on these aspects (TDS and VAT), please refer to Section 2.8 of the Compact and related ANNEX.</p>

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19.	Letter of Credit (L/C)	Will an L/C be opened for supply materials under Schedule 2 and for design services under Schedule 1?	No LC will be opened.
20.	Specifications for STP Poles	The specifications mention SP-54 for 11m and SP-15 for 8m STP, while the TDS indicates SP-52 for 11m and SP-13 for 8m STP. Please confirm the correct type to be considered.	Please consider the revised specification which will be issued through addendum to the Bidding Document.
21.	Discrepancy in STP Sizes	The price schedule lists a 9m STP instead of the 8m STP. However, only the 8m STP details are provided in the project specifications and TDS. If a 9m STP is to be used, please provide the relevant specifications.	Please consider the revised specification that will be issued through addendum to the Bidding Document.
22.	Insurance, Clearing, Forwarding, and Transportation Costs	The unit rate for these services is currently listed as a lump sum. Given the varying distances between districts, could the rate be based on either kilometers or district-wise pricing?	The rate quoted should be Lumpsum and fully loaded unit rate, considering all incidental and related cost to bring the good safely to the site as per the provision of the Bidding Document/Contract.
23.	Project Duration	Given the challenging terrain, we request the consideration of a 14-month project timeline for the additional work scope.	The option works if exercised will be run in parallel with the base so we believe it can be achieved. The expected duration for option is more than 14 months.
24.	Manual Transportation Costs	Under which item should we quote the manual transportation cost? Will man/animal transportation be necessary for the project?	Please note the following foot note of Schedule/Bill 2: “The prices for Plant, Goods and Equipment to be supplied from abroad shall be quoted on CIP Nepal Border (Excluding Taxes & Duties) plus Insurance, Clearing, forwarding & Transportation to site. The Contractor shall also be responsible for custom clearance and all other associated charges (inside and outside Nepal, including loading, unloading) to bring

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			<p>all required Goods, Material, Plant and Equipment to Works Site. The bidder shall include all cost in their bid price.</p> <p>The Employer will provide tax exemption documents where required. If required, documents as per MCA-Nepal tax exemption process shall be submitted minimum 60 days before arrival of the Goods, Material, Plant and Equipment at Nepal’s border. Tentative list of Goods, Material, Plant and Equipment to be imported shall also be submitted to MCA-Nepal on an annual basis for each Nepalese Fiscal Year.”</p> <p>Please note that you are required to provide fully loaded unit rate.</p>
25.	Temporary Warehouse Setup	Where can we set up the warehouse, and will the client provide land for a temporary warehouse?	The land for a temporary works like warehouse, store house, and etc. is the responsibility of the contractor.
26.	Tender Security	Can we issue a foreign bank guarantee as tender security from Afghanistan, or will a counter guarantee issued within Nepal be required?	Please refer, Section I. Instructions to Offerors ITO 42.1 of the Bidding Document which states, “ <u>A foreign institution providing a performance security shall have a correspondent financial institution located in the Employer’s country</u> ”. Further, in the Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee) of the Bidding document states “[Issuing Bank to delete whichever is not applicable]. We confirm that [we are a financial institution legally authorized to provide this guarantee in the Employer’s country] [OR] [we are a financial institution located outside the Employer’s country <u>but have a correspondent</u> ”

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			<p><u>financial institution located in the Employer’s country that will ensure the enforceability of this guarantee.</u></p> <p><u>The name of our correspondent bank and contact information is as follows: [provide name, address, phone number, and email address].</u></p> <p>In addition, note of the Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee) states “<u>Note: If the Bid Security is issued by a financial institution located outside the Employer’s country, the Bid Security must be confirmed (counter bank guarantee to be issued) by a correspondent financial institution located in the Employer’s country, satisfactory to the Employer, to make the Bid Security enforceable in the Employer’s Country.</u>”</p> <p>Thus, if a foreign institution is providing the performance security, the Bid Security must be confirmed (counter bank guarantee to be issued) by a correspondent financial institution located in the Employer’s country.</p>
27.	Preliminary Survey Report	Can we obtain the preliminary survey report for the project?	Please see the KMZ file and table with base and option scope of work.
28.	Details of Pole Erection	Can we receive site-wise details of the poles to be erected?	Please see the KMZ file and table with base and option scope of work.

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29.	Long-Lead Supply Items	Will long-lead supply items from a Chinese manufacturer be accepted?	Bidders are required to comply with Accountable Entity Procurement Policy & Guidelines (AEPPG) and Bidding Documents requirements such as “Government-Owned Enterprises (“GOEs”) as per Section I. Instructions to Offerors ITO 5.6 and Part 8 of the AEPPG, Nationality, all Eligibility requirements (including compliance with sanction certification), shall not have Conflicts of Interest etc.
30.	Multiple Manufacturers	Can we propose more than one manufacturer for major items supplied from outside Nepal?	Yes, but the type test report for the proposed material shall be enclosed.