



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL (MCA-NEPAL)

Minutes of Pre-Offer Conference

**Procurement of Design and Construction of Electricity
Distribution System- Extension & Upgradation**

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

VENUE: YAK & YETI HOTEL, DURBAR MARG, KATHMANDU

16 August 2024

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I. MEETING

The Pre-Offer Conference session was called to order by the Acting Procurement Agent Manager of the MCA-Nepal Procurement Agent who welcomed all the attendees and briefly highlighted the conference agenda and its objectives. The Pre-Offer Conference started from 10:00 AM (Nepal Standard Time) on 16 August 2024.

II. AGENDA

- Welcome by the Procurement Agent
- Welcome Remarks by MCA-Nepal
- Presentation on technical aspects of Bidding Document
- Procurement Briefing on the Bidding Document
- Question and Answers – Pre-Bid Conference
- Lunch Break
- Question and Answers -Extended Session
- Closing Remarks

III. MEMBERS PRESENT

The attendance sheet is attached in Annex A.

IV. Welcome by Procurement Agent

The Procurement Agent Manager of the Procurement Agent of MCA-Nepal welcomed all the conference participants and provided a brief presentation about the objectives of the Pre-Offer Conference and agenda. He also highlighted the following points:

- (i) in case of any discrepancy between the presentations and the Bidding Documents or its Addenda, the Bidding Document and issued Addenda will prevail.
- (ii) The responses provided during this meeting are only draft answers. The minutes of the meeting will contain the responses in writing and that will be final.
- (iii) The prospective offerors are requested to submit all the queries/questions in writing.

V. Welcome Remarks by MCA-Nepal

The Deputy Executive Director Management of MCA-Nepal welcomed all participants, highlighted the importance of this procurement for MCA-Nepal related to the MCA Partnership Program for MCA-Nepal (a benefit sharing component). She also requested/encouraged to all the prospective bidders to ask all their queries in writing by the clarification deadline and MCA-Nepal will take the note of all questions and provide the answers.

VI. Presentation on technical aspects of Bidding Document

The Engineer–Transmission Line of MCA-Nepal provided a technical presentation with the information about project updates, project areas, base and option work locations, scope of works and project requirements, timeline, staffing and key personnel, stakeholders as well as KMZ files, drawing of construction standard and quantities of works.

The ESP Specialist and GSI Specialist of MCA-Nepal provided a brief description on the ESP requirements and the GSI requirements as well as critical highlights.

VII. Procurement Briefing on the Bidding Document (Procurement Presentation)

The Senior Procurement Specialist from the Procurement Agent of MCA-Nepal presented the Bidding Document, highlighting and emphasizing important provisions of the Bidding Document to avoid common mistakes in the Offer submission and where Offerors need to have a clear understanding to develop a sound Offer such as clarification deadline, submission deadline, procedure to submit/upload the Offer, qualification evaluation criteria and submission forms.

VIII. Question and Answers – Pre-Offer Conference

After the technical presentations, the participants of the bidders' representatives were provided the opportunity to ask queries/questions. The queries raised by the participants were responded by MCA-Nepal team comprise of technical, procurement and Procurement Agent team. It was informed that MCA-Nepal will provide the answers in writing for the queries in which there was no specific answers during the conference. The questions raised by the bidders' representatives and the responses provided by the MCA-Nepal team are presented in Annex B.

IX. Question and Answers – Extended Session

After the Lunch Break, the participants were given further opportunities to seek additional questions and clarification on the bidding document if any. Some of the bidders put their concerns regarding the requirement of Environmental and Social (E&S) Management Experience and Health and Safety (H&S) Management Experience, for which the request was to make these requirements softer and flexible. The MCA-Nepal team took note on this, and responded in the meeting that this concern will be discussed with the authorities and if approved, will be modified issuing an addendum to the bidding document.

The BoQ in the excel sheet format was also presented to offer guidance on how to complete it.

X. End and Closing Remarks

The Manager – Program Procurement of MCA-Nepal thanked all the participants for attending/joining the conference and for their active participations and requested to prepare the proper offer taking consideration to include the Environmental and Social (E&S) Management, Health and Safety (H&S) Management Experience, if they have such experiences. He also encouraged to request any clarification the prospective bidders might have so that MCA-Nepal will try its best to provide the answer as soon as possible. The Pre-Offer Conference was closed at 2:03 PM (Nepal time).

Annexes:

Annex A: Attendance Register

Annex B: Presentations

Annex C: Questions and Answers

Annexes/Attachments

Annex A

Attendance register – Pre-Offer Conference



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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL (MCA-NEPAL)
ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Program: Pre-Offer Conference - Procurement of Design and Construction of Electricity Distribution System- Extension & Upgradation

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5	bibek Acharya
6	Bijendra Shrestha
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8	Padam prasad Luitel
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12	prashant Joshi
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22	Nabina Mahar
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Annex B

Presentations



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Design and Construction of Electricity Distribution System- Extension & Upgrading

Pre-offer Meeting

Engineering, Environmental, Social and GESI Aspects

Date: 16-08-2024



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.**



PROJECT UPDATE

- **MCA Partnership Program Framework Report**
- **MCA Partnership Program Sub-Activity Report**
 - ✓ **Consultations with Municipalities/ Communities**
 - ✓ **Priorities given by Municipalities/Communities**
- **Preliminary Data Collection/ Survey for electricity distribution system**
- **Data Analysis and Preliminary Scope of Work**



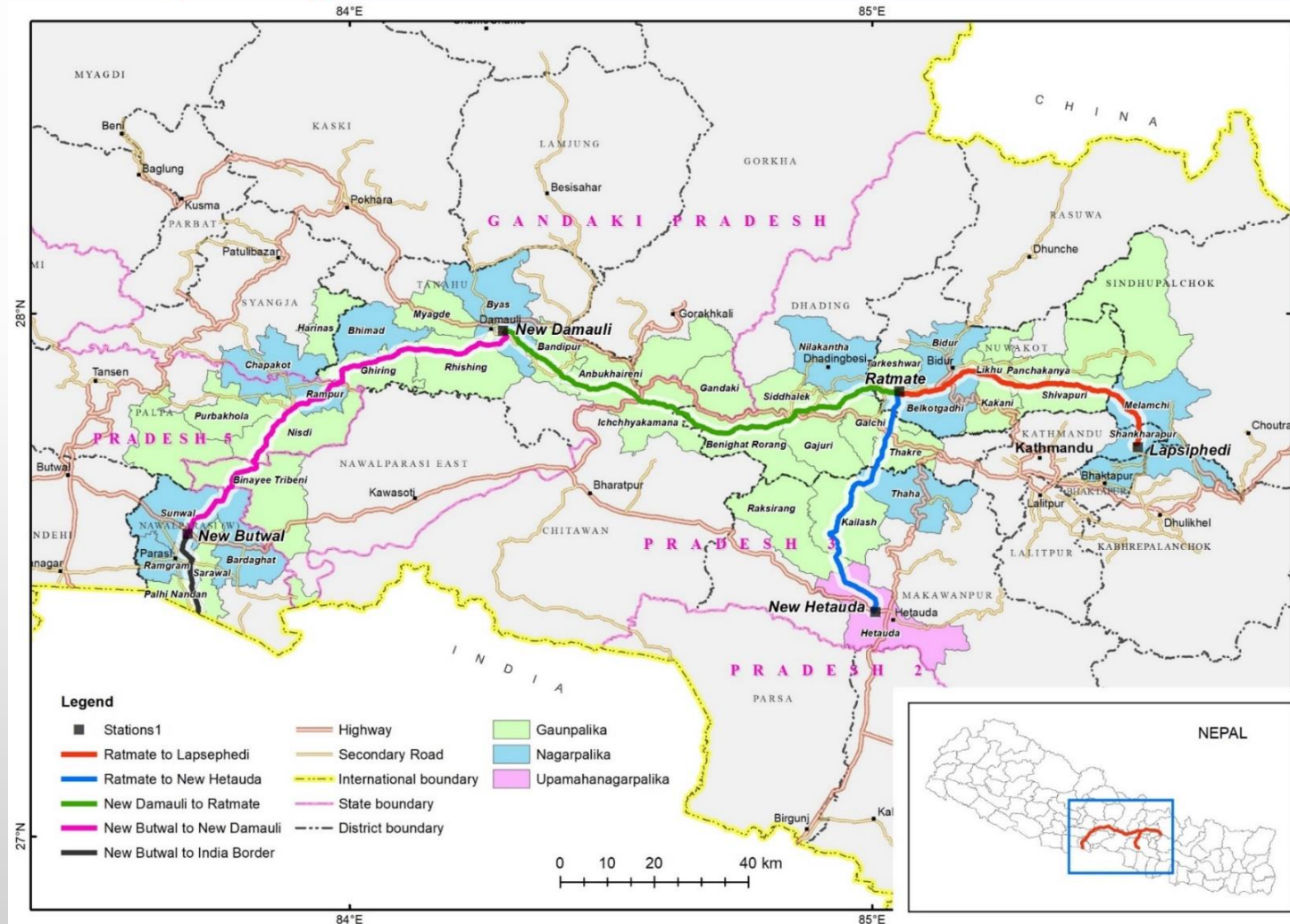
MCA Partnership Program

- **Thematic Area 1: Electricity Distribution System Extension and Upgradation**
- **Thematic Area 2: Off-Grid Electricity Solutions for Electrification and Drinking Water**
- **Thematic Area 3: Capacity Building for Enhanced Electricity Use**



Electricity Transmission Line Project Area

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





BASE & OPTION WORK LOCATION



[Base and Option.xlsx](#)



SCOPE OF WORKS

- ✓ **Electricity Distribution System Extension and Upgradation**
- ✓ **SoW consists of the following works**
 1. **Distribution System Grid Extension**
 2. **Pole Replacement**
 3. **Transformer Replacement/Upgradation**
 4. **Conductor and Accessories Replacement**
- ✓ **Divided into Base & Option and both consist of same scope of work but for the additional working areas**
- ✓ **Option if exercised will run at the same time with base but the contract duration will be added by 6 months.**
- ✓ **On MCA-Nepal discretion, the Option in full or part may be exercised at quoted rate, based on availability of the budget and remaining work.**



SCOPE OF WORKS (Cont..)

- ✓ **Single responsibility basis, as a Design-Build contract in line with the MCC small works Contract**
- ✓ **Overall project management, survey, engineering, design, manufacturing, procuring, factory testing, loading, transportation, delivery to site, unloading, storing, handling, and final positioning, installation, testing, commissioning, guaranteeing performance, remedying any defects of the works..**
- ✓ **The Contractor shall carry out a detailed Pre-Construction Survey using Hand GPS and shall validate and identify (if any) the scope of works required in the above-mentioned project sites in coordination and validation from the ward representatives and NEA/BPC.**



PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **The Scope of work must be executed as per the established standard of NEA and in proper coordination with the project stakeholders.**
- ✓ **Develop communication plan and stakeholder engagement plan following the Employer's communication protocol and SEP prior to the survey work.**
- ✓ **Carry out Pre-Construction Survey in all the municipals and wards along with environmental and social survey (as per the checklist provided by Consultant).**
- ✓ **Develop revised Bill of Quantity and CESHSMF based on the survey findings.**
- ✓ **Submit design report using Nepal Electricity Authority standard attached with the bid document. (Nepal Electricity Authority DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMER SERVICES TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT).**



KMZ, DRAWINGS OF CONSTRUCTION STANDARD & QUANTITY OF WORK

- ***Annex II_Thematic_Area_1_all_KMZ:*** For the reference purpose to calculate the cost
- The quantity of work for each ward is as mentioned in table is tentative.
- Contractor shall carry out actual field survey and prepare revised BOQ
- Based on the NEA established standard and format provided by the Engineer the contractor shall develop the actual SoW and submit for the approval.



PROJECT TIMELINE



Estimated Timeline

Activity	Duration (approx.)
Base Scope of Work	800 days
Option Scope of Work	Additional 180 days
Total	980 days

The Contractor shall develop their program to complete the Work in the provided timeline and accordingly estimate the cost.



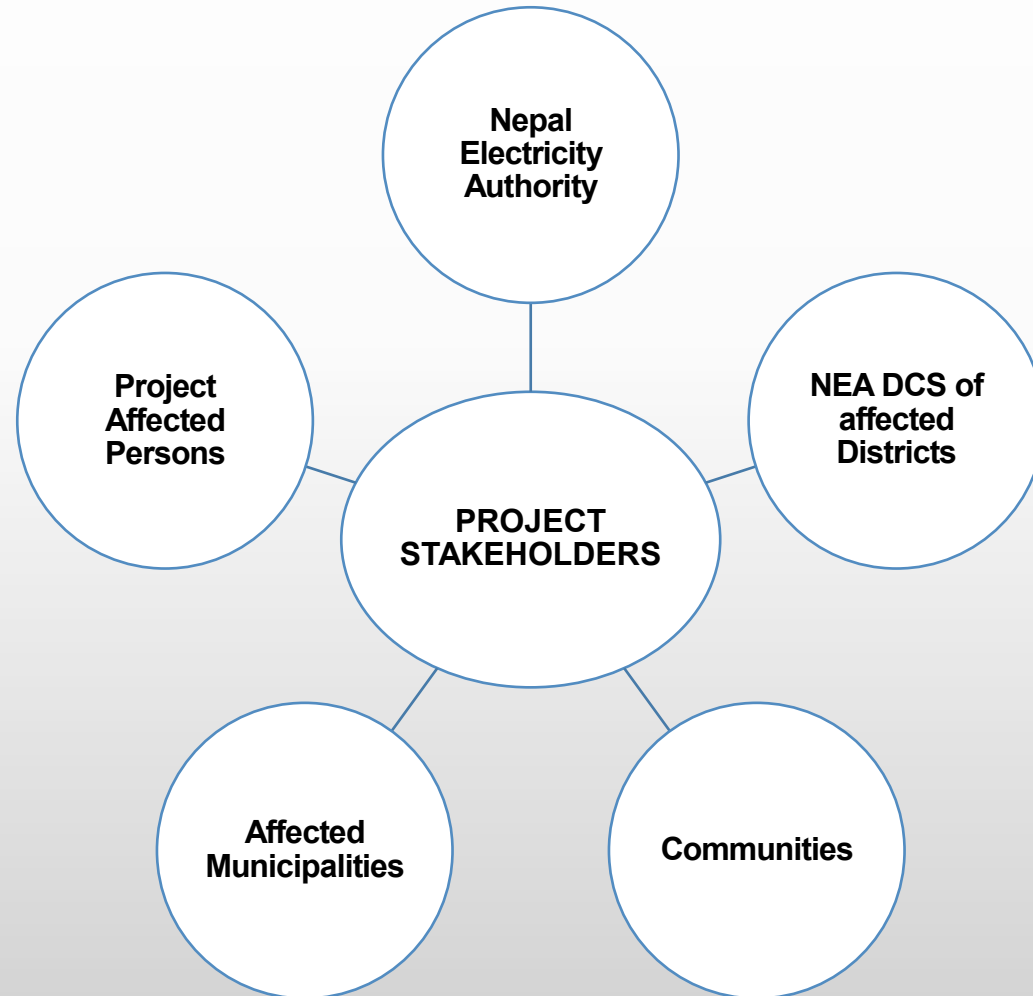
STAFFING AND KEY PERSONNEL



- **Project Manager 1 No.**
- **Construction Manager 1 No.**
- **Distribution Engineer 3 No.**
- **Environmental Specialist 1No.**
- **Environment Health and Safety Specialist 1 No.**
- **GSI Specialist 1 No**



STAKEHOLDERS





ESP-REQUIREMENTS

- **The 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 contractor is required to perform associated work in compliance with the above plans and ensure corrective and mitigative actions during construction phase.**
- **Conduct Environmental and Social Impact Assessment survey as per the checklist developed by the consultant/Engineer and as guided by MCA-Nepal ESHSMP.**



ESP-REQUIREMENTS

- **Contractor need to prepare CESHSM as guided by MCA-Nepal's ESHSM and get it approved by supervision engineer and MCA-Nepal before field mobilization.**
- **Contractor is supposed to develop**
 - **Workers Code of Conduct and Workforce Management Plan as per ESHSM.**
 - **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.**
 - **Enforce Worker's Code of Conduct.**

- 2. Prevention and Mitigation of Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Risk;**
 - **Zero tolerance policy against TIP.**
 - **Develop and implement TIP Risk Management Plan.**
 - **Regular Toolbox Talks.**



GSI-REQUIREMENTS

- 3. Labor and Employment Opportunities including Women Employment;**
 - **Work Plan, Methodology to prioritize women workers.**
 - **Safe and harassment free working environment.**
 - **Non-discriminatory recruitment and payment system.**
 - **Internal Complaint Mechanism System.**

- 4. Staffing throughout the Project Period;**
 - **Dedicated Gender and Social Inclusion Manager in the team.**
 - **Close coordination with the ESP, H&S team.**
 - **Regular training, communication, reporting.**

- 5. Poor households (in ETP) are connected to National Electricity Grid**



Critical Highlights

- ETP alignment is a High TIP Risk Zone
- Zero tolerance Policy
- MCC independent audit of compliance with TIP requirements

Suspense, Termination of employee, contract, financial liability



Reference Document for GSI Requirements

- **Social and Gender Integration Plan (SGIP)**
- **TIP Risk Management Plan**
- **Environmental Social Health and Safety Management Plan (ESHSMP)**



Fostering economic growth with better access to electricity and roads

Annex C

Questions and Answers

#	Questions	Answers
Questions sent via Zoom message:		
1.	Would you please clarify whether bidder needs to quote for the “option work”? Our understanding is that option work may or may not be executed so what would be the implication of cost for option work.	<p>Section III. Qualification and Evaluation Criteria B1. Price Review – Evaluation Criteria of the Bidding Document states, “The Evaluated Offer Price include the cost of Option for Evaluation Purpose and award shall be based on MCA-Nepal discretion subjected to availability of the budget”.</p> <p>Thus, bidders are required to quote for both base and option works.</p>
2.	The is separate price schedule for Environment, Health and Safety, but it is not included in the final summary of price schedule. Like ADB, WB and other donor funded projects, there is no clear payment terms. The indicative is advance payment and settlement.	<p>The total of ESHSMP BOQ should be included in the item #2 of schedule/Bill NO.1 Design Services.</p> <p>Regarding the payment terms, please see response to question number 3 below:</p>
3.	What is the terms of payment.	<p>Complete payment terms have been provided in General Conditions of Contract (GCC) and Particular Conditions of Contract (PCC). Please refer GCC 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:</p> <p>https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/sbd-sub-sw-cbqpbs-gcc-21dec2023/</p>
4.	Any recommended file format and size? Pdf or jpg.	<p>As per ITO 22.1 f) states that the File size should not exceed 10GB per file. However, Offerors can upload more than 1 file.</p> <p>Further, Instruction to Offeror clause 22.1 f) states “All submitted documents (whether as standalone files or files in folders) shall be in Microsoft Office or PDF format.”</p>
5.	The qualification criteria specifies experience for the lead partner instead of one partner. The basic concept of JV is if two or more partner meets different experience requirements, then they can form a JV and participate in the bid. By looking the document, it is meant for lead partner means the lead partner must meet all the experience requirements; thus, limiting the formation of Joint Venture. It is suggested that the lead partner shall be amended with one partner.	<p>The experience criteria stated under qualifications are: 13. Similar Construction Experience, 15. Environmental and Social Management Experience and 16. Health and Safety Management Experience. In all these criteria the requirement states “All members combined”. Thus, the principle of the JV has been met. However, we have added the requirement of Lead Partner 13. Similar Construction Experience, as we do not want the smaller partner to lead the Contract.</p>

#	Questions	Answers
6.	<p>1. We have not found COMPLETE PAYMENT TERMS. Please Provide the same.</p> <p>2. Conductor given is ACSR Dog, not COVERED conductor. Please clarify.</p> <p>3. There is no qty mentioned in 200 KVA Transformer, please provide the same.</p> <p>4. For replacement activity, whether all poles will be STP or there are chances of PCC poles also to replace. Please clarify.</p> <p>5. For new, all the feeders will be 11KV, 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.</p> <p>6. In replacement activity, is there need to change Platform also. If yes, in that case complete structure may need to change. Please clarify.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>8. Needs clarification for Disc fitting whether it will be B&S or T&C, because in specification nothing is mentioned.</p> <p>9. Soft copy (Excel) of BOQ needs to provide, as it is to be submitted along with bid, it is required.</p> <p>10. Size of Ground Wire and stay Wire are same. Please clarify.</p> <p>11. Stay wire for 11KV Line and 415 V line will be same. Please clarify</p> <p>12. Technical Specification of LVAB cable Fittings /Connector s are not found. Please clarify.</p> <p>13. Earthling Set qty in BOQ is equal to Transformer qty. In general engineering Practice it will be more .Please clarify.</p> <p>14. Estimated Price given is 4.36 M \$ for Base works only, it means evaluation will be done</p>	<p>1. Regarding the payment terms, please see response to question number 3 above.</p> <p>2. Confirmed. The conductor is ACSR Dog.</p> <p>3. Confirmed the quantity is 0 for 200kVA.</p> <p>4. Confirmed it is for STP pole only at the stage of Bidding.</p> <p>5. At this stage it is only 11kV at the stage of bidding.</p> <p>6. This will be finalization while finalizing the scope of work, i.e., after finalization of the detailed survey.</p> <p>7. Please note that the works requirement is 8m and refer addendum to the Offer Document which may be issued soon.</p> <p>8. Ball and Socket fitting for the disc insulator. Please refer to CSII-LM-12.</p> <p>9. Agreed and will be shared.</p> <p>10. Confirmed</p> <p>11. Please refer to the BOQ of addendum to the Offer Document which may be issued soon.</p> <p>12. Please refer to the Chapter 15 of volume II and addendum to the Offer Document which may be issued soon.</p> <p>13. Agreed please refer addendum to the Offer Document which may be issued soon.</p> <p>14. Section III. Qualification and Evaluation Criteria B1. Price Review – Evaluation Criteria of the Bidding Document states, “The Evaluated Offer Price include</p>

#	Questions	Answers
	on base estimate only OR base + Option = total Value, Please Clarify.	the cost of Option for Evaluation Purpose and award shall be based on MCA-Nepal discretion subjected to availability of the budget”.
7.	total length of 100sqmm ACSR conductor	Please refer to the BOQ of addendum to the Offer Document which may be issued soon.
8.	Please also provide the Format of Manufacturer authorization Letter as its not provided in tender documents	MCA-Nepal may consider providing the format for “manufacturer authorization letter”, through addendum to the Bidding Document. Thus, offerors are recommended to refer to the upcoming addendum to the Bidding Document.
9.	Stringing of LT AB cable 3C X 50 +35 s q. mm. including hardware fitting Km 1502.00 is this a scope in Installation Work	Please refer to addendum to the Offer Document which may be issued soon.
10	In LVDB specification it is mentioned IP 55 whereas in GTP it is IP 54, please clarify which we have to follow ,please also clarify volt meter and ampere meter is also needed or not ?	The IP 55 shall be considered for Enclosure Protection Class of LV DB. Volt meter and ampere meter is not needed.
11	Kindly provide the soft copy of detailed drawing of each and every items.	Please see Volume II for detailed drawing of each and every items.
12	Does the term "value of work executed," as mentioned in the GCC payment terms, refer to the combined value work of both supply and installation, or are these treated separately for the payment process?	The “value of work executed” referred under GCCC 44, is the work done (supplied or executed) during the month in question.
13	Should the bidder translate and notarize their company legal documents?	The Bidding Document requirement states “Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Offer may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages into the language specified in the DS”. Thus, the Offeror shall ensure an accurate translation, that could be notarized or could be translated by an official translator.
14	is domestic preference applicable for items rates mentioned in schedule 3?	As per Instruction to Offerors (ITO) 35.1, In accordance with the MCC PPG, a margin of preference for domestic Offerors shall not be used.
Questions raised in the floor		
15	The Contractors in Nepal do not follow the environmental & social requirements during implementation, as stated in the bidding/contract document. Can you please clarify the implication of such requirements under the MCA contract?	Under MCA-Nepal contract environmental & social requirements are paramount and contract can not be implemented without fulfilling the required environmental & social requirements.

#	Questions	Answers
16	Will the ESP and GSI related requirements be evaluated during bid evaluation?	Yes, the ESP and GSI requirements as requested to be submitted shall be evaluated during evaluation.
17	Do we need to submit the hard copy of the original bid security prior to the submission deadline?	Yes. Section II Data Sheet, ITO 22.1 (j) of the bidding document states: “the hard copy of the Bid Security shall be submitted by 17 September 2024, 14:00 hours ((local time of Nepal (GMT+5:45))”
18	Is the estimated budget inclusive of taxes?	No, the budget is exclusive of Taxes.
19	Regarding the similar nature-experience of a \$ 4.35 million contract completion requirement, will a running contract with 85% financial progress (not physical) meet the requirement?	<p>The Similar Experience requirement of the Section III. Qualification Evaluation Criteria, Qualification Table 12 states “Participation as contractor, management contractor, or subcontractor, in at least 2 (two) contracts within the last 7 years, one of the contract shall be with a value of at least US\$3.5 Million, that have been successfully and substantially completed and that are similar to the proposed Works. The similarity shall be based on the physical size, complexity, methods/technology or other characteristics as described in Section V. Employer's Requirements.”</p> <p>The bidder needs to submit the evidence of experience in at least (two) contract within last 7 years.</p> <p>Among those, one of the experiences should have a contract value US\$ 3.5 million.</p> <p>For substantially completed contracts, the Offeror may submit a certificate of substantial completion of the contract, demonstrating that the contract has been completed substantially.</p>
20	Under the price reasonability, is it unreasonably low or unreasonably high?	ITO 34.4 states that “A negative determination of price reasonableness (either unreasonably high or unreasonably low) may be a reason for rejection of the Offer at the discretion of the Employer.”
21	The new bidders in Nepal, generally do not have experience in Environmental & social management and Health & safety management and doesn't meet the required experience, what are other possible options that can be considered by MCA Nepal?	<p>The Offeror may form a Joint Venture to satisfy the requirement.</p> <p>As per present the bidding document, the bidders are required to meet the requirement.</p>
22	Can a company submit a person's CV with the reference from immediate boss or colleague from the bidding company	The note 2 of the submission form 27. CVs of Key Personnel states that the three referees stated in the CV by the proposed personnel shall not be representative(s) of the Offeror or Sub-Consultant submitting the proposal and proposing the person.

#	Questions	Answers
23	If we are importing material / equipment from outside Nepal, what are the tax provisions?	If goods are imported for MCA-Nepal under the contract, there is custom exemption.
24	Can you please clarify the scope of work such as access to Site, Land acquisition, tree cutting or local issues. Will it come under employer's requirement?	Based on the preliminary survey done by the MCA-Nepal, most of the alignment falls under the public land and road corridor, so there is no requirement of any permanent land acquisition and we also encourage the contractor to do the same. Also, during preliminary survey it was found that there is no need of tree cutting but there might be probability of trimming of the trees. However, the Contractor shall comply with the temporary land access procedures defined in the Employer ESHSMP for temporary access to site. Please note that any permanent access to site is the responsibility of the MCA-Nepal.
25	The contractor might face time delays for the erection of electric pole due to local issues which might result in delay of the project and cost implication. How will the employer address these issues?	This is the part of the benefit sharing activities under electricity transmission project, so any local grievances will be handled through Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM). MCA-Nepal has a well-established GRM in place which covers complaints about all aspects of the project over all phases. All contractors are mandated to operate the same process, use the same reporting system through MCA-Nepal and ensure consistent approaches to grievance resolution.
26	Is this a lump sum contract or an item rate contract?	This is an item rate contract, however many items have been requested on Lump Sum basis.
27	For 11 kV, Dog conductor or other conductor provisioned? Constructor must provide, 100 the conductor duck conductor , ACSR HTP which type of SP54 SP15 , SP52 SP 13 ... SP standards, what are the requirements	Please refer to the BOQ of addendum to the Offer Document which may be issued soon.
28	Which type of STP is provisioned for 11 m pole? There is discrepancy in the BoQ and TDS document. Can you clarify. What are STP requirements?	Please refer to the BOQ of addendum to the Offer Document which may be issued soon.
29	Will there be provision of LC payments under this contract?	No
30	As per tax regulation of Nepal, 1.5% TDS applicable during the payment. Will there be implication of the TDS under MCA Contracts?	It depends on Contractor's legal status in Nepal. So, please refer to Section 2.8 of the Compact along with related ANNEX.
31	When will we get the revised BoQ?	It will be issued with the addendum to the Bidding Document which may be issued soon.