



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL (MCA-NEPAL)

OUTREACH EVENT – UPCOMING PROCUREMENTS

ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Construction of 297 km of 400 kV Electricity Transmission Line

30 September 2024

Questions and Answers Sessions

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Questions raised by Participants in Person		
1.	You have presented July (2025) as commencement month and December (2028) as completion month. As the Design works will start after the survey, it will be difficult to start the Check Survey in the month of July (monsoon). Instead, October and March will be suitable months respectively to start and close the TL construction project. Can you please consider this.	As of now the timeline for releasing the bid is mid November 2024.
2.	We came to know that the Compact End month is August 2028, however the presentation has shown December 2028 is the end of construction period. How will that work, and how will the payment mechanism take care of this issue? Will the funding till August 2028 will be done by MCC and afterwards by the GoN?	In case the works are not completed during the Compact Period, the arrangements for implementation/continuation of the contract during the post-Compact period will be outlined in the bidding document.
3.	In the presentation, Lot 1 has both Base & Option works. Is the budget inclusive of both Option? Will the scope of work from both Base & Option be executed by MCA?	The estimated budget for the Base and Option works in Lot 1 will be disclosed in the bidding document. Exercising the Option works will be decided by MCA-Nepal after contract award.
4.	We understand that the Key environmental and social related policy documents such as ESHSMP have already been prepared/developed by MCA Nepal. Do you still want	MCA-Nepal has already prepared key environmental and social policy related documents as per MCC and Government of Nepal regulatory requirements. MCA-Nepal will prepare additional policy and compliance documents as per the needs. The Contractors do not need

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	<p>contractors to develop their own policy documents Furthermore, women workers might not be available at TL construction site for activities such as foundation, erection and stringing works, Gender balancing for which is not possible. How can the contractor resolve this gender balancing in the workforce in such situation?</p>	<p>to prepare separate policy documents. However, the Contractors would need to prepare CESHSM and other documents (in annex TIP Risk Management Plan and ASH Policy) describing how they plan to implement MCA-Nepal ESHSM and other compliance requirements.</p> <p>It should not be perceived that the women employment is targeted only for foundation, erection and stringing works in TL project. There could be other job opportunities also for women (like Engineer, Technician, Official works etc.). Contractor has to demonstrate its approach and methodology on how they give priority for women employment in the proposal. Though it is soft target, contractor has to demonstrate their efforts on hiring women in the works.</p>
5.	<p>You have revised/increased the access road width (to the tower locations), from previous 1.5m to 3.5m now. Will the additional environmental/social impact due to this be taken care of?</p>	<p>MCA-Nepal has already done additional environmental and social impact assessments and prepared a supplementary Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (SESIA) report. MCA-Nepal will also conduct supplementary EIA, if needed and take care of permitting requirements.</p>
6.	<p>In all the 3 lots, how many tower locations are clear (i.e. ready for right to access) in regard to land acquisition in July 2025? And what are the provisions for handling charges (mobilization/demobilization expenses) in case such tower locations are not ready?</p>	<p>The access to site will be provided in phased manner and such provided site will be in sequential order up to the extent possible. Moreover, the provisions for handling charges (mobilization/demobilization expenses) in case such tower locations are not ready will be handled as per the provisions in the contract and as part of contract management.</p>
7.	<p>Porcelain Long Rod is proposed in place of the previous Glass Insulator. It is difficult to carry Porcelain Long Rod Insulators to the construction site, and very less manufacturers are available in the market for the same. Instead, we suggest you go for Polymer Disc or Polymer Long Rod insulator which would be best. Will you please clarify this?</p>	<p>MCA-Nepal and the Consultant's team will review the provided feedback for this topic and may take the suggestion into consideration while finalizing the bidding document.</p>
8.	<p>You have now changed the design code IS 802, what might be the reason behind this? Do you expect this will reduce the bid prices?</p>	<p>The design code IS 802 is regional practice for the construction of the Transmission line. Moreover, some extreme parameters which are leading higher tower heights, tower tension conditions, etc are also relaxed in the revised design requirement. Moreover, MCA-Nepal has also conducted a revised rate analysis and estimation also for the work.</p>

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9.	What is MCA's stand for a situation whereby again if the bid prices come above the estimate?	In case the bid prices come above the estimate, MCA-Nepal will follow the provisions in the AE Policy & Procurement Guidelines. Further, MCA-Nepal will conduct a Price Reasonableness Analysis before awarding the contract(s) to ensure that only a commercially reasonable price will be paid for the works.
10.	Will you disclose the budget estimate?	The budget estimate will be disclosed in the bidding document.
11.	Will you encourage Nepalese Contractors to take part in this procurement as Joint ventures?	While joint ventures (JVs) can offer several benefits, such as pooling resources, sharing risks, and enhancing capabilities to execute complex projects, the decision to enter into a JV should be based on each contractor's specific business goals, strategy, and capacity.
12.	What was the technical and financial evaluation criteria in the previous bidding document?	The bidding document can be accessed through this link. You can go through the technical and financial evaluation criteria in the Volume I, Part 1 – Section III (Qualification and Evaluation Criteria) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1i4v23PERatXbP5KLTZCSzcaeAXPo8IdL?usp=sharing
13.	Are there any promotional / domestic preferences for the Nepalese bidders?	No. Under the AE Policy & Procurement Guidelines there is no National Preference.
14.	Will the KMZ file be allowed to us beforehand so that we can start the pre-survey work in the early time for preparing our bids?	MCA-Nepal will discuss in-house and come back to the prospective offerors.
Questions raised by Online Participants		
15.	Has it been considered to give price variation on Construction in revised Tender Conditions?	Price variation clauses are only for the material cost at this point.
16.	Is Technical Evaluation Criteria is with the technical score QCBS method? Is the Key personnel requirement should have hilly terrain experience or the normal one	As explained during the procurement presentation, the method proposed is Competitive Bidding. The Qualification and Evaluation criteria will only be disclosed in the bidding document.
17.	As specified in the technical presentation that MCA-Nepal has already acquired 30% of the locations and these locations will be provided for execution. Please confirm whether these locations are in sequence or random locations. If these locations are in sequence than it will be of use otherwise it will be quite difficult to manage the resources.	The provided land will be in sequence up to the extent possible.

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18.	Would it be possible to receive notes, slides or a recording of the presentation if available?	The slides and Q&A will be shared with all the participants. It will also be posted in the MCA-Nepal website. https://mcanp.org/blog/specificprocurement/outreach-for-electricity-transmission-project-ctp-kathmandu/
19.	Please explain process of Compensation for Right of Way (RoW).	The process for Compensation for Easement in ROW will be done by MCA-Nepal as per the provision in Electricity Act and Electricity Rules of Nepal.
20.	Has the Bidding Package issued yet?	No, MCA-Nepal expects to launch this procurement during November 2024.
21.	Could you please tell us the estimate of Transmission line projects pertaining to 297 KM?	The budget estimate will only be disclosed in the bidding document.
22.	Considering very tight schedule, would you be able to issue the bidding package earlier?	MCA-Nepal is doing all needed efforts to issue the bidding document by mid-November 2024.
23.	If the bidder has query after your Prebid reply, will the same be replied because the time gets lapsed after that	Requests for clarifications and response from MCA-Nepal will be done as per the provision of the bidding document.