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1.	Sec 2, Clause No.2.3	<p>2.3 Conflict of Interest 2.3.4 Without limitation on the generality of the preceding, an Applicant/Consultant in this Procurement Process shall be considered to have a conflict of interest if the Consultant (“Conflict of Interest”):</p> <p>3. Conflicting Assignments: would (including its experts and sub-consultants) or any of its Affiliates) be or are providing consultancy services in any another assignment that, by its nature, may conflict with this Assignment.</p>	We request clarification from the Authority on whether a consultant currently engaged in an ongoing mandate with NICDC for 'detailed master plan and preliminary design services for roads & utilities' is eligible to apply for this tender.	Yes.
2.	Sec 2, Clause 2.10	<p>2.10 Pre-Bid Meeting 2.10.1 Prospective Applicants interested in participating in this RfQ-cum-RfP may attend the Pre-Bid Meeting to clarify the techno-commercial conditions of the RfQ-cum-RfP, at the venue, date and time specified in Section 3 (Data Sheet).</p>	We request the Authority to provide an online link to join the Pre-Bid meeting virtually.	Pre-Bid meeting has been held physically at NICDC office.
3.	Sec 2, Clause 3	<p>3. Bid Security 3.1 A bid security in the form of a Bank Guarantee (from/confirmed by the bank in the format specified in Form 4G (I)) or Account Payee Demand Draft, from a Scheduled Indian Bank in favour of “ National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited”, valid for 45 (forty five) days from the date of Proposal opening, payable at New Delhi, for the sum of ₹ 50,00,000/- only (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) shall be required to be submitted by each Applicant (“Bid Security”). For the purpose of clarity, Scheduled Indian Bank shall mean State Bank of India and its Associates, Nationalised Banks, Other Public Sector Banks and Private Sector Banks as prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.</p>	We request the Authority to accept a Bank Guarantee issued by a Foreign Bank through its Indian Branch/Office in addition to the Scheduled Indian Bank.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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4.	Sec 3, Clause Annexure-I, Sr. No. (1a) and (1b)	<p>Annexure – I: Parameters for Evaluation of Pre-Qualification</p> <p>Minimum Qualification Criteria</p> <p>Sr. No.1a. Specific experience* of the applicant:</p> <p>As a sole applicant or lead member of a Joint venture/Consortium should have completed at least one project of working as a Programme Management or Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD, for the planning & supervision, project development and implementation of industrial estates/ special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans for an area not less than Ten (10) square kilometers.</p> <p>In the above projects, Programme Management/ Project Management consultant experience of at least – Three (3) out of Six (6) different infrastructure components in a single project in the last Ten (10) years preceding PDD, will be considered for the purpose of qualification.</p> <p>The infrastructure components that would be considered shall include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roads and Bridges ii. Water Supply and Sewerage network iii. STP/CETP/WTP iv. ICT infrastructure v. Storm water Drainage vi. Power substation incl. Distribution network <p>And</p>	<p>1) To allow more participation, we request the Authority to consider at least 2 (two) projects to fulfil the Specific experience* criteria or consider at least – 2 (two) infrastructure components out of Six (6) different infrastructure components in a single project in the last Ten (10) years preceding PDD.</p> <p>2) We also request to reduce area related parameter two (2) square kilometers instead of 10 (ten) square kilometers for industrial estates/ special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans for an area not less than</p> <p>3) We request the Authority to consider Ongoing consulting assignment completed up to 80 % (eighty percent) for qualification as well for which completion would be substantiated through proof of payment received till date duly certified by statutory auditor or through certificate from the respective client.</p>	<p>1) RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.</p> <p>2) RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.</p> <p>3) Refer Corrigendum 01.</p>

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		<p>Minimum Qualification Criteria</p> <p>Sr. No 1b. Specific experience* of the applicant As the other member of a Joint venture/Consortium should have completed at least one project of working as a Programme Management or Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD</p> <p><i>*Note: Applicants are requested to provide the “Client Certificate” for the above listed projects. Certificate must confirm the key attributes e.g size, type, value, duration, scope of work and client reserves the right to check the credentials of the project from the respective client. Inability to produce the certificate will result in rejection/non-consideration of that project for evaluation.</i></p>		
5.	Sec 3, Clause Annexure – I, Sr. No. 4	<p>Minimum Qualification Criteria</p> <p>Sr. No 4. Should have operational offices (project/branch/regional) in at least 10 different countries. Bidder shall furnish the list, address and contact details of all such offices.</p>	<p>Given the National Competitive Bidding, we propose the following modification in the said criteria:</p> <p>Should have operational offices (project/branch/regional) in at least 10 different states in India/ outside India. Bidder shall furnish the list, address and contact details of all such offices.</p>	Refer Corrigendum 01.
6.	Sec 3, Clause Annexure – I, Sr. No. 5	<p>Minimum Qualification Criteria</p> <p>Sr. No 5. Bidder should have experience in providing project / program management consultancy services in at least 10 large scale infrastructure projects (each with a construction cost greater than ₹ 2,000 Crore) outside India, completed in past 10 years from the date of PDD.</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p>Given the National Competitive Bidding, we propose the following modification in the said criteria:</p> <p>Bidder should have experience in providing project/program management consultancy services in at least 10 large scale infrastructure projects (each with a construction cost greater than ₹ 2,000 Crore) in India/ outside India, completed in past 10 years from the date of PDD.</p> <p>Notes:</p>	Refer Corrigendum 01.

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		<p>b. In all above cases, documentary proof satisfying the qualification criteria shall be submitted along with project completion certificate and calculation for project cost.</p> <p>c. All 10 projects should be located in 10 different countries outside India and should be completed in all respects. Client certificates shall be furnished by the Applicants.</p>	<p>b. In all above cases, documentary proof satisfying the qualification criteria shall be submitted along with project completion certificate and calculation for project cost/ proof of payment received for ongoing mandate completed upto 80% till date duly certified by statutory auditor or through certificate from the respective client.</p> <p>e. All 10 projects should be located in 10 different countries outside India and should be completed in all respects. Client certificates shall be furnished by the Applicants.</p>	
7.	Sec 3, Clause Annexure -II, Sr. No. A1	<p>Annexure – II: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal:</p> <p>Criteria Sr. No. A1 Similar experience related to the Assignment</p> <p>The applicant should have completed at least one (1) similar project of providing Programme Management Consultancy (PMNC) or Project Management Consultancy (PMC) during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, to the concerned sovereign entity/ authority/ agency entrusted with the responsibility of development /implementation of Industrial Parks/ Investment region/SEZs.</p> <p>Applicant shall submit three (03) completed projects during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, to attain maximum marks under this category. (8 marks)</p>	<p>We understand that similar Area based developments related assignments are being taken into consideration in the Pre-Qualification. In line with the pre-qualification, we request the Authority to consider following changes in this criteria:</p> <p>The applicant should have completed at least one (1) similar project of providing Programme Management Consultancy (PMNC) or Project Management Consultancy (PMC) during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, to the concerned sovereign entity/ authority/ agency entrusted with the responsibility of development /implementation of Industrial Parks/ Investment region/SEZs/ area development plans.</p>	Refer Corrigendum 01.
8.	Sec 3, Clause Annexure -II, Sr. No. A2	<p>Annexure – II: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal:</p> <p>Criteria Sr. No. A2 Experience in Programme /Project Management for National / State level Infrastructure development programme/ projects.</p>	<p>We understand that Experience in Programme/ Project Management or Technical Assistance (Technical Support Services)/ Engineering Services/ Project Development & Management Consultancy (PDMC) for National / State level Infrastructure development programme/ projects would be considered as similar experience, please confirm.</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		<p>The applicant shall have, over the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, undertaken at least two (02) such completed assignments for infrastructure projects on behalf of any Central / State Government agency /private entities for infrastructure development programme/ projects Minimum size of each eligible programme / project package should be at least ₹ 2,000 Cr.</p> <p>Applicant shall submit three (03) completed projects during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, to attain maximum marks under this category (6 marks)</p>	<p>We request the Authority to consider following changes in this criteria:</p> <p>Experience in Programme/ Project Management or Technical Assistance/ Engineering Services/ Project Development & Management Consultancy for National / State level Infrastructure development programme/ projects.</p>	
9.	Sec 3 , Clause Annexure - II, Sr. No. A5	<p>Annexure – II: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal:</p> <p>Criteria Sr. No. A5 Experience in Advanced Manufacturing & Innovation (Industry 4.0)</p> <p>The applicant should have experience in the integration of Industry 4.0 technologies (e.g., AI, IoT, digital twin, cloud computing, robotics, Big Data Analytics) into industrial operations in atleast one (1) major infrastructure projects.</p> <p>Applicant shall submit two (02) projects to attain maximum marks under this category (2 marks)</p>	<p>We understand that this criteria require additional specialised consultant / sub-consultant and need at least 3 members in the Joint Venture/ consortium may please be taken into consideration.</p> <p>We request the Authority to either adjust the marks associated with this criteria or consider removing it from the technical evaluation.</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
10.	Sec 7 , SSC Clause 2.5.6 & 14.2	<p>2.5.6 Liability of the Consultant</p> <p>The Consultant's liability and the Client's remedies under this Contract shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the Client's rights and remedies under Applicable Law. Further the limitation of liability has been set out under the Special Conditions of the Contract below.</p> <p>&</p>	<p>In line with the accepted best principles for consulting contracts, we suggest that the capping of liability shall include all the claims, penalties, damages, or any other amount of any nature whatsoever. Overall liability of consultant shall be capped maximum upto the Contract value.</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		<p>14.2 Indemnity</p> <p>14.2.1 The Consultant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Client from and against any and all claims, actions, proceedings, lawsuits, demands, losses, liabilities, damages, fines or expenses (including interest, penalties, attorneys' fees and other costs of defence or investigation to the extent related to or arising out of, whether directly or indirectly:</p> <p>1 the breach by the Consultant of any obligations under this Contract;</p> <p>2 the alleged negligent, reckless or otherwise wrongful act or omission of the Consultant including professional negligence or misconduct of any nature whatsoever in relation to Services rendered to the Client;</p> <p>3 death or bodily injury to any person (including any third party attributable to any act, omission, breach, default or negligence of the Consultant or any personnel of the Client) or loss of or damage to any property of the Client or any third party (collectively "Indemnified matter")</p> <p>14.2.2 As soon as reasonably practicable after the receipt by the Client of a notice of the commencement of any action by a third party, the Client will notify the Consultant of the commencement thereof; provided, however, that the omission so to notify shall not relieve the Consultant from any liability which it may have to the Client or the third party. The obligations to indemnify and hold harmless, or to contribute, with respect to losses, claims, actions, damages and liabilities relating to the Indemnified Matter shall survive till the final resolution of all claims for indemnification and/or contribution.</p>	<p>We request the authority to include/ add following clause regarding capping of maximum liability and indemnity to safeguard the consultant's interest:</p> <p>"The Consultant's maximum total aggregate liability towards the Client under this Contract for all claims, losses, indemnity, damages and expenses in any way arising from or related to the performance of this Contract whether, resulting from negligence, statute, tort or otherwise (meaning for any damages from any causes whatsoever and whatever the legal basis), shall be limited to 100% of the amount of fees received under this Contract or equivalent to the professional fees.</p> <p>Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, under no circumstances shall a party hereto shall be liable to another party hereto for loss of profits or revenue, loss of use, cost of alternate arrangement, loss of capital or other similar item of loss or damage or for any consequential, special or indirect loss or damage and each party hereby releases the other therefrom".</p>	

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		14.2.3 The foregoing provisions are in addition to any rights which the Client may have at common law, in equity or otherwise		
11.	Sec 7, SSC Clause 3.6	3.6 Insurance to be taken out by the Consultant	We understand that PII will be accepted under the existing umbrella policy of the appointed consultant, which covers all their obligations and contracts. The client's name and contract details will be included in the policy document, if so accepted. Please confirm	Bidder`s understanding is confirmed.
12.	Cover page	National Competitive Bidding	Kindly clarify whether international firms can also participate in this bidding process.	Yes Kindly also refer to Section 2: Clause 4.2.
13.	Clause 3 Page No. 9	3 Objective: The objective of this RfQ-cum-RfP is to engage a consultant to act as a Knowledge Partner (KP) for the effective development, management, monitoring, and reporting of the sanctioned projects being developed under the NICDP. The KP will be responsible for monitoring the overall execution of these projects, ensuring alignment and coordination between various stakeholders, including the Project Management Consultants (PMC) which have been previously appointed as well as which will be appointed for the remaining projects out of total 12 projects to ensure adequate monitoring , coordination and the overall execution of the respective projects.	For firms that are already engaged on NICDC projects including master Planning as well as Program Management, kindly clarify whether a conflict of interest is perceived. Also, kindly clarify whether a firm if selected as the Knowledge Partner will qualify to bid and work on future NICDC projects including for Program Management of New Cities.	If the bidder is selected as Knowledge Partner, it will be eligible to participate in the future bidding for PMNC works in the projects identified under the scope of this RfP provided adherence to the Section 6: Clause 4.3 (d). Additionally, refer Corrigendum 01.
14.	8.2.4 Evaluation of Technical Proposals/Score Page No. 36	2. In case the Applicant is a Consortium, the evaluation of the technical proposal shall include the credentials of all members, including non-substantial members.	Kindly clarify whether credentials of a sub-consultant will also be evaluated.	It is confirmed that the credentials of a sub-consultant will not be evaluated.

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	Annexure – I: Parameters for Evaluation of Pre-Qualification (Minimum Qualification Criteria) Page No. 47	Sl. No. 1a - Specific experience* of the applicant: As a sole applicant or lead member of a Joint venture/Consortium should have completed at least one project of working as a Programme Management or Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD, for the planning & supervision, project development and implementation of industrial estates/ special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans for an area not less than Ten (10) square kilometers.	1. Kindly clarify whether the criteria require area development or area development plans considering the latter is an advisory services assignment. Also, considering the tenure of similar projects is relatively longer, with implementation spanning across 5-7 years, it is requested that the bidders be allowed to present credentials across all categories in the last 15 years to show the complete organizational capabilities.	Refer Corrigendum 01.
15.	(Minimum Qualification Criteria) Page 49	S. No. 2 - The Sole Applicant or any member of the Consortium should have successfully executed/completed the projects in capacity of the Programme Management/ Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD for Infrastructure Development Programme either of the following: (i) Three (03) similar completed services with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 20 Crore each; or (ii) Two (02) similar completed services with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 25 Crore each; or (iii) One (01) similar completed service with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 40 Crore. For the sake of clarity, similar works shall mean implementation of trunk infrastructure works for industrial estates or parks / special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans.	We understand that the combined consortium credentials can jointly qualify for this criterion. However, the lead member and the JV partner must meet 75% and 25% of this criterion respectively. Kindly confirm.	Bidder`s understanding is confirmed. Kindly also refer Corrigendum 01.
16.	Minimum Qualification Criteria Page 49	S. No. 3 - Turnover: Minimum average annual turnover of at least ₹ 100 Crore, out of which at least ₹ 50 Crore should be from Consultancy Service Contracts, calculated as total certified payments	We understand that the combined consortium credentials can jointly qualify for this criterion. However, the lead member and the JV partner must meet 75% and 25% of this criterion respectively.	Bidder`s understanding is confirmed.

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		received for contracts in progress or completed within the last five (05) years. Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate their current financial capability as per above Criteria.	Kindly confirm.	
17.	Minimum Qualification Criteria Page No. 50	Notes: c. All 10 projects should be located in 10 different countries outside India and should be completed in all respects. Client certificates shall be furnished by the Applicants.	Since 10 different projects in 10 different countries is a restrictive clause, it is requested that the 10 projects be allowed to be outside of India instead of 10 different countries considering a bidder may have completed more than one project in a single country.	Refer Corrigendum 01.
18.	Annexure – II: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal Page No. 51	3. Each evaluated Proposal will be given a technical score (St) as detailed below. The maximum points/ marks to be given under each of the evaluation criteria are: Sl. No. A1 - Similar experience related to the Assignment The applicant should have completed at least one (1) similar project of providing Programme Management Consultancy (PMNC) or Project Management Consultancy (PMC) during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, to the concerned sovereign entity/ authority/ agency entrusted with the responsibility of development /implementation of Industrial Parks/ Investment region/SEZs. Applicant shall submit three (03) completed projects during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, to attain maximum marks under this category.	In line with the minimum criteria, it is suggested that area development projects also be allowed in addition to development /implementation of Industrial Parks/ Investment region/SEZs. Also, we understand that Project Management of Smart Cities is also considered as area development. Kindly confirm	RFP conditions shall remain unchanged.
19.	Annexure – II: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal Page No. 51	Sl. No. A3 General experience in Project Development Advisory Consultancy Services The applicant should have undertaken during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, at least two (02) similar projects of	The definition of Project Development Advisory Consultancy Services is elaborated under S No 9, page 53 as “ For the purpose of evaluation, Project Development advisory services shall mean preparation of master planning (Preparation	RFP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		<p>providing Project Development Advisory services for major infrastructure projects like Industrial townships/ special economic zones / investment regions/area development, Integrated real estate development.</p> <p>These projects should have infrastructure components like roads & utilities, power substation, water supply network, solid waste management and sewage treatment plants.</p> <p>The cumulative consultancy Fee of two (02) eligible project shall be ₹ 50 Crore.</p>	<p>or review services) along with design of infrastructure and utility services for major infrastructure development programme/ projects in sectors like Industrial townships/ special economic zones / special investment zones/area development, Integrated real estate development (having components like power substation, water supply network, solid waste management and sewage treatment plants), power plants , ports, airports, railways, highways, expressways, integrated water supply, waste treatment projects.”</p> <p>We understand that the sectors listed in the definition takes precedence over the brief definition mention in the criteria on page 51. Kindly confirm.</p>	
20.	<p>FORM 40:</p> <p>Staffing plan for Resource pool (person months for each year for 3 years)</p> <p>Page No. 92</p>	Sl. No. 2 – Transport Planner	No time inputs have been provided for this position. Kindly clarify.	<p>RFP conditions shall remain unchanged.</p> <p>It is clarified that Bidder shall quote per man-month rates of Transport Planner for evaluation purpose. If need be, the resource may be deployed.</p> <p>Kindly also refer “Notes” in Form 40.</p>
21.	<p>Form 4S</p> <p>Page No. 102</p>	<p>1. Prior Engagement Details:</p> <p>Please provide details of all prior consulting assignments with NICDC of a similar nature to the current assignment.</p>	Kindly clarify if the bidder will also share project details under NICDC but where the contractual obligation is with the state SPV.	Yes
22.	<p>Form 5D</p> <p>Out of Pocket (Direct) Expenses (in Rs.)</p>	(A) Domestic Travel (Air/Rail)	it is suggested that the number of trips be indicated as a standard number for all bidders	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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23.	4. Minimum Required Experience And Expertise Of Proposed Core Team And Resource Pool Pag No. 116	4.1 List of Minimum Key Personnel 1. Project Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 25 years of professional experience across core elements of Project Planning /Structuring/Designing/ Construction, Program Management/Supervision of similar large infrastructure projects (construction cost more than ₹ 3,000 Crore). Should have minimum 7 years of cumulative experience in at least three programs in leadership capacity (Project Director/ Dy. Project Director) with accountability and responsibility for performance including quality, budget, schedule, client and stakeholder management. The Project Director shall preferably be an expat with international experience (minimum of 1 year in a single project) of a similar nature. <p>The Project Director shall preferably be a permanent employee of the applicant for the last 5 years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request Client clarify whether the Construction cost more Rs.3000 Crores is indivual project or cumulative Request Client to also include position Team Leader to be considered for leadership capacity. Request Client to consider Indian expert with international experience. <p>We understand that being a permanent employee is a preferred scenario and does not disqualify the CV from being evaluated in case the staff is not a permanent employee. Kindly confirm.</p>	<p>It is clarified that construction cost more than Rs.3,000 Crore is for individual project</p> <p>RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.</p>
24.	4. Minimum Required Experience and Expertise Of Proposed Core Team And Resource Pool Pag No. 117	4.1 List of Minimum Key Personnel 1. Project Controls, Planning and MIS Manager Minimum of 15 years of professional experience in all facets and domains of infrastructure with appropriate experience in planning / supervision / project appraisal of large cities and industrial regions with allied infrastructure (construction cost more than ₹2,500 Crore).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request Client clarify whether the Construction cost more Rs.2500 Crores is indivual project or cumulative 	<p>It is clarified that construction cost more than Rs.2,500 Crore is for individual project</p>
25.	4. Minimum Required Experience and Expertise	Sl. No. 1. Project Director	Request to Client to amend the Educational Background as "Should have full Time bachelor's degree in civil engineering from recognized university and a full-time master's degree in	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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	of Proposed Core Team And Resource Pool Page No. 116	Should have full Time bachelor's degree in civil engineering from recognized university and a full-time master's degree in Engineering or Business Administration	Engineering or Business Administration/ Urban Planning " from a recognized university or institution, considering this suits the requirements of the project.	
26.	4. Minimum Required Experience and Expertise of Proposed Core Team And Resource Pool Page No. 117	Sl. No. 3 Urban Development Expert Should have completed Post graduate in Urban/ Regional / Infrastructure Planning from a recognized university or institution.	Request to Client to amend the Educational Background as "Should have completed Post graduate in Urban/ Regional / Infrastructure Planning/ Housing " from a recognized university or institution.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
27.	4.2 Resource Pool Page No. 119	In addition to the KP deployed at NICDC offices , the Consultant shall have an experienced pool of subject matter experts, based out of their home office. These resources / SME shall be deployed at NICDC office during the course of the project. Anticipated person month inputs for each resource / SME are estimated, over the period of 3 years. This deployment shall be agreed in writing with NICDC prior to deployment.	We understand that all the key experts and the pool of SME's will be based at NICDC office, New Delhi and will be required to travel to various projects on an as and when required basis. Kindly confirm.	Bidder`s understanding is confirmed.
28.	4.3 Miscellaneous Page No. 106, 107 and 119	Form 5 (B)-2 (a) & 5B-2 (b) Curriculum vistas of the proposed personnel for the above stated resource pool need to be submitted in the technical proposal. But these Curriculum vistas shall not be used for evaluation of technical proposal.	In addition to the key experts, the RFP indicates 42 positions for the Senior and Associate subject matter experts. We request that these CV's be allowed to be submitted at the negotiation stage.	Bidder`s understanding is confirmed. Kindly also refer to Corrigendum 01.
29.		Travel : 3-star Hotel to be provided. Please specify the limit of per day hotel charges, example (Rs.10,000 per day) instead of restricting to star category. Also per diem allowance of 1000/- is on the lesser side and increase the same to Rs.3000/-		RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
30.	Page 44 , Clause 16- Tentative Schedule for Selection Process, S. No 5	Last date for submission of Proposal – 26-12-2024	In order to put together a strong and compelling proposal, and to implement necessary changes in bid document post receiving responses to pre-bid queries, kindly request you to extend the date of submission by 15 days.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged

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32.	Page 49, Annexure 1, S. No 2	<p>The Sole Applicant or any member of the Consortium should have successfully executed/completed the projects in capacity of the Programme Management/ Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD for Infrastructure Development Programme either of the following:</p>	<p>We request the authority to consider the following –</p> <p>The Sole Applicant or any member of the Consortium should have successfully executed/completed the projects in capacity of the Programme Management/ Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD for Infrastructure Development Programme either of the following:</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		<p>(I) Three (03) similar completed services with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 20 Crore each; or</p> <p>(II) Two (02) similar completed services with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 25 Crore each; or</p> <p>(III) One (01) similar completed service with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 40 Crore.</p> <p>For the sake of clarity, similar works shall mean implementation of trunk infrastructure works for industrial estates or parks / special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans.</p>	<p>Three (03) similar completed services with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 1 Crore each</p> <p>For the sake of clarity, similar works shall mean experience in conducting feasibility studies, preparing Detailed Project Reports (DPR), and developing Master Plans for Industrial Parks, Industrial Estates, or Special Economic Zones.</p>	
33.	Page 49, Annexure 1, S. No 4	Should have operational offices (project/branch/regional) in at least 10 different countries . Bidder shall furnish the list, address, and contact details of all such offices.	Please clarify if the offices of the bidding entity are required or the offices of group companies/ sister concerns/ allied partners shall also suffice.	Refer Corrigendum 01.
34.	Page 50, Annexure 1, S. No 5	<p>Bidder should have experience in providing project / program management consultancy services in at least 10 large scale infrastructure projects (each with a construction cost greater than ₹ 2,000 Crore) outside India, completed in past 10 years from the date of PDD.</p> <p>For the sake of clarity, large infrastructure projects shall mean implementation of infrastructure works in road, rail, ports, airports, industrial estates, or parks and SEZs.</p>	<p>Request the authority to consider 1 (one) Project for International Experience and consider experience in conducting feasibility studies, preparing Detailed Project Reports (DPR), and developing Master Plans for Industrial Parks, Industrial Estates, or Special Economic Zones (SEZs) as part of the experience requirements for the consultancy firm.</p> <p>It is also requested to allow work order along with self-certification for the completion and construction cost of the project for international projects.</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
35.		<p>Experience in Programme /Project Management for National / State level Infrastructure development programme/ projects</p> <p>The applicant shall have, over the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, undertaken at least two (02) such completed assignments for infrastructure projects on behalf of</p>	<p>We request the authority to clarify Programme /Project Management for National / State level Infrastructure development programme/ projects</p> <p>Also, request to reduce the minimum size of each eligible programme/project package to ₹ 500 Cr</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		any Central / State Government agency /private entities for infrastructure development programme/ projects Minimum size of each eligible programme / project package should be at least ₹ 2,000 Cr. Applicant shall submit three (03) completed projects during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, to attain maximum marks under this category.		
36.	Page 51 , Annexure II, S. No A4	International Experience The applicant should have undertaken during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD atleast one (01) project outside India providing Programme Management consultancy (PMNC) or Project Management Consultancy (PMC) or Infrastructure development programme/ projects for Industrial townships/ special economic zones / investment zones/Area development with components like roads & utilities, power substation, water supply network, solid waste management and sewage treatment plants. Applicant shall submit two (02) projects to attain maximum marks under this category.	We request the authority to consider including experience in conducting feasibility studies, preparing Detailed Project Reports (DPR), and developing Master Plans for Industrial Parks, Industrial Estates, or Special Economic Zones (SEZs) at International Locations as part of the experience requirements for the consultancy firm.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
37.	Page 116 , Clause 4, 4.1 List of Minimum Key personnel S. No 1	Project Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should have full Time bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from recognized university and a full-time master’s degree in Engineering or Business Administration. Minimum of 25 years of professional experience across core elements of Project Planning /Structuring/Designing/Construction, Program Management/Supervision of similar large infrastructure projects (construction cost more than ₹ 3,000 Crore). 	Request the authority to change the minimum experience threshold to 15 years. Is the cost as mentioned shall be for a single project or multiple projects and shall the Self-deceleration for the cost of project be accepted?	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should have minimum 7 years of cumulative experience in at least three programs in leadership capacity (Project Director/ Dy. Project Director) with accountability and responsibility for performance including quality, budget, schedule, client and stakeholder management. <p>The Project Director shall preferably be an expat with international experience (minimum of 1 year in a single project) of a similar nature. The Project Director shall preferably be a permanent employee of the applicant for the last 5 years.</p>		
38.	Page 117, Clause 4, 4.1 List of Minimum Key personnel S. No 2	<p>Project Controls, Planning and MIS Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should have full time bachelor's degree in engineering from recognized university or institution. Should have relevant certification in PMP / Construction Management/ Project management tools like Primavera or MS-Projects. Minimum of 15 years of professional experience in all facets and domains of infrastructure with appropriate experience in planning / supervision / project appraisal of large cities and industrial regions with allied infrastructure (construction cost more than ₹2,500 Crore). Should have a minimum of 5 years of cumulative experience with at least two programs in - planning, project controls, budget, schedule, client, MIS Control and stakeholder management. The Project Planning Manager should have exposure of commercial ventures/ business models. <p>International experience of similar nature (minimum of 1 year in a single project) shall be given preference.</p>	<p>Request the authority to change the minimum experience to 10 years.</p> <p>Is the cost as mentioned shall be for a single project or multiple projects and shall the Self-deceleration for the cost of project be accepted?</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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39.	Page 117, Clause 4, 4.1 List of Minimum Key personnel S. No 3	<p>Urban Development Expert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should have full bachelor's degree in architecture / planning / civil engineering from a recognized university or institutions. Should have completed Post graduate in Urban/ Regional / Infrastructure Planning from a recognized university or institution. <p>Minimum 15 years of experience in design / planning / of large industrial areas / integrated townships of area more than 1,000 acres.</p>	Request the authority to change the minimum experience to 10 years.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
40.	Page 117, Clause 4, 4.1 List of Minimum Key personnel S. No 4	<p>Contracts Expert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should have full time bachelor's degree in engineering (civil/ mechanical/ electrical) from recognized university or institutions. Certifications in legal courses related to arbitration and dispute resolution shall be given additional weightage Should have 15 years of professional experience in - handling contractual and legal issues in case of large infrastructure projects (construction cost more than ₹ 2,500 Crore) implemented on EPC mode. Should have experience in drafting and vetting of various contract / RfQ-cum-RfP (EPC, Consultancy) related to implementation of infrastructure projects. <p>Should have knowledge of Govt. of India contracting guidelines like GFR, Manual of Procurement issued by Ministry of Finance and other govt. guidelines issued by NITI Aayog and CVC.</p>	Request the authority to change the minimum experience to 10 years. Shall the Self-declaration for the cost of project be accepted?	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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41.	Page 118, Clause 4, 4.1 List of Minimum Key personnel S. No 5	<p>Infrastructure Specialist - Civil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should have full time bachelor's degree in civil engineering from recognized university and a full time Master's degree in structural/transportation Engineering is preferable. <p>Certification in Construction/ Project Management from reputed institute shall be preferred. Minimum 15 years of experience in design and implementation of roads, structures, buildings etc. in large infrastructure projects (at least 1 project having construction cost more than ₹ 1,000 Crore).</p>	<p>Request you to change the minimum experience to 10 years.</p> <p>Shall the Self-declaration [REDACTED] for the cost of project be accepted?</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
42.	Page 118, Clause 4, 4.1 List of Minimum Key personnel S. No 6	<p>Infrastructure Specialist – Power Supply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should have full time bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from recognized university and a full time Master's degree in power system or equivalent is preferred. <p>Minimum 15 years of experience in design, implementation and commissioning of minimum 110 KV power substation, distribution network, underground cabling network etc. in large infrastructure projects. Experience in renewable energy is desirable.</p>	Request the authority to change the minimum experience threshold to 10 years.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
43.	Page 118, Clause 4, 4.1 List of Minimum Key personnel S. No 7	<p>Infrastructure Specialist – Public Health Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should have full time Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from recognized university and a full time Master's degree in Environment / Water Resource engineering. <p>Minimum 15 years of experience in design, implementation and commissioning of 5 MLD of WTP/CETP/STP</p>	Request the authority to change the minimum experience threshold to 10 years.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
44.	Page 120, Clause 7, 7.1 List of Minimum Key personnel S. No 1	The Deliverables and the Schedule for Delivery under the RfQ-cum-RfP shall be as per the individual Work Orders issued by	We request to revise the payment schedule to a monthly basis, linked to the deployment of key resources. Additionally, the deliverables may be incorporated into the delivery milestones,	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		the Client to the Consultant. For the First Year, the Milestones/Deliverables and the Delivery Schedule.....	which the consultant is expected to submit within the agreed timeframe, contingent upon the availability of all necessary data to complete the respective milestone.	
45.	Page 157 , Clause 5.6, 5.6.5	For the avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that the reduction in agreed rate in case of replacement of Key Professional under this Clause 5.6 shall not be applicable in case of changes in Key Professional pursuant to Clause 6.4.5.	There is no mention of the conditions under which the reduction of fees would not apply in the case of replacing key professionals in the clause 6.4.5. Please clarify.	Refer Corrigendum 01.
46.	Page 162 , Clause 7.1.7	The Consultant shall submit to the Client a detailed report showing the time (in man- months) spent by each of the Key Professional and the Additional Personnel. The time in man-month(s) spent by any Personnel shall be computed as per the following formula: M = TTS ÷ (8 x 22) where: M denotes man-months; and TTS denotes the total time spent in hours during the period for which the invoice is raised; provided however where M > 1, M shall be deemed to be equal to 1. The fees attributable to each Personnel on an actual deployment basis shall be equal to M multiplied by the Scheduled Rate applicable to such Personnel.	The reference to "22" should be updated to reflect the actual number of working days in each month, as some months may have fewer than 22 working days due to government holidays. Additionally, we request that 1.5 days of leave per working month be granted for all resources.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
47.	Section 2 , Clause 5.6.8, point 3(e), Page 28	The Applicant must furnish the Client certifications/Certificate from the Statutory Auditor for the projects listed under the experience section.	We understand for the completed projects (100%) the applicant can substantiate the proof of experience with certificate from the statutory auditor. Request for your confirmation.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
48.	Section 2 , Clause 5.6.9, point 2(b), Page 29	The Financial Proposal shall take into account all the expenses and tax liabilities and cost of insurance specified in the Contract, levies and other impositions applicable under the	We understand that the applicant's financial proposal shall be inclusive of all taxes. except GST, which shall be paid at actual over and above the quoted fee. Request for your confirmation.	The financial proposal shall be inclusive of all taxes including GST.

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		prevailing law on the Applicants and their personnel. For the avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that all taxes, shall be deemed to be included in the cost shown under different items of Financial Proposal. Further, all payments shall be subjected to deduction of taxes at source as per Applicable Laws.		
49.	Section 2 , Clause 5.6.9, point 4 Page 30	Indexation of remuneration will not be done in this Contract. For the sake of clarity, it is again clarified that the same rates are to be quoted for Year 1 (one) to 3 (three) and escalation will not be given in this Contract.	As the duration of the project is for 3 years and the mode of contract time and material contract. It will be unfair for the applicant to estimate the future escalation for 3 years to present date. We request your consideration of including indexation/ escalation in the contract.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
50.	Section 2 , Clause 10.5.1, point 3 Page 39	The Client may request the Successful Applicant to clarify the breakdown of remuneration rates during the Contract negotiations. At the negotiations, the Successful Applicant shall be prepared to disclose its audited financial statements for the last 3 (three) years to substantiate its breakup of remuneration rates. If clarifications are not satisfactory, the Client may ask the Successful Applicant to reduce the rates. The Client shall specify the format for clarifying the remuneration rates' structure under this Clause ("Remuneration Sheet"). A breakdown of Remuneration sheets agreed upon at the negotiations shall form part of the negotiated contract and be included as an Annex to Appendix C in the Contract.	Request you for deletion of the said requirement in the RFQ-Cum-RFP.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
51.	Section 4 , Annexure – I, Page 47	S. No. 1a to 5.	We understand that the project experience claimed under S. No 1a can be submitted against the qualification requirement under S. No 2 to 5 also and Vice-a-Versa. Request you to confirm.	Bidder`s understanding is confirmed.
52.	Form 40 RFP man months, Page 92	Person-months for Senior/Associate provided and RFP mentions about increase/decrease however subject to overall fee ceilings.	As the person-months provided for Senior/ Associates are not enough for such a large-scale program, it is requested to rationalise the person-months proposed for this category of staff.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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53.	Section 4 , FORM 4O, Page 92		As per the FORM 4O provided in the RFQ-cum-RFP, the man months for transport planner (both Senior and associate) is stated as Zero "0". While the applicant quotes his rate for this position and apply the man months given in the Form, the resultant fee for this position is becoming Zero. As this support position will be used in delivery of the project, the applicant can't bill this position during course of contract execution. Likewise, for many Senior and Associate positions, the man months are stated as Zero "0". Request you to update the FORM 4O with minimum man months for each position both senior and associate level.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
54.	Form 5B.1 , Page 105	RFP mentions Year 2024 as first year sell rate	Considering the project start date as 1 Jan 2025, it will be prudent to consider Year 2025 as first year sell rate.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
55.	Form 5D , Page 109	Expenses (air fare/ train fare) to 12 program nodes will be reimbursed at actuals with a ceiling.	RFP requires consultants to accompany client officials for site visits. Appreciate the frequency of visits may be shared which will help in estimating the expenses.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
56.	Section 6 , Clause 2.1.5, Page 114	a. KP will assess and establish robust quality control systems for each project, ensuring compliance with world-class industry standards in project execution. d. Establish Audit mechanism & assist NICDC in quality Audits.	As the Specific quality control and audit requirement are specified in the TOR. We request you to include the following stated position in FORM 4O for both Senior and Associate: "Quality Control/Audit Expert"	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
57.	Section 6 , Clause 2.1.9, Page 114	a. The KP will implement a cloud-based Document Control system for NICDC and train the nominated officials for its usage. b. The KP will develop a Dashboard for express use of NICDC and will be integrated with all SPV projects.	We understand that cost of software and actual required number of annual licenses fee for establishment and maintenance of cloud-based Document Control system and Dashboard shall be borne by the Client. Consultant shall only provide assistance to client in establishment and maintenance of this software systems. Request you to confirm. Also, the provisional sum provided for software may not be sufficient to deliver the program and client will reimburse the actual cost of the software products, if exceeds the provisional sum amount. Please confirm.	Annual licenses fee for establishment and maintenance of cloud-based Document Control system and Dashboard shall be borne by the Client with prior approval. Rest all other incidental costs shall be borne by the Bidder.

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58.	Section 6 , Clause 4.1, S.no 3, Page 117	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should have full bachelor's degree in architecture / planning / civil engineering from a recognized university or institutions - Should have completed Post graduate in Urban/Regional/ Infrastructure Planning from a recognized university or institution. - Minimum 15 years of experience in design / planning / of large industrial areas / integrated townships of area more than 1,000 acres 	<p>As full-time urban development expert position in the KP is limited to certain duration. We can use this position as a SME/additional Role. As the KP scope of work requires more robotics nature of monitoring and engagement with each SPV stakeholder and liaison with local authorities along with SPV.</p> <p>We purpose to have the following core position in place of urban development expert:</p> <p>“Programme Monitoring Expert”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should have bachelor's degree from a recognized university or institutions. - Should have completed MBA/Postgraduate in Infrastructure management/construction management from a recognized university or institution. - Minimum 12 years of experience in handling large industrial areas / integrated townships of area more than 1,000 acres from a client or consultant role. - Should have hands-on experience working with public sector in terms of liaison with different stakeholder and monitoring works behalf of client or an employer. 	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
59.	Section 6 , Clause 4.1, S.no 4, Page 117	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should have full time bachelor's degree in engineering (civil/ mechanical/ electrical) from recognized university or institutions - Additional Degree in law shall be given preference - Certifications in legal courses related to arbitration and dispute resolution shall be given additional weightage 	<p>As the requirement under Year 1 is majorly procurement and finalization of contractors and consultant contracts. Also, the subsequent years the major role shall be contract administration. We request for amendment of the requirement as following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should have full time bachelor's degree in engineering (civil/ mechanical/ electrical) from recognized university or institutions”. 	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should have 15 years of professional experience in - handling contractual and legal issues in case of large infrastructure projects (construction cost more than ₹ 2,500 Crore) implemented on EPC mode - Should have experience in drafting and vetting of various contract / RfQ-cum-RfP (EPC, Consultancy) related to implementation of infrastructure projects. - Should have knowledge of Govt. of India contracting guidelines like GFR, Manual of Procurement issued by Ministry of Finance and other govt. guidelines issued by NITI Aayog and CVC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certifications in legal courses related to arbitration and dispute resolution shall be given additional weightage. - Should have 12/15 (Graduate/Postgraduate) years of professional experience in – handling contractual and legal issues in case of large infrastructure projects (construction cost more than ₹ 2,500 Crore) implemented on EPC mode. - Should have experience in drafting and vetting of various contract / RfQ-cum-RfP (EPC, Consultancy) related to implementation of infrastructure projects. - Should have knowledge of Govt. of India contracting guidelines like GFR, Manual of Procurement issued by Ministry of Finance and other govt. guidelines issued by NITI Aayog and CVC. 	
60.	Section 6 , Clause 4.1, S.no 7, Page 118	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should have full time Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from recognized university and a full time Master's degree in Environment / Water Resource engineering. - Minimum 15 years of experience in design, implementation and commissioning of 5 MLD of WTP/CETP/STP. 	<p>We request to amend the requirement as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should have full time Bachelor's Degree in Civil/Environmental Engineering from recognized university and a full-time master's degree in Environment / Water Resource engineering is preferable. 	Refer Corrigendum 01.
61.	OR 7.1 , Page 120	Terms proposed for only first year and for subsequent years, it will be as per contract.	As the payment terms for Year 2 and 3 are not defined, understand it will be negotiated mutually at the start of Year 2 and Year 3.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
62.	Section 6 , Clause 4.3(b), Page 120	It is desired that the Key Personnel must be available during all working days on which the NICDC office remains open. Even on non-working days the Key Personnel should be available if required by NICDC.	We understand the normal working day per week is 5 days. Also, the RFQ-Cum-RFP state the man hours per month are 8 X 22 working days i.e 176 hours. As per this the consultant personnel shall be working for 5 days a week arrangement in NICDC office. Request you to confirm.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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			Also, please confirm that the reduction factor proposed (GCC 7.1.7, Page 162) for staff inputs with less than 22 days a month is not applicable to Public Holidays and Approved Leaves.	
63.	Section 7 , Clause 2.2 (e), Page 127	e. Prepare the preliminary design for the trunk infrastructure envisaged	Request you for modification of said clause as follows: - "Review the preliminary design for the trunk infrastructure envisaged "	Refer Corrigendum 01.
64.	Section 7 , Clause 2.2.1, Page 140	The Consultant shall commence the Services from the Effective Date or any date prior to that with written approval from the Client ("Commencement Date").	As "effective date" and "commencement date" are same as stated in the RFP. We request you for amendment of the clause as following: - "The Consultant shall commence the Services within 14 (fourteen) days from the Effective Date or any date prior to that with written approval from the Client ("Commencement Date")"	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
65.	Section 7 , Clause 2.5.1, point 8, Page 143	8. a Material Adverse Effect occurs and the Consultant fails to cure the same with a period of 14 (fourteen) days from the receipt of Notice of Default.	As obligation under contract for consultant and client shall be same, we request you for amendment of the clause as following: - "a Material Adverse Effect occurs and the Consultant fails to cure the same with a period of 60 (Sixty) days from the receipt of Notice of Default"	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
66.	Section 7 , Clause 2.5.1, point 8, Page 143	9. there is a breach of the Consultant's obligations under Clause 3 of the GCC and the Consultant fails to cure the same with a period of 14 (fourteen) days from the receipt of Notice of Default.	As obligation under contract for consultant and client shall be same, we request you for amendment of the clause as following: - - "there is a breach of the Consultant's obligations under Clause 3 of the GCC and the Consultant fails to cure the same with a period of 60 (Sixty) days from the receipt of Notice of Default".	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
67.	Section 7 , Clause 2.5.1, point 8, Page 143	10. the Consultant repudiates or abandons this Contract or otherwise takes any action or evidences or conveys an intention not to be bound by this Contract and the Consultant	As obligation under contract for consultant and client shall be same, we request you for amendment of the clause as following: -	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		fails to cure the same with a period of 14 (fourteen) days from the receipt of Notice of Default.	- "the Consultant repudiates or abandons this Contract or otherwise takes any action or evidences or conveys an intention not to be bound by this Contract and the Consultant fails to cure the same with a period of 60 (Sixty) days from the receipt of Notice of Default"	
68.	Section 7: Standard Form of Contract, Clause 3.6, Page 151 & 52	<p>3.6.1 The Consultant shall, within a period of 30 (thirty) days from the Effective Date, take out and maintain, and shall cause any Sub-Consultants to take out and maintain, at the Consultant own cost (or the Sub-Consultants' own cost, as the case may be) but on terms and conditions approved by the Client, insurance against the risks, and for the coverages, as shall be specified in the SCC.</p> <p>3.6.2 Within 15 (fifteen) days of receiving any insurance policy certificate in respect of insurances required to be obtained and maintained under this Clause, the Consultant shall furnish to the Client, copies of such policy certificates, copies of the insurance certificates and, from time to time, evidence that the insurance premium have been paid in respect of such insurance. No insurance shall be cancelled, modified or allowed to expire or lapse during the terms of this Contract.</p> <p>3.6.3 If the Consultant or any Sub-Consultant fails to effect and keep in force the aforesaid insurances for which it is responsible pursuant hereto, the Client shall apart from having other recourse available under this Contract have the option without prejudice to the obligations of the Consultant, to take out the aforesaid insurance, to keep in force any such insurances, and pay such premia and recover the costs thereof</p>	<p>We propose to support the project using our existing annually renewable insurance policies, as such suggest following changes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delete the words "take out and" - Delete the words "on terms and conditions approved by the client". - Delete the words "required to be obtained and" - Delete the words "copies of such policy certificates" - In case of failure to maintain insurance, we would suggest "subject to 15 days' notice to cure" - Our certificate of insurances procured from the insurer will mention the client as "Principal" instead of requirement to "provide an undertaking from the insurer to mention the client as Beneficiary" 	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		<p>from the Consultant, and the Consultant shall be liable to pay such amounts on demand by the Client.</p> <p>3.6.4 The insurance policies so procured shall mention the Client as the beneficiary of the Consultant and the Consultant shall procure an undertaking from the insurance company in this regard.</p>		
69.	3.10.3 , Page 152	Where the Consultant insures such Assets against loss or fire at the request of the Client, such insurance shall be deemed to be by way of additional precaution and shall not prejudice the Consultant's liability as aforesaid.	Please clarify the nature, duration and values of such assets, Where the Consultant insures such Assets against loss or fire at the request of the Client, such insurance shall be deemed to be by way of additional precaution and shall not prejudice the Consultant's liability as aforesaid.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
70.	Clause 6.5 , Page 160	"If, 3 (three) days prior to date of submission of the Proposal, there is any change in the Applicable Law with respect to Taxes which increases or decreases the cost or reimbursable expenses incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by Contract between the Parties hereto, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the Yearly Fee Ceilings, Contract Fee Ceiling, Yearly Contract Value Ceiling, Contract Value Ceiling, maximum OPE that may be claimed by the Consultant.	If there is change in law during execution of the project that also be borne by the client.	Kindly refer Section 7: Clause 1.6.4
71.	Section 7 , Clause 7.4.4, Page 164	Unless instructed in writing by the Client, payments shall not be made for any extra Personnel deployed over and above what has been agreed under the terms of the respective Work Orders. However, if the Personnel deployed by the Consultant are less than those stipulated under the respective Work Orders, the Client shall have the right to make deductions based on the rates indicated for the un-deployed Personnel.	We request you for deletion of this said clause. Any increase or decrease shall be dealt in the same manner.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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72.	Section 7, Clause 8.4, 8.5 & 8.6, Page 167	Extension for Excusable Delay Not Due to Consultant. Extension of Time for Inexcusable Delay Due to Consultant. Extension of Time for Concurrent Delay Due to Both Parties.	As the stated contract is time and material-based contract and Work order to be extended year-on-year upon mutual agreement between both the parties. We request you deleted the clause 8.4, 8.5 & 8.6 as these are conflicting the nature of the work order agreement in this contract.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
73.	3.6 (a), Page 181)	Third Party motor vehicle liability insurance as required under Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 in respect of motor vehicles operated in India by the Consultant or its Personnel or any Sub Consultants or their Personnel for the period of consultancy.	Third Party motor vehicle liability insurance as required under Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 in respect of motor vehicles operated in India by the Consultant or its Personnel or any Sub Consultants or their Personnel for the period of consultancy.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
74.	3.6 (b), Page 181)	Third Party liability insurance with a minimum coverage, for ₹ 10,00,000/ (Rupees Ten Lakh) for the period of consultancy.	Third Party liability insurance with a coverage, for ₹ 10,00,000/ (Rupees Ten Lakh) for the period of consultancy services in the aggregate.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
75.	3.6 (c), Page 181)	Professional Liability Insurance - The Consultant will maintain at its expense Professional Liability Insurance including coverage for errors and omissions caused by Consultant's negligence, breach in the performance of its duties under this Contract from an Insurance Company permitted to offer such policies in India and included in the list of General Insurers (Non-Life) approved by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) , for a period of 5 (five) years beyond the expiry or termination of the Contract and commencing from the Commencement Date, for an amount not less than the Contract Fee Ceiling. The Client shall be designated as a beneficiary in the professional liability insurance procured by the Consultant. In the event the Consultant does not intend to procure a separate professional liability insurance policy in respect of this Contract, the Consultant's general professional liability insurance policy shall procure endorsement of Client's name as a beneficiary for an amount not less than the Contract Fee Ceiling. The	We propose to support the project using our existing annually renewable insurance policies, as such suggest following changes: - Professional Liability / Indemnity Insurance – The Consultant will maintain at its expense, Professional Liability/ indemnity Insurance including coverage for errors and omissions caused by Consultant's negligence, breach in the performance of its duties under this Contract from an Insurance Company permitted to offer such policies in India and included in the list of General Insurers (Non- Life) approved by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) , for a period of 5 (five) years beyond the expiry or termination of the Contract and during the period of services -, for an amount equal to the Contract Fee Ceiling. The Client shall be designated as a principal in the professional liability / indemnity insurance procured by the Consultant. In the event the Consultant does not intend to procure a separate professional liability / Indemnity insurance policy in respect of this Contract, the Consultant's general professional	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		<p>Consultant shall submit the entire policy document for the Professional Liability Insurance.</p> <p>The indemnity limit in terms of “Any One Accident” (AOA) and “Aggregate limit on the policy period” (AOP) should not be less than the amount stated in the Contract. In case the Consultant is a Consortium, the policy should be in the name of the Consortium / association entity and not by the Members.</p>	<p>liability / Indemnity insurance policy shall procure certificate on insurance from its insurers of Client’s name as a Principal for an amount equal to the Contract Fee Ceiling. The Consultant shall submit the Certificate of insurance/Indemnity for the Professional Liability / Indemnity Insurance.</p> <p>The indemnity limit in terms of “Any One Accident” (AOA) and “Aggregate limit on the policy period” (AOP) should be the amount stated in the Contract. In case the Consultant is a Consortium, the policy should be in the name of the Consortium / association entity and not by the Members.</p>	
76.	3.6 (d), Page 181)	Employer’s liability and workers’ compensation insurance shall be in respect of the Key Personnel and Additional Personnel of the Consultant and personnel of any Sub-Consultant, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Applicable Law, as well as, with respect to such personnel, any such life, health, accident, travel or other insurance as may be appropriate; and all insurances and policies should start from the date of commencement of Services and remain effective as per relevant requirements of Contract.	Annually renewable Employer’s liability and workers’ compensation insurance shall be in respect of the Key Personnel and Additional Personnel of the Consultant and personnel of any Sub-Consultant, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Applicable Law, as well as, with respect to such personnel, any such life, health, accident, travel or other insurance as may be appropriate; and all insurances and policies should remain effective during the period of services of Services and remain effective as per relevant requirements of Contract.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
77.	3.6 (e), Page 181	Any other insurance that may be necessary to protect the Client, its employees and its assets (against loss, damage or destruction, at replacement value) including rioting and all Force Majeure Events that are insurable.	<p>We are providing consultancy services and as such have suggested following modifications; will that be acceptable?</p> <p>Any other insurance that may be necessary under applicable law to protect the Client, its employees.</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
78.	Section 3 Data Sheet	Bidder should have experience in providing project / program management consultancy services in at least 10 large scale infrastructure projects (each with a construction cost greater than ₹ 2,000 Crore) outside India, completed in past 10 years from the date of PDD. For the sake of clarity, large	<p>We request to relax the criteria under Note: c as pre below: -</p> <p>“All 10 projects should be located in at least 5 different countries outside India and should be completed in all respects. Client certificates shall be furnished by the Applicants.”</p>	Refer Corrigendum 01.

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		<p>infrastructure projects shall mean implementation of infrastructure works in road, rail, ports, airports, industrial estates or parks and SEZs.</p> <p>Note c: All 10 projects should be located in 10 different countries outside India and should be completed in all respects. Client certificates shall be furnished by the Applicants.</p>		
79.	Section 2; Clause 2.6.3 and Clause 2.7.3; Page 11 Conflict of interest	<p>Clause 2.6.3 states that:</p> <p>In case, the first ranked applicant does not accept the offer, the bid would be cancelled and re-tendered Clause 2.7.3 states that:</p> <p>...If such disqualification/ rejection occurs after the Proposals have been opened and the highest-ranking Applicant gets disqualified/ rejected, then the Client reserves the right to consider the next best Applicant or take any other measure as may be deemed fit in the sole discretion of the Client, including annulment of the Selection Process.</p>	Both statements are contradictory to each other. We understand that in case of contract not concluded with first ranked bidder, next best applicant shall be considered. Please confirm.	<p>There is no contradiction in Clause 2.6.3 and Clause 2.7.3.</p> <p>Clause 2.6.3 is about the non-acceptance of the offer by the successful applicant, in that case, the bid would be cancelled and re-tendered.</p> <p>Clause 2.7.3 is about disqualification/rejection of highest-ranking Applicant on account of misrepresentation /improper response by the said Applicant. In that case, the Client reserves the right to consider the next best Applicant, or take any other measure as may be deemed fit in the sole discretion of the Client, including annulment of the Selection Process.</p>

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80.	Section 2; Clause 5.6.9;Page 30 Financial Proposal	Indexation of remuneration will not be done in this Contract. For the sake of clarity, it is again clarified that the same rates are to be quoted for Year 1 (one) to 3 (three) and escalation will not be given in this Contract.	We understand if the KP services are extended beyond the initial contract period of three years or variation orders are issued, these rates shall be mutually discussed and agreed. Please confirm.	Bidder`s understanding is confirmed.
81.	Section 3: Datasheet; Clause 2.10.1 and 2.10.2; Page 16	Date, time and address of venue of Pre-bid meeting –	We request that the pre-bid meeting be held in a hybrid format also	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
82.	Annexure 1: Parameters for Evaluation of Pre-Qualification and Annexure 2, Page 50	Notes: For the purpose of conversion of foreign currency in to local currency i.e. Indian Rupees (₹) or vice versa, Bidders shall use the Reference Rates of Foreign Currency published by Reserve Bank of India (www.rbi.org.in), on the Base Date (30 days prior to PDD).	We understand that enhancement factors will be applied to adjust the completion cost of works to align with the base year.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
83.	Annexure 1: Parameters for Evaluation of Pre-Qualification Page 47	Specific experience* of the applicant: As a sole applicant or lead member of a Joint venture/Consortium should have completed at least one project of working as a Programme Management or Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD, for the planning & supervision, project development and implementation of industrial estates/ special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans for an area not less than Ten (10) square kilometers.	We request client to amend the following as: As a sole applicant or lead any member of a Joint venture/Consortium should have completed at least one project of working as a Programme Management or Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) fifteen (15) years preceding the PDD, for the planning & supervision, project development and implementation of industrial estates/ special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans/ townships/ ports/ airports for an area not less than Ten (10) five (5) square kilometers. We understand that the experience of the bidder, including instances where the bidder participated in a consortium but was not the lead member, will also be considered. Please confirm if this understanding is correct.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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84.	Annexure-I: Parameters for Evaluation of Pre-Qualification, Table: Minimum qualification criteria Qualification Criteria, S.No. 2 Page 49	<p>The Sole Applicant or any member of the Consortium should have successfully executed/completed the projects in capacity of the Programme Management/ Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD for Infrastructure Development Programme either of the following:</p> <p>(i) Three (03) similar completed services with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 20 Crore each; OR</p> <p>(ii) Two (02) similar completed services with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 25 Crore each; OR</p> <p>(iii) One (01) similar completed service with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 40 Crore.</p>	We request client to consider projects from last 15 years.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
85.	Annexure-II: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal, Table, S.No. A3 Page 51 of 199	<p>General experience in Project Development Advisory Consultancy Services</p> <p>The applicant should have undertaken during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, at least two (02) similar projects of providing Project Development Advisory services for major infrastructure projects like industrial townships/special economic zones/investment regions/area development, integrated real estate development.</p> <p>These projects should have infrastructure components like roads & utilities, power substation, water supply network, solid waste management⁵ and sewage treatment plants.</p> <p>The cumulative consultancy Fee of two (02) eligible project shall be ₹ 50 Crore.</p>	<p>We request client to amend the requirements as:</p> <p>The cumulative consultancy Fee of two (02) five (5) eligible project shall be ₹ 50 Crore</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The cumulative consultancy Fee of two (02) eligible project shall be ₹ 50 Crore (₹ 25 Crore)</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
86.	Annexure-II: Parameters for Evaluation of the	Experience in Advanced Manufacturing & Innovation (Industry 4.0)	We request client to consider experiences wherein experience related to latest technologies applied in major infrastructure project.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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	Technical Proposal, Table, S. No. A5 Page 51 of 199	The applicant should have experience in the integration of Industry 4.0 technologies (e.g., AI, IoT, digital twin, cloud computing, robotics, Big Data Analytics) into industrial operations in at least one (1) major infrastructure projects. Applicant shall submit two (02) projects to attain maximum marks under this category.		
87.	Annexure-II: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal, Note 4 Page 52 of 199	For Sl. no. A1 to A5 above , the completed project shall also mean ongoing consulting assignments. However, assignments completed up to 80% (eighty percent) or more shall only be considered for evaluation and marks awarded for such assignments shall only be 80 % (eighty percent) of maximum marks. The Applicant shall provide the proof that the assignment is completed up to 80 % (eighty percent) through proof of payment received till date duly certified by statutory auditor or through certificate from the respective client.	We request client to kindly consider 80% or more completed projects as completed and full marks be awarded for such projects.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
88.	Annexure -3, Page 55	Number of marks for Project Director/ Team Leader: 20 marks	We kindly request a revision to the distribution of allocation of marks of key personnels as currently 40% marks are allocated to Team leader/ Project Director Role and should be reallocated among the other key personnel to support a more balanced and equitable evaluation of all key team members.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
89.	Annexure -3, Page 55	Association with the firm (7%)	We propose that this allocation be reduced and redistributed within the adequacy assessment for the assignment. Given the specific requirements of the project, we believe it would be beneficial to prioritize personnel with extensive experience in similar roles.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
90.	Annexure -3, Page 55	List of Key Personnel	Considering the scale of the project and the complexity of managing 12 industrial nodes, we propose the introduction of two additional key positions: Deputy Programme Director and Commercial Expert . These roles will work in close coordination with the Programme Director, Project Controls Expert, and the	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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			<p>node level govt. agency to ensure seamless planning, management, and execution.</p> <p>The Deputy Programme Director will also serve the duties of PD in his absence due to reasons beyond control of consultants.</p> <p>Overall estimated programme value is over 28000 Cr., The team proposed has no dedicated person for managing the node level expenditure. Commercial Expert will play a critical role in managing and monitoring overall project level expenditure on behalf of NICDC.</p>	
91.	Section 4: Prequalification and Technical Proposal - Standard Forms Page 57	Section 1 - Specific experience of the firm(s) related to this assignment Section 3 - Qualification, experience and competence of the Key Personnel.	We understand that the limit of no. of pages specified for these particular criteria are in addition to those required within the formats for defining the minimum qualification criteria and CVs for the competencies of key personnel.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
92.	Gem Portal	General Max no. of pages: 100 pages	Based on our previous experience with the GEM Portal for earlier submissions, we have observed that the portal imposes a 10 MB file size limit for each section. To ensure that the proposal is submitted with high-quality graphics, we kindly request the creation of a single submission head that allows the entire proposal to be uploaded in one place, with a minimum file size limit of 500 MB. Currently, the GEM Portal requires the proposal to be broken down into multiple sections, which results in duplicative submissions and does not provide an option to submit a single file.	NICDC may pursue the matter with GeM to increase the file size limit.
93.	Section 6: Terms of Reference Subclause 4.2, Resource Pool; Page 92 of 199 and Page 119 of 199	Resource Pool Curriculum vistas of the proposed personnel for the above stated resource pool need to be submitted in the technical proposal. But these Curriculum vistas shall not be used for evaluation of technical proposal.	We understand that the submission of the resource pool list is a requirement; however, it will not be part of the evaluation process. Regarding the staffing plan outlined in Form 4O, which specifies multiple positions such as senior and associate roles, we seek clarification on whether consultants are required to submit CVs for senior positions only or for both senior and associate positions. Kindly confirm.	Bidder`s understanding is confirmed. Refer Corrigendum 01.

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94.	Section 6: Terms of Reference Subclause 4.2, Resource Pool; Page 92 of 199	Resource Pool Transport Planner	The man-months allocated for the Transport Planner are shown as zero. We assume this is an error; kindly confirm. Additionally, considering the substantial volume of work involved, we have observed that the man-months allocated for both senior and associate positions appear to be insufficient. We suggest reassessing these allocations to ensure adequate resources for successful project execution.	RFP conditions shall remain unchanged. It is clarified that Bidder shall quote per man-month rates of Transport Planner for evaluation purpose. If need be, the resource may be deployed. Kindly also refer "Notes" in Form 4O.
95.	Section 6: Terms of Reference Subclause 4.3, Miscellaneous, S.No (c) Page 120 of 199	NICDC reserves the right to ask for the details regarding the proof of age, qualification and association of the key Professional with the Consultant. Age limit for Key Professionals mentioned above to be deployed on project should not be more than 65 (sixty-five) years on the date of Proposal submission.	We kindly request client to consider experts with max age as 70 years instead of 65 to account for the experience required under the criteria.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
96.	Section 6; Terms of Reference; Clause 4 Page 117	The Project Director shall preferably be a permanent employee of the applicant for the last 5 years.	We request client that the criteria requiring the Project Director to be a permanent employee of the applicant for the past 5 years be relaxed. As an alternative, we propose that the Project Director be allowed to assume a permanent role prior to the signing of the contract.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
97.	Section 6; Terms of Reference; Clause 4.1	Infrastructure Specialist -Civil Should have full time bachelor's degree in civil engineering from recognized university and a full time Master's degree in structural/ transportation Engineering is preferable.	We request client that Personnel with Master's degree in structural/ transportation engineering or equivalent is preferred.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
98.	Form 2: GCC, Clause 7.1.3	In the event the Milestone scheduled for completion in the calendar month for which the invoice has been raised has been satisfactorily completed, the fees payable to the Consultant shall be equal to the lower of:	We kindly request the client to update the payment terms to be based on team deployment for the respective periods. Linking milestone payments may not be feasible, as the consultants will be dependent on other parties for certain deliverables. This	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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			adjustment will ensure a more practical and manageable payment structure throughout the project.	
99.	Section 2; Clause 2; Page 9	Last Date for submission of the Proposal	We request client to provide at least 4 weeks of time after response to pre-bid queries so as to take such corrigendum/addendum into account in preparing quality proposal requirements.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
100.	Section 6; Clause 2.1.4 (a); Page 114 Contract Management	The KP shall be responsible for monitoring the work for all the consultants, PMC/CEI, Contractors ensuring quality control in accordance with the applicable scope of work and contract conditions;	We request to kindly elaborate the scope under monitoring of work and ensuring quality control because the supervision of work is not under direct control of the KP.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
101.	Section 6; Clause 2.1.9 (b); Page 114 Management Information System	The KP will develop a Dashboard for express use of NICDC and will be integrated with all SPV projects.	We understand that the technical support for developing the Dashboard is in KP scope. The expenditure towards licensing shall be bear by the client. Kindly confirm.	Annual licenses fee for establishment and maintenance of cloud-based Document Control system and Dashboard shall be borne by the Client with prior approval. Rest all other incidental costs shall be borne by the Bidder.
102.	Clause 2.5.6(b)- Liability of The Consultant of GCC	The aggregate liability of either Party, whether under the Contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total Contract Value, provided that this limitation shall not apply to:	We request client to amend the clause to following: - 2.5.6- (b) The aggregate liability of either Party, whether under the Contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total Contract Fee ceiling Value , provided that this limitation shall not apply to: - (i) Any obligation or claim arising out of or in connection with any third-party claim of IPR infringement; and; (ii) In the event of any gross negligence or willful misconduct on part of either Party, as finally judicially determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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103.	Clause 2.5.5 Risk and Cost Procurement of GCC	<p>The Client shall be entitled, upon termination of the Contract for the grounds under Clause 2.5.1 (other than Clause 2.5.1(12) and Clause 2.5.1(13)), to procure Services similar to those terminated, with such terms and conditions and in such manner as it deems fit at the “Risk and Cost” of the Consultant.</p> <p>The Consultant shall not be entitled to any gain on such procurement, and the manner and method of such procurement shall be at the discretion of the Client. It shall not be necessary for the Client to notify the Consultant of such procurement. It shall, however, be at the discretion of the Client to collect or not the security deposit from the firm/ firms on whom the contract is placed at the risk and cost of the Consultant.</p>	<p>Considering the nature of works, we request the client to delete the clause.</p>	<p>RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.</p>
104.	Clause 6.4.6 of GCC, Page 159	<p>The Consultant agrees and acknowledges that a Supplementary Work Order issued under Clause 6.4.5 of the GCC shall be binding on it and it shall be required to perform the Services under the previously issued Work Order as it stands varied by such Supplementary Work Order even if the Consultant disputes the effect of such variation on the quantum of work required from the Key Professional and the Additional Personnel as set forth in such previously issued Work Order.</p>	<p>We request client to amend the clause as follows. The Consultant agrees and acknowledges that a Supplementary Work Order issued under Clause 6.4.5 of the GCC shall be binding on it and it shall be required to perform the Services under the previously issued Work Order as it stands varied by such Supplementary Work Order even if the Consultant disputes the effect of such variation on the quantum of work required from the Key Professional and the Additional Personnel as set forth in such previously issued Work Order.</p>	<p>RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.</p>
105.	Clause 6.5.1 of GCC, Page 160	<p>If, 3 (three) days prior to date of submission of the Proposal, there is any change in the Applicable Law with respect to Taxes which increases or decreases the cost or reimbursable expenses incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by Contract between the Parties hereto, and corresponding adjustments shall be</p>	<p>We request to amend the clause as follows: - If, from 3 (three) days prior to date of submission of the Proposal till the completion of the Services under this Contract, there is any change in the Applicable Law with respect to Taxes which increases or decreases the cost or reimbursable expenses incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Contract shall be increased or</p>	<p>Kindly refer Section 7: Clause 1.6.4</p>

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		made to the Yearly Fee Ceilings, Contract Fee Ceiling, Yearly Contract Value Ceiling, Contract Value Ceiling, maximum OPE that may be claimed by the Consultant, as applicable.	decreased accordingly by Contract between the Parties hereto, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the Yearly Fee Ceilings, Contract Fee Ceiling, Yearly Contract Value Ceiling, Contract Value Ceiling,	
106.	Clause 7.1.8 of GCC	Unless the Client has raised a dispute in respect of any amounts claimed under an invoice, it shall be required to make payment in respect thereof within 60 (sixty) days of having received the invoice complete in all particulars with relevant supporting documents.	It is requested to amend Clause 7.1.8 in the manner given below: Unless the Client has raised a dispute in respect of any amounts claimed under an invoice, it shall be required to make payment in respect thereof within 30 (thirty) 60 (sixty) days of having received the invoice complete in all particulars with relevant supporting documents.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
107.	Clause 7.3.4- Lien in respect of Claims in other contracts of GCC:	Lien in respect of Claims in other contracts: Any sum of money due and payable to the Consultant (including the security deposit returnable to him) under the Contract may be withheld or retained by way of lien by the Client or Government against any claim of the Client or Government in respect of payment of a sum of money arising out of or under any other contract made by the Consultant with the Client or Government.	We request client to delete the said clause.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
108.	Clause 8.5.3 of GCC	Provided further that if the Client is not satisfied that the service can be completed by the Consultant within a reasonable time or in the event of failure on the part of the Consultant to complete the Service within the extension of time allowed under Clause 8.5.2, the Client shall be entitled without prejudice to any other right or remedy available under the Contract, to treat the delays as a breach of Contract and avail any or all the remedies hereunder, whether or not actual damage is caused by such default.	We request client to amend the clause as follows: - Provided further that if the Client is not satisfied that the service can be completed by the Consultant within a reasonable time or in the event of failure on the part of the Consultant to complete the Service within the extension of time allowed under Clause 8.5.2, the Client shall be entitled without prejudice to any other right or remedy available under the Contract, to treat the delays as a breach of Contract and avail any or all the remedies hereunder, whether or not actual damage is caused by such default.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
109.	Clause 12.9 of GCC, Page 171	Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Contract, the Parties agree that any Dispute involving claims exceeding Rs. 10,00,00,000 (Rupees ten crores) shall not be resolved	We request client to delete the said clause.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		through arbitration but shall be adjudicated by the jurisdictional courts.		
110.	General	Interest on Delayed Payments	It is requested to add a Clause on "Interest on Delayed Payments" as given below under the Contract. <u>Interest on Delayed Payments</u> Interest at the rate 9% per annum shall become payable as from the due date on any amount due by, but not paid on such due date by Client to the Consultant.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
111.	General	Pre-bid query submission	We have additional queries that we would like to raise and request your kind consideration to allow extra time after the pre-bid meeting. We propose extending the deadline for the submission of pre-bid queries to 22nd Nov 2024 to ensure all queries are thoroughly addressed.	At the request of the participating companies during the pre-bid meeting on 21.11.2024, the submission of additional pre-bid queries was allowed till 21.11.2024 (2400 hrs).
112.	Page 16, 1.10. Pre-bid meeting	Delegates of the Applicants participating in the Pre-Bid Meeting must provide a photo identity and an authorization letter as per Form 4R 'Authorization to attend pre-Proposal Conference' from their Company/principals; else, they shall not be allowed to participate. The Pre-Bid Meeting may also be held online at the discretion of the Client.	Please provide the virtual meeting link to attend Pre-Bid meeting online.	Pre-Bid meeting has been held physically at NICDC office.
113.	Page 27 Ongoing Assignments	(f) Ongoing consulting assignments can be submitted with detail of progress supported by suitable documents. However, assignments completed up to 80% (eighty percent) or more shall only be considered for evaluation and the marks awarded for such assignments shall only be 80 % (eighty percent) of maximum marks. The Applicant shall provide the proof that the assignment is completed up to 80 % (eighty percent) through proof of payment received till date duly certified by statutory auditor or through certificate from the respective client.	We request you to allow the certification by the Chartered Accountant as proof of completion.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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114.	Page 28	(h) The Applicant must furnish the Client certifications/Certificate from the Statutory Auditor for the projects listed under the experience section.	We request you to amend this clause as under: - The Applicant must furnish the Client certifications/Certificate from the Statutory Auditor / Chartered Accountant for the projects listed under the experience section.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
115.	Page 30	4. Indexation of remuneration will not be done in this Contract. For the sake of clarity, it is again clarified that the same rates are to be quoted for Year 1 (one) to 3 (three) and escalation will not be given in this Contract.	We understand that if the Contract is extended beyond 3 years, escalation will be provided as mutually discussed and agreed by the client and consultants. Please clarify.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
116.	Page 117 Project Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Project Director shall preferably be an expat with international experience (minimum of 1 year in a single project) of a similar nature. The Project Director shall preferably be a permanent employee of the applicant for the last 5 years 	We request to consider on payroll on or before submission of bid date	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
117.	General Third-Party Reliance Clause		Please add a clause as under: Third Party Reliance: "This Agreement shall not create any rights or benefits to parties other than the Client and the Consultant. The Client must not in any way (directly or indirectly) provide, allow or enable the Consultant's documents to be included or referred to in any written material or relied upon by any third party. No party other than the Client shall have the right to rely on the Consultant's documents rendered in connection with the Works. The Client shall indemnify and hold harmless the Consultant in respect of any claim or loss claimed whether in contract, tort or by statute, by any third party in respect of use or reliance on any of the Consultant's documents or opinions. The Consultant shall not, through any act or omission, be taken to have waived any rights under this clause, unless the waiver is specifically agreed in writing."	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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118.	General Safety Clause		Please add a clause as under: - “Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, in the event of Consultant’s personnel visiting the site to which the Services relate, they shall be regarded for all purposes as being Client’s consultants and shall not, under any circumstance, be deemed to have assumed the role of occupier or otherwise to have assumed control of or responsibility for the Site or any persons on it. Client shall maintain a safe workplace and environment at the Site which is as per the applicable laws and a failure to do so shall be regarded as a material breach of the client’s obligation under this Agreement.”	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
119.	Annexure I: Parameters for Evaluation of Prequalification, Table S.No.1a & 1b Specific experience of the applicant, Page No.47 of 199.	As a sole applicant or lead member of a Joint venture/Consortium should have completed at least one project of working as a Programme Management or Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD, for the planning & supervision, project development and implementation of industrial estates/ special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans for an area not less than Ten (10) square kilometres for Lead member/ Two (2) Square kilometres for Other member in the consortium	1. We request you to consider Project Management or PMC or Project Implementation Support or Detailed Design with Construction Supervision during last 15 years. 2. We request you to also consider International Experience 3. We request you to also consider On-going Projects	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
120.	Annexure I: Parameters for Evaluation of Prequalification, Table S.No.2, Page No.49 of 199.	The Sole Applicant or any member of the Consortium should have successfully executed/completed the projects in capacity of the Programme Management/ Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD for Infrastructure Development Programme either of the following: (i) Three (03) similar completed services with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 20 Crore each. or	We request you to consider the following. 1. Project Management or PMC or Project Implementation Support during last 15 years. 2. We request you to consider International Experience We believe projects shall be repeated in each criterion.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		(ii) Two (02) similar completed services with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 25 Crore each. or (iii) One (01) similar completed service with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 40 Crore		
121.	Annexure I: Parameters for Evaluation of Prequalification, Table S.No.5, Page No.49 of 199	Bidder should have experience in providing project / program management consultancy services in at least 10 large scale infrastructure projects (each with a construction cost greater than ₹ 2,000 Crore) outside India, completed in past 10 years from the date of PDD. For the sake of clarity, large infrastructure projects shall mean implementation of infrastructure works in road, rail, ports, airports, industrial estates or parks and SEZs.	We request you to consider the following. Experience in providing project / program management consultancy services/ Consultancy Service in at least 10 large scale infrastructure. projects (each with a construction cost greater than INR 500 Crore) in National or International.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
122.	Annexure I: Parameters for Evaluation of Prequalification, Notes (c), Page No.50 of 199.	All 10 projects should be located in 10 different countries outside India and should be completed in all respects. Client certificates shall be furnished by the Applicants.	10 different countries outside India and should be completed in all respects. Client certificates shall be furnished by the Applicants. We request you to remove the clause and amend it to refer exclusively to international projects.	Refer Corrigendum 01.
123.	Annexure II: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal, Table S.No. A1 to A4, Page No.51 of 199	A1: Similar experience related to the assignment A2: Experience in Programme/ Project management for national/ state level Infrastructure development programme projects A3: General experience in Project Development Advisory Consultancy Services A4: International Experience	We kindly request that projects undertaken in the 15 years preceding the PDD be considered under the A1 to A4 criteria.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
124.	Annexure II: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal, Table S. No. A3, Page No.51 of 199	A3: General experience in Project Development Advisory Consultancy Services The applicant should have undertaken during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, at least two (02) similar projects of providing Project Development Advisory services for major infrastructure projects like Industrial townships/ special economic zones / investment regions/ area development, Integrated real estate development. These	1. We request you to consider the Project Development Advisory services/ Preparatory survey/ feasibility study/ Integrated development plans/ equivalent for major infrastructure projects like Industrial townships/ Special economic zones/ investment regions/ area development	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		projects should have infrastructure components like roads & utilities, power substation, water supply network, solid waste management and sewage treatment plants. The cumulative consultancy Fee of two (02) eligible project shall be ₹ 50 Crore	2. We request you to relax the cumulative consultancy fee of two (2) eligible projects shall be INR 10 Crore.	
125.	Annexure II: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal, Table S.No.A5, Page No.52 of 199	<p>A5: Experience in Advanced Manufacturing & Innovation (Industry 4.0)</p> <p>The applicant should have experience in the integration of Industry 4.0 technologies (e.g., AI, IoT, digital twin, cloud computing, robotics, Big Data Analytics) into industrial operations in at least one (1) major infrastructure projects. Applicant shall submit two (02) projects to attain maximum marks under this category.</p>	We request you to consider experience in Project Management and Consultancy experience in ITMS (Intelligent Transportation Management System) under this criterion	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
126.	Clause 4.1, Minimum Required experience and expertise of proposed core team and resource pool, Table S.No.1, Page No.116 of 199	<p>Project Director:</p> <p>Should have full Time bachelor's degree in civil engineering from recognized university and a fulltime master's degree in engineering or business administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Project Director shall preferably be an expat with international experience (minimum of 1 year in a single project) of a similar nature. The Project Director shall preferably be a permanent employee of the applicant for the last 5 years. 	<p>We request you to consider the Project Director/ Team Leader Should have full Time bachelor's degree in civil engineering/ architecture with Min. 20 years of experience</p> <p>We request you to remove the clause.</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
127.	Clause 4.1, Minimum Required experience and expertise of proposed core team and resource pool, Table S.No.2, Page No.117 of 199	<p>Project Controls, Planning and MIS Manager:</p> <p>Should have full time bachelor's degree in engineering from recognized university or institution</p> <p>International experience of similar nature (minimum of 1 year in a single project) shall be given preference</p>	<p>We request you to also consider master's in computer application (MCA)/ equivalent with 15 years of experience.</p> <p>We request you to remove the clause.</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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128.	Clause 4.1, Minimum Required experience and expertise of proposed core team and resource pool, Table S.No.4, Page No.117 & 118 of 199	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should have full time bachelor's degree in engineering (civil/ mechanical/ electrical) from recognized university or institutions. Additional Degree in law shall be given preference Certifications in legal courses related to arbitration and dispute resolution shall be given additional weightage 	We request you to consider full time bachelor's degree in engineering/ equivalent with certifications in legal courses related to arbitration & dispute resolution/ additional degree in law	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
129.	Clause 4.1, Minimum Required experience and expertise of proposed core team and resource pool, Table S.No.5, Page No.118 of 199	Infrastructure Specialist – Civil: Should have full time bachelor's degree in civil engineering from recognized university and a full time Master's degree in structural/ transportation Engineering is preferable.	We request you to consider as follows: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should have full time bachelor's degree in civil engineering from recognized university and a fulltime master's degree in structural/ transportation Engineering/ Construction Management/ Water resource/ Environmental etc. who also practices infrastructure Planning and engineering 	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
130.	GCC, CI 5.6.2 and CI 5.6.3, Pg 157 of 199	Permanent replacement shall be paid at 90% (ninety percent) of the Scheduled Rate of the Key Professional being replaced, and for a subsequent replacement for such role, the second permanent replacement Key Professional shall be paid at 80% (eighty percent) of the Scheduled Rate.	Since the replacement of any experts/personnel shall take place only in case of exceptional circumstance and with prior approval of the client with equally or better qualified replacement experts, it is requested to kindly remove the deduction in the remuneration as given under this GCC Clause.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
131.	GCC, CI 7.1.3 Pg 161 of 199	In the event the Milestone that was due for completion in the calendar month for which the invoice has been raised (as per the schedule provided in the Work Order or the Supplementary Work Order, as the case may be), has not been completed (either on account of reasons attributable to the Consultant or otherwise), the fees payable to the Consultant shall be 60% (sixty percent) of the lower of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the fees payable based on actual deployment of the Key Professional and Additional Personnel for the Services performed in relation to such Milestone, as calculated in accordance with Clause 7.1.7; or 	In the RFP, the provision for Liquidated damages already exists in case of delays in service. Further, the retention of payment must not be made when the causes of delay are not directly attributable to the consultant. Considering these facts, it is requested to kindly remove this provision for retention money and allow full payment of invoices.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		(ii) Maximum fee payable in respect of such Milestone as specified in the applicable Work Order or Supplementary Work Order, as the case may be		
132.	GCC CI 9.1, Pg 168 of 199	The Client may, from time to time and without assigning any reasons , by notice to the Consultant, suspend the carrying out of the Services or any part thereof and the Consultant shall, on the written order of the Client suspend the carrying out of the Services or any part thereof for such time or times and in such manner as the Client may reasonably require	We request you to kindly revise the said clause as under: The Client may, from time to time and with assigning proper reasons , by notice to the Consultant, suspend the carrying out of the Services or any part thereof and the Consultant shall, on the written order of the Client suspend the carrying out of the Services or any part thereof for such time or times and in such manner as the Client may reasonably require.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
133.	GCC CI 10.1, Pg 168 of 199	The Consultant shall pay to the Client, as fixed and agreed liquidated damages, (and not as penalty) at the rate of 0.5% (zero decimal point five percent) of the applicable Yearly Fee Ceiling for every week of delay in the delivery of the concerned Milestone.	It is requested to kindly apply the value of the respective milestone deliverables, rather than the Yearly fee, for calculating Liquidated damages for delays in service, as provided in other RFPs.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
134.	SCC, CI 3.6 (c), Pg 181 of 199	The Consultant will maintain at its expense Professional Liability Insurance including coverage for errors and omissions caused by Consultant's negligence, breach in the performance of its duties under this Contract from an Insurance Company permitted to offer such policies in India and included in the list of General Insurers (Non-Life) approved by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) , for a period of 5 (five) years beyond the expiry or termination of the Contract and commencing from the Commencement Date, for an amount not less than the Contract Fee Ceiling.	It is requested to kindly modify the said SCC Clause by reducing the period of maintaining the PLI from 5 years up to the date of expiry of the Contract	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
135.	GCC 6.4.6, Pg. 159 of 199	The Consultant agrees and acknowledges that a Supplementary Work Order issued under Clause 6.4.5 of the GCC shall be binding on it and it shall be required to perform the Services under the previously issued Work Order as it stands varied by such Supplementary Work Order even if the	Since the provisions of this clause seems one sided imposition on the consultant and are contradictory to the provisions mentioned under GCC clause 5.4.2 which reflects that in case of any additional work, their shall be the increment in the cost with mutual	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		Consultant disputes the effect of such variation on the quantum of work required from the Key Professional and the Additional Personnel as set forth in such previously issued Work Order.	agreement, it is requested to kindly remove this clause from the RFP.	
136.	Section 2: Instructions to Applicants 8. Evaluation of Proposals and Award of Contract 8.1 General Norms 8.1.1 Evaluation to be based only on declared criteria Pg. No. 31	In case of an Applicant which is a subsidiary of a body corporate incorporated under the applicable laws of its origin and using credentials of parent company for Technical and Financial qualifications, a letter of support will be required from the parent company to confirm that his subsidiary has access to resources of the parent company and the subsidiary can utilise the same for performance of services.	We kindly request the client's permission to utilize the credentials of our group/ holding companies. This would enable us to leverage the collective expertise and resources of the entire corporate group, ensuring a more robust and efficient execution of the project.	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
137.	Annexure – I: Parameters for Evaluation of Pre-Qualification, Page No.47	(Minimum Qualification Criteria) 1a. Specific experience* of the applicant: As a sole applicant or lead member of a Joint venture/Consortium should have completed at least one project of working as a Programme Management or Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD, for the planning & supervision, project development and implementation of industrial estates/ special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans for an area not less than Ten (10) square kilometers. In the above projects, Programme Management/ Project Management consultant experience of at least - Three (3) out of Six (6) different infrastructure components in a single project in the last Ten (10) years preceding PDD, will be considered for the purpose of qualification. The infrastructure components that would be considered shall include: i. Roads and Bridges ii. Water Supply and Sewerage network iii. STP/CETP/WTP iv. ICT infrastructure v. Storm water Drainage	<i>We hereby request you to revise the criteria, so that maximum firms may participate in tendering process:</i> Specific experience* of the applicant: As a sole applicant or lead member of a Joint venture/Consortium should have completed at least two project of working as a Programme Management or Project Management Consultant // Project Management Agency / Design & Supervision Consultant / Supervision Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD, for the planning & supervision, project development and implementation of industrial estates/ special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans / smart city / Urban Infrastructure project In the above projects, Programme Management/ Project Management consultant / Project Management Agency / Design & Supervision Consultant / Supervision Consultant experience of at least - Three (3) out of Six (6) different infrastructure components in two project in the last Ten (10) years preceding PDD, will be considered for the purpose of qualification. The infrastructure components that would be considered shall include: -	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		vi. Power substation incl. Distribution network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roads / Bridges ii. Water Supply / Sewerage network iii. STP/CETP/WTP iv. ICT infrastructure v. Storm water Drainage vi. Power substation incl. Distribution network vii. Building viii. Solid Waste Management ix. Sanitation 	
138.	Annexure – I: Parameters for Evaluation of Pre-Qualification, Page No.47-48	<p>(Minimum Qualification Criteria) 1b. Specific experience* of the applicant: As the other member of a Joint venture/Consortium should have completed at least one project of working as a Programme Management or Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD, for the planning, project development and implementation of industrial estates/ special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans for an area not less than Two (02) square kilometers. In the above projects, Programme Management/ Project Management consultant experience of at least - Three (3) out of Six (6) different infrastructure components in a single project in the last Ten (10) years preceding PDD, will be considered for the purpose of qualification.</p> <p>The infrastructure components that would be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roads and Bridges ii. Water Supply and Sewerage network i iii. STP/CETP/WTP iv. ICT infrastructure v. Storm water Drainage 	<p>We hereby request you to revise the criteria, so that maximum firms may participate in tendering process:</p> <p>1b. Specific experience* of the applicant: As the other member of a Joint venture/Consortium should have completed at least one project of working as a Programme Management or Project Management Consultant Project Management Agency / Design & Supervision Consultant / Supervision Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD, for the planning, project development and implementation of industrial estates/ special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans / smart city / Urban Infrastructure project for an area not less than Two (02) square kilometers. In the above projects, Programme Management/ Project Management consultant experience of at least - Three (3) out of Six (6) different infrastructure components in a single project in the last Ten (10) years preceding PDD, will be considered for the purpose of qualification.</p> <p>The infrastructure components that would be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roads / Bridges ii. Water Supply / Sewerage network iii. STP/CETP/WTP 	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		vi. Power substation including Distribution network	iv. ICT infrastructure v. Storm water Drainage vi. Power substation incl. Distribution network vii. Building viii. Solid Waste Management ix. Sanitation	
139.	Annexure – I: Parameters for Evaluation of Pre-Qualification, Page No.49	<p>(Minimum Qualification Criteria) The Sole Applicant or any member of the Consortium should have successfully executed/completed the projects in capacity of the Programme Management/ Project Management Consultant during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD for Infrastructure Development Programme either of the following:</p> <p>(i) Three (03) similar completed services with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 20 Crore each; or</p> <p>(ii) Two (02) similar completed services with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 25 Crore each; or</p> <p>(iii) One (01) similar completed service with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 40 Crore.</p> <p>For the sake of clarity, similar works shall mean implementation of trunk infrastructure works for industrial estates or parks / special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans.</p>	<p><i>We hereby request you to revise the criteria, so that maximum firms may participate in tendering process:</i></p> <p>The Sole Applicant or any member of the Consortium should have successfully executed/completed the projects in capacity of the Programme Management/ Project Management Consultant / Project Management Agency during last Ten (10) years preceding the PDD for Infrastructure Development Programme either of the following:</p> <p>(i) Three (03) similar completed services with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 20 Crore each; or</p> <p>(ii) Two (02) similar completed services with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 25 Crore each; or</p> <p>(iii) One (01) similar completed service with the consultancy fees of not less than Rs 40 Crore.</p> <p>For the sake of clarity, similar works shall mean implementation of trunk infrastructure works for industrial estates or parks / special economic zones / special investment zones/ area development plans/ Infrastructure Projects.</p>	Refer Corrigendum 01.
140.	Annexure – I: Parameters for Evaluation of Pre-Qualification, Page No.49	(Minimum Qualification Criteria)	<p><i>We hereby request you to revise the criteria, so that maximum firms may participate in tendering process;</i></p> <p>Must have Registered offices in India from last 10 years.</p>	Refer Corrigendum 01.

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		4. Should have operational offices (project/branch/regional) in at least 10 different countries. Bidder shall furnish the list, address and contract details of all such offices.		
141.	Annexure – I: Parameters for Evaluation of Pre-Qualification, Page No.50	<p>Bidder should have experience in providing project / program management consultancy services in at least 10 large scale infrastructure projects (each with a construction cost greater than ₹ 2,000 Crore) outside India, completed in past 10 years from the date of PDD.</p> <p>For the sake of clarity, large infrastructure projects shall mean implementation of infrastructure works in road, rail, ports, airports, industrial estates or parks and SEZs.</p>	<p>We hereby request you to revise the criteria, so that maximum firms may participate in tendering process;</p> <p>Bidder should have experience in providing project / program management consultancy / Project Management Agency / Design & Supervision / Supervision Consultant / Independent Engineer services in at least 10 large scale infrastructure projects (each with a construction cost greater than ₹ 1,000 Crore) in India, completed in past 10 years from the date of PDD.</p> <p>For the sake of clarity, large infrastructure projects shall mean implementation of infrastructure works in road, rail, ports, airports, industrial estates or parks and SEZs.</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
142.	Annexure – II: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal, Page No.51	<p>A1 Similar experience related to the Assignment</p> <p>The applicant should have completed at least one (1) similar project of providing Programme Management Consultancy (PMNC) or Project Management Consultancy (PMC) during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, to the concerned sovereign entity/ authority/ agency entrusted with the responsibility of development /implementation of Industrial Parks/ Investment region/SEZs.</p> <p>Applicant shall submit three (03) completed projects during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, to attain maximum marks under this category.</p>	<p>We hereby request you to revise the criteria, so that maximum firms may participate in tendering process;</p> <p>The applicant should have completed at least one (1) similar project of providing Programme Management Consultancy (PMNC) or Project Management Consultancy (PMC)/ Project Management Agency / Design & Supervision Consultant / Supervision Consultant during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, to the concerned sovereign entity/ authority/ agency entrusted with the responsibility of development /implementation of Industrial Parks/ Investment region/SEZs / Smart City / Urban Infrastructure Project.</p> <p>Applicant shall submit three (03) completed projects during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, to attain maximum marks under this category.</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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143.	Annexure – II: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal, Page No.51	<p>A2 Experience in Programme /Project Management for National / State level Infrastructure development programme/ projects</p> <p>The applicant shall have, over the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, undertaken at least two (02) such completed assignments for infrastructure projects on behalf of any Central / State Government agency /private entities for infrastructure development programme/ projects Minimum size of each eligible programme / project package should be at least ₹ 2,000 Cr.</p> <p>Applicant shall submit three (03) completed projects during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, to attain maximum marks under this category.</p>	<p>We hereby request you to revise the criteria, so that maximum firms may participate in tendering process;</p> <p>Experience in Programme /Project Management / Project Management Agency / Design & Supervision / Supervision Consultant / Independent Engineer for National / State level Infrastructure development programme/ projects</p> <p>The applicant shall have, over the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, undertaken at least two (02) such completed assignments for infrastructure projects on behalf of any Central / State Government agency /private entities for infrastructure development programme/ projects Minimum size of each eligible programme / project package should be at least ₹ 1,000 Cr.</p> <p>Applicant shall submit three (03) completed projects during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, to attain maximum marks under this category.</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.
144.	Annexure – II: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal, Page No.51	<p>A3 General experience in Project Development Advisory Consultancy Services</p> <p>The applicant should have undertaken during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, at least two (02) similar projects of providing Project Development Advisory services for major infrastructure projects like Industrial townships/ special economic zones / investment regions/area development, Integrated real estate development.</p>	<p>We hereby request you to revise the criteria, so that maximum firms may participate in tendering process;</p> <p>The applicant should have undertaken during the last ten (10) years preceding the PDD, at least two (02) similar projects of providing Project Development Advisory /services for major infrastructure projects like Industrial townships/ special economic zones / investment regions/area development, Integrated real estate development / Infrastructure projects.</p> <p>These projects should have infrastructure components like roads & utilities, power substation, water supply network, solid waste management and sewage treatment plants, building</p>	RfP conditions shall remain unchanged.

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		These projects should have infrastructure components like roads & utilities, power substation, water supply network, solid waste management and sewage treatment plants. The cumulative consultancy Fee of two (02) eligible project shall be ₹ 50 Crore		