

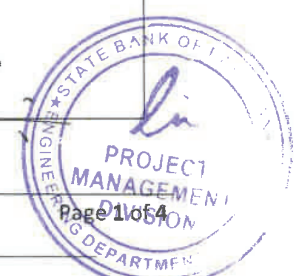
CLARIFICATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Dated: April 1st, 2024

CONSTRUCTION OF SBP NEW OFFICE BUILDING AT GUJRWALA

Pursuant to the Clause IB.8 "Clarification of Bidding Documents" of Instructions to Bidders (Volume-I) of the Bidding Documents, below is the Employer's Response to the clarifications sought by the prospective bidders.

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1.	Bid Submission deadline be extended by a minimum of three weeks till 15 th May 2024	Considered and declined
2.	Bid Security Clause (IB.15) 15.2 The Bid Security Condition Deposit at Call or a Bank Guarantee by a Scheduled Bank be replaced are provision may be added with A.A rated Insurance Company as Form of Bid Security BS-1.	Please refer Addendum & Corrigendum No.1 (Page 1 of 3-Sr # 1). Bid Security may also be submitted in the form of Bank Guarantee
3.	Performance Security (Part-II) as per Particular Condition of Contract 10.1 (b) is replaced with performance security in the shape of Insurance Company/bond from an Insurance Company having A.A rating.	Considered and declined. Existing provisions of bidding documents shall be applicable.
4.	Mobilization advance/Financial Assistant to contractor as Particular Condition of Contract (Part-II) Clause 60.11 1&2 Guarantee from a schedule bank may be replaced or provision be add guarantee by Insurance Company having A.A rating.	Considered and declined. Existing provisions of bidding documents shall be applicable.
5.	Mobilization Advance should be paid one go	Considered and declined. Existing provisions of bidding documents shall be applicable.
6.	Defect Liability Period should not be more than six months	Considered and declined. Existing provisions of bidding documents shall be applicable.
7.	All variation including Civil, HVAC, Electrical and other items should be paid on market price with addition of 25% premium to cover overheads	Considered and declined. Existing provisions of bidding documents shall be applicable.
8.	According to clause 60.10 Interim Payment is to be released by the Employer within 28 days, it should be amended as 14 days	Considered and declined. Existing provisions of bidding documents shall be applicable.
9.	Increase and Decrease of Cost as per Particular Condition of Contract (Part-II) clause 70.1 (C) sources of indices and weightages listed in appendix-C needs amendments. Keeping in view the current Financial Position and considering the recent PEC guidelines. Fixed factor may be reduced at the maximum level by adding more indices.	Refer Addendum & Corrigendum no. 1. (Page 1 of 3-Sr # 3).



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10.	Interim approvals as per Particular Condition of Contract Part-II Clause 80.7 may be amended with the Project Consultants will be responsible to get clearance/approvals of the agencies for all interim inspection at different stages of construction however contractor will bound to provide assistance to the Project Consultants.	Considered and declined. Existing provisions of bidding documents shall be applicable.
11.	Approval of building construction plan as per Particular Conditions of Contract part-II Clause 80.8 may be considered as this is the responsibility of the Employer to proceed with the help of project consultants. So, same may be replace with the Project Consultants and provision with holding of 25% retention money of contractor may be deleted in the best interest of the project.	Considered and declined. Existing provisions of bidding documents shall be applicable.
12.	Kindly provide the soil investigation report.	Refer Addendum & Corrigendum no. 1. (Page 2 of 3-Sr # 4).
13.	As per the drawings, the thickness of vault wall is 2 feet. Can we use ties to control the shuttering?	This will depend on the shop drawing submitted by the contractor, however in any case the use of through bolts and sleeves is strictly prohibited.
14.	Please clarify whether the base price of Civil items also includes the delivery price of material at site.	Transportation cost to site of work is not included in base price. The same shall deemed to be included in the bid price by the bidder. No extra cost shall be paid in this regard.
15.	Please elaborate the price escalation mechanism for items whose base rates are mentioned in BOQ.	Refer Volume-IV Preamble P9
16.	In material base price list C-81, price of tile is mentioned 70,000 per Sqm. Please confirm.	Refer Addendum & Corrigendum no. 1. (Page 2 of 3-Sr # 5).
17.	In material base price list, some of items have multiple rates mentioned, please clarify which rate to be followed.	In such items, higher base rates shall prevail.
18.	Kindly share Item # C-84 base Price (Indus Red).	Base price be considered as Rs 10,764/Sq.m
19.	M.S Detail required for spiral stairs. Item # C-133.	Standardized detail of spiral stairs will be used which will be finalized at the time of approval of shop drawings.
20.	In civil BOQ Item # C-134 Both Column 1 & 2 is mentioned for costing & in item # C-135 Column-2 is mentioned again, please clarify.	Refer Addendum & Corrigendum no. 1 (Page 2 of 3-Sr # 6).
21.	Items # 134 & 135 shows no plaster work on its exterior but in Drawing A-17 vertical groove made with plaster with color Crete is mentioned. Please clarify.	Refer to Addendum & Corrigendum No. 1. (Page 2 of 3-Sr # 6 & 7).



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22.	In civil BOQ Item # 13 PCC 1:3:6 is mentioned but in drawings PCC 1:2:4 is mentioned, kindly confirm which one to follow.	Refer BOQ Item # C-13 & C-48
23.	Kindly share the ties detail for Block Work, if Required.	Standardized detail of ties will be used which will be finalized at the time of approval of shop drawings.
24.	Kindly provide vendor detail for fire proof cabinets.	Refer to Addendum & Corrigendum No. 1. (Page 2 & 3 of 3-Sr # 8 & 9).
25.	Detail of vault grill is shown on drawing but not in BOQ. Please Clarify.	Refer BOQ item # C-115 & C-118 & Drawing No A-20b
26.	According to clause 60.1 25% of payment of supply and installation of equipment is being retained on amount of testing and commissioning. In this regard it is requested that 5% of payment should be retained as 5% retention will also available with employer in addition to cost being retained for testing and commissioning.	Considered and declined. Existing provisions of bidding documents shall be applicable.
27.	Please provide lift schedule with cabin interior finish requirements.	Premium quality with S.S Dull and fire rated finishes & design shall be used which shall be finalized at the time of technical submittal.
28.	Clarity required regarding country of production of MEP imported equipment. Manufacturers listed in the List of approved manufacturers have production facilities in China as well as other parts of the world. The same product procured from their manufacturing plants in China cost significantly less than those in EU or other places. Please clarify preference in country of production for MEP equipment.	Country of offered brands must be European/USA/Japan/South Korea regardless of the location of the production facility.
29.	Please provide Matrix of Controls for BMS. Further clarity is required regarding the type of Alarm Signals required and where remote controlling is required.	Refer Addendum & Corrigendum No. 1. (Page 3 of 3-Sr # 10).
30.	Please provide Models of Plumbing fixtures required.	Will be finalized after submission of submittal by the contractor.
31.	Clarity required: Can DG SET Canopy be locally made or is imported canopy required only. DG SET	Local made canopy which meets the technical specification.
32.	List of approved manufacturers required for VRV system	Refer Addendum & Corrigendum No. 1. (Page 3 of 3-Sr # 11).
33.	Are Type tested (imported enclosures) Electrical Panels and DBs including required or local made acceptable	Type tested locally manufactured is accepted.



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34.	Approved manufacturers provided for UPVC push fit rubber ring pipe usually do not have complete accessories in rubber ring type. Can other accessories be used? If Not, please provide more manufacturers or can we suggest ourselves as well?	As given in Appendix 'N' of Bids.
35.	Kindly specify that for Copper pipe MEULLER is provided in LOAM. Please clarify, is it MEULLER USA or MEULLER china can also be used.	Both acceptable.
36.	Technical specs mention seismic supports for piping whereas no schedule for seismic supports is provided and neither is it mentioned in BOQ. Are seismic supports required? If yes, please provide detail on which systems is it required and also provide schedule for seismic supports.	The contractor shall design the system and submit shop drawings for approval.
37.	Please specify source of Crush and Sand to be used on this project	All fine and coarse aggregate to be used shall conform to the relevant Technical Specifications.
38.	Burma Teak Wood not available in Pakistan as there is Ban on import of the Wood	Burma Teak Wood is available in the market

