

Clarifications On the Queries received, in c/w Pre EOI Application submission conference held on 03.06.2025 and in terms of Sub Para 3.2.2 of EOI Document, from Prospective Consultants

Note-In connection with the above referred EOI, following is Client's clarification, tendered, in terms of EOI Document Para no-3.2.3, to the Prospective Consultant's Queries, conveyed with respect to Pre-Proposal conference held on 03.06.2025 . The aforesaid DFCCIL's clarifications, as appended in a similarly titled (Col no-8) Column of the below appended Table, are meant to be mere clarificatory, in nature & purpose and shall , thus, cast no impact (i.e. DFCCIL Clarifications shall not, per se, change any part of the EOI Document) on the EOI Document or the ensuing empanelment of the Consultants. No Part of aforesaid DFCCIL's clarifications can be reproduced by the Prospective Consultants /empanelled Consultant to drive home a point or can be cited as a basis for any request/claim related with the concerned EOI process.

EOI Notification no- HQ/EN/WC/EDAM(EOI)/1/2025/Phase-2/Round-2 Dated 23.05.2025 [EOI-1]-Empanelment of eligible consultants / Firms for undertaking consultancy services for Detailed Project Report (DPR) / Detailed Design Consultancy (DDC) including ROB for the Projects of Indian Railways

Consultant's Query

Sl. No.	Reference Section / Clause	EOI Page No.	Consultant Query with Justification	Existing Clause	Proposed amendment-Amended Clause	Date of receiving	DFCCIL Clarification
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2.5.2 – Eligible work	(Page 14 of 49)	We want clarity of minimum Consultancy cost for eligible assignments whether GST are included with or not.	The awarded Cost of the aforesaid detailed design Consultancy Works shall not be less than INR 02 crores, in each case.	Kindly confirm	05.06.2025	As the EOI Document provision states Only the amount mentioned the concerned LOA of the work against which work experience is claimed, would be considered.
2	2. Note no. 2 regarding sub-para 2.5 above	(Page 16 of 49)	We understand that the contracts between main contractor and employer is little difficult to be arranged and Authority should acknowledge that it is very difficult for any consultants to obtain documentary evidence from Director of the main contractor (such as L&T, ITD, AFCONS etc.) for their contracts awarded from employer.	Execution of eligible work for a Main contractor to the Employer for a design & build contract shall also be considered. However, in such a case, in addition to the satisfactory completion certificate issued by the main Contractor, Consultant seeking empanelment has to submit documentary evidence signed by Director of the main Contractor that main contractor was engaged by the employer for execution of construction activities for the same work and work is completed successfully, without which such works shall not be considered.	We request the authority to kindly consider for eligible works: - The LOA/LOI/PO issued by the main contractor as a back-up document along with work completion certificate. - The information available in public domain via employer procurement portal etc. to establish the fact that same work was awarded by Employer to Main Contractor.		No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
3	2. Note no. 2 regarding sub-para 2.5 above	(Page 16 of 49)	We request the authority to kindly consider such assignments wherein the design work has been completed for the main contractor. Since there is a strong possibility in large infrastructure works with long execution duration, that design work is completed by DDC agency, however the construction of the project may be ongoing.	Execution of eligible work for a Main contractor to the Employer for a design & build contract shall also be considered. However, in such a case, in addition to the satisfactory completion certificate issued by the main Contractor, Consultant seeking empanelment has to submit documentary evidence signed by Director of the main Contractor that main contractor was engaged by the employer for execution of construction activities for the same work and work is completed successfully, without which such works shall not be considered.	We request you to kindly consider the following amended clause "Execution of eligible work for a Main contractor to the Employer for a design & build contract shall also be considered. However, in such a case, in addition to the satisfactory completion certificate issued by the main Contractor, Consultant seeking empanelment has to submit documentary evidence signed by Director of the main Contractor that main contractor was engaged by the employer for execution of construction activities for the same work and work is completed successfully, without which such works shall not be considered		No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
4	2.1.1	(Page 3 of 49)	We request to clarify if utilizing the credentials of holding/parent entity, in such conditions any limitation applying to bidding entity shall also extend to the parent/holding organization as well.	In addition, for the Consultancy entities registered in India [ref-Para 2.1 (above) of EOI Document], the experience of Parent Company's Subsidiary/ Sister company of participating Consultant (Parent Company) or Parent Company, which is also, required to be registered in India, participates in JV with the Participating Consultant (Subsidiary/ Sister Company), as the case may be."	Kindly Confirm.		If a parent company seeks empanelment as JV, in terms of the referred EOI Document provision, with its subsidiary / sister company, all the Obligations arising out of the EOI Document or arising out of the Contracts subsequently participated in by the said JV and awarded by the IR shall be applicable to the Parent company
5	2.1.2.i)	(Page 3 of 49)	We request to clarify if 'Constituents' means only the partners forming the JV/Consortium?	The JV may be incorporated or unincorporated. Consultant shall submit duly notarized JV agreement, executed on Non-Judicial Stamp Paper, showing, specifically, the composition of N and Percentage (not to be less than 25% in case of Partner) participation of each Constituent member . The submission of properly executed and a valid N agreement, executed and notarized in India, shall be a Pre-condition for the Consultants submitting EOI applications as JV. Any EOI Application, with participating Consultant being a JV, submitted without a JV agreement shall be rejected.	Kindly confirm and define the Constituent Word.		By the term " Constituent Member", the referred EOI Document provision means constituent members forming the JV
6	5.0 Submission of EOI Application		We request you to kindly extend the bid submission by two weeks from the current due date.	5.1 In compliance with the EOI Documents, as contained in above cited EOI Notifications, the Consultant shall, submit, the colour scan copy [(PDF) digital copy, while retaining the original Hard copy, for the Client's scrutiny, as & when demanded by the Client) of their, duly serially numbered, cross referenced, Indexed (RefPara 4.3) & signed on each Page (Ref-Para-4.4) EOI Application, only through Email to the designated (Refsub Para 3.2.2 ofEOI notification) E Mail ID "empconsultantir@dfcc.co.in". Consultant shall submit their EOI Application no later than/up to 1500 hrs on the date 23-06-2025 (Monday).	.1 In compliance with the EOI Documents, as contained in above cited EOI Notifications, the Consultant shall, submit, the colour scan copy [(PDF) digital copy, while retaining the original Hard copy, for the Client's scrutiny, as & when demanded by the Client) of their, duly serially numbered, cross referenced, Indexed (RefPara 4.3) & signed on each Page (Ref-Para-4.4) EOI Application, only through Email to the designated (Refsub Para 3.2.2 of EOI notification) E Mail ID "empconsultantir@dfcc.co.in". Consultant shall submit their EOI Application no later than/up to 1500 hrs on the date 07-07-2025 (Monday).		Please refer Addendum no-2 dated 25-06-2025 wherein extension to EOI application submission deadline was granted up to 14-07-2025. We request the consultants to keep on visiting the DFCCIL website.
7	2.5.1-Eligible Work- DPR	13	It is presumed that National Highway road projects will also be considered under National Highway Projects."	1. Minimum two Works. of Project Feasibility Studies/Detailed Project Report (DPR) Works, each, for Railway/Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway LRT/Metro Railway/DFCCIL Projects & National Highway Projects and for other Indian Railway PSUs, in India or outside India. The Awarded Cost of the aforesaid Works shall not be less than INR 02 crores, in each case	It is presumed that National Highway road projects will also be considered under National Highway Projects."	02.06.2025	The EOI provision is self explanatory
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9	2.5.2- Eligible Work-Detailed design consultancy including ROB	14	We kindly request the client to consider flyovers and major bridge structures under National Highway Projects as qualifying works, given their design complexity and structural relevance to ROB and similar infrastructure.	Minimum two Works of Detailed Design, Consultancy Services including ROB for Railway Regional Railway Project/ High Speed Railway/ LRT/Metro Railway/ DFCIL Projects & National Highway Projects and for other Indian Railway PSUs, in India or outside India. [Outside India experience is subject to Note no-2.1.2 (viii) & (ix) (Sub Para title-'Invitation of EOIs'), of the minimum Contract value of INR 2.0 crores. The aforesaid details to be given in the Form 4, given in the Appendix. The Awarded Cost of the aforesaid detailed design. Consultancy Works shall not be less than INR 02 crores, in each case.	We kindly request the client to consider flyovers and major bridge structures under National Highway Projects as qualifying works, given their design complexity and structural relevance to ROB and similar infrastructure.		No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision																																										
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14	Form -2, Ref-Sub Section 2.4 (Minimum Eligibility Criteria- Financial Standing) of Annexure - 1	31	The annual accounts for the latest financial year (2024-25) are not audited as yet and this process is in progress. we therefore cannot make this data available at the time of EOI submission. Given that the accounts are still under auditing, we kindly request client to consider the Audited Annual Reports for 5 (five) years preceding the year (FY 2024-2025) for which the Audited Annual Report is not being provided. Further, bidder may be allowed to submit an affidavit attesting to the fact that Balance Sheet for FY 2024 – 2025 has not been audited.	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Financial Data</th> <th>FY-1 2024 - 2025</th> <th>FY-2 2023 - 2024</th> <th>FY-3 2022 - 2023</th> <th>FY-4 2021 - 2022</th> <th>FY-5 2020 - 2021</th> <th>Average Annual Turnover</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="7">Information from Audited balance Sheet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net Worth (NW)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Financial Data	FY-1 2024 - 2025	FY-2 2023 - 2024	FY-3 2022 - 2023	FY-4 2021 - 2022	FY-5 2020 - 2021	Average Annual Turnover	Information from Audited balance Sheet							Net Worth (NW)							<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Financial Data</th> <th>FY-1 2023 - 2024</th> <th>FY-2 2022 - 2023</th> <th>FY-3 2021 - 2022</th> <th>FY-4 2020 - 2021</th> <th>FY-5 2019 - 2020</th> <th>Average Annual Turnover</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="7">Information from Audited balance Sheet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net Worth (NW)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Financial Data	FY-1 2023 - 2024	FY-2 2022 - 2023	FY-3 2021 - 2022	FY-4 2020 - 2021	FY-5 2019 - 2020	Average Annual Turnover	Information from Audited balance Sheet							Net Worth (NW)								Please refer note no-3 appended under form no-3-Average annual Turn over, the note applies to form no-2 as well which means in case the audited balance sheet for FY 2024-25 are not available, the net worth may be mentioned in Form-2 on self assessment basis but verified by chartered accountant. Also please refer serial no-2 of the Addendum no-3 dated 04-07-2025
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17	Cl. No. 5.1 Submission of EOI Application	7	On certain occasions, it is difficult for us to confirm whether our EOI application has been successfully delivered to the designated email ID, even when submitted before the deadline, as the current email system does not provide any acknowledgment of receipt or delivery confirmation. Therefore, we request you that physical submission be allowed in addition to email submission.	In compliance with the EOI Documents, as contained in above cited EOI Notifications, the Consultant shall, submit, the colour scan copy (PDF) digital copy, while retaining the original Hard copy, for the Client's scrutiny, as & when demanded by the Client) of their, duly serially numbered, cross referenced, indexed (Ref Para 4.3) & signed on each Page (Ref-Para-4.4) EOI Application, only through E mail to the designated (Ref sub Para 3.2.2 of EOI notification) E Mail ID "empconsultantir@dfcc.co.in". Consultant shall submit their EOI Application no later than / up to 1500 hrs on the date 23-06-2025 (Monday).	In compliance with the EOI Documents, as contained in above cited EOI Notifications, the Consultant shall, submit, the colour scan copy (PDF) digital copy, while retaining the original Hard copy, for the Client's scrutiny, as & when demanded by the Client) of their, duly serially numbered, cross referenced, indexed (Ref Para 4.3) & signed on each Page (Ref-Para-4.4) EOI Application, only through E mail to the designated (Ref sub Para 3.2.2 of EOI notification) E Mail ID "empconsultantir @ dfcc.co.in". In addition, Consultants are also permitted to submit a physical copy. Consultant shall submit their EOI Application no later than / up to 1500 hrs on the date 23-06-2025 (Monday).	After closing time for EOI Application submission, DFCCIL would be uploading a list of the consultants whose EOI Applications were received within the deadline and a list of consultants whose EOI Applications were not
18	Annexure-1, Form-3, Ref-Sub Section-2.4.1	31 of 49	We request the Client to kindly accept a self-declaration or affidavit confirming that the audited financial data for FY 2024-25 is not yet finalized. The same shall be provided when available or at the RFP stage, if required.	Financial Data FY-1 (2024-25) Information of Audited Balance Sheet Annual Turn Over	Acceptance of self-declaration or affidavit in lieu of audited FY-2024-25 data	Please refer serial no-2 of addendum no-3 dated 04-07-2025
19	Annexure-1, Form-2, Ref-Sub Section-2.4	29 of 49	We request the Client to kindly accept a self-declaration or affidavit confirming that the audited financial data for FY 2024-25 is not yet finalized, and that the same shall be provided when available or at the RFP stage, if required.	Financial Data FY-1 (2024-25) Net Worth (NW)	Acceptance of self-declaration or affidavit in lieu of audited FY-2024-25 data	As above
20	Clause 2.1.2, (i)	3 of 49	We understand consultants may participate as a single entity consortium, or unincorporated JV. We request the Client to kindly confirm whether participation as an unincorporated JV is permitted under this EOI.	The JV may be incorporated or unincorporated. Consultant shall submit duly notarized JV agreement, executed on Non-Judicial Stamp Paper, showing, specifically, the composition of JV.....	Participation as an unincorporated Joint Venture (JV) / Consortium is permitted under this EOI.	The referred EOI Clause is self explanatory. Unincorporated JV, in terms of referred EOI provision is permissible subject to consultant submission of a 'duly notraised JV Agreement' with further preconditions mentioned in the referred sub para 2.1.2.(i)
21	Annexure-1, Clause 2.5: Work Experience	12 of 49	We request the Client to kindly consider extending the eligibility window to the last 10 years instead of 7 years. This will better reflect the Consultant's relevant experience and capabilities.	2.5-Work experience A Consultant seeking empanelment must have completed/substantially completed following or any of the following "Eligible Works", as contained in sub Paras 2.5.1 & 2.5.2 below, during last 07 (seven) years ending last day of the month before the month of EOI submission.	"Eligible Works", as contained in sub Paras 2.5.1 & 2.5.2 below, during last 10 (ten) years ending last day of the month before the month of EOI submission.	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
22	Section 5.1: Submission of EOI Application	6 of 49	We request the Client to extend the submission deadline by three (3) weeks, from 23.06.2025 to 15.07.2025. This is to allow sufficient time for preparation and submission of both DPR&DDC and PMC EOIs due to significant coordination required.	5.0 Submission of EOI Application Consultant shall submit their EOI Application no later than/up to 1500 hrs on the date 23-06-2025 (Monday).	Extension to 15.07.2025 5.0 Submission of EOI Application Consultant shall submit their EOI Application no later than/up to 1500 hrs on the date 15-07-2025 (Tuesday).	Please refer Addendum no-2 dated 25-06-2025 wherein extension to EOI application submission deadline was granted up to 14-07-2025. We request the consultants to keep on visiting the DFCCIL website.
23	Annexure-1, Clause 2.4, Sl. No. 6	23 of 49	We request the Client to also accept M.Tech/M.E. in Geotechnical Engineering, Rock Mechanics, or Tunnelling Engineering for the Tunnel Expert position, in addition to M.Sc. in Engineering (Geology), to allow wider participation of qualified professionals.	Tunnel Expert qualification – M.Sc. in Engineering (Geology)	M.Tech/M.E. Geotechnical Engineering, Rock Mechanics, or Tunnelling Engineering in related fields as acceptable qualifications	Please refer serial no-3 of Addendum no-3 dated 04-07-2025
24	Annexure-1, Clause 2.4, Sl.No.1	21 of 49	We request the Client to also consider experience in Highway Projects (such as National Highways, State Highways, and Expressways) as relevant for the Team Leader (Civil) position, in addition to the current requirement. This will allow broader participation from qualified professionals and ensure inclusion of experienced personnel with strong backgrounds in linear transport infrastructure.	Team Leader (Civil): Minimum 10 years professional experience in the field of Railway / Regional Railway Projects / High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway Projects involving DPR / Feasibility Studies Works or Detailed Design Works out of which at least 05 years' experience, as Team Leader /Project Director/ Project Manager/ Chief Resident Engineer.	Minimum 10 years professional experience in the field of National Highways, State Highways, and Expressways/ Railway.....	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision

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25	Annexure-1, Clause 2.4, Sl. No. 3	21 of 49	<p>We request the Client not to mandate two years' experience in Aerial LIDAR Studies/Technology and related Software and instead treat it as a desirable qualification to ensure fair and inclusive evaluation.</p> <p>Many qualified survey professionals have delivered quality results using conventional and hybrid methods like DGPS, ETS, drone photogrammetry, and total stations. Making Aerial LIDAR experience mandatory may unnecessarily limit participation from otherwise capable professionals, solely due to lack of exposure to this specific technology.</p>	<p>Survey Expert:</p> <p>05 years professional experience in the field of Topographical survey / Final Location Survey & Finalization of Alignment of National Highway Projects/ Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway Projects, out of which minimum two Years' Experience in the above stated Topographical survey / Final Location Survey & Finalization of Alignment using Aerial LIDAR Studies/Technology and related Software.</p>	<p>Finalization of Alignment using Aerial LIDAR Studies/Technology and related Software are as desirable, not mandatory.</p>	<p>No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision</p>
26	Annexure-1, Clause 2.4, Sl. No. 5	22 of 49	<p>The Geo-Technical Expert typically supervises, reviews, and interprets geotechnical investigations conducted by contractors or third-party agencies, rather than performing them directly.</p> <p>We request the Client to kindly clarify that experience in supervising, reviewing, or validating geotechnical investigations will also be considered valid for the Geo-Technical Expert, alongside direct investigation experience.</p>	<p>Geo-Tech Expert:</p> <p>05 years professional experience in the field of Geotechnical Investigations for Railway / Regional Railway Project / High Speed Railway/ LRT / Metro Railway/Highway infrastructure projects.</p>	<p>05 years professional experience in the field of Geotechnical Investigations/ supervises, reviews, and interprets geotechnical investigations</p>	<p>In Column no-6 of Serial no-5-Geotechnical expert, Experience in Geotechnical Investigations is required. In the Experience claimed by an expert, it must be shown that expert performed as geotechnical expert for the projects against which the experience is claimed by that expert.</p>
27	Clause No. 2.3: Work Experience (Max Marks 40) Sl.No. 5,	20 of 49	<p>We request the client to kindly clarify the evaluation and marking methodology when a consultant submits eligible projects across multiple categories but not meeting the full threshold in any single one of them.</p> <p>For instance, if we submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 projects of ₹2 Cr & above, 10 projects of ₹5 Cr & above, 3 projects of ₹10 Cr & above, 3 projects of ₹20 Cr & above, and 1 project of ₹50 Cr & above, <p>how will the marks be awarded?</p> <p>Will such submissions be evaluated cumulatively across all categories for partial scoring, or is the scoring strictly based on achieving the full requirement of any one category only?</p>	<p>14-16 Nos. eligible Projects of</p> <p>minimum Value INR 02 crores & above or;</p> <p>09-11 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 05 crores & above or;</p> <p>06-07 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 10 crores & above or;</p> <p>04-05 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 20 crores & above or;</p> <p>02-03 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 50 crores & above</p>	<p>Please clarify the marking method for mixed-category submissions.</p>	<p>No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision. If the consultant does not fulfill the threshold for awarding the maximum marks, the next eligible marking criteria would apply.</p>
28	General – Applicable at RFP Stage		<p>We request the Client to kindly clarify the process for bid submission on the IREPS portal at the RFP stage for the empaneled consultants, particularly for JV applicants. Specifically, we seek confirmation whether the lead member of the JV can submit the bid on behalf of the JV using its own IREPS registration, or whether the JV needs to be registered as a JV and jointly on the IREPS portal to submit the bid.</p>		<p>JV submission requirement on IREPS during RFP Stage</p>	<p>Please refer sub para -5.0 (Submission of EOI Applications). also refer Para (II).(2).(a).(i) read with Form-9.1.</p>
29	Clause 2.1.4	5	<p>We understand that the referenced clause requires prior approval from Indian Railways in the event of any changes in the Key Personnel or any changes that were the basis for evaluation of the Consultant's empanelment application.</p> <p>We would like to respectfully submit that this empanelment is of a general nature, not linked to any specific project or assignment, and is applicable across all zones and divisions of Indian Railways. In this context, the inclusion of Key Personnel CVs in the application appears to serve primarily as an indicator of the technical strength and organizational capacity of the Consultant, rather than binding commitments of personnel for particular assignments.</p> <p>In practical terms, Key Personnel may leave the organization due to various uncontrollable factors such as superannuation, medical emergencies, personal reasons etc., Requiring prior approval for every such personnel change — particularly in a general empanelment context — may be difficult to implement and could lead to operational challenges.</p> <p>Therefore, we kindly request that this clause be modified to limit the requirement of prior approval to changes in the Consultant's constitution or name only.</p>	<p>In case of any Post Empanelment Change, in Consultant's constitution, in the name of the Consultant, or</p> <p>in the Key Personnel of the Consultant or any change, which have been the subject of Evaluation of the</p> <p>Consultant's Application for Empanelment, shall require prior approval of the Indian Railways. DFCCIL</p> <p>shall have no jurisdiction in such matters.</p>	<p>In case of any Post Empanelment Change, in Consultant's constitution or in the name of the Consultant, which have been the subject of Evaluation of the</p> <p>Consultant's Application for Empanelment, shall require prior approval of the Indian Railways. DFCCIL</p> <p>shall have no jurisdiction in such matters.</p>	<p>Any change in any of the Parameters on which the EOI application has been evaluated may have the potential of a Consultant being disqualified as empanelled Consultant. As such no change in the EOI Provision</p>
30	2.4 Key Expert Serial No.1 Team Leader (Civil)	21	<p>As per the current provision, an additional 1 mark is awarded if the proposed Team Leader holds either a Post Graduate degree in Civil Engineering or an MBA in Project Management, above the minimum qualification.</p> <p>We respectfully request the client to kindly broaden the scope of accepted qualifications for this additional 1 mark, in recognition of the diverse yet relevant academic backgrounds that contribute significantly to the competencies required for the Team Leader role.</p> <p>Requested Modification: We propose that, in addition to the currently accepted qualifications, the following qualifications may also be considered eligible for the additional 1 mark:</p>	<p>Team Leader (Civil)</p> <p>Regarding Additional Marks in case of more qualification than minimum requirement.</p>	<p>Regarding Additional Marks in case of more qualification than minimum requirement.</p> <p>"01 additional mark shall be awarded for higher qualification such as Post Graduate in Civil Engineering, MBA in Project Management, or equivalent qualifications including Post Graduate Diplomas in Project Management, Construction Management, Post Graduate Diplomas in any specialization, or MBA in any specialization or M. tech in relevant Civil Engineering Field."</p>	<p>No change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Graduate Diploma in Project Management • Post Graduate Diploma in Construction Management • Post Graduate Diploma in any specialization • MBA in any specialization • M. tech in relevant Civil Engineering Field. <p>These qualifications offer comprehensive training in project execution, resource planning, team leadership, stakeholder coordination, and technical or commercial oversight—all of which are essential attributes for a Team Leader in infrastructure consultancy.</p>			
31	Table of Clause 2.4 Key personnel on Permanent pay-role of the Consultant	21 to 24	<p>We have noted that for certain key personnel, such as the Survey Expert, Sr. LIDAR Expert, Geotechnical Expert, Tunnel Expert, and Quality & Cost Estimation Expert, experience in Railway/Metro/Highway projects is considered relevant and acceptable.</p> <p>In line with this approach, we respectfully request the client to extend the same consideration of Railway/Metro/Highway project experience to the following additional key positions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Team Leader 2. Bridge Design Expert 3. Hydrology Expert <p>These domains are highly relevant to the roles listed above, particularly given the similarities in scope, technical complexity, regulatory environment, and execution standards among Railway, Metro, and Highway infrastructure projects. Professionals in these roles often apply similar skills and methodologies across these sectors.</p> <p>Therefore, in view of above it is requested to kindly consider experience in Railway, Metro, and Highway projects as relevant for the positions of Team Leader, Bridge Design Expert, and Hydrology Expert, in line with the provisions already made for other technical positions.</p>	<p>Team Leader</p> <p>Relevant experience: - Minimum 10 years professional experience in the field of Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway Projects involving DPR / Feasibility Studies Works or Detailed Design Works out of which at least 05 years' experience, as Team Leader/Project Director/ Project Manager/ Chief Resident Engineer.</p> <p>Bridge Design Expert</p> <p>Relevant experience: - 05 years professional experience in the field of design of bridges involving design of Bridge Foundation, Sub Structure and Superstructure of the Bridge for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway /LRT/ Metro Railway Projects</p> <p>Hydrology Expert</p> <p>Relevant experience: - 05 years professional experience in the field of hydrological studies for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway/ LRT/ Metro Railway infrastructure projects</p>	<p>Team Leader</p> <p>Relevant experience: - Minimum 10 years professional experience in the field of Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway / National Highway/ State Highway/ Expressway/ similar Highway Projects involving DPR / Feasibility Studies Works or Detailed Design Works out of which at least 05 years' experience, as Team Leader/Project Director/ Project Manager/ Chief Resident Engineer.</p> <p>Bridge Design Expert</p> <p>Relevant experience: - 05 years professional experience in the field of design of bridges involving design of Bridge Foundation, Sub Structure and Superstructure of the Bridge for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway /LRT/ Metro Railway/ National Highway/ State Highway/ Expressway/ similar Highway Projects</p> <p>Hydrology Expert</p> <p>Relevant experience: - 05 years professional experience in the field of hydrological studies for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway/ LRT/ Metro Railway/ National Highway/ State Highway/ Expressway/ similar Highway infrastructure projects</p>	Regarding Hydrology Expert, please refer serial no 4 of the Addendum no-3 dated 04-07-2025. No change is envisaged in rest of the positions
32	Table of Clause 2.4 Key personnel on Permanent pay-role of the Consultant Serial No. 7 Hydrology Expert	23	<p>As per the current EOI conditions, the minimum qualification required for the Hydrology Expert is a Master's degree in Hydrology.</p> <p>We would like to respectfully submit that this requirement may significantly limit the availability of suitable candidates, as dedicated M.Tech programs specifically in Hydrology are rare and only a few technical peoples pursue M.Tech Programme in Hydrology. In practice, many professionals with a Graduate degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's degree in Structures or related disciplines have successfully undertaken Hydrology-related roles in various infrastructure projects, including Railway, Highway, and Water Resource sectors.</p> <p>These individuals possess relevant practical knowledge and technical expertise through extensive field experience and interdisciplinary coursework.</p> <p>Therefore, in view of above it is requested to kindly modify the qualification criteria for the Hydrology Expert as mentioned below: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Qualification: Graduate Degree in Civil Engineering • Additional 1 Mark: To be awarded if the candidate holds a Master's Degree in Hydrology or Structures (M. Tech in Hydrology / M. Tech in Structural Engineering) 	<p>Minimum Qualification Requirement:</p> <p>Master of Technology (M. Tech) in Hydrology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Qualification: Graduate Degree in Civil Engineering • Additional 1 Mark: To be awarded if the candidate holds a Master's Degree in Hydrology or Structures (M. Tech in Hydrology / M. Tech in Structural Engineering) 	No change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
33	2.4 Key Expert Note 2	25	<p>We kindly request to allow a duly signed and stamped HR certificate as an alternative documentary proof of employment, meeting the intent of this criterion because HR departments maintain comprehensive records of each employee's employment status, duration, designation, and payroll details. A certificate issued on the organization's official letterhead, duly signed and stamped by the HR department, can therefore serve as a valid and reliable document to confirm a professional's current employment status and employment history.</p> <p>Moreover, documents such as salary slips and Form 16 contain sensitive financial information that employees may be hesitant to disclose. Therefore, we request the client to kindly allow the consultant to submit HR certificate too under this criterion.</p>	<p>latest, as issued [& duly certified by the Consultant, as True copy] Salary slips of each of the said professionals with details like Description of the Employer, Employee No., Year of Employment, PF Account No. (PF Account No. is not, a mandatory requirement) mentioned therein and the associative details of salary, clearly mentioning therein.</p> <p>And/or; Form-16.</p>	<p>latest, as issued [& duly certified by the Consultant, as True copy] Salary slips of each of the said professionals with details like Description of the Employer, Employee No., Year of Employment, PF Account No. (PF Account No. is not, a mandatory requirement) mentioned therein and the associative details of salary, clearly mentioning therein.</p> <p>06.06.2025</p> <p>And/or; Form-16.</p>	No change is envisaged in referred EOI Document provision

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34	2.4 Key Expert Note 5	25	<p>We understand that the team proposed at the empanelment stage is not intended for deployment on specific assignments but is submitted to demonstrate the technical competence and organizational capability of the Consultant. This understanding aligns with the general nature of the empanelment, which is not tied to any immediate or project-specific engagement.</p> <p>The requirement for prior approval for any change in Key Personnel—even in the absence of a specific project—imposes an operational challenge, as personnel movements can occur due to reasons beyond the Consultant's control, including superannuation, medical emergencies, or voluntary resignation. Requiring prior approval in such cases, especially when no assignment has been awarded, could result in avoidable administrative delays and may impede the normal functioning of our organization.</p>	<p>Post empanelment, any Change/replacement (with a suitable Professional having equivalent or better qualification and experience, as compared to the Professional being replaced) of "Key Personnel on the Permanent Payroll of the Consultant" shall be subject to prior approval of the Indian Railways</p> <p>To be deleted.</p>	Please refer the clarification given to query no-29, above
35	2.4 Key Expert Note 8	26	<p>We also note that at the stage of actual project award, Indian Railways or its subordinate offices retain the right to review and approve personnel proposed for deployment. Therefore, the objective of ensuring appropriate resource deployment can still be effectively achieved at that point.</p>	<p>Post empanelment and upon a Consultancy Work being awarded by IR or any of its subordinate offices,</p> <p>Consultant shall not replace any of the Minimum Key Personnel unless approved in Advance by IR or the concerned Sub Ordinate office awarding the Works.</p> <p>To be deleted.</p>	The requirement of key experts for the empanelment is the minimum which is subject to further incremental revision depending upon the Project requirement
36	2.4 Key Expert Note 9	26	<p>In Case of prior Approval being given by IR or the concerned Sub Ordinate office awarding the Works, the Replacement of any of the Minimum Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant shall be made with a suitable Professional having Equivalent or better qualification and experience (as compared to the Professional being replaced).</p>	To be deleted.	No Change is envisaged in the referred EO1 Document provision.
37	SN e, under Note 3- regarding documentation requirement	17	<p>In reference to the requirement regarding eligible work executed under the aforementioned DBLS contract.</p> <p>We respectfully request that the requirement be revised to allow submission of this documentary evidence signed by any authorized representative of the main contractor, rather than restricting it solely to the Director. Authorized signatories such as project heads, senior managers, or other designated officials are often directly involved in the project execution and are fully competent to certify the nature and completion of the work. This flexibility would facilitate smoother compliance while still ensuring the authenticity and reliability of the documentation provided.</p>	<p>In case of eligible work done in the aforesaid DBLS contract, in addition to the above stated satisfactory completion certificate issued by the main Contractor, Consultant seeking empanelment has to submit documentary evidence signed by Director of the main Contractor that the aforesaid main contractor was engaged by the concerned Employer for execution of construction activities for the same work and work is completed successfully.</p>	No Change is envisaged in the referred EO1 Document provision.
38	Clause 2.3 Work Experience	19	<p>With reference to the requirement that the Consultant must indicate the specific payment attributable to the DPR/Detailed Design component for Metro, LRT, Monorail, High-Speed Rail, Highway or Multi-Modal Transit Hub within Mega Projects, we would like to respectfully submit the following:</p> <p>In many cases, the payment bifurcation for such specific components is not provided in the client-issued completion certificates or payment records. As such, it becomes difficult to furnish third-party certified breakdowns specifically for the DPR/Detailed Design scope alone.</p> <p>We therefore request that, in the absence of a client-issued bifurcation, the apportionment of payment attributable to the DPR/Detailed Design component may kindly be permitted to be either:</p> <p>a) Self-certified by the Consultant on official letterhead, or b) Certified by a Chartered Accountant (CA) based on internal financial records and project documentation.</p>	<p>The Consultant, while claiming Experience of a Mega Project (with DPR/Detailed Design forming Project components), shall be required to mention the Specific Payment out of the total payment received by the Consultant</p> <p>which is, specifically, attributable/ allocable to DPR/Detailed Design for Metro, LRT, Mono-rail, High Speed Rail or multi-modal transit hub Component of such Works/Mega Project. In Case, such specific apportionment of payment towards aforesaid components is not mentioned at the required place in Form-4, that Work shall not be considered for Evaluation.</p> <p>a) Self-certified by the Consultant on official letterhead, or b) Certified by a Chartered Accountant (CA) based on internal financial records and project documentation.</p>	The referred clause 2.3 Work Experience is well considered, no change is envisaged.

39	2.3 Work Experience (Max Marks 40)	19-20	<p>In India there are limited Indian firms who have working experience of 'DPR/Design preparation' in last seven years, but as per criteria to get full marks one should have '14-16 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 02 crores & above' which is quite difficult to meet for most of the Indian firms, so we request to modify it, as proposed.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S.no</th> <th>No of Eligible Projects (Railway/Regional Project/High Speed Railway/LRT/Metro Railway/DFCCIL projects & National Highway Projects) successfully completed/ substantially completed during the last 07 years</th> <th>Marking criteria</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>02-04 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 02 crores & above or;</td> <td>20 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>05-07 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 02 crores & above or; 02-03 nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 05 crores & above or;</td> <td>25 Marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>08-10 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 02 crores & above or; 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40	2.5-Work experience	12	<p>Since such projects are of longer duration, it is requested to consider the experience of past 10 years in place of 7 years.</p> <p>Also, if the ongoing project(s) are in partial operation, it should be considered as eligible project.</p>	A Consultant seeking empanelment must have completed/substantially completed following or any of the following "Eligible Works", as contained in sub Paras 2.5.1 & 2.5.2 below, during last 07(seven) years ending last day of the month before the month of EOI submission as given below:	A Consultant seeking empanelment must have completed/substantially completed/project is in partial operation following or any of the following "Eligible Works", as contained in sub Paras 2.5.1 & 2.5.2 below, during last 10 (ten) years ending last day of the month before the month of EOI submission as given below	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision																																						
41	2.5.1- Eligible Work- DPR	13	<p>It is requested to consider Peer review of DPRs including preparation of tender documents since it covers the aspects of detailed cost estimates and tender documents. Urban roads involving elevated bridge/viaduct component/state expressway projects also have similar complexities and hence should be treated as equivalent.</p> <p>Also, if a ongoing project is in partial operation, it is requested to consider the same since that portion of the project has been delivered successfully to the client.</p>	<p>"Eligible Work" during last 07 (seven) years ending last day of the month before the month of EOI submission as given below:-</p> <p>1. Minimum two Works of Project Feasibility Studies/Detailed Project Report (DPR) Works, each, for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/Metro Railway/DFCCIL Projects & National Highway Projects and for other Indian Railway PSUs, in India or outside India.</p> <p>The Awarded Cost of the aforesaid Works shall not be less than INR 02 crores, in each case.</p> <p>In Case of foreign Based Consultancy Firm, the Eligible Work shall be Works of Providing Technical Consultancy Services for Railway infrastructure projects abroad.</p> <p>The value of eligible Projects completed /substantially completed abroad in Currency other than INR, shall be first converted into INR based on the Reference rates, as published by Financial Bench Marks India Pvt. Ltd (FBIL), corresponding to the date expressed as the 'date of successful completion or the 'date of experience certificate'.</p>	<p>"Eligible Work" during last 10 (ten) years ending last day of the month before the month of EOI submission as given below:-</p> <p>1. Minimum two Works of / Pre-feasibility Report/Project Feasibility Studies/Detailed Project Report (DPR) Works/Peer Review of DPRs including preparation of tender documents, each, for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/Metro Railway/DFCCIL Projects & National Highway Projects/ Samruddhi Expressway/ Urban Road/ Road Tunnel and for other Indian Railway PSUs, in India or outside India.</p> <p>The Awarded Cost of the aforesaid Works shall not be less than INR 01 crore, in each case.</p> <p>In Case of foreign Based Consultancy Firm, the Eligible Work shall be Works of Providing Technical Consultancy Services for Railway infrastructure projects abroad.</p> <p>The value of eligible Projects completed /substantially completed / project is in partial operation abroad in Currency other than INR, shall be first converted into INR based on the Reference rates, as published by Financial Bench Marks India Pvt. Ltd (FBIL), corresponding to the date expressed as the 'date of successful completion or the 'date of experience certificate'.</p>	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision																																						

42	2.5.2- Eligible Work- Detailed design consultancy including ROB	14	<p>Design review is requested to be considered since it involves higher level of design capability. Urban roads involving elevated bridge/viaduct component /state expressway projects also have similar complexities and hence should be treated as equivalent.</p> <p>Also, if a ongoing project is in partial operation, it is requested to consider the same since that portion of the project has been delivered successfully to the client.</p>	<p>Minimum two Works of Detailed Design, Consultancy Services including ROB for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/Metro Railway/ DFCCIL Projects & National Highway Projects and for other Indian Railway PSUs, in India or outside India. [Outside India experience is subject to Note no-2.1.2 (viii) & (ix) (Sub Para title- 'Invitation of EOIs'), of the minimum Contract value of INR 2.0 crores. The aforesaid details to be given in the Form 4, given in the Appendix.</p> <p>The Awarded Cost of the aforesaid detailed design Consultancy Works shall not be less than INR 02 crores, in each case.</p> <p>In Case of foreign Based Consultancy Firm, the Eligible Work shall be Works of Providing Technical Consultancy Services for Railway infrastructure projects abroad.</p> <p>The value of eligible Projects completed /substantially completed abroad in Currency other than INR, shall be first converted into INR based on the Reference rates, as published by Financial Bench Marks India Pvt. Ltd (FBIL), corresponding to the date expressed as the 'date of successful completion or the 'date of experience certificate'</p>	<p>Minimum two Works of Detailed Design/Design Review, Consultancy Services including ROBs for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/Metro Railway/ DFCCIL Projects & National Highway Projects Samruddhi Expressway/ Urban Road/Road Tunnel and for other Indian Railway PSUs, in India or outside India. [Outside India experience is subject to Note no-2.1.2 (viii) & (ix) (Sub Para title- 'Invitation of EOIs'), of the minimum Contract value of INR 1.0 crore. The aforesaid details to be given in the Form 4, given in the Appendix.</p> <p>The Awarded Cost of the aforesaid detailed design Consultancy Works shall not be less than INR 01crore, in each case.</p> <p>In Case of foreign Based Consultancy Firm, the Eligible Work shall be Works of Providing Technical Consultancy Services for Railway infrastructure projects abroad.</p> <p>The value of eligible Projects completed /substantially completed abroad /project is in partial operation in Currency other than INR, shall be first converted into INR based on the Reference rates, as published by Financial Bench Marks India Pvt. Ltd (FBIL), corresponding to the date expressed as the 'date of successful completion or the 'date of experience certificate'</p>	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI document provision
43	2.6.-Minimum Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant	15	Some of the key experts like S&T , Track Expert, LIDAR experts are involved in the work of specialised nature and are mostly appointed as external experts on case to case basis as per general practice. Prior consent from all such specialists shall be obtained at the time of submission of the EOI. Hence, it is requested to consider our suggested changes.	<p>The Consultant seeking empanelment shall show that they have Minimum Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant.</p> <p>Marks for the above Key Personnel will be given only if he/she is employed with the Applicant Consultant seeking empanelment for more than 01 Year from the date of EOI</p>	<p>The Consultant seeking empanelment shall show that they have Minimum Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant. Minimum 7 out of 12 Key personnel should be on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant.</p> <p>Marks for the above Key Personnel will be given only if he/she is employed with the Applicant Consultant seeking empanelment for more than 01 Year from the date of EOI</p>	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
44	Note 2 (i) and (ii) regarding sub-para 2.5	15	<p>Most of the clients do not issue very specifically worded certificates as per this requirement and hence we have request you to consider our suggestion.</p> <p>It is also requested to consider certification from CA in lieu of client's certification.</p>	<p>(i) The work is considered to be substantially completed if 80% or more of the work is physically completed which is to be substantiated by a certificate from the employer who has awarded the work to the Consultant.</p> <p>or</p> <p>(ii) If 80% of payment of the awarded contract value or revised contract value whichever is lower has been received by the Consultant. This is to be substantiated by a certificate from the employer who has awarded the work to the Consultant.</p>	<p>(i) The work is considered to be substantially completed if 80% or more of the work is physically completed / project is in partial operation which is to be substantiated by a certificate from the employer who has awarded the work to the Consultant.</p> <p>or</p> <p>if 80% of payment of the awarded contract value or revised contract value whichever is lower has been received by the Consultant. This is to be substantiated by a certificate from the employer/ CA who has awarded the work to the Consultant</p>	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
45	2.3 <u>Work Experience</u> Marking Criteria	19	<p>Since such projects are of longer duration, it is requested to consider our request for amendment. Also, highway/urban road projects involving elevated bridge/viaduct component, are also relevant and similar in complexities.</p> <p>Also, if a ongoing project is in partial operation, it is requested to consider the same since that portion of the project has been delivered successfully to the client.</p>	<p>No of Eligible Projects (Railway/Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway/LRT/ Metro Railway/DFCCIL projects & National Highway Projects) successfully completed/ substantially completed during the last 07 years</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 02-04 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 02 01crores & above or; 05-07 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 02 crores & above or; 02-03 nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 05 crores & above <p>04-05 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 05 crores & above or;</p> <p>02-03 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 10 crores & above or;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11-13 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 02 crores & above or; 06-08 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 05 crores & above 04-05 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 10 crores & above <p>02-03 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 20 crores & above or;</p>	<p>No of Eligible Projects (Railway/Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway/LRT/ Metro Railway/DFCCIL projects & National Highway Projects/ Samruddhi Expressway/ Urban Road/ Road Tunnel) successfully completed/ substantially completed / project is in partial operation during the last 10 years</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 02Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 01crores & above or; 03-04 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 01crores & above or; 02-03 nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 02crores & above or; 05-07 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 01crores & above or; 04-05 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 02 crores & above or; 02-03 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 5 crores & above or; 08-09 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 01 crores & above or; 06-08 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 02 crores & above or; 04-05 Nos. eligible Projects of minimum Value INR 05 crores & above or; 	No Change is envisaged in referred EOI Document provision

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2.4	Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant	21	It is requested to consider Design review/ Peer Review experience as it requires higher level inputs.	<p>Team Leader (Civil)</p> <p>Minimum 10 years professional experience in the field of Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway Projects involving DPR / Feasibility Studies Works or Detailed Design Works out of which at least 05 years' experience, as Team Leader/Project Director/ Project Manager/ Chief Resident Engineer</p>	<p>Team Leader (Civil)</p> <p>Minimum 10 years professional experience in the field of Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway Projects/Road Projects involving Pre-feasibility/Peer Review of DPR/ DPR / Feasibility Studies Works or Detailed Design/ Design Review Works out of which at least 05 years' experience, as Team Leader/Project Director/ Project Manager/ Chief Resident Engineer</p>		No Change is envisaged in referred EOI Document provision
2.4	Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant	21	It is requested to be considered road project experience also as there is Survey work of road and railways requires similar skill sets.	<p>Survey Expert</p> <p>05 years professional experience in the field of Topographical survey / Final Location Survey</p> <p>& Finalization of Alignment</p> <p>of National Highway Projects/ Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway Projects, out of which minimum two Years' Experience in the above stated Topographical survey / Final Location Survey</p> <p>& Finalization of Alignment using Aerial LIDAR Studies/Technology and related Software.</p>	<p>Survey Expert</p> <p>05 years professional experience in the field of Topographical survey / Final Location Survey</p> <p>& Finalization of Alignment</p> <p>of National Highway Projects/ Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway Projects/ Road Projects, out of which minimum two Years' Experience in the above stated Topographical survey / Final Location Survey</p> <p>& Finalization of Alignment using Aerial LIDAR Studies/Technology and related Software</p>		No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
2.4	Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant	22	It is requested to consider Design review/ Peer Review experience as it requires higher level inputs. For this position, experience in road projects is also a valid experience, hence request for inclusion.	<p>Bridge design Expert</p> <p>05 years professional experience in the field of design of bridges involving design of Bridge Foundation, Sub Structure and Superstructure of the Bridge for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway /LRT/ Metro Railway Projects</p>	<p>Bridge design Expert</p> <p>05 years professional experience in the field of design / design review/peer review of bridges involving design of Bridge Foundation, Sub Structure and Superstructure of the Bridge for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway/LRT/ Metro Railway Projects/ Road Projects</p>		No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
2.4	Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant	22	For this position, experience in road projects is also a valid experience, hence request for inclusion.	<p>Geo-Tech Expert.</p> <p>05 years professional experience in the field of Geotechnical Investigations for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway/Highway infrastructure projects.</p>	<p>Geo-Tech Expert.</p> <p>05 years professional experience in the field of Geotechnical Investigations for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway/Highway/Road infrastructure projects</p>		No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
2.4	Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant	23	It is requested to consider Design review/ Peer Review experience as it requires higher level inputs. For this position, experience in road projects is also a valid experience, hence request for inclusion.	<p>Tunnel Expert</p> <p>05 years professional experience in the field of design of Tunnel for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway/ LRT / Metro Railway/Highway infrastructure projects.</p>	<p>Tunnel Expert</p> <p>05 years professional experience in the field of design/design review/peer review of Tunnel for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway/ LRT / Metro Railway/Highway/Road infrastructure projects.</p>		No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
2.4	Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant	23	For this position, experience in road, water and wastewater projects is also a valid experience, hence request for inclusion	<p>Hydrology Expert</p> <p>05 years professional experience in the field of hydrological studies for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway/ LRT/ Metro Railway infrastructure projects</p>	<p>Hydrology Expert</p> <p>05 years professional experience in the field of hydrological studies for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway/ LRT/ Metro Railway/Road infrastructure projects,water/wastewater</p>		No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision

	2.4 Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant	23	It is requested to consider Design review/ Peer Review experience as it requires higher level inputs.	Railway Track Expert 05 years professional experience in the field of Planning, design, Installation of long welded Railway Track for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway infrastructure projects	Railway Track Expert 05 years professional experience in the field of Planning, design/design review/ peer review, Installation of long welded Railway Track for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway infrastructure projects	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
	2.4 Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant	23	It is requested to consider Design review/ Peer Review experience as it requires higher level inputs. High Speed Railway/LRT experience is also technically challenging and hence this request for inclusion.	Railway Electrification Expert 05 Years Professional experience as design expert for Railway /Metro Electrification Projects	Railway Electrification Expert 05 Years Professional experience as design/design review/peer review expert for Railway /High Speed Railway/LRT/ Metro Electrification Projects	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
	2.4 Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant	24	It is requested to consider Design review/ Peer Review experience as it requires higher level inputs. High Speed Railway/LRT experience is also technically challenging and hence this request for inclusion.	Railway Signalling Expert 05 Years Professional experience as Signalling and / or Telecommunication design expert for Railway /Metro Projects.	Railway Signalling Expert 05 Years Professional experience as Signalling and / or Telecommunication design/design review/peer review expert for Railway /High Speed Railway/ LRT/ Metro Projects.	High Speed Railway Project would be categorised as Railway project. No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
	2.4 Key personnel on the Permanent payroll of the Consultant	24	For this position, experience in road projects is also a valid experience, hence request for inclusion.	Quantity & Cost Estimation Expert 05 Years professional experience in the field of Quantity and Cost Estimation for Large infrastructure Projects-Railways/Highways/Metro	Quantity & Cost Estimation Expert 05 Years professional experience in the field of Quantity and Cost Estimation for Large infrastructure Projects-Railways/Highways/Metro/Roads/Bridges.	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
47	2.4 Key personnel	21	This is in line with the industry norm	New Clause to be added	We request you to kindly consider the total experience for all the personnel to be counted from date of graduation (first degree).	An Expert is required to establish his/her experience on the basis of record with clear demarcation of date of engagement and date of leaving.
48	2.1.2 (vi)	4	We request for deletion of this clause as this is not a prevalent industry practice.	If, the aforesaid two Consultancy Firms, 'X' & 'Y', both registered in India, subsequently, form a JV, named, say, as X-Y JV [with 55:45 percentage Participation], to submit their [X-Y JV] Application for the empanelment, the respective experience, considered for the X-Y JV shall be as under; = 0.55 (0.4 x E) + 0.45 (0.3 x F)	Deletion of this clause is requested.	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
49	General		As per the industry practice, we request for limiting the liability of Consultant.	Not mentioned in the present EOI Notice	We request you to kindly add the following clause in the EOI Notice: Notwithstanding anything else contained anywhere in this Agreement, Consultant's maximum liability under this Agreement shall be restricted to the fees paid to the Consultant as on the date liability arises & is intimated in writing to the Consultant.	As the EOI is for empanelling Consultants for IR Consultancy Contracts, as such, defining the liability of consultant in subsequent IR Contracts shall be with IR
50	Section 1 Minimum Eligibility Criteria / 2.4 (S.No 01)	21	As per the RFP (Page No. 13-14, Eligible Work – DPR & Detailed Design Consultancy) for firm, & Key Personnel Sr.No 2.3.5.6, & 12 (Page No. 22-24), the eligibility criteria allow National Highway assignments for the qualification. In line with this, we kindly request you to also consider experience in Highway Projects towards the relevant experience qualification for key personnel — specifically for Sr. No. 1: Team Leader (Civil).	Minimum 10 years professional experience in the field of Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway Projects involving DPR / Feasibility Studies Works or Detailed Design Works out of which at least 05 years' experience, as Team Leader/Project Director/ Project Manager/ Chief Resident Engineer.	Minimum 10 years professional experience in the field of Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/ Metro Railway /Highway Projects involving DPR / Feasibility Studies Works or Detailed Design Works out of which at least 05 years' experience, as Team Leader/Project Director/ Project Manager/ Chief Resident Engineer.	06.06.2025 No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
51	Section 1 Minimum Eligibility Criteria / 2.4 (S.No 04)	21	As per the RFP (Page No. 13-14, Eligible Work – DPR & Detailed Design Consultancy) for firm, & Key Personnel Sr.No 2.3.5.6, & 12 (Page No. 22-24), the eligibility criteria allow National Highway assignments for the qualification. In line with this, we kindly request you to also consider experience in Highway Projects towards the relevant experience qualification for key personnel — specifically for Sr. No. 4: Bridge Design Expert	05 years professional experience in the field of design of bridges involving design of Bridge Foundation, Sub Structure and Superstructure of the Bridge for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway /LRT/ Metro Railway Projects	05 years professional experience in the field of design of bridges involving design of Bridge Foundation, Sub Structure and Superstructure of the Bridge for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway /LRT/ Metro Railway / Highway Projects	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
52	Section 1 Minimum Eligibility Criteria / 2.4 (S.No 07)	23	As per the RFP (Page No. 13-14, Eligible Work – DPR & Detailed Design Consultancy) for firm, & Key Personnel Sr.No 2.3.5.6, & 12 (Page No. 22-24), the eligibility criteria allow National Highway assignments for the qualification. In line with this, we kindly request you to also consider experience in Highway Projects towards the relevant experience qualification for key personnel — specifically for Sr. No. 7: Hydrology Expert	05 years professional experience in the field of hydrological studies for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway/ LRT/ Metro Railway infrastructure projects	05 years professional experience in the field of hydrological studies for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway/ LRT/ Metro Railway / Highway infrastructure projects	Please refer serial no-4 of Addendum no-3 dated 04-07-2025
53	Section 1 Minimum Eligibility Criteria / 2.5.1 (Eligible Work – DPR)	13	We kindly request you to allow the experience of State Highway projects to be considered, as this will encourage healthy competition among the bidders and provide consultants with the opportunity to propose more projects under this category and get empanelled in higher class.	"Eligible Work" during last 07 (seven) years ending last day of the month before the month of EOI submission as given below:- 1. Minimum two Works of Project Feasibility Studies/Detailed Project Report (DPR) Works, each, for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway /LRT/Metro Railway/DFCCIL Projects & National Highway Projects and for other Indian Railway PSUs, in India or outside India.	"Eligible Work" during last 07 (seven) years ending last day of the month before the month of EOI submission as given below:- 1. Minimum two Works of Project Feasibility Studies/Detailed Project Report (DPR) Works, each, for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway / LRT/Metro Railway/DFCCIL Projects & National / State Highway Projects and for other Indian Railway PSUs, in India or outside India.	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
54	Section 1 Minimum Eligibility Criteria / 2.5.2 (Eligible Work – Detailed Design consultancy including ROB)	14	We kindly request you to allow the experience of State Highway projects to be considered, as this will encourage healthy competition among the bidders and provide consultants with the opportunity to propose more projects under this category and get empanelled in higher class.	Minimum two Works of Detailed Design, Consultancy Services including ROB for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway /LRT/Metro Railway/ DFCCIL Projects & National Highway Projects and for other Indian Railway PSUs, in India or outside India.	Minimum two Works of Detailed Design, Consultancy Services including ROB for Railway / Regional Railway Project/High Speed Railway /LRT/Metro Railway/ DFCCIL Projects & National/State Highway Projects and for other Indian Railway PSUs, in India or outside India.	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision

55	Section 1 Minimum Eligibility Criteria / 2.4.	21	We kindly request you to allow the consultant to propose a minimum of 50% of the Key Personnel to be on the permanent rolls of the bidder, instead of all, as this will enable the consultant to propose more suitable and better-qualified personnel for effective project execution.	Key Personnel on Permanent Roll of the Consultant (Max Marks: 35)	Minimum 50% of Key Personnel on Permanent Roll of the Consultant (Max Marks 35)	No Change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
56	Clause 2.1	2 of 49	Since the Subsidiary Units of foreign based Consultancy Firms being considered as Eligible Consultancy Firms under the these Clauses, we understand the 100% subsidiary unit of foreign company can participate in this EOI Application as Sole consultant by using the credentials and borrowing the required staff from its parent company - Kindly confirm our above understanding.	The DFCCIL, on behalf of Ministry of Railways (Railway Board), now, invites eligible Consultancy firms including single entities, Companies, Partnership Firms LLPs/JBs/ Subsidiary Units of foreign Based Consultancy Firms or Foreign Based Consultancy Firms, all registered in India ("Consultant") under the relevant Indian Laws such as the Indian Company's Act 1956/ The Companies Act 2013 or Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 etc., to express their interest, in being empanelled for the aforesaid 'Consultancy Services'.	Only the confirmation cited on the consultant's understanding.	06.06.2025 Regarding using credentials of the Parent company, please refer 2.1.2
57	2.1.2 (iv)	4 of 49	We understand reference of Sub Para 3.1.1, is typo error. Indeed its '2.1.1 which is quoted below : "2.1.1 - In addition, for the Consultancy entities registered in India [ref-Para 3.1 (above) of EOI Document], the experience of Parent Company's subsidiary/ sister company of the participating Consultant (Parent Company) or of Parent Company of the Participating Consultant (Subsidiary/Sister company), in each case, can be aggregated to the said Consultant, only if : The Parent Company's subsidiary/sister company, which is, also, required to be registered in India, participates in JV with the participating Consultant (Parent Company) or Parent Company, which is also, required to be registered in India, participates in JV with the Participating Consultant (Subsidiary/Sister Company), as the case may be." - Kindly Confirm We understand the above referred sub para 2.1.1 will not have any impact on Clause 2.1, Page 3, wherein the subsidiary company can participate solely on the credentials of its parent company- kindly confirm.	In case of an Indian subsidiary, 100% owned by the foreign Based company, requiring accreditation of Parent Company's (also registered in India) credentials or vice versa, that Indian Subsidiary and its foreign Based (But also registered in India) Parent company can participate in the EOI, subject to the Sub Para 3.1.1, above.	We have cited the clarification on our understanding.	Please refer serial no-7 of Addendum no-3 dated 04-07-2025
58	Section 1 Minimum Eligibility Criteria' Clause 2.3- Establishment and Certification of Firm	11 of 49	We request the Authority to consider that if a subsidiary company is submitting the EOI in JV with its Parent company to comply the clause 2.1.1, parent company should not be necessarily required to be registered in India, since subsidiary company is using the credential of parent company only because of the reason that parent company is carrying out its business in India through subsidiary company.	The Consultant's Firm shall have been established (registered in India) for a minimum period of 05 Years from the EOI Notification date i.e. the period from Consultant's Year of establishment to EOI Notification date shall be minimum Five years. Must meet requirement by the single entity/ By each partner of the JV	The Consultant's Firm shall have been established (registered in India) for a minimum period of 05 Years from the EOI Notification date i.e. the period from Consultant's Year of establishment to EOI Notification date shall be minimum Five years. Must meet requirement by the single entity/ By each partner of the JV (in case JV partner is the parent company of subsidiary company, then only one of them is required to be registered in India for last 5 years.	No change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision
59	Clause 2.1.1	3 of 49	We further reiterate and request the Authority to consider that if a subsidiary company is submitting the EOI in JV with its Parent company then parent company should not be necessarily required to be registered in India, since subsidiary company is using the credential of parent company only because of the reason that parent company is carrying out its business in India through subsidiary company.	In addition, for the Consultancy entities registered in India [ref-Para 3.1 (above) of EOI Document], the experience of Parent Company's subsidiary/ sister company of the participating Consultant (Parent Company) or of Parent Company of the Participating Consultant (Subsidiary/Sister company), in each case, can be aggregated to the said Consultant, only if : The Parent Company's subsidiary/sister company, which is, also, required to be registered in India, participates in JV with the participating Consultant (Parent Company) or Parent Company, which is also, required to be registered in India, participates in JV with the Participating Consultant (Subsidiary/Sister Company), as the case may be."	In addition, for the Consultancy entities registered in India [ref-Para 2.1 (above) of EOI Document], the experience of Parent Company's subsidiary/ sister company of the participating Consultant (Parent Company) or of Parent Company of the Participating Consultant (Subsidiary/Sister company), in each case, can be aggregated to the said Consultant, only if : The Parent Company's subsidiary/sister company, which is, also, required to be registered in India, participates in JV with the participating Consultant (Parent Company) or Parent Company, which is required to be registered in India after empanelment of the JV or before the award of the work from Railway.	No change is envisaged in the referred EOI Document provision