



To : All Bidders

Date : 06 November 2023

**DESIGN AND BUILD AND TURNKEY CONTRACTS OF 49 HOUSING
UNITS ON AVAILABLE STATE LAND WITH EXISTING
INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS AT MELROSE**
Procurement Reference No: NHDC/OIB/09/2023/484

Clarification No. 2

Following queries from Bidders, we enclose hereunder Clarification No. 2 for the
aforementioned project.

Sn	Bidder's Queries	NHDC's Replies
1	<p><u>Existing Clause:</u></p> <p>ITB 34.1 - Section II. Bid Data Sheet: -</p> <p>A Margin of Preference shall apply as defined hereunder and in Section III-Evaluation and Qualification Criteria. The following procedure shall be used to apply the margin of Preference:</p> <p>(A) Responsive bids shall be classified into the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group A: bids offered by bidders meeting conditions satisfying eligibility for Margin of Preference and • Group B; all other bids; <p>(a) For the purpose of further evaluation and comparison of bids only, all bids classified into Group B shall be increased by the</p>	<p>The provisions of the Bidding Document are being maintained.</p>





	<p>percentage(s) of preference allocated to those in Group A;</p> <p>Note: Saudi companies or a JV of Saudi/Mauritian Companies will obtain a margin of preference of 10% in the evaluation of the financial offers.</p> <p><u>Request for clarification/ Amendment:</u></p> <p>As the tender is opened for open international bidding, it is essential to consider the fairness and equality of opportunities for all eligible international bidders. The existing clause regarding the “Margin of Preference”, while intended to protect domestic/Saudi bidders, may inadvertently disadvantage eligible international bidders and hinder their interests. Therefore, we kindly request that this specific clause be deleted from the tender requirements in order to ensure a fair and equitable bidding process for all parties involved.</p>	
2	<p><u>Existing Clause:</u></p> <p>Clause 2.6, Key Personnel (Design & Supervision Team): -</p> <p>Qualifications 2. Professional Registration with respective councils of Mauritius</p> <p><u>Request for clarification/ Amendment:</u></p> <p>As the tender is opened for open international bidding, it is common for international bidders to have their own qualified team from their respective countries. Due to this arrangement, it may not be feasible for these individuals to obtain professional registration with the respective councils of Mauritius.</p>	<p>The provisions of the Bidding Document are being maintained.</p>





	<p>Considering this practical constraint, we kindly request that you remove the clause pertaining to “Professional Registration with respective councils of Mauritius” from the tender requirements.</p>	
3	<p><u>Existing Clause:</u></p> <p>INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB): -</p> <p>(1) NHDC/OIB/09/2023/342 Closing Date – Friday 10 November 2023 up to 14.00 hours (local time) at latest.</p> <p>(2) NHDC/OIB/09/2023/487 Closing Date – Friday 10 November 2023 up to 14.00 hours (local time) at latest.</p> <p>(3) NHDC/OIB/09/2023/483 Closing Date – Monday 13 November 2023 up to 14.00 hours (local time) at latest.</p> <p>(4) NHDC/OIB/09/2023/484 Closing Date – Monday 13 November 2023 up to 14.00 hours (local time) at latest.</p> <p>(5) NHDC/OIB/09/2023/485 Closing Date – Wednesday 15 November 2023 up to 14.00 hours (local time) at latest.</p> <p>(6) NHDC/OIB/09/2023/486 Closing Date – Wednesday 15 November 2023 up to 14.00 hours (local time) at latest.</p> <p>(7) NHDC/OIB/09/2023/481 Closing Date – Thursday 16 November 2023 up to 14.00 hours (local time) at latest.</p> <p>(8) NHDC/OIB/09/2023/488</p>	<p>Please refer to Clarification No 1 issued on 30 Oct 23 available for download on the following link:</p> <p>https://publicprocurement.govmu.org/publicprocurement/?page_id=775</p> <p>As far as the closing date of bid submission is concerned, the provisions of the Bidding document are being maintained.</p>





	<p>Closing Date – Friday 17 November 2023 up to 14.00 hours (local time) at latest.</p> <p><u>Request for clarification/ Amendment:</u></p> <p>There are some queries sent by us via our previous letter are remains still unanswered. You are requested to consider & reply our these and previous queries.</p> <p>Additionally, this is an international EPC project, which require a reasonable time to design and estimate. Also, the Diwali festival season is during the submission which enable various holidays in India due to which the enquiries of rates from market get delayed. So, considering these facts we request to extend the bid submission date up to 3 weeks from current submission date for each project individually.</p>	
4	<p><u>Existing Clause:</u></p> <p>Clause 8.1: -</p> <p><u>Request for clarification/ Amendment:</u></p> <p>The project being a design & build and turnkey contract, please advise on the budget earmarked for the project.</p>	Budget earmarked for the project cannot be disclosed.
5	<p><u>Existing Clause:</u></p> <p>Clause 8.1: -</p> <p><u>Request for clarification/ Amendment:</u></p> <p>ITB 20.1 of the Bid Data Sheet reads as follows “The Bidder shall furnish a Bid Security amounting to 5% of the amount of the submitted financial offer but in Mauritian Rupees”. It shall be in the form of an unconditional bank/insurance guarantee issued by any commercial bank/insurance company operating in Mauritius.</p>	The provisions of the Bidding document are being maintained.





	<p>For any application for bank certificate / bank testimonial / financial statements, the local bank/insurance company requires at least 10 days for approval prior to the tender closing date and considering that the bid security shall be 5% of the amount of submitted financial offer, it will be impracticable to submit aforesaid.</p>	
6	<p><u>Existing Clause:</u></p> <p>Clause 8.1: -</p> <p><u>Request for clarification/ Amendment:</u></p> <p>Clause 22.1 of the Instructions to Bidders mentions that “Bidders shall submit their bids online”. However, ITB 22.1 (a) of the Bid Data Sheet mentions that “Bidders shall not have the option of submitting their bids electronically.</p>	<p>Amendments to Instruction to Bidders are made in Section 2 Bid Data Sheets.</p>
7	<p><u>Existing Clause:</u></p> <p>Clause 8.1: -</p> <p><u>Request for clarification/ Amendment:</u></p> <p>The sub-section 2.1.1 Technical Evaluation describes the weightage in Technical Evaluation.</p> <p>(a) Please provide us the detailed weightage for submission forms Tech-1 and Tech-2.</p> <p>(b) Under Form Tech-4, we note that 5% will allocated only to those bidders who can demonstrate that they can complete the project the project in shorted completion period that the prescribed completion period in the Bidding Documents. In our opinion it</p>	<p>Submission of bids should be in hard copy and submitted as per ITB 23.1 of Bid Data Sheet (Annexe A).</p> <p>(a) The provisions of the Bidding document are being maintained.</p> <p>(b) The provisions of the Bidding document are being maintained.</p>





	will be unfair for a proper evaluation and assessment of bid submission.	
8	<p><u>Existing Clause:</u></p> <p>Clause 8.1: -</p> <p><u>Request for clarification/ Amendment:</u></p> <p>Sub-Factor 2.4.2 (a) – Specific Experience states that “Participation as contractor, management contractor, or subcontractor, in at least one (1) contract within the last three (3) years, within a value of at least Seventy-Five Million rupees (MUR 75M), involving design of at least 1 Building of at least 60m² that have been successfully and substantially completed”.</p> <p>Please confirm if the requirement involving the design can be met by the consultants but through separate projects.</p>	Specific experience for design portion can be met by Consultants.
9	<p><u>Existing Clause:</u></p> <p>Clause 8.1: -</p> <p><u>Request for clarification/ Amendment:</u></p> <p>Please confirm if the requirements under Section V. Employer’s Requirements of the Bidding Documents are all mandatory.</p>	<p>The provisions of the Bidding documents are all mandatory. However kindly also refer to Addendas and clarification available for download on the following link:</p> <p>https://publicprocurement.govmu.org/publicprocurement/?page_id=775</p>





10	<p><u>Existing Clause:</u></p> <p>Clause 8.1: -</p> <p><u>Request for clarification/ Amendment:</u></p> <p>The scope of works is listed under Sub-Section 1.3 of Section V. Employer's Requirements.</p> <p>Please confirm the extent and/or provide us details for the following works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reinstatement and cleaning of existing drains b. Replacement of damaged street lanterns c. Repairs to damaged footpath and cleaning of footpath 	<p>It is the responsibility of the Contractor to carry out surveys, assess the type and quantum of work involved including any associated implication and price same.</p>
11	<p><u>Existing Clause:</u></p> <p>Clause 8.1: -</p> <p><u>Request for clarification/ Amendment:</u></p> <p>The typical design in the Bidding Documents provides for Detached G+1 housing unit and duplex. Please confirm if the Ground+1 design concept is mandatory or otherwise we may propose a Ground floor only design concept while meeting the requirements of the minimum internal floor area of 60m². The design concept shall also consist of an external staircase to provide the beneficiary the possibility for future extension at first floor level.</p>	<p>Please refer to Addendum No 2 issued on 30 October 2023 available for download on the following link:</p> <p>https://publicprocurement.govmu.org/publicprocurement/?page_id=775</p>





12	<p><u>Existing Clause:</u></p> <p>Clause 8.1: -</p> <p><u>Request for clarification/ Amendment:</u></p> <p>Please confirm if disabled toilets need to be provided in all the housing units.</p>	<p>Please refer to Addendum No 2 issued on 30 October 2023 available for download on the following link:</p> <p>https://publicprocurement.govmu.org/publicprocurement/?page_id=775</p>
13	<p><u>Existing Clause:</u></p> <p><u>Request for clarification/ Amendment:</u></p> <p>We also request that the bid submission date is extended by 4 weeks to provide reasonable time to provide a competitive proposal.</p>	<p>As far as Closing Date for submission of bids is concerned, the provisions of the Bidding document are being maintained.</p>

All other Terms and Conditions of the Bidding Documents remain unchanged.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of *Clarification No. 2* comprising **10** sheets (including the cover page) for the aforementioned project by signing the hereunder section and returning same by email on nhdcom@intnet.mu or by fax on **(230) 468 6607**

The above clarification is also available on the Public Procurement Portal on the web address "publicprocurement.govmu.org".

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'O. K. DABIDIN'.

for **O. K. DABIDIN**
CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

Encs.



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CLARIFICATION

*We acknowledge receipt of Clarification No. 2 datedfor the
contract quoted in reference.*

Company Name :

Representative's Name :

Representative's Signature :

Date :



