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# Selection of Civil/Structural Engineering Consultancy Services for the Construction of an Integrated Customs Services Complex (ICSC) at Mar Pauga Part Lavis

#### Mer Rouge, Port-Louis

(Bid No: MRA/ONB/CIVIL\_ICSC/125/25)

Reference is made to the Invitation for Bids dated 25 September 2025 for the abovementioned procurement exercise.

2. Please find below responses and amendments following queries from Bidders.

Sn	Query	MRA Clarification	
1	Has a topographical survey been carried out for the site? If yes, will be it be available in soft copies?	A topographical survey has been carried out and we be provided to the selected consultant.	
2	Has any Geotechnical Investigation carried out for the existing building? Will the MRA share the Geotechnical Investigation carried out for the existing building with the bidders?	Geotechnical Investigation for the existing buildi is not available.	
3	It is noted that the site is adjacent to the proposed Harbour Bridge project. Has the MRA obtained any clearance from the RDA, Ministry of Housing or any Competent authority?	consideration the alignment of the Harbour Brid	
4	Can the MRA share details on the existing waste water disposal system for the existing building?	A piping layout will be provided to the selected consultant.	
5	With regard to discussions held during the prebid meeting, the MRA stated that experience in heavy duty racking will not be required. In the Section 3.2 –3.2.1 Qualifications of the Civil/Structural Engineer this is a requirement as a Specific experience. Will the MRA waive this requirement?	The requirement is maintained as it is expected that the consultant should have participated in the design and supervised the construction of at least one warehouse project of a minimum area of 3,000 m <sup>2</sup> with heavy duty racking system, which is fully functional and complete with all necessary services. (Projects that are still in progress will not be considered as experience acquired.)	
6	With regard to Section 3.2.2 – the Site Technician shall have experience in design and supervision of a warehouse of at least 3,000 m2. Given that the Diploma holders are not registered engineers having design aptitudes and competences, can the MRA waive this condition?	Technician has been amended and now read follows:  'Shall demonstrate having experience in the supervises of the construction of at least one warehouse	











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7	Instruction to Consultant Item 3.6(2)   Cost of investigations and surveys?	Refer to S.N 1.
,	As mentioned in the pre-bid visit topographical survey will be provided from the Client. Could you please confirm same.	
8	Page 53 Item 3.1(ii) - The requirements specify that the consultancy firm should have designed and supervised at least two warehouses of 3000m². Since warehouses of these dimensions are not common in Mauritius, we would like to ask whether other structural steel buildings/structures such as Cruise Terminal, gymnasium, stores etc, which are also subject to heavy loadings from equipment and storage, would be acceptable and that the warehouse requirement is relaxed to at least one warehouse of min 3000m².	The requirement is maintained.
9	Page 57 Item 3 - A provisional sum of MUR 500,000 shall be allocated for geotechnical investigations. We believe that this value is potentially on the low side given the site location and geology in this area. Should this value of MUR 500,000 be exceeded, would the Client be prepared to disburse additional funds?	As per previous exercises, a sum of MUR 500,000.00 is found to be sufficient for carrying out Geotechnical Investigation.  Bidder are required to specify their overheads and profit in their financial proposal.  An additional row 3.6 has accordingly been inserted for the Consultant's Overheads and Profit as per Annex 1. Bidders should fill in Page 47R instead of Page 47.
10	Page 57 Item 3 - Production of a comprehensive report with regards to geotechnical investigations entail the need for a geotechnical engineer to interpret the data as provided in the geotechnical factual report from the Geotechnical Contractor. There is no Geotechnical Engineer as part of the Key Staff. Would the requirements be revised to reflect same?	The scope of services under this assignment does not require the appointment of a Geotechnical Engineer as part of the Key Staff. The Consultant will be expected to make use of the geotechnical factual report and recommendation therein provided by the Geotechnical Contractor, and the Structural/Civil engineer shall use this data to carry out their design.
11	Page 59 Item c - The codes CP3 Ch V:1972 as prescribed for wind loading is outdated. Are we allowed to use BS6399 while substantiating the conversion from gust speed to hourly mean wind speed in our design report?	Same can be considered.
12	Page 59 Item II(a) - A design life of 60-100 years is specified for the buildings. To note that this is a wide range for design life and design parameters would vary greatly if we use a design life of 60 years versus 100 years.	Design life will depend on the building materials being proposed by the Architect and based on the option proposed, cost comparison will be carried out by the Consultant team and the client will decide.











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13	Page 62 Item (12) - Would the survey of existing services be completed by the Client and the report/drawings be provided to the stakeholders?	There are no existing services on the site. Assistant may be solicited if so required.	
14	Page 62 Item (1) Page 63 Item (4) Page 64 Item (2) - There is an ambiguity with regards to the responsibility for the production of the as-made drawings. Could you please clarify whether as-made drawings are being prepared by the Contractor and reviewed by the Structural/Civil Engineer only. This would include the Contractor to print the hardcopies as well.	The Consultant will prepare and submit the as-made drawings, including the necessary hard and soft copies. These drawings shall be reviewed and approved by Project Manager.	
15	Page 63 Section 4 Item 1 Page 64 Item 5(i) - Submission of Feasibility studies? Could you please clarify the purpose of said studies?	The feasibility study will help identify the most appropriate project option, taking into consideration site constraints around the port area, environmental sensitivities, and cost-effectiveness.	
16	Page 63 Section 4 Item 1 - Submission of EIA report? With regards to the EIA report, there is no mention of EIA studies or Environmental Engineer within the document. Could you please clarify.	The Structural/Civil Engineer will not be required to carry out an EIA.  The Deliverables of the Consultancy Firm for the Pre – Construction Stage has been amended and now reads as follows:  '1. Submission of feasibility studies and bidding document for geotechnical investigation (3 hard copies or as may be requested)'	
17	Page 63 Section 4 Item 5 - Bill of Quantities is listed as a deliverable. Would this not be part of the Quantity Surveyor's deliverables?	The Structural/Civil Engineer shall assist the Quantity Surveyor to prepare the Bill of Quantities for the Civil and Structural engineering sections.	
18	Page 64 Section 4 Item 1 & 4 - Taking over Certificate and final Completion of Civil/Structural Works. Can you please clarify that the taking over will be conducted after all works have been conducted and not only the structural/civil part of the works. We are concerned that there may be issues should our taking over is earlier than for other consultants for eg MEP engineer works would still go on past completion of the civil/structural works.	The taking over Certificate and Final Completion Certificate will be issued after the whole completion of the works. As such, there will be only one set of completion certificates after the completion of the works.	
19	Page 64 Item 5(iv) and 5(v) - 23% of the fees is attributed to the design works from feasibility to the approval of the draft bid documents. A subsequent 12% and 15% are attributed to the obtention of the building permit and approval of final Bid Documents. It is understood that the approval of said items are not only dependent on our deliverable but also the Architect, MEP	Structure of schedule of payment is being maintained.	













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	Engineer, QS, Rack Specialist and others. Should one of the stakeholders fail to successfully complete their part the rest of the team would be penalised in terms of the fees allocation. Grateful if you could review same.	
20	Page 65 Item 6(i) - 4 weeks is attributed to geotechnical investigation. Does the 4 weeks include the bidding process for the geotechnical investigations or only the works? The duration of this item is believed to be low considering the type of geotechnical investigation works required in the port area and mobilisation of equipment required.	The duration for the Feasibility studies and Geotechnical Investigation is revised to 8 weeks.  As such the Time frame for the Consultancy Services has been amended and now reads as follows:  'The time frame for the Consultancy services is as follows:  (i) Feasibility Studies and Geotechnical Investigation. – 8 weeks'

3. The closing date and time for the submission of bids has been extended to <u>Wednesday 05 November 2025</u> not later than 1400 hours.









3.4	Local Communication costs	Lump Sum	
3.5	Allow for a Provisional Sum of MUR 500,000.00 for Geotechnical Investigations and comprehensive report	Prov. Sum	500,000.00
3.6	Allow for Consultant's Overheads and Profit (Bidder to insert the percentage and amount)		
	{List any other miscellaneous expenses not described above but required for successful completion of this part of the project}		
Total carried forward			

	Position	Number of Man-months	Rate (Rs)	Amount (Rs)
	Total Brought forward			
II. Post-Contract Services				
4.0	Key Personnel			
4.1	Civil/Structural Engineer			
4.2	Site Technician			
	{List all other personnel required for successful completion of this part of the assignment}			
5.0	Supporting staff			
5.1	Secretary/Typist			
5.2	Administrative staff			
	{List all other supporting staff required for successful completion of this part of the assignment}			