

PQ FOR TRACK WORKS- PRE-BID MEETING HELD ON 28-01-2010

Contract No. ATA-01 of Chennai Metro Rail Project Phase-I

ISSUES RAISED AND REPLIES

Sl.No	Reference to Clause - Instruction to Applicants	Queries of Applicants	Replies of CMRL
1	1.1	We request the authority to confirm estimated budget of this tender	The estimated cost of this tender cannot be stated. The cost has to be quoted by the tenderers in their Bids.
2	4.2	<p>Normally Design activity is carried out by specialist Design consultants and they are reluctant to become partners in JV/ Consortium. None of the firms in India would be able to meet the eligibility criteria for both design and construction. If the intent is that Contractor must have design responsibility, the same can be achieved by keeping the design within the scope of work of contractor with the condition that contractor must deploy specialist consultant having the required credential.</p> <p>It is requested that the Design be allowed to be subcontracted. Since the design component of the bid is not substantial and Design organisations are not willing to be part of JV / Consortium, subcontracting of design activity may be allowed with a suitable MOU between contractor and Designer, in line with other Metros like Kolkata Metro etc.</p>	Considered. Please refer addendum 1, Sl.No.3 already issued.
3	4.3.2	Please confirm that required number of Kms of Slab track with comparable features will include any type of railway system ie LRT, MRT, Urban, Main lines etc.	It is not possible to relax the criterion to include Mainlines, High-speed lines etc as the difficulties encountered in laying Track in tunnels and viaducts in Metro Railway in a Metropolitan city are much tougher as compared to Main lines.

		<p>The requirement of having completed 230 km track in 10 years, 115 km in last 5 years and 60 km in last 3 years appears to be arbitrary as scope of proposed work involves only 105 km of slab track. Eligibility requirement in a similar tender in any Railway, ADB or World Bank project would be about 35% of total quantum of work involved.</p> <p>Very few firms would have carried out slab track work and hence we request that Ballasted Track experience may also be included. We suggest experience of 150 km Slab/ Ballasted track in 10 years, 75km of Slab / Ballasted track in 5 years and 40 km of Slab/ Ballasted track in 3 years. In case of Ballasted Track Experience he should have executed 10,000 cu.m of high strength concrete (M 35 and above) during last 5 years</p> <p>(a) Since only 90 km of track is involved in the project, we request to reduce the experience to 20 km track in last 10 years, 5 years and 3 years to be in line with Kolkata Metro etc requirements.</p> <p>(b) We request to modify the cut off date of September 30, 2009 in the experience criteria to December 31, 2009, or May 31, 2010, ie the date in which PQ was announced or to be submitted.</p>	<p>Considered Please refer addendum 1 Sl. No.1 already issued.</p> <p>As all the other Participants in the meeting had no objection to modify the cut off date, it is proposed to modify the end of the cut-off period from September 30, 2009 to December 31, 2009, wherever it is specified.</p>
4	5.1 (a)	<p>It is not clear if each of the partners have to individually meet 25 % of the entire criteria of clause 4.3 (sub-clause 1,2a, 2b and 2c). If it is so, then it means each partner will need to have experience of design.</p>	<p>Please refer addendum 1, Sl. No.8, already issued.</p>

		<p>Normally in such tenders each member of the Consortium is required to meet part of the technical criteria and JV/ Consortium is required to meet the eligibility criteria as a whole. In the present case each Partner is required to meet 25% of criteria for Design as well as Construction of Ballastless track . No Indian firm would be able to fulfil this criteria.</p> <p>The sub-clauses (i) and (ii) of clause of 5.1(a)(ii), relating to qualification of each partner, may be deleted.</p> <p>Please modify Sub-clauses 5.1(a) (i) & (ii) (i) as follows: One lead partner shall meet not less than 50 percent of the qualifying criteria given in para 4.3(1) . Each of the partners shall meet not less than 25 percent of the qualifying criteria given in para 4.3.(1). We trust that the lead and each of the Partners need 50% and 25% of the financial criteria only (Not the technical criteria)</p>	
5	Application Form (2)	Please confirm that this turnover is not restricted to Track work only and is the turnover of the company in all their activities.	Yes, Confirmed
6	Application Form (3) Second para, 6th Line	Please clarify meaning of 'substantial completion' in terms of percentage contract completed	No, percentage of contract is stipulated. Substantial completion implies that, in the view of the client, all major activities other than minor finishing works have been satisfactorily completed.
7	Application form (3a) - Point 12	Please clarify meaning of 'Line Equipment' in this contest	Please refer addendum, Sl. No.9 already issued.