

Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1
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Subject: Minutes of Pre-Bid Meeting of Package BLPA-W1: Improvement and Expansion of Bhomra Land Port held on 20 January 2021.

Project: Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1

Contract title: Improvement and Expansion of Bhomra Land Port

Country: Bangladesh

IDA Credit No: 6002-BD

RFB No: BLPA-W1

Please find below the queries submitted by the Bidders pursuant to ITB Clause 7 and the Employer's answer thereto.

RFB (Volume-A: 1 of 4): Section: II: Bid Data Sheet:				
S. N.	ITB Number	Data as per Issued RFB	Queries by the Bidders	BRCP-1 Responses
01.	ITB 19.1	A Bid Security shall be required, the amount and currency of the bid security shall be: BDT 35,000,000 (Taka Thirty-Five Million Only) or USD 400,000 (US Dollar Four Hundred Thousand Only).	A form is provided in Section V [Page 102 of Volume 1 of 4]. In the form the Bid Security is to be provided in favour of "Beneficiary". We understand that the "Beneficiary" is "The Project Director, Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1". Please confirm,	"Beneficiary" shall be "Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA), represented by the Project Director, Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1".
02.	ITB 22.1	The deadline for bid submission is: Date: 18 February 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it possible to postpone the tender submitting date? The 'Chinese New Year Holiday' starts from 10 February, 2021 and ends on 18 February, 2021. All the banks and 	Please refer to Addendum No. 1 to the Bidding Document, inter-alia, specifying

		Time: 2:00 p.m. Bangladesh Standard Time (BST)	<p>institutions will take the holidays. We are afraid the time for issuing the Bid Security is too tight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We request you to extend the tender submission date. This is required as we need to make detailed estimate for some items and to collect various material rates from various sources and also to visit the sites. Therefore, we request you to extend the tender submission date for at least Four (4) weeks from the current submission date. In fine, we would like to state that as it is a large requirements ICB Tender and it requires lot of time to prepare and submit the Bid fulfilling all the documentation, we would therefore request you to kindly extend the closing date up to March 30, 2021 as to facilitate us to participate in the Bid. 	the extended deadline date for bid submission.
03.	ITB 48.1 and ITB 48.2:	The successful Bidder shall NOT be required to submit an Environmental Social (ES) Performance Security	However, in the Particular Conditions, Part A-Contract Data of GCC 4.2 states an Environmental Social (ES) Performance Security 1% of the Accepted Contract Amount. Please Clarify	The successful Bidder shall be required to submit an Environmental Social (ES) Performance Security. Please refer to Addendum No. 1 to the Bidding Document.
RFB (Volume-A: 1 of 4): Section-III: Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, D: Qualification				
04	Requirement No. 3.1. Financial Capabilities	(i) The Bidder shall demonstrate that it has access to, or has available, financial resources (independent of any contractual advance payment) sufficient to meet the construction cash flow requirements estimated as US\$ 2 (two) million or equivalent in local currency for the subject contract net of the Bidder's other commitments. The documentary	<p>Is Cash Flow requirement of US\$ 2(Two) Million or equivalent local currencies mandatory for all members of a Joint venture to meet this requirement?</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Only Lead Partner fulfilling the requirement should be acceptable?</p>	<p>Please refer to 'Compliance Requirements' columns clearly indicating against Requirement 3.1 that in case of Joint Venture it shall be met by <u>All Members Combined</u>.</p> <p>This should be understood that requirement can be met by any partner, by default, meets the requirement of All <u>Members Combined</u>.</p>



		evidence shall be in the form of supporting letter(s) issued by the bidder's bank/financial institution confirming that the above-specified minimum amount is available through lines of credit and/or funds in the bidder's bank account for use in the execution of the subject contract if awarded to the bidder.		
05	Requirement No. 4.1(a). General Construction Experience	Experience under construction contracts in the role of prime contractor, JV member, Subcontractor, or management contractor for at least the last 10 (ten) years, starting 1 st January 2011.	Is the General Construction period 10 (Ten) years, starting from 1st January 2011 till submission deadline i.e. the Tender closing date February 18, 2021?	<u>At least</u> the last 10 (Ten) years period will be counted starting from 1st January 2011 till Bid submission deadline defined in ITB Clause 22.1.
06.	Requirement No. 4.2(a). Specific Construction & Contract Management Experience	(i) A minimum number of similar contracts specified below that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or Subcontractor between 1st January 2011 and bid submission deadline: (i) Minimum 02 (two) numbers of Land Port Development or Land Port construction or Large Yard Construction or Large RCC Construction work. The minimum value of each contract shall be US\$ 15 (fifteen) million Or (ii) Minimum 01 (one) number of Land Port Development or Land Port construction or Large Yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This whole paragraph indicates to us that the time period of specific construction experience of a contractor is 10 (Ten) years between 1st January 2011 till Bid submission deadline. • Going into further details it appears to us that the value of specific contract experience should be US\$ 30 (Thirty) Million for a single contract executed or 2 (Two) Contracts each having the value of US\$ 15 (Fifteen) Million or all in the equivalent local currency. • For the Specific Qualification of each member of a Joint venture shall have minimum working experience of executing at least 1 (one) contract of US\$30 (Thirty) Million for a single contract executed or 2 (two) nos. of contracts each having the minimum value of US\$ 15 (Fifteen) Million executed within the above period of assumingly 10 (Ten) years 	<p>Please refer to 'Compliance Requirements' columns indicating against Requirement 4.2(a) that in case of Joint Venture it shall be met by <u>All Members Combined</u>.</p> <p>There is <u>NO</u> statement that Each Member or just One Member must meet the entire requirement. The requirement can be met by <u>all Members together</u> subject to footnote #7.</p> <p>This procurement is governed by provisions of the Bidding Document issued in pursuance of the <u>World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers</u>. The Public Procurement</p>

		Construction or Large RCC Construction work. The minimum value of the contract shall be US\$ 30 (thirty) million.	<p>starting from 1st January 2011 till the dead line for submission of Bid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now, our question is if all the members of a Joint Venture shall have to meet the minimum value requirement of US\$ 30 (Thirty) Million for a single contract or 2 (two) contracts having minimum value of US\$15(Fifteen) Million each then what is the need for forming and participating through a Joint Venture for any Contractor? • Value of contract / contracts completed under any Joint Venture – according to the footnote serial no. 6-states that for a Joint Venture member or sub-contractor, only the Bidder's share, by values, shall be considered to meet this requirements between 1st January 2011 and Application submission deadline" but as per Public Procurement Regulation (PPR) the total value of the executed contract / contracts under any Joint Venture Agreement are taken into account for considering Eligibility Criteria for participation in any Tender under Government / Semi. Govt./Autonomous Body in Bangladesh. • Please confirm whether the present practice under PPR stated above will be applicable to your above Tender under BLPA-W1. 	Regulations (PPR) of the Borrower's country are not applicable.
07.	Requirement No. 4.2(a). Specific Construction & Contract Management Experience	(ii) Construction of RCC piles having minimum length each of 50 ft (15metre) and total length not less than 20000 RM;	What is RM unit, how to convert it to km?	'RM" means Running Meter or simply 'Meter' in metric system and 1 kilometer (1 km) is equal to 1000RM (meters).

RFB (Volume-A: 1 of 4): Section IX: Particular Conditions, Part A – Contract Data				
	Conditions and Sub-Clause	Data as per Issued RFB	Queries by the Bidders	BRCP-1 Responses
08.	Performance Security Sub-Clause 4.2	<p>The Performance Security will be in the form of a Bank guarantee in the amount(s) of 10 % (ten percent) of the Accepted Contract Amount and in the same currency (ies) of the Accepted Contract Amount.</p> <p>The security shall only be in the form of bank guarantee issued by an internationally reputed Bank or Financial Institution. If the unconditional guarantee is issued by a Financial Institution located outside the Purchaser's Country, the issuing Financial Institution shall have a corresponding financial institution located in the Purchaser's Country (Bangladesh) to make the security enforceable.</p>	<p>The Performance Security will be in the form of a Bank guarantee in the amount(s) of 10 % (ten percent) of the Accepted Contract Amount and in the same currency (ies) of the Accepted Contract Amount.</p> <p>Considering Covid-19 Current situation we request you to reduce it.</p> <p>In addition to a Bank Guarantee of 10% (ten percent) of Accepted Contract Price another Bank Guarantee of 1% (one percent) is required to be provided by the successful Bidder against Environmental and Social (ES) Performance Security.</p> <p>Please reduce the %(percentage) of Bank Guarantee by 1%.</p>	<p>Please refer to Addendum No. 1 which reduces the amount of Performance Security to 9 % of the Accepted Contract Amount.</p>
09.	Environmental and Social (ES) Performance Security Sub-Clause 4.2	1% of the Accepted Contract Amount	<p>In addition to a Bank Guarantee of 10% of Accepted Contract Price another Bank Guarantee of 1% is required to be provided by the successful Bidder against Environmental and Social (ES) Performance Security. Our request is to consider the omission of this additional Bank Guarantee of 1% (one percent) of Environmental and Social Security (ES). Please consider.</p>	<p>Requirement to provide Environmental and Social (ES) Performance Security remains unchanged.</p>
10.	Total advance payment Sub-Clause 14.2	10% Percentage of the Accepted Contract Amount payable in the currencies and proportions in which	<p>The Total Advance Payment is 10% of the Accepted Contract Amount payable in the currencies and proportion in which the Contract Amount is payable. Considering the initial</p>	<p>Provisions of Sub-Clause 14.2 remain unchanged.</p>

		the Accepted Contract Amount is payable	mobilization expenses, we request your honor to increase the Total Advance Payment to 15%. Please Consider.	
11.	Repayment of Advance payment Sub-Clause 14.2.3	(a) exceeds 5% of the portion of the Accepted Contract amount payable in that currency less Provisional Sums (b) deductions shall be made at the amortization rate of 25%	The objective of the Advance Payment is to ease the case flow of the project; in our opinion the Repayment procedure as stated under (a) & (b) above will hardly ease the cash flow of the contact. We are requesting your honor to consider the following; (a)The Repayment of Mobilization Advance starts when the value of work exceeds 20% of the portion of Accepted Contact amount payable in that currency less Provisional Sums. (b) The deductions shall be made at the amortization rate of 15%.	Please refer to Addendum No. 1 which incorporates amended provisions, as follows: “(a) exceeds 10% (Ten Percent) of the portion of the Accepted Contract amount payable in that currency less Provisional Sums (b) deductions shall be made at the amortization rate of 25% (Twenty Five Percent).”
12.	Percentage of retention Sub-Clause 14.3(iii)	5% of the Accepted Contract Amount.	We understand this will be 5% of each IPC, please clarify.	Yes, percentage of retention will be 5% (Five Percent) of the Interim Payment Amount (IPC). Please refer to Addendum No. 1 which incorporates amended provisions.
13.	Limit of Retention Money (as a percentage of Accepted Contract Amount) Sub-Clause 14.3(iii)	10% of the Accepted Contract Amount.	10% of the Accepted Contract Amount may severely affect bidders’ quoted price. Considering Performance Security of 10% and Covid-19 situation it should be 5% of the Accepted Contract Amount.	Please refer to Addendum No. 1 which incorporates amended provisions as follows: “5% (Five Percent) of the Accepted Contract Amount.”
14.	The DAAB shall be comprised of	One Sole Member	In section IV: Bidding forms under serial no. (p) Potential DABB Member [page 57], Bidders are	The DAAB shall be comprised of One Sole Member. This provision of Sub-Clause 21.1 remains unchanged.

	Sub-Clause 21.1		required to propose the name of three (03) DABB Members along with their curriculum of vitae.	
	List of proposed members of DAAB Sub-Clause 21.1	Proposed by Employer President, Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh IEB Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka, Bangladesh Proposed by Contractor [Attach CVs to the Contract] 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____	But as per sub clause 21.1 of Particular Condition of Contract it is stated that “The DAAB shall be comprised of one sole number.” The Employer has proposed name of one member in Bid document. In such case does the bidder need to propose the name of three (03) potential DABB members in the Bidding Form?	Pursuant to Addendum No. 1, 03 (Three) Members shall be proposed by the Employer as follows: 1. One Representative from the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC); 2. President, Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, IEB Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka; 3. Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, BUET, Dhaka Similarly, 03 (Three) Members shall be proposed by Contractor.
Other queries regarding RFB (Volume-A: 1 of 4):				
15.			In section IX [page 150 of volume 1 of 4] the time for completion is stated in sub-clause 1.1.84 in 730 days (2 years); and as per Table of Adjustment [page 59 of volume 1 of 4], the adjustment will be applicable after eighteen months; moreover, the Nonadjustable portion is 40%. We consider that the above conditions are not justified for a contact. We propose the following for your kind consideration: (a) To apply the adjustment after 12 months and (b) Reduce the Non-adjustable portion to 20%. Please consider	Provisions of Bidding Document remain unchanged.
16.			There is no requirement for notarization and authentication in the RFB. Please clarify.	There is no requirement for mandatory notarization and authentication in the Bidding document. The Bidders should



				<p>follow applicable laws and regulations of their countries.</p> <p>However, the Bidders shall follow requirements of ITB Sub-Clause 20.3 regarding signature of the Bid and initialing Bid pages.</p>
17.			What is the status of land acquisition?	<p>In good progress. BRCP-1 has already paid required money for land acquisition to Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office. Payment to the affected persons by the DC is on progress and there is less possibility to rise any disputes.</p>
BOQ (Volume-B:2 of 4): Clarifications:				
S.N.	Bill No & Name	Item Number and Page number	Query by the Bidder	BRCP-1 Responses
18.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Format of BOQ. It is required to write the rate in word for all items? • Pleas provide us the soft copy of the BOQ with Excel file i.e. Excel file requires so that we can make BOQ submission properly. • Can we submit the BOQ using soft copy (Quoting our price on the BOQ items) making it a hard copy by printing the same, sealing and signing on each page of BOQ and then submit as a Original Copy of BOQ <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it mandatory to submit all the hard copies of the volumes of Tender Documents? <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we submit the BOQ as stated above submitting a Declaration that "we have gone through all other the volumes of the Tender Documents and understood all the 	<p>Yes, it is mandatory to write the rate in words for all items in the stipulated column.</p> <p>Softcopy (MS Excel version) of BOQ may be obtained by a Bidder via e-mail, upon written request submitted to the Employer's e-mail address specified in ITB Sub-Clause 7.1. However, in case of any discrepancy, printed version of the Bidding Document and Addenda to Bidding Document shall govern.</p> <p>Soft copy (MS Excel) can be used to prepare the priced BOQ. However, please note that pursuant to ITB Clause 20, the Bidder shall submit original and one hardcopy of the Bid typed or written in indelible ink and signed by a person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder. In addition, the Bidder shall submit one</p>

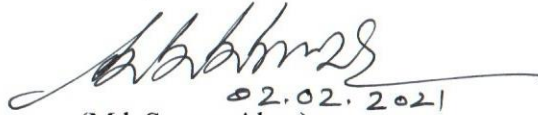


			<p>requirements stated therein, all are acceptable to us and we will comply with all your requirements of this Tender”?</p>	<p>electronic copy of the Bid. Original shall govern in case of any discrepancy.</p> <p>It is up to the Bidder to follow appropriate process to comply with the above requirements. As the case may be, original and hardcopy of priced BOQ may be produced by completing and printing, and then sealing and signing on each page of the printed BOQ (which is initially prepared as softcopy). However, irrespectively of the process followed, the Bidders will have all the responsibility for missing any items or any kind of errors.</p> <p>Mandatory contents of the Bid is specified in ITB Clause 11. Standard Bidding Forms are incorporated in Section IV of the Bidding Document, including Bill of Quantities provided in separate Volume B. However, there are no restrictions to submit additional documentary evidence, such as declarations confirming compliance with provisions of the Bidding Document.</p> <p>Pursuant to ITB Clause 11 it is not mandatory, but the Bidders are encouraged to submit all hard copies of the volumes of Bidding Documents duly signed and sealed on each page.</p>
19.	Bill-A: General & Site Facilities:	Item No. 9; Page- 5	<p>Land for Laboratory (70 sqm) will be provide by Employer or Contractor? We would request to please provide the list of equipment & furniture required for laboratory as There is no list of laboratory equipment & furniture.</p>	<p>Land will be provided by the Employer and this will be within the project site.</p> <p>Please refer to amended BOQ in Addendum No.1 for the list of equipment and furniture required for laboratory.</p>

20.	Bill-A: General & Site Facilities,	Item No. 20; Page- 8	Movable Dust suppression equipment for Dust management is from EU origin. We would request to please consider the equipment from any other origin also.	Yes, Movable Dust suppression equipment for Dust management can be from EU origin or equivalent standard from any country subject to provisions of Section V.
21.	Bill-A: General & Site Facilities,	Item No. 25; Page- 8	Tree Plantation and Green area Development plan: Unit- Lumpsum & Quantity-1, please specify what kind of tree and number of trees.	Tree Plantation and Green area Development plan will be by Local wood plant: Unit- Number & Quantity-200 – please refer to amended BOQ in Addendum No.1
22.	Bill-A: General & Site Facilities,	Item No. 47; Page- 11	Tree Plantation and Green area Development plan in the project area: Unit & Quantity and also specify methodology of tree plantation.	Methodology: Supplying of lawn grass of approved quality, sorting to proper size, dibbling 6mm to 50 mm apart, irrigation of lawn area till the grass grown at least for two months after plantation, weeding the undesirable grass, mowing the lawn grass by lawn mower up to two months after plantation, applying urea fertilizer on the lawn surface @1 kg per 9.29 sqm. completed and accepted by the Engineer. Unit – sqm & Quantity-600 – please refer to amended BOQ in Addendum No.1
23.	Bill-C: Passenger Terminal Building	Summary of Cost, Page-94	Total (1+2+3) =? What about serial number 4?	Should be: “Total (1+2+3+4) =” Please refer to amended BOQ in Addendum No.1
24.	Bill-D: Watch Tower	Item No. 34; Page-193	Construction material (concrete rebar, bricks, stones etc.) test Unit – Lumpsum Quantity-1. Please provide the required number of tests and unit clearly	Construction material (concrete-10 sets, rebar- 2 sets, bricks- 1 set, stones- 2sets, cement 1 set, sand- 2 sets) test as required Unit – Set, Quantity- 18 – please refer to amended BOQ in Addendum No.1

25.	Bill-G,	Item-26 & 27; Page- 299	(i) Number of users, Size and shape of work as per drawing & design- missing in the hard copy	(i) 50 users (Size and shape of work as per drawing & design) – please refer to amended BOQ in Addendum No.1
26.	Bill-J: Pedestrians Bridge	Page- 347	S.N. 1: Civil Works (A+B+C) and C: Finishing Works, C is confusing, please clarify	Should be: “S.N. 1: Civil Works (A+B) and B: Finishing Works” – please refer to amended BOQ in Addendum No.1
27.	Bill- K: Labour Shed,	Item No. 63, Page- 394	Construction material (concrete rebar, bricks, stones etc.) test Unit – Lumpsum & Quantity-0.025, not understandable. Please mention the number of tests and unit correctly.	Construction material (concrete-8 sets, rebar- 2 sets, bricks- 1 set, stones- 2sets, cement 1 set, sand- 2 sets) test as required Unit – Set, Quantity- 16 – please refer to amended BOQ in Addendum No.1
28.	Bill L: Drainage and SWM Work,	Page- 401 & Page- 417 to 422	Summary for Cost: No provision for abstract of SWM Work (Part A & Part B).	Please refer to amended BOQ in Addendum No.1: Summary of Cost: S.N.1: Civil Works (A+B+C) One row is inserted below C for S.N.2: SWM Works(A+B); Another two rows are inserted below S.N.2 for A (Part A) and B (Part B); Total (1+2) =
29.	Bill-N: Weigh Bridge	Page- 460	S.N. 1: Civil Works (A+B+C): “C” is missing; Total (1) =? does not include addition of serial 2 and 3.	Should be: “S.N. 1: Civil Works (A+B); Total (1+2+3) =” – please refer to amended BOQ in Addendum No.1
30.	Bill-N: Weigh Bridge	Page- 480	4. Electronics Weigh Scale, there is no serial number 3, please clarify	Should be: “3. Electronics Weigh Scale” – please refer to amended BOQ in Addendum No.1
31.	Bill-O: CCTV & Digital Gate Pass System	Item:44, Page- 497	Column 4- Quantity: is blank and Column 5: BDT 500,000, please clear it.	Please refer to amended BOQ in Addendum No.1: Column 4: 1 is inserted in blank;

				Column 5: BDT 500,000 is deleted
Drawings (Volume-D (4 of 4)): Clarifications:				
32.			Please provide us Sub-Soil Investigation Report for understanding the soil type, and Fire Safety & Security systems' drawings	Will be provided as soon as possible.



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