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Date: 25.09.2025

To

All Bidders.

**CORRIGENDUM - 4**

**Sub:** Consultancy services for "Preparation of Detailed Project Reports for Various Projects at VOC Port, Tuticorin – Reply to the Pre bid Queries - reg.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the clarification sought by the Tenderers through E-Mail and discussion during Pre – bid meeting for the subject work held on **09.09.2025**, the reply to the queries / amendment to the Tender document is attached herewith.

2. The amendment and clarification along with enclosures will form part of the Tender document to be signed in all pages by the Tenderers and to be enclosed along with the Tender documents. The amendment and clarification are applicable to all corresponding clauses of the document wherever incorporated.

Sd/-  
**CHIEF ENGINEER**

**NAME OF WORK: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PREPARATION OF DETAILED PROJECT REPORTS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS AT VOC**

**PORT, TUTICORIN**

**REPLY TO PRE-BID QUERIES**

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1.	Clause 28 Criteria for Evaluation; sub clause 28.1.4 Eligible Assignments, (i) Technical Capacity , Page no. 46	The Bidder should have successfully completed at least one port project of DPR / Detailed Engineering for Port sector project having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.1000 Crores in single project or two Port Projects of Detailed Engineering for Port sector project each having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.700 Crores in the last 7 years ending last day of month previous to the one in which proposals are invited. For instance, Work Completion Certificate along with work order / LoA from the Client has to be furnished. In the absence of a completion certificate, a CA/SA certificate confirming 100% fee receipt may be submitted. Port sector	The Bidder should have successfully completed at least one port project of DPR / Detailed Engineering/ <b>Tender Design or Design review scope as part of Independent Engineer or Project Management consultant</b> Services for Port sector project having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.1000 Crores in single project or <b>two Port Projects of similar scope</b> each having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.700 Crores in the last 10 years ending last day of month previous to the one in which proposals are invited. For instance, Work Completion Certificate along with work order / LoA from the Client has to be furnished. In the absence of a completion certificate, a CA/SA certificate confirming 100% fee receipt may be submitted. Port sector means: Port sector would be deemed	Kindly refer corrigendum 3.

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		means: Port sector would be deemed to include composite works involving majority of works, on shore and off shore Terminals / Berth / Jetties / Quays, breakwaters and Cargo Handling & Storage system / Bulk / liquid Material Handling & Storage System.	to include composite works involving majority of works, on shore and off shore Terminals / Berth / Jetties / Quays, breakwaters and Cargo Handling & Storage system / Bulk / liquid Material Handling & Storage System.	
2.	Clause IV Team Composition and Reporting; A. Project Team (Key Personnel); Sl.No. 1; Port sector Expert cum-Team Leader (the "Team Leader"); Experience on eligible	He should have led the DPR / feasibility study / DPR teams / Detailed Engineering in minimum 3 (three) Port Sector Eligible Assignments, especially in greenfield port projects.	He should have led the DPR / feasibility study / DPR teams / Detailed Engineering/ <b>Tender Design or Design review scope as part of Independent Engineer or Project Management consultant Services</b> in minimum 3 (three) Port Sector Eligible Assignments.	Tender clause stands.

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	assignments, Page 22			
3.	Clause IV Team Composition and Reporting; A. Project Team (Key Personnel); SI.No. 2; Technical Expert (Civil) ; Educational qualifications, Page 22	Graduate in Civil Engineering with Post graduate in Ocean Technology / Off-shore Engineering / Marine Structures	Graduate in Civil Engineering with Post graduate in Ocean Technology / Off-shore Engineering / Marine Structures/ <b>Structural Engineering/ Geo-Technical Engineering</b>	Tender clause stands.  Please refer Corrigendum 3.
4.	Clause 28 Criteria for Evaluation; sub clause 28.1.3; S.No 3 Relevant experience of the Key	Team Leader  a) Overall Experience  > 25 years (100%)  < 25 years Upto 15 years (80%)	We kindly request to amend the following:  Team Leader a) <u>Overall Experience</u> > 25 years (100%) < 25 years Upto 15 years (80%)	Tender clause stands.

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	personnel; (i) Team Leader; Page no. 45	b) Years of experience with current employer 5 to 10 years (100%) 1 to 5 years (50%)	b) <u>Years of experience with Consulting Sector Company</u> 5 to 10 years (100%) 1 to 5 years (50%)	
5.	Clause 28 Criteria for Evaluation; sub clause 28.1.3; S.No 3 Relevant experience of the Key personnel; (ii) Technical Expert (Civil); Page no. 45	Technical Expert (Civil) a) Overall Experience ≥ 10 years (100%) <10 year up to 7 years (80%) b) Years of experience with current employer 5 to 7 years (100%) 1 to 5 years (50%)	We kindly request to amend the following:  Technical Expert (Civil) a) <u>Overall Experience</u> ≥ 10 years (100%) <10 year up to 7 years (80%)  b) <u>Years of experience with Consulting Sector Company</u> 5 to 7 years (100%) 1 to 5 years (50%)	Tender clause stands.
6.	Clause 28 Criteria for Evaluation; sub clause 28.1.3; S.No 3 Relevant experience of	Technical (Mechanical) a) Overall Experience ≥ 10 years (100%) <10 year up to 7 years (80%)	We kindly request to amend the following:  Technical (Mechanical) a) <u>Overall Experience</u> ≥ 10 years (100%) <10 year up to 7 years (80%)	Tender clause stands.

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	the Key personnel; (iii) Technical (Mechanical); Page no. 45	b) Years of experience with current employer 5 to 7 years (100%) 1 to 5 years (50%)	b) <u>Years of experience with Consulting Sector Company</u> 5 to 7 years (100%) 1 to 5 years (50%)	
7.	Clause 28 Criteria for Evaluation; sub clause 28.1.3; S.No 3 Relevant experience of the Key personnel; (iv) Procurement Expert; Page no. 45	Procurement Expert a) Overall Experience ≥ 10 years (100%) <10 year up to 7 years (80%) b) Years of experience with current employer 5 to 7 years (100%) 1 to 5 years (50%)	We kindly request to amend the following:  Procurement Expert a) <u>Overall Experience</u> ≥ 10 years (100%) <10 year up to 7 years (80%)  b) <u>Years of experience with Consulting Sector Company</u> 5 to 7 years (100%) 1 to 5 years (50%)	Tender clause stands.
8	Clause 28 Criteria for Evaluation; sub clause 28.1.3;	Traffic Expert a) Overall Experience ≥ 10 years (100%)	We kindly request to amend the following:  Traffic Expert a) <u>Overall Experience</u>	Tender clause stands.

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	S.No 3 Relevant experience of the Key personnel; (v) Traffic Expert; Page no. 45 & 46	<p>&lt;10 year up to 7 years (80%)</p> <p>b) Years of experience with current employer</p> <p>5 to 7 years (100%)</p> <p>1 to 5 years (50%)</p>	<p>≥ 10 years (100%)</p> <p>&lt;10 year up to 7 years (80%)</p> <p>b) <u>Years of experience with <b>Consulting Sector Company</b></u></p> <p>5 to 7 years (100%)</p> <p>1 to 5 years (50%)</p>	
9	Clause 28 Criteria for Evaluation; sub clause 28.1.3; S.No 3 Relevant experience of the Key personnel; (vi) Financial Analyst; Page no. 46	<p>Financial Analyst</p> <p>a) Overall Experience</p> <p>≥ 10 years (100%)</p> <p>&lt;10 year up to 7 years (80%)</p> <p>b) Years of experience with current employer</p> <p>5 to 7 years (100%)</p> <p>1 to 5 years (50%)</p>	<p>We kindly request to amend the following:</p> <p>Financial Analyst</p> <p>a) <u>Overall Experience</u></p> <p>≥ 10 years (100%)</p> <p>&lt;10 year up to 7 years (80%)</p> <p>b) <u>Years of experience with <b>Consulting Sector Company</b></u></p> <p>5 to 7 years (100%)</p> <p>1 to 5 years (50%)</p>	Tender clause stands.
10	Clause 1.7 Schedule of Selection	<p>Proposal due date or PDD</p> <p>23/09/2025 at 15:00 hrs.</p>	<p>We request to consider an extension of this Bid due date by at least 3 weeks. i.e., <b>upto 14.10.2025</b></p>	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.

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	Process; S.No. 3 , Page no. 9			
11	SCHEDULE-1 TOR  IV. Team Composition and Reporting Pg.63	<u>A. Project Personnel:</u> Key Personnel: 6. Financial Analyst  Experience on eligible assignments: He should have undertaken financial analysis and revenue modeling for 5 (five) Eligible Assignments.	We respectfully request the Authority to limit the number of eligible assignments to 3 (three) for the Financial Analyst	Agreed. Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.
12	28.1.3 The Parameters for evaluation criteria is prepared as under. Pg.45	<u>Key Personnel:</u> 1. Port sector Expert cum-Team Leader 2. Technical Expert (Civil) 3. Technical Expert (Mechanical) 4. Procurement Specialist 5. Traffic Expert 6. Financial Analyst  <u>b) Years of experience with current employer:</u>	The Key Personnel proposed may be recruited by the bidder's organization specifically to meet the eligibility criteria related to experience and educational qualifications. We confirm that the CVs of such personnel, though recently onboarded, will be submitted based on their formal confirmation or certification to work on this assignment. Furthermore, as a medium-sized consultancy firm, and due to strategic and operational considerations, we often engage <b>independent consultants on a project-</b>	Tender clause stands.



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			<p><b>specific basis.</b> Many of these professionals have had <b>extensive prior engagement with our organization on similar projects</b>, even though they are not full-time employees.</p> <p>In this context, we kindly request confirmation from the Authority on whether the <b>prior experience of such key personnel with their immediate previous employer—including roles where they were engaged as independent consultants working in association with the bidder—will be considered valid</b> under the criterion of “Years of experience with current employer / immediate previous employer.”</p>	
13	APPENDIX-I: Form-8-Particulars of Key Personnel Pg.129	(tabular column) No. of Assignments <sup>3</sup>	<p>We kindly request the Authority to reconsider the scoring methodology for Key Personnel under Clause 28.1.3 of the RFP.</p> <p>As a common industry practice, especially among medium-sized consultancy firms, key experts are often engaged on a project-specific basis. In such cases, the duration of</p>	Tender clause stands.
	28.1.3 The Parameters for evaluation	28.1.3 The Parameters for evaluation criteria is prepared as under. <u>Key Personnel:</u>		

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	criteria is prepared as under. Pg.45	<p>1. Port sector Expert cum-Team Leader</p> <p>2. Technical Expert (Civil)</p> <p>3. Technical Expert (Mechanical)</p> <p>4. Procurement Specialist</p> <p>5. Traffic Expert</p> <p>6. Financial Analyst</p> <p><b>Eligible Assignments</b> shall mean Projects for development of Port &amp; Harbour costing Rs. 1000 crore or more.</p>	<p>association with the current employer may not accurately reflect the expert's overall capabilities or relevant experience.</p> <p>We therefore request that the evaluation focus primarily on the number of Eligible Assignments completed by each expert, as this would allow for a more objective and merit-based assessment. This approach is also consistent with the proportionate scoring framework mentioned in Clause 28.1.3.</p> <p>We appreciate your consideration of this suggestion.</p>	
14	A. Project Team (Key Personnel) Pg.57	<p><u>Key Personnel:</u></p> <p>2. Technical Expert (Civil)</p> <p><u>Educational qualifications:</u></p> <p>Engineering with Post graduate in Ocean Technology / Off-shore Engineering / Marine Structures.</p>	<p>We kindly request the Authority to consider revising the educational qualification for the Technical Expert (Civil) position to include <b>Structural Engineering with hands-on experience in handling port projects for more than 10 years</b>, in addition to the original requirements. Accordingly, we propose the revised qualification as follows:</p>	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.

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			"Engineering with Post Graduate in Ocean Technology / Offshore Engineering / Marine Structures / <b>Structural Engineering with experience in handling port projects for more than 10 years</b>	
15	A. Project Team (Key Personnel) Pg.63	<u>Key Personnel:</u> 4. Procurement Specialist  <u>Educational qualifications:</u> Engineering / commerce graduate (preferably with postgraduate degree / diploma)	We kindly request the Authority to consider revising the educational qualification for the Procurement Specialist position to: <b>"Engineering (without postgraduate degree/ diploma)/ Commerce Graduate (preferably with postgraduate degree/ diploma)"</b> , so to allow the inclusion of professionals with relevant technical expertise.	Post Graduate degree is only a preference and not a mandatory criteria.  <b>Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.</b>
16	A. Project Team (Key Personnel) pg.63	<u>Key Personnel:</u> 5. Traffic Expert  <u>Educational qualifications:</u> PG in Transportation / Economics / Statistics	We kindly request the Authority to consider revising the educational qualification for the <b>Traffic Expert</b> position to include:  "Post Graduate in Transportation / Economics / Statistics / <b>Marketing / M.Plan with hands-on experience in working on completed projects related to traffic and market</b>	Post Graduate in Economics / Statistics / Marketing can only be considered.  Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.

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			<b>assessment"</b> to allow the inclusion of professionals with relevant technical expertise.	
17	SCHEDULE-1 TOR  IV. Team Composition and Reporting Pg. 62,63	<u>A. Project Personnel:</u> Key Personnel  5. Traffic Expert 6. Financial Analyst  <b>Eligible Assignments</b> shall mean Projects for development of Port & Harbour costing Rs. 1000 crore or more.	We understand from the definition of "Eligible Assignments" that any project undertaken for the development of Ports and Harbours, with a project cost of ₹1000 crore or more, shall be considered an eligible assignment for both the Traffic Expert and the Financial Analyst.	Tender clause is clear and stands.
18	1. TENDER NOTICE Pg.3 of 4	<u>Note:-</u> If the work completion certificate furnished is from other than Govt. Departments by the tenderer to fulfill the requirement of MQC and the same shall be supported with TDS certificate (FORM-16A) issued by the department where the work was executed for full executed amount of	As obtaining Form 16A from clients for completed projects in the past is often difficult—due to the age of records and challenges in follow-up—considering this practical difficulty, we kindly request the Authority to accept completion certificates for works executed for non-Government clients, supported by either <b>Form 26</b> or a <b>Chartered Accountant (CA) certificate</b> confirming the	Tender Clause stands.

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		the work otherwise such work experience shall not be considered.	fees received and corresponding TDS details, as a valid alternative to Form 16A.	
19	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.54	<p>b. Primary data collection –</p> <p>i. Technical surveys including topographic survey, for which the data is not available through secondary source or fresh surveys are required. In case, bathymetry charts are not available or are not detailed, the survey needs to be carried out including side scan sonar image, sub-bottom profiling and magnetometer survey.</p>	<p>We understand that the requirement for primary data collection, including technical and bathymetric surveys, is subject to the availability and adequacy of existing data. In this regard, we kindly request the Authority to share any available survey data or reports from previous feasibility studies to facilitate accurate assessment and cost estimation during bid preparation.</p> <p><b>To enable uniform understanding and assessment among all bidders</b>, we request the Authority to clearly define the type, scope, and estimated quantities of surveys/investigations required as part of the assignment.</p> <p>Additionally, we request to include provisions for bidders to submit <b>unit rates</b> for each type</p>	Port carried out Bathymetry survey in 2025 and Seismic refraction survey in 2018. Further, Port carried out Bore hole investigation on various occasions. The available data will be shared with the successful tenderer. Any additional surveys / investigation, if required, shall be carried out by the consultant at the cost of the consultant. The consultant shall submit the quotes accordingly.

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			<p>of survey and measurement work. This would allow the successful bidder to claim payment based on actual quantities executed during implementation.</p> <p>We request the Authority's kind consideration and acceptance of the above request.</p>	
20	APPENDIX-I Form-16- Survey and Field Investigations Pg.139	(blank)	It is understood that the content of Form-16 is currently empty. We kindly request the Authority to clarify whether any specific information is to be provided in this form or if it is to be treated as not applicable for/ during the submission.	Kindly refer reply at S.No.19 above. Form -16 (Survey & field investigations) may be filled accordingly and uploaded.
21	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.52	<p>II. Objectives:</p> <p>1. The primary objective of the consultancy service is to prepare a Detailed Project Report for the following projects at V.O. Chidambaranar Port, Tuticorin.</p> <p>i. Ship-building yard inside the Port</p>	We kindly request the Authority to confirm whether the assessment for the new shipbuilding yard is based on the previously released tender for the "Techno-Economic Feasibility Report for Setting Up the Shipbuilding Yard in V.O. Chidambaranar Port, Tuticorin." This confirmation will help us	No. The shipbuilding yard under the present scope is proposed in the Inner Harbour area, whereas the previously released tender for the "Techno-Economic Feasibility Report for Setting Up the Shipbuilding Yard in V.O. Chidambaranar Port, Tuticorin" is for outside port which will be taken up as a

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			ensure clarity and alignment with the project scope.	joint venture between VOC Port and Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
22	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.52	II. Objectives: 1. The primary objective of the consultancy service is to prepare a Detailed Project Report for the following projects at at V.O. Chidambaranar Port, Tuticorin. i. Ship-building yard inside the Port	We note the objective to assess the setting up of a viable international size shipbuilding yard. For clarity and accurate project assessment, we kindly request the Authority to specify the maximum type and size of vessels to be considered under the term “international size.”	The same shall be proposed by the consultant.
	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.55	b) Shipbuilding yard: (vii) To assess the setting up of viable International size Ship yard. (xv) Ascertain types and sizes of ships to be handled at the shipbuilding.		
23	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.52	II. Objectives: 1. The primary objective of the consultancy service is to prepare a Detailed Project Report for the following projects at at V.O. Chidambaranar Port, Tuticorin.	We kindly request the Authority to confirm the types of commodities handled at the following berths to facilitate accurate project planning and design: • Berth 7 • Berth 10	The details will be shared with the successful bidder.

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		ii. Mechanization of Berth 7 iii. Mechanization of Berth 10 iv. Strengthening and Mechanization of Berths 3 & 4 v. Strengthening and Mechanization of Berths 1, 2, 5 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Berth 3</li> <li>Berth 4</li> <li>Berth 1</li> <li>Berth 2</li> <li>Berth 5</li> <li>Berth 6</li> </ul>	
24	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.57	k) Design of Strengthening of berths	We request the Authority to kindly confirm that the earlier NDT reports and other related assessment reports will be shared to the bidders as part of data collection	NDT and other related tests shall be conducted a fresh (if required) by the consultant since such data is not available with the Port.
25	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.55, 56	4. Design and Detailing of the Project  b) Shipbuilding yard c) Design of Berth Structures d) Design of Dredging and Reclamation e) Design of Operational areas, Container Yard f) Design of Utilities g) Design of Port Buildings	We understand that Clause 4: "Design and Detailing of the Project" refers to the <b>preparation of tender-level engineering drawings as part of the DPR, intended for issuance to EPC contractors</b> , and does not include detailed design or Good for Construction (GFC) drawings. We kindly request the Authority to confirm this understanding.	Kindly refer Cl.2.1 III 4.k in this regard. (Page No.57)



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26	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.57	k) Design of Strengthening of berths  vii. Preparation and submission of Good for Construction drawings along with detailed design.	We understand that the submission of Good for Construction drawings, along with detailed design, <b>is required only for Berths 3, 4, 5, and 6</b> . Kindly confirm if our understanding is correct.	The Good for Construction drawings, along with detailed design, is required for Berths 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and ship building yard.
27	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.55	4. Design and Detailing of the Project a) Design Criteria Prepare design criteria of each and every marine and onshore facility, utilities etc. keeping in view performance criteria, functional requirements, design vessels, design loads, load combinations etc.	We kindly request the Authority to confirm the intended design life for the following:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newly proposed facilities of shipbuilding yard</li> <li>• New mechanization system for Berth- 7, 10</li> <li>• Strengthening and mechanization works for existing berths- 1,2,5,6 &amp; 3,4.</li> </ul> <p>This information will help ensure consistency in structural and system design across all five projects and alignment with long-term port planning objectives.</p>	The design life of mechanization system is generally around 20 years and for strengthening of berths is around 40 years.
28	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.57	4. Design and Detailing of the Project  g) Design of Port Buildings	We understand that the number of occupancies, number of floors, and other key design parameters of major port buildings such as the Administration Building, canteen	The Consultant shall prepare the design of Port Buildings as per the requirement of the Project.

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		Design & Detailed Engineering of the Admin building, Security building, pump house, firefighting, substation, workshop, canteen & store, STP and others including Parking areas, In & Out Gates etc.	and store, workshop building will be shared with the successful bidder.  In this regard, we request the Authority to kindly confirm whether the number of architectural designs for the major building options to be submitted can be limited to a maximum of two.	
29	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.57	4. Design and Detailing of the Project  j) Design of Electrical Distribution System  The consultant shall assess the requirements of Mechanical and Electrical Works, supply of power, identification of source & carry out detailed engineering of electrical works and furnish drawing based on the demand load. Emphasis to be given on renewable energy.	We request the Authority to kindly confirm whether the scope under this item is limited to preparation of Single Line Diagrams (SLD), sizing and selection of major equipment (such as transformers, panels, switchgear, etc.), high-level cost estimates for cables, cable trays, earthing and lightning protection for the proposed electrical infrastructure.	Tender Clause stands.  It is to clarify here that, the requirement of energy and its costs, for the five Projects shall be indicated and the probable renewable energy infrastructure to be established in the Project area shall be provided.
30	1.2 Objectives Pg.8	d. To carry out a detailed layout and cost estimate: Preparation of detailed		Yes.

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		layout plan along with detailed design & drawings, technical specifications and bill of quantities (BOQ) & cost estimates for the Port, internal road, drainage, breakwater and other utilities for executing the work.	We understand that breakwater is not in design scope of bidder as the shipyard is inside the port. Kindly confirm.  Alternatively, kindly share the layout of the proposed ship building yard and berth	The shipbuilding yard is proposed in the Inner Harbour of VOC Port in the western area around the existing Coal Yard area.
	SCHEDULE-1 of Terms Reference (TOR) Pg.58	5. Project Cost and Detailed Bill of Quantities (BoQ)  The Consultant shall review the detailed Bill of Quantities (BoQ) with technical specifications for all project components including marine structures, breakwaters, equipment, yard, & utilities with supporting calculations and prepare cost estimates of the Project with a break-down cost for each component separately, detailed BoQ of cost estimate for road network, rail network & utilities should also be included.		

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31	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.61	<p>12. Other services required in general</p> <p>ii The Consultant shall render required technical assistance in obtaining any approval and clearances from various Government Authorities.</p> <p>The Consultant shall be available to participate along with Authority's team in discussions and presentations to any agency, as may be required from time to time during the execution of this assignment.</p>	<p>We understand that the Authority has engaged or will engage a separate consultant for carrying out the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study and for obtaining the necessary Environmental Clearance (EC) and CRZ clearance.</p> <p>Accordingly, the scope of the successful bidder under this assignment shall be limited to providing the required technical inputs, drawings, and documentation to support the EIA/EC/CRZ consultant in securing these clearances.</p> <p>Kindly confirm</p>	EC & CRZ clearances are not under the present scope of the Consultant.
32	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.52	<p>II. Objectives:</p> <p>2.Review and incorporate the findings of previous studies undertaken for the project. Focus areas for the study include – Demand assessment of Transshipment Traffic and Gateway Traffic, approaches to improve Transshipment Traffic, evaluation of amount of investment,</p>	<p>We request the Authority to kindly confirm that the previous studies, reports, and traffic assessments will be made available to the selected consultant.</p>	Kindly refer Cl.2.1. III 1 (Page No.12) and reply at S.No. 19 above.

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		optimum vessel fleet required, preliminary social assessment, Environment sustainability plan (if made), funding and financing arrangements for construction and operations.		
33	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.63 to 66	V. Deliverables and timelines and Payments: Ship-building yard inside the Port Mechanization of Berth 7 Mechanization of Berth 10 Strengthening and Mechanization of Berths 3 & 4 Strengthening and Mechanization of Berths 1, 2, 5 & 6	We understand that the inception report for the Strengthening and Mechanization of Berths 3 & 4, 1, 2, 5 & 6 is scheduled after the submission of Deliverable VI for the “Ship-building yard inside the Port.” In this context, we kindly request the Authority to confirm whether the Work Order for the “Strengthening and Mechanization of Berths 3 & 4, 1, 2, 5 & 6” will be issued only upon submission of Deliverable VI for the “Ship-building yard inside the Port.”	A single work order will be issued for all the works. The study / submission of deliverable shall be done as per the timeline stipulated in Cl. 2.1 V. (Pg 23)
34	18. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AND PENALTIES Pg.92	18.2.2. Liquidated Damages for delay In case of delay in completion of Services, liquidated damages not exceeding an amount equal to 1% of	We kindly request the Authority to revise Clause 18.2.2 as follows:  “In case of delay in completion of Services, liquidated damages not exceeding an amount	Tender clause stands.

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		the Agreement Value per week, subject to a maximum of <b>10% (ten percent) of the Agreement Value</b> will be imposed and shall be recovered by appropriation from the Performance Security or otherwise. However, in case of delay due to reasons beyond the control of the Consultant, suitable extension of time shall be granted.	equal to 1% of the Agreement Value per week, subject to a maximum of <b>5% (five percent)</b> of the Agreement Value will be imposed and shall be recovered by appropriation from the Performance Security or otherwise. However, in case of delay due to reasons beyond the control of the Consultant, suitable extension of time shall be granted.”	
35	6. Liability of the Consultant Pg.84	6.4. This limitation of liability specified in Clause 3.4.3 shall not affect the Consultant’s liability, if any, for damage to Third Parties caused by the Consultant or any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services subject, however, to a limit equal to 3 (three) times the Agreement Value.	We kindly request the Authority to limit the liability of the consultant to the <b>value of the Agreement.</b>	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.

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36	15.3.5. Resident Team Leader Pg.89	15.3.5. Resident Team Leader The person designated as the Team Leader of the Consultant’s Personnel shall be responsible for the coordinated, timely and efficient functioning of the Personnel. In addition, the Consultant shall designate a suitable person as Project Manager (the “Project Manager”) who shall be responsible for day to day performance of the Services	We understand that the required Key Personnel, including the Team Leader, will primarily operate from the bidder’s office and will be available for meetings through virtual conferencing as and when required by the Authority.  To ensure uniformity in bidding and clarity for all participants, we kindly request the Authority to specify the expected number of mandatory physical visits by the Key Personnel during the project duration.	Yes.  The physical visits / meetings will be as and when required and most likely monthly once.
	SCHEDULE-1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Pg.61	12. Other services required in general The other services required in general include:  The Consultant is required to attend the fortnightly review meetings that will be held in Tuticorin through physical mode and / or through VC.	Kindly confirm or clarify.	
	APPENDIX-I : Form-15 Deployment of	Man Month (MM): Project site, Off site (Home/ Office)		

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37	APPENDIX-I: Form-14- Curriculum Vitae (CV) of Key Personnel Pg.137	Notes:  3. Each page of the CV shall be signed in ink by both the Personnel concerned and by the Authorized Representative of the Applicant firm along with the seal of the firm. Photocopies will not be considered for evaluation.	We request the Authority to kindly permit the use of scanned signature images of all Key Personnel in the submitted CVs, considering that the bid submission is entirely online. From a practical standpoint, CVs are often finalized close to the bid submission deadline. We therefore request the Authority to kindly consider and accept this approach for submission.	Kindly refer Cl.11.2. h (Page 35)
	11 Technical Proposal Pg.35	11.2  h) The CVs have been recently signed and dated in blue ink by the respective Personnel and countersigned by the Applicant. Photocopy or unsigned/ countersigned CVs shall be rejected.		
38	3.7	3.7 Site visit and verification of information	We understand that the site visit is not mandatory for bid submission. Kindly confirm our understanding.	Tender clause stands.  It is to clarify here that, even though site visit before the bid submission is not



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	Site visit and verification of information Pg.29	Applicants are encouraged to submit their respective Proposals after visiting the Project site and ascertaining for themselves the site conditions, location, surroundings, climate, access to the site, availability of drawings and other data with the Authority, Applicable Laws and regulations or any other matter considered relevant by them, at their own cost.		mandatory, any future claims from the consultant in this regard will not be entertained.
39	Estimated project cost	Tentative estimated project cost	We request the Authority to kindly indicate the tentative estimated project cost of the project.	The estimated project cost shall have to be assessed by the consultant.
40	SCHEDULE-1 TOR IV. Team Composition and Reporting	<u>A. Project Personnel:</u> Key Personnel: 4. Technical Expert (Mechanical) He should be conversant with installation of latest equipment relating to Port of which at least 3 (three) should be an Eligible Assignments	As the requirement for the Technical Expert (Mechanical) mentions knowledge of equipment installation, we understand that this is not a mandatory requirement. Typically, personnel involved in DPR or Feasibility Studies do not gain hands-on equipment installation experience due to the nature of their work. However, if such experience is still considered necessary, we kindly request the	Tender clause stands.

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			Authority to accept the experience of key personnel in <b>Detailed Engineering / PMC/ Supervision</b> as fulfilling this criterion.	
41	SCHEDULE-1 TOR IV. Team Composition and Reporting	<u>A. Project Personnel:</u> <b>Eligible Assignments</b> shall mean Projects for development of Port & Harbour costing Rs. 1000 crore or more. Ans: Considering the eligible assignments criteria, we request the Authority to kindly consider eligible assignments to "Projects for development of Port & Harbour costing <b>Rs. 700 crore</b> or more.	Considering the eligible assignments criteria for bidder, we kindly request the Authority to consider extending the definition of eligible assignments to include projects for development of Port & Harbour costing <b>Rs. 700 crore or more.</b>	Tender Clause stands.
42	Page No.22, A. Project Team (Key Personnel) SI No 1, Port sector Expert cum-Team Leader	He should have led the DPR / feasibility study / DPR teams / Detailed Engineering in minimum 3 (three) Port Sector Eligible Assignments, especially in greenfield port projects.	Kindly request to change the experience criteria to the following, He should have led the DPR / feasibility study / DPR teams / Detailed Engineering in minimum 1(one) Port Sector Eligible Assignments.	Tender clause stands.

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43	Page No.22. A. Project Team (Key Personnel) SI No 2, Technical Expert (Civil)	He should have worked as a Design Engineer for marine related works of which at least 3 (three) should be Eligible Assignments	Kindly request to change the experience criteria to the following, He should have worked as a Design Engineer for marine related works of which at least 1 (one) should be Eligible Assignments.	Tender clause stands.
44	Page No.22. A. Project Team (Key Personnel) SI No 3, Technical Expert (Mechanical)	He should be conversant with installation of latest equipment relating to Port of which at least 3 (three) should be an Eligible Assignments	Kindly request to change the experience criteria to the following, He should be conversant with installation of latest equipment relating to Port of which at least 1 (one) should be an Eligible Assignments.	Tender clause stands.
45	Page No.22. A. Project Team (Key Personnel) SI No 5, Traffic Expert	He should have conducted Traffic analysis for ascertaining the traffic potential of Port in which at least 3 (three) should be Eligible Assignments.	Kindly request to change the experience criteria to the following, He should have conducted Traffic analysis for ascertaining the traffic potential of Port in which at least 1 (one) should be Eligible Assignments.	Tender clause stands.
46	Page No.23. A. Project Team (Key Personnel) SI No 6,	He should have undertaken financial analysis and revenue modelling for 5 (five) Eligible Assignments.	Kindly request to change the experience criteria to the following, He should have undertaken financial analysis and revenue	Kindly refer Cl.2.1. IV A (Page No.23) He should have undertaken financial analysis and revenue modeling for 3 (three) Eligible Assignments.

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	Financial Analyst		modelling for 2 (two) Infrastructure Assignments.	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.
47	----	----	We kindly request you to allow to use the credentials of 100% Parent Company or /Group Company under the same management of 100% Parent company.	If the bidder is a wholly owned subsidiary company and if they want to rely on credentials of its holding (Parent) company or another wholly owned subsidiary of the holding company then credentials of such holding company/subsidiary company, will be taken into account for the purpose of this bid, provided the bidder enters into a legally binding unconditional agreement with the holding company /subsidiary company, committing/giving undertaking of the holding/subsidiary company which shall be fully liable and responsible for the performance of the contract in all respects and the same shall be furnished along with the bid. Further such holding company/ subsidiary company shall give a guarantee jointly and severally, to the Board members of V.O.Chidambaranar

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				Port Authority making them liable for undertaking, the performance of the contract in all respects and the same shall be submitted along with the bid. The legally binding unconditional agreement with the holding company / subsidiary company shall be governed by the laws of the Country of India and any disputes will be settled in the manner as specified in the tender.
48	----	----	We kindly request an extension of the due date by three weeks from the date of release of the Pre-bid queries	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.
49	----	----	We kindly request clarification on whether taking up this assignment would constitute a conflict of interest with our participation in the Project Management Services.	Yes.
50	Clause 28.1.4 and Page No 46	<b>Technical Capacity</b> The Bidder should have successfully completed at least one port project of Detailed Engineering for Port sector project having an estimated capital	We kindly request the Authority to consider revising the eligibility criteria to at least one port project of <b>₹600 Crores or two port projects each of ₹400 Crores.</b> This will allow	Tender clause stands.

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		cost of at least Rs.1000 Crores in single project or two Port Projects of Detailed Engineering for Port sector project each having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.700 Crores in the last 7 years ending last day of month previous to the one in which proposals are invited.	wider participation from competent firms while maintaining the quality of bidders.	
51	Clause 28.1.3 and Page No 46	<b>The Parameters for evaluation criteria:</b> Eligible Assignments for Key personnel shall mean Projects for development of Port & Harbour costing Rs.1000 crore or more.	We kindly request the Authority to consider reducing the project cost threshold for Eligible Assignments for key personnel from <b>₹1,000 crore to ₹400 crore</b> . This would broaden the pool of qualified professionals without compromising on technical expertise or experience.	Tender clause stands.
52	Clause 28.1.3 The Parameters for evaluation criteria and Page 44,45 and 46	<b>Weightages given to team composition:</b> i) Team Leader ii) Technical Expert (Civil) iii) Technical (Mechanical) iv) Procurement Expert v) Traffic Expert	We kindly request the Authority <b>to remove the marking criteria for “Years of experience with current employer” across all Key Personnel categories</b> . This will ensure a fair evaluation based on total relevant experience and domain expertise, rather than tenure with the current organization.	Tender clause stands.

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		vi) Financial Analyst Marks are also allotted for "Years of experience with current employer".		
53	Page 22/A. (4)	Project Team (Key Personnel)  Procurement Specialist  Must have direct experience of applying for the World Bank's or other donor Procurement policies and guidelines and be able to reference examples of such experience.	As this is a domestic port project, request relaxation to allow Procurement Specialists with Govt. of India/EPC/PPP tendering experience instead of strictly WB/Donor experience.	Kindly refer corrigendum 3.
54	Page 23-26/ B	Deliverables and timelines and Payments: The Consultant shall deliver the following deliverables (the "Deliverables") for projects listed in the document in the order of preference indicated by the Authority from time during the course of this Consultancy as per the timelines furnished below for each of the	Given the large scope and dependency on surveys, we request an extension of 6–8 weeks across timelines to ensure quality deliverables.	Tender Clause stands.

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		project. Five hard copies and soft copy of all the final reports, drawings, etc. shall be submitted to the Authority. The size of drawings (including Auto CAD files) shall be of maximum size in order to be legible.		
55	Page 23-26/ B	Payment terms w.r.t. agreement value	Request Authority to revise payment schedule to allow at least 20% advance mobilization against Performance Security to cover survey and data collection costs.	Tender clause stands.
56	Page 24/Section 7	Completion of Project support duration of 1 year (Deliverable VII).	Kindly clarify scope of "Project Support." Does it include bid process management, clarifications to EPC contractors, and site visits? If yes, request additional payment beyond lump sum DPR consultancy.	Kindly refer 2.1 III 11 & 2.1 III 12 (Page 20, 21). The consultant shall consider the above and quote accordingly.
57	Page 37/12.2(i)	All the costs associated with the assignment shall be included in the Financial Proposal. These shall normally cover remuneration for all the Key Personnel, accommodation, air fare, equipment, printing of documents, surveys, verification of	Requesting clarification if specialized surveys (hydrographic, geotechnical) costs will be reimbursed separately or should be included in lump sum. If included, kindly allow quoting these as reimbursables	Kindly refer reply at S.No.19 above.



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		available record and taking photocopies of available document etc. The total amount indicated in the Financial Proposal shall be without any condition attached or subject to any assumption and shall be final and binding. In case any assumption or condition is indicated in the Financial Proposal, it shall be considered non-responsive and liable to be rejected.		
58	Page 37/ 12.2(ii)	The Financial Proposal shall take into account all expenses and tax liabilities excluding service tax. The service tax will be reimbursed as per actual after submission of paid receipt by the consultant. For the avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that all taxes shall be deemed to be included in the costs shown under different items of the Financial Proposal. Further, all payments shall	Please confirm if GST at prevailing rate shall be reimbursed over and above quoted fees, and that bidders need not absorb GST.	The quoted cost shall not include GST component. The same will be reimbursed only after filing of GST in the subsequent month.

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		be subject to deduction of taxes at source as per Applicable Laws.		
59	Page 39/Clause 16.2	An amount equal to 5% (five per cent) of the Agreement Value shall be deemed to be the Performance Security for the purposes of this Clause 16.1, which may be forfeited and appropriated in accordance with the provisions hereof.	Requesting reduction of Performance Security to 3% of Agreement Value as per recent Government of India guidelines on MSME/consultancy contracts	Tender clause stands.
60	Page 46/ 28.1.3	70% weightage for one eligible assignment, 15% for each additional subject to max 30 marks.	We request the Authority to allow ongoing assignments ( $\geq 70\%$ completed with client certificate/fee receipt) also to be considered as Eligible Assignments, in addition to completed ones. Request acceptance of substantially completed projects with CA certificate of payment received.	Tender clause stands.
61	Page 46/ 28.1.4 (i)	The Bidder should have successfully completed at least one port project of DPR / Detailed Engineering for Port sector project having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.1000 Crores in single project or two Port	We request the Authority to also consider Project Management Consultancy (PMC) services in the definition of Eligible Assignments. PMC assignments in the Port sector involve design review, engineering validation, construction supervision, and	Tender Clause stands. Kindly refer reply at S.No.1 above.

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		Projects of Detailed Engineering for Port sector project each having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.700 Crores in the last 7 years ending last day of month previous to the one in which proposals are invited. For instance, Work Completion Certificate along with work order / LoA from the Client has to be furnished. In the absence of a completion certificate, a CA/SA certificate confirming 100% fee receipt may be submitted.	contract management, which require similar expertise as DPR/Detailed Engineering assignments.	
62	Page 46/ 28.1.4(i)	Port sector means: Port sector would be deemed to include composite works involving majority of works, on shore and off shore Terminals / Berth / Jetties / Quays, breakwaters and Cargo Handling & Storage system / Bulk / liquid Material Handling & Storage System.	Kindly confirm whether feasibility studies and transaction advisory projects undertaken for Port sector with similar scale ( $\geq$ Rs. 1000 Cr.) will also be treated as Eligible Assignments, since they also involve technical, financial, and operational due diligence aligned with DPR scope.	Tender clause stands.

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63	Page 60/Schedule-1 ToR (10.) Preparation of DPR	The consultant shall prepare a procurement strategy to decide the number of contract packages. For each contract package, the consultant shall prepare tender documents either on EPC basis, HAM model, PPP model etc.	Requesting confirmation if legal advisory / concession drafting is excluded (to be handled separately by Authority), since this RFP focuses on technical DPR.	The tender document shall be prepared comprehensively by the consultant in discussion with the Port.  Areas concerning legal/concession/timelines other such clauses that require Port's remarks shall be communicated to the Consultant to facilitate the preparation of the Tender Document.
64	Page no. 2/	Proposal due date (PDD): Up to 15:00 hrs. on 23/09/2025	We request authority to kindly provide an extension of 2 weeks for proposal due date.	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3
65	Clause 28.1.4 Page 46	Technical Capacity: The Bidder should have successfully completed at least one port project of DPR / Detailed Engineering for Port sector project having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.1000 Crores in single project or two Port Projects of Detailed Engineering for Port sector project each having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.700 Crores in the last 7 years	We kindly request clarification on whether a project that includes services such as design review and verification/certification is to be classified under the category of detailed engineering.  Your clarification on this matter would be greatly appreciated.	<b>No.</b>  Kindly refer reply at S.No.1 above.

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		ending last day of month previous to the one in which proposals are invited. For instance, Work Completion Certificate along with work order / LoA from the Client has to be furnished. In the absence of a completion certificate, a CA/SA certificate confirming 100% fee receipt may be submitted.		
66	Introduction	Proposal due date or PDD: 23/09/2025	We respectfully request an extension of 15 days following the issuance of the pre-bid clarification.	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3
67	Page 7 & 14 Section 1.2 Section 4 b. subsection (x)	Section 1.2- Sl. No. a to i (Summary of tasks to be provided)  Consultant has to be carryout all survey such as Geo-technical Investigation, Hydraulic, Geological, Hydrographic etc. for design of various Infrastructure development area.	Consultant understand that all the surveys and marine studies required have been performed by VOCPA by other agencies and report will be provided by VOCPA for consideration for developing DPR.  Please confirm	Kindly refer reply at S.No.19 above.

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68	Section 1.2, Page 7	Section 1.2- Sl. No. a to i (Summary of tasks to be provided)	Consultant understanding is that the tasks mentioned in <b>Sl. a and b</b> has already been performed by VOCPA in earlier DPR and present scope is only the developing the DPR for the five packages as standalone. Please confirm	Yes. Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.
69	Clause A, Page 22	Project Team (Key Personnel)	Bidder understands that consultant can utilize the CVs of key experts from parent company during bidding as well as during execution of project. Please confirm.	Kindly refer reply at S.No.47 above.
70	Clause No.28.1.4 (i)	Technical Capacity	Bidder request client to please allow projects which were completed in last 10 years instead of 7 years.	Tender clause stands.
71	Clause No. 28.1.4 (i)	Technical Capacity	Bidder request client to please allow projects involving Basic Design / Front End Engineering Design completed in 10 last years.	Tender clause stands.
72	Clause No. 28.1.4 (i)	Technical Capacity	Bidder request client to please allow the Indian based subsidiary company to use project references of Foreign based Parent Company which holds more than fifty percent of the paid up share capital of the bidder company	Kindly refer reply at S.No.47 above.

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73	Clause No. 1 (vii), Tender Notice Page No. 3	Minimum Qualification Criteria	Bidder understands that TDS certificate should not be applicable for projects executed outside India for foreign clients. Certification from Statutory Auditor will be acceptable. Please clarify	Agreed. TDS certificate is not applicable for projects executed outside India for foreign clients. Certification from Statutory Auditor will be accepted.
74	Deliverables and timelines and Payments, Note, Point No. 5, Page No. 147	Consultant shall provide assistance / services if any required for obtaining necessary Statutory clearances from the Government and other concerned authorities including preparation for court cases if any and the expenditure towards traveling outstation and back by economy class air fare and accommodation in three-star hotel will be reimbursed to the consultant as per the actual.	Bidder request client to please amend the SOR and incorporate a separate line item on man day basis to provide assistance / services required for obtaining necessary Statutory clearances from the Government and other concerned authorities	This cost shall also be included in the total cost of the bid and shall be quoted accordingly.
75		Currency	Considering that this is a global tender and foreign bidders are allowed to participate; we request client to please allow quotation in other currencies also like USD or Euro apart from INR. Please confirm	Quotation is allowed in INR only.

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76		Bid Submission Date	Bidder request client to please provide 03 weeks time from the date of response to Pre-Bid queries for submission of bid	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.
77	Page No. 2	Presently the bid submission date is 23/09/2025	<p>We kindly request the Authority to extend the <b>proposal submission deadline till 31st October 2025</b>.</p> <p>The current submission timeline does not provide sufficient time after receipt of clarifications. At least <b>4 weeks are required for post issuance of query replies</b> for bidders to update methodologies, team deployment, and financials. Further, the schedule overlaps with the <b>Diwali festival period</b>, when staff availability and office operations are limited. Extending the deadline till <b>31st October</b> will ensure adequate time for preparing comprehensive and competitive proposals, leading to <b>better quality submissions and wider participation</b>.</p>	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.
78	Page No 47	In case Applicant is an international firm, registered outside India, the Applicant shall have presence / office	We request the Authority to kindly allow <b>wholly owned Indian subsidiaries</b> to use the credentials of their <b>foreign parent company /</b>	Kindly refer reply at S.No.47 above.



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		in India. If not, the Applicant may tie up with a firm registered in India having experience of working on ports and maritime sector in India with Govt. sector clients to support in project as per ToR. For instance, Proof of office in India / Letter of Intent /Association with an Indian entity has to be furnished.	<b>foreign subsidiary company</b> (both <b>Technical and Financial</b> ) to demonstrate eligibility and technical and financial capacity, supported by a valid <b>Parent Company Undertaking</b> .	
79	Page No 46	Technical capacity	<p>We request the Authority to mandatorily add at least 1 Shipyard / <b>Shipbuilding Facility projects</b> (including DPR / Detailed Engineering for dry docks/Ship lift/slipways/ ship repair yards, and allied infrastructure) as eligible assignments under Technical Capacity, in addition to port projects already listed.</p> <p>Request to revise the clause as below.</p> <p><i>"The Bidder should have successfully completed at least <b>one project of DPR / Detailed Engineering for a Port Sector Project and Shipyard / Shipbuilding Facility</b></i></p>	Kindly refer reply at S.No.1 above. And kindly refer Corrigendum 3.

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			<p><b><i>Project having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.1000 Crores in a single project OR two projects of DPR / Detailed Engineering for Port Sector Projects and Shipyard / Shipbuilding Facility Projects, each having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.700 Crores, in the last 10 years ending last day of month previous to the one in which proposals are invited."</i></b></p> <p>The present RFP scope itself includes <b>Shipyard DPR works</b> as one of the five identified projects. Since the consultant will be required to prepare a DPR for a shipyard, prior experience in shipyard/shipbuilding facility DPRs is highly relevant. Including such projects in eligible assignments will ensure <b>better competition, fairness, and deployment of firms with directly relevant expertise.</b></p>	
80	Page No 46	Technical capacity	a). We request the Authority to kindly consider <b>firm experience in the last 10 years instead</b>	Tender clause stands. Kindly refer reply at S.No.1 above.

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			<p><b>of restricting it to 7 years</b> for meeting Technical Capacity.</p> <p>Large-scale port projects are complex and have long gestation periods (often exceeding 5–7 years from conception to completion). Restricting experience to only the last 7 years may exclude firms with highly relevant projects slightly older than this cut-off. Extending the window to <b>10 years</b> will allow broader participation, enable bidders to demonstrate more varied experience, and enhance competition — without compromising quality, as the projects remain recent and relevant.</p> <p>b). We request the Authority to kindly consider <b>ongoing projects that are at least 80% physically and financially completed</b> as eligible assignments under Technical Capacity.</p>	
81	Page No 44	28.1.3 The Parameters for evaluation criteria	<p>The evaluation criteria currently allocate <b>20 marks to Approach &amp; Methodology</b> and <b>10 marks to Presentation</b> (total 30 marks). These criteria are highly subjective and may</p>	Tender clause stands.

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			<p>lead to inconsistent evaluation. We request that combined marks for Approach, Methodology, and Presentation be reduced to <b>10 marks only</b>, and the remaining <b>20 marks</b> be reallocated to <b>Firm Credentials and Relevant Past Experience</b>, making the total for firm credentials at least <b>50 marks</b>.</p> <p>Subjective assessment (Approach, Methodology, Presentation) can vary evaluator to evaluator, leading to inconsistency. Increasing marks for Firm Credentials, which are objectively verifiable through past experience and completed projects, ensures greater fairness and transparency.</p> <p>Hence, request authority to revise the QCBS marks as proposed by us in below table.</p>	

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3	Relevant experience of the Key personnel	40	The marks for each Key Personnel shall be awarded as per the table given below.																																																	
	i. Team Leader	15																																																		
	ii Technical Expert (Civil)	07																																																		
	iii Technical Expert (Mech)	05																																																		
	iv Procurement specialist	05																																																		
	v Traffic Expert	05																																																		
	vi Financial Analyst	03																																																		
4	Presentation	05																																																		
	Total	100																																																		
82	Page No 121 – 123	The RFP allows consortium/JV participation subject to conditions specified in eligibility criteria.	Please confirm: Whether consortium/JV experience is considered collectively for evaluation, or only the lead’s credentials count.	The experience of JV/Consortium will be considered collectively for evaluation. Kindly refer Cl.28.1.4. vi (Page 47) subject to the condition that, In case of a JV / consortium, the technical and financial credential of those members who shall have a share holding of at least 26% each in the JV / consortium shall																																																

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				only be considered for evaluation. Kindly refer corrigendum 3 .
83	Page No 8–9, 12–13	Task (c) requires reviewing engineering surveys including topographical, hydrographical, geo-technical and geological investigations.	Please confirm if VOCPA will provide existing survey data/reports for these projects, or if the consultant must conduct fresh surveys. If fresh surveys are needed, who bears the cost, what is the expected timeline for completion, and specifications/standards for such investigations?	Kindly refer reply at S.No.19 above.
84	Page No 12	The TOR mentions reviewing available earlier reports as part of DPR preparation.	Please provide a list of previous studies/reports (e.g., demand assessments, environmental plans, Master Plan 2047, IITM study) that the consultant is expected to incorporate, and clarify when these will be shared (pre-bid, post-award).	Refer 2.1 III 1 (Page 12) The reports will be shared with the successful bidder.
85	Page No 14	(x) Consultant has to be carryout all survey such as Geo-technical Investigation, Hydraulic, Geological, Hydrographic etc. for design of	We request the Authority to kindly provide clarity on the <b>extent and specifications of the required investigations</b> ,	Kindly refer reply at S.No.19 above.

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		various Infrastructure development area.	Sl. No.	Query	VOC PA Reply	
			1	Please clarify the <b>minimum number and depth of boreholes</b> to be drilled (both <b>onshore</b> and <b>offshore/underwater</b> ) for geotechnical investigations.		
			2	Kindly specify the <b>type and number of soil/rock samples</b> to be collected and tested in the laboratory during geotechnical investigations.		
			3	Request confirmation of the <b>approximate land area (in hectares/sq. km)</b> to be covered under the <b>topographic survey</b> .		

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			4	Request details of the <b>approximate waterfront/river area (in hectares/sq. km)</b> to be covered under the <b>hydrographic survey</b> .	
			5	Please confirm the <b>grid spacing requirement</b> for both <b>topographic</b> and <b>hydrographic</b> surveys.	
			6	Kindly clarify whether <b>single beam</b> or <b>multibeam echo sounder</b> survey is to be conducted for the hydrographic survey.	
			<p>In the absence of clear specifications, different bidders may adopt different assumptions while preparing their proposals, leading to wide variation in quoted prices and making evaluation non-</p>		



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			<b>uniform.</b> Hence, we request VOCPA to provide standard guidelines on these parameters to ensure fairness, uniformity, and comparability across all bids.	
86	Page No 7	<p><b>1.2 Objectives</b></p> <p>The primary objective of the consultancy services is to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the five projects identified above.</p> <p>Summary of tasks what consultant is expected to perform:</p> <p>a. To assess / re-assess the current and future demand for the proposed facility including competition analysis vis-à-vis other trans-shipment facilities in neighbouring areas and countries and divert ability of the traffic.</p> <p>b. Review and incorporate the findings of previous studies</p>	We understand that the Primary Survey and OD Survey is not included in the consultant's scope. Kindly confirm if our understanding is correct.	Kindly reply at S.No.19 above. However, Traffic study including OD survey is under the scope of the consultant. Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.

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		undertaken. Focus areas for the study include – Demand assessment of Transshipment Traffic, approaches to improve transshipment Traffic, evaluation of amount of investment, optimum vessel fleet required, preliminary social assessment, Environment sustainability plan (if made), <b>funding and financing arrangements</b> for construction and operations.		
87	Page No 23–26	Deliverables include Inception Report, Interim Reports, Draft DPR, Final DPR, etc., to be approved by VOCPA.	We request the Authority to kindly <b>fix a review and comment period (e.g., 15 days)</b> for each deliverable stage (Inception, Interim, Draft DPR, etc.). This will ensure timely feedback from VOCPA and allow the consultant to adhere to the overall project schedule.	Tender clause stands. However, VOC Port will ensure timely feedback to the possible extent.
88	Page No 14-15	Scope of Work for Shipbuilding Yard includes feasibility, layout, and related studies.	We understand that environmental, CRZ, and statutory clearance studies are included in consultant's scope or are limited to advisory inputs. Please confirm.	Kindly refer reply at S.No.31 above.

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89	Page No 62	2.1 IV A. Project Team (Key Personnel) Educational qualifications of Technical Expert (Civil): Graduate in Civil Engineering with Post graduate in Ocean Technology / Off-shore Engineering / Marine Structures	We request the Authority to kindly include a <b>postgraduate qualification in Structural Engineering (M.E./M.Tech in Structural Engineering)</b> as an eligible qualification for the Technical Expert (Civil) position, in addition to the existing requirements.	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.
90	Page No 63	<b>B. Reporting &amp; Support Team</b> i. The Consultant shall work closely with the Authority. The Project Co-Ordinator shall be appointed from within the Port Staff and shall be responsible for overall coordination and project development.  ii. Consultant shall be required to prepare the presentation for each deliverable and	The RFP mentions a separate "Team B" for reporting and support. However, the scope, manpower composition, qualifications, and man-months for this team are not defined. We request the Authority to kindly clarify: (a) The specific roles included under Team B (e.g., Reporting Coordinator, Documentation Specialist, Administrative Support). (b) The minimum qualification and experience criteria expected for these roles. (c) The man-month effort to be deployed for each role.	Kindly refer corrigendum 3.

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		<p>intermittently whenever required by the Authority.</p> <p>iii. The consultant shall be required to submit reports as per the deliverables.</p>	(d) Whether Team B is required to be stationed at VOC Port premises or Consultant needs to set up separate office.	
91	Page No 63	<p><b>B. Reporting &amp; Support Team</b></p> <p>i. The Consultant shall work closely with the Authority. The Project Co-Ordinator shall be appointed from within the Port Staff and shall be responsible for overall coordination and project development.</p> <p>ii. Consultant shall be required to prepare the presentation for each deliverable and intermittently whenever required by the Authority.</p>	<p>We request the Authority to kindly revise the requirement so that the <b>Project Coordinator is not mandatorily required to be Port Staff</b>. Instead, professionals with suitable experience in the port sector projects (minimum 05 - 10 years, including DPR/Engineering/Project Management for major ports or shipyards) may be considered eligible.</p> <p>Restricting the position to only Port Staff may create <b>integrity and conflict-of-interest issues</b>. Moreover, it limits the pool of competent professionals. Allowing experienced external professionals with relevant port project experience will ensure</p>	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.

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		iii. The consultant shall be required to submit reports as per the deliverables.						<b>availability of qualified resources</b> , fair competition, and maintain integrity while upholding quality.	
92	Page No 23-26	Payment schedules for the five projects are separately indicated in Annexure 5.						Is it envisaged that these would result in five separate contracts/work orders/agreements, or a single consultancy contract covering all five projects?  Also kindly confirm that <b>all five DPR projects listed in the RFP will be taken up and none of them will be cancelled or withdrawn during the consultancy period</b> , so as to provide certainty of scope and effort.	A single contract covering all the 5 Projects.  The same is under the discretion of the Authority.
93	Page No 24	7	Completion of Project support duration of	12 months from the date of submission of	12 months from the date of submission of tender document	10%	Kindly clarify the <b>specific activities expected under the 1-year Project Support period</b> .		Kindly refer reply at S.No.56 above.

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			1 year (Deliverable VII)	tender document (Deliverable VI)	(Deliverable VI)			
94	Page No 23-26	<b>V. Deliverables and timelines and Payments:</b>					<p>We request the Authority to kindly <b>reconsider and revise the proposed timelines and payment terms</b>, as the current schedule appears <b>challenging to achieve in practice</b> given the extensive scope of surveys, stakeholder consultations, and statutory approvals involved.</p> <p>We also request the Authority to <b>refer to the revised timelines proposed by us (attached with this query document)</b> for consideration.</p>	Tender clause stands.
95	Page No 92	18.2.2. Liquidated Damages for delay  In case of delay in completion of Services, liquidated damages not exceeding an amount equal to 1% of the Agreement Value per week,					Request to revise to maximum 5% instead of 10%, in line with industry norms.	Tender clause stands.

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		subject to a maximum of <b>10% (ten percent)</b> of the Agreement Value will be imposed and shall be recovered by appropriation from Performance Security or otherwise. However, in case of delay due to reasons beyond the control of the Consultant, suitable extension of time shall be granted.		
96	Pg 15-16, Clause 4a, b	Shipbuilding Yard Infrastructure	Is the consultant required to carry out fresh hydrographic, geotechnical, and ocean studies, or will recent survey data be shared by the Authority?	Kindly refer reply at S.No.19 above.
97	Pg 17, Clause 4k	Strengthening of Existing Berths	please confirm whether As built record of existing facilities such as drawings, design reports, specifications, test reports conducted in past etc will be provided to consultant or consultant has to generate As Built details by conducting surveys.	Kindly refer reply at S.No.19 above.
98	Clause 2.1 V (Pg 23)	Deliverables & Timelines & Payments Shipbuilding Yard Inside the Port	2 weeks is a very short time after date of work order for the Inception Report. Kindly consider it and make it 6 weeks	Tender clause stands.

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99	Clause 28.1.3 (Pg 45)	Project Team (Key Personal)	Considering scale of the project and complexities involved, Applicant will need to depute best possible key persons on the job and may also have to employ them specifically for this assignment. Therefore, our request is to remove criteria of separate marks for “years of experience with current employer” because we believe that emphasize should be more on expertise and experience of the key personnel rather than his / her tenure with current employer	Tender clause stands.
100	Page No 12, clause 2b	Secondary Data Collection	Various studies in DPR have already been done by other consultants in past by VOC port Authority. Please specify the scope and quantity for fresh surveys to be conducted by consultants.	Kindly refer reply at S.No.19 above.
101	Page No 14, clause 4b	Shipbuilding Yard Infrastructure	Please let us know the target ship size and type for proposed shipbuilding yard. All the studies, surveys, planning and design will depend upon it. If any feasibility or pre feasibility study is conducted before, please share the same. Such data is required to	Kindly refer reply at S.No.22 above.



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			understand. project requirement and accordingly consultancy fee can be estimated.	
102	Annex- 7 Bank Guarantee for Bid security/Pg No 109	The specimen format states, "After invoking the Bank Guarantee by the beneficiaries the bank has to pay the amount within a week after receipt of the communication failing which it will have to pay the beneficiaries interest at 12% p.a. for the delayed payment."	We have approached multiple banks for issue of Bank Guarantee for Bid security. Banks are not ready to issue Bank Guarantee with this statement. Thus we request you to delete / waive off this statement from the Bank Guarantee	Tender Clause stands.
103	Schedule-1 II Objectives : Cl 1 Page 11	The primary objective of the consultancy service is to prepare a Detailed Project Report for the following projects at V.O. Chidambaranar Port, Tuticorin. i. Ship-building yard inside the Port ii. Mechanization of Berth 7 iii. Mechanization of Berth 10 iv. Strengthening and Mechanization of Berths 3 & 4 v. Strengthening and Mechanization of Berths 1, 2, 5 & 6	Request authority to provide the location on the VOC port layout.	The layout marking the Project location is enclosed.

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104	Schedule-1 II Objectives : Cl 2a; Page 11	To assess / re-assess the current and future demand for the proposed facility including competition analysis vis-à-vis other transshipment facilities in neighbouring areas and divert ability of the traffic	We understand, a independent traffic survey is being carried out for the study of Outer Harbor development and deepening of inner harbour basin. Will the authority share the traffic details or a separate study to be carried out. Please clarify	The available details will be shared only for reference purpose. Project specific Traffic study has to be carried out under the present scope of work.
105	Schedule-1 III Scope of Work : Cl 2b, Page 13	Site visits, market interviews, stakeholder consultation (with shipping lines, port operators, port authorities of major ports and State Maritime Boards, regulators, transporters, freight forwarders, feeder vessel operators etc.), temporal / trend traffic and technical (infrastructure) data from the Major Port Authorities and State Maritime Boards, collection of additional data.	We understand, a independent traffic survey is being carried out for the study of Outer Harbor development and deepening of inner harbour basin.  Will the authority share the traffic details or a separate study to be carried out. Please clarify	Kindly refer reply at S.No. 102 & S.No. 19 above.
106	Schedule-1 III Scope of Work ; cl 4, Page 14	Design and Detailing of the Project	We understand the works will be awarded in EPC mode, hence design and drawings will be made considering the tender drawings.	Kindly refer Cl.2.1 III 4.k in this regard. (Page No.57)

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			Detail design and drawings will submitted by contractor and will be approved by PMC appointed for the works Please confirm	
107	SCHEDULE 2 AGREEMENT – Clause 2.8 (Pg.no 76)	The Authority may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant shall be in breach of this Agreement or shall fail to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, including the carrying out of the Services; provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify	The Authority shall be liable to pay all the payments already accrued for the services provided by us. To be amended as follows: “The Authority may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments <b>(except the already accrued payments for the services provided by the Consultant)</b> to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant shall be in breach of this Agreement or shall fail to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, including the carrying out of the Services; provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify.”	Tender Clause Stands.
108	SCHEDULE 2 AGREEMENT – Clause	(g) the Authority, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Agreement	The Client shall give 45 days notice of termination if they terminate the contract in their sole discretion for any reason. To be amended as follows:	Tender Clause is clear and stands. 30 (thirty) days' written notice is applicable for all the conditions listed at Clause 2.9.1

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	2.9.1 (g) (Pg.no 77)		“(g) the Authority, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Agreement, shall provide by not less than 45 (forty five) days’ written notice of termination to the Consultant.	
109	SCHEDULE 2 AGREEMENT – Clause 6.2 (Pg.no 83)	<p>Consultant’s liability towards the Authority The Consultant shall, subject to the limitation specified in Clause 3.4.3, be liable to the Authority for any direct loss or damage accrued or likely to accrue due to deficiency in Services rendered by it.</p> <p>6.3. The Parties hereto agree that in case of negligence or wilful misconduct on the part of the Consultant or on the part of any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services, the Consultant, with respect to damage caused to the Authority’s property, shall not be</p>	<p>There are clerical errors in the clause numbers mentioned in the agreement. Kindly request the client to rectify this.</p> <p>To be amended as follows:</p> <p>“Consultant’s liability towards the Authority The Consultant shall, subject to the limitation specified in Clause <del>3.4.3</del> <b>6.3</b>, be liable to the Authority for any direct loss or damage accrued or likely to accrue due to deficiency in Services rendered by it.</p> <p>6.3. The Parties hereto agree that in case of negligence or wilful misconduct on the part of the Consultant or on the part of any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services, the Consultant, with respect to damage caused to the Authority’s property, shall not be liable to the Authority:</p>	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3

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		liable to the Authority: i) for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and (ii) for any direct loss or damage upto the agreement value of the contract	i) for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and (ii) for any direct loss or damage <b>upto that exceeds</b> the agreement value of the contract”	
110	SCHEDULE 2 AGREEMENT – Clause 12 (Pg.no 87)	Equipment and materials made available to the Consultant by the Authority shall be the property of the Authority and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, the Consultant shall furnish forthwith to the Authority, an inventory of such equipment and materials and shall dispose of such equipment and materials in accordance with the instructions of the Authority. While in possession of such equipment and materials, the Consultant shall, unless otherwise instructed by the Authority in writing, insure them in an	The consultant shall procure appropriate insurances for the equipment's at Authority's expense.  To be amended as follows: “Equipment and materials made available to the Consultant by the Authority shall be the property of the Authority and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, the Consultant shall furnish forthwith to the Authority, an inventory of such equipment and materials and shall dispose of such equipment and materials in accordance with the instructions of the Authority. While in possession of such equipment and materials, the Consultant shall, unless otherwise instructed by the Authority in writing, insure them in an amount equal to their full	Tender Clause stands.

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		amount equal to their full replacement value.	replacement value <b>at Authority's cost or expense."</b>	
111	SCHEDULE 2 AGREEMENT – Clause 18.2.3 (Pg.no 92)	The Authority shall have the right to invoke and appropriate the proceeds of the Performance Security, in whole or in part, without notice to the Consultant in the event of breach of this Agreement or for recovery of liquidated damages specified in this Clause 18.2.	To be amended as follows: "The Authority shall have the right to invoke and appropriate the proceeds of the Performance Security, in whole or in part, <b>without after giving appropriate</b> notice to the Consultant in the event of breach of this Agreement or for recovery of liquidated damages specified in this Clause 18.2."	Tender Clause stands.
112	SCHEDULE 2 - AGREEMENT	There are clerical errors in all the clause numbers mentioned in the Schedule 2 – Agreement. The contents and the main agreement clauses have different clause numbers. The clause numbers are not similar. Hence, kindly request the client to rectify these errors.		The revised Schedule 2 will be shared in due course.
113	CI IV, Team Composition and Reporting, Page 62	Eligible Assignments shall mean Projects for development of Port & Harbour costing Rs. 1000 crore or more.	Request to modify as "Eligible Assignments shall mean Projects for development of Port & Harbour costing Rs. 200 crore or more".	Tender Clause stands.
114	CI 28.1.4 Eligible Assignments, Page 46	<b>Technical Capacity</b> The Bidder should have successfully completed at least one port project of	Request to modify as "The Bidder should have successfully completed at least one port project of Detailed Engineering for Port sector	Tender Clause stands.

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		Detailed Engineering for Port sector project having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.1000 Crores in single project or two Port Projects of Detailed Engineering for Port sector project each having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.700 Crores in the last 7 years ending last day of month previous to the one in which proposals are invited.	project having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.700 Crores in single project or two Port Projects of Detailed Engineering for Port sector project each having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.500 Crores or three Port Projects of Detailed Engineering for Port sector project each having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.300 Crores in the last 10 years ending last day of month previous to the one in which proposals are invited.”																			
115	15- BID SECURITY (Earnest Money Deposit) Page nos. 37 & 107	15.1 The Applicant shall furnish as part of its Proposal, a bid security of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) (the “Bid Security”) through CPP Portal. The EMD shall also be furnished in the form of Bank Guarantee (format enclosed). The original Bank Guarantee should reach the Port within Ten days from the date of opening of technical bid under Registered Post (A.D). The EMD is exempted to MSE	<p>Please share your bank details as mentioned below; it is compulsory to prepare Bank Guarantee :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Beneficiary Bank Account No</b></li><li>• <b>Beneficiary Bank Branch IFSC code</b></li><li>• <b>Beneficiary Bank Branch Name &amp; Beneficiary Bank Address</b></li></ul>	<p>The details of Port account is tabulated as under:</p> <table><tr><td>a</td><td>Name &amp; Address of the Bank</td><td>Indian Overseas Bank, Harbour branch, Tuticorin - 628004</td></tr><tr><td>b</td><td>Name of the Branch</td><td>Harbour Branch</td></tr><tr><td>c</td><td>IFSC Code</td><td>IOBA0000143</td></tr><tr><td>d</td><td>Account No.</td><td>014301000000001</td></tr><tr><td>e</td><td>Type of Account</td><td>Savings Account</td></tr><tr><td>f</td><td>Beneficiary's Name</td><td>V.O.Chidambar anar Port Authority</td></tr></table>	a	Name & Address of the Bank	Indian Overseas Bank, Harbour branch, Tuticorin - 628004	b	Name of the Branch	Harbour Branch	c	IFSC Code	IOBA0000143	d	Account No.	014301000000001	e	Type of Account	Savings Account	f	Beneficiary's Name	V.O.Chidambar anar Port Authority
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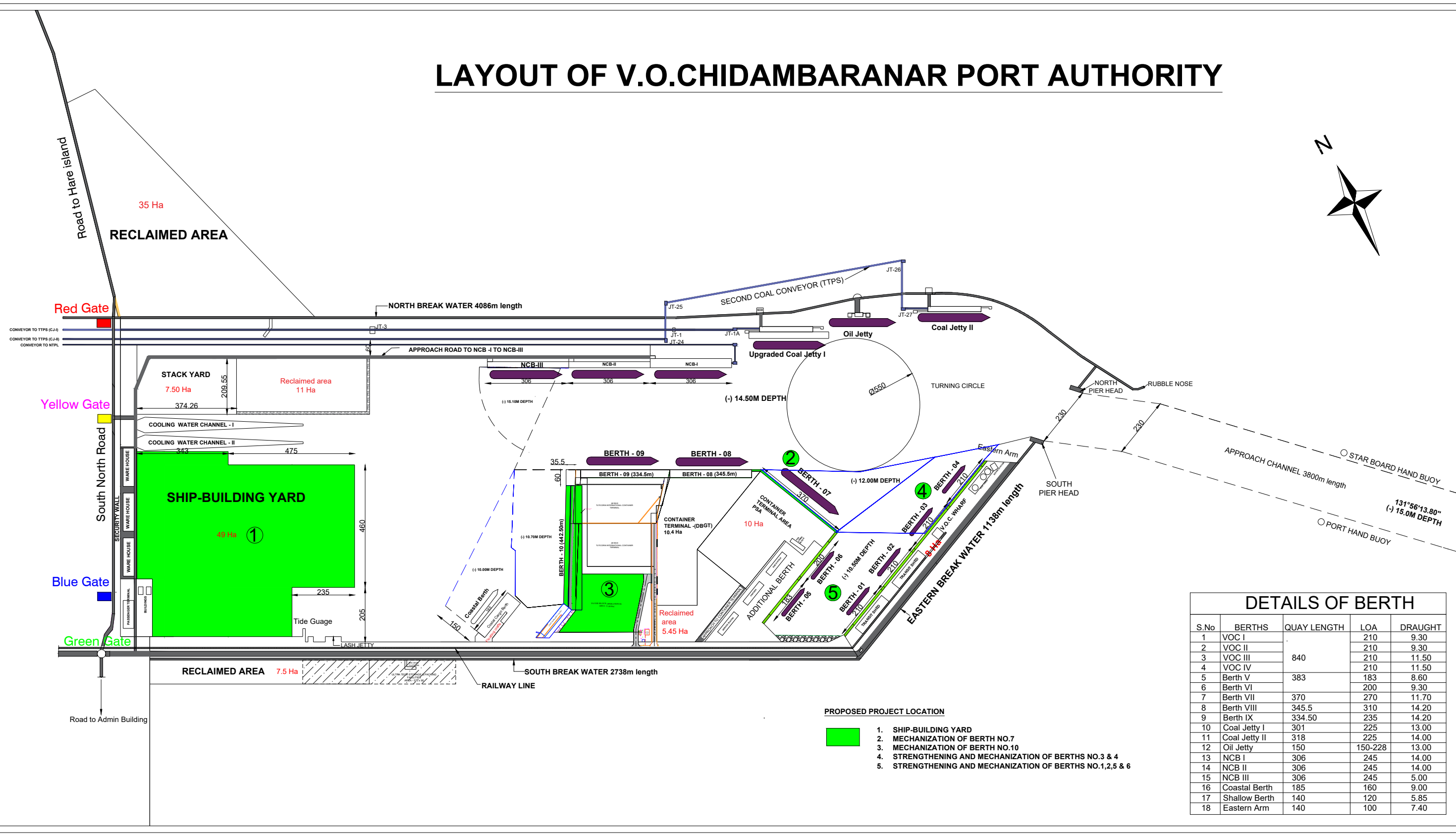
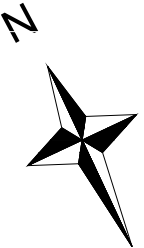
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		consultants. The bid security of unsuccessful bidder will be refunded within one month on finalization of bid except in case of the two highest ranked Applicants as required in Clause 20.1.		
116	Proposal Due Date or PDD	Bid Due Date and time : 23.09.2025 at 15.00 Hrs	An extension of the submission date by two weeks from the date of receipt of pre-bid reply may be granted for preparation of an adequately organized proposal.	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3.
117	28.1.4 Eligible Assignments i. Technical Capacity (Pg 46)	The Bidder should have successfully completed at least one port project of DPR / Detailed Engineering for Port sector project having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.1000 Crores in single project or two Port Projects of Detailed Engineering for Port sector project each having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs.700 Crores in the last 7 years ending last day of month previous to the one in which proposals are	Most efficient and robust port facilities have been designed and operational for over 15 to 20 years. We respectfully request that experience credentials spanning up to this timeline be duly considered.	Tender Clause stands.



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		invited. For instance, Work Completion Certificate along with work order / LoA from the Client has to be furnished. In the absence of a completion certificate, a CA/SA certificate confirming 100% fee receipt may be submitted.		
118	28.1.4 Eligible Assignments i. Technical Capacity (Pg 46)	Port sector means: Port sector would be deemed to include composite works involving majority of works, on shore and off shore Terminals / Berth / Jetties / Quays, breakwaters and Cargo Handling & Storage system / Bulk / liquid Material Handling & Storage System.	We kindly request that design projects related to ports worldwide be considered. Additionally, based on our understanding, the preparation of Feasibility and Pre-Feasibility Reports are standard consultancy services and widely recognized as valid credentials. We also request clarification on whether similar credentials for projects involving LNG ports, marinas, and commercial or non-commercial ports will be accepted.	Kindly refer Corrigendum 3 for definition of bidder's eligible projects.
119	28.1.4 Eligible Assignments vii. Presence in India: (Pg 47)	In case Applicant is an international firm, registered outside India, the Applicant shall have presence / office in India. If not, the Applicant may tie up with a firm registered in India	We are a global engineering consulting group with over seven decades of experience and a strong portfolio of achievements under a unified banner. To broaden the scope of participation, we kindly request that project	Kindly refer reply at S.No.47 above.

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		having experience of working on ports and maritime sector in India with Govt. sector clients to support in project as per ToR. For instance, Proof of office in India / Letter of Intent / Association with an Indian entity has to be furnished.	credentials of parent and subsidiary entities operating under the same banner be considered. As a wholly owned Indian counterpart, we seek your support in recognizing these shared credentials.	

# LAYOUT OF V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR PORT AUTHORITY



DETAILS OF BERTH

S.No	BERTHS	QUAY LENGTH	LOA	DRAUGHT
1	VOC I	840	210	9.30
2	VOC II		210	9.30
3	VOC III		210	11.50
4	VOC IV		210	11.50
5	Berth V	383	183	8.60
6	Berth VI		200	9.30
7	Berth VII	370	270	11.70
8	Berth VIII	345.5	310	14.20
9	Berth IX	334.50	235	14.20
10	Coal Jetty I	301	225	13.00
11	Coal Jetty II	318	225	14.00
12	Oil Jetty	150	150-228	13.00
13	NCB I	306	245	14.00
14	NCB II	306	245	14.00
15	NCB III	306	245	5.00
16	Coastal Berth	185	160	9.00
17	Shallow Berth	140	120	5.85
18	Eastern Arm	140	100	7.40